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Apple Insights

with Chris Breen

Saturday, October 19

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 am - 1 pm



Saturday, October 19th

Once again, HAAUG is pleased to have Chris Breen, Sr. Editor of *Macworld*, share his insights into things Apple.

Chris has covered technology and media since the latter days of the Reagan Administration. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, he's a professional musician in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This month is also the 35th anniversary of the formation of HAAUG. Join us as we celebrate with refreshments and special door prizes!

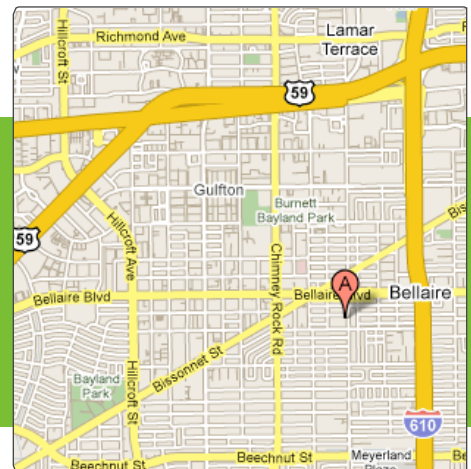
The SIGs start at 9am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:15. We'll see you there on the 19th!

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



Apple hit a trifecta in September with the release of 1) new iPhones; 2) iOS 7, and; 3) an update to the iMac line with new processors. This is not bad for a company that many in the tech and business press seem to think is on its last legs. My advice to you is to not click on headlines that start out with “Steve Jobs’ Apple would / wouldn’t ...”, as all the author is looking for are page views.

There are some media pundits who think that Apple could build some kind of wearable device and create a new market, or produce televisions and shake up the display market. When these products are not announced, they cry out that Apple isn’t innovating any more.

Please don’t let the secret out, but Apple sold 9 million iPhones (5c and 5s) the weekend of release. All the reviews of the new phones have been positive. The reviews of iOS 7 are a mixed bag with some people liking the new OS and others... not so much. I installed it on my iPad and I have mixed feelings about the new look and feel of iOS 7. It will take some time for us to get used to the new look and feel.

Apple should release the new Mac Pro and OSX 10.9 (Mavericks) some time this month. I would expect an updated iPad for the holiday season also. The rumor mills have been quiet and Apple has had its hands full the launch of the new iPhones. But Apple should update the iPad with the new A7 chip, and also put the M7 in the iPad also. I believe that October was the month that the iPad 3 was launched.

Thanks again to Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange for giving us information on what’s new in Photography. The holidays are starting this month so there will be plenty of opportunity for picture taking. Start gathering your gear together.

At the meeting on October 19th, the Houston Area Apple Users Group will celebrate our 35th anniversary. We have Chris Breen, Sr. Editor for Macworld, as our special guest. We will have special door prizes, and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a friend and/or an old HAAUG member. I think that it is amazing that HAAUG has been together as long as Apple has been incorporated.

The function of user groups before the Internet was to provide information in the form of presentations from software/hardware vendors; answers to questions about the computer; and software. Yes, much of this information could be found in the manual; but it could be a hard to locate the exact answer in an inches thick tome. User groups developed bulletin board systems (BBS) that allowed questions to be answered and software to be downloaded away from the meeting, foreshadowing the Internet. This is how we got Apple OS Updates: you
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It looks like breaches and leakages are once again in the news:

- Back in August, the New York Times, HuffPo, and Twitter Images sites were taken offline when their registrar (Melbourne IT, now part of CSC) was [breached via a spear phish](#), and the DNS records were altered.
- Another DNS hijack, targeting Network Solutions, affected several sites, including that of anti-virus vendor AVG. This breach is particularly concerning, as it points out a serious Achilles Heel in the automatic updating mechanism used by many software vendors: their dependence on a proper, functioning DNS to connect the clients to the software update sites.
- Also in October, Adobe Systems revealed that [information on up to 2.9 million of their customers may have been stolen](#). Emails went out to those customers whose user ids and passwords were accessed, advising the users to reset their password. Adobe is working with banks to address issues related to the theft of credit card information. In addition, source code to some of their software products was stolen, and Adobe continues to cooperate with law enforcement investigations.
- Last, but not least: if you think that brick and mortar stores are immune from cyber attacks, think again. At a Nordstrom store in Florida, suspicious behavior caught on store cameras [leads to the discovery of skimming devices planted on several of the registers](#). Skimmers allow thieves to collect credit/debit card information, which they can later use to create fake cards or make fraudulent purchases online.

What do all these have in common? It doesn't matter if you use a Mac or PC, OS X or Windows or even Linux: if you patronize these companies, you may have been affected. Which A/V you use (if any) won't help you when a DNS hijack directs you to a site other than the one you intend to visit. Staying away from the dregs of the Internet won't protect your credit card information from thieves that steal the data from those you do business with, whether that theft is accomplished online or by altering the point-of-sale device.

In other words, in life there is no guaranteed safety.

