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OS X 10.7 Lion: First-Hand Experiences

Saturday, November 19th

Are you still on the fence, undecided about upgrading to OS 10.7 "Lion"? Are you looking for lessons learned from someone who has already gone there?

Dwight Silverman, columnist and tech blogger for the Houston Chronicle, will be giving us the benefit of his first-hand experience with Apple's latest edition of the Mac OS.

The SIGs will start at 9am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:15. We'll see you there on the 19th!

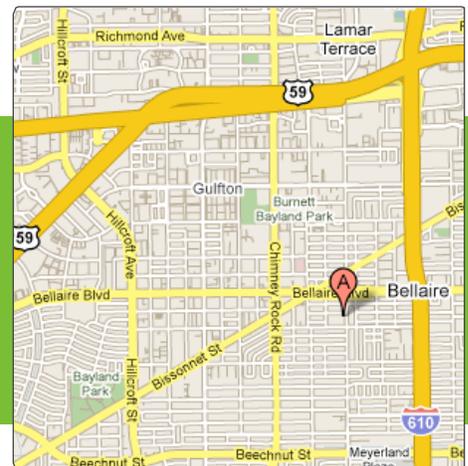


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Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue
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Just outside Loop 610 and south of Bellaire Blvd.



Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



October was both a triumphant and a sad month for Apple. It announced and released the iPhone 4S along with a new version of iOS, it launched iCloud, and reported record earnings. Apple also suffered the loss of Steve Jobs, the guiding force of the company. I would like to thank everyone at the October meeting who signed the card for Mr. Jobs' family. If you have a chance, be sure and watch the Celebration of Steve's Life that Apple produced for the employees. It was an excellent way to highlight the achievements of Steve Jobs.

As I mentioned above, Apple reported its fiscal 4th quarter results last month. "The Company posted quarterly revenue of \$28.27 billion and quarterly net profit of \$6.62 billion, or \$7.05 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$20.34 billion and net quarterly profit of \$4.31 billion, or \$4.64 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter." Anyway you look at it, that is a lot of money. There was some disappointment from the analyst community that Apple did not break their (the analysts) estimates on results, even though the quarter did exceed the guidance that Apple gave at the last quarterly report.

Apple reported sales of:

- 17.07 million iPhones;
- 11.12 million iPads;
- 4.89 million Macintosh computer systems; and
- 6.62 million iPods

All but the iPods showed sales increases from the fourth quarter of last year.

I want to thank the members who were in attendance at the October meeting for approving the changes to the club's By-Laws. I feel that these changes will help with the running of the organization in the future. At the October Board meeting the budget committee presented the 2012 budget to the board. After some good questions and explanations the board voted to present the budget to the members in December for their approval. As usual the budget committee was very conservative on the revenue projections. Although we can always use increased revenue from new members, for the last three years the club has benefited from reductions in our internet/communications and meeting costs. These cost savings have resulted in the club having a surplus.

At the November meeting, Houston Chronicle technology columnist Dwight Silverman will present his thoughts on OSX 10.7 Lion. Apples new cat has many changes that have even long term users scratching their heads. For my part, I had an easy time upgrading to Lion, but upgrading to iOS 5 was a long painful process. For a time I thought that I had a bricked phone, but it did make it back and is working fine.

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The òlloclip Lens System for iPhone 4/4S

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

It is often said that “the best camera is the one you carry with you.”

Given how many people are carrying their iPhone with them, and given that the iPhone 4 is the most popular camera on Flickr (and, even more surprising, the iPhone and iPod Touch models comprise 4 out of 5 most popular camera phones), it is apparent that the iPhone is the camera of choice for many.

And, why shouldn't it be? The camera in the iPhone 4 is quite capable (and the one in the iPhone 4S is reportedly even more so), it can capture both still photos and video clips, and if you need (or want) special effects/features not provided by the basic camera, in many cases “there's an app for that"! And, with iOS 5, the “Volume Up” button takes on the additional function of a shutter button!

