May 2015

The Apple Watch:
What you need to know...
Saturday, May 16

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

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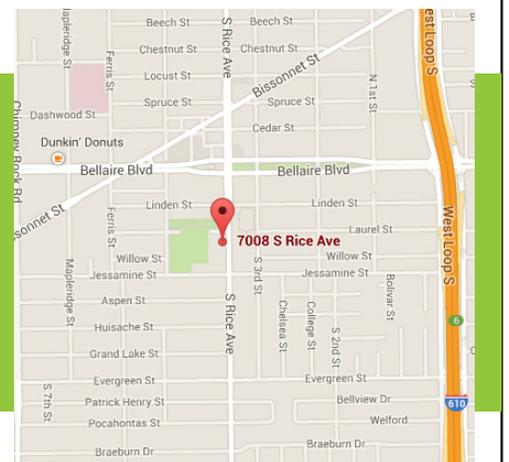INCOMING CALL

12PM LUNCH WITH KEN

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This month we'll be discussing Apple's newest product: the Apple Watch! Come discuss this exciting new product with other members during the main presentation on May 16th!

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

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

"The watch is here, the watch is here," to paraphrase the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere. The week I am writing this; the Apple web exploded with stories about the latest Apple product. As I explained last month I do not consider myself a "Watch" person. It is interesting to see the reaction of the tech press to the new device.

With a few gripes about the length of time the watch face remains active the reviews are generally positive. Along with the positive press there are also the sirens of doubt stating that 2.5 million pre-orders is a tepid response to the introduction of the new Apple devise. It will be interesting to see how this all plays out.

I would like to thank the other members of the panel, some of whom were recruited the day of the meeting, for playing "What's App Doc." It is interesting to see what folks install on their machines beyond the usual apps. Jack Adair told you about iBank as an alternative to Quicken. David Crook highlighted several utilities that make his computing experience easier. I showed off three applications Cadent WineCellar, Final Draft Screen play writing software, and Video Converter. Having members discuss software or hardware that makes their computing experience better.

Apple again announced their March quarter results. Total revenue was 58 Billion dollars realizing 13.5 Billion dollars in profit. Compared to the same quarter last year total revenue was 45.6 billion. Most of it came from iPhone sales. Don't think that the Mac is an after thought: Apple sold 4.56 million Macintoshes. So again Apple raked in a large sum of money.

Made an appointment with an orthopedist, one of my elbows was painful. The diagnosis was tendentious and since I don't play golf or tennis it looks like my computer use is the cause. I have not had the problems with my hands but this pain is really affecting some of the things that I do. I left the problem go after a few months and that means that it will take longer to resolve. The reason I am mentioning this is if you start to feel twinges of pain, consult your health care professional to see if you need make some changes.

We are a month out from Hurricane season, now is the time to start your planning for disaster. Having a plan now will make it easier if some kind of storm moves through our area. Most of us do not live in the areas that might require evacuation, but if you do, now is the time to figure out how you will make your machines safe or if they will travel with you should you leave.

BOD Minutes
March 28, 2015

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Jack Adair, Mike King, Ryan Eisworth, Mark Tuck (Guest)

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 12:55 PM following the conclusion of the March General Meeting.

General Announcements: None

Monthly Reports

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

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Our checking account balance as of the end of February was $4,157.47. Our savings account balance was $10,001.82, for total cash on hand of $14,159.29. Clair has filed our state sales tax for last year and our federal E-file. All of the February bills have been paid and all monies have been deposited.

Programming Report: Mike King reported that Dave Hamilton of MacGeekGab is interested in coming down to Houston in person. We will investigate to see if he is available for April. Ryan mentioned that it would be interesting to see if he could do a show from Houston before or after the meeting, with the idea being that HAAUG could get some better exposure.

