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FINANCIAL EXTRAVAGANZA

2011 QuickBooks Pro
presented by CLAIR JASCHKE

Saturday, October 16
Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire , TX 77401
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with main presentation at 11:15 a.m.
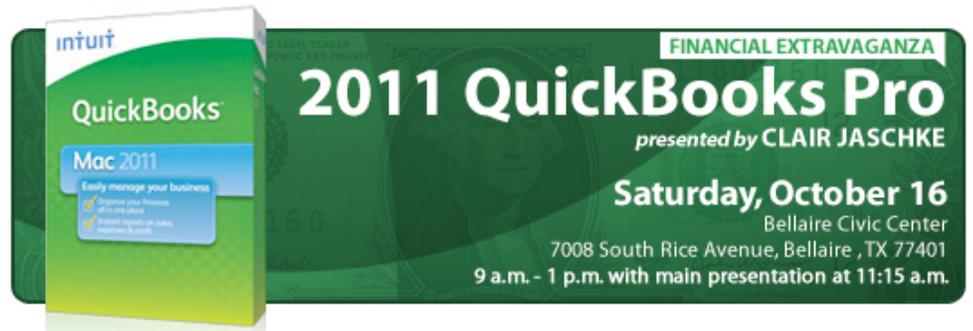
Financial Extravaganza:

Featuring 2011 QuickBooks Pro

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The Main Presentation features a presentation on the new 2011 QuickBooks Pro. Presenters and members will also be available to answer questions about Quicken and QuickBooks and other financial software programs.

SIG's start at 9am and the main meeting begins at 11. We'll see you there on the 16th!

Meeting Location

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7008 South Rice Avenue
Bellaire, TX 77401

Just outside Loop 610 and south of Bellaire Blvd.
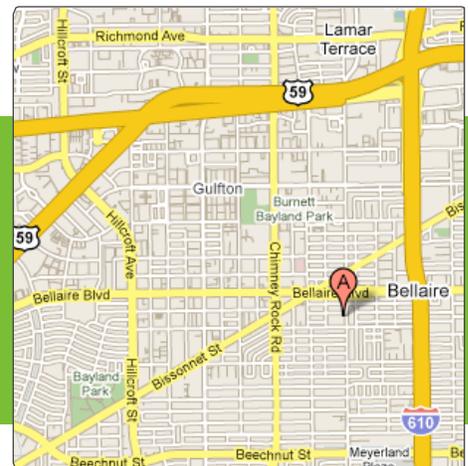
Dear HAAUG,

Hi - it's me again *waves*

"Members Helping Members" - It's our motto, right there on the front page of the Apple Barrel, and also on the masthead of our website. It's also why I'm writing this, as "life" has other plans for the Boss HAAUG right now. It happens to all of us... which is why "defense in depth" is so important in an organization like ours. It has saved our bacon on more than one occasion, when a featured speaker became ill or otherwise unavailable at the last minute, and we had to make a change to the schedule *(would it be a good time to point out that both the MacFest and the Photo Contest have had to be postponed? Stay tuned, as we have new dates we will let everyone know.)* It has also allowed us to continue to function, when one or more of our leaders has been unable to continue in his/her leadership role due to personal circumstances. There has always been someone ready, willing, and able to step in and pick up the load.

During the next few months, a Nominations Committee will meet, and select/review nominees for our 2011 Board of Directors and Officers. Then, during December, we will hold elections. We won't have attack ads, nor televised non-debates, nor will we see endorsements from the local or national media. Nonetheless, the future health of HAAUG depends on filling these positions with people committed to the organization, and to the mission - that of *"Members Helping Members"*. So, give some serious thought to how you can get more involved, and if you are interested, contact the Nominations Committee and let them know! I say this from personal experience: I have gotten a lot more out of HAAUG since I joined the Board, and became active.

I also wanted to let you know that we are moving forward with implementing some changes as a result of the work of the Web Operations Committee. We are starting to work with the new web content management software, and if everything goes well we should have things operational by the end of the year. The new system is designed to not only be easier to use and maintain, but also to make it easier for more people to be involved in contributing content. It's that *Members Helping Members* thing again.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting this Saturday, as Claire Jaschke helps bust the myth that "you can't do financial stuff on a Mac." At the same time, be sure and check out our new SIG on iOS (iPad, iPod, iPhone.)

