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Apple Announces New Portables by Ryan Eisworth

As you have no doubt already heard, Apple announced new MacBook Pro computers recently. These new machines feature 6th-generation Intel Core i5 and i7 processors, and models with a discrete graphics processor use the newly-released Radeon Pro 450, 455 and 460 models. Computers come with either 8 GB or 16 GB of RAM and solid state drives that range from 256 GB to 1 TB on the 13-inch models and up to 2 TB on the 15-inch. Apple's updates to their portable computers have been long-awaited by many users, but not everyone has had a positive reaction to the new notebooks.

Apple made a controversial decision to abandon nearly all familiar ports that have graced our notebook and desktop computers for years, opting to include either two or four USB-C ports. These ports are physically different from previous USB ports, but are also much more capable. On the MacBook Pro the USB-C port can carry both Thunderbolt 3 and USB 3.1. It is also used to charge the computer.

Most users will have to purchase dongles to connect existing hardware to the machine. These vary in price depending on their function, but Apple has dropped the price temporarily on dongles until the end of 2016 to help ease the transition for those purchasing the new notebook. Using a dongle, users can adapt the USB-C port to a traditional USB host port, HDMI, Thunderbolt 2, or a variety of other connectors.

The one thing you won't need a dongle to connect to the new MacBook Pro is your headphones. Apple has left the 3.5mm audio out jack on the new machines despite removing it from the latest iPhone 7.

Another point of concern about the new machines is the lack of a 32 GB memory configuration. This is more of a limitation of the current low-power chips that Apple is using in the notebooks than it is their stubborn unwillingness to provide more configurability, and there is a high likelihood that when Kaby Lake low-power processors are introduced to the MacBook Pro in the future, a 32 GB configuration will be available.

One of the biggest features of the new computer is the Touch Bar which comes with all MacBook Pros except the base 13-inch model (which also lacks two USB-C ports versus the higher-end configurations). The Touch Bar is a context-aware multitouch LCD that replaces the upper row of function keys normally found on a MacBook Pro keyboard. The Touch Bar provides another avenue for interacting with the operating system and applications.

Computers equipped with the Touch Bar also include a Touch ID sensor which can be used to unlock the notebook and authenticate Apple Pay transactions.

The base model 13-inch MacBook Pro without the Touch Bar is \$1,499. The higher-end 13-inch configuration with the Touch Bar and four USB-C ports starts at \$1,799. 15-inch configurations start at \$2,399.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Houston Area Apple Users Group

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors September 17, 2016

Location: Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 S. Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:17 PM following the conclusion of the September General Meeting.

Monthly Reports

Secretary - Jack Adair: The minutes of the August 2016 BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of August 2016 was \$3,461.24. Our savings account balance was \$10,003.64, for total cash on hand of \$13,464.88. All bills have been paid and all monies have been deposited. From July, we have membership dues of \$250 due to us from KAGI less fees. Clair has received a form to fill out to try and get some of that money back. We will likely not see any money of the \$250.00 for this year, and Clair is seeking guidance about how to handle this issue. Phil suggested writing a memo stating the amount of money owed to us by KAGI, and indicating that we would get something back in 2017.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of August with 133 members, which was the same as July, and down from 141 members (a difference of 8 members) from August 31, 2016. We had six transactions in August, of which one was new and two were lapsed renewals. We had two regular renewals and one two-year renewal. Of those, we had three credit card transactions. Phil asked if we knew the names of the members tied up with the KAGI payments so that they could be credited. Dave indicated that that has been done and that the memberships have been credited.

Programming Report - Steve Bridgham: Phil reported that there is a company called Capital Home Automation that he called, inviting them to come talk to us in October. He will attempt to talk to one of their people again, even maybe doing with a FaceTime if necessary. Phil will

be the producer for the October meeting. Steve reported that Raf Batista (FileMaker) has committed for November, and wanted to know the bullet points that Raf's presentation should contain. The Board discussed this and came up with some verbal suggestions, and Steve agreed to sit with Raf at the next FileMaker meeting to discuss this. Doug Smith is willing to do his typical holiday presentation in December 2016 but is reluctant to commit beyond that. We have our next Swap Meet in January 2017, and Bob LeVitus for February 2017.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan was absent this month, and his only report was regarding the FOSS (Freedom Open Source Software) CDs.

New Business

Report on KAGI Closing and Exploring Alternatives: We have no report as to KAGI alternatives at this point.

Meeting Location Info: Phil was told that we cannot count on the Bellaire Civic Center location as a meeting location after December. The City of Bellaire will be voting on November 8 regarding bonds that include facility upgrades. Phil has been talking to his contact with the city and has been told that the Center Point room above the pool center will likely be available. Phil reported that we would certainly need another facility other than the Center Point room for Swap Meets, and that we may not even have access to the Bellaire Civic Center in December due to building that they may have to do. Phil has talked to the city receptionist and has been told that her church, Faith Lutheran, may be able to rent out their fellowship hall. We need to find a place we can rent for a monthly fee of \$200.00 or less, and we need to be prepared to do this for at least 12-18 months until we could get back into the current Bellaire Civic Center building. If we do go to a church, we will need to get a Wi-Fi hotspot for Internet access. Also, there will likely be an issue with the November meeting due to an expected City of Bellaire Fun Run the third weekend of November, which is our typical meeting date.

