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Bob LeVitus

Dr. Mac on Mac OS X "El Capitan"

Saturday, November 21

Location TBD
9 am - 1 pm



Apple's New Operating Systems

Join us on Saturday, November 21 as Bob LeVitus addresses HAAUG on Apple's new operating systems: El Capitan and iOS 9!

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

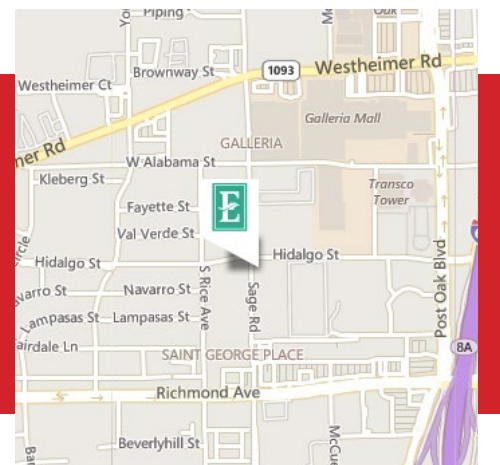
SIGs start at 9:00 am and the Main Presentation begins at 11:00 am. We hope to see everyone there!

Important: This meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites at 2911 Sage Road. There will be an event taking place in front of the Bellaire Civic Center that will complicate parking and access to the building. This temporary location is for the November meeting only.

Temporary Meeting Location

Embassy Suites
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Note: Special meeting location
for November meeting only!



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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.



Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Thanks to everyone who braved the traffic and attended the October Meeting. We only got a week's notice that the fire truck pull was scheduled on the same day. Thanks to my fellow board members who braved the trivia challenge. The same day the City told me about the fire truck pull they also told me that Bellaire HS will have their fall fun run on the same Saturday as the November meeting. The board decided to move the location to the Embassy Suites on 2911 Sage near the Galleria. Our featured speaker will be Bob LeVitus who will go into more detail about El Capitan, Apple's new OS.

Speaking of Apple, the company made a boat load of cash during it's fiscal fourth quarter. The company make an 11.1 billion dollar profit on revenue of 51.5 billion. Not bad for a company that the pundits still claim will fall into the abyss. According to some charts, I say Apple made 63% of it's revenue on iPhone sales which is interesting as there were only two days of sales of the new iPhone included in the quarter. Apple did report record breaking sales of Macs during this quarter. Back to School must have provide a nice bump.

Apple recently released several new products: an updated magic mouse, trackpad, and keyboard; the new Apple TV and a refreshed 21" iMac with a 4K screen. The new keyboard, mouse and trackpad now have rechargeable batteries and use the Lighting cable to recharge. The Mouse has the charging port on the bottom making in impossible to use while it recharges. I invite you to visit the Mac web to get reviews of the new products.

We are looking for people who would like to serve on the board. Please see me at the November meeting if you are interested in serving. I know it is like a broken record; I bring this topic up during my Boss HAAUG Speaks column. Please consider running for a position on the board or volunteering to host a SIG.

Houston has been hit with some major rain the last few weeks. It is raining while I am writing this column. Luckily we did not get a direct hit with some tropical weather except for the remnants of the storm that crossed Mexico. We needed the rain as parts of Texas were slipping back into drought. The rain also help authorities put out the wild fire in the Bastrop area. I hope you were able to stay dry. Remember it is always time to plan a backup strategy.

A couple of reflections on technology:

I read recently in the LA Times that the US Naval Academy was bringing back a celestial navigation program after a nearly two decade absence. The Academy dropped the course in favor of computerized navigation. GPS satellites can pinpoint a person's location within feet. A sextant and a good navigator can get you with in 1.5 miles. So why teach the old techniques? Because in the event of some national emergency the US may have to turn off the system. Also as we all know computers can be hacked. Courses for ship navigators began in 2011 and the navy will start to train enlisted ranks this fall.

Mornings when I leave for work I pull out my "real" keychain and using a metal key lock my house. I am using a system that has been derived from Linus Yale Jr.'s original pin tumbler locks developed in the 1860's. I realize that locks are for the honest, but it is amazing that we are still using a lock designed in the Civil War era to secure our homes and almost anything else. I walk the aisles of Home improvement stores and I see the fancy computerized door locking systems but there is always a keyed backup lock in case something goes wrong. Some of these systems can be put on your WIFI network and can use an app on your smartphone to control them. Then you have to worry about hackers getting into your network.

