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Digital Camera » BUYERS GUIDE
presented by REAGAN ATKINSON

Saturday, November 20
Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with main presentation at 11:15 a.m.

Digital Camera Buyers Guide

presented by Reagan Atkinson

Saturday, November 20th

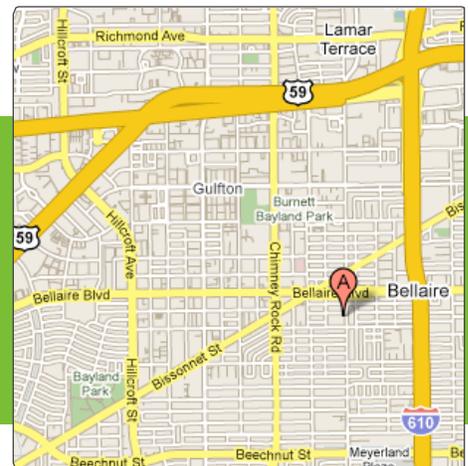
Whether you are a serious shutterbug, or more of a casual snapper, the General Meeting this month has something right up your alley! Learn about the latest in digital photography technology, just in time for the holiday shopping season.

SIG's start at 9am and the main meeting begins at 11.
We'll see you there on the 20th!

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue
Bellaire, TX 77401

Just outside Loop 610 and
south of Bellaire Blvd.



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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Dear fellow HAAUG members:

I love the holiday season. The wife and I have developed a system for gift giving that works. If there's a catalog left on my chair with a page number written on the cover, then I'd better open it up. The chance that an item and size of something wonderful is noted on that page is about 95%. Its 100% certain the same item is expected in our house, wrapped with her name on it in time for Christmas morning. I am well trained in the art of gift idea recognition.

For my gifts, I turn to the experts. Reagan Atkinson is one of the experts. I love listening to his sage advise during each visit he makes to HAAUG. The Digital Camera Buyers Guide at our November 20th main presentation gives all of us the opportunity to take note of the newest trends and gadgets out there for the digital photography buffs. We can also take that information and place it on the "who's been Naughty or Nice" list once we get back home.

Before the main presentation there is some important club business to resolve. There are several positions on the HAAUG board of directors election that are still without candidates as I write and the election is just a month away. The offices of President, Secretary, SIG Coordinator and HAAUG Heaven SYSOP or still without candidates. Please consider stepping up and becoming a more involved member by volunteering in one of these capacities.

After the business meeting and the HAAUG board elections next month, Rex Covington will be discussing FileMaker GO. This is new application that will allow users to view, edit and search FileMaker Pro records on an iPhone, iPod touch and iPad.

Be well, Doug
President, HAAUG

Sophos enters “the debate”, offers free Anti-Virus Home Edition for Mac

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

One of the ongoing arguments flame-wars discussions in the Mac community has to do with anti-virus software: do Mac users need it, or is OS X really “immune” to malware, and therefore it is safe to go without?

Last week, another vendor tossed their hat into the ring, and in doing so they put their money where their mouth is. Security vendor [Sophos](#), maker of anti-malware software aimed at the business (corporate) market, [decided to release a free home edition](#) of their anti-virus for Mac product. This isn't “nag-ware” or “demo-ware” or “cripple-ware”, either: it is the *same software* that they provide to business customers, without the central management and reporting features, which home users really have no need for (I confirmed this with their technical support.) Having run the software for several months (I am testing the “home use” client for my employer), I would like to share my impressions and observations with you. And, since the software is the same as what [you can download right here](#), I didn't have to go through the de-install/re-install process.

I am a relatively careful computer user. I avoid the riskier parts of the Interwebz (no surfing pr0n or visiting online gambling sites or blindly clicking on linkys in emails or IMs), don't download and install just any old software that comes along, and I am cautious about entering my “administrator” password. Even so, almost every day I come across one form of malware or another. Sometimes it is “presented” by a website which has been compromised to act as a malware delivery system, but is otherwise legitimate. Most of the time, it arrives as an attachment to an email, which somehow makes it past the spam filters. It is these times when an anti-virus product proves its worth: snagging and dealing with these little e-bombs before I get the chance to open them, *regardless of whether they are targeting OS X or Windows!* This is, [IMHO](#), the best reason for running anti-virus on a Mac: even if you avoid infecting your own system, being able to intercept and quarantine malware targeting Windows systems makes it just that much less likely that you will inadvertently forward a virus-laden email to a Windows-using friend or colleague, reducing the risk to the online community as a whole.

