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## Dwight's Insights

with Dwight Silverman

**Note the date! => Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

[Techblogger](#), computer columnist, blog editor, social media evangelist @ [Houston Chronicle chron.com](#). Regular [TWiT](#) panelist. [University instructor](#). [Computer book author](#). [Twitter junkie](#). Pizza lover. [Prolific Poster of Internet Cat Imagery](#).

HAAUG is privileged to have Dwight give the main presentation at our April meeting, during which he will give us insightful commentary on current trends in tech. If we ask nicely, we might also be treated to a special showing of Dwight's latest tech undertaking, the creation and display of his growing collection of feline imagery.

So, come by for a purr-fect Saturday morning!

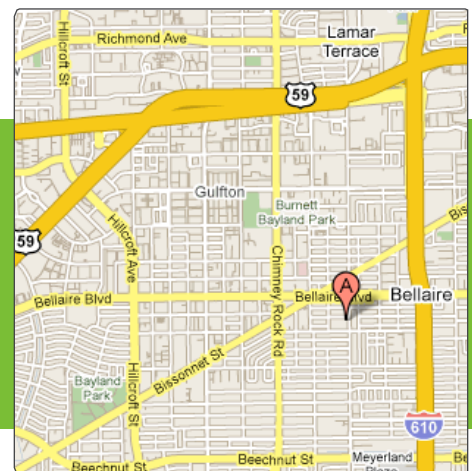
The SIGs start at 9am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:15.  
We'll see you there on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

### 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



I want to thank Joe Kissell for a great presentation at the March meeting on iCloud. I learned some new things about Apple's cloud solution. For what I use it for, it seems to work for me, as it syncs my calendar and contacts between my notebook and iOS devices. I hope that we will have a chance to bring him back.

Apple dropped updates to several applications - both on the Mac and iOS. Safari 6 and 7 were updated to fix some flaws that surfaced after a security conference found them. Apple also updated the iWorks applications for the Mac and iOS. I have not heard any negative comments about these software updates. They are probably waiting for you in the App Store update page.

Apple and Samsung are again back in court for round 2 of their patent trial. This time the dispute is about the actual function of the OS. Apple is claiming that the Android OS copied several aspects of iOS. The one example is the swipe to open the phone; there are several others. Apple is demanding a fee for each Galaxy phone and tablet Samsung has sold. Samsung is claiming that much of the stuff that Apple is complaining about should not have been granted a patent in the first place. "Stay tuned, it is going to be a bumpy ride."

Apple this week announced the dates of WWDC for June 2nd through 6th. This year, the tickets would be assigned through a lottery. If you were a registered member of the developer community, you needed to submit an application by April 7th. The winners would be notified on the 7th. This will alleviate the mad dash to sign up, but there will still be some folks on the outside looking in. This is the same system that Google uses for its developer conference. If you are not a developer, we will know about the changes to the Mac OS and iOS this coming June. Also, Apple usually features new product updates. So we should see what the iPhone 6(?) should look like.

After years of speculation, Microsoft has finally released Office for iPad. A quick scan of the headlines says that MS has got a really nice set of applications. They are free in the App Store, but if you want to create or edit a document you will need an Office 365 subscription. There were headlines touting that Microsoft had gotten around the "Apple Tax", but in reality if you downloaded the Office Suite and subscribed through the App store, Apple will still get its 30%. What folks are saying is that this has gutted the Microsoft Surface sales, and more enterprise customers will purchase iPads, fattening Apple's coffers.

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# Security Beat

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com



Last month, we were treated to a rare event: major security updates to both iOS and OS X, being made available within days of each other. I will be continuing the discussion on security updates this month, in part because April 1 brought us a new set of updates from Apple: [Safari 6.1.3 and Safari 7.0.3](#), available for OS X 10.7.5 (Lion), OS X 10.8.5 (Mountain Lion), and OS X 10.9.2 (Mavericks), which fixed vulnerabilities discovered at the [Pwn2Own contest](#). Have you updated yet? If not, then go and do so. *Now*.

If you look closely at the security updates published this year, updates to the core OS and Safari are available for OS 10.7 and later: users of Snow Leopard and older versions of OS X need not apply. I mention this because, while there is a whole lotta hoopla in the tech media about the “death of XP” and its transition to a “permanent 0day status”, the fact is that all operating systems (OS X included) eventually go “end of life”, and once their “use by” date has passed, you continue to use them at your own risk, as well as at risk to everyone who shares the Internet with you. The moral of this story: if you are still on Snow Leopard (or older), you need to either upgrade to something newer, or take your machine off the Internet. The same goes for major apps: if you insist on using old, un-patched apps on a machine connected to the Internet, it is as if you are choosing to play Russian Roulette with a loaded semi-automatic. Paranoia, much? Well, maybe - but I work with “popped” machines on a daily basis, and you would be surprised at how many of them received their infection at the hands of a legitimate, reputable web site, through a vulnerability that has been patched for *years*. You might also be surprised (tho I wasn't) as to how many of the attacks are targeting applications that run on multiple platforms.