Cheers,

Ed Truitt

Ed Truitt
Apple Barrel Editor

Book Review - Mac OS X Snow Leopard: The Missing Manual

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

Earlier this year, I received a copy of David Pogue's *Mac OS X Snow Leopard: The Missing Manual* (Pogue Press/O'Reilly, 2009) for review. After using it to help me with an upgrade to Snow Leopard on my MacBook, as well as with the initial setup on my MacBook Pro (acquired after I accidentally destroyed the MacBook while trying to swap out the hard drive), I think I have enough experience with the book to be able to comment on it intelligently.

To start out, let's put a myth to rest: despite what it says on the cover, the *only* way I want this book in the box with my new Mac is if it is on CD-ROM. At 885 pages (including index), this book is way too thick to fit in the existing packaging. Which is, in a way, a *good thing*: after all, as a comprehensive reference on the what makes Snow Leopard what it is (and how to use all that to your advantage), there is simply too much information to fit in a smaller book (at least, not without reducing the font size to the point that a magnifying glass would be needed in order to read it.)

This is also not a work you would sit down and read, cover-to-cover (although I tried.) Rather, it is meant to sit on your bookshelf, waiting for the day you are scratching your head, trying to figure out (or remember) how to do something that isn't particularly intuitive (yes, I know that OS X, like all Apple products, are designed to be intuitive by nature - but let's just say that nothing's perfect. That's why we need manuals. And HOWTOs. and FAQs. And support forums. And User Groups.) Even so, there is some good general information available, for those who want to go beyond "what can you do" or "how do you do something", and dig deeper into the technologies behind Snow Leopard.

The book is laid out to support this type of usage, organized logically into sections that start with now to work with the basics of the user interface, proceeding to the different programs and components of the OS, then to the underlying technologies, then winding up with how to interact with the online world using OS X. Last but not least, the appendices are nowhere near as useless as the similarly-named human appendages: I find myself going to *Appendix E* (the master list of secret keystrokes) quite often, in fact (while the author suggests you clip it and post it to your monitor - unless you borrowed the book from the library - I would suggest a Quick Reference card be provided. After all, many of us take our Macs with us, and this book really is too big to travel well.) For others, the appendix on Troubleshooting, or the "Dictionary" that is aimed at helping Windows users with figuring out the Mac equivalents, may prove equally popular.

This is definitely not a book for the coffee table. However, it is one I would recommend without reservation for Mac users, regardless of their level of expertise. Every time I pick it up, I learn something new (and I've been doing IT professionally for 30+ years.) And, while it's true that you can find almost anything with Google, there are sometimes (like, for example, when your Internet connection is down) when having the information at your fingertips can be a real hair-saver.

(Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book via HAAUG for review.)

QuickTip

Apple made it quite easy and intuitive to quit out of apps in iOS 4; however I have not seen this method mentioned anywhere.

Double tap the Home button to bring up the multitasking applications view, then tap and hold on an app (as if you were arranging your home screen). A small red circle will appear on each app; tap one to close that app. And, of course, you can still swipe through the list to see more.

[**crarko adds:** I can't test this one on my iPhone 3G. Please confirm that this works.]

http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20100826173515466

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Doug Smith, Ed Truitt (via iChat), Matt Willmore (via iChat), and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:53 p.m. by President Doug Smith, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on August 3, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: No report.

1st Vice President – Programming – Greg Wright: Greg Wright reported that the following presentations are planned for the upcoming monthly meetings:

September 2010:	"Cooking for Geeks" with Jeff Potter/ Photo Contest Commences
October 2010:	Financial Extravaganza
November 2010:	Digital Photography Update (Reagan Atkinson)/ Announcement of Photo Contest Winners
December 2010:	Election of Officers and Directors/ iMovie and Free Form Editing
January 2011:	Semi-Annual Swap Meet
February 2011:	State of the Mac Address by Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

2nd Vice President Facilities – Phil Booth: Phil Booth reported that he plans to pay the rental fees for October through December 2010 this week. The dates for the 2011 meetings at Bellaire Civic Center have been reserved with the City of Bellaire. The

