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GarageBand

Saturday, April 17th

This month, join us as HAAUG's own Joe Muscara presents Apple's GarageBand, part of iLife '09. Joe will demonstrate how you can use GarageBand to create, edit and enhance music on your Mac.

SIG's start at 9am and the main meeting begins at 11:00.
We'll see you there on the 17th!

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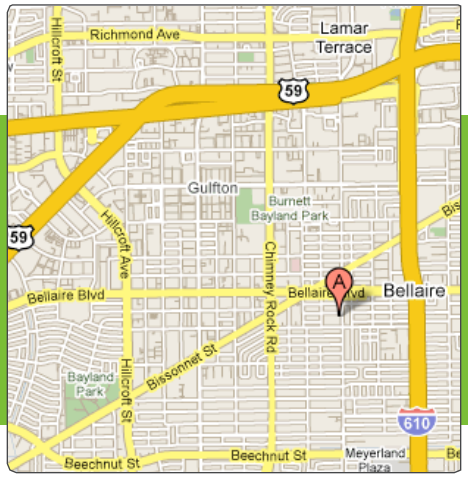

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Hello fellow HAAUGers!

I hope this edition of the *Apple Barrel* finds everyone enjoying the spring weather and awaiting the inevitable wave of heat and humidity that will be following soon. This and late fall are the only times I'd recommend you step *away* from your Mac/iPhone/iPad and get some fresh air before the Sun sets up residence out in Hermann Park for the next few months.

Apple and HAAUG have both been very busy with new projects. For Apple it's the iPad and iPhone OS 4.0, along with rumors of updated MacBooks this week. For HAAUG, we've been working non-stop to create a bigger, better experience for our members. Our officers have been stepping up in a big way lately to work on projects designed to make it easier to find information, more efficiently allocate HAAUG's funds and create a stronger community.

Our **Web Operations Committee** was recently formed out of the last Vision Committee meeting, and is tasked with developing and executing a plan to evolve our Web presence – haaug.org, HAAUG Heaven, Twitter, Facebook, etc. – into a unified, robust tool that the membership and leaders can all use together. For those interested in working on HAAUG's Web content and designing the future of HAAUG online, we would love to have you on the team. Ed Truitt is leading that effort; you can contact him at **etee@me.com**.

Our **Programming Committee** has also been working hard planning upcoming presentations and guests for HAAUG's main presentations. It's not known by many people, but we have HAAUG members travel to Macworld and WWDC every year to meet vendors and Mac personalities and get them to travel to Houston and speak with the group, as well as find ideas from other MUG's. This is a very labor-intensive process and requires a good deal of work for each presentation. They are currently working on presentations for 2010 and 2011, and could definitely use your help. If you'd like to participate, please contact Doug Smith at **programming@haaug.org**.

A third committee underway is our **MacFest Committee**, led by MacFest and HAAUG veteran Phil Booth. This event was a huge success in the past and we want to bring it to the members yet again. MacFest is a huge undertaking and requires a tremendous amount of manpower and resources to be successfully executed. Along with the special guests and topics, logistics, location, parking, publicity, funding, etc. are all critical components. Anyone interested in assisting the MacFest committee can contact Phil at **pcbooth@swbell.net**.

As you can see, we're working hard to deliver a great experience to HAAUG and want your help. Whether it's jumping on a specific committee or wanting to help out in general, we're grateful for your assistance. Don't hesitate to contact myself or any board member to find out more. Thanks to everyone, and we'll see you on the 17th!

Matt Willmore
President, HAAUG

iPhone OS 4.0 Previewed

Matt Willmore, HAAUG President

At a special media event on Thursday, April 8th, Apple introduced iPhone OS 4, which is slated for release this summer. The new mobile OS adds over 100 features according to Apple, and seems to address many of the long-standing complaints about the OS, along with adding new features. Here are some of the high notes.

Multitasking

This is likely one of the single most-requested features of the iPhone OS; that multiple apps be allowed to run simultaneously. This has always been an interesting discussion point, as some Apple apps already exhibit multitasking; for example, the iPod app will continue to play music after you leave the app, and you can receive calls and text messages regardless of what app you're using. Apple is addressing multitasking by adding a "tray" that appears at the bottom of the screen when you double-click the Home button; today, double-clicking can be assigned to a few different actions such as launching the Camera app.

