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A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
Jan 3 rd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Mountain Lion & iOS Devices
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General Meeting
Sunday
Jan 13th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Creating Online Surveys
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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

T-MOBILE BREAKS HOTSPOT AGREEMENT
WITH EXISTING CUSTOMERS
Starts charging $20 a month per line for what was free. No More Free Hotspot.

Transfer Files Between Your Android Device and Computer Wirelessly

by Hammad Saleem
DECEMBER 17, 2012
http://www.groovypost.com/howto/transfer-files-android-device-computer-wirelessly/?awt_l=GemCY&awt_m=3fHBJjtHsJZWZMV

Are you looking for a simple and easy way to transfer files between your computer and Android device? Thanks to the AirDroid app, you can transfer files without connecting your device to your computer. It's not just restricted to transferring files either. It allows you to send and receive messages, manage contacts, view call logs, and check device information. The best thing about this tool is that you do not have to install any third party software on your computer first — everything is done over the air.

Word Wrap for January
by Bob Moffat

When our ancestors figured out how to tame fire they assured mankind would enjoy healthier diets, access to new materials, and warmer dwellings. Where there's fire, there's smoke, however. Modern technology is much the same: all sorts of nice improvements in the way we deal with our environment and keep in touch with one another. The technological smoke can obscure truth and create a foul atmosphere. Chimneys help with the products of combustion. Alas, there is no simple vent that can clear the electronic fumes that the techno-users may produce.

As we sit around the fire and celebrate the beginning of a New Year, let us hope that

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EDITOR'S CORNER

T-MOBILE BREAKS HOTSPOT AGREEMENT

When we moved to Arizona last year we decided to get new phones. We had used Verizon for years but their plan wasn't cheap. Based upon our realtor's recommendation and his explanation of using the cell phone to create a hotspot we went to T-Mobile.

What started out as $79 for the 1st line and $10 for the 2nd line ended up being over 150 bucks a month. Of course we had to buy "smart phones" with all their bells and whistles. And the manager of the store promised us that we could always use the hotspot capability of the phMy sweetone for FREE as long as we continued on that contract.

Surprise !,   Surprise !,   Surprise !

When my year and a half old phone started dying we found out that the hotspot was not free and had never been free. Instead it is $20 per line per month ! I talked to their so-called customer service and got nowhere, so I handed the phone to Gloria.

My sweet wife who has worked in customer service with Amazon and Westwood shipping company knows how customers are supposed to be treated. After going back and forth for a while she asked what it would cost to close our account. This got their attention.

While they would not give us the hotspot for free they agreed that we could get the hotspot on one line for $5 a month. So I have it on my line for now.

For Christmas we both got ran new iPad's. After considering the extra $130 for a cellular iPad plus the minimum $25 a month for a data plan I decided to go with a straight Wi-Fi model.

Why did I need a cellular model when I could use my T-Mobile phone to create a hotspot and connect to the Internet. That's a little more trouble but a lot cheaper or so I thought.

So be sure and check on your hotspot before you use it.

Your Editor, David

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 98203, Lakewood WA 98496

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Tacoma Area PC User Group

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>

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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

Red Chip
Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
Jan. starts at $27.50

Word Wrap for January

the lingering soot and ash of 2012 is thoroughly left behind. Into the bonfire with all the negative manmade and natural fuel! Let's stir the embers and make certain that all has been consumed so that we can move on to 2013.

There are a lot of unfinished conflicts, a number of uncivil confrontations, and a bunch of tough issues that will challenge all to resolve with peace and equity. The old year ended with many of our fellow citizens facing massive losses and enduring heart aches. Let's hope that the New Year will offer a healing place where they can find hope and move forward. Across the globe there are nations that need to heal, as well. May they find a way forward that respects all parties and builds a secure future.

Technology has spread to nearly every corner of the globe. Communication via the Internet has shaken up the status quo. Smartphones link people, record images, provide instant access to data, and operate at the speed of light. Good, bad, or indifferent, the result is that a citizens hold in their hands a device more powerful than anything a President or Poobah could have possessed in the Twentieth Century. Remember the World Wide Web arrived in 1996.

We have been part of an incredible change in the way our civilization is linked together. Citizen "journalism" is competing with traditional fact-finding reporters and news media to tell us what is happening. Bias, malicious intent, ignorance, and hidden agendas are nothing new. Without a filter system the new broadband can post an item that falsely inflames as easily as one that factually informs.

The new technology has suddenly placed an even greater burden on each of us. We must now consider the information we see on our computers and smartphones and determine is it opinion or fact? is it real or Photoshopped? is it Heavenly Truth or from the Eternal Fires?

