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Semi-Annual

SwapMeet
Saturday, January 18
Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 am - 1 pm



Semi-Annual SwapMeet Saturday, January 18th

Got used Apple or other tech devices that need a new home?
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We will be holding the first meeting of the 2014 Board of Directors
after the SwapMeet, so be sure and be there!

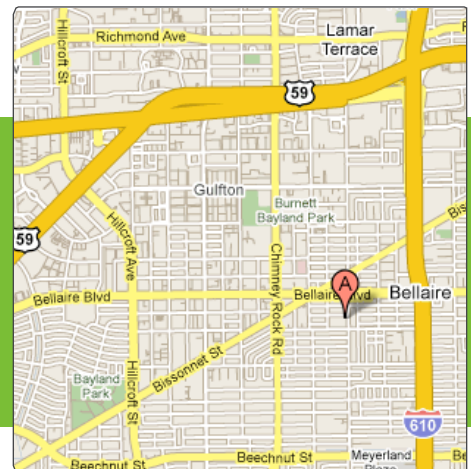
The SwapMeet starts at 9am and the Board meeting begins after
noon.

We'll see you there on the 18th!

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



Happy New Year!

2013 is history, and we are looking forward to 2014. For HAAUG, January will be the first of our two SwapMeets. Go to the HAAUG website and reserve your table. If you have gently used technology that is no longer useful to you, the SwapMeet is the perfect place to see if someone else can use it. February is our annual visit from 'Dr. Mac' Bob LeVitus. Author, musician, and raconteur; Bob is always entertaining. March we have author Joe Kissell, who writes for Macworld and has several "Take Control" books. His tentative topic is getting the most out of iCloud. The first quarter of the year is set, and we are looking for topics for the next few months afterwards.

Thanks go to the hard working Board members without whom HAAUG will not be the organization that it is. I also want to thank the folks who run the SIGs: they add to the meeting experience. The incoming Board is the same as last year and I thank everyone for sticking around.

Apple finally released the updated MacPro, and the reviews that I have read online have all been positive. The one negative will be the price for all that power: the base model is \$2999.00. But that gets you the computer: if you want more storage, you will be buying Thunderbolt drives. Apple is selling a high resolution monitor manufactured by Sharp for \$3595.00 if you want to take advantage of all it is capable of displaying. So it is not a impulse buy. But if you are doing Professional Video or Photography it might be a good investment.

If you received new Apple technology or any technology write up a review and submit it to the Apple Barrel. We are always looking pieces to run. Please consider writing an article this year.

If you were at the December meeting, you saw me demo my quad copter. Since then my flying skills are better, and I have shot several movies from it. I will be writing a review in an up coming issue of the Barrel. The short story is that it is a lot of fun.

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not reach into the room used for the board meetings. Rick suggested that we consider purchasing new projectors for the ancillary rooms used for the SIGs. Era Ford asked about the possibility of trying to accumulate surpluses to allow for purchases such as this.

Adjournment: At 1:48 P.M.

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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.

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, November 16, 2013

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

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

Guests: Era Ford, Jay Rysavy, Fred Gott, Joseph Sims, Rick Roberts

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 1:05 PM following the conclusion of the November General Meeting.

General Announcements: Sound system renovation at Bellaire Civic Center is complete. Phil will start looking at ways to interface our equipment with the new parts of this system.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary - Jack Adair: Minutes of the September meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair presented the financial reports for October 2013. Our checking account balance as of the end of October was \$9,736.83, and we have \$5,012.52 in our certificate of deposit. We had a few more expenses due to Chris Breen's travel expenses, quarterly rent, and annual post office box fee. All the bills and paid and the checks are deposited.

Vice President - Greg Wright:

Topics for upcoming meetings are:

- Saturday, December 14: Doug Smith (Holiday shopping special). Greg needs to confirm.

- Saturday, January 18: Semi-annual swap meet
- Saturday, February 15: Bob LeVitus (State of Apple)

Other possible presenters: Greg may sit down soon with Joe Muscara and try to knock out an entire year's schedule.

