Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
June 6 th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mid-term Exam & Review

General Meeting
Sunday
June 9th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Open House & June Picnic

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

June 9th Open House and Picnic!

Our annual June picnic and open house is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for **June 9th at the Lakewood Library from 3 - 5 p.m.**

Members are asked to bring some delicious picnicky type food to share.

The club will furnish paper plates, utensils, soft drinks, and ice. We all will arrive with good appetites and spend some time enjoying excellent company and good food.

This meeting is also a terrific time to bring a friend so they have a chance to see what a fun group we are-- even if we are are iPad, iPhone, iPod, iMac, MacBook & Mountain Lion using fools.

Have a Happy Fourth of July!

Please enjoy your Independence Day celebrations on the first Thursday of July!

We have **rescheduled the JULY New User Group to Wednesday, July 10th** from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library. Watch for more details about the meeting in next month's *Apple Pickin's.*

Word Wrap for June 2013

by Bob Moffat

As a resident of the South Puget Sound area I've always subscribed to the theory that we will enjoy lots of cloud cover during the year. We save on sunscreen expenses but pay more for fungicides and moss removal (and boy! can that be painful!)

In recent months the terms "the cloud" and "subscribe" have begun to echo in conversations little old computers users (like me) have with fellow user group
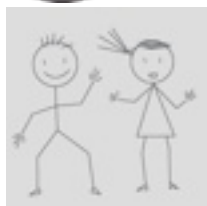
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EDITOR'S CORNER

Hey People, I was going to put the stick figures on the back page as the image of the month with a request for photos but Mr Moffat convinced me to play nice. PLEASE send me photos or I'll resort to "artwork" heheheh

Overlooked OS X Tweaks

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have the keys display at the top-right of your display so that you know when they're pressed.

5. Mouse with your number pad

Sometimes you might want to move the cursor to a very particular location before clicking. Or you may simply want to navigate your Mac from the keyboard without using a trackpad or mouse.

Click *Mouse & Trackpad* in the Accessibility System Preferences pane. Here you can turn on Mouse Keys, which lets you move your pointer by pressing keys on your keyboard. This technique works with the number pad on a full-size keyboard, or with the 7-8-9, U-I-O, and J-K-L keys. Move the mouse in any of eight directions, in tiny steps, by pressing the outside keys in that square, and click the mouse by pressing the 5 or I key.

Click the *Options* button to adjust some settings for this feature, such as the ability to turn it on by pressing the Option key five times. You might find this setup useful, for instance, if you're working on a detailed Photoshop file and need to select something with precision.

With these five system tweaks, you'll find new ways to work with your Mac. Try them out and see if they make your computing life easier.

To see the images that accompanied this article visit the website below.

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Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email.

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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June starts at $47.50

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members. And we are not discussing the weather report or our newspaper delivery.

I paid $3.00 for my first subscription with money I received for Christmas and saved from allowances to become a happy 10 year old when Mechanix Illustrated began arriving each month. Over the sixty-some years since I've spent a lot more than $3 a year on various subscriptions for real, three-dimensional weighty publications delivered to my home. The rotation of the Earth has been affected by the mass of all those tons of National Geographic, New York Times Sunday Editions, Life, Aviation Week, and Weekly Reader issues we all have buried in landfills (or stacked in attics.)

"Subscription" has other definitions and these days is becoming a term for computer resources you cannot buy. Instead, you have the opportunity to pay a monthly fee to use the software or service. Some companies are planning to stop producing real, three-dimensional discs in weighty tamper-proof plastic and cardboard packages. Without an Internet connection, consumers will have a real, weighty challenge to use these products.

Cloud computing is a rather hazy concept that covers several possibilities. At the simplest level it means Someone has a Big Computer Facility Somewhere on the Internet. For a fee, you can use that storage service, rather like a renting a public storage unit (for all your National Geographics.) Instead of a padlock, you open your Cloud storage account with a password via your computer. The Cloud service you purchase is designed to be relatively secure and has an advantage that it is located away from your computer(s) so a fire, flood, or collapsing attic will not cause you to loose the contents of your hard drive. (What if natural disaster dumps your data at the "Big Computer Facility Somewhere on the Internet" or BCFSOTI?)

Some Cloud services offer more than mere back up storage. There are some that synchronize all the devices you designate on your account. With the Apple iCloud set up, you can share documents, calendars, photos, and mail accounts so that your iPhone, iPad, and iMac all sing the same song.

Other Cloud computing set ups include new ways to use software. An application is running on the BCFSOTI so you sign in and produce word processing document, spread sheet, or other file by "remote control." The file can be saved in the cloud or on your own computer, but you may have to have an Internet connection to open it later. You may share such a file by sending the URL or link to someone else so they can go to the BCFSOTI to view it. And it may always be dependent upon that website/service to open and display the file.

