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Dwight Silverman

...of the Houston Chronicle

Saturday, August 15

Bellaire Civic Center
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9 am - 1 pm



Want Apple's **ON?** Latest Gadget **US?**

*Now is the time
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HAAUG is raffling a \$500 Apple Gift Card which could be used to purchase your very own Apple Watch! Tickets will be sold only at meetings starting in June and going through September.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Cash or checks only.

Drawing will be held at the September meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

For more information ask a board member at a HAAUG meeting or go to haaug.org/raffle.



Internet Speeds in the Houston Market Saturday, August 15th

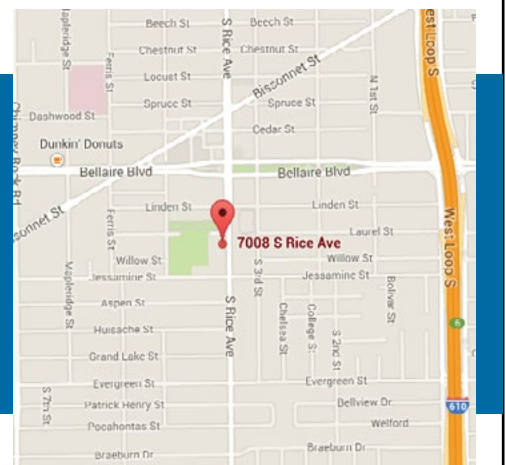
Join us on Saturday, August 15th, where Houston Chronicle TechBlog columnist Dwight Silverman will discuss your options for Internet access in Houston. In the meantime check out Dwight's writings for the Houston Chronicle by [clicking here](#), or [click here](#) for Dwight's Twitter feed.

SIGs meeting this month include Mac 101 Fundamentals with Jonathan Magnus, iOS with Doug Smith and Rick Roberts, and Photography with Phil Booth.

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Ave.
Bellaire, TX 77401

Free parking is available in the Civic Center lot and on several streets around the Civic Center.



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BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS!

This Month's Deals for User Group Members

Other World Computing discounts up to 50% off, 25% off 1Password by Agile Bits, and much more! Check out this month's discounts for user group members by visiting <http://appleusergroupresources.com/special-offers-with-codes/>. The password for these offers is "ugcoolbuys".

Paragon Announces NTFS for Mac 14 Preview with Mac OS X 10.11 Support

For those of you who exist in a mixed environment and have to deal with Windows PCs, Paragon Software Group has announced their NTFS driver for the Mac is now compatible with the soon-to-be-released El Capitan. This pre-release version of the NTFS driver is available for anyone running the El Capitan builds who needs both read and write access to NTFS volumes. For more information, [click here](#).

Storage Firmware Update for 2015 15" MacBook Pro Models

Last month Apple released a storage firmware update for the latest 15" MacBook Pro. This update resolves an issue that can cause data on the internal SSD to become corrupt. If you have a new 15" MacBook Pro, check the App Store Updates page to see if you need to install this important update!

https://support.apple.com/kb/DL1830?locale=en_US

Apple Watch Raffle

HAAUG is selling raffle tickets for a \$500 Apple Gift Card which you can use to buy your very own Apple Watch. The drawing will take place at the September meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You don't need to be present to win!

Your Content Here

Have you tried a new Mac or iOS application? Found a neat accessory for your iPhone? Want to share a cool tip you've come across? Write about it, and send your column to editor@haaug.org. You can help make the Apple Barrel a better publication while providing valuable insight and opinion to your fellow HAAUG members!

Board of Directors Vacancy

As a reminder, we still have a vacant position on our Board of Directors. This very important position is in charge of arranging programming for the organization. If you are interested in taking on this role, speak with HAAUG President Phil Booth at a meeting or email him at president@haaug.org.

Job Posting in the Georgetown Area

Southwestern University is looking for an experienced Macintosh technician. For more details about this opportunity at Texas' oldest university, [click here](#). Contact Daryl Tschoepe at tschoepe@southwestern.edu.

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Welcome to Summer! The rainy season has departed and we are in the grips of a heat wave. HAAUG had the July swap meet; some of the folk selling did very well but it could have been better if more folks showed up. If you have some things that could be sold the next chance will be in January.

