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## New User Meeting

Thursday

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Snow Leopard  
Spots & Thoughts

## General Meeting

Sunday

June 13<sup>th</sup>

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Movie Wrap Up  
& Picnic Time

## 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>

# Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

*Happy Father's Day*  
*Sunday June 20th*



## Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat June. 2010

Back when the Flag had only 48 stars, the end of the school year was celebrated with class picnics. In our small town from the classroom (east end on the North Hill) to the City Park (west end of Main Street by the river) was a thrilling journey of perhaps 12 blocks through the heart of town, as we lined up two by two, carrying our lunch pails or sacks of goodies. For teachers and the volunteer mothers who joined them, it must have been like herding cats. As I recall, two or three elemen-

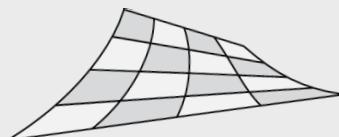
tary classes would make the trip together, then separate once we reached the park to find our own exclusive tables. There were park swings and slides to play on, the muddy riverbank to explore, and the uneven greens to run and trip over beneath the high crown of shady trees. It was a small hint of the joyful summer vacation that was only a week or two away.

While the word *picnic* arrived in English in 1748 about half a century after it was coined in France, it was doubtless just a new name for a familiar pastime. It

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## Meeting Notes

**The NWAP Board will meet at the Lakewood Library on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm before the start of the General Meeting.**



**Remember! The June 13<sup>th</sup> Open House & Picnic & Final Cut Movie Making Extravaganza! Bring snacks. Watch movie-making magic.**



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



## New User Report

At the May New User Group we looked at how Mail, Safari, Address Book, and iCal work together and how each of them supports the user's needs. We reviewed email etiquette and explored how to create Mailboxes to organize messages and Groups to make the Address Book more useful.

The June New User Group will be Review Time. Here is a chance to ask that question you meant to raise but... or get a demo of the tip you tried at home that didn't seem to work.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **June 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Contact Bob Moffat

(phone 253-845-5233 or email [ramoat@me.com](mailto:ramoat@me.com))

## Mortvedt Session

The June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center is another place to learn about Mac computers. These monthly morning sessions, held the second Fridays, are open to all Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to help answer questions. If you have a MacBook, bring it to the meeting. You don't have to have a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center is at 1705 N. Vassault St.

Please join us Friday **June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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## General Meeting

Let's Make a Movie, Part IV is coming to our Theater on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. But wait--*there's more!* This meeting is *also* our annual Open House and Picnic! Bring a snack to share and we'll enjoy a muncheon as President Camp wraps up his demonstration of ways to use your Mac to make movies using Final Cut Pro. It should be a delicious event.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday, **June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Contact Bob Moffat

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## Board Meeting

The NorthWest Apple Pickers Board will meet prior to the General Meeting on Sunday, **June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

Contact Erick Camp

(phone 253-841-0091 or email [campej@comcast.net](mailto:campej@comcast.net))

## NorthWest Apple Pickers

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. Send inquiries to P.O. Box 99388, Lakewood WA 98496-0388

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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 19<sup>th</sup> Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

[<www.tapcug.org>](http://www.tapcug.org)

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## Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

June starts at \$1.00

## Word Wrap -- (continued from page 1)

may have been a more upper crust name for the event for a few years but picnics became popular in France after the 1789 Revolution when Royal Parks were opened to public use. Elaborate or simple, painstakingly planned or spur of the moment, picnics are a terrific way to enjoy a get together with family and friends while sharing a portable meal. They have long been an American institution.

My parents belonged to several clubs that organized at least one picnic for their members every summer. In those days it was a treat to drive to Laird Park in Idaho to claim one of the covered open-air kitchens where kettles and pots would be set over wood-fired stoves. Simmering vats of hot dogs were raided all afternoon. The weathered tables were covered with bright cloths (held down by rocks if it was windy.) Baked beans, fried chicken, and casseroles were kept warm while deviled eggs, jello, potato salad, and a glorious, calorious array of desserts were lined up for dining pleasure. Insulated jugs with taps dispensed iced tea, lemonade, or punch. Kids took turns cranking the ice cream maker. The smell of pine smoke and pine needles, mingled with the boiled coffee and hot dishes. When it was time to put everything away and pack the cars, everyone moved slowly, reluctant to end the event and so full that quick motion was impossible.

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At our house a picnic basket was poised in the pantry filled with some of the basic utensils and special picnic necessities. A warm Sunday afternoon would often be an excuse to go for a drive. With an hour or so to get ready and fill up the basket, our family would be off to find a shady spot somewhere along a country road to spread the car robe (which hung on that cord attached to the back of the family sedan's front seat--remember when cars had robe cords?) and snack away on fried chicken or baloney sandwiches and fruit or cake while bugs buzzed and birds chirped.