Another model that companies are exploring combines some features of Cloud and Subscription. For a fee you can download to your computer software. It will frequently call home to verify that you have paid your monthly fee and to keep the software you are running up-to-date with maintenance fixes AND new features as they are ready for release. You no longer have to wait for a year or two to buy a new version with new features. As they are available, this subscription model will automatically be upgraded. Of course, if you decide to drop the subscription, the files you have created may sit on your hard drive like little lonely orphans (think AppleWorks files, for example) which you know are there but you cannot open unless you resubscribe.

Life in these times sometimes appears to exist only if you have an Internet connection. And a power outlet for your charger.

Things seemed so much simpler when you could **subscribe** to a theory or an informative periodical and you only worried about **the cloud** when might rain on the newspaper that missed the porch as was languishing in the middle of the lawn gathering moss and growing mushrooms.

NWAP Board Meeting
May 19th, 2013

There was no board meeting as there were insufficient board members for a quorum.

I'm Too Young For YouTube!

by Val Dumond

My friend and I made a video and I wanted to post it on YouTube. I began to create a new account and when it came to "birthday" I keyed in month and day. Then my fingers took over and automatically began to key the year: "20__" oh-oh-oops! (go to black). I got no further. Sign went up: YOU MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER TO USE YOU TUBE.

You see, as soon as I hit the "2-0" keys, I was shut down! Anyone who knows me can tell that I'm over 14!

ADVICE: If you ever have this problem, buy a new computer; change your name (password, email address); move to another state... it's much easier than dealing with Google (owner of YouTube).

To clarify status, Google offers three options: 1) send a copy of your passport; 2) send a copy of your driver's license (both of which takes six to twelve weeks to clear); or 3) send 30-cents to Google via a credit card and be reinstated in 24 hours. Now which would you choose?

I chose Door #3 and sent the 30-cents... twice. No response; no confirmation; nothing. Being a patient person, I waited a few days before I sought to contact Google. However, there is no way to email or phone Google! When you hit "Contact", you are led to sites where explanations are offered.

I continued to search until I found "Just Answer for Google Technical Help" (**http://www.justanswer.com**), filled out a brief form and, In minutes, a friendly young man suggested I use another email address to create a YouTube account — under my name.

I am now on YouTube (but still cannot see my page under my regular email address). Is Google's Big Brother routine the answer to aging?

Five Overlooked OS X System Tweaks

Courtesy Of Kirk McElhearn @ Macworld

If you like to find new ways to tweak OS X, you sometimes need to look in unexpected places. For example, the Accessibility pane of System Preferences, which houses a number of features to help users who have limited seeing, hearing, and mobility, contains some nifty features that *all* users should know about. Here are five system tweaks that you might want to try on your Mac.

1. Change the cursor size

If you mirror your Mac's display to a large-screen TV or use a large (or especially high-resolution) monitor, you may find that the cursor on your screen is too small. You can change the size of the cursor, and make it anywhere from big to huge.

Go to *Apple Menu > System Preferences*, click *Accessibility*, and then click *Display*. Drag the Cursor Size slider from *Normal* (smallest) toward *Large*, settling on the size you want to use; the cursor changes size as you drag the slider.

This setting will change the standard mouse pointer, as well as other cursors (the text input cursor, for example), though it won't work in all applications. It will even make the hand pointer, which displays when you hover over a link in Safari, much larger.

2. Zoom everything, easily

Have you ever visited a webpage where the text is tiny, or wanted to get a closer look at an image? You can activate keyboard shortcuts to zoom the entire display, or you can use a scroll gesture—a two-finger vertical drag on a trackpad, or a turn of a scrollwheel—to zoom in when you press a modifier key, such as the Control key.

Google Dashboard

Use Google Dashboard to Globally Edit Your Privacy Settings.   Google has made it fairly easy to modify your Google account-related privacy settings across the Google enterprise by the creation of **Google Dashboard.** On the dashboard, you can modify what Google shares about you. With Google dashboard you can manage settings for services including: Gmail, Youtube, Picasa, AdSense, Google Voice, Google+, Friend Connect, Google Docs, and other services as well. To access the Google Dashboard visit

https://www.google.com/dashboard/.

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet.
Courtesy Of Bob Moffat

Five Dictionary tricks I can't live without

http://www.macworld.com/article/2038420/five-dictionary-tricks-i-cant-live-without.html

Whether you need to know what a word means or just how to spell it, the days of leafing through hefty paper dictionaries are gone. But few Mac users really know how to make the most of OS X's built-in Dictionary app. Today I'll show you five tricks for doing just that.

All about About This Mac

http://www.macworld.com/article/2039534/all-about-about-this-mac.html

In this week's tip, I'll discuss a cool feature that you may be wholly unaware of—even if you're a long-time Mac user.
In Lion and Mountain Lion, click the Apple menu and choose About This Mac. Yeah, yeah, you've seen this before. But now click More Info.

Five overlooked abilities of the Finder's Path Bar

http://www.macworld.com/article/2037449/five-overlooked-abilities-of-the-finders-path-bar.html

When you're working in a deeply nested folder (a folder within a folder within…), the Finder provides several options for moving back up through the hierarchy. But only one option provides both at-a-glance info and powerful shortcuts for working with files: the Path Bar.