Apple announced the "June" quarter results and the company sold a lot of iPhones and Mac's. Here are the numbers according to Apple's press release: "The Company posted quarterly revenue of \$49.6 billion and quarterly net profit of \$10.7 billion, or \$1.85 per diluted share." What got some folks upset was that Apple did not announce the number of watches that they sold. Apple also declared a dividend of \$0.52 per share. What amazed some people was that Apple stock dropped in price the next day. Some people said that is was profit taking for the quarter.

Closer to home a committee of the board examined the 2014 financial records and pronounced them in good order. While it is not the kind of audit that a CPA would do it was a second set of eyes that looked over the transactions and found nothing out of the ordinary. Because we trimmed our meeting and Internet costs your organization has in round numbers \$15,000 in the bank. This is despite an level membership of about 150. Your board is very prudent with the club's funds.

Apple also announced that "normal folks" could download Beta version of OS 10.11 and iOS 9 but were strongly cautioned to put them on a second machine or a spare partition and not run it as your everyday OS. This is a chance for non-developers to kick the tires and send in bug reports. These are not fully formed Oses and there will be a lot of bugs and a lot of programs will not function. Tread cautiously.

We still have the raffle for the \$500 Apple Gift card that you can use to buy an Apple Watch. One chance is \$5.00, five chances are \$20.00. The drawing will be at the September meeting and you do not need to be present to win. You will need to pick up the prize at the meeting. We will be selling chances up to the drawing.

We are scheduled to have Dwight Silverman at the August meeting. He will discuss Internet providers in Houston. This will be a chance to evaluate your current provider and see if you want to make a change. In September Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange will talk on the new products in Photography. Mark your calendars for August 15, and September 19th for the next HAAUG Meetings.

I write and talk about this like beating a dead horse but the HAAUG Election is around the corner and now is the time to think about becoming a member of the board. The club could use a jolt of new ideas.

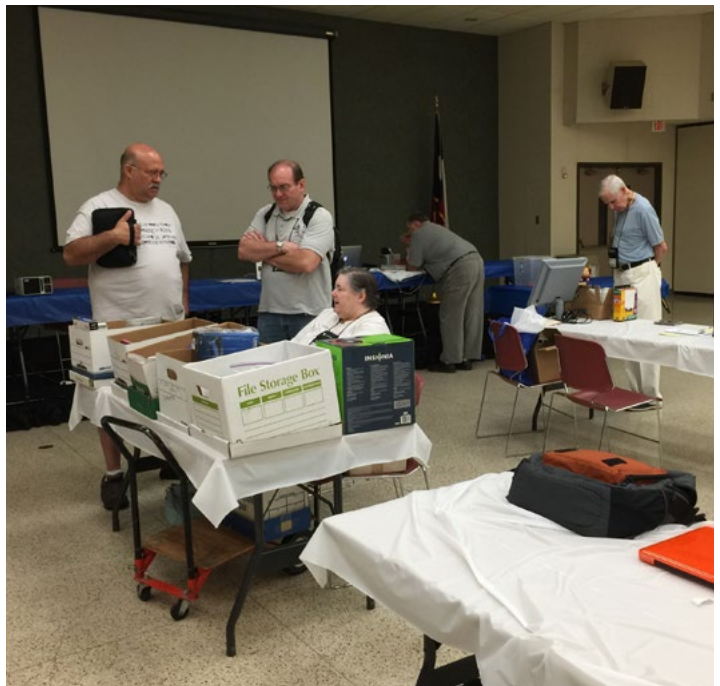
Phil Booth
2015 HAAUG President

Notes from Last Meeting

July 18, 2015

Last month was HAAUG's semi-annual Swap Meet! Quite a few members came out to buy, sell and trade their tech gear. Hopefully you made some money or left with something special! Our next swap meet will be in January, and it will be a great opportunity to sell off your extra gear if you upgrade during the holiday season! We hope everyone will make plans to come as the swap meets are definitely a "the-more-the-merrier" type event! Here are some photos from last month's swap meet!

