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Saturday, May 30th

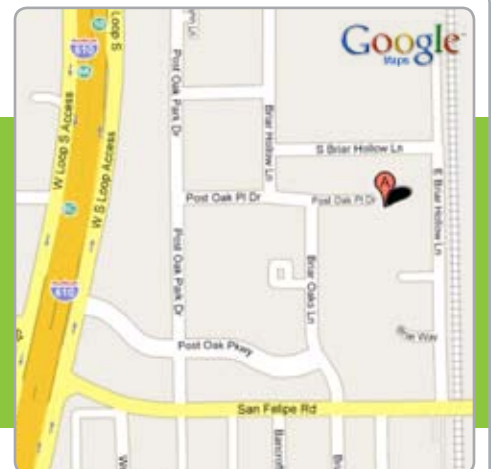
Learn how iWork '09 and Pages and its uses for designing and developing newsletters and other beautiful documents including recreating the Apple Barrel. Anyone interested in working on the Apple Barrel and other documents alike are encouraged to attend.

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

Meeting Location

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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In addition, HAAUG receives a 10% commission on the sales that are linked to our club's name through the Nova web site.

I hope this edition finds everyone getting ready for summer (and hurricane season) to begin in southeast Texas. One resource I found myself going back to during Hurricane Ike last year was the NOAA's National Hurricane Center Web site at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>. Their National Weather Service Web site at <http://www.weather.gov/> is also excellent for keeping up on the daily forecast before you leave in the morning. Above all else, we want our members to be safe!

As most of you are aware, we've had to rearrange some meeting dates lately. This is an unavoidable side effect of hosting our meetings in a very popular civic space; in the case of the May and June meetings, it's due to the City of Bellaire using the facility for local events. The board realizes that changing the meeting date and/or location is inconvenient, and we work to find a substitute location with location, accessibility, space and even Wi-Fi in mind. The HAAUG Web site (<http://www.haaug.org/>) is the best place to find up-to-date information on meeting dates and locations. Also, if you know of a great location for HAAUG to meet when the Civic Center is unavailable, please let us know! We're always on the lookout for great meeting spots.

May's main presentation will be iWork, with a focus on Pages. For those of you who haven't tried it on your new Mac, or haven't bought it yet, I encourage you to try it out. It's a great substitute for Word and does an admirable job of bridging the gap between basic word processing and more advanced desktop publishing. During the presentation, we'll be "recreating" this very Apple Barrel newsletter, which is currently created in Adobe InDesign. Besides showing the versatility of Pages with a real document, we're also inviting HAAUG members interested in Pages and desktop publishing to step forward and help with creation of the Apple Barrel each month. Currently the newsletter is created, assembled, edited and published by a single person, Tamara. She's increasingly busy with work and her new son, and it's time for HAAUG to step up and give her a hand. We'll use the Pages presentation as a springboard to this new effort, and anyone with an interest in this is encouraged to attend.

We're also launching a new member survey at the May 30th meeting. We are using this to get more information about how HAAUG can better serve its members in presentations, leadership, community building and information sharing. Your participation in this is greatly appreciated, and there will be a great prize for one survey participant drawn at random! Check the HAAUG Web site on or after May 30th for information about the survey.

In the Mac community, the big Mac news topic is next month's WWDC conference. Here we will see the release of the iPhone 3.0 software, possibly with the introduction of a revised iPhone. Reading all of the rumors and speculation got me thinking about what I'd like to see in the new iPhone hardware and software. I came up with a few ideas:

- Better battery life: above anything else, a longer battery life would be most welcome. No commentary required -- just improve it!
- Improved speeds: The speed and responsiveness of the iPhone 3G seems sluggish and slow at times compared to the original iPhone. This would likely include upgrading the processor speed, amount of RAM and possibly software optimization too.
- Background processes: One thing I'm excited about in the new Palm Pre (coming out two days before the new iPhone) is its ability to start a process (such as playing a game), go to another "application" and then come back without any need for the developer to add code to save a game when you quit it. There are lots of applications that could take advantage of this. Just on my iPhone: NetNewsWire, OmniFocus, AIM, Facebook, Mint.com, and Twitterific to name a few. (Search on the App Store if you're not familiar with any of these.) I do know that Apple is planning to include this in iPhone 3.0, and I can't wait for applications to start taking advantage of it!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting on the 30th -- until then, I'm always available via email at president@haaug.org. See you there!