February and March General Meetings next year will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month because Bellaire Civic Center is not available on the third Saturday in those two months. The April General Meeting may conflict with the City Fun Run. Phil will explore renting the Senior Center Meeting Room at Bellaire Civic Center as meeting space for an additional SIG.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: SIGs will be held for the September General Meeting. Doug Smith may lead an iPad SIG.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: Ed Truitt requested that articles for the September Apple Barrel be submitted to him by Saturday, September 11.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 195 members at the end of August 2010, a decrease of seven members from July 2010 and a decrease of seventeen members from August 2009. One new member joined HAAUG last month, and nine members renewed their membership, including 2 two-year renewals.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: No report.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest Committee: Phil Booth announced that the MacFest Committee has decided to move MacFest from October 2010 to March 2011. He has notified Bob LeVitus, the only confirmed speaker, and the hotel where the event was to be held of the change of plans. Phil will schedule another committee meeting and requested members who are interested in planning MacFest to join the committee.

Lapsed Member Call List: David Jaschke and Rex Covington will work on preparing the second lapsed member call list.

Web Operations Committee: Ed Truitt reported that

he has begun activating BuddyPress but has encountered problems in loading the database on the BuddyPress system. As a result, the project will be delayed about a month.

HAAUG Hotline Alternate Services: Greg Wright reported that he has received comments from board members on a test of the Hotline on PhoneBook. He needs to send board members passwords for the mailboxes to allow further testing. Greg and Phil will work together to check the ease of updating messages regarding upcoming meetings. Next month Greg expects to make to the board a final recommendation about moving the Hotline to PhoneBook.

NEW BUSINESS:

Content for the September Apple Barrel: Ed Truitt announced that the deadline for submitting articles for the next Apple Barrel is Saturday, September 11, 2010.

September General Meeting: Jeff Potter, author of "Cooking for Geeks," will be the speaker for the Main Presentation.

Audit Committee Report - 2009 Financial Records: No report. Because of the effort currently underway to update the financial records, the 2009 and 2010 financial records may have audited at the same time.

Email Issues: Doug Smith has requested Jeff Davis to investigate the problems with HAAUG Club Business not receiving mail sent to HAAUG Club Business email address.

Treasurer: By unanimous vote, the board accepted the resignation of Barbara Long as Treasurer and elected Clair Jaschke as Treasurer to succeed Barbara Long.

Senior Advisor: By unanimous vote, the board accepted (i) the resignation of Clair Jaschke as Senior Advisor, (ii) appointed Barbara Long as Senior Advisor to succeed Clair Jaschke, and (iii) designated Barbara Long a Lifetime Member of Houston Area Apple Users Group, in recognition of her years of distinguished service to HAAUG.

Nominations Committee: David Jaschke was appointed to chair the Nominations Committee for the selection of officers and directors to be elected to serve for 2011. Phil Booth and Doug Smith were also appointed to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Budget Committee: Clair Jaschke, Phil Booth and Greg Wright were appointed to serve on the Budget Committee for the preparation of the 2011 budget.

Adjourned: 7:32 p.m.

Upcoming Events

(Note: the Photo Contest has been postponed. Stay tuned for an announcement on the new dates.)

Saturday, November 20th, 2010

Digital Camera Update
Reagan Atkinson will be here from Houston Camera Exchange to give us a preview of what we might find in our stocking this holiday season.
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, December 18th, 2010

iMovie/iLife by Greg Wright/Annual Elections
Presentation by HAAUG's very own Greg Wright on iMovie and Free-Form Editing. Also, It's time to elect those who will lead HAAUG in 2011!
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, January 15th, 2011

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 available for members and non-members.
Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

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

www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

October 2010 SIG Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	iOS *New SIG*
10 a.m.		Digital Photography
11 a.m.	Club Business	
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: "Financial Extravaganza" with Claire Jaschke	
1 p.m.	Social time and cleanup; lunch to follow	

Main Presentation: Member Claire Jaschke talks about the new 2011 QuickBooks Pro. Presenters and members will also be available to answer questions about Quicken and QuickBooks and other financial software programs.

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.

New SIG iOS: Doug Smith – Join us, and learn how to use all the neat stuff on your iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad!

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!

