Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

Word Wrap
By Bob Moffat April 2009

New User Meeting
Thursday
April 2nd
7:00 - 9:00 pm
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eMail --
You Have Mail

General Meeting
Sunday
April 19th
3:00 - 5:00 pm

NOTE DATE CHANGE
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iLife 09
Smile & Say Please

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.

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Sometimes it seems to me the world is being run by grumpy old gray geezers. Perhaps it has always been so but I am only now aware of it. What happened to imagination and vision? Is anyone in charge of excitement anymore?

I discovered the Theater of the Mind early on because I grew up in a household that was filled with books and entertained by network radio. We had Saturday matinees at the local movie theater. We played through long summer days in the dirt piles, on the sand lots, on Box Elder-shaded lawns, and in hundreds of youthful universes not completely located on Earth or observing the same calendars and clocks as our parents.

Buck Rogers protected us from alien invaders while the Cisco Kid chased banditos away or Mr. Keen traced lost persons. The Shadow Knew who had committed murder and we laughed about Charlie McCarthy's antics or counted the number of gallons being pumped into the old Maxwell as Jack Benny tried to carry on a conversation. Newspapers, comic books, Life magazine, The Saturday Evening Post, and other "media" constantly added to the props we stored in our personal theaters. Treasure Island, Kim, Black Beauty, Thirteen Clocks, Superman,

New NWAP Executive Board

President -	Erick Camp
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Meeting Change Notices & Special Notices
GENERAL MEETING DATE CHANGE

April's meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday, April 19th

The Novice S.I.G meets at The Lakewood Fire District 22 Conference Room. 8517 Washington Blvd., Lakewood, WA 98498

The NWAP April board meeting will be April 7th at 7:30 pm at the President's home.

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New User Report

The New User Group spends a year reviewing the Mac Operating System to show Mac users basic tips and tricks. Since January we have visited the features of the Finder and the Desktop in OS X 10.5 Leopard. Next we'll look at communications features.

Apple's Mail program will be featured on April 2nd, showing how it works with other built-in applications, such as iCal and Address Book as well as iPhoto.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on April 2nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

Novice SIG Report

Show & Tell & Share!

Bring your questions (you can send them to me beforehand), your favorite program to share, and some "tricks" you have learned to make the computer easier! April 2 at 3:00 p.m.

We will finish our graphics and pictures-- formatting them in unusual ways to get ready for albums & calendars!

Join us April 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Fire Station 22, 8417 Washington Blvd. in Lakewood

Contact: Marilynn (phone 253-584-0147 or email **MarilynnmR@aol.com**)

Mortvedt Session

We meet April 10 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. These sessions are held on the second Friday of the month and are open to Mac users whether they live in the complex or not. Our coaches work with small groups to give lots of attention. If you have a MacBook, bring it along so we can help on your machine. You don't have to have a computer to attend--just come on down.

Mortvedt Center (1705 N. Vassault St.) April 10th from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

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

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

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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›

April General Meeting

General Meeting on (3rd) Sunday, April 19, 3-5 p.m. at the Lakewood Library will feature an introduction to the features of iLife 09. There have been a host of tweaks and changes to your favorite applications in this latest version. Stewart Beels will demonstrate what the latest iPhoto, iMovie, iWeb, iDVD, GarageBand, and QuickTime have to offer.

Help & Information

General Club Matters	Erick Camp, 253-841-0091 (9am-4pm)
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Novice SIG	Marilynn M. Russell, **marilynn@nwapplpkrs.org**
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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Report, March 3rd, 2009
by Bob Moffat, Secretary

The Executive Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m. at President Camp's home. One Board member was absent. Two guests, Fred Battié and Peter Winderling, were present. This was the first meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Treasurer Berglund reported a balance of $815.17 in all accounts. The Red Chip value begins March at $62.50. Membership stands at 70; attendance at at February New User Meeting was 20 with 2 visitors and at the General Meeting, 18. Publicity Chair Russell noted materials were distributed to the usual recipients.

The annual audit of the books was successfully completed on February 27th and a report furnished to the Board. The outgoing and incoming Treasurer are coordinating the transfer of records.

The Board confirmed the slate of candidates to be presented for annual elections scheduled for March 8.

