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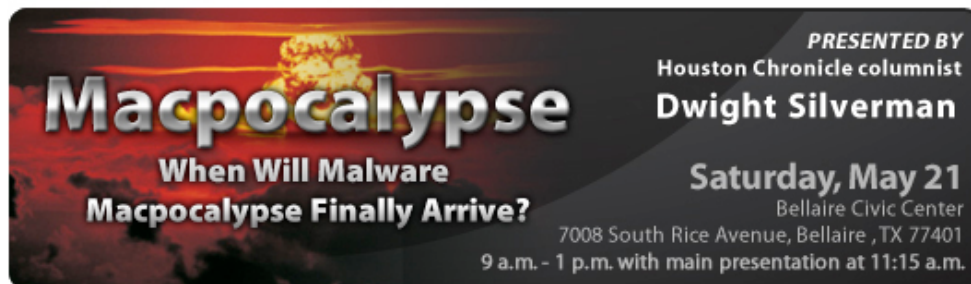
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## Macpocalypse - 2011? Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

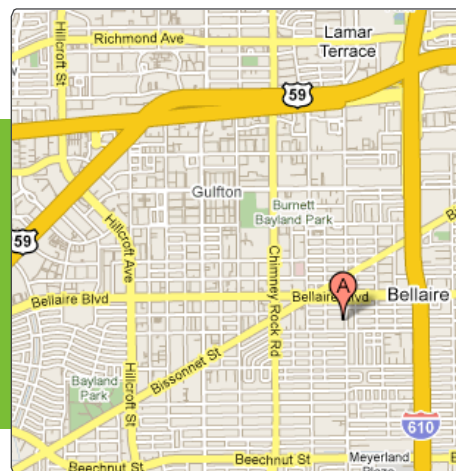
Houston Chronicle columnist and tech blogger Dwight Silverman discusses recent developments in malware targeting OS X. Board of Directors meeting and lunch to follow.

The SIGs start at 9am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:15. We'll see you there on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

### Meeting Location

**Bellaire Civic Center**  
7008 South Rice Avenue  
Bellaire, TX 77401

Just outside Loop 610 and  
south of Bellaire Blvd.



# Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



I would like to thank my good friend Dreux Ste. Marie for a great main presentation. If you didn't want an iPad 2 before, I think that you came away with a better understanding of the machine's capabilities after his presentation. This month, Dwight Silverman from the Houston Chronicle will discuss recent events related to malware targeting OS X, and how (or even if) the Mac user community should change how they respond to this type of threat.

Security has registered on everyone's radar with the disclosure that a marketing company was hacked, compromising tens of thousands of names and email addresses; Sony's Playstation network was also compromised, with the possible loss of personal information including credit card numbers; closer to home, it was learned that Texas state employees had personal information stored on an unsecured state server. The Internet has brought huge changes to the way we do simple things like pay bills, buy things, and apply for government services. Every time we transact business on-line we leave a trail of information. We all need to be aware of where we leave information, and we must insist that those to whom we provide this information make sure that collecting it is necessary, and that it is protected.

Apple was not immune, with the revelation that iPhones and iPads collected and stored location information, and that location information is routinely sent from the phone to aid in the location service. This prompted members of Congress to write letters to Steve Jobs demanding an explanation of the use of the location data. My understanding is that the data was used by the phone to aid in location finding, and that no data was secretly transmitted to One Infinite Loop. Apple has since issued an update to iOS that will periodically purge the data.

In other news: Apple released new iMacs with new more powerful processors. These new machines blur the boundary between consumer systems and machines that heavy duty users need. First look reviews have shown the new iMacs deliver outstanding Speedmark performance. So if you are in the market for a new desktop machine take a look at Apple's new offerings.

HAAUG still needs to fill open positions on the board of directors. I invite members to attend the Board meeting right after the main meeting to see what goes on. As I explain at every meeting, we need some new people and ideas on the Board. Don't be surprised if I button hole you at a meeting.

