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Cutting the Cable: New Ways to Watch TV

Saturday, June 18th

Learn about ways to watch and record HDTV on your Mac, iPad, and other devices using Apple TV, eyeTV, and your Internet browser. 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 18th!



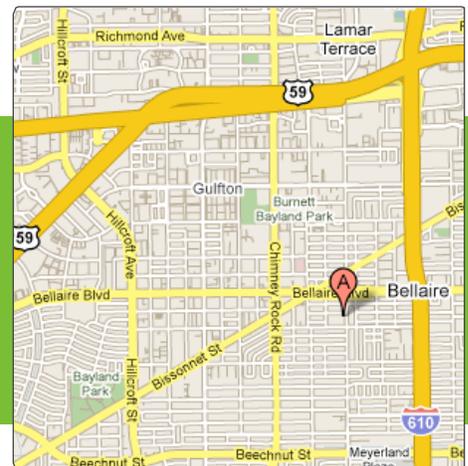
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Houston, Texas 77257-0957

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



As the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention..." - which is what Dwight Silverman spoke about at the last meeting. Although his talk was not as apocalyptic as the title inferred, he made good points about being vigilant. His talk covered the "Mac Defender" malware which has cropped up recently. Mac Defender is a class of malware called scare-ware. The usual method of gaining access to your system is when you visit a compromised website and a pop up screen suddenly informs you that your computer is loaded with viruses. There is a big download button on the screen, with no way to close the pop up. By clicking OK you then download a application that does not remove the viruses that were not there: it only demands payment in the form of a credit card. Dwight told of a user that input five or six credit cards when the software rejected the numbers. And yes, the "author" received the numbers.

There are several things to remember: first, this is not a traditional "virus" that replicates and sends itself to people on your email list. The only way you can be infected is if you click on the window, and allow the application to install. If you come across one of these sites, close the window or force quit your browser. A system restart would not be a bad idea also. If you click the button and allow the software to install itself, Apple has published a method of avoiding and removing the infection (<http://support.apple.com/kb/ht4650>). What ever you do, don't enter your credit card number into the software. Apple has an update to Mac OS 10.6.7 that will automatically identify and remove Mac Defender and its variants. There are also several publishers of legitimate security software that you can investigate if you feel that you need that kind of protection.

This month, Apple hosted the annual World Wide Developers Conference. The WWDC is the vehicle for Apple to let software developers in on the planned changes to both iOS and Mac OS. We have already gotten the sneak peek at "Lion", the next Mac OS big cat. This WWDC we saw "Lion" in its near final form. This year's conference reportedly sold out in hours, which is another indicator of Apple's influence in the tech world. Apple, true to its earlier announcements, did not show any hardware during this Keynote. What they did show were ten features of the new Mac OS, ten new features of iOS 5.0, and the official launch of Apple's new on-line service called iCloud. Other folks have picked apart the keynote and have analyzed the new features. The one feature that I perked up about is the price and the method of distribution for Lion. It will be available only through the Mac App Store at a price of \$30.00. It will be a 4 Gigabyte download, so you will need a hefty internet connection. I encourage you to visit your favorite Tech website to get more information about iOS, Mac OS, and iCloud.

The HAAUG board is in the process of revising the organization's bylaws. The main effort is to bring the governance of the organization in-line with our current circumstances. An organization of less than 300 members does not need a 16 member board to govern itself, and we don't need a provision in the by-laws

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The San Francisco Chronicle App For iPad®

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

Back in the days before eReaders and iPads, I used to be a subscriber to the “dead tree” edition of our local newspaper. Eventually, I gave it up. Not because I didn’t like the content, but because I grew tired of gathering the daily paper off the front door, adding it to the pile of papers gathering in my living room, then (when the pile became an eyesore and a safety hazard) loading them all up in the car and depositing them, still (mostly) in their plastic wrappers, into the local recycling bin. The truth of the matter was (and is) that I don’t have time to sit down and digest (metaphorically speaking) the paper each day.

Which means that, for some time, I have gotten my news “fix” via the Web. This is an OK option, and has one major advantage over a daily print edition: the news is updated through the day, as things happen. It also has a DISadvantage: you have to be connected in order to read.

