



# Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

## Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat December 2008



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### New User Meeting

@ Lakewood  
Public Library  
Thursday

Dec. 4th  
7:00 - 9:00 pm



Questions From  
The Audience

### General Meeting

Sunday  
Dec 14th

3:00 - 5:00 pm



Annual Swap Meet  
&  
Holiday Potluck

### General Meeting Location

Lakewood  
Public Library

Located at the south-west corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

<http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/map/lkwdlib.html>

The holiday season is upon us. How did another year evaporate so quickly? Here we are ready to thread our way between Thanksgiving and New Years with all the momentous rites and celebrations we will observe in the next six weeks. Our heads and hearts will spin between remembering and anticipating, between hilarity and solemnity, between quiet reflection and joyful celebration.

Thankful for ending a bruising election season – We can take pride in the fact that our nation again demonstrated the power of orderly transition. Voters cast their ballots and accepted the results. Most voters probably discovered that some of their favored candidates or issues did not win. Now we all must hope that the successful electees remember they now represent both those who voted for them and those who did not. The candidates who ran but were not elected are not losers: they make our system work just as surely as those who win the office.

Thankful for weathering an economic storm – The Way Things Are may have changed for most of us and will continue to affect our nation during the months ahead. While we have yet to see all of the fallout, we see some actions and changes occurring that may counter the actions and attitudes that led to the melt down.

Thankful for enjoying the continued comfort and support of friends and family throughout the year – That support and comfort which this club provides is not just the technical answers to computer issues but also the sharing of interests and introduction to new realms which any association can provide. Aren't we fortunate to be able to find new things to think about and new people to learn about even as we enjoy the family and friends we cherish?

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### Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices

**There will be no Novice SIG in December.**

**The New User Meeting in Jan will be on Friday 2nd instead of Thursday 1st;**

**The New User & General Meeting will now meet at the Lakewood Library.**

**Proposed Bylaws are included in this newsletter. They will be voted on at the General Meeting Jan 11th, 2009.**



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## New User Report

**The New User Group** is a monthly look at how Mac systems work. We have completed the first annual cycle of 10.5 Leopard training with the review of Shareware and Freeware in November.

The December 4th New User Group at the Lakewood Library (7 - 9 p.m.) will be a chance to just answer questions from the audience and review some of the features we have discussed during the last year. In January we once again start the annual cycle at square one, looking at the basics about Leopard and how to become the master of your Mac

## Novice SIG Report

**There will be no Novice SIG Meeting in Dec.**

The Novice SIG will be meeting on January 2nd at 3 pm upstairs of the Lakewood Library. We will be exploring templates and beginning Spreadsheets—when you should use them. Send in your questions that you would like me to cover. See you there!

[marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org](mailto:marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org)

## Mortvedt Session

**December 12th** we hold a monthly session special interest group at the Mortvedt Center in the Lutheran Retirement Complex in northwest Tacoma **on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 NWAAP. 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.

## Dec. General Meeting

**General Meeting, Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> NOTE: will meet at the Lakewood Library from 3-5 pm.**

The December meeting will be the Annual Swap Meet & Holiday Potluck

## 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 NWAAP on these programs. See Marilynn M. Russell for details.

**Northwest Apple Pickers Website**

[www.nwapplpkrs.org](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

## NorthWest Apple Pickers

NWAAP 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 99388, Lakewood WA 98496-0388

[www.nwapplpkrs.org](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

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### Tacoma Area PC User Group

NWAAP 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 19<sup>th</sup> Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

[www.tapcug.org](http://www.tapcug.org)

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## Membership Update

*Report compiled on November 15th by david Putman, Publisher & Membership Chairman*

**New Memberships:** Pete Herzog

**Renewed Memberships:** Bob Morgan,

**Memberships Expired In October :** Lenore Bailey & Betty Fulton

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

## Help & Information

General Club Matters..... Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)  
New User (OS 10)..... Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)  
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(If you need help with a particular program, please contact us

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## Red Chip

The Red Chip is worth \$18

# NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting, November 18, 2008

by Bob Moffat, Secretary

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 and adjourned at 8:37 p.m. at the Camp home. Six members and one guest were present.