One thing it's hard to create an app for, however, is an attachable lens. And, like many of its point-and-shoot cousins, the iPhone has mostly been limited to the lens that came with the device. This was especially true for the iPhone 4, which has a smooth glass faceplate over the lens which doesn't lend itself to mounting additional hardware.

Enter the [òlloclip](#).

The brainchild of Patrick O'Neill, the òlloclip was made possible thanks to crowd-sourced funding through [Kickstarter](#). It is a small clip-on attachment that fits over the corner of the iPhone 4 or 4S, and sits on top of the rear-facing camera. It is actually three lenses in one package, containing a fisheye, a wide angle, and a macro lens (the macro lens is exposed by unscrewing the wide angle lens from the mount.) It comes in red and black (there is no other difference between the two), and a lens cap is provided for each end.

Attaching the òlloclip is very simple to do. First, remove the iPhone from the case (the makers couldn't ensure the attachment would work properly with the large number of cases on the market, so they chose to size it to make a snug fit over the iPhone without a case. This really makes sense, as the thickness of the case would throw off the calculations needed to make the lens focus properly.) Then, power the iPhone on (the attachment covers the power switch), slide the òlloclip over the corner, with the lens desired on top of the built-in rearward facing lens. Then, remove the lens cap, fire up your favorite camera app, and snap away!

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QuickTip

When using screen sharing in Lion if another user is logged into your computer you will be asked if you want to run a 'virtual display' with your desktop.



[crarko adds: This was one of the features of Lion I was all excited about, and haven't actually had much chance to work with it. I wonder if the virtual display is treated as a Space owned by the other user. Have any of you worked with this much, and if so, what do you see with performance when multiple users are logged in?]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20111031205901260>



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The screenshot displays the HAAUG Heaven II forum interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the HAAUG logo and the text "mac + houston Houston Area Apple Users Group Members Helping Members since 1978". Below this, the main heading is "HAAUG Heaven II Forums for HAAUG members to post information and questions related to our User Group and Apple computers." There are links for FAQ, Search, Memberlist, Usergroups, Register, Profile, and Log in.

The main content area features a "HAAUG Heaven II Forum Index" table with columns for Forum, Topics, Posts, and Last Post. The table lists several forum categories:

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Houston Area Apple Users Group			
READ ME FIRST!! *How-To* instructions for HAAUG Members to register for forum access.	1	2	Sun Jul 16, 2006 7:21 pm Robert Lacey
HAAUG EVENTS This is an area for registered members to post information related to upcoming events hosted by HAAUG.	3	3	Fri Sep 15, 2006 11:45 pm Tamara Lewis
ANNOUNCEMENTS The area to post announcements about HAAUG or anything Apple related.	2	2	Wed Jan 10, 2007 7:46 am Joe Muscare
MEMBERSHIP Post information or questions related to HAAUG membership. Registering on these Forums is limited to members of the Houston Area Apple Users Group.	2	2	Sun Oct 16, 2005 9:43 am Robert Lacey
SOS Need help? Post your requests for assistance here with as much information as you can provide about your OS, hardware and software.	12	36	Wed Feb 07, 2007 10:54 pm Jack Reiter
CLASSIFIEDS Post hardware/software items that you have For Sale or make a request for Items Wanted. Spam posts will be deleted cheerfully.	6	8	Thu Nov 23, 2006 4:19 am Robert Lacey
INTERESTING WEBSITES Please use this forum to post URL's to websites that you have found to be interesting and/or useful. A brief description would be helpful.	4	4	Thu Aug 03, 2006 4:07 pm Joe Muscare

Below the index table is a "Who is Online" section showing statistics: 122 articles posted, 36 registered users, and 1 user online. At the bottom, there is a "Log in" form with fields for Username and Password, and a "Log in" button.

NOTE: You must be a current registered HAAUG member to use these discounts.

Classifieds

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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

In previous versions of iOS whenever you looked at an SMS conversation the keyboard would obscure half the screen, and the only way to get it to disappear was to go to another conversation you hadn't responded to for awhile and then back into the one you wanted to read.

In iOS 5 all you have to do is drag the message down so that when your finger drags into the keyboard, the keyboard will drop out of the way.