I was hoping that, when I got my [Kindle e-Reader](#), that the Kindle edition of the local newspaper would satisfy my needs. However, for reasons having nothing to do with the Kindle technology (mostly permission-to-redistribute-electronically issues), only a subset of the articles available on the Web are delivered via the Kindle edition. Even worse, you still have this “updated once a day” thing, so the news tends to be rather stale (meaning “I have already seen this on the web, thankyouverymuch) by the time I read it.

Then came the iPad, and when I got hold of one, I realized: this was what I had been looking for as a replacement for the daily newspaper (as well as magazine subscriptions.) Unfortunately, out of the eleventy gazillion apps for “that”, the perfect newspaper app wasn’t among them. Apps like [Flipboard](#) and [Zite](#) point the way to newsreader Nirvana, and they introduce some very intriguing features, but they still don’t quite provide what I am looking for - an app that gives me the “look and feel” of a newspaper/magazine, without the smell and stains of printers ink, and without a pile of paper to haul to the recycling bin (or even worse, the landfill.)

I was hoping my wishes were answered with the introduction of [The Daily](#) (reviewed in the [February, 2011 Apple Barrel](#)), which was the first newspaper app specifically (cont’d on p. 8)

QuickTip

In Mail.app, press Command+I on the Inbox icon (or right-click on it and choose ‘Get Account Info’) and sample the awesomeness. Actually, this works with any of the main mailbox icons. Just select an account from the popup menu.



It gives space usage for each folder and quota limits for the account, plus other settings from the ‘Account Info’ preference, and works for Gmail and Exchange too. I just stumbled onto it and found it worth sharing.

[carko adds: I tested this, and it works as described. I hadn’t seen this one before either. I looked, but didn’t see a previous hint on it. Let me know if I’m mistaken.]



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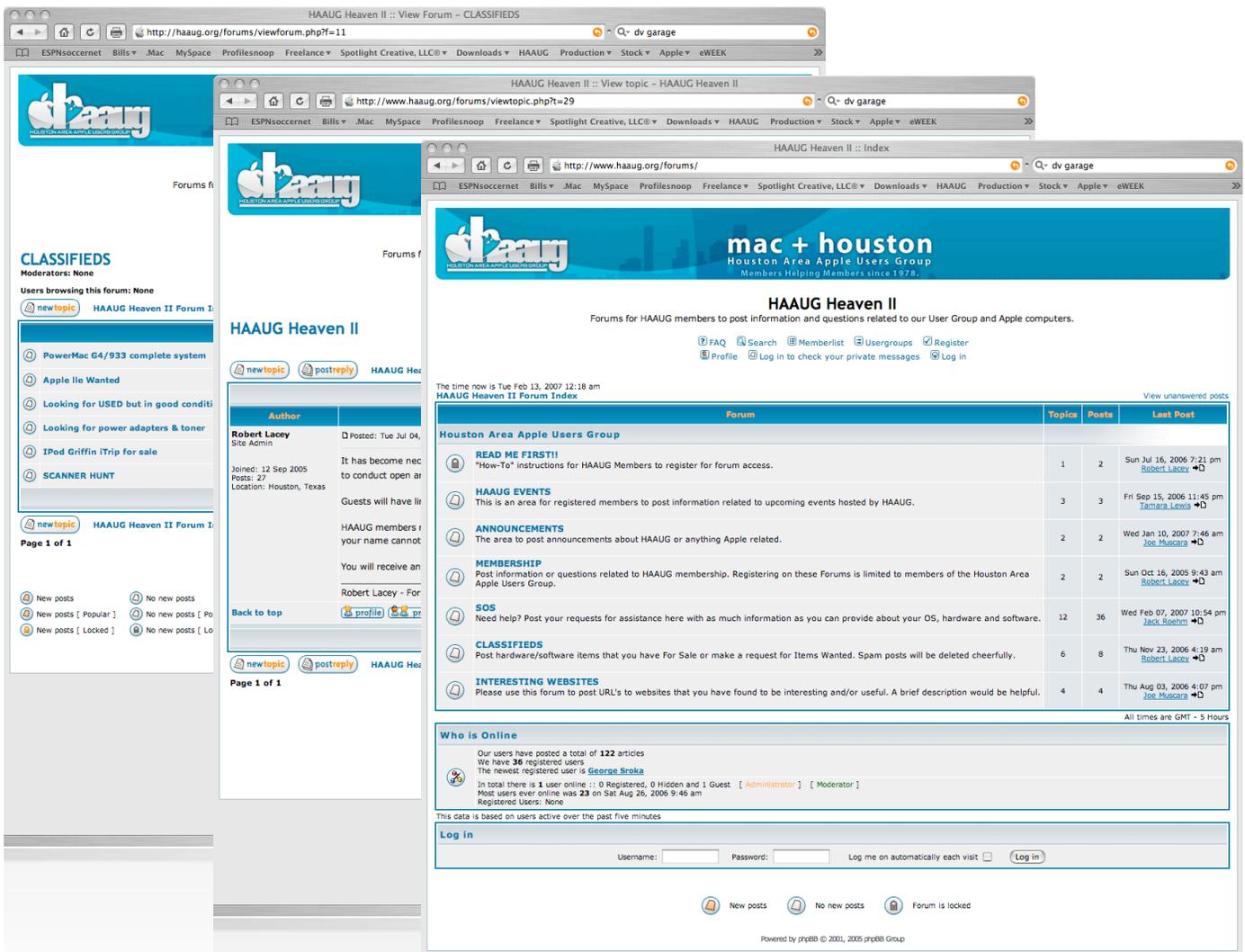
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http://haaug.org/forums