Of course, this doesn't mean there aren't things we can do to try and lower the risks. Among those things are:

1. Use a different password on each and every site where you have an account. While remembering so many passwords might seem like an

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QuickTip

iOS 6 introduced Do Not Disturb, but [some of us](#) were annoyed by its implementation: Though the feature silenced iOS notification sounds while your iPhone or iPad were sleeping, those noises still blasted out when the device was in use. If that's not what you want to have happen, iOS 7 has the solution.



Armed with this hint, Do Not Disturb will empower you to use your iOS device in a room with sleeping people, or in a meeting where you're supposed to be paying attention, without fear that a bleep or bloop will bother those around you.

Head over to the Settings app, and tap on Do Not Disturb. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen, and set Silence to Always, instead of Only While iPhone Is Locked. From now on, Do Not Disturb works regardless of whether your iPhone is awake and in use, whenever the mode is enabled.

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20130923062214439>

We're Having a Party!

HAAUG is celebrating its 35th
Anniversary this month!

Come join us as we celebrate!



Refreshments will be provided!

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, August 17, 2013

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Greg Wright, Mike Epstein, Mike King

Guests: Rick Roberts, Doug Smith

Absent: Ed Truitt, Jack Adair

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 12:17 PM following the conclusion of the August General Meeting, with a quorum of the voting members being present.

General Announcements: Clair Jaschke took the meeting minutes this month in Jack Adair's absence.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary – Clair Jaschke (for Jack Adair): The minutes for July 2013 were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair presented the financial reports for July 2013. Our checking account balance as of the end of July was \$10,739.74, and we have \$5,012.52 in our certificate of deposit, which has earned \$0.66 interest thus far. The interest rate on the CD was 0.25% during the first year, but is only 0.05% since the renewal. Perhaps we can get more if we discuss with the bank.

Clair had a discussion with Jeff Davis regarding checks paid to MacExperts through the bank. He has to cash these checks with 90 days or the bank returns the money to us. There was also a "release" problem with automatic payments, so checks will be paid through the bank but on a non-automatic basis.

Vice President - Greg Wright: Greg reported the following status for upcoming presentations:

- Saturday, September 21: Reagan Atkinson from Houston Camera Exchange is confirmed
- Saturday, October 19: Chris Breen from Macworld is confirmed
- Saturday, November 16: Dreux St. Marie of Apple is pending
- Saturday, December 14: Doug Smith is confirmed (Holiday shopping special)
- Saturday, January 18, 2014: Semi-annual Swap Meet
- Saturday, February 15, 2014: Assume Bob LeVitus (Dr. Mac) for now, although he may move based on the date of Macworld Expo (March or April)

Regarding SIGs, Greg reported that we may have a new SIG for sight-impaired folks, which Michael McCulloch would do.

Greg also indicated that we need more members to help with programs.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of July with 166 members, which is down from June by one member, and down thirteen members from July 31, 2012. We had eight transactions this month.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt: Ed was absent this month. The first Saturday of September will be the deadline for submission for the September Apple Barrel. The August Apple Barrel has been published.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

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Minutes...

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- The Audit Committee report has not yet been written
- Bob Lewis is threatening "action" against HAAUG. This information was relayed from Jeff Davis to Clair Jaschke, who reported the same.

Adjournment: At 12:35 PM.

Boss HAAUG...

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downloaded them from HAAUG Heaven, or came to a meeting and had a disk copied. You also came to a meeting to be with friends that had many of the same interests as you. You wanted to learn how this new tool could make your life easier.

From an offshoot of the amateur radio club to our present group it was a great ride. Yes, we have had larger memberships, but we are still here. Back in the 90's Apple itself could have ended. The Macintosh would have been like the Commodore Amiga: a fringe computer.

For a long time, that is what many people thought of the Mac. Sometimes I wish that we were still the lunatic fringe, so that when we meet fellow users we would have the secret handshake because we use a Mac. Now everyone uses a Mac, or iOS device: we aren't considered the "cool kids" anymore.

Please put October 19th on your calendar, and come to HAAUG's 35th Anniversary meeting.

Security Beat...

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- impossibility, it is a snap when you use a password manager (like LastPass or 1Password.)
2. If you can, use a separate, unpublished email address for password resets.
 3. Check your bank and credit card statements every month, and keep an eye out for unexpected charges (one of the things that these banking apps are really good for.)
 4. Keep an eye on the news! Between TV, the Web, news apps, and those little screens in elevators (to say nothing of radio and newspapers), it is almost impossible to avoid hearing about what is going on these days. Since "cyber" stuff is very much in the eye of the news media, it is very likely that you will know what is happening soon after it happens.

Till next month: keep 'em safe!

Got Questions?

If so, please send them in to abe@haaug.org.

Upcoming Events

Houston Area Apple Users Group 2013 Officers and Directors

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Phil Booth

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Greg Wright

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David Jaschke

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Ed Truitt

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Michael King

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Saturday, November 16th, 2013

To Be Announced

We have something really special being planned - stay tuned for further details!

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

Saturday, December 14th, 2013

Holiday Shopping Special

HAAUG member Doug Smith reveals his secrets as to where to find those last-minute holiday items.

