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“Welcome to Macintosh”

— The Documentary for the Rest of Us

Saturday, April 18th

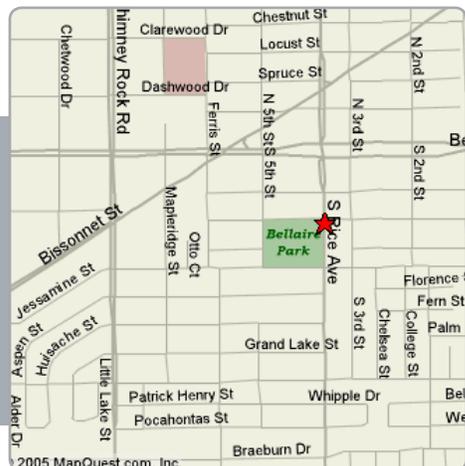
A documentary that is “the first of its kind to mix history, criticism and unapologetic revelry of all things Apple into a movie experience.”

The Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. with Special Interest Groups starting at 9a.m. at the Bellaire Civic Center.

Meeting Location

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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Where will the Macintosh be in 5 years?

As I mentioned in last month's column, on April 18th HAAUG has the great privilege to screen a brand new documentary entitled "Welcome to Macintosh" to our membership and guests. Having a chance to watch at least a portion of the film, I can say it's really an impressive tribute to the development of our beloved computer. The evolution of the Macintosh has almost been like watching a child grow, starting as the original beige all-in-one box and growing into the supercomputers we use today. This begs the question — if we've advanced this far in the first 25 years since the Macintosh debuted, and assuming that Moore's Law — that the number of transistors that can be inexpensively placed on an integrated circuit will increase exponentially every two years — remains intact, what will the Mac become capable of as it adopts that new technology?

This is a favorite discussion topic of mine for lazy Saturdays and late nights. I postulate that the technology we have today — everything from the iPod and iPhone to massive university and government supercomputers — just barely begins to scratch the surface of what is possible. As Moore's Law has continued to hold, so has the relative cost of that computing power continued to fall. The amount of power you have in your iPhone, even adjusted for inflation, is incredibly less expensive than that of the original Macintosh. At the same time, the capability of that iPhone is orders of magnitude greater than the original Macintosh.

So my next question is, naturally, what comes next? It's fun to think not just about what computing power we'll have available to us, but exactly what we will use it for. I think media, and video in particular, provide a path we've already started down. Tools like iMovie and YouTube have changed how we think of using and sharing video -- instead of being afraid of editing, we now embrace it and look for excuses to share clips. Inexpensive cameras like the Flip make it effortless to capture, upload and edit video. How will this evolve in the future? I imagine higher-resolution HD content than we see today, in three dimensions (without glasses!), and full of metadata -- all shared for free, of course.

Another path is the maturity of the Web application. Think of a site like Facebook, Basecamp or Google Apps. Each of these is basically an application, running inside of Safari or Firefox. Five years ago you'd have to download the app and install it (and for us Mac users, likely wait some time until they ported it from Windows!). Today, the browser *is* the platform. In a few years, I believe the browser will become less important and the operating system itself will become much more interconnected with the Web. Imagine editing that 3-D hi-def video online, talking with friends over crystal-clear video online, working and living online, using everyone's incredible processing power together.

But that's just what I think. Anyone who enjoys technology, even casually, can't help but gaze into the future and wonder what might be. I, for one, can't wait.

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By Mort Butler, HAAUG Associate Member

