Apple Pickin's

NorthWest Apple Pickers

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

SPECIAL NOTICE

Remember the General Meeting on Jan. 11th will include voting on the proposed Bylaws.   Your dues must be current for you to vote.

Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat January 2009

Sing a song of New Years,
Happy days to come.
Two and Fifty weeks full
Of good news and fun.

When our Macs start up,
Files begin to flow.
Our desktops fill up
With lots of stuff to know.

Chips alive and RAM awhirl,
The hard drives are aspinning.
The 'Net connects us to the World--
We know all the outs and innings.

When our email wheeps
Or a dock icon hops up and down
We click to open the window
To check out what's going on.

Phonographs and photographs
Now are electronical
Files to save and carry with us
In numbers astronomical.

Our Mac can link us to every
Realm of human endeavor.
Or let us fill our emails with
Old jokes not so clever.

New User Meeting
**Friday
Jan 2nd
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Learning About Leopard

General Meeting
**Sunday
Jan 11th
3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Vote On Proposed Bylaws. & Audacity

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

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.
http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/map/lkwdlib.html

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Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices

The New User Meeting & the Novice SIG in Jan will be on Friday the 2nd instead of Thursday the 1st. In Feb the New User Meeting & the Novice SIG will be on Thursday the 5th.

The Proposed Bylaws will be voted on at the General Meeting Jan 11th, 2009. They can be viewed on the NWAP website at

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/nwap/ByLaws.html

A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington

New User Report

"The New User Group is a monthly look at how the Mac system works.

In December we celebrated the end of the first annual Leopard cycle with a round table discussion and review. At every meeting we reserve time to answer questions.

We begin the second annual OS 10.5 Leopard training cycle on Friday, January 2nd., 7 - 9 pm

Our first meeting of this annual cycle will feature a general introduction to the desktop and the menu bar, where we will explore some basics for getting to know your Mac. Join us as we renew our acquaintance with Leopard."

Novice SIG Report

The Novice SIG will be meeting on January 2nd at 3 pm upstairs of the Lakewood Library. See you there. We will begin Spreadsheets—getting ready for Income Tax time. Comparisons to a database will be shown and when to use each. An easy bank reconciliation will be presented. Questions sent before the meeting will be appreciated and answered in depth.

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Mortvedt Session

January 9th 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.

Contact Bob Moffat for info: 253-845-5233.

Jan. General Meeting

General Meeting, Sunday January 11th: will meet at the Lakewood Library from 3-5 pm.

**Audacity &
Vote On Proposed Bylaws.**

iWeb SIG

The next meeting will be Jan. 21st, 2009 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.

Northwest Apple Pickers Website

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

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 99388, Lakewood WA 98496-0388

<www.nwapplpkrs.org>

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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>

Membership Update

Report compiled on December 15th by David Putman, Editor & Membership Chairman

New Memberships: Robert E. Hawes

Renewed Memberships: Betty Fulton & Larry Weakly

Memberships Expired In November: *Barbara Baggaley, Rudy Horst, & William Porter*

Memberships Expiring In December : *Glenda Alley.*

Help & Information

General Club Matters......... Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)
New User (OS 10).........................Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 (any)
Legacy (OS 8 & 9)............. Webb Olliphant, 253-584-7473 (1-9pm)
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(If you need help with a particular program, please contact us

<holstein@nwapplpkrs.org>

Red Chip

The Red Chip is worth $31.50

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting, December 16th, 2008 (Digest)

by Bob Moffat, Secretary

The December Board Meeting was called to order at President Camp's home at 7 p.m., December 16, 2008, and adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Three Board members were absent, there were no guests present.

The reports shows a balance of $1275 in all accounts with the Red Chip value ending the year at $31.50. Membership stands at 73. December meeting attendance figures: New User Group was 17 including one visitor and General Meeting was 14, including one new member. No Novice SIG was held and the iWeb SIG was cancelled because of forecast weather conditions. The New User Group featured a round table discussion wrapping up the first annual training cycle on Leopard. The General Meeting was our annual Holiday Potluck (delicious) and Swap Meet which ended a bit early because of snow flurries.

January meetings will start with a one day shift from first Thursday to Friday the 2nd because of New Year's Day. The Novice SIG will meet at 3 p.m. at the Lakewood Library (upstairs), the New User Group will meet at 7 p.m. to begin the annual cycle on Leopard 10.5. The Mortvedt session will meet Friday, January 9th. The General Meeting will convene at 3 p.m. on January 11th to review and vote on the proposed Bylaws; Erick Camp will then demonstrate the application Audacity. The iWeb SIG is scheduled at the Summit Library, 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, January 21st, a day after the January 20 Board Meeting.

The Gift Committee noted that there were more items acquired for gifts at the December Party than were distributed. It was agreed that these will be offered as a second drawing item after the Red Chip at the next several meetings.

The Board approved the purchase of the sound system President Camp has assembled which worked well at the December meetings. The President was also authorized to change the Internet hosting service for the club's website after the beginning of the New Year to select an ISP that offers more storage space than our present plan. He will work with Webmaster Beels to move the files once the new service is established.

NWAP's public image is created by its publications: the newsletter, the website, flyers, brochures, and business cards. The Board discussed ways to assure the messages we distribute are consistent in content and appearance as well as appropriate. The Board will further discuss the structure of the publications chain of command. The Editor prepared a description of duties and responsibilities which included criteria for selection of material and photos to publish. The Board voted to adopt the criteria.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Moffat, Secretary.

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When our Mac puzzles us
We find answers much quicker
From our User Group,
NorthWest Apple Pickers.

The year ahead will be wild--
From the ridiculous to the sublime.
Hang on to your hat, get a grip,
And enjoy Two Oh Oh Nine.