The reports showed that the balance in all accounts is \$1417 and that the Red Chip begins December valued at \$18. Attendance at the New User Group was 14 including one new member and two visitors and 8 at the Novice SIG. There were 19 members at the General Meeting. Publicity was distributed to 16 outlets and newsletters/flyers posted at four places in addition to the libraries. The first iWeb meeting was held October 29th at the Summit library.

In December there will be no Novice SIG; the New User Group and General Meeting will be at the Lakewood Library, the Mortvedt session will meet December 12th, and the iWeb SIG will meet on the 17th. The Annual Swap Meet and Holiday Potluck Party is scheduled for Sunday December 14th and a committee was appointed to handle the details of selecting gift items for the drawing. In addition, the Bring One to Get One gift exchange will be held. General Meeting in January will feature a presentation by Erick Camp about Audacity, February's topic will be You Tube, and the Annual Elections will be held in March.

Bylaws were finalized by the Board at a special meeting on November 4th and copies will be inserted in the members' December newsletters for review before the formal vote at the January 11th General Meeting.

The Sign-in/Greeting duties have been assigned to board members Brynestad and Putman and Beels will be the monitor of the Red Chip Drawing with support from President Camp in transporting supplies to the meetings.

Webb Olliphant, Member at Large, resigned from the Board last month. The Board appointed Marilyn M. Russell to fill the position for the balance of the term.

The Board decided how to handle the obsolete paper records from past meeting sign in sheets, etc., and directed the Membership chair to dispose of such items appropriately if the necessary information has been entered into the club's electronic records and properly backed up. A decision about creating an Archive was tabled until additional information could be gathered.

The Board authorized President Camp to upgrade the service for our web hosting from 150 MB to 10 GB plan through our current provider, DaFirm.

## New NWAAP Website.

We have a new look for the club's website. Check it out! < [www.nwapplpkrs.org](http://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

NWAAP 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 where they may be, can stay in touch with what is happening back home.

The next meeting will be Dec 17th, 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. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the same time.

*Note From The NWAAP Publisher:* Check out this link for an iWeb Publication that may be beneficial.

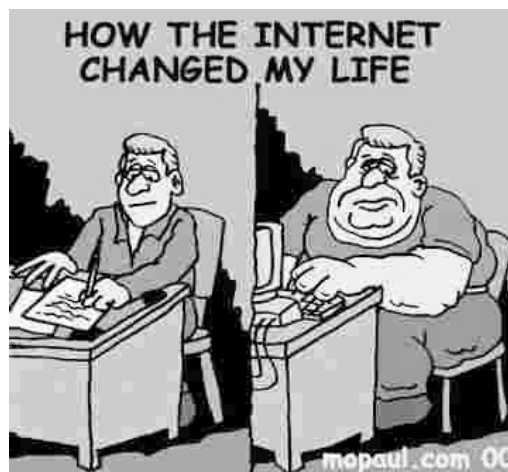
**<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/iweb.html>**

## 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](mailto:nwap_membership@mac.com)**





## Word Wrap

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Remembering the year's greatest moments and least likable events spices up this year-end season – With all those ups and downs Life continues to surprise, to disappoint, and to elate. Sometimes small victories are more savory than the large ones. Often we discover new delights and strengths only because we taste defeat. Life seems to run on AC current, not DC.

Anticipating the joy and fun of the festive days of December helps light the short days and long nights of our northern latitude ? Wish lists for Santa, shopping lists for presents, mailing lists for holiday cards, grocery lists for celebratory feasts, guest lists for parties and family reunions, lists of events to attend – this is not a time of year for the listless person! These days are meant to be savored as much in the preparation for as in the completion of the celebrations.

