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NorthWest Apple Pickers

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
May 7th
7:00 - 9:00 pm

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**Safari--
An Internet Trek**

General Meeting
Sunday
May 17th
3:00 - 5:00 pm
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**Neo Office -
A Sweet Suite**

Meeting Locations

**The New User &
General Meetings
are typically held
at the Lakewood
Public Library**

Located at the south-
west corner of Gravelly
Lake Drive and Wildaire
Road.
**http://www.
nwapplpkrs.org**

Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat May 2009

Changed? Me? Of course not! I'm still the same as I've always been. Maybe a bit grayer and perhaps a wee bit wiser. But I am basically the same paragon of something or other I've always been. I'm doing things as I always have.

Do you buy that? Don't.

We all keep changing and growing in different directions. (I am referring to the expansion of our minds, not our matters.)

In my earlier years of dealing with computers there was no such thing as a friendly user interface. I faced a blinking cursor on a black screen filled with little green or yellow characters if I needed to interact with the machine. After the graphical user interface was introduced with its point and click logic, producing a useful report became a lot easier and much quicker.

That was a quarter of a century ago. The "What You See Is What You Get" revolution expanded access to personal computing beyond the geeky techie crowd.

The first Mac I used in an office was running a word processor, spread sheets, and Quark. The office had several of those one-piece Mac classic models linked together in a simple network sending material to one shared laser printer and one standalone hard drive. The printer and the hard drive were bulky machines. Today's printers are much smaller and more talented and even a tiny 128MB flash drive has more storage capacity that that old drive had.

I purchased my first Mac about fifteen years ago with a hard drive smaller than a 256MB thumb drive! With ClarisWorks I had a word processor, spread sheets, and a layout program. I soon added and

Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices
GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGE
May's meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday, May 17th at the Summit Library

The Novice S.I.G meets at The Lakewood Fire District 22 Conference Room. 8517 Washington Blvd., Lakewood, WA 98498

The NWAP April board meeting will be May 5th at 7:00 pm at the President's home.

A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington

New User Report

The New User Group reviews the Mac Operating System over the course of 12 months. We look at tips and tricks as well as the basics of OS X 10.5 Leopard. Our goal is to introduce new users to the system and to remind veteran Mac users of new features.

In April we reviewed the Apple Mail program and how it integrates with many other elements of Mac OS X. Our May meeting will explore the Internet browser Safari and how to use its features for more efficient surfing.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on May 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Bob Moffat (phone 253-845-5233 or email **ramoat@mac.com**)

Novice SIG Report

Learn something about OSX 10.5 that you didn't know before! Great tips!! Cleaning up files & mail.

Bring or send your questions to
MarilynnmR@nwapplpkrs.org

Join us May 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station 22, 8417 Washington Blvd. in Lakewood

Contact: Marilynn M Russell (phone 253-584-0147 or email **MarilynnmR@nwapplpkrs.org**

Mortvedt Session

We meet May 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. These monthly sessions are held on the second Fridays and are to Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to give attention to questions. If you have a MacBook, bring it to the meeting, but you do not have to bring a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center (1705 N. Vassault St.) May 8th from 10:00 am to Noon.

Contact: Bob Moffat (phone 253-845-5233 or email **ramoat@mac.com)**

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NWAP is an Apple Macintosh User Group which meets the second Sunday of the Month. Annual Dues are $35 for an individual or a family.
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NWAP and TAPCUG, a PC user group, are two organizations working together to support the Macintosh and PC platforms in the Greater Tacoma/Pierce County area. TAPCUG meets the second Saturday of each month. Send inquiries to: 6824 19th Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

‹**www.tapcug.org**›

May General Meeting

Sunday, May 17th (**one week later than usual**) we will meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Summit Library (**a different location this month only**.) The program will feature presentations about NeoOffice, the open source suite, demonstrating word processing, spreadsheet, and database functions. Based on OpenOffice, this free software may be an alternative to purchasing an expensive commercial program. Come see if it works for you.

Summit Library (5107 112th St E) May 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Help & Information

General Club Matters................. Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)
New User (OS 10) ....Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)
Novice SIG...............Marilynn M. Russell, **marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org**
Book Reviews...........Marilynn M. Russell, **marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org**
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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Report, April 7th, 2009

by Alice Brynestad, Secretary

The NWAP Board meeting was called to order at the home of Erick Camp by President Erick at 7:20pm on Tuesday, April 7th, 2009, after a dinner welcoming new Board members and honoring those who are leaving the Board.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter

A contract was received for the payment to Stewart Beels who has financed the purchase of the new OPTIMA EP 1691 projector now being used for NWAP meetings. The cost was $767.52. Payments will be no less than $50.00 monthly. The Board may authorize accelerated payments at any time. The initial payment on April 7, 2009 was $167.52, leaving a balance of $600.00.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Marilynn Russell. We have $968.92 funds available at this time.

