



# Apple Pickin's

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## New User Meeting

Thursday  
Feb. 5th  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Apple  
Finder

## General Meeting

Sunday  
Feb 8th  
3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Apple  
Sound Studio, and  
Q&A  
by Larry Weakly

## Meeting Locations

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

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

<http://www.nwapplkrs.org>

## Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat February 2009

We live by cycles. Ever since mankind began to measure time, we seem to have found it necessary to celebrate its passage. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, eras, ages, eons, anniversaries, birthdays, terms, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, geezerhood, dotage, quarters, halves, semesters, credit hours, kilo, mega, giga, terra—you see anything you recognize?

So 2009 begins with a whole lot of beginning, middle, and end of cycles. As you may remember, there are a couple of 90 day wonders which have been roaming around the surface of Mars since January 2004—four and three quarters years beyond their pull date. One of them is dragging a wheel these days, and the dust has dimmed their solar panel efficiency so they

spend a lot of time sitting in the sun trying to get charged up. Darn...that sounds a lot like me, too!

A big quadrennial event marks the transition of our nation's Presidential terms. This year was surely a momentous inauguration which for many of us will remain one of those "Where were you when" events. Two centuries ago as Thomas Jefferson was about to pass the Presidency on to his successor, James Madison, Napoleon was busy expanding his empire in Europe. By 1909 Teddy Roosevelt was preparing to turn over the Oval Office to William Taft while an East Coast movie company was planning to expand to a place called Hollywood on the West Coast.

This month marks a transition for me from a four year old PowerPC Mini to a new Intel Mini. The process of

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### Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices

**The iWeb SIG has been placed on hold until further notice.**

**We will be having an election of the NWAP Board Mar 8th at the General Meeting see list candidates on page 3.**

**Effective March 3, 2009 the NWAP board meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month.**



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



## New User Report

The New User Group looks at how the Mac system works the first Thursday of the month. Our annual review began in January with a look at the desktop and menu bar. We plan to tour the system in the months ahead, to introduce new users to the system and reacquaint other with features they may have overlooked.

In February we explore the Finder, that application that is always working to produce your Mac's desktop and give you access to the files and applications on your Mac. There will be plenty of time for questions (and maybe even some answers, too!) Join us at the Lakewood Library on February 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Contact Bob Moffat: phone 253-845-5233 or email [ramoat@mac.com](mailto:ramoat@mac.com).

## Novice SIG Report

For our February meeting, we will be meeting in the Steilacoom Library Conference room from 3 - 5 pm The address is: 2950 Steilacoom Blvd, Steilacoom, WA 98388. Telephone: 253-588-1452.

We will open with an question/answer period. And then go into more detail on how to format graphics and spreadsheet. There have been questions on Mail so we will go into Mail, if we have time.

The March meeting place will have to be decided later—any good suggestions—as all three libraries: Lakewood, Steilacoom, & Parkland/Spanaway are booked. Don't forget to send me those questions at

[MarilynnmR@aol.com](mailto:MarilynnmR@aol.com)

## Mortvedt Session

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** will be our monthly session special 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 all 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. See NWAP website

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

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

## Feb. General Meeting

General Meeting, Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>: will meet at the Lakewood Library from 3-5 pm.

A presentation by member Larry Weakly of "Sound Studio" followed by a question & answer period.

## 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)

Editor David Putman, 253-446-1954 (9am-7pm)

Website Design Stewart Beels, [borntocruise@mac.com](mailto:borntocruise@mac.com)

(If you need help with a particular program, please contact us

[<holstein@nwapplpkrs.org>](mailto:holstein@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>](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

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

## Membership Update

*Report compiled on January 23rd by David Putman, Editor & Membership Chairman*

**New Memberships:** Francette & Jim Beeler, Motoko & Jerry Devine

**Renewed Memberships:** Alice Brynestad, Glenda Alley, Tom Garcia, Huguetta Bennett, Clive Berglund, Loretta Chamberland & James Derck.

**Memberships Expired In January:** Maxine Alexander, Robert Becker, Nancy Polich, Russell Rosenbloom, Dorothy Wilhelm, Charles Wheeler, Herb Satterlee.