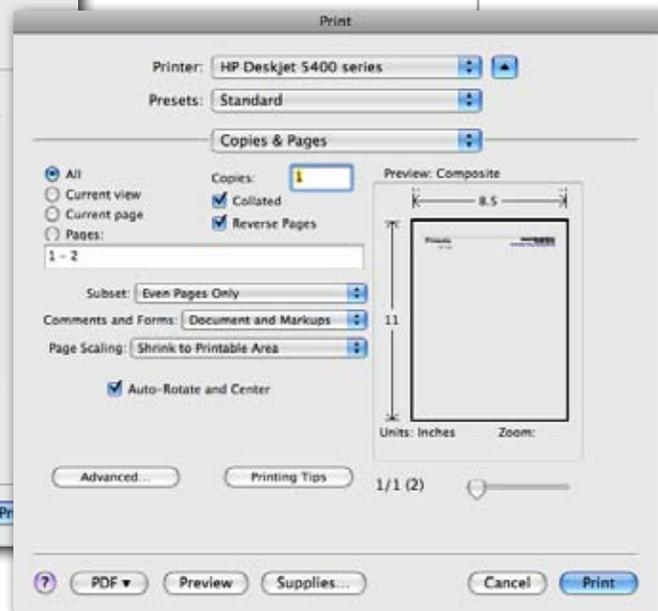
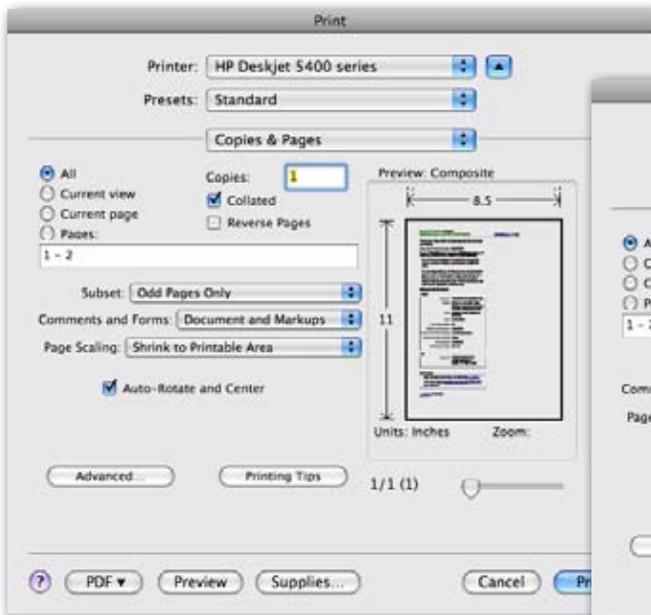
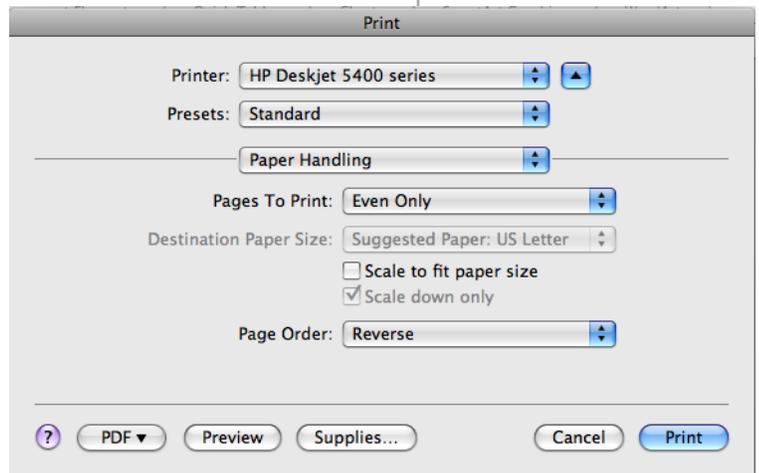
Using Print Dialogue to Print Wisely

For several years we have been receiving news-letters via e-mail & have been printing them out on many pages. Recently I decided that all those trips to the store for paper were costly, thus I found this solution:

My printer is an HP Deskjet 5440 printer. My computer is a 15" PowerMac with 10.5.5 Operating System. When printing a PDF, Adobe Reader automatically gives me a new window with printing choices as follows:

We first change the "Subset" Bar to only print the odd pages. Then take all the printed pages and turn the stack 180 degrees so that the top of the page is heading into the printer and insert the stack onto the supply slot of paper for printing on the back of each page. We then choose to print the "Subset" of Even pages only and check the radio button of "Reverse Pages" so that the second page will print on the back of the previously printed page one, and so on.

If you want to print a multipage document from a word processor program, just hit "Command P" to get the print window. Adjust the third bar down to read "Page Handling", where you can choose a "Pages to Print" of "Odd only" page printing first than "Even only" after you reinsert the printed pages back into the storage tray for backside printing. Remember to choose the "Page Order" of "Reverse" to correctly order the second printing of page two on the back of page one.