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Products and support for the Macintosh community

Got a story, or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of the Apple Barrel?

The Apple Barrel is always looking for good, meaty material for its monthly publication. If you have a personal story, review of a new product or just a funny or helpful thought, feel free to spread the word via the Barrel.

Submit your story, review or photos, etc. to: abe@haaug.org



QuickTip

There is an easy way to view and manage tracks in an iTunes

Genius Mix playlist.

- Find the Genius Mix you are interested in.
- Start playing it.
- Click on the small Genius symbol that is in the right of the small window in the middle of the iTunes menu bar.
- Now you can view, manage, refresh and save the playlist.

[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described. This sure wasn't obvious, at least to me.]

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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.*

Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, April 30, 2011

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Rick Roberts, Ed Truitt, Julie Woellert and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 1:09 p.m. by President Phil Booth, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Lyda McGhee: The minutes of the board meeting held on February 26, 2011, were approved by an email vote of the voting board members. The board unanimously approved minutes of the board meeting held on March 26, 2011, as submitted.

Treasurer – Clair Jaschke: Clair Jaschke reported that HAAUG has approximately \$10,000 in the bank and that all bills received are in the process of being paid. She has received bills from IAPC but will decline payment since the old HAAUG Hotline number has been cancelled and is no longer a working number. No further payments to IAPC should be due. Clair needs to know the date on which IAPC was notified to terminate the old HAAUG Hotline number. Most of the outstanding checks issued to MacExperts have now cleared the bank account. Clair has still not received the \$300 that the family of Irv Greenbaum donated to HAAUG. Clair reported continuing progress in updating HAAUG's financial records.

1st Vice President – Programming – Greg Wright: Greg Wright announced the Main Presentation programs planned for the upcoming months: May 21--Dwight Silverman (topic to be determined); June 18--New Ways to Watch TV; July 16--Semi-Annual Swap Meet. Greg is planning on Reagan Atkinson as the speaker for the Main Presentation on November 19.

2nd Vice President Facilities – Doug Smith: Rent for the use of the Bellaire Civic Center has been paid

through June 2011. HAAUG has the Civic Center reserved for the rest of the year. Phil Booth reported that the City of Bellaire has cancelled the Public Safety Day on May 21 that would have closed Rice Avenue in front of the Civic Center. Ed Truitt noted that the soft drink machine has been removed from the Civic Center. After discussion, the board decided against bringing in food to be served after the General Meetings.

SIG Coordinator – Open: No report. Phil Booth thanked Rick Roberts for publishing the list of SIGs for this month's General Meeting.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: The deadline for submitting articles for the May Apple Barrel is Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 191 members at the end of March, a decline of three members from February 2011. HAAUG had 207 members at the end of March 2010. Membership activity in March was very low, with only two 2-year renewals and one new member. David expects membership activity to pick up this month.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt: Ed reported that he is waiting on completion of back coding for the new website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacant Officer Positions: While Phil Booth has asked in the Apple Barrel and at the General Meetings for members to fill the vacant officer positions, no one has volunteered.