Matt Willmore
2009 HAAUG President

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Creating Newsletters

By Tamara Alexander

Newsletters using iWork's Pages

The newly released iWork's Pages holds up to well-known professional lines of desktop publishing tools such as Adobe's InDesign. With new tools and utilities that streamline projects and layouts anyone can create impressive publications.

New features of Pages include a straight forward Full-Screen View mode that allows users to view their content without the distraction of other layout elements. In collaboration, the new Dynamic Outline tool makes organizing thoughts and ideas an easy and efficient task.

One new and exciting utility of Pages '09 is the added capability to produce Mail Merges in conjunction with iWork's Numbers. Mail Merge in the past has mainly been limited to Microsoft Word and other professional line desktop publishing programs.

Even more exciting for those of you that have used iWork for basic document layouts are the newly designed templates that are available to choose from. These nicely designed templates allow for easy plug and play of content to fit nearly any subject matter.

Possibly the most ground-breaking feature of Pages '09 is the unveiling of the new "document-sharing service" called Apple iWork.com Public Beta. This new service from Apple allows a person that creates a publication in iWork's Pages and share that publication with others via the Apple network to allow reviewers to view the document over the internet, add comments as well as download the Pages file and make updates.



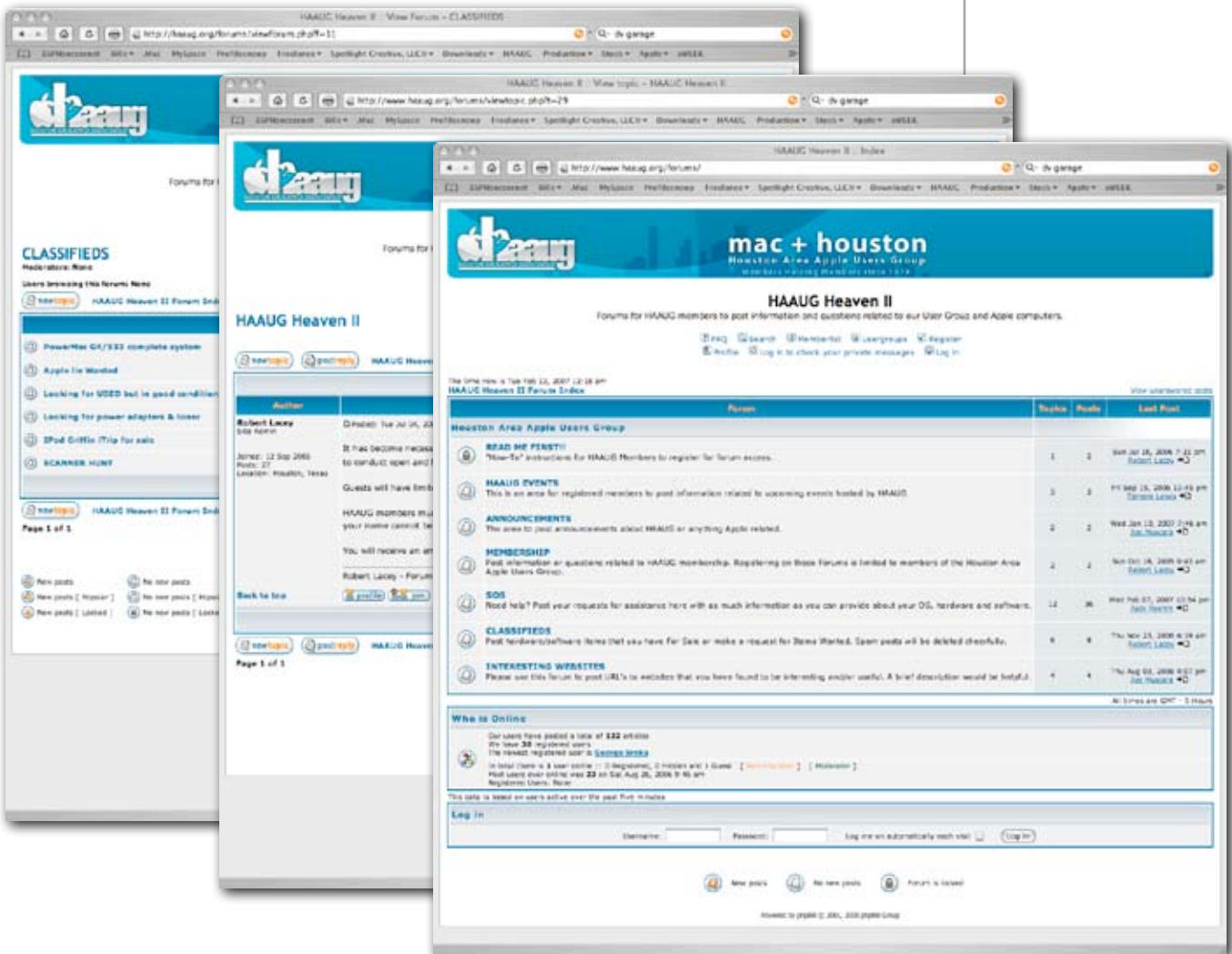
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Minutes