This individual responsibility to figure out the "truth" is nothing new. The barrage of messages we face has increased dramatically. An anonymous post can race around the world in a few seconds and seem to become "fact" that fast. Our culture of constantly updated information can overwhelm.

Just as our ancestors learned not to lean too close to the fire lest they be burned, these days we all need to avoid being burned by hot news items that are based on fancy rather than fact. If something seems too good (or bad) to be true, it may be worth a quick check with Snopes or a pause to look up another source to see if the story is verified.

Word Wrap for January

Along with all the good stuff that fire provided human beings, remember we also used it to invent arson. Technology in 2013 can be every bit as useful as fire. It may be a destructive force, as well.

Enjoy the warmth, light, and enlightenment, but don't get burned.

Happy New Year!

Say NO to 72dpi
by Wayne Fulton
http://www.scantips.com/no72dpi.html

We still frequently hear the **very bad advice**: ***"Computer video screens show images at 72 dpi, so scan all your images for the screen at 72 dpi".***

This is incredibly wrong; it simply does't work that way.

Regardless what you may have heard almost everywhere, there is no purpose or reason for 72 dpi images on computer video screens or web pages. As a concept, 72 dpi is simply a false notion. It is a myth. It is NOT how video systems work, and it is detrimental to understanding how things really do work. It is very easy to show proof of this here.

If you want to know why, you're in the right place. This section is written unusually, as an argument, because there are some people that are, let's say, extremely certain that 72 dpi (or 96 dpi) is surely somehow quite important for images on the computer video screen. They may have no clue how or why, they have just always heard it was important. Sometimes they want to argue this anyway, so this is written for them, and I hope it may give them cause to simply look at what actually happens on their own screen before they email me. Other people have also heard how 72 dpi was supposedly important, but they can't make it work, it does not produce the desired results (which is in fact the correct answer about the validity of 72 dpi). This is also written to be useful for them, but the diatribe may be a bit thick. <grin>
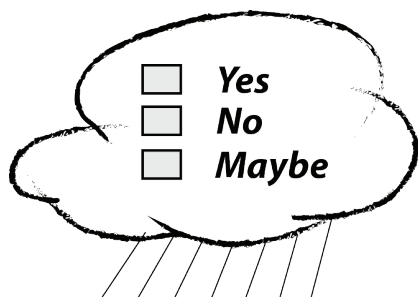
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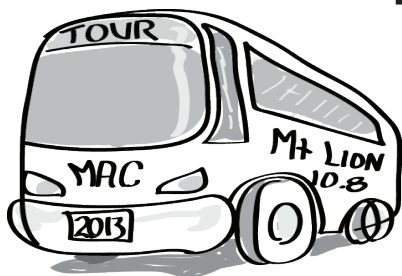### Macintosh Computer User Group

January 2013

General Meeting

Sunday, January 13th, from 3 - 5 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)

☐ *Yes*
☐ *No*
☐ *Maybe*

We begin the 2013 with a look at some of the power of cloud computing. We will have a presentation about creating a survey in Google Docs which our members will be able to fill out online and we can view to help plan our future meeting topics. This just one of the many ways online services are extending the power of our personal computers.

New User Group

Thursday, January 3rd, from 7 - 9 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)

TOUR
MAC Mt LION 10.8
2013

Our annual tour of the Mac OS begins as we introduce Mountain Lion 10.8. We'll discuss some of the new features and have a look ahead at the topics we will cover during the year as we explore the current OS X version. Our New User Group also includes iOS devices, such as the iPad, iPhone, and iPad Touch.
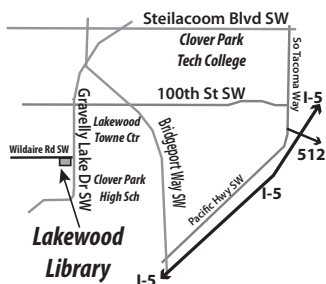
Mortvedt Session

Friday, January 11th, from 10 a.m. to Noon
1707 N. Vassault St. (N.W. Tacoma)