Red Chip: $84.00 as of March and is to be recalculated.

There was discussion about the Red Chip fund, and how the moneys are divided and disbursed. The amount of monies collected from the sale of tickets for the drawing are equally divided between the Red Chip fund and the Club General Fund. Payments are made to the person who draws for the Red Chip. If they draw and get a White Chip, they are given $3.00 from the Red Chip Fund. If they draw a Red Chip, they get all the moneys in the Red Chip fund. The Treasurer then issues a check for this amount to be given to the winner for drawing the Red Chip.

Further discussion occurred regarding the Petty Cash fund. It was MSP that this fund be discontinued and the money will be placed in the NWAP Savings account.

Membership Reported 20 members and one visitor attended the New Users Meeting March 5, and 18 members attended the General Meeting March 8, with one new member and two visitors . Both March meetings had a total of 21 attendees at each meeting. .There were five membership renewals.

Total membership in NWAP as of March 31, 2009 is 72.

Apple Ambassador Peter Winderling received material from Apple User Group requesting information regarding our club. He has filled out the requested report. This was accepted by the Board.

Publicity Chairman Marilynn Russell gave a full report on her many activities, including distribution of Club posters, She also reported on her successful SIG group meeting on the first Thursday afternoon of each month at the Lakewood Fire Station on Washington Street . Attendance averages about 5 - 9 persons. Marilynn and Webb Olliphant will be working with the Tacoma Public Schools, the Comcast computer program hosted by Dorothy Wilhelm at the Puyallup Korum YMCA, and other individuals needing help with their Macs. Report accepted.

The Users Group (APCUG) has articles available for us to use in our Newsletters if we are a member of this group. It was MSP that we join this group for a year and then have the Newsletter Editor evaluate these articles. If the Editor feels these articles can be used in our Newsletter, we will continue our membership.

All instructions on articles, name spelling, or any other matter are to be carefully written out and forwarded to our Editor David.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Alice Brynestad, Secretary

Membership Update

Report compiled on April 26th by David Putman, Editor & Membership Chairman

New Memberships: Richard T. McDermott
Renewed Memberships: None

Memberships Expired In March: Eunice Robeck
Memberships Expiring In April: Norma Bartlett, Kathryn Whitacre, and Elizabeth Luce

Red Chip

The Red Chip current value is $87.50
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Word Wrap

exeperimented with other programs. I learned to save early and often if I wanted to preserve my work. New User Group meetings were often workshops on how to maintain and troubleshoot our computers. Software and hardware advances continued to deliver more content and capabilities than you could shake a stick at.

As the number of computer users expanded, the world of communications grew and changed. Folks who never expected to touch a computer discovered a need to email distant friends or research the Internet from their den. And organize their photos. Or edit their videos. And have a video chat with family on the other side of the world.

A decade has passed since the first iMac made its Bondi Blue debut. The system and applications that ran on that model were lightyears ahead of those from a decade earlier. They were, however, just natural extensions and enhancements of the basic applications around from the beginning. Words, numbers, layouts, and graphics were the foundation for all talented applications that evolved over the years. As the hardware advanced so did the software. And so did the range of tasks that humble home computer (or laptop) could do.

The other day I took a bunch of pictures with my digital camera and loaded them into my Mac. I tweaked some of them in a photo editing program. I modified their size so I could send them to friends as attachments to email. When my first Mac arrived I could not have done any of those tasks. Email was still a hoped-for dream. (We were still trying to figure out local Bulletin Boards!) The Internet had not evolved to the world wide public utility we know today. Digital photography was crude and reserved for the very patient and very well-heeled.

Some of our members arrive at NWAP with slim hopes of ever understanding their computers. As they begin to take charge they also begin to change their minds. Expand their horizons. Change. Grow. Try new things.

Changed? Changing? You bet. I'm one heckuva different person than I was a decade ago. I'm a Mac User! I have no choice! I must learn how, I must discover why. Why not?

New User Review-
Apple 's Mail

(as presented at the April 2nd Meeting)

Email is one of the most common computer activities for most of us, so Mail, the OS X application that handles email is easy to take for granted. We explored the Preferences and ways to customize your Mail rules. We looked at ways to use Mail to collect email from several different accounts and we also demonstrated how to set up Mail Boxes (folders) and Smart Mail Boxes to store and organize your emails, as well as searching and displaying your files.

We reviewed the ways to use "TO", "CC", and "BCC" in addressing email. We discussed the etiquette and ethics of forwarding emails so that we can protect the privacy of our addressees.