Ryan Eisworth



Event Schedule

August 18, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals SIG Jonathan Magnus	iOS SIG Doug Smith Rick Roberts	Photography SIG Phil Booth
9:30 am			
10:00 am			
10:30 am			
11:00 am	Internet Speeds in the Houston Market Dwight Silverman		
11:30 am			
12:00 pm			
12:30 pm			
1:00 pm			
1:30 pm			
2:00 pm			Board of Directors Meeting

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

iOS with Doug Smith and Rick Roberts: Discuss all things iPhone, iPad, iPod, iTunes, and iCloud.

Photography with Phil Booth: For all interests related to digital photography.

Upcoming Events

Future Meeting Dates and Events

September 19, 2015 – General Meeting

Reagan Atkinson from the Houston Camera Exchange will give the main presentation. If you're a lover of digital photography you won't want to miss this meeting! [Click here](#) to visit the Houston Camera Exchange online!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Ad Hoc Meetings

Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. If you have an idea for a SIG, email the HAAUG SIG Coordinator at SIG_Coordinator@haaug.org!

BOD Minutes

June 20, 2015

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:58 PM following the conclusion of the June General Meeting.

General Announcements: Phil thanked every one for the work done last month, and for their attendance today.

Monthly Reports

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

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of May was \$3,939.79. Our savings account balance was \$10,002.41, for total cash on hand of \$13,942.20. The Apple Gift Card for the "Apple Watch" raffle was purchased from the checking account. We got an E-mail from Jeff Davis with an invoice to get the haaug.org domain name active. This is different from what we pay MacHighways every month. Most bills have been paid, and all funds have been deposited.

Programming Report: Phil reported that we have the Swap Meet next month. Dwight Silverman expressed a willingness to come back and give his presentation. We will try to get him in August. Phil would like to get either Bob LeVitus for September (which would require a plane ticket), or Andrew Cunningham, the Mac editor from ArsTechnica, which would involve a Skype call. Reagan Atkinson from Houston Camera Exchange would also be a possibility for September; Clair recommended we consider him first for September due to his time constraints. Dave Hamilton is also interested in coming if we get him an airplane ticket. Here are the goals:

August:	Dwight Silverman
September:	Reagan Atkinson
October:	Bob LeVitus or Andrew Cunningham
November:	Dave Hamilton

No discussions were held on SIGs this month.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of May with 142 members, which was down by one from April, and down from 151 members (a difference of 9 members) from May 31, 2014. We had much better membership activity in May, with a total of 10 transactions for the month. One

of these was by credit card and four by KAGI. We had two two-year renewals.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan reported that we have the latest Apple Barrel published, including the ad about the Apple Watch raffle. There is a page on the Website discussing the raffle. The two admins for Facebook are Matt Willmore (who is now the Mac guy at Notre Dame) and Tamara Alexander. The link to the HAAUG Website on the Facebook page goes to a non-existent page. The Swap Meet banner is already on the HAAUG Website and the Web form is working. Ryan is also interested in putting some general advertising for HAAUG on the Facebook page. We probably need to look at changing the ownership of the account.

New Business

Audit: The audit was held this morning, with Phil Booth, Mike King, and Jack Adair auditing the statements for 2014. The books were found to be in good order - our treasurer does a great job. There are a couple of open items from last year's audit: (a) a manual to be produced so that another person could hop into Clair's spot and avoid a huge learning curve, and (b) getting a cloud-based holding for the financial data base. Clair has accomplished that via a Dropbox account. Also, Phil reported that we have no central repository for the passwords for the Dropbox account or for the E-mail account. We need to figure out a method for doing this. Mike King suggested LastPass because that info is kept in the cloud. Phil suggested that these passwords for the LastPass account be placed in an envelope and passed to the Secretary in the event that they are needed. LastPass is free for the Mac only, and \$9.00 per year for iOS. Mike also reported that LastPass has two-step authentication. Phil will investigate this further, at which point we need to gather the credentials and get this taken care of.

Phil will contact our proposed upcoming presenters between now and the Swap Meet.

Adjournment: At 1:39 P.M.

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Frequency: 1x \$65, 2x \$60, 3x \$55

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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. Swap Meets 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 website 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.

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