Apple Barrel

The Journal of the Houston Area Apple Users Group

Semi-Annual HAAUG Swap Meet

Saturday, July 18th

It's once again time for HAAUG's semi-annual Swap Meet! This is the best place in town to find new and used Mac computers, peripherals, accessories and computer parts. Tables are still available for members and non-members – sign up today at **http://haaug.org/swapmeet**.

The Swap Meet runs from 9am–2pm. We'll see you there!

Swap Meet Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue
Bellaire, TX 77401

Just outside Loop 610 and
south of Bellaire Blvd.

P.O. Box 570957
Houston, Texas 77257-0957

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Fellow HAAUGers —

Another month has flown by, and this has been one for the record books at Apple. At the end of last month, Apple had sold over one million units of the new iPhone 3GS model. Introduced on June 8th, that's roughly 71,500 phones sold *daily*. Keep in mind that this figure only covers the 3GS and not the now-$99 3G model, which continues to sell like hot cakes. For those pundits who considered the iPhone a fad, it's time to take the hat off their head and begin chewing.

Apple has also been setting records on the software side. The final release of Safari 4 was released on the same day as the iPhone 3GS, and three days later had been downloaded over 11 million times. While this pales in comparison to what Firefox and Internet Explorer have achieved, the sheer fact that over 11 million downloads have occurred are a clear sign that Safari has a definite foothold on both Mac and PC desktops. For those of you still running the Safari 4 beta (like myself until a few days ago), the upgrade is worth it. You can find and download Safari 4 for Mac and PC computers at **http:// www.apple.com/safari**.

The most recent record-setting news from Apple came this week when they announced that over 1.5 billion apps had been downloaded from the App Store in the first year. This is great news both for Apple and competing App Stores, like the Palm Pre's, as it demonstrates the correct model to distribute these small single-purpose apps through a unified storefront. Other app stores starting up would be wise to learn from the successes and stumbles of Apple's app store; I expect we will see a high degree of commonality between the stores.

It's been six months since our last Swap Meet, and that means it's time for another one! We'll be holding the Swap Meet Saturday, July 18th at Bellaire Civic Center.   I am looking forward to a big turnout and am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Registration is still open for those who wish to sell items at the Swap Meet. Members are entitled to one free table; non-members can purchase a table for $50, but if you sign up at the Swap Meet for $40, you get a free table and a year of membership in the best MUG in Texas—need I say more? Sign up online at **http://www.haaug.org/swapmeet**.

Our member survey is still ongoing, and we'll have a table at the Swap Meet dedicated to the survey. If you haven't had a chance to take it yet, please find a few moments this weekend to tell us how we're doing. This survey is being used to learn more about how HAAUG can best serve its members, and we've already learned so much from those who have responded. We'll be publishing a summary of all the collected data in next month's Apple Barrel. In the meantime, you can take the survey online at **http://www.haaug.org/survey**.

Speaking of the Apple Barrel, this is the premier issue produced in Apple's Pages. Notice anything different? Ideally you shouldn't, as we were able to directly copy what had been done in InDesign by Tamara. Pages showed its strength and flexibility throughout the conversion and we look forward to improving the Apple Barrel over the coming months. We're still looking for members involved in contributing content and editing the newsletter. If you're interested or even just want to learn, please email me at **president@haaug.org**. We'd love to have you be part of the Apple Barrel!

Thank you again to our Board of Directors for their tireless efforts, and to each of our members for your support. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this weekend at the Swap Meet.
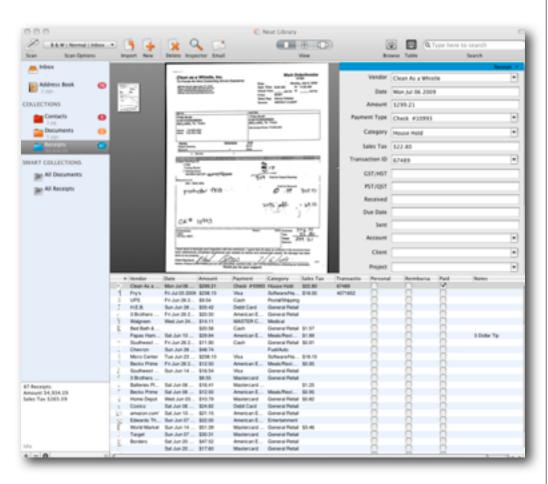
Matt Willmore
President, HAAUG