Game Center

With the huge amount of multiplayer games available for the iPhone OS, several systems exist to track scores, achievements and ranks; this is similar to Microsoft's Xbox Live. Several companies have even been created to independently handle game stats. With iPhone OS 4, Apple is introducing it's own internal platform to handle these stats and scores for all iPhone games. It's not required that developers use this system, but this will surely have a big effect on these independent score trackers, some of which charge for their services. It does show that Apple is serious about gaming on its platform and could be a precursor to more substantial game development announcements by Apple in the future.

iAds

Back at the beginning of 2010, Apple bought Quattro Wireless, a leading mobile advertising company. Originally Apple had planned to buy AdMob, but had to settle for Quattro after #1 AdMob was purchased by Google prior to that. Part of the April 8th announcement is iAds, an Apple-owned advertisement network available to iPhone developers. iAds allows a user to click on an ad and see anything from text to pictures, movies, mini-games, and even purchase items within the ad, all without leaving the current application. Apple is offering 60% of ad revenues to the developers and will host all the ads. This is without a doubt a direct competitor to Google, and it will be interesting to see how it plays out.

There are of course dozens more improvements such as improved enterprise email support, a unified email inbox, a 5x digital zoom, Grand Central Dispatch and much more. We'll cover more of these improvements as the OS gets closer to release, and when it's released we'll cover the OS in a presentation. If you have access to iPhone OS 4 and would like to demo it, we'd love to have you present!

QuickTip

In time for the iPad introduction, **NPR** has introduced a **tablet-optimized version** of their website, which uses HTML5 instead of Flash. Combined with **Fluid**, it makes an awesome NPR app on the Mac. The tip itself is rather easy and somewhat obvious, but it is nice to see that the app works even though NPR only advertises it for Chrome, and it makes a really good standalone application.

The process is easy. If you don't have it, download Fluid. Open Fluid, and create a new app for URL ***http://www.npr.org/tablet/***, and name it NPR or something else. If you want to, you may want to Google for a high-resolution copy of the NPR logo, so that you can use that as the icon for the app. For that, in Fluid choose Other in the Icon pop-up menu.

After the app is created, launch it, open the application's preferences, select the Behavior section, and make sure the box next to 'Closing the last browser window' ('only hides the window') is checked. That's it.

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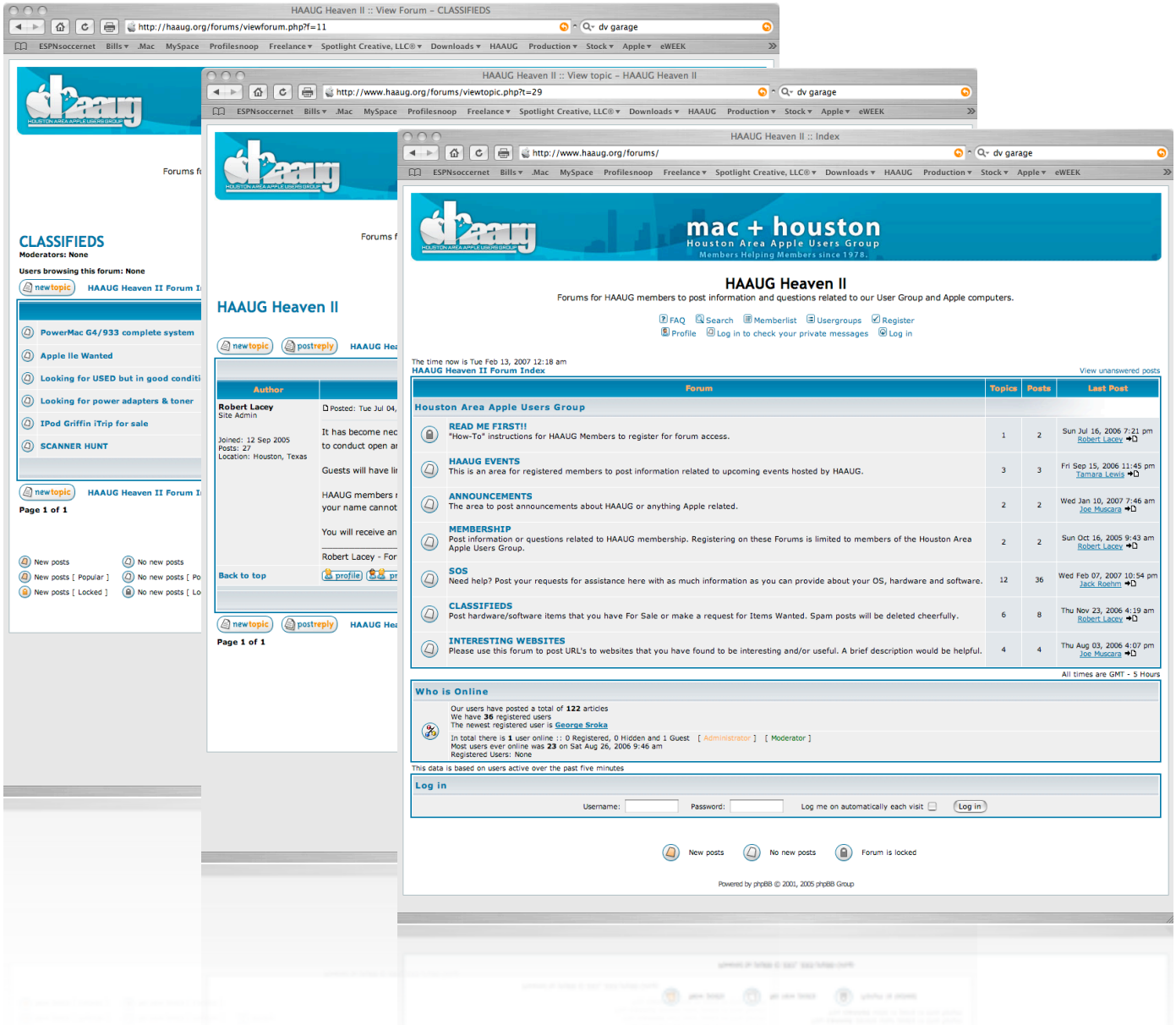