However, there is a downside to running anti-virus: this software can have a real impact on the system's performance, leading to it being referred to as “bloatware” or “resource hog”. While this is true with many anti-virus programs (especially those for Windows), I am happy to report that it is not the case with Sophos on the Mac. The software goes about its business fairly quietly, only popping up to let you know that it has found something. In my experience with the product over the past year or so (much of this in a corporate environment using Windows), I have had only a few instances where malware has gone undetected: in these cases, the update process Sophos uses closes the window of vulnerability much faster than some of its competitors, as new detections are made available to all customers (and now home users) as soon as possible after they are tested and declared “soup” (some of the major vendors send out such “certified updates” on a daily cycle, as compared to the [approx] hourly cycle Sophos uses. That is a big reduction in the “window of opportunity” for the bad guy to slip his stuff onto your system.)

It isn't all perfect, however. One thing I have noticed w/Sophos (as well as other anti-virus programs) is that scanning a large archive (such as a .zip, .rar, .gz, or .dmg) can
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QuickTip

10.6.4 users running PGP Whole Disk Encryption may render their systems unbootable after they update to 10.6.5.



PGP recommends folks to decrypt their drives first, update to 10.6.5 and then re-encrypt. If you have already upgraded and have an unbootable system, burn/use a copy of their Recovery CD to fix. I can verify that using the Recovery CD works.

Procedure:

- Boot the system using the PGP Recovery CD.
- When prompted, authenticate with your passphrase. DO NOT press D to decrypt. Press any key (e.g. spacebar) to boot into Mac OS X normally.
- Once logged into Mac OS X, PGP Desktop will automatically fix the boot issue and you should no longer need the recovery CD.
- Download the script 'PGPwdeEFIUpdate.sh' to your desktop
- Open terminal and navigate to your desktop directory by typing `cd ~/Desktop` and pressing Enter.
- Type in the command `chmod 755 PGPwdeEFIUpdate.sh` and press Enter.
- Type in the command `sudo./PGPwdeEFIUpdate.sh` and press Enter.

PGP has a [tech article](#) about it, and that is the source of this procedure. You can download both the ISO for the recovery CD and the referenced script from links provided there.

[**carko adds:** I haven't tested this one.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20101111120329585>

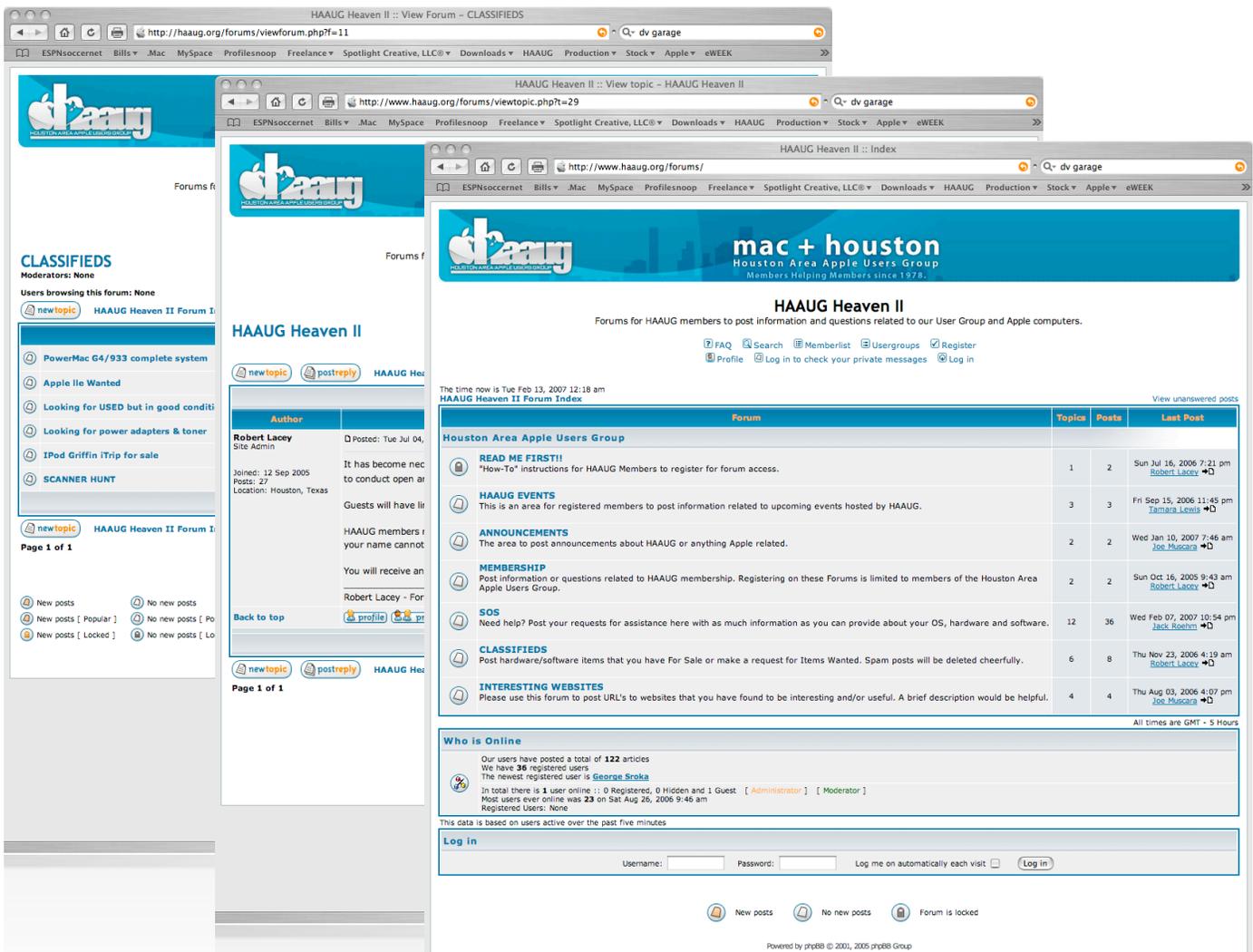
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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Tuesday, October 5, 2010