Product Review: NeatWorks

Phil Booth, Immediate Past President

Do you have a box of receipts and had an idea to scan them to PDFs? But unfortunately they're still in the box. Well take a look **NeatWorks** for Mac. NeatWorks will scan and through optical character recognition fill in a database with store name, purchase amount, sales tax and payment method. If you are doing the purchasing for a business you can assign the transaction to a project for reimbursement. The software will export the data to an Excel/Numbers spreadsheet, or to Quicken or QuickBooks. NeatWorks is a solution to keep you or your business organized. The program will also scan business cards and import the data into your address book, so you don't need to keep those stacks of cards in your desk. If you handle documents like contracts the program can also scan those documents and have a back up for the paper originals.

The software can be purchased with a small (11 x 2 x 1.5 in.) USB scanner that does not require external power that can scan documents up to 8.5" wide. The program will work with other scanners so you can purchase the software without the scanner. That is a savings if you have compatible equipment. Using the Neat scanner is really easy: launch NeatWorks, connect the scanner, position the receipt on the right hand margin and press the scan button. The software then creates a PDF and performs the optical character recognition and the majority of the time will place the vendor, amount, sales tax, payment type and date in the correct field in the database. The software has a great ability to correct if the scan should if come out slanted, but the scanner does a good job of keeping things straight.

QuickTip

Do you have an older scanner and can't find the software to use it with your new Mac? What about scanner software that only runs under Classic or only when the Mac is booted into OS 9?

Hamrick Software's VueScan is a great OS X application that supports 1200+ flatbed and film scanners. VueScan is 10 years old and has become the de facto standard for supporting older (and newer) scanners on your OS X Mac. Hamrick Software has done an excellent job maintaining VueScan — the latest download is already Snow Leopard-ready. There are also versions of VueScan available for Windows and Linux.

VueScan is $39.95 for the standard version and $79.95 for the professional version, which adds support for color profiles, color calibration and unlimited free upgrades.

http://hamrick.com/vsm.html

The program's window layout borrows from the iTunes interface with the file containers in the left margin. The main container is called the "Inbox. That is the place where the scans reside until you put them in either the Contacts, Documents or Receipts folders. The program also puts an alias of your address book in the file browser that will allow you to move contacts to your address book. There also smart folders though they are not useful but you can create new smart folders that could gather receipts with a certain date or paid with a specific credit card. The main program controls are in the strip at the top of the window, where you have access to the scanner controls, invoke the document inspector, and change the program views. Below the document window is the inbox where files are listed until moved to other locations.

You can export the data as PDF's, a Quicken interchange file (QIF) or comma separated file (CSV) that can be used by other programs. The Achilles' heel of these programs is that inputting the data can be tedious. Feeding receipts in to the scanner is not fun, or creative, but if you want keep up with your expenses this program could be a help. I find that the scanner is easy to use and the OCR is fairly accurate, making data entry easy. To get more information go to **http://
www.neatco.com/**.

Just In Case!

Jim Connell, Secretary

When the new iPhone 3GS launched on June 19, I joined those standing in line at the Memorial City Apple Store shortly before 7:00 a.m.   About an hour later, with the freshly activated device in hand, I set about looking for a new case in the display at the Apple Store. Actually, I wanted two cases—one to protect the iPhone and another to hold it securely on my belt.

I had learned from owning the original iPhone that the back can scratch and the metal corners are vulnerable to scuffing, if left unprotected. My old belt case had the annoying habit of popping off my belt and landing in the floor, especially upon exiting my car. While the old case protected front and back of my iPhone, it left the shiny metal corners of the device somewhat exposed to damage.

The first Apple Store Specialist who assisted me told me that I could have either a slider case to protect the iPhone or a belt case to hold it, but not both. Weighing my options, I decided that I needed a better belt case and selected the black Leather Folio from Incase (**http://www.goincase.com**, *@goincase*) . It looks great, offers good protection, fits snugly on my belt and doesn't pop off as my old one did.

