Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
July 7th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Pages & Keynote parts of the iWorksSuite

General Meeting
Sunday
July. 10th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Checking out

Leo
The New Cat On The Block

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

The Lion Cometh
By Bob Moffat, June 2011

Macintosh users are facing interesting new developments with the release of new systems and services. An important resource to answer questions about Apple-ish matters is

< www.apple.com/findouthow/mac/ >

where Apple addresses many of the questions you have about using their products.

Sometime in July, Apple plans to release Lion (OSX v10.7), the latest edition of the Mac operating system. This upgrade will be installed via an Internet download for Macs that are currently running Snow Leopard (OSX v106.x) for about $30. Any Mac purchased in recent days before the release will be eligible for a free update.

There is no **requirement** for you to upgrade to the new system.

There may be some compelling new features that will make you **want** to upgrade to the new system.

There are a few reasons you may not want–or be able–to upgrade if you are running **certain applications that will not work on Lion.**

NOTES & REMINDERS
Board Meeting July 10th
1:45 to 2:30
OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY
Contact Peter Winderling email
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South Sound Adobe User Group-Meeting
July 11th   5:30 <> 9 pm
http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf

New User Report

The June program included a review of topics including the pending release of v10.7 Lion for the Mac.

The July 7th New User Group will be talking about two of the iWork Suite applications: Pages and Keynote. In addition to the basic info about how these applications can handle word processing or presentation chores, we'll explore the common set of tools and controls they use (and share with the Numbers spreadsheet application, too.) Since iWork applications can handle some of the AppleWorks file formats, we'll also review how to convert those old files so that they will continue to be available after the Lion arrives. As usual, we'll have some iPad and iPhone/iTouch users in the group who can give demonstrations for those who are interested in iOS devices.

July 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Contact Bob Moffat
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Mortvedt Session

The July. 8th 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 **July. 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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NWAP General Meeting

The new cat is on the loose and you will learn about it at the July General Meeting. Apple is releasing Lion, the new OS X operating system, in July and we will cover some of the new features of the latest Apple cat. Come and find out if you can run it on your computer and what you can do with it. This is a great time to upgrade to a new computer as they will come with Lion preinstalled.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday
July 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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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.
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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
July starts at $3.50

New User Group Recap
June. 3rd By Bob Moffat

June was review time. We did a quick look at the topics we have discussed so far in 2011 and spent time discussing security issues. We also talked about announcements that Apple was expected to make at the World Wide Developers Conference about the next version of OS X, Lion. The legacy applications we now use (that were designed to run on PowerPC chips and can run on Intel Macs through an emulation program called Rosetta) will no longer work on Lion, from all reports.

By popular request, our July 7th New User Group will focus on two of the iWork applications: Pages (for word processing and newsletter layout) and Keynote (slide presentations.) For folks who have used ClarisWorks/AppleWorks for years, the iWork Suite offers one way to open old AppleWorks word processing, slide show, and spreadsheet files: unfortunately there are no simple conversions for A/W database, drawing, or painting module files to a current, editable format.

We'll plan to look at some of the common tools and controls in Pages and Keynote, check out the templates available, and explore basic setting up documents and presentations

General Meeting Recap
by Peter Winderling

Taking a break from the usual meeting format, the June General Meeting consisted of the annual picnic and "show and tell". Members brought food dishes to share and played on several iPads and shared computing info with each other. Several members got door prizes that were left over from the Christmas party meeting.

June NWAP Board Meeting Minutes
June 14th, 2011

In attendance: Francette Beeler, Roxanne Burns, Val Dumond, Eldon Estep, Bob Moffat, Peter Winderling.

All past reports were accepted.

Old Business:

Group will upgrade the NWAP computer with larger donated hard drive.

New Lion operating system coming soon.

Programs (possible):

Photo field trip

Social networking

Apple web site "How -To"

Library digital services.

July Program

Discuss the new apple operating system 𝕷𝕴𝕺𝕹

August Program?

Photo field trip

Unless other wise requested there will be no board meeting in August.

June General meeting/Annual Picnic Social to follow this board meeting.