# App Review: Beat the Traffic

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

These days, I don't drive the freeways nearly as much as I used to. But, every so often I still find myself jumping on to one of them, for a quick, stop-free journey across town. Needless to say, discovering that my stop-free journey will be anything but, due to road construction or an accident, tends to put me in a sour mood, really fast. What I would give to have advance warning of this type of condition before I start out, so I can plan an alternate route.

Fortunately, "there's an app for that." It's called [Beat the Traffic](#), and there is a [version for the iPhone](#), as well as an "HD" version for the iPad. The app shows traffic conditions in almost 100 cities in the US and Canada (with live camera pictures in 34 cities, including Houston), and can display detailed information on both incidents and roadwork. You can also get traffic "forecasts" for up to 2 hours in advance. The software is ad-supported: a paid version (\$3.99: \$4.99 for the HD version) removes the ads, and you can also get access to personalized routes, forecasts, and cameras via the My Traffic option for about \$20/year.

**What I like about the app:** it is reasonably responsive, being able to refresh the screen reasonably quickly while connected via 3G. The ability to check my planned route before I leave allows me to make last-minute changes as needed. And the price is right, too: the basic (ad-supported) version is free.

**What I think could be improved:** my biggest gripe is that it only shows the traffic conditions on the freeways. While this is also what you tend to get on both the TransStar and the major news sites, since they offer "crowd-sourcing" data on incidents to other users, I would like to see them offer this as an option (integration with the map will have to wait, however, until the needed infrastructure is put in place.)

I suspect that the HD version on the iPad would be even more useful in the car (especially if your iPad is one of those with 3G service), as the larger screen will let you see more of the area without having to scroll around. This is the type of app that, if I were still driving the freeways a lot, might cause me to install an iPad mount in my vehicle.

For a variety of reasons, it behooves us to learn to drive smarter. Few would argue that sitting in traffic is a smarter way to drive. Beat the Traffic will help you to avoid sitting in traffic needlessly, and the price (for the basic version) is certainly right!

## QuickTip

I use a lot of Groups in Address Book and sometimes a Group member's contact info has more than one e-mail address listed in AB. It annoyed me that sending e-mail to a Group often resulted in the 'wrong' address being used, i.e. the contact's private one instead of work.



It turns out that you can choose which address you wish to be used for Group contacts by right-clicking on the Group in Address Book and selecting 'Edit Distribution List.'

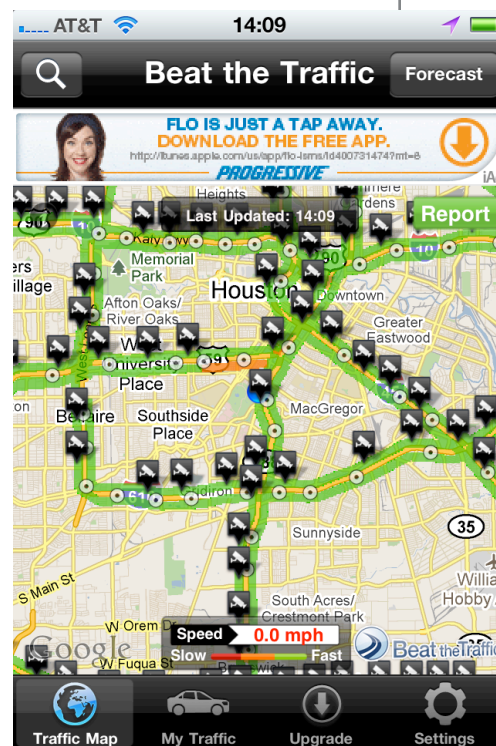
You'll get a listing view where you can set the default information for each of the recipients.

Maybe not the greatest hint ever, but hopefully useful for someone.