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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

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

Call to order: 6:33 p.m. by President Matt Willmore, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on February 2, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara reported that HAAUG has about $9,000 in the bank. All bills have been paid, except for Bob LeVitus's lunch after the February General Meeting. Barbara is continuing to work on getting the financial records updated.

1st Vice President – Programming – Doug Smith: Peter Cohen will give a presentation on Aperture 3 via iChat at the March General Meeting. Doug will work with Phil Booth to test the broadband at Bellaire Civic Center in advance of the March General Meeting. At this year's Macworld Expo, Greg Wright identified other individuals and companies that are interested in making presentations to HAAUG via iChat. Doug is also contacting the Mac User Groups in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio to find out who will be appearing at their meetings and whether the presenters would be interested in appearing at HAAUG's General Meetings.

2nd Vice President Facilities – Open: Phil Booth reported that he has paid the City of Bellaire for rental of Bellaire Civic Center through March. Attendees at the April General Meeting need to be alerted that an art show in the park adjacent to Bellaire Civic Center may make parking more difficult than usual.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick announced that he has no changes to the SIGs scheduled for March General Meeting. The Social Media SIG did not meet at the February General Meeting, but Rick will leave this SIG on the March SIG schedule. Now that the afternoon SIGs have been moved to the morning schedule, only one SIG meets in the second meeting room. A lunch SIG at the Daily Grill in the Galleria after cleanup of the meeting space will be added to the March SIG schedule.

Apple Barrel Editor– Open: No report.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 210 members at the end of February 2010, an increase of nine members from January 2010, and a decrease of 20 members from February 2009. Last month six new members joined HAAUG, and ten members renewed their membership (four early renewals, four two-year renewals, and two one-year renewals).

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Greg Wright discussed some options on using an 800 number to replace the current local telephone number for the HAAUG Hotline. He will report to the board next month on whether there are alternatives that would provide essentially the same functions of the current Hotline at a significantly reduced cost.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: No report. HAAUG Heaven will be discussed at this month's Vision Committee Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest - Phil Booth: No report.

Lapsed Member Call List: Matt, David Jaschke and Jim Connell are working on contacting lapsed members on each of the lists they have been given.

March General Meeting: Peter Cohen, former columnist for Macworld and editor of The Loop, will give a presentation on Aperture 3 via iChat.

2010 Presentation Topics: Doug, Greg, Phil, Matt and

Andrew Easter have formed a committee to plan the Main Presentations for the remaining General Meetings this year.

2010 Budget: The budget for this year was approved at the February General Meeting. No further action on this year's budget is required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Content for the March Apple Barrel: The deadline for submission of content for the next Apple Barrel is March 13, 2010. Matt praised HAAUG member Hazel Greenberg's review of *My New Mac: Snow Leopard Edition* that appeared in the February Apple Barrel.

