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Joint Meeting



HAAUG & TMC MUG Saturday, November 16th

A lot has happened in Apple-land these past few months.

Join members from HAAUG and TMC MUG as we hear about the latest products releases, including OS X 10.9 "Mavericks" and iOS 7. HAAUG is hosting a joint meeting with TMC MUG this month, and Dreux Ste. Marie will be the main speaker.

The SIGs start at 9am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:15.
We'll see you there on the 16th!



P.O. Box 570957
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



I hope that everyone had a great time at last month's meeting. It is rare today for an organization like ours to last as long as it has. Clair and David Jaschke arranged for the cakes and Halloween candy. Thanks to Chris Breen for making the trip to Houston. I also want to thank the Board for authorizing the expenditure for the special door prizes.

This past month brought lots of news about our favorite fruit company: new OS X, new Macs, and new iPads. The company recorded a "quarterly revenue of \$37.5 billion and quarterly net profit of \$7.5 billion, or \$8.26 per diluted share." This translates to "Apple will probably be around for awhile."

I installed iOS 7 on my iPad, and I like many people I found the new graphics a little jarring. I have yet to move my phone over to the new version of iOS. I will eventually, but I have to say that I like the look of the old version more than the new version.

I did install 10.9 Mavericks: I am still test driving the new Mac OS, but since there are not too many changes to the look and feel, the transition to this version was not as difficult as going to 10.8. My skimming of the tech press say that there are some problems with the Mail app, that it does not play well with G-mail and has some bugs. Apple is now giving Pages, Keynote and Numbers away with new computers. People who own the iWork suite can get the new apps for free. There are reports that some of the functionality in those applications have been stripped out. If you use any of the iWork apps on a regular basis be careful about upgrading and converting to the new file format as it is not backward compatible. *(Ed note: I learned this the hard way. See the second "Quick Tip" for the gory details and a workaround.)*

We will be soliciting nominations for the Board of Directors at the November meeting. I hope that you will consider volunteering to take a position on the Board. If asking nicely will not get you to volunteer, let me try the public radio method. You've been a member for a long time, you've been coming to meetings for a long time: isn't it time to take the next step and volunteer? We really need fresh talent in our leadership positions.



“♪ ‘Tis the season for thieves to get busy...”

Yes, I know it isn't even Thanksgiving yet. But, since the merchants (both online and brick-and-mortar) are ramping up their holiday seasonal activities earlier, the scammers are sure to follow suit. Besides the holiday-themed confidence games/thefts that are on the way, we should also expect to see activities related to two other recent events:

1. “Super” Typhoon Haiyan, which slammed into the Philippines early in November, causing extensive damage and loss of life estimated in the thousands. Expect to see “charitable” sites pop up to solicit donations: the best way to avoid getting scammed is to route your donations through well-known, reputable agencies like the Red Cross.
2. The “Obamacare” web site at www.healthcare.gov opened up to much fanfare last month, which quickly turned into the latest stereotypical example of governmental ineptitude, as the site was completely overwhelmed and experienced multiple meltdowns, with resulting Congressional fault-finding missions eating up hours and hours of programming on CSPAN. Expect to see sites pop up that offer to help you wade through the ACA sign-up process, “for a fee” (of course), as well as fly-by-night “insurers” who will try and take your hard-earned cash in exchange for a worthless “policy”. Again, the key to protecting yourself is making sure you do business with reputable firms, always remembering that “if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.”

Here are several tips to help you get through this time of the year safely:

1. When shopping, be aware of what is going on around you. Bad guys have been known to follow people out of stores, then attack them/steal their stuff as they get to their cars and are busy fumbling with their keys. If you have concerns, ask the security guard for an escort to your car: many shopping malls will oblige.
2. If you are storing stuff in your car, keep it out of sight: packages openly displayed are a serious attractant to thieves.
3. When shopping online, make sure the site you are doing business is the one you think you are at: check for the “https://” prefix on the URL, or the “lock” symbol in the browser bar. Of course, you should also make sure that you conduct business with reputable vendors, and avoid the dodgy

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QuickTip

Looks like Mavericks 10.9 has changed the behavior for adding application/document shortcuts to the Finder toolbar.



Where before you could simply drag any icon up to the Finder toolbar and hold it there for a second to add it, you now need to first hold down Option +Command and then start dragging the desired icon to the toolbar.

You can still remove the icons the same way as before: holding down Command, dragging the icon away from the toolbar and then releasing.

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20131025093452688>

Celebrating 35 Years!

Many thanks to David Jaschke for taking these photos of HAAUG's October meeting, featuring Chris Breen from *Macworld* as well as HAAUG's 35th anniversary celebration!



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

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Dimensions: 3.5" x 2"

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, September 21, 2013

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Jack Adair

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 12:20 PM following the conclusion of the September General Meeting.

General Announcements: Reagan Atkinson's presentation was very well received. Phil indicated that he needed to E-mail Maya Young, the presenter from Smile Software at our August meeting, with thanks for an excellent presentation during August.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary - Jack Adair: Since we did not have a quorum present at the meeting, the amended minutes of the August meeting will be sent out to the board with a recommendation for approval. Jack Adair will count the votes.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair presented the financial reports for August 2013. Our checking account balance as of the end of August was \$10,815.22, and we have our \$5,012.52 in our certificate of deposit. All the bills and paid and the checks are deposited.