[carko adds: I've confirmed the new behavior, but I don't recall how 4.3 handled this. It certainly does seem a more intelligent method than the other.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20110809061451178>

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, September 17, 2011

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

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

Call to order: 1:23 p.m. by President Philip Booth, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

General Announcements: Philip Booth thanked those who helped set up yesterday afternoon for today's General Meeting and who arranged for speaker for the Main Presentation.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Open: The minutes of the board meeting held on August 20, 2011, were unanimously approved as submitted to the board.

Treasurer – Clair Jaschke: Clair Jaschke submitted written financial reports for August 2011 to the board. As of the end of last month, HAAUG had \$11,013.63 in its bank account. The financial reports were unanimously approved as submitted to the board. Clair announced that the financial records for 2009 and 2010 are ready to be audited. The board thanked Clair for all of her work in updating HAAUG's financial records so that monthly financial reports can be prepared.

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

2011

October 15: Final Cut Pro X (presented by Phil Booth)

November 19: Digital Camera Update (presented by Reagan Atkinson)

December 17: Cutting the Cable, New Ways To Watch TV, Part 2

2012

January 21: Semi-Annual Swap Meet (no presentation)

February 18: The State of Apple (presented by Bob LeVitus)

Ed Truitt will confirm the availability of Reagan Atkinson for the November General Meeting.

2nd Vice President Facilities – Doug Smith: Next week Phil Booth will pay rent for the meeting space for the remainder of the year and will confirm that the space is reserved for the third Saturdays of each month for each month next year. Phil has paid the charge for the use of the remote control to the overhead projector at Bellaire Civic Center for the rest of this year.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 176 members at the end of August 2011, a decline of two members from July 2011. HAAUG had 195 members at the end of August 2010. No new members joined last month, but one lapsed member renewed. In addition, there were five early renewals and one two-year renewal.

SIG Coordinator – Open: Rick Roberts reported that the Digital Photography SIG is interested in having members' photographs displayed at the General Meetings. After discussion, the board decided to have photographs submitted by members displayed on a monitor in the lobby area on a trial basis. Greg Wright reported that iOS programming group meets on Tuesday evenings at the Houston Technology Center. The leader of the group is interested in establishing a connection with HAAUG. Greg will explore having members of the group make a presentation at one of HAAUG's meetings. The board then discussed starting a new SIG to help members migrate to Mac OS X Lion. Phil Booth expressed an interest in leading the SIG.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: Ed would like articles for the October Apple Barrel no later than Saturday, October 1. He will publish the PDF from the Main Presentation at today's meeting in next month's newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision of the HAAUG By-Laws: David Jaschke submitted the final revised By-Laws to the board. The board approved unanimously them as submitted. The provisions of the By-Laws that are being changed will be published in the October Apple Barrel and

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submitted to the membership for adoption at the next month's General Meeting. If adopted by the membership, the revised By-Laws will govern the election of officers in December 2011 and be effective January 1, 2012.

Website Revision: Ed reported that Tamara Alexander has a mockup of the new website. He will continue to work with her and keep the board informed of progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

HAAUG Night at the Aeros: Phil Booth reported the Aeros contacted him about the possibility of holding a HAAUG night at one of its games. Phil will get the details of the proposal and report to the board.

Sponsorship Offer from Techbargains.com: Phil Booth reported that Techbargains.com has inquired

about a sponsorship on HAAUG's website and newsletter. After discussion, the board approved offering a sponsorship to Techbargains.com at \$500 per year.

Budget Committee: Phil Booth, Greg Wright, and Clair Jaschke will serve as the members of the Budget Committee and will prepare a budget for 2012 to be submitted to the membership at the December General Meeting.

Audit Committee: Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Mike King, and Greg Wright will serve as members of the Audit Committee for the audit of the 2009 and 2010 financial records.

Adjourned: 2:33 p.m.

The ölloclip...

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How does it work? I really, really like it. My favorite lens in the fisheye, and I have used it to make some very artistic images. I have also used the macro lens, although in order to take proper advantage of it, I will need a small tripod with a head that will hold the iPhone.

