Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Wednesday
July 10 th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Backups & Fix-Ups

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

By The Numbers Spreadsheets 101

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 for July 2013

by Bob Moffat

On the first Thursday of July in 1776 the American Colonies issued the Declaration of Independence. The calendar for July in 2013 falls on the same days of the week as the one 237 years ago when 13 colonies solemnly explained why they decided to… "dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html

The document goes on to describe in detail a list of grievances that led to the

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 this month's *Apple Pickin's*.

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{this month only}
will meet on
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EDITOR'S CORNER

Since Micro$oft thinks you should buy an iPad & more Mac users are becoming iPad users, I am going to try and include more iPad articles. On page 6 is the beginning of an article of replacing your laptop/desktop with an iPad.

Enjoy your cool and occassionly showery weather. From your editor in 101°@ 3pm & Sunny Surprise which will cool down to 78° tonight & warm up to 117° Friday

WANNA SWAP?

Microsoft thinks you should buy an iPad.

The first problem with waging war against the iPad is what the battle itself tells you: Microsoft thinks the iPad is (at the very least) on par with Windows. Not just Windows RT, mind you, but full-blown Windows. After all, they do compare the ASUS VivoTab Smart 64 GB running the big boy version of Windows to the 4th Generation iPad.

And perhaps they are smart to think of the iPad that way. After all, many analysts believe the tablet market will overtake the desktop/laptop market in the next few years. But in a time when people still aren't quite sure if a tablet can completely replace their PC, Microsoft shouldn't be reassuring them that, yes, it will.

Worse, they shouldn't be dishonest in their comparisons in hopes of convincing people Windows is better. **Cult of Mac**

http://www.cultofmac.com/228588/microsoft-lies-about-windows-8-tablet-screen-size-to-try-and-diss-the-ipad/

with the aid of **Curi**

http://www.curi.us/1571-lying-microsoft-advertising busted Microsoft for drawing the 10.1-inch ASUS VivoTab Smart larger than the iPad despite the fact that it is actually smaller.

Microsoft has since stopped referring to the ASUS VivoTab Smart as having a larger touchscreen, but they also decreased the manufacturer's suggested retail price from the $449 they originally listed down to $399. Unfortunately, it sells for $449 at both Best Buy and Amazon, ~Amazon listing a $499 retail price.

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

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

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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>

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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

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Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
July starts at $57.00

Word Wrap for July 2013

decision to sever the connection with the British Crown and form the United States. The British Empire was a formidable adversary and the struggle to gain independence was mighty. Winning the Revolutionary War proved to be only the beginning of a never ending challenge to build a nation that lived up to the ideals of our founders.

Is it the time of the year? Our "American Spring" of 1776 must have looked a bit like some of the unrest, protests, and uprisings that we have seen in recent years in other parts of the World. In the 18th Century word of the actions in the Colonies would have taken weeks and favorable winds to reach Royal Ears in London. In today's Internet world, information (and mis-information) flows at the speed of light. Governing bodies that once conducted business in smoke-filled backrooms are finding it more difficult to hide behind closed doors and sealed documents. Communication in today's electronic age has transformed the way we conduct business, govern, inform, and maintain security. Our culture has been regularly transformed by technology (since the beginning of time.) Transition from one phase to the next is sometimes messy (American Revolution) and sometimes downright mind boggling (Internet.)

You have to wonder at what the fellows who gathered in Philadelphia to sign the Declaration of Independence would think if they were plunked down in today's America. Or, for that matter, nearly any metropolitan city around the world! What a cultural shock they would experience. Even denizens of the early 20th Century would be astonished at the world we take for granted in 2013: automobiles, airplanes, television, mobile phones, personal computers, civil rights, equal opportunity, suburban sprawl, paved Interstate highways, or weather forecasts, to name a few.

Passage of time is a surprising agent of change. Today America and Great Britain are friendly allies. The U.S.A. has survived and grown to become a super power. Nations that were adversaries have become partners. Governments that were oppressive have been overthrown; some seem to have regressed to despotic regimes. Americans like to think that our success story is a role model for others to follow. We

value the individual citizen and see it celebrated in our form of government and market economics. We have exported many of our values around the world.

After 237 years it may be difficult to see all the issues we dealt with through trial and error. Watching a newly minted government struggle to build institutions and transform cultural expectations can be discouraging. We need to step back and take a look at some of the challenges we are still wrestling with. Even after all these years. Even after all the progress we have made.

"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

For all our Patriots and fellow citizens who have served our Nation in war and peace, in good times and bad, thank you. We are what you have made us.

