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New User Meeting
Thursday
Feb 4ᵗʰ
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

What's in/on
The Finder

General Meeting
Sunday
Feb 14ᵗʰ
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

In-Design

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

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

http://www. nwapplpkrs.org

Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat Feb. 2010

The latest product to join the Apple family is the iPad, introduced on January 27ᵗʰ and scheduled to be shipped to eager customers in March. Like many an earlier introduction, Steve Jobs strolled across the stage and used a lot of superlatives in describing the features of this new product. Like many an earlier introduction, the technology press responded with a wide range of reactions from euphoria to derision. This product has been rumored for several years. The hype was excessive. Some predictions were far wide of the mark.

Much the same process went on a few years back with the iPhone was finally introduced after months of speculation. Techies found all sorts of missing features to be disappointed about. Pundits found all sorts of reasons the iPhone was a failure, a non-starter, even before it shipped. And then folks got their hand on the product and the smartphone universe was changed dramatically.

The iPad may follow a similar path. Pundits are trying to figure out what exactly it is supposed to be. It is not a netbook. It is not a phone. It is not a single-purpose e-book reader. It is not a standalone computer. It is a product that has some aspects common to all of the above combined in a new form. Will it work? Will it usher in a new way to use touch screens versus keyboard and mouse? Is it just what grampa needs instead of a netbook? Only time will tell.

The chances are pretty good that this new product will present a target for other makers who produce tablet

Meeting Notes
The NWAP Jan. board meeting will be Feb 2ⁿᵈ at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home.

New User Group explores The Finder: will we find new spots in Snow Leopard?

General Meeting : See why Adobe InDesign is the choice of publishers for page layout and production.

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New User Report

The introduction to Snow Leopard 10.6 at our January meeting offered a very brief glimpse at some of the topics we will visit during our monthly sessions this year.

February's New User Group will feature the Finder, an application that is always running on the Mac which produces the interface we use to organize files, to view the desktop, to access menus, and more. This month we'll look at the options available to make the Finder work best for our personal preferences. The Finder, which has been slightly tweaked in Snow Leopard, remains an old familiar (and perhaps overlooked) part of every Mac user's computing experience.

 Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Thursday Feb. 4th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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

Mortvedt Session

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 12th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. These monthly sessions held on the second Fridays are open to all 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. You don't have to have a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center (1705 N. Vassault St.) on **Friday, Feb 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting

The February 14th General Meeting will feature a demonstration of Adobe's Photoshop InDesign, a powerful layout program used by magazine, newspaper, advertising, and book publishers. This application can produce newsletters, greeting cards, family calendars, forms, flyers and other personal projects with precision and options missing on other products.

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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**›

Help & Information

General Club Matters........... Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
New User (OS 10) ....Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)
Legacy (OS 8 & 9)...................Webb Olliphant, 253-584-7473 (1-9 p.m.)
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The iPad Arrives
<http://db.tidbits.com/article/10954>

At long last, the orgy of non-stop media speculation is over, and Apple has introduced the iPad, a tablet-sized device that's most easily thought of as a scaled-up iPod touch. Although some models will include 3G data connectivity, it's not a phone. The iPad offers enough enhancements, in addition to its size, that it could take over some key tasks from a MacBook. (34 comments)

Hands-on Impressions of the iPad
<http://db.tidbits.com/article/10960>

Jeff Carlson and Glenn Fleishman share their impressions of using the iPad during Apple's media event. (26 comments)

Photo Tour of Apple's iPad Introduction
<http://db.tidbits.com/article/10961>

Our own Jeff Carlson provides a visual tour of what it's like to participate in a major Apple media event: the introduction of the iPad on 27 January 2010. (6 comments)

Membership Update

Total Memberships: 73

Renewed Memberships: 10 in Jan.

Memberships Expiring in December: Lisa Clinton, Tom Garcia, Robert Hawes, and Jeri Irwin.

Memberships Renewed In January:
Robert Becker, Francette Beeler, Huguette Bennett, Clive Berglund, Alice Brynestad, Motoko Devine, Nancy Polich, Herb Saterlee, Jr.,and
Dorothy Wilhelm.

