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A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

Super Troupers



Personal Computer User Groups

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New User Meeting

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Thursday Nov 6th 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Useful Shareware

General Meeting

Sunday Nov 9th 3:00 - 5:00 pm Automator

General Meeting Location

Lakewood Public Library

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

http://www.nwapplpk rs.org/map/ lkwdlib.html



Ted Junkin joined us a decade ago and quickly became one of those folks whose energy and dedication kept us moving forward. He served on the Board of Directors as Membership Chair and was one of the NWAP volunteers who served on the Raincoast committee as convention Registrar.

The Membership Chair duties include the monthly printing of labels for mailing newsletters. A Newsletter mailing party gets together every month to fold, label, stamp, and mail our Apple Pickin's. We quickly learned that Ted's secret was his wife, May,

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who was active in TAPCUG. While she attended SIGs on PCs, he attended our Board Meetings. She also joined us for the mailing groups. A few years ago when May added a Mac Mini to her system and began learning how Macs work we were pleased to see her at our NWAP meetings on a regular basis. Ted and May have also been a pillar of support for our Mortvedt Sessions at the Lutheran Retirement Community, where Ted's patience and expertise as a coach have given new hope to the discouraged and new confidence to the timid. May's enthusiasm has bolstered coaching sessions and her tactful prodding has brought many a wandering discussion back to the point. Ted's experience with Macs reaches back long before he joined our group and May used PCs for years, as well. We are so fortunate they have shared their knowledge with us and even more fortunate for having had the pleasure of their company!

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"New User Meeting" Change

This is a heads up regarding a location change for the November New User Meeting.

The New User Meetings will be at Clover Park Tech. College in Room 402, Building 3

See Page 5 for directions.

NOTE:

The General Meeting will still meet at the Lakewood Library.





New User Report

Our September 4^{th} meeting looked at Time Machine and back up strategies.

Thursday, Nov 6th NOTE: we will meet on the campus of Clover Park Technical College in Bldg 3 (Rotunda entrance) Room 402, 7-9 pm.

Our November program will look at freeware and shareware worth knowing about.

contact Bob Moffat for info: 253-845-5233

The New User Group is a monthly look at how Mac systems work. We began to explore Mac OS 10.5 Leopard in December 2007 and will start our annual cycle again in January 2009. We make time to answer questions about this and earlier versions of Mac systems. Folks who attend range from brand new Mac users to veterans who come to share their experience and sharpen their skills.

Novice Report

November 6th will be the next meeting of the Novice Special Interest Group, which features a small group with lots of individual attention to introduce you to the wonders of your Macintosh. **(Lakewood Library, 3-5 pm)** contact Marilynn for info:

marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org

Mortvedt Session

November 14th we hold a monthly session special interest group at the Mortvedt Center in the Lutheran Retirement Complex in northwest Tacoma on the 2rd Friday (1705 N. Vassault St., 10 am to noon). 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 projects they want to discuss.

Note meeting day has changed Contact Bob Moffat for info: 253-845-5233.

Nov. General Meeting

General Meeting, Sunday November 9th NOTE: will meet at the Lakewood Library from 3-5 pm.

November's topics will include a demonstration of Automator by Erick Camp.

Book Reviews

give our members a chance to keep up on the latest releases. Review a book and it is yours to keep, courtesy of the publishers that cooperate with NWAP on these programs. See Marilynn M. Russell for details.

Northwest Apple Pickers Website <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>

Membership Update

Report compiled on October 23rd by david Putman, Publisher & Membership Chairman

Renewed Memberships: Eldon Estep, Bill Baron, Bob Moffat, Johan Battie & Judy Sloan

Memberships Expired In October :Bob Morgan, Lenore Bailey, Betty Fulton

Memberships Expiring In November :Barbara Baggaley, Rudy Horst, William Porter & Larry Weakly

Help & Information

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General Club Matters	Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)

Red Chip

The Red Chip is worth \$13

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting, October 21st, 2008

by Bob Moffat, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. at the Camp home with one guest and five board members present and adjourned at 9:09.