But I still wanted something to protect the iPhone when it was not in my belt case. I found just the perfect slider case at another Apple Store. It's the Power Support Black Air Jacket for the iPhone 3G (**www.powersupportusa.com**).   The Air Jacket is an ultra-thin case that slides over the back of the iPhone, protecting both the back and four corners of the device from scratches, dust and impacts. The back of the case has a rubberized finish that feels good in my hand and provides extra grip. Best of all, even with the Air Jacket slider case, my iPhone still fits snugly inside the Incase Leather Folio. I now have double protection for my new iPhone. One more thing: the Power Support Air Jacket comes with anti-glare and crystal films for the iPhone's screen.

As luck would have it, while it was out of my belt case, I dropped my new iPhone in a parking lot about a week after I got it. It bounced and landed face down. I'm pleased to report that the Power Support Air Jacket protected it perfectly—no a single scratch!

iPhone 3G vs. 3GS

Since there are now multiple iPhone 3G models out there, it can be confusing to decide which one to pick. Here's a cheat sheet between the 3G and new 3GS.

iPhone 3G
- 8GB storage
- 2 megapixel camera
- Bluetooth
- Wi-Fi
- 3G network
- $99*

iPhone 3GS
- 16GB or 32GB storage
- 3 megapixel camera/ video recorder
- Bluetooth
- Wi-Fi
- 3G network
- Faster processor
- Voice control
- Compass
- $199 or $299*

The iPhone 3GS adds nice features (video recording, voice control, faster processor) that make it an attractive unit. If you don't plan on using those, though, the iPhone 3G is still as capable as the day it was released; the price is great, too. The iPhone 3G would be a great "starter" iPhone for someone not wanting to invest a lot of money in the phone. You can download and use all the same App Store apps; the only limitations are those not in the 3GS feature list above. If you're not sure, take a field trip to the Apple Store and use both phones for a few minutes. Can you tell the difference? If not, go with the 3G; if you need the speed and features, pick the 3GS.
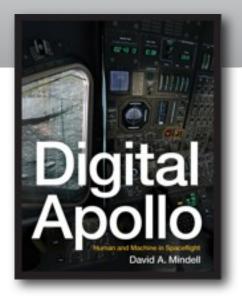
* if eligible for AT&T's "upgrade" pricing; more if you're not

Digital Apollo
Phil Booth, Immediate Past President

Like many of my generation, I am a fan of the space program. I was at camp in Caldwell Texas when Apollo 11 landed on the moon 40 years ago. I have an interest in the history of manned space flight and read many books on the subject. Digital Apollo explores the design and operation of the man machine interface of the Apollo spacecraft. Unlike many of the books in this genre this is not a personal narrative of daring do in space. It is an exploration of the technology used to control, and navigate the spacecraft from the Earth to the moon.

Comparisons are made all the time about the lack of power the computer used by the Apollo spacecraft verses the ones that occupy our laps or desks today. Yes we are running supercomputers compared to the machines that went to the moon. But how many of us would trust going to the moon with our current desktop machine. The space shuttle flies with 5 redundant computers, and modern fly by wire airliners fly with three. The Apollo spacecraft flew with two computers and they were not redundant. One was in the command module and the other was in the Lunar Module. The primary design specification for the machines was that it had to run for two weeks without failure. How many of us run for that long without encountering some kind of glitch? In the middle of the lunar landing you do not want to see that XYZ program that was controlling your decent quit unexpectedly.

Mindell chronicles the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) group that designed the hardware and software, fighting the constraints of weight and of the technology of the time. It also explored the dichotomy between manual and automatic control of the flight. Prior to the start of the Mercury program, the precursor of NASA, the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (NACA) started the X-15 program. The X-15 was a rocket plane that had the ability to reach altitudes that classify it, as being in space. It also had dual control systems, small jets controlled the plane at high altitudes and normal control surfaces in lower altitudes. It was a pilots spacecraft The Mercury spacecraft were being designed for full automatic operation with the astronaut being just a passenger. Many test pilots decided not to apply to the space program because of the perception of the "man in the can" roll for the pilot. The roll of the person was the continuing conflict in the development of the US space program. The astronauts would campaign for a more active roll with the designers and engineers wanting more automation.

As the space program developed pilots found out that flying in space was not the same as flying jet fighters, and engineers found that there was a need for a trained pilot in the spacecraft. The book explores this conflict and the ways the program solved the wants of the pilot balanced with the needs of the program. Even today when the shuttle is launched it is primarily an automated sequence of events. The one event that is still under manual control is the final approach and touch down, even though the craft is fly by wire with control inputs going through a computer that issues the instructions to the control surfaces.