Does anyone do picnics these days? Well, our June 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday meeting will be an indoor version! While Erick Camp demonstrates the final session of our Let's Make a Movie, we will sit around (on chairs) and feast at our Annual Open House and Picnic. It's our way of celebrating another year of progress (Yea! Class is out! Summer time!) Celebrating the promise of Commencement (Yea! We graduated! Oh, whaddya mean we'll be learning for the rest of our lives?) Celebrating the chance to visit and share a meal with fellow NWAP members (Yea! Let's talk about the movies we're planning to make.)

And boy! I'll be thankful that this time I won't have to climb that long, steep hill back to school after a long, delicious day at the park. 

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Our editor, David Putman, is on medical leave for a few weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery. In the meantime, thanks to our members for pitching in with articles and photos for this and next month's issues of *Apple Pickin's*. Any typos or mistakes are solely my responsibility.

Bob Moffat

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**Total Memberships:** 71

## Membership Report

**Membership Renewals:** Helen & Jack Ellingson,  
Doug McDonald, Charlotte & Paul Cooper, Jr

**Due in April:** Richard McDermott

**Due in May:** Diana Foster

**Due in June:** Mary & Dave Fleck, Kathy & Gerald May,  
Ardith DeRaad, Mary Johnson, Annette & Robert Donham,

## Meeting Attendance:

May 6<sup>th</sup> New User: 23

May 14<sup>th</sup> Mortvedt: 4

May 16<sup>th</sup> Board: 6, 1 visitor

May 16<sup>th</sup> General: 9

# My First Thirty Days With My iPad.

By Stewart Beels

When you essentially buy a product sight unseen there can be a lot of misgivings along the way. Believe it or not this is my first Apple product that I have ever bought as a pre-order. Even the first iPod, I walked into CompUSA and touched it before making a purchase. But between the time I pre-ordered and it arrived I had to ask myself, "Is this really what I want?"

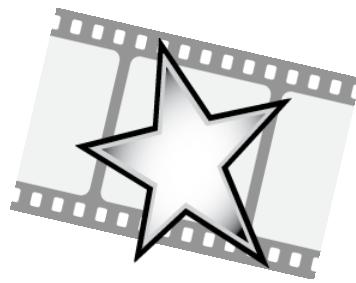
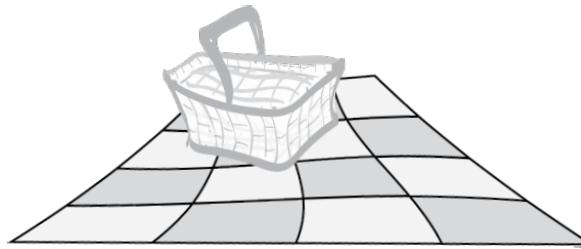
In January after the announcement I told friends that I wasn't interested, that it didn't do anything for me. Then I returned from my vacation in Hawaii and began to think, "It sure would be nice traveling without a laptop and all the associated devices". I really only use the laptop to transfer pictures each day. When you travel it generally too expensive or time consuming to find wi-fi hot spots to surf the web. Then I told friends if it had iPhoto it would be a perfect companion for traveling (alas, to date no iPhoto). The day came that Apple announced that you could begin pre-ordering the device, (I'm still not sure). But three days later I pulled the trigger. I chose the Wi-Fi only model with 64 GB of ram. I wanted to make sure I had enough memory for all the pictures I'd be downloading from my camera. If I really needed to surf the web I'd use my iPhone.

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From the time I ordered it and the date that it arrived I was constantly trying to justify the purchase. Then the UPS driver came knocking on my door.

Apple sure knows how to package its products. The box contained the iPad, a USB to iPad connector, wall plug-in for charging and a folded card with a few instructions. Definitely no excess parts. It does seem like an oversized iPod Touch, when I turned it on it felt very familiar, after all I've had two iPhones and an iPod Touch. There I was on the home screen with its neat little rows of icons.

The first thing you do is connect it to your computer, then startup iTunes. iTunes will recognize that this is a new device and select it in the left-hand column. After choosing what Apps I wanted from my iPhone, I browsed the App store for other items that I wanted to try out. This is where the fun began. The first App you should get is the iBooks App. By default it does not come on your iPad. iBooks is the free ebook reader, similar to Amazon's Kindle App for the iPod and iPad. It comes with Winnie-the-Pooh ebook. You can purchase additional books and they also do have some free books as well. I also chose several newspaper Apps: USA Today, WSJ, NPR, Associated Press, BBC and Reuters (all free by the way). 