Among the topics discussed were the status of the Apple Ambassador account and the update of profile information following elections, the research status about APCUG membership benefits, and the responsibilities for the new Club Historian position. A proposed format for the Standing Rules/ Committees and Appointees was distributed for consideration at a future meeting.

The Board authorized the transfer of bank account access from outgoing to incoming Treasurer and Secretary after the election has been completed, appointed Brynestad and Moffat as the Standing Rules Committee, and directed Moffat to prepare a formal payment agreement to reimburse Beels for the purchase of the new projector. The purchase of iLife 09 and iWork 09 was discussed but action was deferred.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Moffat, Secretary

NorthWest Apple Pickers Annual Meeting Minutes, March 8th, 2009
by Bob Moffat, Secretary (Emeritus)

President Camp called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. at the Lakewood Library meeting room.

In accordance with the Bylaws, Article IV, the Annual Meeting is held for the purpose of elections and any other business; with 19 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

The proposed slate of officers for the Executive Board was introduced:

President: Erick Camp

Vice President: Stewart Beels

Secretary: Alice Brynestad

Treasurer: Marilynn M. Russell

Membership: David Putman

Director: Fred Battié

Director: Bob Moffat

Director: Ivan Richardson

A motion to accept the slate was adopted.

There was no other business before the members.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Moffat, Secretary (Emeritus)

Membership Update

Report compiled on March 21st by David Putman, Editor & Membership Chairman

New Memberships: Mark R.Grochowicz
Renewed Memberships: Lee Peden, Evonne Agnello, Janet Baccus, Nancy Polich, Russell Rosenbloom

Memberships Expired In Feburary: Jack Conlon
Memberships Expiring In March: Eunice Robeck

Word Wrap

The Green Hornet, Scrooge McDuck, Robin Hood, Tom Mix, Mark Twain, Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Dickens, Robert Heinlein, Zane Grey, Laura Ingalls Wilder, L. Frank Baum, Isaac Azimov, Arthur C. Clarke, Margaret Mitchell, Agatha Christie, Erle Stanley Gardner—to list just a few of the influences that built my reference files for how people dealt with problems, how communities handled issues, how events shape—or are shaped by—history.

So was I surprised when Univac's card sorters were used to represent "computers" on television game shows? Was there any doubt that Sputnik and Explorer 1 were just the beginning of the Space Age? Did President Kennedy's 1961 plan to send men to the Moon seem beyond the realm of Human Endeavor?

No. Most of my generation, coming of age at mid-Twentieth Century, had already accepted that we would achieve all these things and more. And that we would keep on achieving and astonishing ourselves as far into the future as the mind could glimpse.

For those who were of the Greatest Generation, the sacrifices and hardships endured through the Depression and World War II exploring and securing a brighter future were priorities. Sure, there were some who yearned for the good old days (must have been some time in the 1920s?) There were those who despaired at all the money spent "in Space" when not one cent was paid to an alien on some other planet—it all was spent right here on Earth creating jobs, hardware, and our future.

For many reasons, the enthusiasm and appetite for ambitious endeavors seems to have cooled considerably over the past 40 years. Inventiveness and achievement has not dwindled, it merely has been channeled into a variety of technological wonders that may not be as spectacular as watching a man walk on the Moon. Indeed, much of the electronic revolution on Earth today flows from the investment in the Space Race in the 1960s.

The investment back then was not merely brick and mortar plants to build missiles, satellites, or Lunar modules. America, her allies, and her adversaries invested in education. They invested in students. Faculty. Research and Development labs. Think tanks. The most important investment was people.

There was investment in people to assure that opportunity was fairly offered to all, to see to it that work places were safe, to value work performed and provide fair compensation. To be sure, many of these efforts are never-ending quests for improvement. Lately, it appears, some of these elements in our past success have been allowed to languish, to wither, and to disintegrate. Tough economic times may have revealed deficits that are more than just balance sheet figures: stakeholders are not necessarily stockholders. Inattention or intent will unbalance the ledgers of loyalty, the columns of common interests, or the accounts of fair treatment.

Much of what folks of 1960 wanted to believe would happen in the future has come to pass or surpass their aspirations. Some developments are as astonishingly better as others are unpredictably worse. As we ponder how to work our way out of today's sticky situations, I have to wonder how the generation coming of age today has furnished their Theater of the Mind. Are the props and plots constructed from the rich variety of aural and visual experiences like I was exposed to? Do they admire the same positive traits in their heroes that we did? Do they envision a world as changed in 50 years as we did?