The author follows the politicking and lobbying that the MIT group did to get the contract to build the computers. He explores the design of the man and machine interface, and the further conflicts with the pilots and engineers over control. I got a real feeling about the problems that the designers had as they created the hardware, and writing the software that navigated from the earth to the moon. I found it fascinating that the astronaut's user interface consisted of obscure letters and numbers, realizing that not long after the typical user now points and clicks with a mouse.

The book does devote a section to the actual flights and explains the famous 1202 alarm that Apollo 11 encountered while the Eagle was landing. It also detailed the all of the other glitches that later flights encountered. The book does get somewhat technical but you do not need a degree in computer science to understand it. If the history of space exploration, technology interests you then this book will interest you. The reader will gain a better perspective on what it took to make the voyage from the earth to the moon.

Digital Apollo is available from MIT Press: **http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=11416**

Now Playing...

Tamara Sasha Alexander, Apple Barrel Editor

This month I've been listening to a lot of music that seems to remind me of certain places I've been that inspire projects I'm designing, from rock to soothing mixes that seem to become hypnotic.

TV Shows
In last month's article, Matt Willmore mentioned **Top Gear** (*@topgear_america*) as his preference. I must say that I second that mention! This show is absolutely fabulous and so forth the $1.99 an episode. So many times I find a couple of segments of each episode that I have the feeling that someone else would enjoy. Best of all, Top Gear features an awesome sound track of current artists that cause me to actually read the credits.

Music
Artist: The Dandy Warhols (@thedandywarhols)
Album: Come Down
Favorite Song: "Good Morning"
I suggest this easy-listening and flowing album to anyone looking for music to fill the room with thoughts. The songs sometimes seem aimless, but believe me a great story is there.

Artist: Radiohead (@radioheadnews)
Album: In Rainbows
Favorite Song: ::the entire album run on a loop::
Once available as a free download on Radiohead's website (www.inrainbows.com), the album is now available on iTunes. Every song paints a different moment like love, lost, life and loneliness. But no matter how seemingly sad the songs are, I find myself lifted and inspired by each and every one of them.

Artist: The Killers (@killersofficial)
Album: Sawdust
Favorite Song: "Tranquilize" (featuring Lou Reed)
Okay, so I might just be showing my age here, but I'm not so sure who Lou Reed is, but he sure seems to have made a rather dull song have the most intimidating feeling I've ever come out of a basic rock song.

iPhone/iPod Touch Applications
AIM (Free Edition)
Frankly I'm online pretty much all day, since AIM has become one of the main ways people communicate with me at work. You would think that I'd put down the instant messaging once I got home. NOPE. I may be contributing to the downfall of man's communication skills and ability to relate to people on a more intimate level, but it is so much easier to exchange thoughts without the need for immediate reaction.

Remote (Free)
This application is foremost my favorite! We have our stereo system hooked up to our Airport Express (aka. our little engine that could). Combined with a nice seven-speaker surround sound setup throughout the downstairs and outside, it works as the best entertainer and mood-setter when we have company over. It also comes in handy, and beats running up the a CD player or a computer to change a song. Best part is that the controls let you scroll through your library, or any library that's connected to your wireless network that you have setup with Remote (similar to syncing a bluetooth keyboard), just like you would via iTunes on your iPhone.
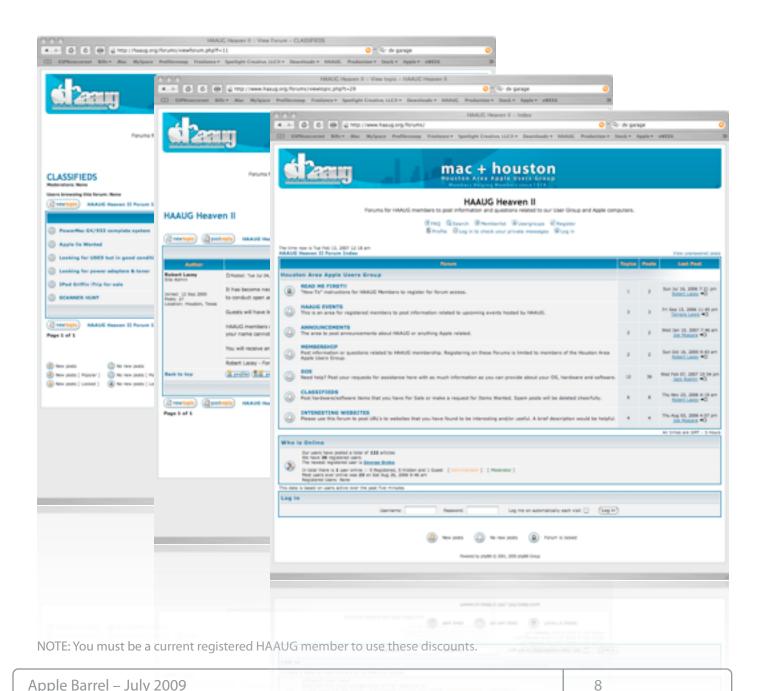
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Check our forums for daily deals!