Memberships Due in January: Motoko Devine, Russ Rosenbloom

Memberships Due in February: David Putman, Evonne Agnello, Janet & Dwaine Baccus, Jack Conlon, Joy & Bill Cross, James Derck, Bill & Barb Meints, Georgianna Miller, John R. & Lee Peden, Paul Russell, Kozy Smith & Joyce Wenk.

New Memberships: Val Dumond, Ray Perry & Matt Smeller

Meeting Attendance:
Jan 7th 20 + 3 visitors, 1 joined
Jan 10th 22 + 2 visitors, 2 joined

Safari 4.0.4 Update

Available for: Mac OS X v10.4.11, Mac OS X Server v10.4.11, Mac OS X v10.5.8, Mac OS X Server v10.5.8, Mac OS X v10.6.1 and v10.6.2, Mac OS X Server v10.6.1 and v10.6.2, Windows 7, Vista, XP

Snow Leopard System Requirements:
Mac OS X Snow Leopard 10.6.1 or later

Leopard System Requirements:
Mac OS X Leopard 10.5.8

Tiger System Requirements:
Mac OS X Tiger 10.4.11 and Security Update 2009-002 or later - Note: Top Sites and Cover Flow require a Quartz Extreme compatible video card.

File Size: 28 MB (Snow Leopard) 36 MB (Leopard) 26 MB (Tiger) 28 MB (Windows)

Word Wrap -- (continued from page 1)

computers. This category has been around for long time for Brand X users and has never caught on. (Hmmm. Sort of like music players before the iPod came along?) The interface between user and machine has been modified with the touch-sensitive screens (and touch pads on the MacBook to a lesser degree.) Can the competition match that experience with other operating systems and equipment or will they try to add touch to existing systems and programs without considering the profound differences between mouse/cursor and finger pointing?

Apple reported another successful year in which sales were strong and their market share grew. For those of us who weathered the dreary beleaguered days of the mid-90's it is nice to see the company hale and hearty. We hope the iPad will add to Apple's successful array of products. In years to come 2010 may be remembered as the beginning of the touch-computing era when keyboards became an optional accessory and the mouse was retired.

Is there an Ap for that?

The Plan For The New User Group

NorthWest Apple Pickers will begin another annual tour of the Mac Operating System this month. This year we begin to explore Snow Leopard 10.6, which was introduced last Fall. Our traditional plan has been to spend a year reviewing the basic and some of the not-so-basic features that come with the new system. The schedule of events is subject to change if we discover ways to improve the plan.

Snow Leopard included some major under-the-hood code revisions to run more efficiently on modern Macs but included relatively modest changes to the User Interface. Members who are using earlier versions of the Mac OSX--Leopard 10.5, Tiger 10.4, Panther 10.3, etc.--will find that our lessons will generally apply to their systems, too. We invite questions and support folks using other versions of OSX with tips about the differences in earlier versions.

Macs are about letting the system get out of the way so you can use those fabulous software products to do work and get things accomplished--no matter which version of OSX you are using. We invite all members to join us as we review the ways to make the Mac system work most efficiently to get that task done.

NWAP New User Group OS X 10.6 *Snow Leopard* Learning Cycle **2010**	
Jan 7, 2010	*First Look: Menu Bar & Desktop*
February 4	*What's found in/on the Finder?*
March 4	*Exposé, Spaces, & Dashboard*
April 1	*Safari, Mail, Address Book, & iCal*
May 6	
June 3	*Questions? Roundtable Review*
July 8	*iLife: iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, iMovie, & iWeb*
August 5	
September 2	*Preview, Text Edit, & Font Book*
October 7	*Disk Utility - Keychain Access*
November 4	*Useful Shareware*
Dec 2, 2010	*Review & Graduation Gala*