**[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described. This [previous hint](#) took the approach of creating different**

Groups for the various e-mail address types if you want to distinguish them. It depends on how you use Groups.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20110314140818339>



Screen shot from Beat the Traffic

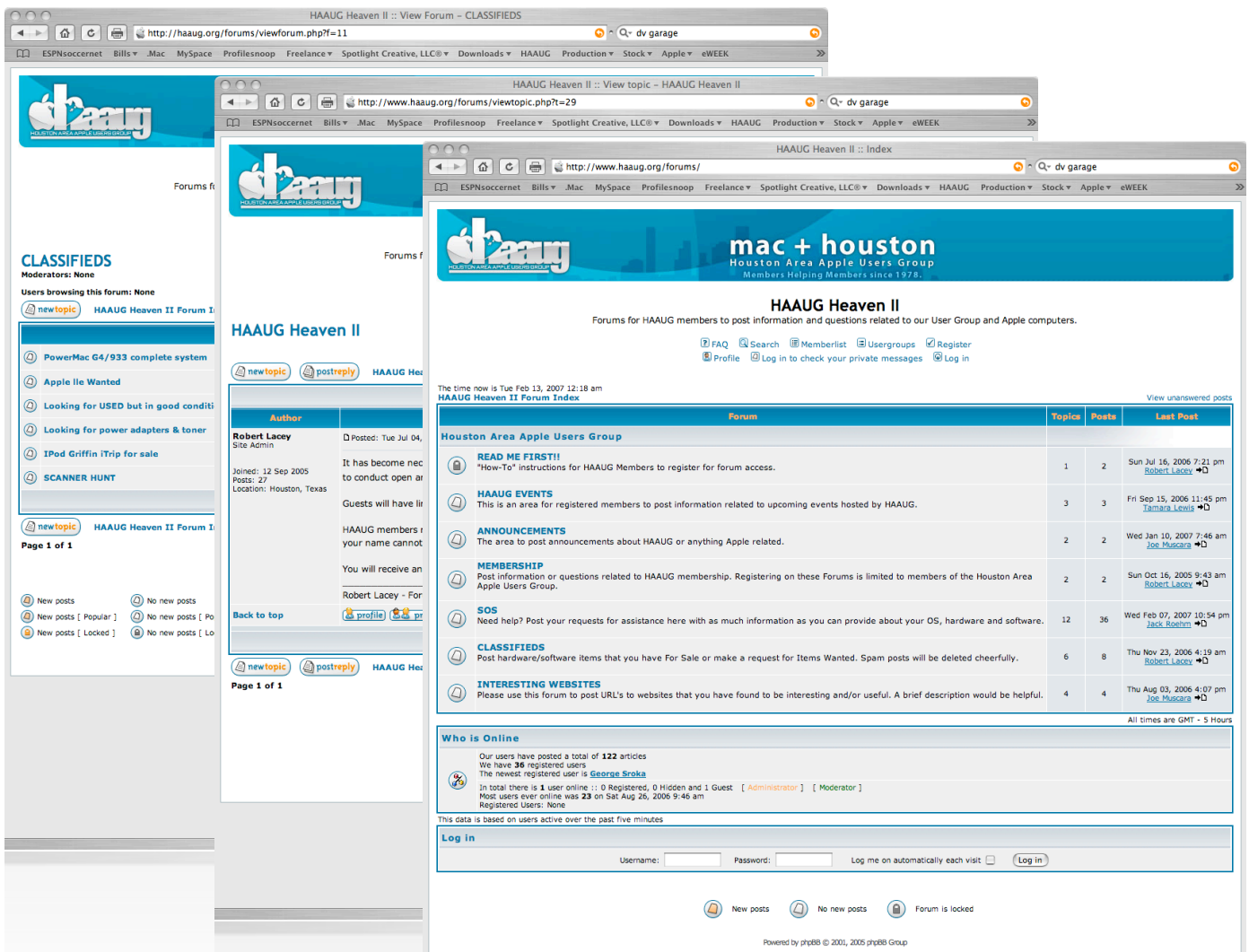
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Submit your story, review or photos, etc. to:  
[abe@haaug.org](mailto:abe@haaug.org)



## QuickTip

I sometimes find myself wanting to make large changes to my

Address Book and iCal entries -- the kinds of things that I don't seem to be able to do within the applications themselves. Things like being able to search for a group of iCal events, select them, and then change them all to a new iCal calendar. Using Bento, I can do just that. It is a great way of cleaning up the Address Book, too.