Laughter and joy are a part of these celebrations! At a time of the year when the sun disappears earlier every afternoon, it is no wonder that we fight the darkness with blazing candles to defeat the gloom and get in touch with hope and optimism. No matter how gloomy global, national, or personal circumstances may seem as December lumbers on to the scene, there will be reason to laugh, cry, smile, and sigh before the month is done.

Have you gathered your candles to light the darkness? Have you decided how you will share your light with friends and family? Have you taken the time to remember those special moments from past years that made these celebrations so meaningful and comforting?

Have you made your lists and checked them twice?do it now! That's my advice.

As you celebrate Eid al Adha or St. Lucia Day or Hannukkah or Yule or Christmas or Kwanzaa or your own family holidays this month take a moment to remember the special gift bestowed upon our Nation: our melting pot of all cultures, nationalities, creeds, and races has produced the alloy of uncommon strength with which the United States has been built. From

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that diversity flows the enduring power of our country.

From my cultural heritage I wish you a Merry Christmas, Joy-filled Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

*As Publisher & Editor of the NWP Newsletter, I also would like to extend my wishes for a Merry Christmas, Joy-filled Holidays, and a Happy New Year !*

*david Putman*

## Adobe Creative Suite 4 Now Shipping

by Jeff Carlson <[jeffc@tidbits.com](mailto:jeffc@tidbits.com)>

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<<http://db.tidbits.com/article/9816>>

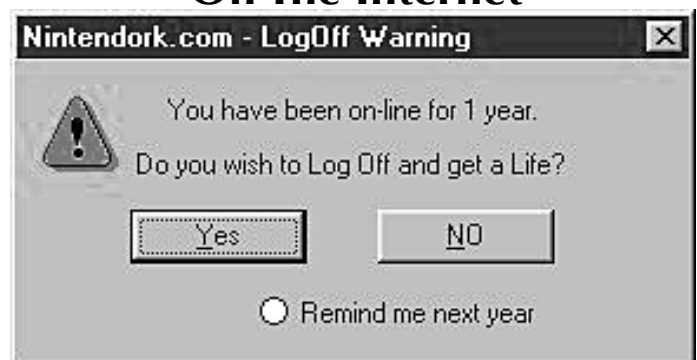
Adobe announced that Creative Suite 4, its bundle of professional creative applications including Photoshop CS4, InDesign CS4, and Illustrator CS4, is now shipping. (For a look at what's new in this massive revision, see "Adobe Announces Vast Creative Suite 4," 2008-09-23. I also wrote about some of the smaller improvements to the suite in my latest Seattle Times column: "Adobe's big, new Creative Suite helpful in many ways," 2008-10-11.)

I would imagine that graphic designers, video producers, and publishers of all stripes are submitting requisition forms to their bosses.

<<http://db.tidbits.com/article/9782>>

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/business/technology/2008254170\\_ptmacc11.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/business/technology/2008254170_ptmacc11.html)

## Do You Spend too Much Time On The Internet





## Personal Gift Giving/Taking Fun!



- Bring a gift costing no more than \$10 for the Gift Giving/Taking fun!
- A gift that deals with the computer is always nice, however some of the best gifts have been regular items!
- Wrap it in holiday paper and/or ribbon!
- Tickets will be given out to those who bring a gift.
- Tickets will be drawn. If your ticket number gets called, you get to pick any present that looks good to you! Open your present and place it in front of you!
- Or you can choose a present that has already been chosen!
- After all presents have been selected, a timer will be set for those who wish to 'exchange' your present one that someone else has!
- After the timer goes off, all gift taking ceases!

**Fun!!!! Fun!!!! Fun!!!! Fun!!!!**

## Board Gifts Give Away Drawing

The Board has purchased some very nice gifts to be given out, if your ticket is drawn! You do not have to pay anything for this ticket—not a dollar nor do you have to bring a gift! It is our way of saying, “Thank you for your support!”