Reports show a balance of \$1469 in the treasury with Red Chip value at \$13. Membership stands at 71. Attendance figures: New User Group 12 including 1 visitor, General Meeting 14 with no visitors, Novice SIG 4 attendees. Publicity information was distributed to 16 locations and materials were posted or set up at five locations in addition to libraries.

Meeting locations for November: November 6th New User Group at Clover Park Technical Bldg. 3 Room 402, November 9th General Meeting at Lakewood Library (also site for Novice SIG on the 6th.) Topics for New User Group--Freeware & Shareware; for General Meeting--Automator presented by Erick Camp. Marilynn M. Russell gave a presentation to Jubilee in Lacey in October and has been asked to give another in November. Mortvedt will meet on the 2nd Friday, November 14th.

The Board began planning for the December Party by budgeting \$200 for prizes hardware and software to give away. The Planning Committee will be responsible for shopping.

Software and hardware purchases in 2009 were discussed to help look forward to revenue plans for next

Bylaws will be circulated to Board Members for final review and the plan is to submit the proposed revision to members for a vote by January.

Transfer of responsibility for the NWAP website is under way. A new edition of the site was uploaded during the meeting while consulting via telephone conference call to Bob Morgan, the retiring webmaster.

NWAP will explore furnishing business cards through the Apple Store at Best Buy.

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The Junkins dynamic duo recently announced that they are reducing their participation in meetings at NWAP. We shall miss their regular attendance and contribution to our sessions. For all the efforts they have put forth on behalf of NWAP over these years, we salute them as Super Troopers and wish them good health and trouble free computing!

New NWAP Website.

We have a new look for the club's website. Check it out! < www.nwapplpkrs.org > We are still polishing the details, but we're open for business. Learn how it was done! Come to the iWeb Special Interest Group on November 19th at the Summit Library.

iWeb SIG

NWAP is offering its member a chance to get to know iWeb, the newest member of the iLife suite. iWeb (now in version 2) is the web page creator for the "coding impaired". We will discuss and create beautiful web pages that you will want to show off to your friends and family. Create a site so that your family, no matter were they may be, can stay in touch with what is happening back home.

The first meeting will be on October 29, 2008 at the Summit Library. We start at 5:45 PM with a brown bag get-together. We will crack open iWeb at about 6:30 PM. There after we will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time. Note From The NWAP Publisher: Check out this link for a iWeb Publication that may be beneficial.

http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/iweb.html

Photographs Needed For Newsletter

Got Photos? Of course you do! Pick out a few and get them to David Putman, your newsletter publisher so he can showcase your favorite pictures in Apple Pickin's.

Bring your photos to a meeting or email your photos to david at

nwap_membership@mac.com

The Novice SIG

We will meet on November 6 at 3:00 PM in the Lakewood Library. Word processing, except for placing pictures in documents, was completed. Inserting pictures/graphics will be covered at the November SIG when Christmas letters will be introduced. Introduction of databases was shown and they were able to create a personal database. For homework, they are to add names to that database. Manipulating the database and mail merge will be demonstrated.

Word Wrap

November 2008 By Bob Moffat

We are eight years into the new century in the middle of a hot election race to replace a two term President. History books will note this President shares the same surname as another member of his family who also served as President. The country is busy expanding communications links and figuring out new technologies to entice the consumer to purchase. Among items on the National agenda are concerns about pollution of the Great Lakes and Puget Sound. There is concern about protecting forests and salmon runs.

In the last decade the economy and society have been profoundly changed by new leading edge products that have been introduced to the American consumer. Children growing up today will have no memory of what life was like before "X" was introduced (where "X" equals any one of a dozen different products or services that have matured before our very eyes.

Aha! It is 1908.