**Memberships Expiring In February:** Evonne Agnello, Janet Baccus, Jack Conlon, Georgianna Miller, Lee Peden, David Putman, Marilynn Russell, Kozy Smith, Joy Cross & Bill Meints

## Red Chip

The Red Chip is worth \$47.50

**Northwest Apple Pickers Website**

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

# NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting, Jan 20th, 2009 (Digest)

by Bob Moffat, Secretary

The January 20th Board Meeting was called to order at President Camp's home at 7 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21. One Board member was absent and one Guest present.

Reports showed the Red Chip value has reached \$47.50 and the Treasurer noted last minute disbursements had substantially reduced the balance reported earlier of \$1388. The club has 73 active memberships. Attendance at the New User Group was 19 and at the General meeting, 18. During the month we had 3 new memberships and 4 renewals.

The Novice SIG met at Lakewood Library and will meet in February at the Steilacoom Library. The New User Group has begun the annual cycle and will review the Finder at the February meeting. The final iWeb SIG is scheduled for January 21. Mortvedt Session is scheduled for February 13. The General Meeting Presentation in February will be Sound Studio.

The proposed Bylaws were approved at the January 11 General Meeting and a copy of the final version will be distributed to members with their February newsletters. At that meeting the members also voted to establish a club Historian. The Board began working on a job description for Historian, as well as the duties for all other elected and appointed positions which will be formally added to the Standing Rules.

A candidate slate has been assembled for the March Election of Officers. One candidate was unable to meet on the traditional Board meeting day so the Board voted to reschedule the Board Meeting to the first Tuesday of the Month effective March 3, 2009. Both former and newly-elected Board members will be invited to the April 7 Board Meeting.

In reviewing meeting schedules the Board also noted that April's General Meeting needs to be rescheduled from the second Sunday (Easter this year) to the third Sunday (April 19) just as the May General Meeting is delayed one week because of Mother's Day.

Newsletter submittal deadlines will change in March to the third Monday of the Month.

The nwapplpkr.org website was transferred to a new hosting service on January 7 without problems. There are some mailbox management issues still being sorted out.

An audit of the books will be scheduled in February in anticipation of the change of Treasurers.

A committee was authorized to search for a wide aspect-ratio projector (which will replace the current 4:3 model) with appropriate connections and features at a price not to exceed \$750.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Moffat, Secretary.

## Proposed Candidate Slate For NWAP Board

During the March General meeting we will be voting for a new board.

The current NWAP Board has proposed the following slate of candidates for the March 2009 Elections.

Nomination will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

President -	Erick Camp > Webmaster
V. President -	Stewart Beels > Website Design
Secretary	Alice Brynestad
Treasurer -	Marilynn Russell > Publicity
Membership -	David Putman > Editor
ALG -	Robert Moffat > Assistant Editor
ALG -	Ivan Richardson - Historian
ALG -	Evonne Agnello

**Please remember your dues must be current to vote.**

## Such A Deal

Thinking of upgrading to Leopard? Also interested in iLife 09 & iWorks 09? For \$169 you can get a boxed set which includes all three software packages.

<http://store.apple.com/us/product/MB997?mco=MTIyNjk>

# Word Wrap

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transferring from one to the other is easy--and difficult. The professionally correct method of prudently selecting and managing the items I choose to move from the old to the new has sadly slipped into the old haphazardly traditional method: grab that old junky folder and haul it over to the new machine: I'll go through a fix it later (of course.)

For us Macintosh users, this marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Mac. America got its first glimpse of the future in 1984. That little one-piece machine used a mouse to navigate around its tiny black and white screen and used small hard plastic encased "floppy" disks to store its system, software, and output, since it had no hard drive. That Graphical User Interface made What You See Is What You Get computing possible and soon created the Desktop Publishing revolution. Only a decade ago, in 1998, Apple introduced the iMac.

A century ago Wilbur Wright had just set a couple of aviation records in France, flying for more than 120 miles in a little over 2 hours while Louis Bleriot was putting the finishing touches on his little monoplane that would carry him across the English Channel a few months later to win the London Daily Mail prize. Technology was changing transportation, communication, arts, government, and expectations as the telephone, the Model T, and electricity expanded the world for more and more people.

