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NorthWest Apple Pickers

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Wednesday
Aug 1 st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Older Versions of the Mac OS

No General Meeting in August
Gone Fishin' or whatever
No meetin' in August

Meeting Locations
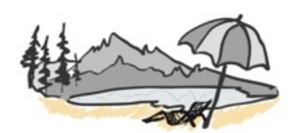**The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library**

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

http://www. nwapplpkrs.org

Word Wrap for Aug 2013

by Bob Moffat

In case you hadn't noticed, in addition to Global Climate Change there has also been an unannounced Time Acceleration Effect: the old calendar pages just keep flipping faster and faster. I'm surprised some Temporal Preservation Society or other watchdog group has not made a big issue about it.

While doing some research for our New User Group look at older versions of OS X, I was amazed to realize that it has been almost 13 years since the first Beta OS X was released for us peons to try. Of course, that reminded me that I will begin my 19th year as a member of NorthWest Apple Pickers in October.

It's a long way from 1994's MacOS 7.1 to 2013's OS 10.8 Mountain Lion! Memory chips were sold by the megabyte (not gigabyte) and hard drives stored hundreds of megabytes. I own a 512K thumbdrive (OK, remember I bought it years ago!) which has more than 3 times the capacity of my 1994 Performa's internal drive.

Those of us that endured Apple's confused years in the mid-nineties can recall several false starts to replace the MacOS with an all-new multi-talented one. When OS X was first available, it had some rough edges. Macs shipped with OS 9 and could also boot into the OS X so you could play … until you had to do some work. Then you switched back to the tried and true legacy system.

Needless to say, OS X quickly matured and has continued to incorporate new features and adapt to the changing world com-

Gone on Summer Break
General Meeting that is

Wished I had thought of that sooner & my hard working co-editor and I wouldn't be doing the newsletter for August. ;-)

your editor

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Stupid Motorist Law

Have you ever driven down the road and saw somebody in front of you doing something stupid? Oh come on you know you have and you probably said "what an idiot."

Well here in Arizona we have a law called the "**stupid motorist law**".

Some of our readers from the Midwest and Southwest parts of the US are familiar with the term "gully washer".   For those from the damp Puget Sound basin of Western Washington and those who are unfamiliar with the term, let me explain. The people in the Puget Sound area get all excited because it rains for several days in a row and start getting concerned about flooding. And yes you should because when you get an inch or so of rain over several days with no place for it to go flooding is going to happen.

Here in the desert country we get an inch but it does not go down because the ground is so dry and hard. Instead it runs across the surface and into every little depression. Each one of these little depressions turns into a tiny stream which joins other tiny streams. The next thing you know there's hundreds of these tiny streams that have become a small river. These small rivers and all the accumulated water rushed down gullies to become rivers large enough to wash vehicles right on down the gullies. Here in Arizona we are not talking about something that happens over a couple days. Instead this happens over a period of a half an hour to maybe two hours.

Even with the signs that say do not drive when flooded stupid people do it every year. So we have the " stupid motorist law". Part of this law says that people who drive into flooded areas will be liable for the cost of their rescue!

You would think that school bus drivers and drivers of emergency vehicles would be smart enough not to drive into water over the roadway. Not so as you can see by some of the photos on other pages.

NorthWest Apple Pickers

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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.

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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
August starts at $59.00

Word Wrap for July 2013

puter users have shaped. Remember the World Wide Web we have come to rely upon is less than 20 years old. How could I ever have researched these facts without Wikipedia? The smartphone began to blur the definition of mobile phones: the iPhone came along in 2007 and the iPad in 2011. Smart phones and tablets have an appeal for some users and the slowing sales of computers in recent quarters reflects those changes as devices become more powerful.

Computer chips are probably the reason time is accelerating. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

I mean, all those nano-things and floppy terra-whatsits must be sucking energy from the universal time system like mad. It's obvious that years are cycling much faster than they did back in the 20th Century or the eons before that.

When the Beta OS X was released we were in the midst of a Presidential Election year (remember Bush vs. Gore?) and the first results of the Human Genome Project had been announced. Within a few weeks the International Space Station welcomed the first of its full-time resident staff. There has been a human presence in space continuously, since.

If you doubt Time Acceleration exists (and I suppose there will be some who are skeptical) just take a few moments to consider what is going on around you.

