Apple Barrel

The Journal of the Houston Area Apple Users Group

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Seek and Ye Shall Find

An in-depth look at...

Locating information on your Mac and the Internet...

Saturday, March 19
Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 am - 1 pm

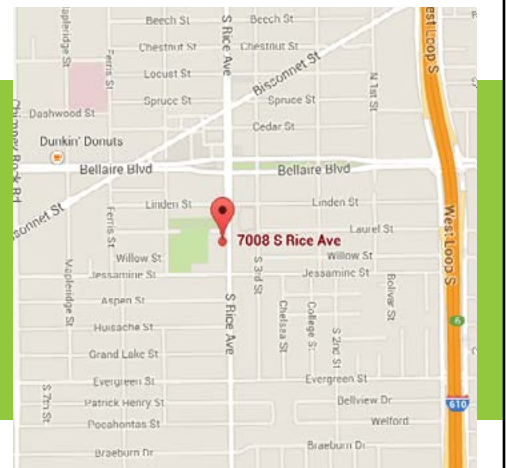Spotlight · Find Any File · Google Advanced Search · Wolfram Alpha · ...and more!

Join us at the HAAUG General Meeting this month for a panel discussion all about finding data both on your Mac and on the Internet. We'll cover secrets and tips of Spotlight, as well as other appliactions like Find Any File. We'll also go over advanced features of the Google search engine and go over a quick introduction to Wolfram Alpha.

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!

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Ave.
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Meetup Group

The Houston Area Apple Users Group is now on Meetup.com! Click here to visit our group's Meetup page and join. We will of course continue to publish all meeting news on our website at haaug.org, to our Facebook group, and all other outlets as usual; this is simply an additional way to market our organization to the local community. If you are already a HAAUG member and join the Meetup group we will mark your dues as paid on the Meetup website, so you won't have to pay HAAUG dues twice!

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.

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Our favorite fruit company was in the news recently for the wrong reasons. Instead of announcing new product, it is embroiled in a controversy with the FBI. The government through a court order is demanding that Apple write software that will allow the FBI to search the phone of the San Bernardino gunman. The company's position is that that software does not exist and they do not want to be forced to create a system that will allow the company to unlock the iPhone making iPhones less secure.

This is an interesting case as the FBI has a legitimate need to inspect the contents of the phone to see if the shooter had communication with other people that could be planning some kind of operation. Another aspect to this story is that the iPhone in question was issued to the gunman by his employer the San Bernardino County.

Apple has touted the security of the iPhone, saying over and over again that they do not want to collect their customer's data. This case will test whether our phones, which hold more personal information than we realize, will be open to law enforcement and people who get their hands on the keys. This is something that we all need to watch.

A very large thanks to Ryan Eisworth for his presentation on the System Preferences in OS X. I hope that we can do more deep dives into the Apple OS's. Members of the Board met and planned the year and I think that it looks good. Reading the Bellaire-focused papers it looks like the rebuild of the Bellaire Civic center is delayed so it looks like we will be meeting there for the next year.

In other Apple news, rumors have surfaced about a new smaller iPhone coming soon; we will see. Since Apple has been defending itself in public opinion and court there is not a lot of other news.

Phil Booth
2016 HAAUG President

Why it Pays to Attend HAAUG Meetings

by Joe Muscara

Why It Can Pay to Attend a HAAUG Meeting

After several months' absence, I attended last month's HAAUG General Meeting—and am I glad I did!

Ryan Eisworth devoted the Main Presentation to an in-depth review of System Preferences, an OS X feature that all Mac users access from time to time. Ryan showed functions in System Preferences that I did not know existed—functions that enable the user to customize the Mac the way he or she likes it.

For several weeks prior to the meeting I had been experiencing a printing issue on my mid-2010 iMac. This is the first problem I've ever experienced with it.

When the issue began, I would click "print' in an application and nothing would happen. Clicking on "Printers & Scanners" in System Preferences, I would see a message in the print queue that the printer was not connected, even though it was listed. Deleting the printer and adding it back would fix the problem—temporarily. As time went on, the problem got worse: Whenever I tried to print from an app—be it Adobe Acrobat, Mail, Notes or Word—it would abruptly crash.

I tried rebooting my iMac and making sure OS X and the print drivers were updated. The apps continued to crash when I hit the print button.

Next I looked in vain for solutions to the problem on the Support section of Apple.com. Then I chatted with an Apple geek on Apple.com. What he suggested that I do did not fix the problem. Not wanting to lug my 27-inch iMac into the Genius Bar at the Apple Store, I resorted to a work-around by sending documents from my iMac to my iPad and then printing them.

Needless to say, I paid close attention when Ryan reviewed the functions of "Printers & Scanners" in System Preferences. My ears perked up when he showed how to reset the printing system by right clicking on the list of Printers in the dialog box.

As soon as I got home from the meeting, I opened System Preferences on my iMac, clicked on "Printers and Scanners," reset the printing system and then added my printers by clicking on the "+" sign at the bottom of the printer list. Then I tried printing a Word document to my default printer. I heard the printer start up with a whirring noise and watch it dispense the printed document. My long, frustrating printing problem was solved!