So here, with resources available within seconds on my Mac accessing the Internet, I have prepared another article, ready to send to the editor, who will use desktop publishing to assemble this newsletter and transmit it to a printer. Milestones or millstones? We just keep marking those cycles, counting events, and celebrating those great or small passages of time, don't we?

## Tom's Mac Notes February 2009

EditGrid is an online spreadsheet. If you know Excel you know EditGrid. Easy and fast signup to use EditGrid for personal use. I uploaded an Excel spreadsheet and it looked good except for my needing to align one column via the usual toolbar alignment command (after highlighting the column). Made a few changes and hit File Save. Got a message saying ?Spreadsheet changes are always automatically saved. There is no need to save changes manually.? So, if you can see any need for an online spreadsheet give it a try.

I wish Google Docs was as easy to use as EditGrid. (GD is actually quite easy once you get the hang of it.) Or, that EditGrid had a word processor element. Did go back to Google Docs to give the word processor another try after a year of non-use. GD still remembered me and an old spreadsheet was still there. Am writing this month's Notes online so I can switch back and forth from the Mini in the computer room and the laptop in the kitchen. No worries about which Mac has the latest version of the Notes.

Am always looking for a better notes program to stash my many year's worth of passwords and other info. Have tried such programs as Sidenote, MacJournal, Circus Ponies, NoteMind, etc. Still like Jotz. Most of these programs fall down (not Jotz) in the search department. Here is a new one (new to me) called NotePad. You can find it by searching on NotePad 2.6b1. Supposed to be a clone of a Mac OS 9 desk accessory. Search works across various files stored in this new version of NotePad. Check out the products at neXtSoft.com. I like NotePad enough that I was happy to make the suggested \$5 donation via PayPal.

Still testing MagicJack internet telephone system. If you think this has been going on for a long time you are right. The main problem: My antique Dell laptop which was not reliable enough to consistently work as my MagicJack "server." A modern Dell desktop lost its ability to connect to the internet. As the Ethernet connection was built in and not a card I could not fix the problem. Then I got a cheap "thingy" on EBay that is an Ethernet to USB

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# NorthWest Apple Pickers By Laws

January 2009

## ARTICLE I

### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be NorthWest Apple Pickers Macintosh Users Group. This Group will hereinafter be referred to as NWAP.

## ARTICLE II

### **Purpose**

The purpose of NWAP shall be to provide a nonprofit, educational, self-help organization for users of Apple/Macintosh personal computers; to cultivate cooperative relationships among computer users in our community; and to promote knowledgeable use of Macintosh hardware and software.

## ARTICLE III

### **Members**

**Section 1.** Membership is on a household basis and is open to all upon submission of a membership application and the payment of the dues. Spouses, partners, and children residing in the same household may all be active members (if they so desire) under the single dues payment of one household member.

**Section 2.** Annual membership dues are set by the Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE IV Section 1. Club Meetings**

A. General Meeting shall be held once a month, except there will be no meeting in August. General Meeting in March shall be the Annual meeting for the purpose of elections and any other business.

B. Executive Board Meeting shall be monthly at a location determined by the President of the Board.

C. A notice of at least 15 days prior to these meetings will be given to the membership.

D. Quorum

1. A quorum shall consist of no less than ten of the membership at Membership meetings.
2. At Board of Directors meetings a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of that Board

### **Section 2. Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings**

SIGs may be AUTHORIZED by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE V

***The elected Executive Board shall consist of five Officers and three Directors who shall have voting rights at Board meetings.***

The Officers of NWAP shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership.

### **Section 1. Specified Duties**

A. President shall:

1. preside at all Board and General meetings.
2. appoint, with the consent of the Executive Board, Special Interest Group Leaders and other Committee Chairs.
3. exercise final responsibility for ensuring General and Executive Board meeting locations and availability.