Mac Tip of the Week #199

View Your RSS Feeds in Mail

Excerpted from Cool Mac Apps: Twelve Apps for Enhanced Creativity and Productivity, 3rd Edition by John Tollett and Robin Williams

To make it easier to get your info fix, you can send your RSS feeds from the Safari web browser directly to Mail. Then, whenever you check your mail, you can see whether you have news articles waiting to be read. To send an RSS feed to Mail, make a bookmark of the RSS feed (press Command-D). In the resulting dialog box, check Mail to add the bookmark to Mail. Click Add, and it's done!

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 at the Summit Library. on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:45 pm.

Photographs Needed For Newsletter

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

How are the photos chosen? The guidelines the editor uses for photos included in the newsletter have the following preferences in order:

Taken by NWAP members.

Taken in the Tacoma/Pierce County area.

Taken in western Washington.

Other photos submitted by NWAP members.

Photos selected by the Editor from any sources available.

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

nwap_membership@mac.com

iWeb SIG

NWAP is offering its members 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 next meeting will be Jan. 21st, 2009 at the Summit Library, west of Canyon Rd. at 5107 112 St E., Tacoma, WA.

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 NWAP Editor: Check out this link for an iWeb Publication that may be beneficial.

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

NWAP GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2008
POT LUCK & SWAP MEET

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TIME TO EAT

NWAP GENERAL MEETING DEC. 2008   THREE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS   ELDON ESTEP © 2008

SOME OF OUR LEADERS

Tom's Mac Notes   January 2009

MagicJack internet telephone is still under test. Have not shut down my expensive QWest service yet. All problems with MagicJack seem be be operator (my) error. There are MagicJack user's forums out there and I see lots of complaints, mostly about the company and/or their business practices. I can't comment from personal experience as since ordering the product I have had only a few minor dealings with the company.

Part of the internet (problem) side of my MagicJack troubles had to do with my Apple Airport Extreme router. I have been testing it for almost a month and the net result is that I must sadly report that it gets two thumbs down. Sometimes it worked as a wireless router and sometimes the signal was nowhere to be found. My Mac Mini, connected to the Airport by ethernet cable, sometimes could only get on line via wireless. Included instructions are somewhat vague. During setup you are supposed to know (for example) if you want to configure IPV4 using DHCP or some other equally (to me) obscure protocol. The unit has a USB port that you supposedly can use to hook up an external hard drive (or thumb drive) which can be accessed by any computer on the network. That did work for me. About once in 50 tries. Sad. The Airport has been replaced by something from Cisco.

Upgraded my MacBook from original 1GB memory to 2GB. Easy. Didn't have the recommended Phillips size 00 screwdriver to remove 3 screws holding in the bracket. A flat blade jeweler's screw driver, smallest you have, works OK. I don't see any difference in operating speeds. But, I don't ever have more than two or three programs open at once.

Metafilter is an interesting WEB site.

http://www.metafilter.com/

 Found a browser there called Plainview that is different. Minimal browser graphics intruding on your screen territory.

I did splurge Euro 6.99 on Squirrel, the finance program mentioned a month or two ago. It is still in beta. Squirrel 1.0 will be Euro 25. I hope they get the problems fixed as I like the on-screen look of Squirrel. I'll have free upgrades until version 1.9 (if

that ever happens which I think has less than a 50-50 chance.) I was told that my last problem (failed imports) would be fixed shortly and a week later the new version with the import "fix" was released. Still doesn't work. I'll forget about it for a few months and download whatever version is available then.

I never get tired of looking for the "perfect" finance program. Haven't found it yet. Install of Windows versions of Quicken and Microsoft Money (two different versions of each) failed. Crossover Pro couldn't deal with them. The Microsoft Money failure doesn't surprise me. Crossover Pro has been tweaked for a number of the latest Microsoft programs but not Money. Tried Liquid Ledger trial version. That does a great job of importing a QIF file with multiple accounts. But the trial isn't very usable. And its cost is more than I want to spend at $50. Then I stumbled upon a free program called Cashbox. A whiz at importing that multiple account QIF file.

Check the Student Union at your local college or university for Apple products. At my local school MacBooks start at $855. Minis are $20 off what they are at the Apple Store. Not much but every little bit helps. Recently saw a refurbished Air at Apple on-line for $1,200.

What Gender Is A Computer?

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that, in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

'House' for instance, is feminine: 'la Casa.' 'Pencil,' however, is masculine: 'el lapiz.'

So, a student asked, 'What gender is 'computer'?'

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, boys and girls, and asked them to decide for themselves whether 'computer' should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The boy's group decided that 'computer' should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la Computadora'), because:

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 was included in last months newsletter.

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

A copy of the Bylaws has been posted on the NWAP website:

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/nwap/ByLaws.html

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

What Gender Is A Computer?

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1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;

2. The native language they use to communicate with other is incomprehensible to everyone else;

3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; and

4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

And the other side's opinion

The girl's group, however, concluded that computers should be masculine ('el computador'), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on;

2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;

3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; and

4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The girls won.

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**)

South Sound Adobe User Group

The January meeting of SSAUG will be at a "place to be announced". Our building has been sold and we are not able to meet there any longer!!!! Please check the website for updates.

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. The program will showcase Photoshop and some of the new features in CS4.

You can find local restaurants and their phone numbers to order food to go on our website.

www.ssaug.org .

The Pre-Meeting time is the perfect time for personal issues and problems with design or software issues using the Creative Suite 3 or

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.

January 2008

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February 2009

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CHANGES TO CALENDARS
Check the NWAP Website For Updates. <**www.nwapplpkrs.org**>

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