And then there are those grumpy old gray geezers in positions of power that keep telling us to stop trying. We cannot afford it. We cannot achieve it. It's not our business. We're not qualified. We're too small to succeed or others are too big to fail. We have no right to expect.

Maybe they need to take a walk down the Yellow Brick Road. If they're lucky, the wizard will give them an imagination transplant.

Tom's Tips

Downside to iPhone. Yes, there is a downside, at least for me. My old Sprint flip-phone worked just fine. Had it 3 or 4 years. Of course it wouldn't do anything but make phone calls. Suppose it broke, I dropped it and ruined it, I lost it? So what? Sprint would give me a free replacement. It was so small and light I never noticed it in my pocket 'till I needed it. Last downside: The iPhone battery does not last nearly as long as any of my old phones. Upside to iPhone? It's more fun than a Labrador puppy!

Someone told me he bought the new version of iLife but it wouldn't install because his Mac was running Tiger and iLife now needs Leopard.

Saw a write up for an iPhone stylus in a magazine. Sounded like a handy item as my index finger is big and flat and misses one out of three of those tiny on-screen keyboard buttons. Price was about $20. Found a Chinese knockoff on EBay for $6. Should have ordered two as the one that arrived is smaller than a ballpoint and I'm sure to loose it. Does its job well with a metal barrel, pocket clip, thing looking like a black rubber pencil eraser on the working end. I tried a regular pencil eraser without result.

Don't buy much from WOOT but love their WOOTgrams. Sample from a recent one: "Read this Woot newsletter and watch your dreams come true - ignore it and you will meet terrible misfortune! Veronica L. of Riverdale, Ohio received this message, failed to read it, and died of natural causes a mere 58 years later! In contrast, Joe B. of Wilmington, Delaware read it voraciously more than two times, and soon received a promotion to Vice-President! Before you click "delete", ask yourself: would you rather be DEAD or VICE-PRESIDENT? Your future could depend on it!"

The Mini decided it didn't want to boot anymore. I tried lots of fixes. Everything that David Pogue recommended. Nothing helped. No problem; I have an external bootable Iomega drive (with SuperDuper backups) but that didn't work. Maybe TechTool Pro or Disk Warrior could fix me. Didn't happen. Knew I was in trouble. Pulled out the big gun: OSX install disk. Held down the "C" key for over an hour with a keyboard clamp without result. Wouldn't it be great if Apple released their rumored new Mini plus Snow Leopard right about now? That would solve all my problems. A few hours later - Eureka! The install disk booted! My advice: Try everything then try it over and over again. Eventually something just might work. Even though reformatting and re-installing all my favorite programs was a pain I did get rid of a lot of extraneous and never used junk. My biggest loss was my address book. It was not found on the Iomega drive either. Unfortunately I don't know how to backup the address book. Guess I'd better learn.

Red Chip

On Mar. 3rd the Red Chip was worth $62.50

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Sharing LARGE Files

Apple has announced, through their MobileMe News blog, a new iDisk feature that had been demonstrated for sharing large files. You can now easily share any file on your iDisk with others, via email or the Web, with just a few clicks.

<**http://www.apple.com/mobileme/news/2009/02/sharing-large-files-with-idisk.html**>

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

South Sound Adobe User Group

April Program:

Our member Roy Douglas will begin our meeting by sharing how he burns labels onto CDs. Not onto label stock, but the CD itself. This is one of the only ways that doesn't degrade the CD- which the glue/adhesive does on label stock. He will share how he lays out the labels and then burns them. The next part of the meeting will be a rep from Wacom Tablet. She will be showing us the ins and outs of using a table while working in an illustration type application. Creating drawings using vector and raster artwork. We know you'll want to escape the house and tax issues, so come and try your hand at creating a vector image. See how the new CS4 can draw like in raster applications. This has revolutionized vector creation. Learn when to use vector vs raster. If you don't have a Wacom tablet there will be a few to try. If you have one and want to get the most from it, plan to come early for some one on one time... and bring your tablet (we can hook it up to a computer somewhere to help you if you don't have a portable computer. If you have questions be sure to contact us.

Be sure to grab a "brown bag". We are back to bringing in whatever we want to eat... 5:30 for dinner and networking.