So, if you want something more flexible than your iPhone 4/4S, but your Christmas budget won't allow for a new camera, this may be a cost-effective solution. The ölloclip costs \$69.99, and can be ordered from the ölloclip website at <http://olloclip.com/Webstore/Order.html>.

Boss HAAUG...

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I have not dived in to all of the features of the new iOS, I was just glad that I had a working phone.

Please remember that we are looking for folks to run for positions on the board. Please see either David Jaschke or me if you have an interest in running for a position on the Board.

Board meetings are held after the main meeting, and all members are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

Houston Area Apple Users Group 2010 Officers and Directors

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Greg Wright

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Saturday, December 19th, 2011

Panel Discussion: Digital Photography

HAAUG's resident photo experts discuss current trends, and answer your questions.

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

Saturday, January 21st, 2012

Semi-Annual Swap Meet

Bring your gently-used tech stuff to sell or swap, and while you're at it you might find something you can't do without!

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

Saturday, February 18th, 2012

Bob Levitus presents "The State of Apple"

Our favorite local Mac personality will visit us to give his annual "State of Apple" address.

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 2011 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	The Lion's Den	iOS
10 a.m.	Mac 101	Digital Photography
11 a.m.	Club Business	
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: First-hand experience with OS X Lion by Dwight Silverman	
1 p.m.	Clean-up	Board of Directors meeting; followed by social time, and lunch

Main Presentation: Dwight Silverman tell us about his first-hand experiences with OS X 10.7 "Lion".

The Lion's Den: Phil Booth - Our newest SIG, focusing on Apple's newest cat.

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

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.

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.

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QuickTip

This may not be so much a hint as a caveat.



I was thrilled to discover iOS 5.0 now allows repeating reminders until I discovered that while the iOS software (such as that on the iPad) allows repeating reminders, iCal and iCloud still DO NOT.

So, if you create a repeating reminder you need to make sure you check it off on your iOS device and NOT on iCloud or iCal -- doing so checks off the task and removes it. Checking it off on the iOS device marks it as done for that day and then automatically creates the task again at the specified repeat interval.

[**crarko adds:** I haven't tested this one. The hint submitter didn't mention the version of iCal being used, so if that makes any difference please note so in the comments. I'm certainly willing to believe iCloud is still undergoing improvement, and maybe this is an issue which will be corrected.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20111024164328489>

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QuickTip

One of the benefits of iCloud is that your photos will automatically be synchronized from your iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad to your other supported and associated devices.

However, what if you don't want a photo automatically synched when you take it? For example, you might want to make some adjustments to the image before making it available on your other devices, where others might see it.

You can do this easily, by taking the photo in an app like Camera+.

When you take the photo in Camera+, the image is stored in the app's internal data store ("light table"). It won't be written to the camera roll until/unless you save it from within the app. This will keep iCloud from synching it, until you are ready.

Join by Mail:

Please fill out and complete the following form. Send a check or money order payable to HAAUG and mail it to the address shown below. First year dues are \$45 and renewals are \$40 per year thereafter. Memberships are available for full-time students at \$25 per year, including the first year. Associate memberships are also available for \$25 per year.

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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, 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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Review: IK Multimedia's iKlip and iKlip mini

Doug Smith, tadsmith@swbell.net

Most musicians are mixing music and tech these days, adding apps to their iPhones and iPads to enhance practice time and on stage performance. Having a free hand to keep these tech toys in reach is impossible, or is it? Here are two extra hand options.

IK Multimedia offers the iKlip and the iKlip mini to secure an iPad, iPhone or iPod touch to the mic stand, keeping lyrics, music or effect options right where you need them. The iKlip mini comes with the option of mounting the iRig securely, providing a cleaner installation of cabling on stage. Both securely hold an iPad or iPhone and offer 360 degree rotation so the view is up to you.

Music, lyrics, teleprompter, effects, whatever you need on stage are there. Both list for \$39.99, (under \$35 on Amazon.com at the time I wrote this article) and are worth much more.



Check out all the details and other product offerings at <http://www.ikmultimedia.com/>

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