**Be ready for the surprises!**



## Tom's Mac Notes December 2008

Would you like to be a Mac Genius? Here is some gouge on the job: Apple offers \$38,000 for a Mac Genius role and the extras are plenty of holidays, shares, bonuses, massive discounts on retail items for your friends, family and yourself and whatever Steve decides to give from time to time!

Logging in with Wiley & Sons (publishing) at the MUG wine and cheese party pays off. A few months ago I got a box of books from them. They were auctioned off at our local club meeting with proceeds going to the club treasury. In October another box arrived with a book in the new Genius series, the iPhone Genius book. Very nice, I'm keeping it. There was also a black (a la Steve Jobs) t-shirt with white block lettering on the front, “THE GENIUS IS IN.” On the right sleeve a small promo for the Portable Genius series of books. There are at least five other books in the Genius series. The MacBook edition would be of interest to me.

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# Tom's Mac Notes

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Got a MagicJack for internet telephone service. Here is what I have to say after 5 days of use. I went out and bought a new telephone with two additional remote wireless handsets. The MagicJack plugs into a USB port on my PC and the telephone plugs into the other end of the MagicJack which is about the size of a fat thumb drive. If the MagicJack is a little too wide to fit in a USB port without interfering with other USB devices a short extension cable is provided. There is a learning curve and I haven't gotten up to full speed yet. I certainly am not yet to the point of dumping my QWest land line for internet only phone service. While experimenting with the new service I found that the MagicJack does work wirelessly while plugged into my MacBook at the far end of the house. One last complaint: The only telephone number available for New Mexico is area code 505 which is for Albuquerque and Santa Fe. In southern NM we use 575. Not all area codes are (yet) available. For instance no code for New Hampshire can be assigned. Not wanting to have to explain why I have an Albuquerque number I changed my initial 502 number (first change is free) to a 207 number, Maine. My friends know I live in Maine in the summer. A disappointment: MagicJack will not work with my pre-Intel Mac Mini. I'd be more comfortable leaving the Mini on 24-7 for phone service than having to leave the power hungry PC on all or most of the time. More on MagicJack next month.

Was printing pictures with my Epson PhotoMate when I got a message: "Change InkPack soon." Kept going and did not turn the unit off. In standby it uses very little power. A few days later (printer still on) "Change InkPack very soon." Kept going and since the first warning I'd printed perhaps 35-40 4x6 prints. The only problem that showed up [now] was a purple band along the left edge of some of the photos. Got 15-20 more photos to print. I have a little slicer thing that I used to trim about 1/32 of an inch from the photo and that eliminated the purple. The moral of the story: Keep going as long as you can. Unlike some color 4x6 printers the whole photo doesn't get off color (low ink supply) with the

Epson PhotoMate and ink can be "stretched" a long way.

My old D-Link wireless base station was acting odd so I sprang for a new Apple Airport Extreme unit. Setup was easy but the install didn't work out. Good thing there is a reset button so I could start over. Then (the next day) I noticed that the power light was blinking amber, not steady green. Darn, I had to read the manual. Repair did not go well and the reset switch came into use 3-4 more times. Finally got it fixed to my satisfaction and set to transmit on 5 GHz 802.11N only. Nice steady green light and an Apple product I can recommend.

Great feature of Airport Extreme is being able to connect a USB drive and share that drive between two or more computers. So much better than the two NAS drives I bought which were big failures. Now I'm using a small pocket sized Lacie drive that gets all its power via its USB connection to the Airport Extreme. I had to jump through a hoop or two to get it to work with my PC. The instruction book almost told me how to do it and I figured out the rest on my own. My next challenge was to be able to share the drive wirelessly with my MacBook at the other end of the house. That took experimentation but after a while worked flawlessly. I was surprised as to how fast a transfer of all my Excel files went from MacBook to the remote USB drive. My ZyXEL "sniffer" has the signal show up as 802.11A on channel 36.