One more comment this month: the QuickTip on the side of this page tells you how to hide software updates you don't want to install. Be careful about using this: if you have the software installed, then you should apply updates (especially if they fix security holes in the software). I have used this tip to hide very large updates for a brief period of time, in order to avoid using up my bandwidth allotment. But, it is not something I recommend people do as a matter of routine.

Until the merry, merry month of May: Keep 'em secure, keep 'em safe!

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Got Questions?

If so, please send them in to [abe@haaug.org](mailto:abe@haaug.org).

## QuickTip



Since the introduction of Lion the system's Software Update mechanism has been integrated into App Store.app and the Software Update Preference Pane has been removed and substituted with “App Store”.

If you constantly are being reminded to install software updates you don't really want to install, you can right-click (Control+click) the name of the update and hide it, eliminating the reminder.

**[crarko adds:** I think this is probably known already to many of you, but if it's not it can be a handy trick. I find the whole App Store method for Software Update a lot less pleasant than the old Snow Leopard mechanism where it was separate, but maybe I'm just old fashioned.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20140331122805285>

# Links to Stuff “Dr. Mac” Likes

Bob “Dr. Mac” LeVitus

This is the list of URLs from Dr. Mac’s 2014 Houston Area Apple User Group Presentation

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<http://www.hitcase.com>

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## **iKlip Studio**

<http://www.ikmultimedia.com>

## **Reflector app**

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## **Snapseed**

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## **Bartender**

<http://www.macbartender.com>

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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, February 15, 2014

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

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

**Call to Order:** By President Philip Booth at 1:20 PM following the conclusion of the February General Meeting, which featured Bob LeVitus' annual address to HAAUG.

**General Announcements:** Phil thanked everyone for a good meeting.

## MONTHLY REPORTS

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

**Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke:** Clair presented the financial reports for January. Our checking account balance as of the end of January was \$9,904.70, and we have \$5,012.52 in our certificate of deposit, for a total of \$14,917.22. All of the bills are paid and the checks are deposited. Clair set up a special clearing account for those checks to MacExperts that MacExperts does not cash in time (they have 90 days to clear the checks), so that this does not impact the monthly reports. Clair will investigate a better payment method for Mac Highways, such as a credit or debit card for club purposes.

The books are ready for the audit committee when ready. The Audit Committee will consist of Phil Booth, Greg Wright, and Mike Epstein

**Vice President - Greg Wright:**

Topics for upcoming meetings are:

- Saturday, March 15: Joe Kissell (independent; writes for Macworld), book author

Nothing is set for April yet, but Greg is going to contact Dwight Silverman of the Houston Chronicle regarding this slot.

**Membership - David Jaschke:** Dave reported that we ended the month of January 2014 with 161 members, which is one more than the end of December 2013, and down from 177 members as of January 31, 2013. We had 10 transactions in January. Four new members joined and we had one lapsed member renew. We had four transactions by KAGI and one by credit card, with the remainder being by mail or at the meeting.

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ed Truitt:** Not much to report other than Phil Booth is again getting E-mails. The main difficulty is that "bad guys" taking over weak WordPress sites are hitting MacHighways hard. There have been some well-documented vulnerabilities with WordPress when this software is not kept up to date.

Mail Chimp is free if you do not use it to excess - you get 2000 free E-mail addresses. The downside is that there are some places that block Mail Chimp by default. We may at least move the announce list over to Mail Chimp. Mail Chimp is a newsletters-only service, so our newsletter could possibly go out via Mail Chimp. Phil will look at this some more and he may sign us up for Mail Chimp. Phil will prepare a written report and send out to the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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# Minutes...

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Phil is working out the arrangements for Joe Kissell's transportation and lodging for our March monthly meeting.

**Adjournment:** At 1:35 P.M.

## HAAUG Email Notice

Do you have an @haaug.org or @haaugnet.org email address? Are you able to access your email, and have you been checking your email on a regular basis? If not, then HAAUG needs you to restore access to your email, and check/collect the email that awaits you. Our server is having some resource problems, in part due to the fact that a number of mailboxes are full, or very close to full.

If you need assistance (re-)gaining access to your @haaug.org or @haaugnet.org mailbox, please stop by and see us at the Mac One-on-One SIG! We can help you with configuring your email client, or we can arrange to forward your email to another mail account.