Meeting will be at Cascade Print.

Location: 3321 S. Lawrence Street, Tacoma

May Program:

Michael Ninness, senior product manager for InDesign Adobe Systems Incorporated, will be our featured speaker. He will present on Flash in InDesign. Please see the second page of this notice for more information on this dynamic speaker.

June Program:

Summer Pot Luck Dinner and semi-annual software drawing. (You must be "vested" to win the software which means you have attended 3 of the 6 meetings since the last drawing.) We will also be making a light box for diffusing light so you can photograph objects in detail.

You can earn extra chances to win by participating in our meetings— bringing a friend, providing a "treat", presenting a tip or trick, etc.

New User Review
Managing your Desktop

(As presented at the March 5th meeting)

We discussed three features that let you control how your manage your desktop at the March 5th New User Group: Exposé, Spaces, and Dashboard.

From the System Preferences choose the Exposé & Spaces pane to look at your options. Here you can set the hot corners and F-Keys that trigger Exposé actions, that show/hide Dashboard, and that create the number of "extra" desktop work spaces, if you choose to enable them. If you are using some multi-button mouse models, you may also find settings for Exposé in the Keyboard & Mouse Preference pane.

Why bother with Exposé? This feature allows you to move open windows on your desktop in ways that make it possible to see all windows open and choose the one you want to bring to the front OR see all the windows open in the same application so you can decide which one you want to bring to the front OR move all the open windows out of view so you can get access to your desktop.

What's the big deal with Spaces? Here is a way to keep all the open windows associated with one project (or one application, or one member of the household) assembled together while allowing you to move to another "clean" desktop to open other projects–for example, to deal with Internet or Mail. You may choose to set a particular application to always open in an assigned Space; perhaps your Mail will always move to Space Number 3, so that any other projects you have open in Space 1 or Space 2 are not showing in the background while you deal with email. There are key combinations as well as menus and dock icons that permit you to move quickly between the Spaces you have set up. If you wish, you can drag individual windows from one Space to another.

So why use Dashboard widgets? Well, they are very small applications that make info available to you at the click of an icon on the dock or F12. You add or remove them easily when the Dashboard window overlays the desktop by clicking on the "+"

Converting AppleWorks Documents
Macworld

By Christopher Breen

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Mac 911 Tip of the Week

Reader E.S., like many longtime Mac users, has documents in an older format that he'd like to use with newer applications. He writes: "I have several thousand AppleWorks files that I want to transfer to use on my new iMac. Not being a true techie, what is the easiest way to transfer my AppleWorks files to .rtf files for easy use with Pages?"

E.S., I'd like to use your question to teach a broader concept. And that concept is this: When seeking solutions for opening Document X, with Application Y, it's always a good idea to Right (Control) click on Document X, choose Open With from the contextual menu, and take a gander at what appears in the submenu. It's possible (though not assured) that one of the applications that appears there will open your document.

In your case, when you Right-click on a word processing file created with AppleWorks (a document that ends with the .cwk extension) you'll see that Pages is one of the options. Choose Pages and, sure enough, that application launches and converts your AppleWorks document to a .rtf file, complete with the document's original formatting. Similarly, AppleWorks' spreadsheet documents can be opened with iWork's Numbers application.

AppleWorks' database files are the most dead-end-ish of the lot in that there's no application that will directly open them and maintain their fields. Instead, you have to save these files as ASCII text, at which point you can import them into Excel or Numbers where, possibly, you'll need to create column headings for the data. You can also import this data into Filemaker, but you'll have to recreate the layout.

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**)

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.

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New User Review
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at the bottom of the desktop. To find the huge selection go to Apple's website, Downloads section. We demonstrated widgets for current weather and time at various locations around the world.

Now here's a bonus: if you see some section of a website you would like to always be able to check quickly, in Safari you have the option (under the File menu, "Open in Dashboard…") of selecting an element from web page that will appear on your Dashboard every time you open it. Remember you will need to be connected to the Internet for most widgets to work properly once they are installed on your Mac.

We explored these three different ways to expand your desktop's versatility. Remember that using the F-keys on many laptops and some other recent keyboards require you to add the "Fn" key to the combination. Each of these features offer you some more ways to customize your Mac. Experiment! Explore! Exposé!

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