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

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Goodwill COMPUTER WORKS
12230 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77077
281-589-1215

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ScrapComputer.com
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Altech Metals, Inc.
10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-680-9325
  ****No TVs or monitors*

ARM Trading, Inc.
2476 Bolsover, Suite 557 • 713-665-0213

Compucycle
620 W. 6th St. • 713-866-8021

ONYX Environmental Services
Baytown • 1-800-624-9302

Houston Computer Recycler
6102 Brittmoore, Suite N • 713-937-3334

Recycle America Waste Management Asset Recovery Group
2102 Atascocita Road, Humble • 281-540-8900

Eagle Electronics
10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

QuickTip

To the best of my knowledge, no third-party PDF plugin on the Mac allows for the inline viewing of PDFs in Google Chrome, fortunately there is a way. As of Chrome 6, Google bundles an experimental PDF plugin, which is disabled by default.

To enable it:
- Type about:plugins in the omnibox.
- You should see a disabled plugin called 'Chrome PDF Viewer;' click the Enable button under this plugin.

You should now be able to view PDFs in Chrome. There are a few rough edges to this plugin. The occasional PDF will not display properly (in particular, it seems to choke on PDFs that have restrictions in effect — printing, copying, etc), but the vast majority show up just fine. The viewer is very fast, and has resizing controls available in the bottom-right corner of the window.

Note that there is currently no loading indicator for PDFs, so if you click on a large document, it may seem like the tab has frozen, but it is in fact just the PDF loading silently.

[**crarko adds:** I tested this, and it works as described. It was fine with the couple of PDFs I tried.]

http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20100929075624116

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Check #_____   Member # (if renewing):_____

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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.

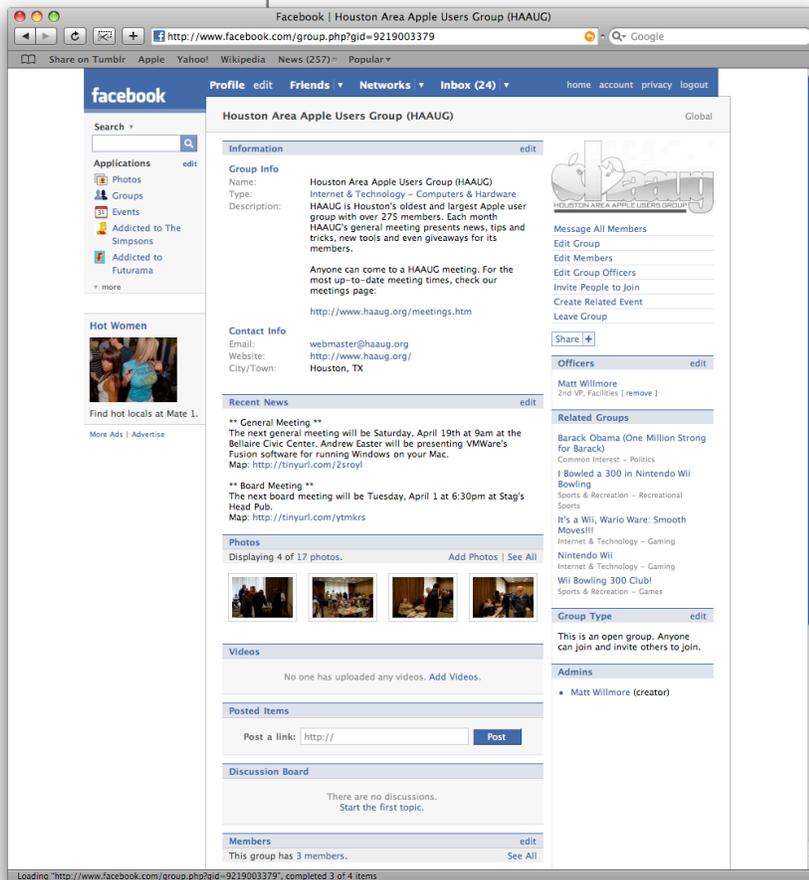Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at **www.haaug.org**.

We're on Facebook! Check it out.

Check out the latest goings-on at HAAUG, connect with fellow HAAUG members, and more - at the HAAUG Facebook Page!

Facebook:

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

(must be a Facebook member to view)

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. Facebook has been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth and young adults 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.

(Note: HAAUG also has a group on MySpace. The group can be found at http://groups.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=groups.groupprofile&groupID=107144900.)