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So, on the first Thursday of July, just as it was 237 years ago–remember, consider, celebrate!

Happy Independence Day.

USB 3.0 Brings a New(ish) Plug

Monday, July 9th, 2012 | Author: OWC Chris S.

http://blog.macsales.com/14399-usb-3-0-brings -a-newish-plug

USB 3.0 is now officially a part of the Mac. It offers great speed, simple connectivity, and backward

NWAP Board Meeting

June 9th, 2013
Notes by Bob Moffat

Present:

Bob Moffat, President
Eldon Estep, Treasurer,
Francette Beeler, Membership
Fred Battié, Director
Judy Sloan, Director

Meeting was called to order at 1:53 p.m.

Reports were accepted.

Old Business:
Pending items from previous months were resolved as follows:

> Audit Report was successfully completed.
> Bank signatures have been updated following March Elections.
> Post office key has been transferred from Winderling to Moffat.

Room reservations were confirmed for September. Members will be reminded that the New User Group in July has been rescheduled from July 4th to Wednesday, July 10th.

New Business:
Meeting Topics for the New User Group are set for July (Backup, Energy Saver, Maintenance and Utilities.) The July 14th General Meeting will feature some of the topics postponed from May (Numbers, Reminders, Notes, and Bookmark management.)

User Groups Fair Booth is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. Our members will be asked to volunteer to help man the booth. Other groups participating include the SouthSound Adobe Users, TAPCUG, and the Linux Users groups.

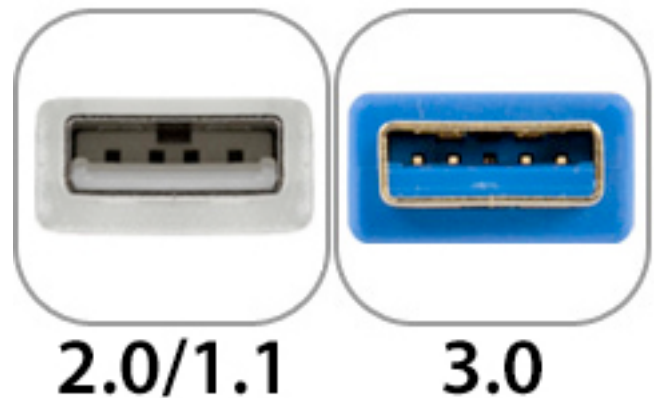Meeting was adjourned at 2:02.

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compatibility. In effect, it's a faster version of the standard that we've had since the original iMac.

The big departure for USB 3.0 is that its plugs are a little different than the ones prior. The main thing you'll notice is that there are a lot more pins on the plug. That can cause a bit of confusion. Fortunately, USB is designed to scale nicely, and the plugs are no exception.

Type A

2.0/1.1   3.0

Type A – On the Computer Side

On the computer side, there's not a whole lot of physical difference between the the traditional USB Type A connector and the USB 3.0 version. They're both a flattened rectangle with four front pins that correspond to the four pins in the appropriate receptacle on your computer. The USB 3.0 model, though, has a second row of pins near the inside edge of the plug. The design is such that if you plug a USB 3.0 cable into a USB 2.0/1.1 slot or vice versa, only the front four pins will make contact, making it a USB 2.0/1.1 connection. If both the cable and the plug is USB 3.0, then that whole connection is, too.

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

FURTHER READING

June was a busy month for new software releases and an introduction to changes to Apple's operating systems shown at the World Wide Developer's Conference. Here are some links to Internet articles.

World Wide Developer's Conference Keynote:
http://www.apple.com/apple-events/june-2013/

OS X 10.9 Mavericks:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2041581/faq-everything-you-need-to-know-about-os-x-mavericks.html

iOS 7 for iDevices:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2041619/first-look-hands-on-with-ios-7.html

Adobe Create Cloud subscription info:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2041007/adobe-releases-creative-cloud-into-the-wild.html

http://www.macworld.com/article/2041626/review-photoshop-cc-struts-its-actions-filters-and-enlargements-but-leaves-bridge-in-limbo.html

Mac techniques-- using folders:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2040256/eight-easy-ways-to-move-between-folders-in-os-x.html

Using USB 3 devices on Mac computers FAQ
http://support.apple.com/kb/HT5172#3

Follow the above link to the Apple support site regarding the USB 3 & Apple. Some of the subjects are listed below

