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Swap Meet

Saturday, January 16

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



Semi-Annual Swap Meet

Join us on Saturday, July 18th, for the Semi-Annual HAAUG Swap Meet. Bring your gently-used tech devices to sell or come see what our users have for sale!

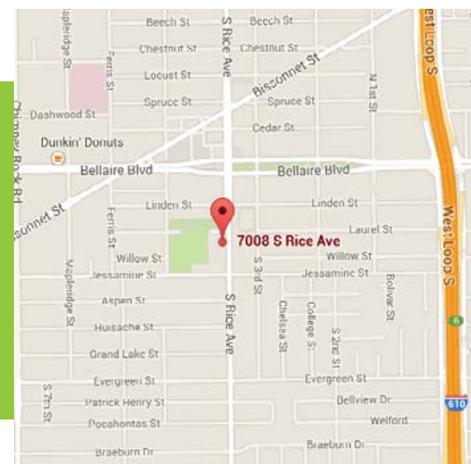
Setup begins at 8AM and the swap meet officially starts at 9AM. Come early for the best deals!

Each HAAUG member gets a free swap meet table. Additional tables (or tables for non-members) are \$50 each. Electricity is \$5 per table.

Please take all your unsold items with you when you leave! Area electronics recyclers are listed on page 12.

Meeting Location

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



P. O. Box 570957
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2015 Membership Survey

[Click here to help us make HAAUG the best it can be by taking our short 2015 Membership Survey!](#)

All HAAUG members who complete the survey will be entered to win a \$20 iTunes Gift Card. (To be eligible please make sure you provide enough contact information on the last question for us to identify you!)

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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 for 2016

The HAAUG 2016 Board of Directors is as follows:

President	Phil Booth
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Treasurer	Clair Jaschke
Membership	David Jaschke
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	Mike King

Mailing List Notes

We have been having a few issues with the HAAUG mailing lists. Everything should be in working order now, but at least for the time being you will receive emails from HAAUG via a different address (announce@lists.haaug.org), so please make sure you have this address whitelisted in your junk mail filter to ensure delivery of the Apple Barrel and important HAAUG announcements. HAAUG may also elect to move to a service called MailChimp soon to send out the Apple Barrel and other announcements.



Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



By the time you read this you will have heard Happy New Year a few too many times. I hope your holidays were happy. Did you receive any new tech gadgets? I had a great time visiting my brother and his family in the Washington DC area. The weather was weird with temps in the seventies and rain. It seemed that winter slammed into the north east after I left.

I want to thank Doug Smith for his presentation at the last Meeting. Last minute shopping tips are always helpful. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to be president of HAAUG for another year. I spoke with the city and HAAUG will be meeting at the Bellaire Civic Center for the foreseeable future. I will let you know if things change.

Well, I will be spending my time going through my house and identifying gently used items that I can sell at the January swap meet. There is still time to reserve a table and see if you can clear out some of the stuff that you no longer use and need to clear out. You either have orders from a significant other or you are self-motivated clear the clutter out. I know that I will have several iPhone 6s Plus cases that I tried but found they did not work. I will have other stuff for sale also.

At the December board meeting we approved the budget for the club. As I have said many times your board spends money wisely and that the club is in good financial shape. The new board starts in January and there is one item of club business that we need to attend to at the January meeting and that is having the membership approved the budget.

There wasn't any significant Apple news, but I am sure that the company will be reporting mind blowing results in the quarter leading to the holidays. Most of the tech news was the debate between law enforcement and tech companies about encryption. Law enforcement wants a "back door" in to your accounts to gather intelligence about possible terror attacks. Apple is a leading advocate against allowing the government access to your messages and other items. Many people were upset when we found out that agencies in the government were vacuuming up telephone metadata (what number called what number). The verdict is still out as to whether the government was able to use that information to spot trends and stop terror attacks. There was a report on a website that I look at that that analysis did not predict the Paris attack.

When you read this article stop and make a backup of your hard drive. The first of the new year is a good time to back up your data. It is also a good idea for your new years resolution to create a system for periodic backups and stick to it. It will be easier to keep than losing weight. Although that is a good one also.