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

Saturday, January 18th, 2014

Semi-annual SwapMeet

Time to clear out the closet, or do some post-holiday shopping for gently-used Apple and related tech goodies.

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...

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October 2013 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	iOS	Mac One-on-One
10 a.m.		Digital Photography	
11 a.m.	Club Business		
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: 35th Anniversary Celebration + Apple Insights with Chris Breen		
1 p.m.	Clean-up, followed by social time/lunch		

Main Presentation: 35th Anniversary Celebration + Apple Insights - Chris Breen (Sr. Editor with *Macworld*) gives us his insights into the current goings-on at Apple. And, HAAUG celebrates its 35th anniversary!

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

iOS: Rick Roberts - iPad, iPhone and the apps that make our lives better.

Digital Photography: Ed Truitt – I'll bring in my new Lytro light field camera, and we can discuss: just another fad, or the future of photography?

Mac One-to-One - Our newest SIG, focusing on personalized help with questions and problems.

Ad hoc: Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence.

Got Junk?

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QuickTip



Do you love TextEdit for its simplicity and elegance? Have you ever thought that it'd be great to use it in full screen mode? Here's how to achieve that. Apple has released TextEdit's source code as an example of an Xcode project; with Xcode installed, you'll be able to manufacture a version of TextEdit with full screen support.

Open TextEdit.xcodeproj and on the left, find the Interfaces folder and select the file DocumentWindow. Then, select the window; make sure you select the window itself and not one of the objects contained in it. On the right, you can see the different inspectors Xcode provides. You'll want to select the fourth, the Attributes inspector. There are a lot of changeable attributes of the window available, but what we're interested in is the full screen support. Change that to "Primary Window". Build and run the application. Presto, you have full screen support!

To get the finished, executable application, locate "TextEdit.app" in the folder "products"; right click on it and "Show in Finder". You can move or copy it to a place of your choice - you might wanna keep the original TextEdit application, just to be safe though.

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20130929062141742>

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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, raffles, and much, much more. SwapMeets are held twice each year, in January and July.

Social Media & Internet Presence

The HAAUG web site at <http://www.haaug.org> is the place to go for up-to-date information on what we are doing. In addition, there is [a HAAUG group on Facebook](#), where people can go to interact with fellow HAAUG members on topics of interest related to Apple and its products.

Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel, which is available to members on the HAAUG web site in Adobe PDF 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, e-mail, or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, 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 200 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.

Reviewers Wanted!

Ed Truitt, Media & Communications Dir.

Do you like to read technical books? Do you fancy yourself a literary critic? Do you like to share your opinions with others? Why am I asking all these questions?

If your answer to most of the questions above is "Yes", then we have something for you: several publishers (including O'Reilly and Wiley) make copies of their book available, at no charge, for review. We are always looking for member-written content for the Apple Barrel, and your book review, published in the HAAUG newsletter, will satisfy both needs.

If you are interested, please see me at the meeting, or email me at abe@haaug.org.

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Review (of sorts): New Trent iCarrier 12000mAh Portable Dual USB Port External Battery Charger/Power Pack

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

Update: Last month, I wrote about my *second* impressions of the Macbook Air Lock and Security Skin Bundle. I promised to let you know how it went: early this month, I decided that it had to go. The cracks had grown, and were becoming a hazard for getting a cut on skin (mine, not the Macbook Air's.) I tried to remove the skin, but two of the screws wouldn't budge, so I took the Air to TechOne Centre in the Downtown Tunnel System, where they helped me get the screws out, and they even sold me an [Incipio Feather](#) ultralight hardshell case. So far, I like it: keep an eye on this space for a review down the road.



New Trent iCarrier
12000mAh Portable Dual
USB Port External Battery
Charger/Power Pack
(photo by Ed Truitt)

Now, on to something new. Our electronic gadgetry is becoming more and more essential to our existence (I know, [#FirstWorldProblems](#)), and it is *No Fun* discovering that your iPhone's battery is about drained, and you don't have a plug close by. So, when I heard that New Trent had a portable battery charger/power pack with dual USB ports *and* a 12000 mHh capacity, I decided that "I have got to get me one of those."

The specs are pretty impressive: capacity of 12000 mAh @ 3.7V. Two USB outputs rated for 5V @ 3.1A (max). It will charge an iPhone and an iPad at the same time.

For the most part, it has performed admirably. I have charged my iPads (3rd gen and Mini), my iPhone 5, and several other items with it (including my new supervisor's smartphone, when he discovered he had left his charger at home one day.) The battery has held up well, and I have only had to recharge it once, doing so overnight.

I do have one minor quibble with the iCarrier, however. Among my gadgetry is a Jawbone UP wristband, and I have come to the realization that I **cannot** charge this device alone. I don't know if this is due to something in the UP, or if the iCarrier doesn't recognize there is anything attached when the UP is hooked up by itself. However, hooking up my iPhone solves the problem, and my iPhone can always use a recharge.

The New Trent iCarrier IMP120D lists for almost \$100, but I have seen it on sale at Amazon.com for less than \$40, making it very reasonably priced.