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

February 2010

Are Mac program prices getting down to iPhone price levels? Well, sure, some Mac programs are freeware, like many iPhone apps. But .99 cent Mac programs? I did find one recently via Version Tracker. It is a duplicate file finder called GrupaDupa. While it has been around for a while, now up to version 2.0.2, it was new to me. First, the good news. It searched the folder with all my documents in about one second. Found 32 duplicate files. After that there was not anything else I'd call helpful. Highlighting a duplicate and pressing the spacebar did not open the file as can be done in the Leopard Finder. That would be a nice feature. There was no info as to the location of the duplicate file (I knew it was in a sub-folder of the folder I searched) and worst of all: Hitting Command-R while highlighting a file in the duplicate list is supposed to do something as per the manual. That being: "Choose an item from the list and GrupaDupa will show you each duplicate and its path." But all you get is a message saying "No files selected."

I haven't used it but if you Google "Quicken Online" you will find the formerly fee-based service which is now free.

Is your laptop always plugged in? Are you using it like a desktop computer? Maybe you should remove the battery. Some sources say it will last longer if it is not continuously being charged and never running through a full charge to full discharge cycle. Something about it needing "exercise." Next thing to think about: If you are doing critical work on a laptop with no battery you will need to invest in a small UPS unit.

One of my favorite little apps that sits up at the top of my screen in the menu bar does just one thing: It prevents my computer from going to sleep and activating the screen saver. There is a display of a full coffee cup. Click once on the cup and it becomes an empty cup. Click again and the app is back on and activated showing a full cup.

You may recall that a while back I spent many hours trying to get my AirPort Extreme router working. Without success. The green light was on and the computers said they were connected (on line) but they were not. Being a glutton for punishment I de-

cided to get out the manual and start again from scratch. When it comes to computers my mantra or formula is: Try everything every which way then do it all again as many times as it takes and eventually something will probably work (if Lady Luck is on your side). I unhooked the D-Link router and got the AirPort connected. Checked to see if the PC or the Mac could get online. The both could! I had done nothing! Guess I had better set up some security and fix things so I'd only be transmitting on high-band wireless "N". That is when the fun started. AirPort Utility gave me error messages, would not recognize any passwords, and wouldn't run. Reinstalled it from disk. No good. Found an up-dated version on-line. Downloaded to my Mac and when I ran it it didn't open. Looked into it further and saw it was a dot-EXE file. Moved it over to my PC not expecting it to work with Windows 7. Some info said run with XP or Vista. First installation crashed. What was that about "as many times as it takes?" Reboot computer and try again. This time it installed. Would it run? It did run and from my PC I was able to set a new password, frequency band, "N" mode only, and a few other goodies. Now it's the D-Link router that is in the junk box.

One last thing to experiment with via the AirPort unit: Getting some use out of the USB port. Plugged in an external drive. Could I share that with both the PC and the Mac? Didn't seem to work though maybe if I fooled around enough I could have fixed it up. Decided to try plugging my printer into the USB port. That didn't work. I did not actually need to get it working as I have a desktop switch that with the push of a button routes one or the other computer to the printer. With an hours' worth of work I got the printer setup working via the AirPort Extreme router. Hint: Use Bonjour on both the Mac and the PC to get the handshake set up between computer and printer.

Back to GrupaDupa. I sent an e-mail to New Zealand and on Sunday evening (I guess it was Monday morning there) got this reply concerning the problem mentioned in the top paragraph above:

NorthWest Apple Pickers
Board Meeting Minutes
Jan 5th 2010
Alice M. Brynestad, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Erick at 7pm at his home. Present were Bob Moffat, Peter Winderling, Stewart Beels, and Eldon Elsop and Alice Brynestad.

The Treasurer's report showed $293.89 on hand.

Red Chip fund was $56.50.

The membership report indicated we have 73 members.

Four memberships were due in December. 10 memberships are due to January.

It was moved, seconded and passed that we accept these reports as well as the Secretary's report.

There were about 15 members present at the Christmas party in December.

Peter will know how many gifts were given out.

There will be an audit of the Treasurer's books in February.An auditor is needed.

A Nominating Committee of Bob Moffat, and Peter Winderling. and a volunteer from the general membership will also be selected. Stewart Beels has indicated that he will not be remaining on the Board next year. A slate of nominees will be presented at the February meetings.