Phil indicated that we needed to come up with some more ideas for SIGs.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of October with 166 members, which is the same as the end of September, and down 10 members from 176 as of October 31, 2012. We had one student join and 10 renewals, three of which were for two years. Of the 11 transactions, we had 5 by credit card and 3 by KAGI.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt: Ed was absent this month. Phil reported that issues with our web service provider are still impacting him and some other members of the board. A.T. & T. is blocking E-mail since the server that is hosting our mailman service and our lists has another user or users who is sending out spam, which means we are getting put on a blacklist. Phil has investigated a service called Mail Chimps. Rick Roberts agreed to investigate possibilities and provide a 1-2 page report on Mail Chimps. Phil reported that the first Saturday of December would be the deadline for submission for the December Apple Barrel.

OLD BUSINESS: The audit report is still outstanding. No discussion was held.

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NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Budget

The budget committee met this morning to discuss the draft budget drawn up by Clair, and this budget was passed around for the board to look at. We feel that this is a good budget for next year; it shows a slight decrease in expected membership fees for next year designed to make the budget nearly a "zero balance" budget. The board will approve the budget in December. Clair will send out copies of the budget to the board prior to the December General Meeting.

Nominations

Nominations for Board positions for 2014 were as follows:

President: Phil Booth

Vice-President: Greg Wright

Secretary: Jack Adair

Treasurer: Clair Jaschke

Membership Chair: Dave Jaschke

Electronic Communications: Ed Truitt

At-Large Members: Mike King, Mike Epstein

Proposed dates for 2014 meetings are January 18 (swap meet), February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17, June 21, July 19 (swap meet), August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13. The April and December dates are on the second Saturdays of those months due to conflicts with Easter weekend (April) and wanting to not get too close to the Christmas holidays (December). We will submit those dates to the City of Bellaire for approval.

Facilities

In the recent city election, the City of Bellaire had two bond issues that could impact HAAUG: one to build a new police station, civic center, and city hall, and a second to acquire land to build new facilities. The bond issue to build the new facilities passed, but the land acquisition bond issue failed, so there are questions about when and where the new facilities can be built. Phil believes that we probably have our current facility at the Bellaire Civic Center for the next year.

MacFest

Greg Wright suggested that we need to create a committee to do our next MacFest, which would be held one year from now. Greg and Phil Booth will be the initial committee. Greg suggested that we check out the TechStreet Houston at the George R. Brown on Wednesday, November 20.

Other New Business

Era Ford asked about the relationship between Apple and HAAUG. Phil reported that HAAUG is an officially recognized Apple User Group. When Era asked about the possibility of additional publicity for HAAUG, Phil indicated that the Apple retail stores would not allow any signage supporting user groups, although Micro Center probably would. Era suggested that the Highland Village retail store has upstairs meeting space that could be possibly be used in future if and when the Bellaire Civic Center becomes unavailable.

Regarding SIGs, Rick Roberts asked about more meeting rooms for SIGs. The Wi-Fi network does

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Upcoming Events

Houston Area Apple Users Group 2014 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

Senior Advisor
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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

Saturday, March 15th, 2014

"Getting the most out of iCloud" with Joe Kissell

Joe writes for Macworld, and has several 'Take Control' books.

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

Saturday, April 26th, 2014

To Be Announced

Watch this space for further info.

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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January 2014 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9 a.m.	Semi-Annual SwapMeet *No SIGS this month*	*No SIGS this month*	*No SIGS this month*
12 p.m.	Clean-up	Board of Directors meeting; followed by social time, and lunch	

There are no SIG meetings this month. Enjoy the SwapMeet!

Got Junk?

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Houston area recycling centers:

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Recycle America Waste Management Asset Recovery Group

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Eagle Electronics

10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

QuickTip



While you can easily rearrange the order of your accounts in Mavericks' mail sidebar, when composing a message there is no easy way of rearranging the accounts as shown in the "From:" dropdown box in a new message; accounts are listed in the order in which they were added, which, in the case of using iCloud Keychain, may be vastly different than the order that you want them in. Fortunately, there is an easy procedure to rearrange them:

- 1) Open up the "Internet Accounts" system preference pane
- 2) For each email account, in the order you want them to appear, uncheck and then re-check "Mail"

In this way, the accounts will be removed and readded to Mail in the order that you want them to appear.

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20131226194530242>

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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.

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

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