## June Open House & Picnic

Time to Celebrate! Our Annual Open House Pot-luck Picnic is a perfect place to sit and visit while we snack on those wonderful comestibles our members always bring. This year we have the added attraction of a presentation to accompany the delicious nibbles. Erick will offer the final section of our **Let's Make a Movie** series, showing us the ways we can harness those stills and videos lurking on our hard drives to produce some compelling entertainment.

Well, maybe *your* stills and video could be really awesome if you put them into iMovie or Final Cut!

**Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Lakewood Library**

You bring some picnic goodies to share with others.

We furnish soft drinks, plates, and utensils...and napkins.

Everyone has a good time! 

# Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

June 2010

A federal court in Boston has sentenced Albert Gonzalez, the Miami computer hacker behind millions of dollars in credit card theft from national retailers like TJ Maxx, BJs, Barnes & Noble and more, to 20 years in prison for his crimes. The prosecutors wanted a 25 year sentence. There is no time off for "good behavior" etc., in a federal prison.

Now, for the story about my new Mac Mini. I splurged for the top of the line Mini with a faster processor, larger hard drive and more (4GB) memory. One reason I wanted a new Mini was so it would be usable with my MagicJack internet telephone setup. The old Mini didn't have an Intel processor so the MagicJack did not work. Now I can turn my PC off at night or any time it is not in use. Leaving the PC on 24/7 for MagicJack operation was more power used and 3 roaring fans. OK, actually not that loud on a Dell Studio slim-line box. I don't know how much juice a Mini uses at rest but it can't be too much.

The Mini was ordered on a Tuesday and arrived on Friday. A few problems cropped up right off the bat. First: The supplied adapters to hook up my display were not correct for a VGA to DVI-Mini port. Also, to do a transfer (migration) from the old Mini to the new Mini was a no go as the old Mini is Firewire 400 and the new Mini is Firewire 800. Different connectors. Off I went to BestBuy to get a VGA to DVI-Mini adapter for \$26. The only Firewire 400 to 800 adapter BestBuy had in stock was too short to be usable and also way over-priced. So, back home from BestBuy and the new Mini was up and running in short order. As I had other options for a migration besides Mini to Mini I settled on getting some content moved from my Time Machine portable drive to the Mini. The Time Machine had a recent backup from my MacBook. That's when things went bad. Very bad. Now the new Mini would only boot in Safe Mode. Every trick in the book was thrown at the Mini over the weekend. Reinstalling the OS. Reformattting the drive. Things in Terminal. Nothing worked. On Monday I called Apple and after a tech didn't have any ideas considering what I'd already tried I was passed on to a "senior advisor" who turned out to be Peggy L. in Canada. She was



great and worked with me over the phone for about an hour and a half. Nothing worked of the things she talked me through. It turns out that if you have a laptop under warranty Apple will send you a pre-paid shipping box to return the machine to Apple for repair. That is not the case (no pun intended) for a Mini. As I am hundreds of miles from the nearest Apple store (Albuquerque) it is not an option. Peggy told me I could take the Mini to El Paso, Texas. I told her Apple doesn't have a store there. The closest one I know of is in San Antonio, 600 miles away. Peggy said there is an Apple authorized repair facility in El Paso. That would be about 135 miles round trip but I could combine such a trip with other business in El Paso so I decided to give it a try. Peggy's diagnosis of my problem was a hard drive with bad sectors making the installed OS not fully readable. Bummer. With a PC I can reformat and repair or block out bad sectors. The following e-mail sent to Peggy explains what happened next.

I dropped off the Mac Mini in El Paso at Cherry Fusion (Innovei) last Wednesday and they called me on Thursday afternoon to say it was ready for pickup and that they had replaced the hard drive. On Friday I made the round trip to El Paso. (Traffic like LA. Every hour in El Paso is "rush hour".) Upon arrival the conversation went like this:

Me- "So, you had to replace the hard drive?"

Them- "No. The hard drive was fine. It was a software problem."

Me- "Software? What kind of software problem?"

Them- "We reset the memory."

Me- "Reset the memory? You mean the memory modules? Like pull them out and reseat them?"

Them- "Yes. And, you remember that we told you that hardware was covered under warranty but software would incur a charge? You owe us \$59.31 which includes tax."

Me- "Seems like memory modules are hardware?"

Them- "We call that a software problem."

Me- "I want in writing a complete description of exactly what you did. I'm going to take it up with Apple."

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# NorthWest Apple Pickers

## Board Meeting Notes

Sunday, May 16, 2010 – notes by Bob Moffat

President Erick Camp called the meeting to order at 1:12 at the Lakewood Library.

Members present were President Camp, Peter Winderling, Mary Fleck, John Battie, Clive Berglund, and Bob Moffat.

