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I thank the membership for allowing me to serve another year as President of HAAUG. It will be a pleasure working for the membership again. I spoke with the city and it looks like we can use the Civic Center until April. So the Swap Meet will be in the Bellaire Civic Center. Starting in April we will move to the Centerpoint Meeting room located on the second floor of the Pool house.

There is a mixed bag of news from Apple; sales this year were lower than 2015 and upper management including Tim Cook received a smaller bonus than last year. On the other hand the App store recorded three billion in sales in December. Apple reported that the App Store generated 20 billion dollars for developers in 2016. Apple is scheduled to have its earnings call for the last quarter of the calendar year 2016 at the end of January.

Go back ten years where were you; do you remember this "So... Three things: A widescreen iPod with touch controls. A revolutionary mobile phone. And a breakthrough internet communications device. An iPod... a phone... and an internet communicator... An iPod, a phone... are you getting it? These are not three separate devices. This is one device! And we are calling it iPhone." Steve Jobs, January 9, 2007

If you were a Mac user for a long time; this is the time we would be looking forward the Macworld expo and the Apple Keynote. CES and the Macworld Expo happened at the same time in January. This is when Apple would announce the new version of OS X, new products like the iPhone. Now Apple announces updates and new products when they are ready. I always wanted to attend a Macworld but my work schedule got in the way.

Some people like it, some people are not enthused with the new MacBook Pro. Just remember that if you own one of the machines you will be investing in USB-C/Thunderbolt adapters. As our machines age we will be using the new Apple products and buying adapters that will allow you to connect older peripherals.

Siri, Alexa, and Google voice are all vying for our attention. Alexa and Google Voice are networked devices that listen for key words to activate and accept commands. Google will interface with home automation products and turn on lights or set the mood. So voice command is becoming a hot technology. Ford and Amazon inked a deal to have Alexa as part of their infotainment system. Goody you can not buy one hundred rolls of toilet paper while driving down 288.

I think that you will need to check out the security on these devices. Malicious people might have the ability to hack into these units and listen. If you have any network device make sure that you change the password and not leave it at the default.

I hope to see you at the swap meet.

# Ten Years of iPhone

by Ryan Eisworth

Ten years ago this month, the public got their first glimpse of the long-rumored Apple iPhone. I recall watching the keynote and comparing the phone's features to those of my Palm Treo 700p. The Treo had several advantages over the iPhone (which at launch didn't even have a to-do list application) but the feature that really grabbed me on the iPhone was the Safari web browser.

Mobile web browsing in 2007 was a painful thing. You either got the full-fledged desktop version of the website which rendered terribly on the mobile browsers of the era and often didn't work at all, or you got a heavily distilled and usually text-only version that seemed designed to render on the most spartan flip phone that had browsing capabilities. The iPhone promised a rich Internet experience with the same rendering capabilities as the Mac OS Safari web browser (though devoid of Adobe Flash).

As the months between the announcement and retail release ticked by, I wavered back and forth on buying one. In addition to my interest in the iPhone, I also wanted to change phone carriers to AT&T as the coverage with my

provider at the time had actually gotten worse since I started with them, and the iPhone launch seemed like an opportune time to make the switch. The day before the iPhone launch I watched on tech news sites and television as lines at Apple Stores and AT&T locations grew, with people camping out hoping for a shot at buying Apple's latest gadget. I decided that if I could go on launch day to my local AT&T store (in rural Brenham) and buy one, I'd do it.

About fifteen minutes before the local launch time I went over to the AT&T store. There were four people in line and a Brinks armored car was dropping off the precious cargo. Two of the people in line were just looking, and one other person was interested in buying the phone. I asked if he was going to get the 4 GB or 8 GB version. "The 8 GB, of course," he said. I think just about everyone opted for the extra storage.

Within 30 minutes of leaving my house, I was back home with a new AT&T cellular plan and a new iPhone. I unboxed the phone in earnest, powered it on and put in my SIM card, only to find myself "waiting for activation" like the thousands

of others who had also taken the plunge, but were now waiting on Apple's servers to breathe life into their phones.