At the end of September, for example, a factory in Detroit rolled out a new product. The Ford Model T. The automobile has, in a decade, changed the way individuals think about travel and created a new industry, with hundreds of companies around the country constructing vehicles. Most are too expensive for the majority of American families. The Model T will change the world. But at the moment few corners of the nation have not seen at least one auto putt-putting over their local byways. With more than two million miles of road in the U.S.A. it is just a matter of time before someone in your neighborhood will own a car. Hard working horses around the world are whinnying their approval, although many are still pulling the infernal machines out of muddy potholes.

Theodore Roosevelt is preparing to leave the White House as Taft and Bryan campaign across the countryside. There have been strong battles over whether governmental regulation of industry and labor is needed. Excessive greed on the part of

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some businesses has led to regulation. Labor and management conflicts have led to more regulations.

Telephone, telegraph, newspapers, movies, gramophones, electricity, and steam powered railroads have expanded an individual's connection to the wider world. The automobile is about to transform the shape of cities, the priorities for road construction, and the industrial production of the nation. By the time President Taft leaves office (in four years) there will be few horses plodding the streets of our cities and the Model T's user friendly three pedal interface will be familiar to men, women, and children throughout the nation.

Can anything so game-changing as the automobile go from zero to sixty in just a decade in this day and age? It took the personal computer about that long (mid-80s to mid-90s) and that led to the Internet which grew up in about a decade. Is there a product introduced since our 21st Century began which has changed us so? Will we look back during the campaign of 2012 and identify Product "X" or Service "Z" that has turned the World upside down. Again.

As we await the November 4, 2008, election results (dramatically, graphically projected through stunning computer generated effects relayed over satellite communications links) to appear on our high definition flat-screens or iPhones, it may be worth a moment to think of how quickly a new idea can change the course of our national and personal lives.

Apple Computer Discounts for WSSRA Members

(Washington State School Retirees' Association)
Apple computer has an Apple Member Purchase
Program that offers discounts from 4-17% on most
Apple products. It includes free standard shipping
on purchases over \$50, quarterly promotions, free
engraving on iPods, and more! You may call
1.877.EPP.MEMBER (1.877.377.636237 or visit

www.apple.com/eppstore/slg to receive your discount. Yes, this really is the correct phone number!
For additional info contact Marilynn at

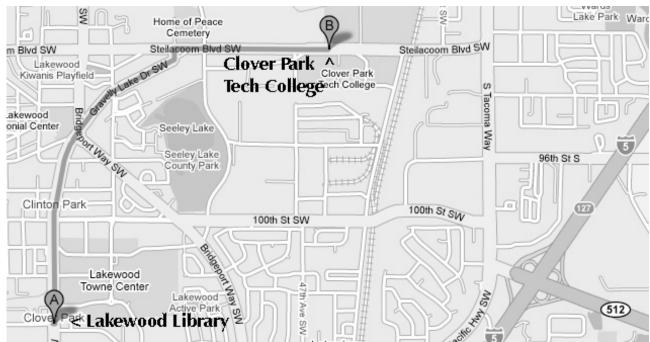
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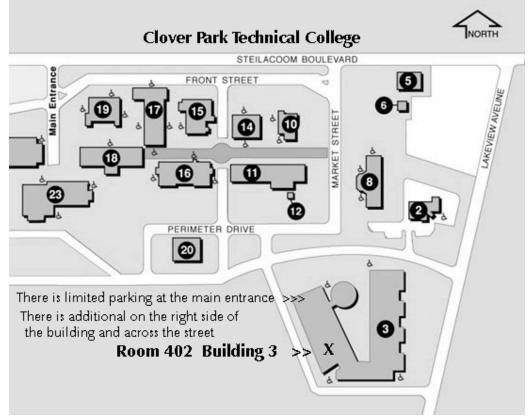
New User Meeting Location For Nov. 6th

Room 402, Building 3 (Rotunda Bldg.) Clover Park Technical College 4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW

Lakewood WA

THE GENERAL MEETINGS ARE STILL AT THE LAKEWOOD LIBRARY.





