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Panel Discussion

Saturday, April 18

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



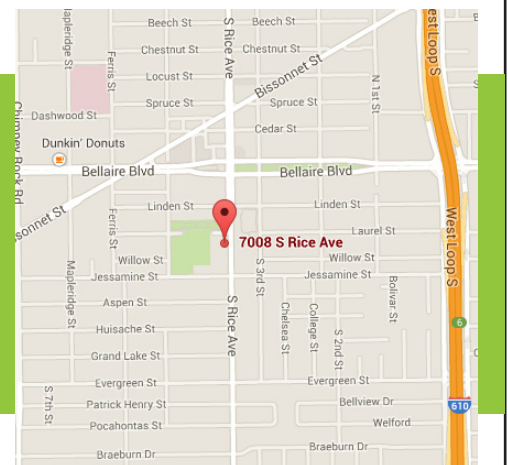
What's App, Doc? Saturday, April 18th

This month we'll be discussing members' favorite Macintosh and iOS applications. Come share the utilities, applications and games you can't live without!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. The Main Presentation begins at 11:00a.m. General Meeting SIGs include topics Mac 101 & Fundamentals, iOS (iPhone, iPod and iPad), One on One (personal help) and Digital Photography.

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
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Boss HAAUG Speaks



Monthly Address from the HAAUG President




I had a friend who worked with me in another organization; she would comment about not preaching from the pulpit; when the conversation turned to getting volunteers. What she meant was that members come to hear the speaker not listen to the leadership prattle on about getting involved. I have tried to keep our pleas for help short, but we really need help. You may know that we have been operating without a programming director since the start of the year. This position is vital if the club wants to maintain the quality of programming that you members expect. What are the job duties? Determine the speaker schedules for the year. Follow up with speakers to ensure that they appear. Talk to the membership to find out what topics are on members minds.

The board has a master plan of topics and speakers we just need someone to contact them and and schedule their appearance. This sounds like a lot but it can be easy and fun. The club just needs someone to step up and take the steering wheel. The board will help. If you would like to influence the direction of HAAUG, please consider getting more involved with your user group.


Thanks to Ryan Eisworth and Mike King for putting on a great presentation on Backup. I was glad that a great majority of the members present were using Time Machine at least for backing up their data. It was also good to see that many members had additional workflows for backing up their data. To paraphrase the old saying, a back-up a day keeps the data recovery people out of your pocket. If you are not using Time Machine stop reading this now and go to Micro Center or Best Buy or the Apple Store and get some kind of hard drive and make it your backup. Remember it is not the whole solution but it is a start.

We all are interested in the  Watch. Will it sell well? What will it do to make my experience better? Are you going to get one when it is released? Or will you wait for the second or third iteration? I myself have never been a wrist watch person. I used to buy pocket watches. I am a little ADD and having something on my wrist would drive me to take it off and put it on. But I think that having a pocket  Watch would defeat the purpose. So I will see if I can't live without it.

Also announced at the  Watch event was a new MacBook which is the closest thing to a tablet computer Apple will ever get, other than the iPad. The engineering behind it is amazing. The logic board is 1/4 the size of a MacBook Pro logic Board. Most of the case is taken up by a battery, which Apple claims will last an entire day. This machine is an Executive's machine for giving presentations. If you need ports and computing horsepower, stick with the MacBook Pro.

One of the trade-offs that the designers made is the use of the new USB C port. Which from what I have read is the do everything port. Connect USB storage, Display adapters for connection to a projector, and Ethernet. Oh Joy more Apple adaptors to purchase. If you need a machine that can travel well then it is a sweet unit.

One of the other announcements that flew under the radar was Research Kit. That is a set of API's and programing frameworks to allow researcher's to design iOS apps that will aid in collection of data for a whole range of studies. The advantage is that it will ease the recruitment of test subjects, and the studies can go on longer. One of the apps highlighted was an app that tested manual dexterity by tapping on an iPhone screen to test Parkinson's patients.

Our next meeting will be on April 18, at the Bellaire Civic Center. I am trying to resurrect the Photo SIG and plan a presentation on composition. If you would like some ideas on creating better photos join us in the small room off the Main space. Also Rick Roberts or Doug Smith stand ready to answer your iOS questions in the iOS SIG; they meet in the Senior's Center. And Jonathan Magnus answers you questions about MacOS and general Technology in the main space. It will be a full meeting with the Main Presentation TBA at the time I write this. See you on the 18th. By the way ( = Shift Alt K).

BOD Minutes

February 21, 2015

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Jack Adair, Mike Epstein, Mike King, Ryan Eisworth

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 1:04 PM following the conclusion of the February General Meeting.

General Announcements: Phil said we had an excellent meeting today and thanked Jim Connell for taking care of most of the setup.

Monthly Reports

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

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Our checking account balance as of the end of January was \$3,805.43. Our savings account balance was \$10,001.59, for total cash on hand of \$13,807.02. All of the January bills have been paid and all monies have been deposited. There were no adjustments to December after the Board meeting so the reports presented at the December meeting are final.

Programming Report: As we still have no VP for programming, Phil announced today that he and Ryan would create a program for data backup and data recovery for presentation at the March 28 meeting. We need to mention that the March meeting is on the fourth Saturday for only that month.