Right before I was about to give up and go to sleep, the phone sprung to life and let me begin using it. I stayed up for five more hours exploring the features and settings for myself. There were things about my Treo that I missed, but the iPhone made up for it in with responsiveness, simplicity, and that wonderful web browser.

It's been an exciting decade watching the iPhone's capabilities expand and grow into what we have today. Here's to another decade of iOS!



# 2017 Board of Directors

At our December meeting, the HAAUG Board of Directors for 2017 was approved. Our 2017 HAAUG Board of Directors is as follows:

## President

Phil Booth

## Vice President

Steve Bridgham

## Secretary

*Vacant*

## Treasurer

Clair Jaschke

## Membership Chairman

David Jaschke

## Media & Communications Administrator

Ryan Eisworth

## Director-At-Large, Position 1

Mike Epstein

## Director-At-Large, Position 2

Mike King

Note that we have a vacancy on the board. If you are interested in serving the group as secretary, please contact Phil Booth.

The 2017 HAAUG Budget will be available for member review at the January Swap Meet.

# Found on the web

**iFixit Celebrates Ten Years of Taking Apart iPhones** – [iFixit](#) has become renowned for painstakingly disassembling Apple hardware and documenting the process with detailed photos and instructions. They've torn down all fifteen iPhone models released over the past ten years. For a stroll down memory lane, [click here](#).

## Your Ad Here

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# Club and Meeting News

Community Computer and  
Electronics Swap Meet

**Saturday, January 21**

Bellaire Civic Center

7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401

9 am – 1 pm



	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			
2:00 pm			

## Swap Meet

**January 21, 2017**

Our next meeting is the semi-annual swap meet! This is a great time to dust off that tech equipment you're not using and turn it into cash or trade it for something you'll use! Registration is open at <http://haaug.org/swap>!

## Upcoming Events

**February 18, 2017 - Bob "Dr. Mac" 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 at the HAAUG General Meeting on Saturday, February 18, 2017. You won't want to miss this great presentation!

### 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](mailto:president@haaug.org).

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2016

Houston Area Apple Users Group - Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors August 20, 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 1:25 PM following the conclusion of the November General Meeting. Jeff Davis is looking for a good bookkeeper due to a personal matter in his family.

## Monthly Reports

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

**Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke:** Clair reported that our checking account balance as of the end of October 2016 was \$3,781.02. Our savings account balance was \$10,003.80, for total cash on hand of \$13,784.82. All bills have been paid and all monies have been deposited. Clair sent out a draft of the proposed 2017 budget and got only one comment. We will dis-

cuss this again at the December meeting before presenting to the membership.

**Membership - David Jaschke:** Dave reported that we ended the month of October with 133 members, which was up by one from September, and down from 138 members (a difference of 5 members) from October 31, 2015. We had eight membership transactions in September, of which five were by credit card. We had two lapsed members renew and six regular renewals. Ryan and Dave got Square hooked up to our website so that we can now do on-line membership transactions. Monies from Square are in our bank account the next day, which is a welcome change from the KAGI days.

**Programming Report - Steve Bridgham:** Doug Smith bowed out for December, so we may have to put together a panel discussion for December. This could possibly involve discussing where the good deals are. Phil reported that he will be off next week and may be off the following week as well to discuss how we may be able to use the Civic Center, even possibly for the next Swap Meet in January. There are also concerns that we were not informed about the event last night that prevented

us from setting up, and about not being notified about the Bellaire Fun Run this morning that caused some issues. Phil will try to address this with the folks at the City of Bellaire.

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth:** Ryan was not present but did provide a report via E-mail. Phil suggested that everyone read the report.

## New Business

**Nominations:** The nominations received were as follows:

President: Phil Booth

Vice-President: Steve Bridgham, Anna Fay Williams

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Clair Jaschke

Membership Chairman: Dave Jaschke

Media and Communications Administrator: Ryan Eisworth

Directors at Large: Mike Epstein, Mike King

**Adjournment:** At 1:42 PM

# 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](http://www.haaug.org).

## Join by Mail

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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