Please come to the January meeting even if you are not selling anything. It is a great time to network with fellow members without the formal meeting. I will see you January 16th at the Bellaire Civic Center. Sales start at 9:00am

Phil Booth
2016 HAAUG President

An iOS 9 Feature to Watch Out For

“WiFi Assist” could lead to a bigger cellular bill than you’d expect...

HAAUG Member Frederick B. submitted [this CBS News article](#) about an iPhone feature that was added in the recent iOS 9 update. The feature, called WiFi Assist, is intended to ensure you always have a fast and responsive experience using Internet-enabled apps on iPhone by failing over to your cellular Internet connection when you are on a WiFi network that isn’t performing well. For users with large data plans or unlimited data, this may be a welcome feature. If you usually skirt the limits of your data plan or incur overages, you’ll probably want to turn it off.

The feature can be found in the iOS Settings app under the “Cellular” option at the very, very bottom of the page. If you turn the feature off, your iPhone should avoid using cellular data when you’re connected to a WiFi network (as you might expect!)

I have personally had good luck with this feature and find it to be a welcome change, however I do have a fairly spacious Mobile Share plan on AT&T. I have always felt that iPhone hangs onto “bad” WiFi networks for far too long and connects to networks too aggressively. When I plug my iPhone into my car and try to play Internet radio, it usually would not begin playing until I was all the way at the end of my block, when it would finally give up on talking to the AirPort base station inside my house. The WiFi assist feature has made this slightly better, as it seems to “give up” sooner and revert to cellular data.

While we’re on the topic of cellular data usage, the Cellular settings page on iPhone has a ton of options, allowing you very granular control over your data usage. You can turn cellular data usage off on a per-app basis, while still allowing those applications to use the network when you are connected to WiFi. The iPhone also tracks statistics for your cellular network usage (which are cumulative until you manually reset them) so you can keep an eye on which applications are eating through your cellular data allowance. By selecting the System Services item, you can also view the usage totals for your Personal Hotspot, Siri, Messaging, and more.

Thanks, Frederick, for the tip! If you have an article for the Apple Barrel or a topic you’d like to see discussed, send an email to editor@haaug.org!

Ryan Eisworth

Event Schedule

January 16, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Swap Meet		
9:30 am			
10:00 am			
10:30 am			
11:00 am			
11:30 am			
12:00 pm			
12:30 pm			
1:00 pm			
1:30 pm			Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 pm			

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

October 17, 2015

Location: Embassy Suites, 2911 Sage Road, Houston, Texas

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 1:16 PM following the conclusion of the November General Meeting.

General Announcements: We will be back at the Bellaire Civic Center next month and are already paid through January for the Swap Meet. We are still uncertain about whether or not they will be tearing down the existing Civic Center.

Monthly Reports

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

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of October was \$4,804.68. Our savings account balance was \$10,002.82, for total cash on hand of \$14,807.50. All but one bill was paid, and that bill was taken care of in early November. Doug will send us receipts for Bob LeVitus' lunch today and for last February as well.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of October with 138 members, which was the same as September, and down from 152 members (a difference of 14 members) from October 31, 2014. We had a total of 5 transactions in October, which included three renewals, one lapsed renewal, and one new member. One of these transactions was by credit card, with the rest being by check. We had several new members join today as a result of Bob LeVitus' appearance today.

Programming Report: Phil will confirm with Doug Smith about presenting at the December 19 meeting. The SIG room was full today, and the new projector was a big hit.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan was absent today, but he did get the Apple Barrel published.

New Business

State Registration: Phil has not yet done anything about the state registration. He will work this between Christmas and New Year's.

Wi-Fi Subscription Issue: The Bellaire WiFi is apparently improved - perhaps we do not need to make a purchase. However, we will keep this option in our back pockets, although it may not be needed as long as we can get a few minutes of WiFi time from one of our members if necessary. We may

want to have this device during the time that the Civic Center is unavailable (if that does indeed happen). We will have to include this in the budget starting in January.

Possible Projector Purchase: The projector cost was \$865.99. Phil also purchased a high speed 25 foot HDMI cable for \$25.99. He also spend \$39.99 for a bag for the projector, and a Lightning to HDMI display adapter for \$48.99 and a miniDP to HDMI adapter for \$29.95..

Adjournment: At 1:32 P.M.

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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. 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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