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), Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, and Ed Truitt (via iChat).

Call to order: 6:38 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 September 7, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Clair Jaschke: Clair Jaschke reported that new signature cards for the checking account have been filed with JP Morgan Chase Bank. Philip Booth, Clair Jaschke and Doug Smith can sign checks drawn on the account. Clair can now access HAAUG's bank account online. HAAUG has about \$9,300 in the bank. All bills received have been paid.

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

October 2010:	Financial Extravaganza (Clair Jaschke)
November 2010:	Digital Photography Update (Reagan Atkinson)
December 2010:	Election of Officers and Directors/ FileMaker To Go (Rex Covington)
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 has paid the rental fee for Bellaire Civic Center through December and has received invoices for next year's meetings.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts reported that the iPad SIG at the September General Meeting was a success and should continue. After discussion, the board decided to rename the iPad SIG as the iOS SIG and expand it to cover the iPhone and iPod as well as the iPad. Rick feels there is no space on the program for additional SIGs, since the members are not interested in staying after the Main Presentation. Rick announced that he does not wish to continue as SIG Coordinator in the coming year.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: Ed Truitt requested that articles for the September Apple Barrel be submitted to him by Saturday, October 9. He would like articles on the Photo Contest (rules, prizes, timeframe, etc.) The board discussed the Photo Contest and decided to reconsider holding the contest this year.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 175 members at the end of September 2010, an increase of two members from August 2010 and a decrease of thirteen members from September 2009. Four new members joined HAAUG last month, including three who joined by KAGI. Four members renewed their membership, including one two-year renewal, two early renewals and one regular renewal.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: No report. The board discussed adding the responsibility for keeping HAAUG's presence on Facebook and Twitter updated.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest Committee: Phil Booth is planning a committee meeting this month and will send out an announcement. He is still planning on having the event in March 2011.

Lapsed Member Call List: David Jaschke stated there is no progress to report.

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Web Operations Committee: Ed Truitt will contact Jeff Davis to confirm the installation or reinstallation of WordPress and BuddyPress and will report to the board next month.

HAAUG Hotline Alternate Services- Greg Wright:
No report.

Budget Committee - Clair Jaschke, Phil Booth and Greg Wright: No report.

Nominations Committee: David Jaschke will make an announcement at the October General Meeting and solicit nominees for open positions. Clair Jaschke agreed to be a candidate for Treasurer.

Book Sales: David Jaschke reported that 17 of the 18 "Cooking for Geeks" books that HAAUG purchased have been sold. One sold book has not been collected, and one book is missing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee Report - 2009 Financial Records:
The audit of the financial records has been deferred until Clair Jaschke and Barbara Long have completed the updating of the financial records.

Treasurer's Expenses: The board approved the expenditure of up to (i) \$300 (plus applicable taxes) for the purchase of accounting software that Clair Jaschke deems best suited to HAAUG's needs and (ii) \$100 for bookkeeping supplies.

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

Sophos...

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slow the program down, so as a general rule I exclude such files from full-disk scans (I can always scan an individual file if need be.) Another thing is that, while the Sophos software is a fully-functional version of their *Mac* client, some features found in their Windows software is missing: for example, Application Control, which allows the blocking of Potentially Unwanted Applications, such as hacking tools and adware. However, this really shouldn't impact the home user that much, as these programs normally don't install themselves (and home users normally install their own software, as opposed to corporate users where software installations are handled by IT staff.)

Sophos won't put the question of "should they or shouldn't they" [use anti-virus on Macs] to rest. What they have done, however, is to bring more attention to this issue, along with providing a competitive product, at a totally reasonable price. If you use a Mac, and don't run anti-virus software on it, you owe it to yourself (and everyone who shares the Internet with you) to give Sophos a try.