Joyce Wenk needs help with her Mac. We recommended that she wait until she has her new Mac.

Newsletter out the week of January 4th. It was recommended that we bring copies to the New Users and General meetings.

It was moved, seconded and passed that all Board meetings are open to members only unless someone is invited to attend.The New Users and General meetings are open to the public.

Financial records older than seven years will be shredded.

NWAP Homepage will no longer have registrations available on line

Programming Notes: Schedules for January through May are as follows:

> January: Photoshop Elements
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> February: In Design
>
> March, April and May: Movies.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37PM

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

"You get the message because you have not selected any of the files yet but just the name of the duplicated files. You need to click the black triangle to disclose the actual files. You can then select one or more of them and reveal them in the finder. In the next release we are planning to change this so that if you do not open the triangle GrupaDupa will reveal all of the duplicated files in the sub list."

Ah! The little black triangle which I hadn't noticed. It is a grayed out triangle to the left of the single file listed on the results screen. Clicking on that brings up the complete list of duplicates. Another unfortunate thing seen in the readme file concerning file deletion is this: "Warning: If you move them all, the duplicated file will also go and GrupaDupa does not remember the original location. The operation cannot be undone." Scary. As a test I did delete an original file plus the one duplicate. They were both found in the trash and easily recovered. One other little complaint. When files are highlighted and deleted they remain in the dups list on screen 'till the program is quit and restarted. Not mentioned in readme: To delete a file, or files, highlight and use Command-Delete. I guess most Mac users know that. All in all I have certainly received my .99 cents worth and recommend the app. The main thing that needs to be done is a rewrite of the readme file. There is no help file. Download a [crippled] trial version at **word-power.com** (Some fixes in 2.0.3 have been released since I wrote this.

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**)

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**

Recent Software Updates?

If you are not automatically running Software Update, set aside some time to check out recent items for several Mac programs, as well as security updates and some new printer drivers for Snow Leopard. If you are running third party software, such as browsers (like Firefox), open source items(like NeoOffice), or utility programs(like Onyx), check to see if they have had some recent updates, as well.

Useful Shareware/Freeware

Reminders from our December General Meeting of links you might wish to check out:
Apple - **www.apple.com/downloads/**
OpenSourceMac - **www.opensourcemac.org/**
Best of listings -
mac.elated.com/2009/09/30/the-best-free-open-source-mac-apps/

Useful Shareware/Freeware

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www.google.com/google-d-s/intl/en/tour1.html
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Image editing: Drawit -
www.bohemiancoding.com/drawit/
Image editing: Toy Viewer -
homepage.mac.com/t_ogihara/software/OSX/toyv-eng.html
Image editing: Picasa -
picasa.google.com/mac/features.html

And for help using software products from companies like Apple, Adobe, and others, check out the video tutorials available online from **www.lynda.com .** Many are free and others available via a monthly or annual subscription plan.

Moving to Snow Leopard?

A tip of our hat to **Webb Olliphant** who reminds us that ANY Mac with an Intel processor can run Snow Leopard with this cautionary note: only Core Duo models will be able to run 64 bit software. The original Core Solo processor models (early Mac Minis and original MacBook Pros) will install Snow Leopard and run fine but only be able to use 32 bit software.

reference:
http://www.apple.com/macosx/specs.html

General Requirements:
1GB of Memory
5GB of available disk space
DVD drive for installation
Some features require a compatible Internet service provider; fees may apply.
Some features require Apple's MobileMe service; fees and terms apply.

reference about 64 bit information:
http://www.apple.com/macosx/technology/#64bit

February 2010

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7	8 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	9	10	11	⑫ Lincoln's Birthday Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	13 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
⑭ Valentine's Day General Meeting 3 pm Lakewood Lib	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2010

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⑭ Daylight Saving begins General Meeting 3 pm Lakewood Lib	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
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Joemma Beach State Park on
Key Peninsula
by Evonne Agnello
November 10th 2009

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