DRIVING DIRECTION

SOUTHBOUND ON I-5
Take Exit 129 for 72nd St
and 84th St. Follow the signs
for 84th St. Turn Left at the
stoplight onto Tacoma Mall
Blvd. Turn Right onto 84th
St. Turn Left onto South Tacoma Way. Turn Right onto
Steilacoom Blvd. Turn Left
into the college entrance at
4500 Steilacoom Blvd.

NORTHBOUND ON I-5 Take Exit 127 for SR 512 West. Turn right onto South Tacoma Way. Turn Left onto Steilacoom Blvd. Turn Left into the college entrance at 4500 Steilacoom Blvd.

Tom's Mac Notes

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http://www.phrases.org.uk/
This is billed as the "phrase thesaurus." I looked up "gandy dancer" and found it right away. (Works on the railroad.)
The site may have a subscription/pay element but there is plenty of free stuff.

Check out those thrift stores. At Goodwill the other day I saw an Epson Stylus 600 inkjet for \$3.99. It looked new inside and out. Instruction book and power cable were there. Had ink, too. Also, an RCA cable modem for \$3.99. In the box with CD, power supply and ethernet cable. I just bought an ethernet cable at a computer store and paid \$6.99 for it.

http://www.321download.com/LastFreeware/

This seems to be a site that lists and makes available the last freeware versions of programs that have gone commercial. Almost all for Windows but of course we can run Windows programs. I'm still using Crossover which runs .EXE programs very well and fast. I haven't upgraded to the latest version optimized for games 'cause I don't run games.

Check the Apple refurb. site for big MacBook Air discounts. Seen a while back but maybe still available. There is a program that makes your remote PC or Mac available to you while you are on the road. I can't test it because I'm in Maine and my other computers are in New Mexico and not turned on. Check it out at

https://secure.logmein.com/

and it is free. A version with a few more features costs \$70 a year but the free version seems to have almost as much functionality.

Back in MS-DOS days there were over a hundred different word processors on the market. Mac hasn't reached that number yet but I do keep running into new (to me) ones. The latest being a pair called iText Express and iText Pro 3.1. Express seems to be free and Pro, with a few extra features and a free trial, is a reasonable \$15. Another one in this same family (from Japan) is LightWayText. It

doesn't do as well the above two in the spelling department.

Your Secret Shopper reports: Seen at Walmart: Lexmark X2500 All-in-One, \$34.88. Also, SanDisk Cruzer Micro, 2 Gig, \$12.88. I have two of these, both doorstops. Well, guess they are too small to be doorstops. Probably my fault that they died. Canon Pixma iP2600. Was \$39.88 now \$29.88. Comes with PG-30 and CL-31 ink cartridges. I couldn't price check those two cartridges as my local Walmart in Brunswick, Maine, had very little in the way of ink for sale. The question always comes up: Should I buy a few more printers just to get the ink? Finally the big "Price Rollback" for the 1G iPod Shuffle. "Was \$48.72 and now just \$48.72!" (That is not a misprint.)

Shopping at Goodwill: Clean looking HP Laserjet 1012, \$6.99. It had the USB cable but no power cable which happened to be the very common type. I'm wondering did someone have a dead HP laser printer that they didn't know how to get rid of so they donated it to Goodwill? If so you just bought a USB cable for \$6.99 which is probably slightly less that a new one at Best Buy.

I just noticed how much I'm paying for local telephone service. And I don't even have long distance. Check out magicJack. I have an unused Dell laptop that should work with the USB magicJack. When I get back to New Mexico I'll get one and try it out. Local and long distance annual cost via magicJack (via internet) is less than one month of my current QWest telephone cost. I'll try and have a hands on report in a month or two.