Mike King said he would get in touch with Mike Sweeney of MS.com, who would potentially be available as a presenter for April. He does a lot of work with iPhone photography.

Phil said he would also try to get somewhat from Disk, Inc. to come out and talk about data recovery as well.

Phil restarted the Photo SIG today, and will do something next month as well..

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of January with 150 members, which is up by one from 149 members from December 2014, and down from 161 members (a difference of 11 members) from January 31, 2014. We had twelve renewals, three of which were by KAGI. The rest were in person or by mail.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Phil announced that he had to get rid of a few messages sent

via the Announce list; when a message is sent by someone not approved to post to the Announce list, a flag goes up where the message must be approved or booted.

Ryan reported that no issues exist with the website.

New Business

Clair reported that she has set up a Dropbox account, and Account Edge will work with Dropbox. Account Edge wants \$10.00 per month for an automatic backup into the Account Edge cloud. It is also free to back up into her personal Dropbox account. We are OK with her just using the Dropbox account as opposed to paying Account Edge to put our data into their cloud storage.

Ryan suggested experimenting with a shared HAAUG Board dropbox where he could put some of his files as well. There need to be some limitations on who gets access.

Clair also reported that the financial records are ready for an audit committee.

Dave reported that Doug Smith had mentioned a way to potentially do a Webcast of our meetings. Phil said we would need to see if there is some type of audio component included.

Doug also stated that he is now on the User Group Board of Directors. This group is an amalgamation of Apple User Groups that is supported by Apple and with which HAAUG is affiliated.

Adjournment: At 1:37 P.M.

Notes from Last Meeting

Data Backup and Recovery

Last month, myself, Mike King and Phil Booth led a panel discussion on Data Backup and Recovery. We hope that everyone enjoyed this meeting and learned something about how to protect themselves from data loss. A few folks asked if I could upload the Keynote slides online, and I have made them available here: <http://www.haaug.org/Files/databackup2015.pdf>.

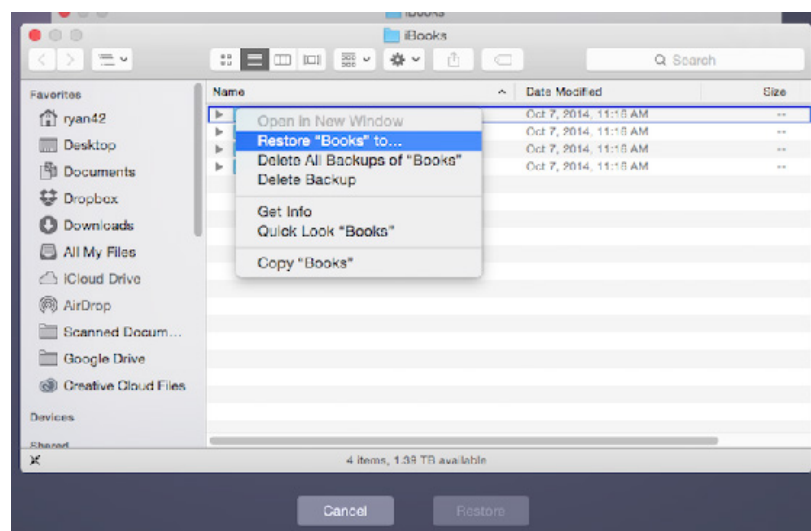
After the meeting there were a number of great questions and comments. One member suggested that on the topic of fireproof safes, most safes are only rated as fireproof for a number of hours. According to him, however, a smaller fireproof safe can be put into a larger one to increase the effective time during which the contents are safe. I am still of the opinion that even if the contents of your safe don't burn, sustained high temperatures could still cause hard drives and other media to fail.

Another member asked specifically if Time Machine saved their iBooks in backups. This ended up being a not-so-simple question.

Books attained from the iBooks store can be downloaded again from the "Purchased" area, just as previously-purchased apps can be redownloaded to an iOS device. iBooks also lets you add books from other sources, though. This is where it gets complicated.

In Mavericks (Mac OS 10.9) and above, the save location for PDF files and other non-iBooks Store acquired media is `~/Library/Containers/com.apple/BKAgentService/Documents/iBooks/Books` (the `~` symbol refers to your home directory). This folder is indeed backed up by Time Machine but isn't the easiest to get to if you're running a version of Mac OS that hides your Library folder. You may need to launch Time Machine then press the keyboard shortcut `Command + Option + G` to bring up the "Go to Folder" box and type `~/Library` in manually and press OK to get started. You won't want to modify the BKAgentService container while that service is running, so the simplest way to perform this restore is to navigate to the `~/Library/Containers/com.apple/BKAgentService/Documents/iBooks` folder and then either control-click or right-click the Books folder and select *Restore "Books" to...* and choose your desktop. From there you can add the PDF files back to iBooks without risking confusing the iBooks agent.

--Ryan Eisworth



Event Schedule

April 17, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals	iOS	Mac One-on-One
10:00 am			Photography SIG
11:00 am	What's App, Doc?		
12:00 pm			
1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting		

Mac 101 and Fundamentals with Jonathan Magnus - The SIG for basic to advanced Mac topics.

iOS: Doug Smith/Rick Roberts - iPads/iPods/iPhones/iTunes/iCloud

The Board of Directors meeting will begin following the Main Presentation.

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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.

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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.

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Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

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Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

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