Here is what the Help function in OS X says about resetting the printing system:

If you can't print to your printer and you've tried all other solutions, reset the printing system. This process deletes all printers from your list of printers, deletes information about all completed print jobs, and deletes all printer presets.

Obviously, resetting the printing system is a last resort in troubleshooting printing problems. Perhaps that is why it is hidden behind a right-click in the list of printers in "Printers & Scanners." It worked for me!

Many thanks to Ryan!

Joe Muscara

Event Schedule
March 19, 2016

	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	**Seek and Ye Shall Find** Panel Discussion		
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

Dwight Silverman
Dwight Silverman of the Houston Chronicle will present to HAAUG on the April 16th meeting. Topic TBA.

Swap Meet
The next HAAUG Swap Meet is on July 16th. If you're spring cleaning, set those old electronics and Macs aside for the semi-annual swap meet.

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

January 16, 2016

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 11:33 AM following the conclusion of the January Swap Meet.

General Announcements: Phil thanked everyone for coming out today.

Monthly Reports

Secretary - Jack Adair: The minutes of the December BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of December was $2,477.56. Our savings account balance was $10,002.98, for total cash on hand of $12,480.54. All bills have been paid and all monies have deposited. Clair also paid the sales tax that is due next week. Clair has downloaded the new version of Account Edge and will be installing such as soon as December is finalized.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of December with 136 members, which down by one from November, and down from 149 members (a difference of 13 members) from December 31, 2014. We had three renewals; two by check and one by KAGI. It was a slow month for renewals.

Programming Report - Steve Bridgam: Steve reported that Ryan had sent him a spreadsheet of past topics that represented possible topics for future main presentations. Steve plans to build a spreadsheet for 2016 as well in QuattroPro.

Ryan shared a few suggestions that he had received from the first batch of survey responses he he had received. He has received nine responses thus far.

Phil had a suggestion for the February 20 meeting, courtesy of Joe Muscara. He suggested the possibility of getting someone from Alsoft to promote the latest version of DiskWarrior. Ryan thought it might even be possible to tape such a presentation for use on our Website and/or posting on YouTube, and perhaps even for use by Alsoft. Rusty Little of Alsoft has spoken here several times in the past, most recently in 2005. Steve agreed to contact Rusty about possibly presenting to HAAUG at the February 20 meeting.

Phil talked to the folks at the City of Bellaire and was told that we had the Civic Center for as long it is remains in operation. The City has not yet decided what to do with the current Civic Center. He said he may or may not do a Photo SIG next month.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan created an account called lists.haaug.org on his Web hosting service. He was considering pointing haaugnet.org to this account as well. He has put this list in Mail Chimp as well. He would like to continue to use Mail Chimp, but it can be very cumbersome to send a message and it would force us to maintain two different data bases of E-mail addresses.

Ryan will look into creating a virtual private server (VPS) to contain our website, E-mail, and mailing lists if we decide to go away from MacHighways. Ryan will have a summary of his findings available by the February meeting.

New Business

State Registration: Phil has not done anything yet with the state registration, but will look into this in the next couple of weeks.

Wi-Fi Subscription Issue: We are going to put this on the back burner for now as we have a much improved Wi-Fi connection in the Bellaire Civic Center.

Main Presentation Workshop: Phil will send out a proposal for a meeting to discuss main presentations at a time outside the monthly board meeting.

Membership Survey: The Board agreed to add a second drawing item for $20 worth of iTunes gift cards as an incentive for members to fill out the membership survey.

Adjournment: At 12:37 P.M.

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh community

Got a story or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of Apple Barrel?

The Apple Barrel is always looking for good, meaty material for its monthly publication. If you have a personal story, review of a new product or just a funny or helpful thought, feel free to spread the word via the Barrel.

Submit your story, review, photos, or other content to: editor@haaug.org

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Please print out and complete the following form. Send a check or money order payable to HAAUG and mail it to the address shown below. Dues for regular members are $35 per year. Student memberships are available for full-time students at a high school, community college or university for the rate of $10 per year.

Your membership card will be mailed to you. You may pick up your starter kit at the next HAAUG meeting.

First: _____ Last: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Computer: _____

Membership:
　　___ New Membership ($35.00)　　___ Renewal ($35.00)
　　___ Two-Year Renewal ($70.00)　　___ Student ($10.00) *Requires Student ID*

Check # _____　　　　Member # (if renewing): _____

How did you hear about HAAUG?

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Do you know someone who would be willing to join HAAUG?　　Y　|　N

Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

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Membership Benefits

Enjoy the benefits of being a HAAUG member.

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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Houston area recycling centers:

Environmental Service Center
11500 South Post Oak Road • Dial 311 or 713-837-9130

Westpark Recycling Center
5900 Westpark • Dial 311 or 713-837-9130

Goodwill COMPUTER WORKS
12230 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77077 281-589-1215

Commercial electronics recyclers:

ScrapComputer.com
350 W. 38th St., Houston, TX 77018 • 713-691-9995
Accepts all computer-related items free; offers free pickup for large amounts.

Altech Metals, Inc.
10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-680-9325
No TVs or monitors

ARM Trading, Inc.
2476 Bolsover, Suite 557 • 713-665-0213

Compucycle
620 W. 6th St. • 713-866-8021

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