How to import calendars

http://www.macworld.com/article/2036228/how-to-import-calendars.html

I was wondering if there is a way to get the holidays to show up in Calendar (on Mac and/or iPhone). It would be nice to know these things when I look at the calendar.

All about Reminders

http://www.macworld.com/article/2038217/all-about-reminders.html

What you really need is the digital equivalent of a scrap of paper onto which you write notes and shove into a handy pocket. Such is exactly the purpose of Mountain Lion's Reminders application.

Hello From Arizona

New User Report
By Bob Moffat

The May 2nd New User Group covered several features of Mountain Lion. We looked at Text-Edit and its basic set-up controls. We explored the differences in the various options to save files–Save, Duplicate, and Rename–and showed how to browse versions that have been incrementally saved by the system as you work on a document.

We also demonstrated the new built-in Dictate feature that allows you to speak to your Mac to produce text in several different applications. Finally, we spent time looking at the features of Keynote (iWork's slide presentation app) to see how to use graphics, text, themes, and transitions in producing a show and how to export the finished show to a variety of formats.

The **June 6th New User Group** will be our mid-year review, giving members a chance to ask questions and follow up on topics we've discussed so far.

Join us on Thursday, June 6th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

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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 and iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)
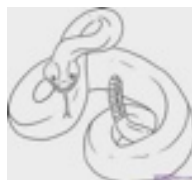
Join us on **Friday, June 14th** from 10 a.m. to Noon:

Mortvedt Recreation Center,
1705 N. Vassault St.
Tacoma WA

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Tis the season for rattlesnakes here in the Az desert. Don't know if I mentioned that the next door neighbor found a 12"+ one in their back yard. We being sociable creatures, he went and got my other next door neighbor who captured the little rattler. Don't know if he cooked it or sold it but it's gone.

Ye Olde Editor

General Meeting Report
By Bob Moffat

The topic on May 19th was iMovie. The presenter was Erick Camp. The demonstration included a look at how to assemble a file in iMovie that combines video, photos, and audio which can be edited to be displayed on the Internet or recorded on other media to share with friends, family, and clients. A video could be uploaded to You Tube or Facebook, for example.

The photos and video clips, along with titles, transitions between elements, music and sound effects, plus other features such as world maps that trace the route taken on a journey can be used to produce a minor masterpiece. Erick also showed some of the upscale editing power of Final Cut Pro and discussed several other applications that a serious videographer might use to produce high-end works.

Next month our Annual Open House and picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, June 9th**.

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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 (usually) meet at 5:30 p.m. for an informal bring-your-own brown bag meal followed by the evening's presentation 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 aware.

The **Monday, June 10th** meeting is one of our semi-annual software drawings AND picnic. Members are asked to bring food to share.

Our alphabetical photo project challenge for June is a topic beginning with the letter "W."

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Membership Report For May 2013
By Francette Beeler
As Of 5/22/2013

Active Memberships: 55

Membership Renewals:
David & Gloria Putman, Judith Berry, Erick Camp, Doug McDonald, Gerald & Kathy May, Jim Schaefer
New Members:
Judith Berry
Memberships Needing Renewal:
Due in May: Dick Lynch, Steve Kubiszewski
Due in June: David & Mary Fleck
Due in July: Stewart Beels, Clarene Johnson, Jerry & Maureen Kunz
Terminated Memberships:
Kathy Swanson

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 05/02/13 07:00PM had 21 members attend.
Mortvedt Center on 05/10/13 10:00AM had 7 members attend.
Visitor(s): Nathan Bomer, Dan Herman

Board Meeting on 05/19/13 01:30PM had 4 members attend.
General Meeting on 05/19/13 03:00PM had 15 members attend.

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Go to *Apple Menu > System Preferences*, click *Accessibility*, and then click *Zoom*. Select the *Smooth images* option, so that you don't see the pixels in images as they grow larger. You have a couple of Zoom Style choices: *Fullscreen* zooms everything on the display, whereas *Picture-in-picture* zooms the area around your cursor.

Click the *More Options* button to see additional settings, such as the exact magnification of the maximum and zooms, and how the screen image moves in relation to your pointer.

The Zoom preferences let you get a closer look at anything on your Mac's display.

4. Make modifier keys sticky

Set modifier keys to "sticky" and then have them display on screen so that you know they've been activated.

Do you find it hard to press Command-Option-Shift-W, the Safari keyboard shortcut to close all windows? Well, you're not the only one. Pressing more than one modifier key (the keys you use in shortcuts together with letters or numbers, namely Command, Option, Control, and Shift) can be tough for a lot of people.

Click *Keyboard* in the Accessibility System Preferences pane and select *Enable Sticky Keys*. If you activate this option, you can press the Command key once to activate it, and it stays "pressed" until you press it again. This arrangement makes it easy to press several modifier keys, as they will all add up. If you click the *Options* button, you can choose to

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Check the NWAP Website For Updated/CurrentCalendar Info. <**www.nwapplpkrs.org**>

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