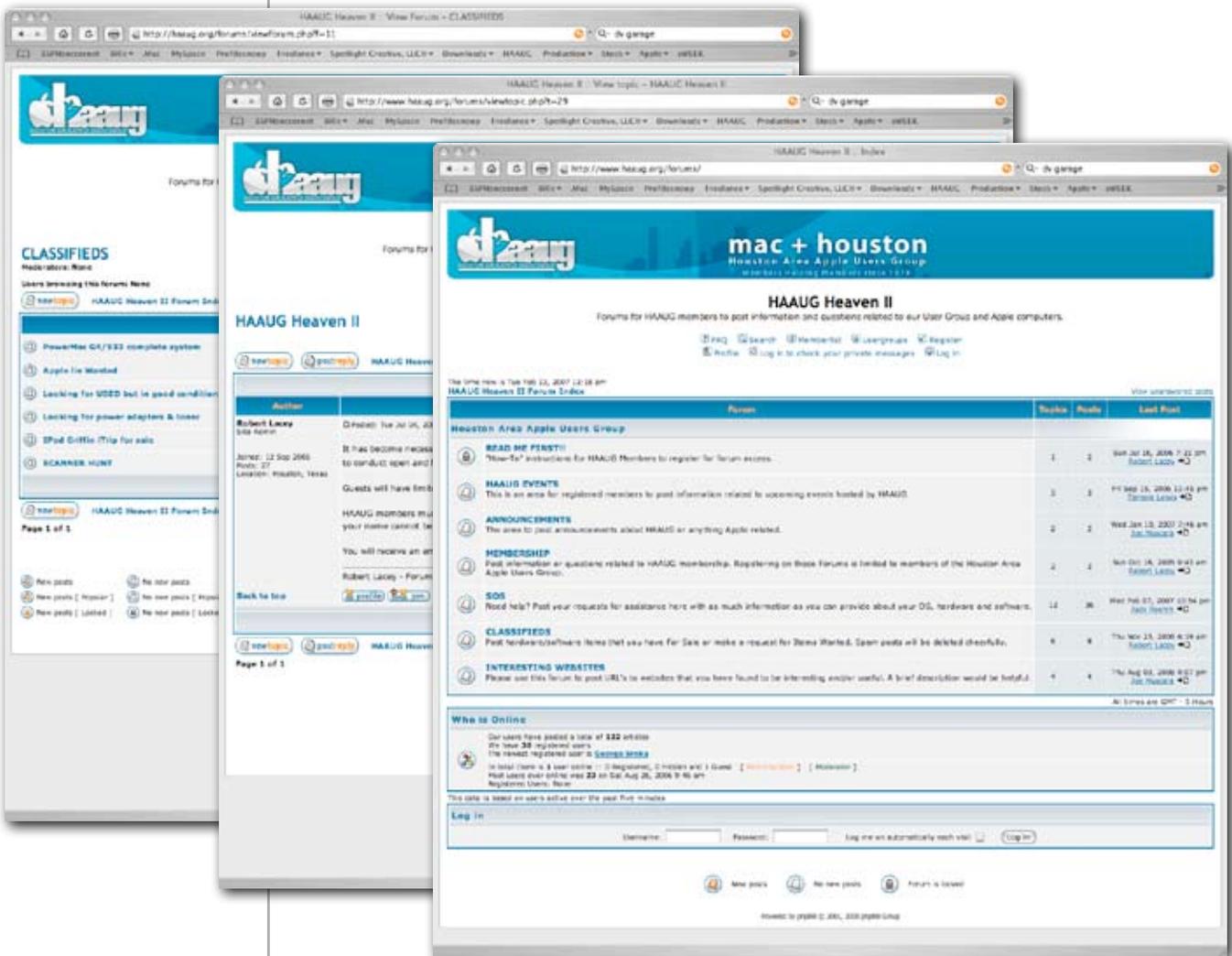
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Samfind Bookmarks Bar

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Your bookmark's best friend

Firefox's latest and greatest Add-On, that just received the green light for public distribution from Mozilla. The extension, which was just reviewed by PC Magazine's AppScout, PC

World and The Washington Post, already has a solid grassroots following, growing by the day.