The Board voted to accept the reports from the Officers.

President Camp demonstrated the Reports areas available on our Website, showing data available to Board members as well as those accessible to all members. Current information needed by the editor, for example, about meeting attendance and membership are available.

The Board presented Bob Moffat with a thank you card and a check in appreciation for sharing his Internet modem for meetings.

The Board reviewed the issue of email security for distributing Club Info mailings. Encryption techniques that are available would raise our annual web hosting expenses from about \$100 to \$300. Email distribution currently uses "BCC:" which does not disclose the recipients of the message. Our website generates the mailing list only for a fraction of a second and the information from which it is created within our site is not exposed to email harvesters. The Board accepted the motion by Fred Battie that the issue be held in abeyance until further action is indicated.

President Camp had proposed a change in the Meetings Listing on the website which made those responsible for (continued next column)

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the meetings (e.g., Camp for Board Meetings, Winderling for General Meeting topics, Moffat for New User Group & Mortvedt) be responsible for maintaining the information posted on the website for each meeting, which the Board agreed to.

Communicating with new members (and those who have decided not to renew) was discussed. A Welcome! (or a Goodbye!) email message can be developed which Membership Chair will be able to send from the website. A test of the mockup system was conducted successfully.

Our Editor is on medical leave. Bob Moffat will be putting together the June and possibly the July Newsletter issues. Peter Winderling and the other Board Members offered to provide support and backup in finding articles, photos, and information sources.

Peter Winderling has contacted Paul Garay of Mac Video Training who has offered to give a presentation to our group. The company offers some incentives for user groups to showcase their training. The Board suggested Peter invite them to present at the New User Group on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

The June 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting has traditionally been our annual Open House and Picnic at which members set up their systems and enjoyed a snack and informal visit. The Board agreed that we should combine the fourth and final session of Let's Make a Movie and the annual potluck picnic this year. Members will be urged to bring a snack to share. The club will furnish beverages, plates, and utensils.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. 

## Tom's Tips --

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Them- "Maybe you could call Apple and get an Exemption Code? Then there would not be a charge."

So, calls to Apple (via my iPhone) and the usual telephone tag with only once being disconnected and transfers from person to person ("I don't have the authority to issue an exemption code.") I finally got the code and got my Mini with paperwork marked "Paid" alongside the \$59.31 charge for "Diagnostic Repair." There must be a better way. I am not going to go to El Paso again. 

## 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](mailto:mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org))

## Hi, I'm Erick Camp



I am serving this year as the President of our Club. I have been a member of the Club for almost 15? years and have served in several leadership positions within the Club over that time period. This cycle has had me serving as the Club President for my second term.

(Where are term limits when you need them?)

As President, my main task(s) are to:

Schedule and obtain facilities for selected meetings

(Board Meetings, New User Group Meetings, and General Meetings.) Since we are currently able to use the Lakewood Library for these meetings, scheduling requires that I use my web browser on the First of each month to schedule the facility four months out. That task takes be about 20 minutes once a month.

Facilitate Board Meetings. The Board normally meets once a month. In the past these meetings were separate from our other meetings. Now we are going to meet before the General Meeting, so that cuts down travel time for me and the other Board Members. Our Board Meetings will last about an one hour 15 minutes. I usually spend about 1 hour outside the Board meeting reading member reports and preparing for the meeting.

Introduce meetings.

As you can see, this position does not take a lot of computing skills, but rather skills related more with people and managing time. 

## South Sound Adobe User Group ([www.ssaug.org](http://www.ssaug.org))

**Date:** June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Summer Potluck Barbecue Dinner and Semi-annual Software Drawing  
Check out details at our website!



## Museum and the old wharf at Coupeville, Washington

*Photo by Larry Weakly*



## New User Group Recap

The May 6<sup>th</sup> New User Group reviewed features in Safari, Mail, and Address Book with a brief glimpse at iCal. Although we have looked at some features of Safari and Mail in other sessions, this was another chance to review how these applications work and how to make them work smarter and more efficiently. These applications have connections to make them work together.

Our tour of Mail included a look at the autofill addressing features (and how to remove unwanted suggested addresses) and how to add and edit entries in Address Book. We discussed ways to organized email storage by creating Mailboxes and Smart Mailboxes and the advantages of creating and using Groups in the Address Book..

Any discussion of email includes a review of *To:*, *CC:*, and *BCC:* address modes and the various tips on how to reply to or forward email content without also sending the addresses of all the previous recipients of the item.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the halfway point in our annual tour of the Snow Leopard system (OS X 10.6), so we'll pause for a review and to handle a question and answer session. There may be a test... but more importantly this is a chance to ask about those topics you want to understand more clearly. 

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