Recent Costco ad: Brother MFC-465CN color inkjet \$69.99. Save an additional \$10 if you buy ink cartridges. As you might be able to tell I'm interested in photos and printing this month. Here is an idea for an upscale camera feature: Just before (or after) you take a photo you say something into the camera such as "Birthday cake" and instead of the photo being named P6659432.jpg it will be named "Birthdaycake.jpg". Was in a coffeeshop in Bath, Maine, and noticed four laptop users, two PCs and two Macs.

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Tom's Mac Notes

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The Mac that got my attention was an old Clamshell iBook being used by a woman. (Got to get a Clamshell!)

I thought I lived out in the woods but compared to her and her husband I'm in clover. They have no electricity and use 12 volt batteries and candles. She said, "Notebook power is no problem. I have an inverter to change 12 volts to 110 volts for the Mac.

Finally, we went to the grand opening of the new Apple Store in Portland, Maine. Much anticipated by all Mainiacs. Big crowd. Small store. Everyone got an XL black t-shirt with "Maine Mall" and the Apple trademark.

South Sound Adobe User Group

We meet at Windermere Reality in Lakewood to explore all Adobe (and former Macromedia) products. Bring your sack dinner or locally purchased meal at 5:30 to socialize and discuss issues you have or to present topics you need help with; presentation from 6:30 to 8:30. Open to all creative individuals who want to improve their knowledge of applications such as Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Acrobat, Dreamweaver, Flash, Fireworks, and others. < **www.ssaug.org** >. You can find local restaurants and their phone numbers to order food to go on the website.

November meeting: Nov. 10

Program: continued CSS discussion in Dreamweaver and using Photoshop to create a website template.

December meeting: Dec.8

Program: pot luck dinner and software drawing. Bring a dish (salad, entree, dessert) to share and your lucky rabbits foot, cloverleaf or t-shirt.

The Pre-Meeting time is the perfect time for personal issues and problems with design or software issues using the Creative Suite 3 or any of the applications in the suite.

Magazine and Book Recycle:

share those publications you have read and are willing to pass along to fellow club member-- bring them to a meeting and send them home to help someone else get more from their Mac. (See Webb Olliphant for details.)

Club Info emails

keep you informed of NWAP announcements of interest. Thanks to Loretta Chamberland's efforts, members are kept up to date on the latest developments. Members: please keep us informed of your current email and mailing address changes so you won't miss an issue of the newsletter or a worthwhile announcement.

(contact: mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org)

Take Control News: Make the Most of MobileMe

by Adam C. Engst ace@tidbits.com

article link: http://db.tidbits.com/article/9828

MobileMe has become a virtual Swiss Army knife of online services, offering not only a whizzy new "push" data syncing service for tracking calendar, contact, and bookmark info on a variety of devices, but also email services, online storage and file sharing, Web hosting, and much more. To help you make the most of your \$99-per-year MobileMe subscription, we've just released the 112-page

Take Control of MobileMe," by Joe Kissell. http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/mobileme .html?14@@!pt=TB951>

Joe starts out by helping you understand MobileMe's features and get set up, and then he dives into the details of real-life projects. In particular, he focuses on syncing & what to expect, what kinds of data besides calendar and contact information can sync, handling problems, and more.

<u>From the Publisher</u>. Click on the link above for more info. The cost seems quite reasonable @ \$10 for an eBook.

Also there are other eBooks on the link and you get a discount for buying two or more.

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Dec 4 - New User Meeting - 7:00pm & (Marilynn' s) Novice SIG - 3:00pm Dec 12 - Mortvedt Session - 10:00am Dec 14 - General Meeting - 3:00pm Dec 17 - The iWeb (iLife) SIG - 5:45pm

Dec 13 - TAPCUG General Meeting - 9:30am Dec 15 - Boeing General Meeting - 7:00pm Dec 10 - Article Submission Deadline (NWAP) Dec 16 - Board Meeting (NWAP) - 7:00pm

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