The extension is called Samfind Bookmarks Bar. It replaces Firefox's Bookmarks Toolbar to give greater flexibility in the use of that space. Not only can you access the websites that are stored in the Bookmarks Toolbar, but also the core websites of the web; and more importantly you can search any and all of these websites quickly and easily. We have included integration with RSS feeds, and interaction with the social and bookmarking websites that are fun and useful. In short, we have completely rethought the Bookmarks Toolbar.

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Location: Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., 2617 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas.

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, David Crook, Jeff Davis, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Mike King (via iChat), Robert Lacey, Rick Roberts, Matt Willmore, and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:46 p.m. by President Matt Willmore, a quorum of voting members of the board being present at the meeting.

By unanimous vote, the board appointed Clair Jaschke to the position of Senior Advisor and elected Greg Wright to fill the vacant position of Director-at Large, Position 4. David Crook volunteered to fill the position of Volunteer Coordinator. The HAAUG Club Business email list needs to be updated to reflect the changes in the elected and appointed board positions.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on January 13, 2009, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: No report.

1st Vice President – Open: The following presenters have been scheduled for upcoming General Meetings:

February 21—Bob “Dr. Mac” LeVitus will present “The State of the Mac” Address.

March 21—Apple iLife '09 overview, with extra time devoted to iPhoto and iWeb feature updates.

April 18—Open, but could be devoted to new features of GarageBand and iMovie in Apple iLife '09.

May 16—Lisa Snider King on Adobe CS4 and her new book, CS4—The Missing Manual

June 20—Open

July 18—Semi Annual Swap Meet

August 15—Open

2nd Vice President – David Crook: Bellaire Civic Center has been reserved for General Meetings this year in the months of February, March, April, May, June, August, September, November and December. Bellaire Civic Center is not available on the third Saturday of October. Phil stated that Bellaire Civic Center will open ports for iChat AV, if we provide the necessary information.

The board then discussed possible locations for the monthly board meetings, if a decision to relocate from IAV were to be made. Ideally, the meeting should be held in a central location at a place, which has Internet access, a private, room, access to food and no charge for the meeting room. Places discussed include

Fioza, 59 Diner, Café Express, Panera Bread (not all locations have private rooms and locations tend to be situated in the suburbs), Catalina Coffee Shop on Washington Avenue, Mission Burritos, Community Room at Central Market (difficult to book).

A committee consisting of Phil Booth, Jim Connell, David Crook, Mike King and Rick Roberts will investigate possible new locations and report to the board.

David reported to the board on recent changes in the leadership of the Houston Area League of PC Users. He feels that the new real estate committee at HAL-PC might consider allowing

HAAUG to meet at its facilities in the future.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick submitted the SIG schedule for the February General Meeting by email. Rick noted that Jonathon Magnus's SIG succeeds because it affords a way for members with a problem to get help. We might explore expanding opportunities for offering problem solving at the General Meetings. Phil volunteered to conduct a SIG on social networking at the February General Meeting.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: No report.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: HAAUG's servers are operating normally with no known issues.

HAAUG needs to find out whether it is receiving its share of the revenue from those who subscribe to DSL from HAAUG. Phil reported that the Audit Committee has asked Barbara Long to investigate this issue and also the issue of whether monthly dial-up subscribers are being billed.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 230 members at the end of January 2009, an increase of two members from December 2008 and a decrease of 31 members from January 2008.

Two new members joined last month and 13 members renewed, including 4 two-year renewals.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: Traffic is very light. Robert would like to get new software for the Forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Advertising: Currently HAAUG depends upon its website, publicity releases and the business calendar in the Houston Chronicle to present itself to the public. HAAUG needs to have a presence on Facebook. The board decided to refer the issue to the Vision Committee.

Vision Committee: Matt will contact Joe Fournet about a date and location for a meeting of the Vision Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Macfest: Jeff Davis reported that the uncertainties about the future of Macworld might open opportunities for HAAUG to get presenters for a Macfest this year. Phil Booth volunteered to chair a committee to investigate planning a Macfest event in the fall of 2009. David Crook, Jeff Davis and Greg Wright will also serve on the committee. The committee will seek sponsors for the event. The board discussed the level of the ticket prices for the event, if it is held, but reached no decision, pending the recommendation from the committee.