B. Vice President shall:

1. assume the responsibilities of President in the case of the President's absence or incapacity to serve.
2. be Program Chair and arrange for all General meeting presentations.
3. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

C. Secretary shall:

1. keep minutes of official meetings and make them available for publication.
2. maintain the official copy of the current Bylaws and Standing Rules.
3. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

D. Treasurer shall:

1. collect all monies due as authorized by the Executive Board and provide receipts.
2. provide a monthly financial report to the Executive Board.
- 3 submit to the Executive Board a year-end financial summary report by January 31st for the previous calendar year.
4. promptly pay all debts incurred by NWAP and authorized by the Executive Board.
5. provide access to NWAP's financial records for the Audit Committee within 14 days of the assumption of duties of new officers, and at such other times as the Executive Board may direct.
6. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

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# NorthWest Apple Pickers By Laws

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E. Membership shall:

1. maintain an appropriate record of members.
2. prepare mailing labels and maintain current email addresses for distribution of materials to members.
3. report monthly meeting attendance information to the Executive Board.
4. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

F. Directors shall perform such duties as assigned by the President and approved by the Executive Board.

## Section 2. Vacancies

Vacancies among Officers or Directors shall be filled by the Executive Board for the remainder of their term.

## Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities

Executive Board shall define and publish roles, authority, and responsibility as Standing Rules.

## Section 4. Composition of the Executive Board

The number of members comprising the Executive Board may be amended in accordance with Article VIII.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

#### Standing Committees

##### Section 1.

Standing Committees shall be established in the Standing Rules.

#### Special Committees

**Section 2.** Special committees may be appointed as needed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII

### Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any General Meeting provided that notice has been given by the Executive Board at least one month in advance. Amendments shall require a 2/3 vote of members present.

## ARTICLE IX

### Dissolution

Dissolution shall require approval of a majority of members in accordance with Article IV.

(Approved January 11, 2009 )

## General Meeting Minutes, Sunday, January 11, 2009 (Digest)

Members of NorthWest Apple Pickers met on January 11, 2009 to consider proposed bylaws.

President Camp called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. at the Lakewood Library. The reasons for revising the Bylaws, last modified in 1996, were reviewed. Amendments were approved to remove a specific day of the month for Executive Board meetings are scheduled, to add definition of a quorum for General and Executive Board meetings, and to add a section defining requirements for approving dissolution.

A proposal to create an additional member of the Executive Board to act as Historian was modified after discussion. An appointive position of Historian is to be created. It may be filled by a member serving on the Executive Board or someone from the General Membership. Thus, the Executive Board will continue to be comprised of 8 members: 5 officers and 3 directors.

The formal General Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Moffat, Secretary



## Tom's Mac Notes February 2009

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device. With that I was up and running again on the internet. More on the results next month.

Another way to search for/about people is iSearch.com on the net.

Crossover glitch. I installed AbiWord, a Windows program, just to take a look at the latest version. Didn't actually have any intention of using it. This did not work out well as words typed were invisible. In spell check misspelled words could be seen, not much help. The problem: Uninstalling a Windows program is hard and many remnants were left behind. They will probably be there forever (or 'till I reformat.)

Check out fancast.com which has lots of movies and TV shows. I'm looking forward to watching re-runs of Hawaii Five-0. Thus far have watched one movie, ?My Little Chickadee? with W.C. Fields & Mae West.

Got some money coming to you? Check it out at missingmoney.com. They do not ask you for your Social Security number or anything else that would indicate a phishing scam.

Lowest price gas in your town? Go to MapQuest and do a search. I use MapQuest a lot and never noticed that button up on the top right labeled Gas Prices. That is the key to your search.

### South Sound Adobe User Group

The Adobe User Group is moving it's meeting place once again, as it tries to find a "home".

In Feb our meeting will be on 6th Avenue at Game On , 6409 6th Ave, Tacoma, (formerly Flakey Jakes). We will be in their private meeting room. It is right across the street from The Clover Leaf Tavern.

Time is still from 5 - 9 pm. Wear a mask and get an extra point toward our software drawing in June! The topic will be photo masks... alpha channels.

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

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

### 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 Marilyn M. Russell for details.

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15	16 BECS General Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Erick's House	18	19	20	21	
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# March 2009

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## CHANGES TO CALENDARS

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