The Mail application in Leopard 10.5 offers built in templates for special stationery and it is integrated with iPhoto so you can easily attach images to messages. We discussed how iPhoto and Mail work together to allow you to resize a photo to a reasonable size so your correspondent does not become despondent over the huge download you are sending. Mail also works with iCal and the Address Book, recognizing dates and names so that you can open these applications from within an email to record information.

Mail also offers To Do and Note features which let you create memos to yourself. Among other functions we discussed were the use of Mail as your RSS "reader" and various print and save options.

Mail and the associated applications are the first part of our two-sessions on communications. May's New User Group will explore the Internet using Safari and all of its many features.

Apple iPods Being Used By The Military

For the complete article go to the newsweek article

http://www.newsweek.com/id/194623

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

Last month I mentioned a Mac Mini crash and re-habilitation following lengthy repair attempts. That same week I bought a new PC with a quad core Intel processor. It came with something I didn't want, the dreaded Vista OS. First off I seemed to like it. That didn't last long. Problem one: A Windows program from work is something that makes a PC handy to have for me. Surprise! The program won't work under Vista in Vista's regular mode or any of the Vista "compatibility" modes where Vista makes believe it is Windows 2000, etc. I just kept getting a pop-up, "This program requires Windows XP." On to my Intel Mac with CrossOver. Another (nice) surprise, the program ran on the Mac. Great program, CrossOver from CodeWeavers.

Problem two: As soon as I got on-line I was bombarded with 50 or more Trojans and viruses. With names like r55t674jj7j.exe. The kind that just won't do anything to a Mac. They need Windows to run because of the EXE extension. My error because I went on-line before installing an

anti-virus program. These Trojans & viruses were very well hidden and invisible to any normal search. All repair attempts failed. I considered wiping the drive and installing XP. But, that would probably void my warranty. Eventually I got everything fixed and strong anti-virus software installed. What a waste of time.

Got a Bluetooth earpiece for my iPhone. The Plantronics Explorer 230 for $40. One of my sons bought an earpiece at AT&T that he said was an iPhone specific item but he paid $60 more than I paid. It was because he was so pleased with his wireless earpiece that I decided to get one. So far so good with the Plantronics. Easy to set up. Have only been using it for a few days and I can't even tell (notice) it's in my ear. Am familiar with Plantronics products high quality from aviation equipment they make and I have used. There is an upgraded one for $10 more and you get a bigger "answer" button plus a car charger. I'm hoping that I'll now be able to hear my phone ring in the car while Benny Goodman is blasting out of the radio speakers. Got my wife a Motorola Bluetooth earpiece, nice and $10 less than the Plantronics.

You may have seen the Speck see-thru-cover for MacBooks. Got a red one. Best price was via Amazon.

$20 there, postpaid, versus $50 at the University Bookstore. Wondered how the top cover would stay on? Found out accidentally. Press each corner slightly. You will hear a soft click. It's then locked on.

Peachpit Press
Mac Tip of the Week #217
Get Rid of the Transparent Menu Bar

Excerpted from Mac OS X Leopard Killer Tips by Scott Kelby and Dave Gales Get Rid of the Transparent Menu Bar

Uncomfortable with the see-through menu bar in Leopard? As of the 5.2 update, Apple provides a way to turn it off. Go to the Apple menu, choose System Preferences, and click the Desktop & Screen Saver icon. At the bottom of the Desktop preference pane, turn off the Translucent Menu Bar option.

Permissions Repair Warnings

Do you ever run repair permissions & get cryptic answers you do not understand? Welcome to the club. *big grin*

Example "ACL found but not expected" or "Warning: SUID file" error messages.

Well check the kink below for some answer.

http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=306925

View Your RSS Feeds in Mail

Excerpted from Cool Mac Apps: Twelve Apps for Enhanced Creativity and Productivity, 3rd Edition by John Tollett and Robin Williams

To make it easier to get your info fix, you can send your RSS feeds from the Safari web browser directly to Mail. Then, whenever you check your mail, you can see whether you have news articles waiting to be read. To send an RSS feed to Mail, make a bookmark of the RSS feed (press Command-D). In the resulting dialog box, check Mail to add the bookmark to Mail. Click Add, and it's done!

South Sound Adobe User Group

May Program:

Michael Ninness, senior product manager for In-Design Adobe Systems Incorporated, will be our featured speaker. He will present on Flash in InDesign. Please see the second page of this notice for more information on this dynamic speaker.

June Program:

Summer Pot Luck Dinner and semi-annual software drawing. (You must be "vested" to win the software which means you have attended 3 of the 6 meetings since the last drawing.) We will also be making a light box for diffusing light so you can photograph objects in detail.