Membership Survey: Matt would like to conduct a broad survey of the membership base, with a view to improve the experience for HAAUG members and to attract new members. The survey could be conducted through a Web-based service such as Zoomerang.com or SurveyMonkey.com. HAAUG might consider offering an incentive, such as a discount on membership dues or a drawing for a gift such as an iTunes Gift Card, to get the membership base to participate.

Mentor Program: Amy Denton is no longer able to fulfill the responsibilities of Mentor due to her educational workload. The board discussed the need for finding someone who is qualified to fill the position and for compiling a list of experts to answer members' questions.

Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.

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Saturday, May 16, 2009

Lesya Snyder King

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Saturday, June 20, 2009

Semi-Annual SwapMeet

Location detail to be announced.

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HAAUG maintains public domain and shareware libraries for the Apple II, Macintosh and Newton systems. HAAUG also distributes system software for the Macintosh (7.0.1 and earlier), Newton and all Apple II series computers. HAAUG has been designated by Apple Computer to be the Central United States Repository for Apple II Software.

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HAAUG Heaven

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Club Magazine

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Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, HAAUG Heaven, e-mail or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

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HAAUG's NEW Facebook + MySpace Pages

Club Announcement

We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

Starting this month, the basic frameworks for HAAUG's NEW Facebook and MySpace pages have been created thanks to active HAAUG member and new 2009 HAAUG President, Matt Willmore.

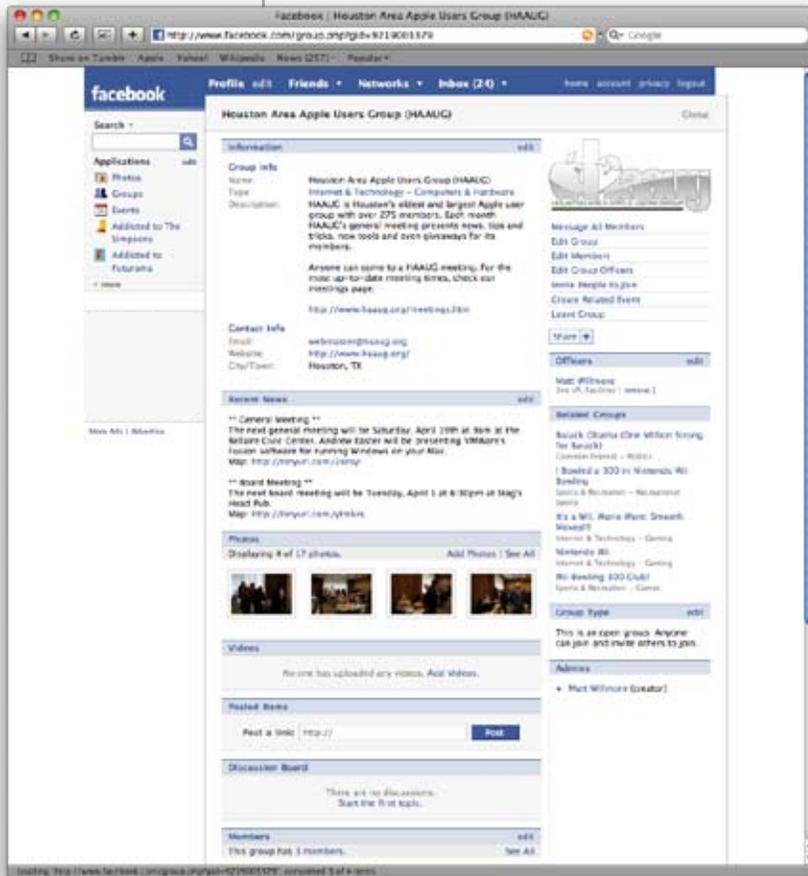
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These pages are part of a larger plan drafted by the Vision Committee to create more of an outreach to potential HAAUG members in the Houston area and beyond. Both Facebook and MySpace have been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth that otherwise may not have become aware of organizations such as Houston Area Apple Users Group.

We highly recommend that current members pass along this information to fellow Apple users and take a quick look for yourself at our progress.