Our culture is reshaping itself constantly these days, where it used to move glacially to accept change. Think of horseless carriages. Think of 78 rpm wax phonograph records. Think of Walter Cronkite. Think of analog CRT television. Think of newspapers. Think of Bill Haley and the Comets. Think of land-line telephones. Think of Sesame Street. Think of a computer with 4 KB of memory and 160 KB of storage.

What's with "texting?" Or having a private mobile phone conversation in public? Or waddling around the supermarket drinking from a water bottle--while texting or talking on a mobile phone?

It is obvious. In order to keep up (because of all that accelerated time leaving more to do in fewer hours) people around you are trying to cram as much activity as possible before they run out of time. Don't blink–you may miss something important.

Oops! Here comes my deadline... gotta get this on the Internet to Phoenix so the Editor can mash it into the newsletter and transmit it back to the printer.

Whooosh!

User Groups Booth at the Washington State Fair,
September 12, 2013.

Although the name has changed, The Fair at Puyallup is still the Big Deal folks have been enjoying since 1900. It will run from September 6th to the 22nd this year and once again will feature The Booth! manned by representatives of local users groups.

Last year NorthWest Apple Pickers (NWAP), Tacoma Area P.C. Users Group (TAPCUG), South Sound Adobe Users Group (SSAUG), and Linus SIG joined to man a booth in the Pavilion for one day. We had the opportunity to pass out literature and answer questions about the groups we represent.

This year we are again scheduled to set up a booth for one day: **Thursday, September 12th .** The Booth! is open from 10a.m. to 10 p.m.

Members from the user groups who volunteer to spend part of their day at the booth meeting Fairgoers will have a great time. Oh, and as a volunteer, they get a free pass to the Fair and a vendor parking pass for participating.

So: NWAP members! If you are interested in representing your group, please send me an email so we can put together a schedule. Let me know what time of the day would be best for you. We worked in three shifts last year--10am -2pm, 2pm - 6pm, and 6pm - 10pm. A good time was had by all.

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NWAP Board Meeting
July 14th, 2013
Notes by Bob Moffat
(No Board Meeting in July because we did not have a quorum of Directors available.)

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

FURTHER READING
Further Reading

Here are some links to interesting commentary and topics that may be useful reference that showed up during July.

Video about Numbers Spreadsheets:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezlQbllO6wY

Finder shortcuts.
http://www.macworld.com/article/2044195/ten-fabulous-finder-commands-you-should-be-using.html

20 Computer Terms you should know:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2043462/20-computer-terms-every-mac-user-should-know.html

Security info about Macs:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2040615/switch-to-mac-security-basics.html

Airport Utility 6.3 Bugs & Fixes
http://www.macworld.com/article/2043691/bugs-and-fixes-fixing-airport-utility-6-3-problems.html

The challenges for Open Source developers:
http://appleinsider.com/articles/13/07/06/editorial-apple-google-and-the-failure-of-open

3-D Printer creates rocket part:
http://www.space.com/22001-3d-printed-rocket-engine-part-test.html

Martian Rover keeps on going and going….
http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/20130516a.html

"STUPID MOTORIST" LAW

Some stupid motorist, the white vehicle on the right is a medical transport vehicle transporting a person in a wheelchair to a doctors appointment. The driver had another client to pick up and decided to save time, not!
I think you can recognize the big yellow school bus which goes to prove that even a large vehicle can not withstand the rush of water that comes down the drainage systems.

CNET Joins the Dark Side, its Download.com Attempts to Fill Your Computer With Crapware
by Austin Krause
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http://www.groovypost.com/howto/avoid-computer-bloatware-from-cnet-download-com-crapware/?awt_l=GemCY&awt_m=3m2qU3LM37ZWZMV

The Story

We've all seen it before, crapware packed into an installer for an otherwise great app. I think most people understand that sometimes this is a necessary evil to support starving app developers everywhere. But what if ads and junkware were included by the company hosting a download for the software and it was ambiguous if any of the funds even went to the developers at all? This is what I heard about the CNET Installer, an application that I had never tried before since I usually download directly from the developer. According to a thread on a popular social media site,

http://www.reddit.com/r/windows/comments/1hhiob/warning_do_not_install_anything_from_cnet_they/

this program's only benefit to a user is its *claim* to improve download reliability, but in reality the purpose of this software is its ability to sneakily attempt to install crapware on your computer. And why does it do it? This crapware is put into the installer by companies paying CNET to put it there. CNET is literally getting paid to sneakily attempt to install garbage on your computer.