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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Mentor Program

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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.

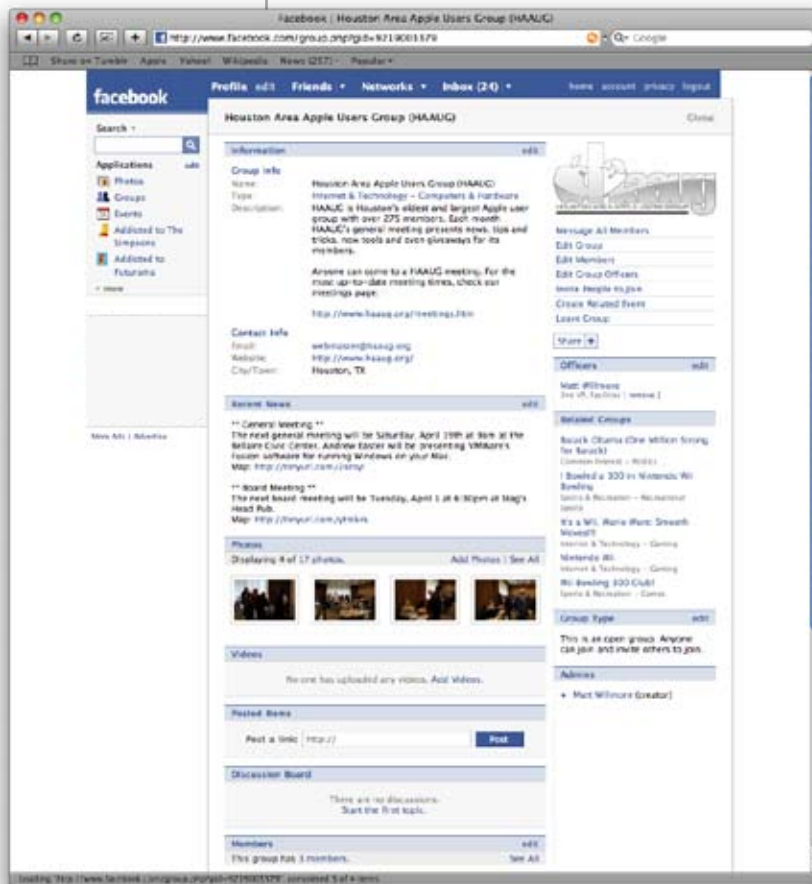
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These pages are part of a larger plan drafted by the Vision Committee to create more of an outreach to potential HAAUG members in the Houston area and beyond. Both Facebook and MySpace have been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting 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.