Membership Report For June 2011
By Francette Beeler
As Of June 13th, 2011

Total Memberships: 63

New Membership:

Mary Demmy

Membership Renewals: May & June

Midge Holmes, Lee Perry, Charlotte Cooper, Jim Schaefer, Dick Lynch, Erick Camp, Kathy & Gerald May, Mary & David Fleck

Membership Termination:
Notice sent to Norma Bartlett

Due in June 2011:
Robert & Annette Donham
Due in July 2011:
Stewart Beels, Clarene Johnson, Jerry Kunz, Maureen Kunz, Persis Shook:
Meeting Attendance:
June 2nd, New User: Members - 13, Visitors - 1
June 10th, Mortvedt: Members - 9, Visitor - 1
June 12th, Board Meeting: Members - 6
June 12th, General Meeting: Members - 12,
                          Visitors - 1

Paul Revere's Ride

Every month our word wizard Bob Moffat tries to write his word wrap article around the theme of the month. July 4 is Independence Day so typically Bob's article would revolve around "American Independence".

However we have dedicated the July issue to all the Leos and to Apple's new operating system "Lion". So in an effort to maintain our monthly theme, we have included the first and last stanzas of Paul Revere's ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,

http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/173903

The Landlord's Tale.
Paul Revere's Ride

BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

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So through the night rode Paul Revere;
And so through the night went his cry of alarm
To every Middlesex village and farm, —
A cry of defiance and not of fear,
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,
And a word that shall echo forevermore!
For, borne on the night-wind of the Past,
Through all our history, to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.

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I have also included the 2011 version of the first stanza for your entertainment. Are you smarter than a ~~five-year-old~~ a politician?

http://bit.ly/jfRGAe

Listen my children, and you shall hear
of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
Hardly a CANDIDATE is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year?

FormulatePro
Author
Andrew de los Reyes
http://www.macupdate.com/app/mac/19911/formulatepro

Have you ever had to fill out one of those forms that are in a PDF format that is not interactive? You know the kind. The one that you have to print out, markup with a pencil and either snail mail back or scan into your computer and e-mail it back.

Well I don't know about you but I get a lot of them especially since our move. I found a very nice program the other day that allows me to fill out the form on my computer and then save it back to a PDF format.

Yes I know that preview allows for the annotation of PDF files however FormulatePro is just so much easier.

As you can see you have six choices.

If you select your font size and style before clicking on the " T" that makes the front the default. With the text tool selected you click wherever you want text and type away. The text box expands as necessary. Oh and if you want to fill in a bunch of boxes with an "X", select the "check mark" tool. And everyplace you click there is a lovely dark "X".

With the circle tool you can draw ovals of varying sizes with the axis going whatever way you want. The little corkscrew looking tool allows you to scribble with your mouse.
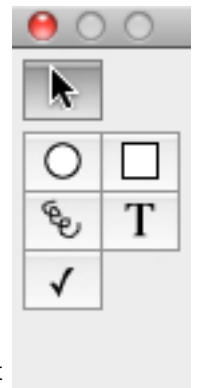
The Lion Cometh

We are still waiting for lots of details:

• Apparently the Lion installation will include a separate small maintenance partition from which you can perform utility maintenance or a new "restore" of the system (in place of starting up from the DVD as we have for years.)

• Apparently Lion will no longer support Rosetta emulation that allowed PowerPC coded applications to run on Intel Macs. This may affect you if you have old, legacy applications and files from years of using Macs before the Intel Core 2 Duo processor models were introduced beginning in 2006.

• If your Mac has the appropriate processor and RAM but is not running Snow Leopard, you will have to wait for more information…we don't have a clue yet about how that upgrade can be accomplished.

How can you find out more about Lion? One good place to start is at **www.apple.com/macosx/** where you can look at videos showing off some of the new features. Another good resource is a series of articles that have appeared online at **www.macworld.com** and at **www.appleinsider.com** which detail features and show screenshots of the new Lion system.

What are some of the ways to prepare for upgrading?

• Backup your important files. (Heck! Back up your unimportant files, too!)

• Throw out the junk that has been waiting for a trip to the Trash for all these months and years.

• Probably a good idea to check all those ID and passwords you have used to make sure they are securely filed (perhaps in Keychain?) and saved in your backup files.

• Perform maintenance before you begin any installation: good idea to use Disk Utility to Repair Permissions and Verify Disk. If you use a 3rd party utility you should be able to also run the

daily, weekly, and monthly routines that otherwise will be run if the machine is left on overnight on Fridays.