Hope you got your free (not a trial version) of Crossover Pro 7.1.0 when it was offered for one day only a few months ago. I was able to replace my older version. The WEB site says this:

"CodeWeavers" mission is to make Linux and Mac OS X fully Windows compatible operating systems. We do this through the power of Wine, which powers all of our CrossOver products. The CrossOver products make it possible to run Windows programs on Mac OS X and Linux without needing a copy or license for Windows itself.? I wonder if Bill has been wondering if CodeWeavers could somehow be sued?



**The modern woman's computer center**

## Proposed Bylaws

The current NWAP Bylaws were adopted by a vote of the members in March 1996.

The **proposed Bylaws** reflect changes in the organization and clarify the roles and responsibilities for the operation of NWAP.

Please review these revised Bylaws, a copy of which is included in this newsletter.

Please bring your copy with you so we can discuss the proposed Bylaws.

Your Board of Directors will recommend Members vote to adopt these Bylaws at the January 11, 2009 General Meeting.



## 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](mailto:mcintosh@nwapplpkrs.org))

## 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](http://www.ssaug.org) >. You can find local restaurants and their phone numbers to order food to go on the website.

### December meeting: Dec. 8th

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.**

## Some Notes From The Publisher

This month's cartoons are curtesy of Marilyn Russell.

The calendars on the back page are a work-in-progress.



December 2008							January 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 New User Gp 7:00 PM Lakewood Lib	5	6					1 New Years Day	2 New User Gp 7:00 PM Lakewood Library	3
7	8	9	10 Article Submission Deadline	11	12 Mortvedt Session 10:00 AM Mortvedt Center	13 TAPCUG Gen Mtg 9:30 AM Sr Center	4	5	6	7	8	9 Mortvedt Session 10:00 AM Mortvedt Center	10 TAPCUG Gen Mtg 9:30 AM Sr Center
14 General Mtg 3:00 PM Lakewood Library	15 BECS Gen Mtg 7:00 PM	16 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Erick's House	17 iWeb S.I.G. 5:45 PM Summit Library	18	19	20	11 General Mtg 3:00 PM Lakewood Library	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	18 BECS Gen Mtg 7:00 PM	19 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Erick's House	20 iWeb S.I.G. 5:45 PM Summit Library	21	22	23	24
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### CHANGES TO CALENDARS

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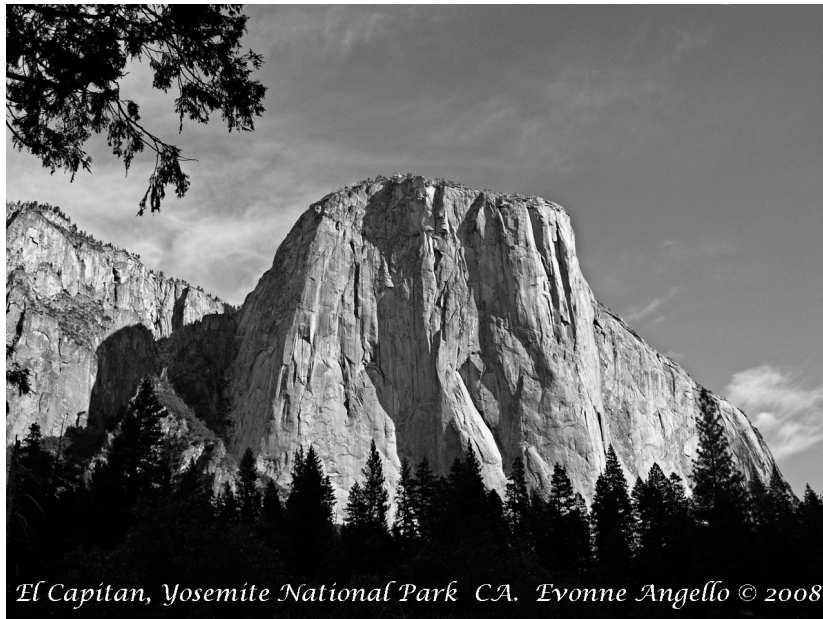
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