This monthly special interest group meets at the Mortvedt Center in the Lutheran Retirement Complex in Northwest Tacoma. We welcome Mac users whether or not they live in the complex or are members of NWAP. The meetings are designed to allow small groups to work with coaches so folks can look at the topics and project they want to discuss.
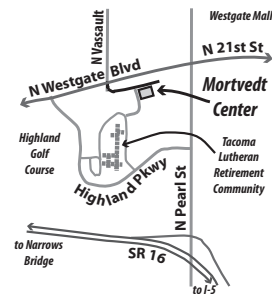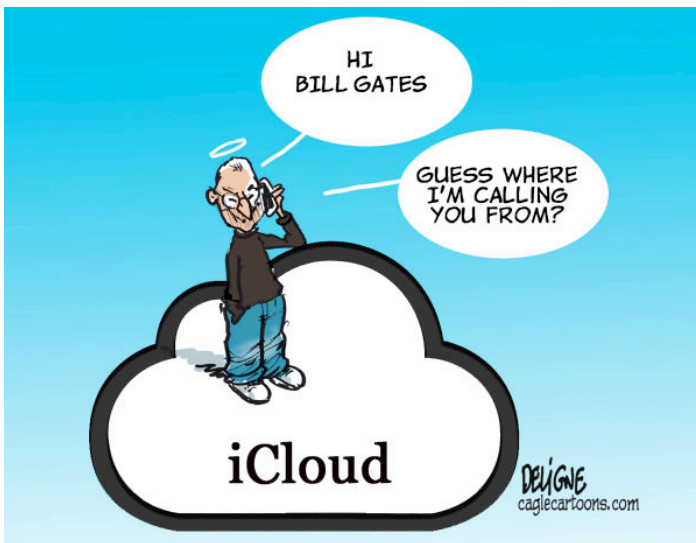
Visitors are always welcome!

Lakewood Library: 6300 Wildaire Rd. S.W., Lakewood 90499
Mortvedt Center: 1707 N. Vassault St., Tacoma 98506

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Visit our website

for maps and other information about us

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Map showing Lakewood Library area: Steilacoom Blvd SW, Clover Park Tech College, 100th St SW, Lakewood Towne Ctr, Clover Park High Sch, Wildaire Rd SW, Gravelly Lake Dr SW, So Tacoma Way, Bridgeport Way SW, Pacific Hwy SW, I-5, 512, Lakewood Library

Map showing Mortvedt Center area: Westgate Mall, N Vassault, N 21st St, N Westgate Blvd, Mortvedt Center, Highland Golf Course, Highland Pkwy, N Pearl St, Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community, to Narrows Bridge, SR 16, to I-5

Say NO to 72dpi

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When I say video, I simply mean video systems which operate the computer monitor. I am not referring to movies or animation.

This site was written for scanners and scanning, but all the digital image basics still fully apply to images from digital cameras. The only difference is the method of creating the images. Once created, it is all just pixels, and printing and video are still exactly the same ideas for all. Some pages were since added here, oriented more for digital cameras, and I would invite you to view.

http://www.scantips.com/no72dpi.html

It has been suggest that everyone checks out the link and reads the whole article before panicing

Transfer Files Between Your Android Device and Computer Wirelessly

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Note: Your computer and Android device needs to be connected to the same Wifi network in order for this to work. You can use AirDroid on Mac, Linux and Windows via your favorite browser.

http://www.groovypost.com/howto/transfer-files-android-device-computer-wirelessly/?awt_l=Ge mCY&awt_m=3fHBJjtHsJZWZMV

I was trying this with my Samsung Android phone just as it died. Prior to that it seemed to work well. It even allow you to see the contents of your SD card.

Your editor

Bob's Java Jive

by

RoadsideAmerica.com

Built in 1927 as the Coffee Pot Restaurant by a Tacoma veterinarian, Otis G. Button, it was designed by local artist/promoter Bert Smyser, owner of a commercial display business. The concrete coffee pot stood 25 ft. high, and was 30 ft. in diameter.

The big pot operated as a food drive-thru at one point, and a speakeasy. As the city of Tacoma expanded, and waves of development swept outward, the Coffee Pot thrived while other eclectic buildings succumbed.

In 1955, Bob and Lylabell Radonich bought the place. Lylabell concocted the name, "Java Jive," from a lyric in a popular Ink Spots song (the phrase "Java Jive" had been around at least since the 1930s).

For more on this intersting place go to

http:www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2977

You are probably wondering why the write up about the big coffeepot on S. Tacoma Way. Well, I needed a picture for the back page and I wanted something warm and cheerful for the club members who are in the South Puget Sound area. As I went back to the photos from 2012 I came across the coffee pot photos. As I was looking at the picture I thought how nice and warming it would be to have a nice hot cup of Java.

I wasn't sure the place was still standing so I googled it. I came up with several articles, this one I thought was the most interesting. As to getting a cup of coffee there. As the author of the article said they didn't ask for coffee so they don't know if it's served. Their major fare nowadays apparently is beer. Also they don't open until 8 PM.

While building is still there times have changed what it serves and the entertainment. Do check out the link above for some very interesting reading.

The back page photo was taken by Larry Weakly.