• ***Check to see if you have any software applications that will NOT survive the move from Snow Leopard to Lion by opening System Profiler to look at the "Kind" column in the Software>Applications list. If you see any items that are PowerPC, please know that these will not work without Rosetta and therefore will not run in Lion. (If you see any "Classic" applications, like I did, it has been a long time since they worked; they are just taking up space.) Items that are listed as Intel or Universal should play nice with the new system.***

See Editor note at the end of this article page 6
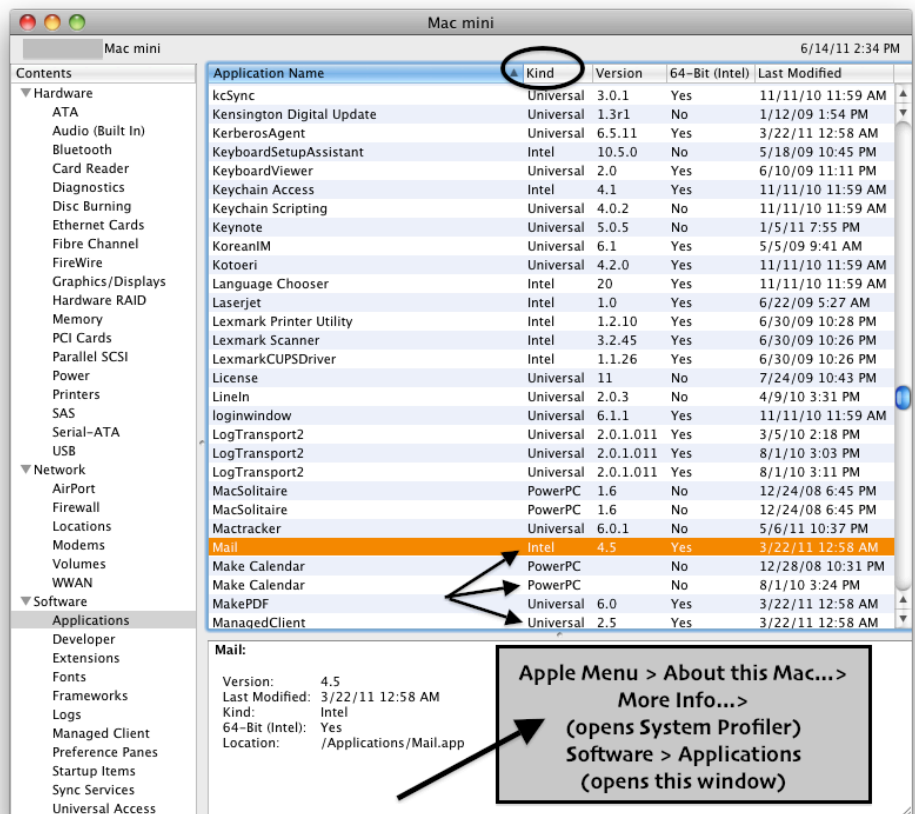
• Also a good plan: check with your favorite/most important software companies to verify that your installed versions are compatible with Lion 10.7! It may take some weeks or months before all the features you rely upon are fully functional in the version updated for Lion.

The Lion Cometh

So, what is the bad news about PowerPC applications that you cannot live without? AppleWorks, Quicken, games, and a number of other older software that has not been updated for years and years and years show that dreaded "PowerPC" kind. Converting some of these files to a newer version may work: probably want to invest in that project BEFORE you upgrade to Lion! Many of these old programs do not have a Mac Intel-friendly version which means you may have no choice but to bid them goodbye.

One way to preserve the ability to view some of these items is to save the files as PDFs. This is easy to do in the OS X version you are running: open the file and go to the Print dialog box and choose the "PDF" checkbox and then select where you want to save the file and what name you will assign. These files will not be editable, but will preserve the information.

Another option might be to open the legacy files and then copy/paste content into another application that is compatible. For example copy a text file from AppleWorks and paste it into Word or NeoOffice. (Remember the iWorks programs Pages and Numbers will convert many AppleWorks files.)

Finally, an option that may be smart for those with an external hard drive or a large internal hard drive that could be partitioned is this: keep the Snow Leopard system intact in a separate drive. You could install a fresh Snow Leopard in the new partition and update to Lion. What a good way to start with a clean slate and to preserve the ability to access those older files by booting into the alternative system when neeeded.

Remember that upgrading to a new system is a choice for you to make. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. If you need some time to prepare for the transition, don't panic. If you discover in a couple of months that you really do want access to the new features of Lion (and iCloud) you can move when in if it makes sense for you. If your Mac is not equipped with the right processor or enough memory to handle the new system you must weigh the cost of trying to update the old equipment versus the expense of a new

computer and adding some current versions of software you need.

The suggestions in this article are offered a guide to get you thinking. There are many other sources for suggestions about how to prepare for the change. OS X has been evolving for a decade. Lion takes us into the next phase with new features and possibilities. To take that step some of us will have to add legacy files and applications to that collection of floppy disks, SCSI, and ADB devices gathering dust in the attic.