Phil will draft an E-mail to Kevin Browne of the City of Bellaire regarding the rental situation going forward and the potential City of Bellaire Fun Run and copy the board. Clair asked if we would pay rent month-to-month starting in October since both November and December are questionable, and Phil agreed to talk to Kevin about that.

Adjournment: At 1:42 PM

Club and Meeting News

FileMaker Pro 101

An Introduction to Databases with Raf Batista

Saturday, November 19

Bellaire Civic Center

7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401

9 am - 1 pm



	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals SIG Jonathan Magnus	iOS SIG Rick Roberts	
9:30 am			
10:00 am			
10:30 am			
11:00 am	FileMaker Pro 101 Raf Batista		
11:30 am			
12:00 pm			
12:30 pm			
1:00 pm			
1:30 pm			Board of Directors Meeting
2:00 pm			

Join the HAAUG Board of Directors!

We will soon be asking for members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. Please consider putting your name up for a leadership position. For more information, talk to any board member at a meeting or send an email to president@haaug.org.

Swap Meet Registration Starts Soon

Registration for the January 21, 2017 swap meet will open soon. Now is the time to start gathering your unused computer and electronic equipment, clearing your personal data off hard drives, and tracking down those power supplies and cables you've misplaced!

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!

HAAUG Website Updates

If you haven't visited the [HAAUG website](http://haaug.org) recently, stop by and check it out. Learn more about the organization, get up-to-the-minute news and updates, and browse the Apple Barrel archives, dating back to 1996!

Submit Your Content to Apple Barrel!

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.

Special Interest Groups

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

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

Special Interest Group 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!

Upcoming Events

January 21, 2017

HAAUG Semi-Annual Swap Meet

February 18, 2017: Bob LeVitus

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus, Houston Chronicle columnist, author of more than fifty books, and a Mac consultant, troubleshooter and trainer, will talk about "The State of Apple + Some Cool Stuff Dr. Mac Likes" during the Main Presentation.

Prior Meeting Notes

Automating Your Mac (August 20, 2016)

Our August meeting featured HAAUG members Ryan Esworth and John Gaver discussing automating the Mac with AppleScript, Automator, Shell Scripts and more. Click below for the slide deck from the presentation.

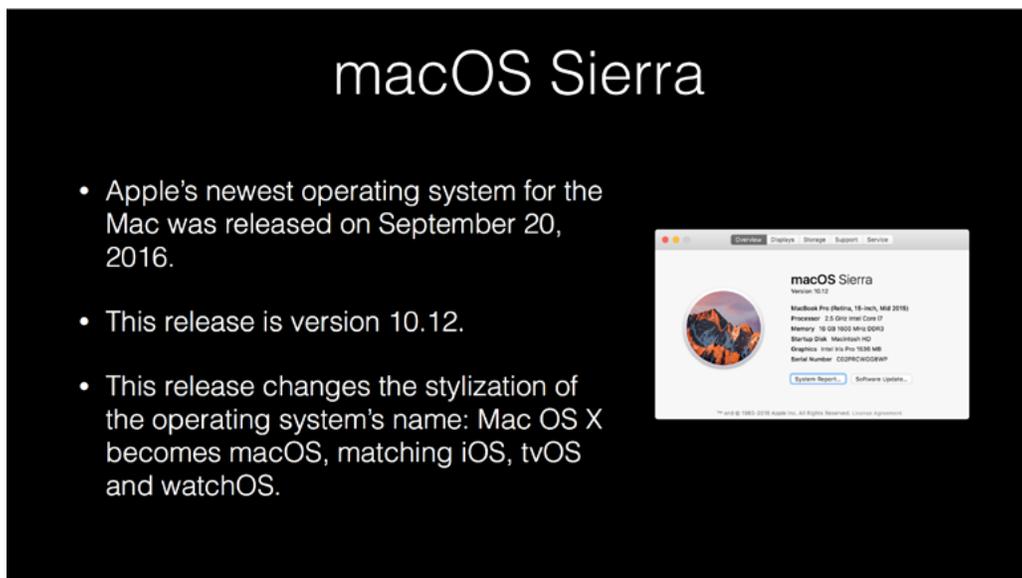


Other Media

John's Mail Announcement Script can be download [here](#). His Automator action to show the contents of ZIP files can be downloaded [here](#). Ryan's Find Sender's Messages script for Mail can be downloaded [here](#).

New Features in macOS Sierra and iOS 10 (October 15, 2016)

Our October meeting featured updates to Apple's desktop and mobile operating system. Click below for the slide deck from the presentation.



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Membership Benefits

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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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): _____

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Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