I can see the utility of having your various appliances on your network; your washer can tell you via an app on your phone when it is finished; your refrigerator can send you an email telling you that you need milk. But from what I have read security has not been thought through.

The November meeting looks like it will be a good to attend. Mark your calendars for November 21 at the Embassy Suites.

Phil Booth
2015 HAAUG President

Notes from Last Meeting

October 17, 2015

Last meeting we had a discussion on El Capitan as well as an Apple and HAAUG trivia challenge.

Some of the things that were discussed on El Capitan included...

Software Compatibility

New security restrictions in El Capitan have made a few applications stop working until or unless they are updated to be compatible with the new OS release. Mike King shared [this monster forum thread](#) on MacRumors where you can view compatibility reports of various applications, and I shared the website [RoaringApps.com](#), another compatibility database.

System Integrity Protection

We also discussed System Integrity Protection, more colloquially known as “rootless.” SIP prevents the /System, /Library, and various hidden UNIX directories from being modified even by the root user or with administrator rights. The only thing that can modify these directories are Apple software updaters. SIP can be disabled if needed but users must boot from the recovery partition to do so. You can check the status of SIP on your El Capitan system with the `csrutil status` Terminal command.

Because these directories can't be modified, their permissions are immutable. This means that repairing disk permissions is an obsolete maintenance task and it is no longer an option in the new Disk Utility. Permissions are automatically checked and updated during system updates.

Event Schedule

November 21, 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	Bob LeVitus: El Capitan and iOS 9		
11:30 am			
12:00 pm			
12:30 pm			
1:00 pm			
1:30 pm			Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 pm			

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

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

September 19, 2015

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:35 PM following the conclusion of the September General Meeting.

General Announcements: We had a good meeting and an excellent presentation from Reagan Atkinson. Phil will e-mail Bob LeVitus and invite him to present next month. If that does not work out, he will contact ArsTechnica.

Phil reported that the Apple Retail Store specializes in business relationships; we may potentially get them to contact us and potentially be available for a presentation.

The winners of the Apple gift card raffle were:

\$500 Apple Store card: William Ryan

\$100 Apple Store card: Fred Gott

\$50 Apple Store card: Phil Booth

\$25 iTunes card: Dave Jaschke

Monthly Reports

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

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of August was \$4,985.86. Our savings account balance was \$10,002.66, for total cash on hand of \$14,988.52. All bills have been paid, and all funds have been deposited for August. We are expecting a check from KAGI for July and August. Clair looked into the issue of filing a W-2G for the raffle. That is required only if the amount of the prize less the expenses incurred for raffle tickets equals or exceeds \$600. Since no one person won prizes worth more \$600.00, HAAUG need not issue a W-2-G. However, the winners are still required to report the value of their prizes, adjusted for raffle ticket costs, as income on their Federal tax returns.

Clair reported that she did update the Account Edge software, but that did not fix the issue with the voided check. She is hoping that this may be fixed for the 2016 update.

Programming Report: Phil will contact Bob LeVitus to invite him to present on OS X El Capitan or on the September 9 Apple Event. If that does not work, he will contact ArsTechnica about a presentation. Failing either of these two, we would shoot for

a joint meeting with the Medical Center MUG to get Dreux St. Marie of Apple. November is still up in the air, and we are going to ask Doug Smith to do his usual holiday shopping guide in December.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of August with 141 members, which is up by 3 from last month, and down from 155 members (a difference of 14 members) from August 31, 2014. We had a total of 9 transactions in August, of which 4 were by KAGI and 1 by credit card. We had 5 two-year renewals, one lapsed renewal, and two new members join. In all, it was a good month.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan was not present this month but delivered his report to the Board electronically. This report contained a detailed list of options about buying a hotspot for HAAUG business. He also got the Apple Barrel out as scheduled. Phil asked the board members to read the report and be prepared to discuss at the October board meeting. The Website is in good shape.

New Business

State Registration: Clair informed us that the state registration requires an annual renewal fee, and asked Phil to check on this.

Gift Card Purchases: The Board voted to reimburse Phil for the \$190.00 he spent on the \$100 and \$50 Apple Store gift cards plus the \$40.00 spent for the four iTunes gift cards raffled off today.

Committees for 2016 Planning: The nominations committee will include Phil Booth and Dave Jaschke.

The budget committee will include Phil Booth, Dave Jaschke, and Clair Jaschke.

Adjournment: At 1:09 P.M.

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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.

Club Magazine

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

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