From The Editor: I followed Bob's procedure but instead sorted by "kind" so all of PPC & Classics applications were together. Then set back in shock. Luckily some of the apps I don't recognize so I probably don't use them & won't miss them. I have heard there are some PPC apps that will be replaced by the Lion upgrade

Quicken 2007 will not work with Lion. I do have a list of mac compatable accounting/banking software that I will include on page 9 of the online version.

"Roar Of The Lion"
Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat, June 2011

Thousands of software developers showed up in San Francisco to attend Apple's World Wide Developers Conference in June. They spent five days attending workshops and learning how to prepare for three major new developments in the Apple universe: a new Mac OS X version called Lion, a new version of the iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad system called iOS5, and a new Internet based system called iCloud.

What do we need to know about these three developments? One: the Lion OS X v10.7 upgrade will cost about $30 and is to be released in July. Two: the iOS5 upgrade is scheduled to be introduced in September, as is the iCloud product. Three: by the time these three products are working together, we'll all be learning to use our computers, smart phones, and tablets in new ways.

"Roar Of The Lion" - Word Wrap

Apple released OS X v10.0 ten years ago. Along the way to v10.6 in 2011 a bunch of new products and services Apple managed to introduce have Changed The Way Things Are. iPods, iPhones, and iPads have reshaped the way folks live their lives. Computer companies and communications outfits, not to mention software developers, have scrambled to support and compete with Apple's goods and services. In 2001 an Internet Cafe was one of a few public places you could see folks with their

laptops checking email and surfing the web. The iPod with those white earbuds was introduced that year, as well. iMacs were still enclosed in plastic bubbles and the very fastest G4 processors were running about 1GHz and able to use 1.5GB of RAM.

By 2006 the iPod was in its 5th Generation, the iMacs were flat panels a couple of inches thick, and the MacPros were using multi-core Intel processors running at 3GHz and able to use up to 32 GB of RAM. The Macs were delivered with Tiger (10.4) and the MacBooks and MacBookPros were becoming a lot more numerous at those public cafes, libraries, and other venues where Wi-Fi was available.

From Puma to Tiger and from Tiger to Snow Leopard the Mac system upgrades have evolved with additions and refinements of the user interface and many under-the-hood changes to improve stability and performance in the past decade. From Macs that ran both OS 9 and System X we moved to machines that could run some of the older system software in emulation. Now we are about to move beyond that. Those comfortable old-shoe applications we are running that have not been recoded to run natively on Intel Macs will be going into retirement when Lion arrives. Seems like an important time to stroll through those files that litter the attic of our hard drive and figure out what we need to do to preserve the important data.

One of my concerns is the files I have amassed over the past seventeen years in ClarisWorks/AppleWorks. Boy oh boy! Converting those will be a challenge. Opening them in Pages and re-saving the file is one good option for the word processing files. Items in the spreadsheet module will open in Num-

bers. The files created in the Drawing or Painting modules in AppleWorks do not seem to translate: I would guess that any worth preserving will be opened and then saved as PDF via the Printer Dialog box. Of course, we have mourned the lack of any modern equivalent of AppleWorks Database for years. What a shame to discard those files...even if I have not opened them for years.

There are probably other options, too. Selecting text to copy and paste into another application would work. Using the spreadsheet files "Save As..." to choose any of the Excel options in AppleWorks will allow NeoOffice and Numbers to open the files.

For many of us there will be other applications–and the files they have created–that do not move from the 20th Century to the 21st. I will miss some of the graphics applications I love to use (like Corel Painter IX: I have not yet figured out how to save the art) and have relied upon for years, as well as some of those old games.

If we upgrade to Lion in July, I suspect we'll still be adjusting by September when the gee-whizziness of iCloud arrives to show us the power of synchronicity.

Of course, none of us MUST upgrade to the newest system. The new bells and whistles are provided to take advantage of other gongs and tooters that exist elsewhere. The iCloud is an Apple product/service that will require Lion's functionality.

Sooner or later there will be other reminders for folks using older systems and software that they cannot access the newest and latest features of their favorite website, commercial resource, or software unless they upgrade. Such is the price we pay for having believed that the stuff we saw on Star Trek would someday be ours to play with. Software updates did not appear in our dilithium crystal ball, did they?

As for me, I had hoped to have some time off this summer before I had to bend my brain to learn More New Stuff. Oh well. Use it or lose it, I guess.

July 2011

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