You just open Bento (I'm using version 4 now, but 3 could also do it), navigate to either the Address or iCal source lists, choose the list view, and start editing. Could not be easier.

[**crarko adds:** I tested this, and it works as described. Bento obviously is not free, but there seem to be a lot of people out there who using it.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20110421062106545>

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# Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, March 26, 2011

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas.

**Attendees:** Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Michael Epstein, Fred Gott, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Michael King, Rick Roberts, Ed Truitt, and Greg Wright.

**Call to order:** 12:38 p.m. by President Phil Booth, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

## MONTHLY REPORTS:

**Secretary – Lyda McGhee:** Consideration of the February 2011 board minutes was deferred until next month's board meeting.

**Treasurer – Clair Jaschke:** Clair Jaschke reported that HAAUG has money in the bank and that all bills received have been paid. All 2009 financial transactions have been entered into AccountEdge. She is now working on how to close out the 2009 and 2010 transactions so that she can enter the 2010 transactions and print financial reports. She has not received the \$300 check that the family of deceased member Irv Greenbaum donated in return for help with Irv's computer equipment after his death. Approximately five checks issued to MacExperts (one going back to September 2010) have not been cashed. Rex Covington will inquire about the missing checks. Rex reported that IAPC has been told to turn off the old Hotline Number and that HAAUG should make no further payments to IAPC.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programming – Greg Wright:** Greg Wright announced the programs planned for the upcoming months: April 30--Dreux Ste. Marie; May 21--New Ways to Watch TV; June 18--Dwight Silverman (topic to be determined); July 16--Semi-Annual Swap Meet. The May and June programs may be switched, depending upon the availability of Dwight Silverman.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Facilities – Doug Smith:** Phil

Booth will pay the City of Bellaire the next three months' rent for use of the Civic Center. HAAUG has the Civic Center reserved for the rest of the year. The Bellaire Police Department will be collecting unused/expired prescription drugs from the public in the lobby at next month's meeting.

**SIG Coordinator – Open:** No report. Rick Roberts published the list of SIGs for this month's General Meeting.

**Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt:** The March issue of the newsletter is online. Two members have reported experiencing browser issues with the newsletter, but Ed has not been able to replicate the issues.

**Membership – David Jaschke:** David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 194 members at the end of February, down from 210 members in February 2010. Last month 14 members renewed, including two lapsed members, and one new member joined HAAUG.

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt:** Tamara Alexander has posted for review a draft mockup of the new website that uses WordPress/BuddyPress. Tie-ins need to be added, and other finishing work is still to be completed. Board members are requested to view the mockup and send any comments to Ed Truitt.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Vacant Officer Positions:** The board discussed the need to fill the vacant officer positions.

**MacFest Committee:** Phil Booth advised that Bob LeVitus is interested in participating in MacFest.

**Revision of the HAAUG By-Laws:** David Jaschke will take the lead to get the process started to update the By-Laws.

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# 2011 "State of the Mac" Address

Recap and links from the presentaton by Bob "Dr. Mac" Levitus – Saturday, February 26, 2011

Here are the links from the "State of the Mac" address, which are also available on the [HAAUG web site](#):

- [Macworld Expo](#) – Where to see all of the new Apps and toys for your Mac
- Buy more RAM for your Mac at [Other World Computing](#)
- [iMainGo](#) – Prices vary by model - Speakers for iPod, iPhone and iPad
- [Boom](#) – \$4.99 - Get more sound from your laptop speakers
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- [Pester](#) – Free - alarm clock and timer for Mac OS X
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- [Dragon Dictation](#) – Free for iPhone and iPad

## Minutes...

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### NEW BUSINESS

**Photo Contest:** Phil Booth reported that at today's General Meeting a member asked whether HAAUG would be having a photo contest this year. The board discussed several new ideas for a photo contest broader in scope than those in past years.