1. What is USB 3 ("SuperSpeed USB")?
2. What transfer rates are offered with USB 3?
3. Does USB 3 offer more power than USB 2 ("Hi-Speed USB")?
4. Some USB computer ports have a blue insert. Why don't I see blue inserts on my Mac's USB ports?
5. What USB 3 devices are supported?
6. Are USB 3 hubs supported?
7. How do I get the best performance from the USB 3 ports?
8. What happens if I plug in a USB 2 device into the USB 3 port first?
9. What happens if I plug my USB 3 device into a USB 2 port?
10. Is USB 3 supported in Windows 7 and 8 using Boot Camp?
11. Are there differences between USB 3 cables and other USB cables?
12. Can a USB 2 cable be used to connect a USB 3 device to my computer?
13. How can I determine if my device is connected as a USB 3 device?
14. I use virtualization software to run Windows on my Mac. My USB 3 devices seem to only work at USB 2 speed. What is wrong?
15. USB 3 devices are not activating or not appearing on the USB 3 bus. What could be wrong?
16. I sometimes have difficulty with Wi-Fi or Bluetooth devices when USB 3 devices are attached to my computer. What could be wrong?

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

We reached the half-way mark in our annual tour, so we paused for a review at the June 13th meeting to test our wits. We had an informal midterm exam featuring a crossword puzzle format covering Mountain Lion and earlier versions.

July's session will look at backup plans and system maintenance features. We'll explore Time Machine and more of the settings in System Preferences to manage your Mac.

NOTE:This month we will meet on July 10, a Wednesday, the following week from our usual session because of the Independence Day holiday on the first Thursday.

Join us on **WEDNESDAY, July 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

Contact: Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 or
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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, July 12th from 10 a.m. to Noon:**
Mortvedt Recreation Center,
1705 N. Vassault St.
Tacoma WA

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Can an iPad Replace My Laptop or Desktop PC?

The iPad cut the cord tying it to the PC with the iOS 5.0 update, meaning you no longer need a PC to setup your iPad. You can also back up your iPad via iCloud, which backs it up to Apple's servers. And for some, this means the iPad can effectively replace their laptop or desktop PC. But the iPad isn't for everyone, and depending on how you use your laptop, you may find that the iPad can't quite replace it yet.   More next month ~ the editor

General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

Our annual Open House and picnic on June 9th gave our members a chance to visit and enjoy some great food. Surprisingly, we talked about a lot of topics other than computers and other technical devices.

The July 14th General Meeting is going to feature introduction to spreadsheets with Numbers (Peter Townsend and Bob Moffat) as well as a presentation on managing Bookmarks (Eldon Estep.)

We will explore some of the ways a spreadsheet can help manage facts and figures as we look at the basics about setting up the grid and applying calculations.
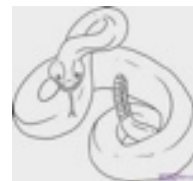
If you have used your browser for a long time you probably have bookmarks that have outlived their usefulness: see ways to organize your system for maximum satisfaction.

Join us **Sunday, July 14th from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

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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, July 8th meeting will feature a guest artist who will show us how he uses Adobe Illustrator to create cartoons.

Our alphabetical photo project challenge for July is a topic beginning with the letter "X."

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Membership Report For June 2013
By Francette Beeler
As Of 6/19/2013

<u>**Active Memberships**</u>:   55

Membership Renewals:
Gerald & Kathy May, Jim Schaefer, David & Mary Fleck, Dick Lynch

New Members:
None

Memberships Needing Renewal:
Due in May: Steve Kubiszewski
Due in July: Stewart Beels, Clarene Johnson, Jerry & Maureen Kunz
Due in Aug: Jim & Dawne Aho, Doug Dahlgren
Terminated Memberships:
None

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 06/06/13, 07:00PM had 18 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 06/14/13, 10:00AM had 13 members attend.
Visitor(s): Eunice Robeck: Elaine Winter

Board Meeting on 06/09/13, 01:45PM had 5 members attend.

General Meeting on 06/09/13, 03:00PM had 17 members attend
Visitor(s): Elaine Winter

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Type B – On the Device Side

This is where it gets tricky. On the device end, the most common connectors to USB are "Type B", which is the large, roughly square connector found on most large external drives, a "Mini-B" connector often found with portable devices, and the "Micro-B"connector which is also gaining popularity in the portable market – especially in the cellular phone market. There are other connectors, as well, but several have been eliminated over time.

USB 3.0 has corresponding connectors for "Type B" and "Micro-B." Each of these adds a second "section" to the standard connector to accommodate the extra connections of USB 3.0; the "Type B" connector stacks it on top, while the "Micro-B" version sets them side by side. While there is, technically, a specification for the Mini-B type (it has 10 pins in the same shape connector), they are very rare, with the Micro-B version being preferred for portable devices.

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