# Boss HAAUG...

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An acquaintance celebrated his 20th anniversary of doing "Mac Radio" on the internet. Shawn King started a Real Audio stream back in March of 1994 out of Vancouver Canada, and I have followed him through his ups and downs. Shawn came to Houston to speak at a HAAUG function several years ago. His show can be heard live on Wednesdays at 7:30, and it is a nice hour and a half of Mac news and interview with software and hardware vendors. There are usually one or two guests, so there is not a lot of noise with panelists trying to one up each other. You can hear Your Mac Life on Wednesdays at [yourmaclifeshow.com](http://yourmaclifeshow.com), or from an archive on iTunes. Congratulations Shawn.

Please remember that our meeting this month is on the last Saturday of the month, April 26th. The third Saturday of the month is on Easter weekend and the City of Bellaire facilities will be closed. I will see you on Saturday, April 26. BTW if you have a friend or family member who recently changed over to the MacOS or purchased an iOS device, encourage them to come to HAAUG.



# Upcoming Events

## Houston Area Apple Users Group 2014 Officers and Directors

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**Michael King**

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## Saturday, May 15th, 2014

### To Be Announced

Watch this space for further info.

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org)

## Saturday, June 21st, 2014

### To Be Announced

Watch this space for further info.

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org)

## Saturday, July 19th, 2014

### Semi-Annual SwapMeet

Time to clean out the gadget stash again! Our mid-summer opportunity to buy and sell gently-used Apple (and related) "stuff".

**Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at [www.haaug.org](http://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/](http://www.haaug.org/meetings/)

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# April 2014 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	Mac One-on-One	iOS
10 a.m.			
11 a.m.	Club Business		
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: Dwight's Insights		
1 p.m.	Clean-up	Board of Directors meeting; followed by social time/lunch	

**Main Presentation: Dwight's Insights.** Dwight Silverman returns, with his always spot-on commentary on trends in tech.

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

**iOS: Rick Roberts** - iPads, iPhones, and the apps that make our lives better.

**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.

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2102 Atascocita Road, Humble • 281-540-8900

### Eagle Electronics

10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

### QuickTip



It's possible to save power when using Maps to navigate in a car. It's an obvious trick once you know about it, and easy too.

When you're navigating with the Maps app, you're probably used to it chewing through battery life. Even on a full charge my iPhone 5 doesn't last more than 2-3 hours when navigating.

To eke out extra life, just press the Sleep button (top of the phone), once you're on your way and are on a long stretch before the next turn/navigation point (i.e. on a freeway for 50 miles). The screen will blank, but the navigation will continue. The phone will briefly wake 10 miles from your next turn/navigation point, to tell you about it, and will wake 2 miles from it and stay awake until you get past it.

To switch back to non-power-saving mode, just swipe as usual to wake the phone.

To be honest this doesn't save a huge amount of battery life in my tests, but it's better than nothing. For long journeys, you really need a USB power source such as those that fit into cigarette lighter sockets.

[**crarko adds:** I haven't tested this one, but I will on my next long drive.]

<http://hints.macworld.com/article.php?story=20140402085119922>

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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.

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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](http://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](mailto:abe@haaug.org).

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# Olympus E-P5 and 14-42mm f3.5-5.6 EZ Lens

Ed Truitt, [etee@icloud.com](mailto:etee@icloud.com)

It's been awhile since I wrote up a new camera and lens for the Apple Barrel. In part, that is the result of my choice to defer the purchase of a new camera last year, even though I knew what I wanted to get.

Last month, I decided not to put it off any longer, and so a new gadget entered my life: the [Olympus PEN E-P5](#). I got it with the optional [VF-4](#) electronic viewfinder, and I also picked up a brand new [M.Zuiko ED 14-42mm F3.5-5.6 EZ](#) Ultra Compact lens.



E-P5 with 14-42  
f3.5-5.6 EZ Lens  
(photo by Ed Truitt)

Why would I buy a new PEN, since I already have the OM-D? The E-P5 is actually an upgrade to the E-M5, and has several features I found especially appealing:

- ISO sensitivity from LOW (100) - 25,600
- Max shutter speed of 1/8000 sec.
- HDR bracketing (3, 5, or 7 frames selectable)
- Built-in WiFi connectivity
- Ability to use iPhone for remote control (via app)
- It uses the same battery pack as the E-M5

The higher ISO and shutter speeds are very useful when shooting inside a darkened museum, the HDR bracketing is equally useful when outdoors in bright light where you don't want to blow out the sky but do want to get detail in the shadows, and the built-in WiFi means I can download images to my iDevice without having to use an Eye-Fi card.



Carnival at RODEOHOUSTON  
(photo by Ed Truitt)

The new 14-42 lens was an afterthought, and I chose to get it because it is a compact, "pancake"-style lens. It provides a wide angle-short telephoto zoom range (28-84mm in 35mm format), and when it is closed it doesn't protrude very far from the camera body at all - a definite advantage in a post-9/11 era where people tend to equate possession of a camera with evil intent.

With modern electronics and a retro look and feel, the PEN E-P5 is a valued addition to my photo kit, and it is a good complement to my E-M5.