HAAUG discounts can be found on the HAAUG Heaven forums.

http://haaug.org/**forums**

NOTE: You must be a current registered HAAUG member to use these discounts.

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh community

ADVERTISING RATES

General Rate Policy
If more or less space than specified is used within one year from the date of first insertion, the rate will be adjusted to the earned rate published here.

Frequency Rates
Number of insertions in a 12-month period determines frequency rate.

Black and white rates (per issue):

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Dimensions: 5" x 10.125"
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1/2 Page Ad
Dimensions: 7.625" x 5"
Frequency: 1X 90, 2X 85, 3X 80

1/3 Page Ad
Dimensions: 7.625" x 3.375"
Frequency: 1X $75, 2X $70, 3X $65

1/4 Page Ad
Dimensions: 3.75" x 5"
Frequency: 1X 65, 2X 60, 3X 55

1/6 Page Ad
Dimensions: 5" x 2.5"
Frequency: 1X $40, 2X $35, 3X $30

Business Card Ad
Dimensions: 3.5" x 2"
Frequency: 1X $30, 2X $25, 3X $15

* Dimensions of advertisements may vary as a result of document layout.

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Mike King (via iChat), Barbara Long (via iChat), Rick Roberts, Doug Smith (via iChat), Matt Willmore and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:51 p.m. by President Matt Willmore, a quorum of voting members of the board being present at the meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on May 5, 2009, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara reported that she is working on the 2009 financial records. HAAUG has about $8,000 in the bank. Barbara has paid all the bills she has received. David Crook needs to advise the amount of the charge for use of HAL-PC facilities for the April FileMaker evening SIG. The May FileMaker evening SIG was held at IAV's offices but no one attended. Jeff Davis has suggested to Barbara that HAAUG pay IAPC for June and then move the servers temporarily to MacExperts. The Audit Committee will meet at Barbara's home on Saturday, June 13.

1st Vice President – Programming - Open: No report.

2nd Vice President Facilities – David Crook: Phil agreed to pick up contracts for the June General Meeting and the July Swap Meet to be held at Bellaire Civic Center. The June General Meeting will be held on June 27, the fourth Saturday of the month. The October General Meeting will also be held on the fourth Saturday of the month at Bellaire Civic Center.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Moving the Digital Photography SIG opposite the Main Presentation at the May General Meeting was not successful. Rick will move the Digital Photography SIG to a time slot earlier in the morning. The Social Networking SIG did not draw any interest at the May General Meeting but Rick will keep it on the SIG schedule for the June General Meeting. Rick offered to substitute for David and Clair at the reception table in the event they wish to attend any SIGs.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: Matt would like to find one location on the Web where information for the newsletter can be posted on a timely basis and eliminate having to search through email messages to find the information. HAAUG Heaven could function as such an information management tool, but it is not used much. Facebook could possibly be used as a repository, as well as Backpack from company named 37 Signals. Matt will investigate and report at the next board meeting.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 212 members at the end of May 2009, down from 215 members last month and from 258 members in May 2009. Nine members renewed their membership last month, including two 2-year renewals, and two new members joined HAAUG via Kagi.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: No report.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: No report.

Old Business:

Meeting Location for Meetings of the Board of Directors: Since the board has approved continuing to hold the monthly board meetings at the offices of Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., this matter is now closed.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee, which consists of Phil Booth, Jim Connell and Matt Willmore, will meet on Saturday, June 13, 2009, to audit HAAUG's 2008 financial records.

Help with Production of the Apple Barrel: Julie Woellert and one other member volunteered to help with the production of the Apple Barrel at the June General Meeting. Rick and Matt will work with Tamara on a plan to transition the newsletter to Pages and iWork.com.