Phil reported that we have no backup program for April if Dave Hamilton is not available. Ryan reported that he would be interested in talking about ProSoft Engineering's Data Rescue X software if we needed a program. There is also a possibility of getting Dwight Silverman from the Chronicle as well.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of February with 150 members, which was the same as January, and down from 164 members (a difference of 14 members) from February 28, 2014. We had fourteen renewals, including one lapsed and two two-year renewals. We had two credit card transactions and one by KAGI.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: The web site is working well. Ryan fixed two broken links on the site this morning. The link that takes you to Café Press, which we use to market stuff with HAAUG logos, does work. There was a concern that that link does not take you to the HAAUG domain, but it is a legitimate operation.

New Business

The April meeting presenter will be either Dave Hamilton or Dwight Silverman. For future topics, Ryan mentioned that the upcoming Office 2016 for Mac would probably be well worth a program. A "Utilities Day" program could be done using DiskWarrior, Tech Tool Pro, Prosoft Data Rescue X, LaunchBar, Drag Thing, and other utilities. If neither the Hamilton or Silverman program idea works out, then another "What's On Our Mac" program will be the backup program for April. Phil agreed to let the board members know about this within the next week or so for planning purposes.

Phil announced that we needed to appoint an Audit Committee. He appointed Mike Epstein, Ryan Eiswirth, and Mike King for the committee. Clair will bring the materials next month with a plan to do the audit during the morning of the general meeting.

We will have an issue for the May meeting, which is scheduled for date May 16, due to Phil's responsibilities at commencement exercises at UH. Phil will not be available for setup on May 15 or for the Board meeting on May 16. The Board agreed to take care of the specifics for the May meeting at the April board meeting.

Phil also expressed concern about getting a VP of programming. He feels that we are going to run out of programming ideas fairly soon. Everyone needs to think if there are any potential candidates for this role.

Adjournment: At 1:25 P.M.

Notes from Last Meeting
Members' Favorite Apps

Last month our meeting focused on some of our members' favorite iOS and Macintosh apps. Here's some of the apps that were discussed:

Cadent wineCellar (Mac, $25, Cadent Computing, Inc.): Cadent wineCellar provides a unique application for storing, viewing and retrieving information about your wine collection. This powerful program enables you to not only store and retrieve information about your collection, but to view your collection as a hierarchical chart, as a list, and as thumbnail pictures, all categorized through selectors chosen by you.

Final Draft 9 (Mac, $200, Final Draft, Inc.): Final Draft allows you to use your creative energy to focus on the content; let Final Draft take care of the style. Final Draft is the number-one selling application specifically designed for writing movie scripts, television episodics, and stage plays. It combines powerful word processing with professional script formatting in one self-contained, easy-to-use package. There is no need to learn about script formatting rules - Final Draft automatically paginates and formats your script to industry standards as you write.

Video Converter Ultimate (Mac, $60, Wondershare): Use this complete all-in-one video toolbox to convert, edit, enhance, download, burn, organize, capture, and play any videos on your Mac.

iBank 5 (Mac, $60; iOS, $10; IGG Software, Inc.): With its intuitive user interface and a full set of money management features, iBank 5 is the most complete software available for Mac personal finance. iBank 5 lets you enter and edit your transactions with ease, pay bills online and on time, download your online account data, reconcile your statements, and track your investments with versatile and robust tools.

KeyCue (Mac, $21.95, Ergonis Software): KeyCue lets you view available Command key shortcuts. Simply press and hold the Command key to view a list of all available keyboard shortcuts, making it easy to learn and remember those time-saving keystrokes.

Jump Desktop (iOS, $15, Phase Five Systems, LLC): Jump Desktop unleashes the full power of your iOS device when connecting to your computer. With support for multi-tasking, full bluetooth keyboard (including modifiers, arrow keys), HDMI/VGA out, copy/paste, auto-correction, AirPrint and audio streaming Jump will help utilize your iOS device to the max. Continually updated to support the latest iOS devices.

Thanks to all our members who presented on their favorite applications!

Event Schedule
April 17, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals	iOS	Mac One-on-One
11:00 am	The Apple Watch:		
12:00 pm	What you need to know...		
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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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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Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

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