You can earn extra chances to win by participating in our meetings— bringing a friend, providing a "treat", presenting a tip or trick, etc.

Be sure to grab a "brown bag". We are back to bringing in whatever we want to eat... 5:30 for dinner and networking.

Meeting will be at Cascade Print.

Location: 3321 S. Lawrence Street, Tacoma

Mac Hints & Tips Embraces the future

Mac Hints & Tips is embracing the future. I now have a new website making use of the most modern technologies. This new website has every tip I've collected since 1991 -- over 9,500 tips and growing!

You can find the new website at **<http://machintsandtips.com>.** (No hyphens in the web address!)

These tips are searchable by keyword and/or application. You can read every Photoshop tip, every MS Word tip, every Leopard tip, etc, going back to System 7. Because I have unlimited space, I am adding screen shots to some tips, as well as a few video tips featuring Michael Davis, a long-time friend and colleague, and an extremely talented web designer.

There is space for your comments, just in case you know a better way, as well as a rating system for

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each tip. There are also links to any books that are quoted, which will take you directly to Amazon.com where you can purchase your own copy of the book, as well as links to my other sources if you wish to subscribe to them directly.

The new website incorporates "RSS." RSS stands for "Really Simple Syndication," and, if you subscribe (at no cost), you will automatically be notified every time a new tip is posted. Several new tips will be posted each day.

Interested in only iPhoto tips, or Apple Mail tips, or Photoshop tips (or any other application). The new website is designed to allow you to subscribe to every tip posted, or only those tips for the applications that interest YOU.

These RSS feeds can be sent to you via email or any RSS reader, including Safari and Google Reader. There is a button at the top of the Mac Hints &

Tips home page that takes you to a short video explanation of RSS. For those who already use RSS, you already know how great it is. For those of you who haven't tried it yet and are new to RSS, I think you're going to love it!

Those who have read this column on-line should transition very easily to the new website.

For those who have been reading the newsletter in PDF format,my hope is that you will find the RSS feeds to be superior to the PDFs.

I believe this is an excellent resource for every Mac user, and hope you will pass this information onto the members in your user group.

~ Paul Taylor

Sharing LARGE Files

Apple has announced, through their MobileMe News blog, a new iDisk feature that had been demonstrated for sharing large files. You can now easily share any file on your iDisk with others, via email or the Web, with just a few clicks.

<http://www.apple.com/mobileme/news/2009/02/sharing-large-files-with-idisk.html>

NEVER TOO LATE FOR NORTHWEST APPLE PICKERS

Members Dorothy Wilhelm and Marilynn Russell spread good humor and computer know how at the Living Fuller Senior Summit in Puyallup on April 4th, and drew a good crowd even though they were competing with the Daffodil Parade. Dorothy was hyping her new Comcast TV show, "Never Too Late", but Marilynn stole the show with her advice on how to solve computer problems or get into personal computing. Although conventional wisdom holds that folks aren't interested in learning to use computers in their second fifty years, Marilynn had a brisk response to her offer of tips and help. Research from the American Psychological Association shows that older people who use computers are less prone to depression. NWAP is doing our part!!

Never Too Late, a show for people who wouldn't be caught dead watching a 50+ program is available On Demand. The shows currently available are "Hip Shot" and "Livin' On A Shoestring." The path to find the program is:Select On Demand, Get Local, Around the Sound, My Town, Never Too Late. Dorothy entreats, they count the number of hits we get, so if you have a slow afternoon, do me a favor and take a look.

Article By Dorothy Wilhem
Photo By Bob Riler

Club Info emails

keep you informed of NWAP announcements of interest. Thanks to Loretta Chamberland's efforts, members are kept up to date on the latest developments. Members: please keep us informed of your current email and mailing address changes so you won't miss an issue of the newsletter or a worthwhile announcement.

(contact: **mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org**)

Book Reviews Give

our members a chance to keep up on the latest releases. Review a book and it is yours to keep, courtesy of the publishers that cooperate with NWAP on these programs. See Marilynn M. Russell for details.

MarilynnmR@nwapplpkrs.org

Photographs Needed For Newsletter

Got Photos? Of course you do! Pick out a few and get them to David Putman, your newsletter editor so he can showcase your favorite pictures in Apple Pickin's.

How are the photos chosen? The guidelines the editor uses for photos included in the newsletter have the following preferences in order:

Taken by NWAP members.

Taken in the Tacoma/Pierce County area.

Taken in western Washington.

Other photos submitted by NWAP members.

Photos selected by the Editor from any sources available.

Bring your photos to a meeting or email your photos to editor at

nwap_membership@mac.com

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