(This article also appeared on the author's [personal blog](#), as well as on a [home computer security blog](#) he writes for the [Houston Chronicle](#).)

(FTC disclosure stuff: I didn't receive anything from the vendor in consideration for this post; the software was provided to me by my employer, as part of a pilot/test related to my job. The opinions expressed in this post are my very own.)

Upcoming Events

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Barbara Long

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

Saturday, December 18th, 2010

HAAUG Elections for 2011 Board of Directors + FileMaker Go for the iPhone & iPad presented by Rex Covington

Are you interested in becoming part of the Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors? If so, please contact **David Jaschke** for further details about nominations.

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

Locations, Directions + Parking

Bellaire Civic Center

7008 South Rice Ave. • Bellaire, TX 77401

The Bellaire Civic Center has been a great location asset of HAAUG for the past 4 years and includes many amenities such as wireless internet and both open and closed spaces for Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and other functions.

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November 2010 SIG Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	iOS
10 a.m.		Digital Photography
11 a.m.	Club Business	
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: Digital Camera >> Buyers Guide with Reagan Atkinson	
1 p.m.	Social time and cleanup; lunch to follow	

Main Presentation: Reagan Atkinson Learn about the latest in digital photography technology just in time for the holiday shopping season.

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.

iOS: Doug Smith – iPhone/iPod/iPad -- Oh, who are we kidding? iPad stuff!

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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Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

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QuickTip

As many know, Spotlight in the menu bar provides calculator functions. If, for example, you enter



100+4

you'll get a listing in the Spotlight results showing

100+4 = 104

As long as this listing is selected, using the keyboard shortcut for Copy, Command +C, will place the result of the equation on the Clipboard.

[**crarko adds:** I tested this in 10.6.4, and it works as described. I know we've run hints about the Spotlight Calculator before, but I couldn't find this perhaps obvious, but still useful, one.]

[**ed adds:** It also works on 10.6.5. See screenshot below.]



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

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Membership Benefits

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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

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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

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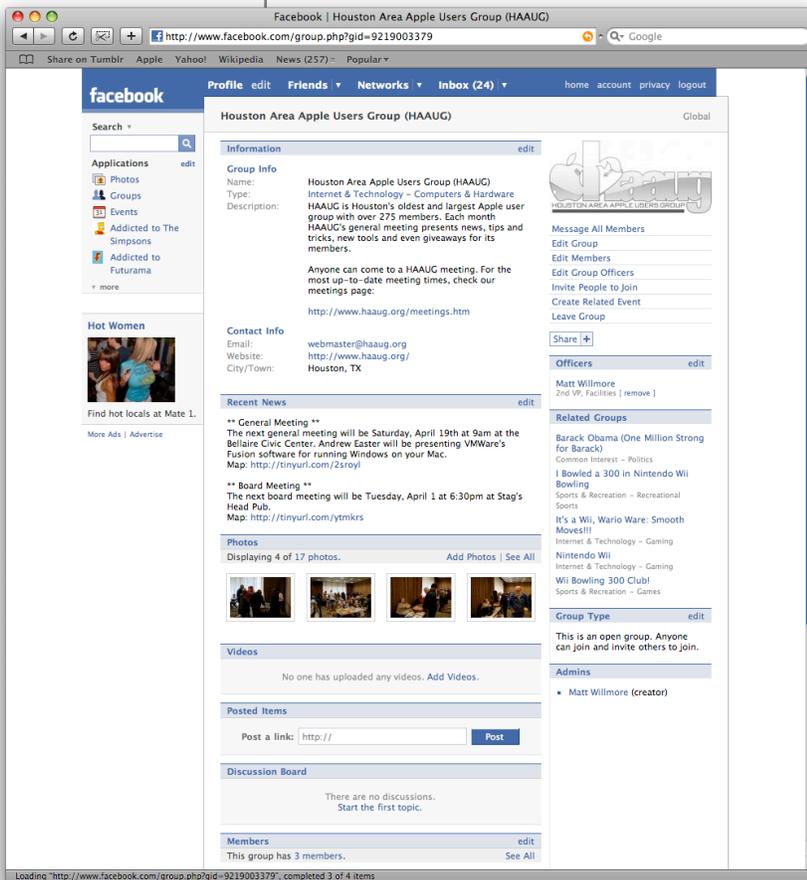
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The screenshot displays the Facebook profile for the Houston Area Apple Users Group (HAAUG). The page includes a search bar, navigation tabs (Profile, Friends, Networks, Inbox), and a sidebar with applications like Photos, Groups, and Events. The main content area shows the group's information, including its name, type (Internet & Technology), and a description stating it is Houston's oldest and largest Apple user group with over 275 members. Recent news items announce a general meeting on Saturday, April 19th, and a board meeting on Tuesday, April 1st. A photo gallery shows four images, and the members list includes Matt Willmore as the creator.

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>.)