MacFest Committee: No report.

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

Adjourned: 1:40 p.m.

The San Francisco...

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designed for the iPad form factor. Alas, technical difficulties (early versions of the app kept crashing), along with the fact that it took forEVER for the content update to download, meant that when the “free trial” period was over, The Daily was deleted from my iPad.

Then, late last month, Dwight Silverman made an off-hand mention of a new app during the [Technology Bytes](#) radio program on KPFT: he said that the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) had released [their new iPad app](#), and that this would be what the future Houston Chronicle app would look like. Needless to say, I was off to the App Store, where it was found, and downloaded, *tout de suite*.

I think I may have finally seen the future of the newspaper.

First of all, the SF Chronicle app *looks* like a newspaper. It has the multiple columns I expect to see, and you don't see the entire story on the page (though, when you “tap” on a story to read it, it will open the entire story right there, instead of playing graphical games with turning pages and the like.) The content is broken up into sections, just like a newspaper. You get text, and (where available) pictures. You also may get other multimedia elements (e.g. video, or slideshows) if they are a part of the story. You can also choose to download the content (and choose how much multimedia content to download) in case you want to (or need to) read it offline.

This app also addresses the two biggest shortcomings of The Daily and the Kindle editions. It takes about 10 seconds to load the app (before you actually see content), compared to the 30-60 seconds that The Daily took in the latter days (originally it took up to 5 minutes to refresh the content each day!) Previous editions are available for up to 7 days (The Daily didn't keep past editions around, unless you specifically “saved” them.) Unlike the Kindle edition, the iPad app has an option for a “live edition” which is updated during the day, in addition to a “static edition” for those who prefer that. (the Kindle edition also retains old editions for a week.)

The app provides for in-app subscription: access for current print edition subscribers is free.

Does the app have any annoyances? Sure it does. I noticed an inconsistency in how one scrolls through an article: in some cases, you scroll down (like on a webpage), while in other cases, you swipe to the left (like turning a page.) I also noticed that certain sections, like the comics and crosswords, were missing. Lastly, every so often an ad would take over the screen (though this may only happen during the “free trial”)

I am looking forward to the day when the Houston Chronicle is available via this app. In the meantime, I may just end up subscribing to the SF Chronicle, because yes, this app is That. Darned. Good.

Boss HAAUG...

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requiring an electronic BBS system. As I stated before, we are in the beginning of this process. The suggested changes will be published in future issues of the Apple Barrel, and the Board will always accept input from the membership

Next month we will learn about alternatives to cable TV. The month after that will be the July edition of the HAAUG swap meet. It is time to look in the closet and find those items that could be turned into cash. Remember any technology older than five years is a candidate for a museum. So what you bring should be something that folks will buy. [Go to haaug.org to reserve a table](http://haaug.org). Remember: someone may have that something that you need, so you need to attend.

Upcoming Events

Houston Area Apple Users Group 2010 Officers and Directors

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Doug Smith

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

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

Saturday, August 20th, 2011

To Be Announced

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.

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

www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

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June 2011 Event 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: News Ways to watch TV	
1 p.m.	Clean-up	Board of Directors meeting; followed by social time, and lunch

Main Presentation: Learn about ways to watch and record HDTV on your Mac, iPad, and other devices using Apple TV, eyeTV, and your Internet browser.

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

iOS: Doug Smith - iPad, iPhone and the apps that make our lives better.

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

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

Houston area recycling centers:

Environmental Service Center

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

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QuickTip



Whether you are an IT admin or a vigilant home user who wants to know when the Safe Downloads list (used with Safari) was last updated, here's the Terminal command to do that.

Date and Time (GMT):

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defaults read /System/Library/
CoreServices/
CoreTypes.bundle/Contents/
Resources/XProtect.meta
LastModification
```

Version Number:

```
defaults read /System/Library/
CoreServices/
CoreTypes.bundle/Contents/
Resources/XProtect.meta
Version
```

[**crarko adds:** I tested this, and it works as described. I always turn off the 'Open safe files after downloading' setting in Safari on any machine I use, but this is good info to know.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20110602091032338>

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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

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, 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.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 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.

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If you ever do, that is.