Membership Survey: The membership survey has been up and running since June 1. A link to the survey is on the HAAUG website. The survey will be open until the next General Meeting. The board approved spending $20 for a prize to be given to a drawing from those who complete the survey.

MacFest: No report.

HAAUG Website Hosting Proposal: Matt reported that MacHighway provides an alternative for hosting HAAUG's

website using Apple servers. The cost of MacHighway's plans is within the range of other hosting sites we have considered, and it does not charge a setup fee. MacHighway will not host our FileMaker database and does not offer MUG discounts. None of the other web hosting sites offers FileMaker hosting, either. The board discussed alternatives for hosting the FileMaker database, such as Digital Forest, and the need for multiple backups of the FileMaker database. Barbara advised that hosting of the FileMaker database should be kept separate from hosting of the HAAUG domain, since they involve separate functions. Greg encouraged the board to focus more on what HAAUG needs from a web hosting site than on what various sites offer. After discussion, the board decided to delay the change of web hosts from IAPC until July. Matt will request Jeff to submit a proposal that would separate the domain hosting from the hosting of the FileMaker database. The board will need to approve any change is web hosts. If the board needs to make a decision before the next board meeting, a special meeting of the board can be called with seven day's notice under the terms of the by-laws.

New Business:

Presentation for June General Meeting: After discussion, the board approved a panel discussion about social networking as the topic for the June General Meeting on June 27, 2009, at Bellaire Civic Center. Phil will moderate the panel that will include Mike King, Matt Willmore and Greg Wright.

July Swap Meet: The Swap Meet will be held on July 18, 2009, at Bellaire Civic Center. Matt requested that the Swap Meet be publicized on the HAAUG website as soon as possible.

Adjourned: 7:59 p.m.

Saturday, July 18th, 2009
Semi-Annual Swap Meet
Sell and buy technology at one of Houston's largest semi–annual swap meet event!
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Saturday, August 15th, 2009
Topic TBA
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Saturday, September 19th, 2009
Topic TBA
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Find out the latest news on future HAAUG meetings...

www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

Got Junk?
Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

Houston area recycling centers:

Environmental Service Center
11500 South Post Oak Road • Dial 311 or 713-837-9130

Westpark Recycling Center
5900 Westpark • Dial 311 or 713-837-9130

Commercial electronics recyclers:

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Your membership card will be mailed to you. You may pick up your starter kit at the next HAAUG meeting.

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Type Of Computer:_____

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- ☐ Associate ($25.00)
- ☐ Renewal ($40.00)
- ☐ Two Year Renewal ($70.00)
- ☐ Student ($25.00) *Requires Student ID*

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How did you hear about HAAUG?

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Do you know someone who would be interested in joining HAAUG? Y | N

Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

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HAAUG

P.O. Box 570957

Houston, TX 77257-0957

Attn.: Membership Chairman

Membership Benefits

Enjoy the benefits of being a HAAUG member.

Monthly Meetings
This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, public domain software libraries, raffles and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July.

Software Libraries
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.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link
HAAUG Heaven is our 24-hour meeting place with several gigabytes of downloadable software, helpful information and discussions on all topics of computing, all accessible at rates from DSL speeds down to 33,600 bps.

HAAUG Heaven
HAAUG Heaven provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

Club Magazine
Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat format.

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.

HAAUG Hotline
Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships
HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 300 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at **www.haaug.org**.

HAAUG's New Facebook + MySpace Pages
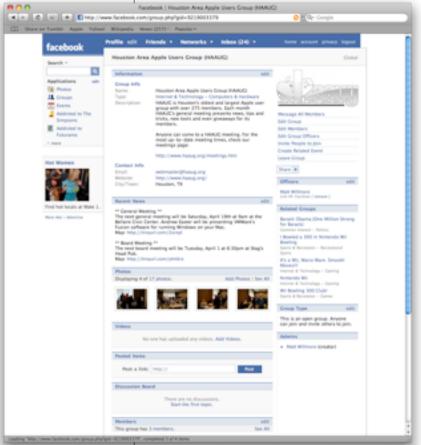
Club Announcement

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.

Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9219003379

(must be a Facebook member to view)

MySpace:

http://groups.myspace.com/haaug (open to the public)

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 HAAUG.

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