Your editor

New User Report
By Bob Moffat

The illustrious New User class of 2012 marched through an elaborate graduation ritual on December 6th. Well, actually, it was like most other New User Group meetings, full of questions and answers. Our "graduation" marks the completion of another annual tour of the Mac OS (this year it was Lion 10.7.) This year we have also spent some time looking at iOS devices and their applications.

Beginning with the January 3, 2013, New User Group we will start a new cycle looking at the details of Mountain Lion, OS X 10.8. As usual, there will be time for questions and time to look at iDevice features as we work our way toward next December's completion.

Join us on Thursday, January 3rd from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

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General Jan. Meeting

On January 13th our General Meeting presentation will feature Rosalie Westerberg, Secretary of our associated user group TAPCUG, who also is an instructor at Clover Park Technical College. Her topic is a demonstration of one way to use cloud computing: creating a survey on Google Docs. In fact, NWAP members will receive an email invitation to fill out the survey online before the meeting. We will see how the online set up creates the survey, how survey question formats are selected, and how the responses are tabulated.

General Meeting Report
Dec , 2012

There is no offical report on the annual Christmas party/General meeting. However unoffically Francette & Glenda said a great time was had by all.

Mortvedt Session
By Bob Moffat

We meet the second Friday each month at the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLC. Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions about Macs and iPads for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs or iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)

Please join us at the Mortvedt Recreation Center on Friday, January 11th from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Mortvedt Recreation Center,

1705 N. Vassault St.

Tacoma WA

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South Sound Adobe Users Group

The South Sound Adobe Users Group meets the **second Monday of the month**. We meet in the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Training Room, located at 1301 N. Highland Parkway.

(Info and driving instructions at
http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf

We meet at 5:30 p.m. for an informal bring-your-own brown bag meal followed by the evening's presentations from 6:30 - 8:30. Our members include novices and experts in a variety of Adobe Creative Suite products, such as Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver. Members are eligible to win valuable Adobe software in December and June if they have attended three of the six meetings since the last award.

Our January 14th meeting will be featuring some of the ways to restore photographic images using Photoshop tools and tips. Members will be furnish the photos that need to be "fixed." We will continue our monthly photo project with topics that begin with the letter "R."

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If you have trouble trying to open the above link to the SSAUG using Safari, try the Chrome browser. And let me know davidcee59@gmail.com

your editor

NWAP Board Meeting
December 9th, 2012

The December 9, 2012 meeting of NWAP was called to order at 2:00 by President Winderling.

Present: Peter Winderling, Bob Moffat, Francette , Lee Peden, Glenda Alley, Eldon Estep

Old Business
Reports: Motion made, seconded & passed to approve the reports
Treasurer - Checking:$254.49, Savings: 948.53. We need to think ahead for large purchases. Currently, we are just maintaining, so we to do some thinking ahead. Eldon suggested that after he does the year end report, we need to discuss ways to increase funds. Discussion about white elephant sale, increasing the donation to the red/white chip fund to $5 as well as doing some member education on how this raffle works.

Christmas party details: spent $195 for Christmas party

January & February meetings: Rosalie from the TAPCUG will be presenting at the January meeting. Need to let Loretta know some details so she can work with Rosalie for the survey link and information. February - Lee has been talking to a man at the Apple store about a presentation at this meeting.

February 10 meeting has a challenge with a group meeting in the regular room until 3:15. Board will meet upstairs, and then the regular meeting at 3:30. March is elections. We need folks to step up for the following positions: President, Vice President, one Member-at-Large.

Tacoma Library request - Bob has talked with Erik, and will talk with Dorothy to see what kind of support we can provide for this project.

New Business
Need to replace the club's computer battery. Motion made, 2nded & passed to authorize the president to purchase a new battery.

The Library room is reserved through March. April New User Group is in need of a place to meet. Peter will try booking the Summit Library meeting room. If that doesn't work, we will look for another place.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm

Respectfully
Glenda Alley, Secretary

Membership Report For Dec. 2012
By Francette Beeler
As Of 12/15/2012

Active Memberships: 57

Membership Renewals:

Nov. Judy Bickenbach, Bob Webster, Liz Webster, Ann Bushnell, ,

Dec. Roxanne Burns

Memberships Terminated: Mary Henry, Carol & Jim Eva
Due in Nov: William Barron
Due in Jan: Nancy Polich, Huguette Bennett, Dorothy J. Wilhelm, Wallace Bennett, Francette & Jim Beeler, Raymond Perry, Val Dumond

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 12/06/12 ~ 17 members

Mortvedt Center on 12/14/12 ~ 12 members

Visitor(s): Tom McClung

Board Meeting ~   12/09/12 ~ 6 members.

General Meeting ~   12/09/12~ 26 members

January 2013

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