It sounds crazy that a reliable company like CNET would resort to these kinds of advertising tactics, so I had to investigate for myself. If CNET's download installer really is a crapware trap, the scary part is how many people are falling into it. According to CNET it has received over 751,418 downloads which included 97,556 just last week alone. At this rate it will soon be over 1 million downloads and likely close to as many computers infected with its alleged crapware.

My Investigation is long and drawn out, so if you'd like to just skip to learn how to avoid becoming a victim of crapware via CNET, scroll down.

Conclusion

CNET monetizes many of the programs available in its software download section, also known as Download.com. This is done through its CNET Installer application, which is touted to improve download reliability, however in my case it didn't even do that as my download froze. The CNET Installer will still install crapware (possibly adware) on your computer even if you choose all of the options saying you don't agree with it happening. Overall the CNET Installer a great runner up one of the worst pieces of software to ever be put on charade as something useful. Watch out for it the next time you find yourself downloading something from this company. And make sure to tell your friends and coworkers to stay away until the site gets a respectable download policy back in place.

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Also, we always try to point you directly to a developers site for a proper download. If you see any link on our site that doesn't meet those guidelines definitely email us and we'll fix it right away!

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New User Report

By Bob Moffat

The July 10th NUG focused on backup strategies for our data. We looked at Time Machine which maintains a copy of versions of selected data which can be easily restored an item at a time. We discussed other ways to backup to external devices or online storage, as well as how to devise off-site storage plans to safeguard data in the event your computer room is damaged. Other topics included System Preference settings for Energy Saver, Disk Utility options, and Software Update via the App Store.

At the August 1st meeting, for members who have not using Mountain Lion 10.8, we'll take a look at questions they may have about some of the recent OS X versions and review hints on maintaining system and software on older machines.

Join us on **Thursday, August 1st 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, August 9th from 10 a.m. to Noon:**

Mortvedt Recreation Center
1707 N. Vassault St.
Tacoma 98406

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General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

We covered two topics at the July General Meeting. An introduction to iWork's Numbers (spreadsheet application) began with a presentation by Vice President Townsend, who suggested members contact the Board if they would be interested in forming a Special Interest Group to study spreadsheets or the other elements of iWork. Larry Weakly then demonstrated how to open the case of a "bubble" iMac to remove/replace hard drives or superdrives. President Moffat gave a brief demonstration of getting started with a Numbers spreadsheet, showing how to apply a formula to a cell.

August is vacation time for the General Meeting. Go out and enjoy a sunny weekend! (Or find a cool shady spot.) We will look forward to seeing you on **September 8th.**

Bob Moffat
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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 award.

The **Monday, August 12th** meeting will review the state of 3D printing (and will follow our July field trip to FabLab to see their 3D equipment.)

Our alphabetical photo project challenge for August is a topic beginning with the letter "Y."

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Membership Report For July 2013
By Francette Beeler
As Of 7/15/2013

Active Memberships: 54

Membership Renewals:
Clarene Johnson, Webb & JoAnn Olliphant

New Members:
None

Memberships Needing Renewal:
Due in July: Stewart Beels, Jerry & Maureen Kunz
Due in Aug: Jim & Dawne Aho, Doug Dahlgren, Jeanne Hansen, Ruth Elliott, Cal Lantz

Terminated Memberships:
Steve Kubiszewski

Meeting Attendance:
New User Group on 07/10/13, 07:00PM had 11 members attend.
Mortvedt Center on 07/12/13, 10:00AM had 6 members attend.
     Visitor(s): Herman Diers
Board Meeting on 07/14/13, 01:45PM…. Board Meeting was canceled ~ no quorum
General Meeting on 07/14/13, 03:00PM had 15 members attend.

And yes that is a police officer walking along the bank kicking rocks and wondering how he is going to explain this to the Capt.

So when you hear the word monsoon and think it doesn't rain in Arizona, let me tell you that during the months of July and August we develop the conditions just right for our very own monsoon season. And if you're ever down here in the summer and you see those signs that say do not drive when flooded. Well take their word for it or be prepared to leave some money in the coffers of Arizona.

Photos borrowed from the internet, the editor

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