Vision Committee Meeting: The Vision Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 10 at the Black Labrador Pub, 4100 Montrose Blvd. The topics include (i) HAAUG's online presence, (ii) membership, and (iii) how better to articulate the value of HAAUG membership.

Greg Wright reported on his attendance at this year's Macworld Expo. He was surprised Mac User Groups have no involvement with Macworld and thinks MUGs should take a much more active role in Macworld. HAAUG does not have much interaction with the national MUG organization. He thought the absence of Apple this year did not detract from the experience of the event, and he welcomed the opportunity to see smaller vendors at the event.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

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Saturday, April 17th, 2010

Joe Muscara Presents GarageBand

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Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, May 15th, 2010

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Saturday, June 19th, 2010

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

April 2010 SIG Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	**Mac 101**	**Social Media**
10 a.m.		**Digital Photography**
11 a.m.	**Club Business**	
11:15 a.m.	**Main Presentation:** **Joe Muscara/GarageBand**	
1 p.m.	**Late Lunch SIG TBA**	

Peter Cohen Presents (via iChat) Aperture 3

This month, join us as HAAUG's own Joe Muscara presents Apple's GarageBand, part of iLife '09. Joe will demonstrate how you can use GarageBand to create, edit and enhance music on your Mac.

Mac 101 & Fundamentals: Jonathan Magnus - The SIG for basic to advanced Macintosh topics.

Digital Photography: Andrew Polk – Bring your cameras, bring your photos and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

Social Media: Matt Willmore – Twitter & Facebook.

Ad hoc: Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is Rick Roberts. If you have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the meeting, or email him at rroberts@me.com. Be ready to volunteer to lead the SIG!

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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.

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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.

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

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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 HAAUG President Matt Willmore.

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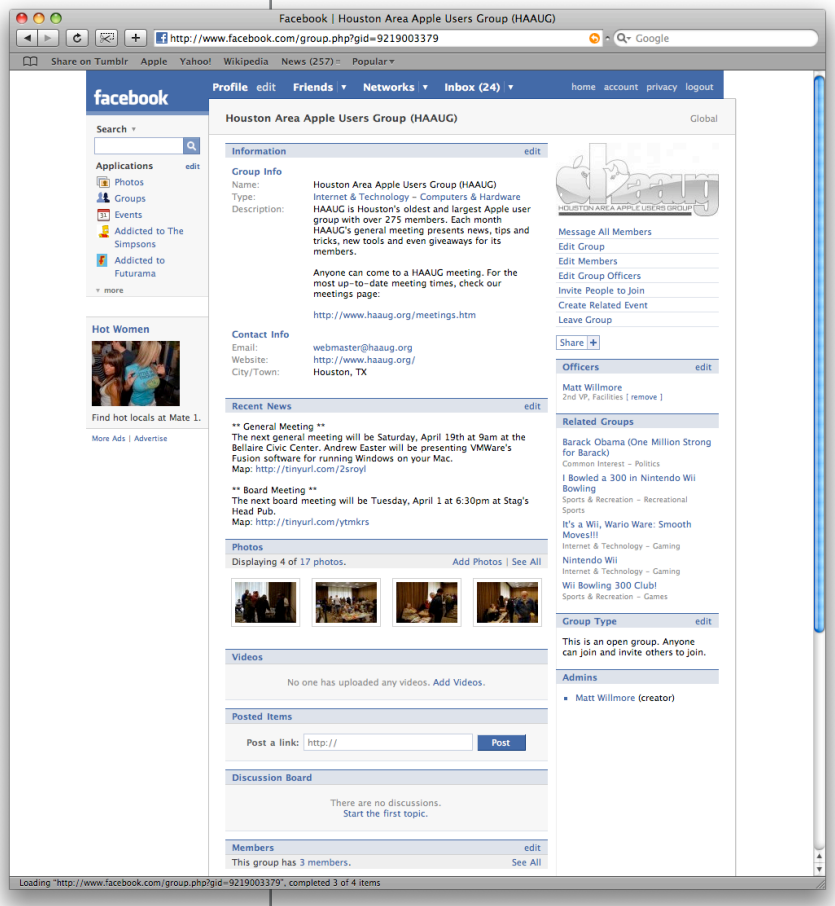

MySpace:
http://groups.myspace.com/haaug (open to the public)

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.