Phil Booth thanked those who helped yesterday afternoon to set up the chairs and tables for today's General Meeting.

**Adjourned:** 1:12 p.m.



# Upcoming Events

## Houston Area Apple Users Group 2010 Officers and Directors

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1st Vice President Programs  
**Greg Wright**

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**Doug Smith**

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**Saturday, May 21th, 2011**

### **Macpocalypse - 2011? by Dwight Silverman**

Dwight Silverman, tech columnist and blogger at the Houston Chronicle, discusses recent developments around malware targeting OS X. Has the Macpocalypse finally arrived?

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org)

**Saturday, June 18th, 2011**

### **How to Watch TV Without Cable**

Options are available for those who want to "cut the cable", while still being able to watch most of their favorite TV programs.

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org)

**Saturday, July 16th, 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](http://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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# May 2011 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	<b>Mac 101</b>	<b>iOS</b>
10 a.m.		<b>Digital Photography</b>
11 a.m.	<b>Club Business</b>	
11:15 a.m.	<b>Main Presentation by Dwight Silverman</b>	
1 p.m.	<b>Board of Directors meeting; followed by social time, cleanup, and lunch</b>	

**Main Presentation:** Has the Macpocalypse finally arrived? Recent developments in malware targeting OS X. By Houston Chronicle columnist and tech blogger Dwight Silverman.

**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 currently open. If you would like to volunteer to be the SIG Coordinator, please see any member of the Board of Directors.

# Got Junk?

Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

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### ONYX Environmental Services

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### Eagle Electronics

10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

### QuickTip



I was on a ferry this morning with no WiFi access to the Internet, an iPhone from which I could e-mail via 3G and an e-mail on my Mac I needed to send. With no wireless modem, no tethering plan and no Internet, I didn't think there was anyway I could get the text of the e-mail onto my iPhone without retyping it.

After a little thinking, I came up with the following solution that makes use of iPhone apps with WiFi syncing and the Airport menu's create network command.

First I tried setting up a network with the Mac, but an iPhone won't stay on a WiFi network unless it has an internet connection. So while I could initially find the network from my iPhone, it wouldn't stay connected.

It turns out you can defeat this by turning off 3G and Cellular Data in the Network section of General Settings.

With 3G and Cellular Data switched off, you can open up WiFi settings on your iPhone and select the network you've created with your Mac. In a minute, you should see the WiFi bars on your iPhone and you can sync using an app like Things that uses a shared WiFi network between devices.

**[crarko adds:** I've done things similar to this when in areas with no external access.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20110502215202868>

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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.

## 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

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## Mentor Program

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## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, iOS, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

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# Photography: Show Up What You've Got!

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While you can learn a lot about digital photography by participating in our SIG (which starts at 10AM, in the second room), the best way to learn is by doing - by taking photos, and then sharing them with others.

Some of us, who are not into competitions, share our photos with others through sites such as [Flickr](#). One group I particularly like on this site is called [Assignment: Houston](#). Each month, the group leader posts a new theme (assignment.) Members are invited to post up to three photos, representing that theme, for others to view and comment on. The limit encourages members to submit their best efforts.

Then, for the more competitive among us, there are photo contests. Photos entered are judged (based on various criteria, which are normally included in the contest rules), and prizes ranging from case money to bragging rights are awarded for the best photos.

Recently, member Rex Covington submitted a photo to [a contest on a blog related to Harley Davidson motorcycles](#). As you can see below, his efforts were rewarded:

**In 3rd place**, I have selected Rex Covington's night picture. The way the light from the side highlights the road, Rex himself and his bike while keeping the fading blue sky dark is tremendous....



Congratulations to Rex! And to the rest of you, get out and take photos, show us (and others) what you've got, and let us know if you win any contests!