Vice President - Greg Wright: Greg was absent this month but did submit a report, as follows:

HAAUG – Programming Lineup and Ideas

Date	Topic	Presenter	Confirmed?	Action Items/Who Responsible
21-Sep-13	Photo Equipment Roundup	Reagan Atkinson	Yes	Ed Truitt following up

19-Oct-13	Chris Breen	Chris Breen	Yes	Doug/Greg to follow up with arrangements
16-Nov-13	Dreux News (joint meeting with TMC MUG)	Dreux St. Marie	No	Phil following up with Jeff and TMC MUG.
14-Dec-13	Last Minute Holiday Shopping	Doug Smith	Yes	Doug
18-Jan-14	Swap Meet	Phil	Yes	Phil
15-Feb-14	State of the Mac/Apple	Bob LeVitus	Yes	Doug

Phil Booth indicated that he would assign follow-up responsibility for the November 16 joint meeting with TMC MUG back to Greg.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of August with 169 members, which is up three members from 166 at the end of July, and down 10 members from 179 as of August 31, 2012. We had four new members join and one lapsed renewal, along with four regular renewals (two 2-year renewals, two standard renewals) for a total of 9 transactions. We had 3 credit card and 3 KAGI transactions.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt: Ed was absent this month. Phil Booth reported that the first Saturday of October will be the deadline for submission for the October Apple Barrel.

OLD BUSINESS: The audit report is still outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS: Next month will be HAAUG's 35th anniversary meeting. We will be buying two cakes and some drinks. Phil will request a budget of \$150.00 for this activity. We will likely procure the cakes from Sam's Club. Dave and Clair Jaschke will do the design work for the cakes.

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Minutes...

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In October, we will announce that we will select candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors. In November, we will present the slate of candidates so far and accept nominations from the floor.

Jim Connell informed Dave that our Twitter account needs to be updated and the announcements for the hotline need to be updated. Twitter page has not been updated since July.

Adjournment: At 12:47 P.M.

Security Beat...

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sites that show up at this time of year, offering those "too good to be true" deals.

One last thing: several new smartphones have made their debut in the past several months, and you have probably seen (and nearly been run over by) folks whose head is buried in their phone and who are not paying attention to what is going on. Well, the bad guys have also noticed this, and they are engaged in what is called "smartphone mugging". Police departments are encouraging folks to keep their phones in their pockets - and don't forget the earbuds: using them while you are out and about means it is less likely you will hear what is going on around you, not to mention that the wires will point out the pocket where your phone is hidden.

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

President
Phil Booth

Vice President
Greg Wright

Secretary
Jack E Adair

Treasurer
Clair Jaschke

Membership Chairman
David Jaschke

Media & Communications
Ed Truitt

Director-at-Large 1
Michael Epstein

Director-at-Large 2
Michael King

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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

Saturday, February 15th, 2014

"State of Apple" with Bob LeVitus

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.

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

www.haaug.org/meetings/

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November 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.	Joint Meeting with TMC MUG: Apple Updates with Dreux Ste. Marie		
1 p.m.	Clean-up	Board of Directors meeting, followed by social time/lunch	

Main Presentation: Joint Meeting with TMC MUG, featuring Apple Updates with Dreux Ste. Marie. Hear about the latest product announcements, OS X “Mavericks”, iOS7, and more!

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?

Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

Houston area recycling centers:

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ONYX Environmental Services

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Houston Computer Recycler

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2102 Atascocita Road, Humble • 281-540-8900

Eagle Electronics

10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

QuickTip



After upgrading to OS X Mavericks, I upgraded to the new version of Pages, then discovered that certain features (such as linking text boxes, which I use extensively in the Apple Barrel) no longer work. This might have proven catastrophic (in a [#FirstWorldProblems](#) sort of way), except that Apple left me an out: the old version of Pages was still installed on the system!

To find it, open the "Applications" folder and then open the "iWork '09" folder, where the application resides. Launch it, then open your document (*note: any document created in the newest version of Pages can't be opened in older versions.*)

Because opening a Pages document in the newest version of Pages will immediately remove links between text boxes, I modified the document(s) so they will continue to be opened in the older version. To do this, select the file using Control-click, go to "Get Info", then select "Open with" and choose the iWork '09 version of Pages.

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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, 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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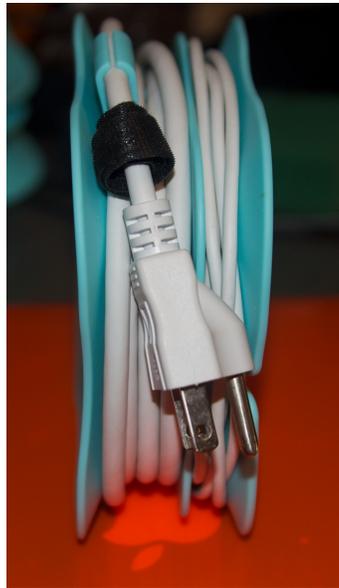
Review: Quirky Power Curl

Philip Booth

It's Quirky!



Quirky Power Curl (front, side view)



In the quest for better cable management, I spied a member sitting at one of the side tables with a strange device wrapped around his power supply. The Quirky Power Curl is a great way to manage your MacBook power supply's cables when you use the wall cord. The square power block sits in the middle of a set of tracks that will allow you to wrap the cords around the power supply. The package is 5 in x 5 in x 2 which safely and conveniently keeps the cords organized.

Quirky is a company that is a kind of collective where inventors/designers can suggest a product, and other members can vote to have it produced. The company sells through quirky.com, and I was told that the Power Curl is available at Micro Center.

I need to compliment Quirky on its customer service. I ordered the wrong size and contacted the company, and was sent a UPS return label. Wrong item returned, correct item sent back.

So if your MacBook power supply cords are in a giant snag in the bottom of your bag, think about a Quirky Power Curl.

Quirky Power Curl sizes for Apple MacBook Power supplies: 45 watts to 85 watts in gray and green.