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New User Meeting

Thursday

June 4th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Night of the Round
Table - Q & A

General Meeting

Sunday

June 14th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Annual Open House
Macs and Snacks

Meeting Locations

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

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

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

June is a month of changes. We begin summer vacation season. We begin the post-graduation phase of our lives. We begin the summer evening grilling season.

These days events swirl past me and leave me hoping someone noted the license plate of the ten-ton truck that knocked me down. Consider all the things that have changed our lives since last June. Economics, politics, sports, ecology, and technology are among the fields where game-changing events have reshaped our lives and, perhaps, the world.

Only 29 years ago we were all adjusting to ash fall and amazement after discovering Mt. St. Helens was a REAL volcano. That June's change was a geological reminder that the Earth is neither static nor predictable: human

convenience was not a factor in Mother Earth's schedule.

Forty years ago the Apollo 10 Mission proved the concept for a landing on the Moon and then making a rendezvous with an orbiting "mother ship" for the return to Earth.

Hawaii became our 50th State fifty years ago this summer, a few months after Alaska had been officially admitted to the Union. Folks in these former U.S. Territories had lots of changes to look forward to, even as statehood bestowed new rights and responsibilities on them.

Sixty years ago the Berlin Airlift had finally proven its point. Russia relented and began again to permit the Allies to use surface routes to reach Berlin. After nearly a year of flying 'round the clock air transport missions, planes of the American, British, French, and other Allies had

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Meeting Notes

The NWAP April board meeting will be June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home.



The New User Group June 4th at 7:00 p.m. will offer a chance to review, to preview, and to consider All Things Mac.



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



See our website for maps and driving directions to all meetings: www.nwapplpkrs.org

New User Report

The New User Group is half way through our annual review of the Mac Operating System. We aim to introduce new users to the Leopard 10.5 and remind veteran users of the features added with the latest releases. Tips and tricks for everyone to make their Mac experience more productive and fun.

May's program completed our two-month look at Internet communications by reviewing the features of Safari. Now it's time for a June Round Table Review to handle questions and answers for issues our members want to discuss.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **June 4th** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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

Mortvedt Session

Join us **June 12th** from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. These monthly session held on the second Fridays are open to all Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to give attention to questions. If you have a MacBook bring it to the meeting, but you don't have to bring a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center (1705 N. Vassault St.) June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

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

June 14th is Open House!

We'll spend Sunday afternoon at the Lakewood Library from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 14th visiting, snacking, and playing on our Macs. Don't miss this chance to bring your system and show off your favorite software or share your pet project with fellow members.

Bring a snack to share while we see how fellow members are using their Macs. The club will furnish plates, utensils, and soft drinks. Members bring a snack and, if they choose, their system. (Remember to bring an extension cord if you need to power up!)

Lakewood Library **June 14th**, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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



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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Report, May 5th, 2009

by Alice Brynestad, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Erick Camp at his home at 7:03 p.m.. Present were Erick, David Putman, Bob Moffat, Ivan Richardson, Alice Brynestad, Marilyn M. Russell, and Fred Battié.

The proposed Standing rules were presented and passed out to each Board member for their perusal. Comments will be taken at the June board meeting.

The Treasurers Report Report was presented, and was not accepted as it is not accurate. The report was sent to the Board electronically. A donation of \$125 was accepted by the Board from Lee Peden and John R. Walters.

Membership report was presented. Some renewals came in after Report was created, and therefore will be noted in the June Membership report. One renewal was paid in cash, and this will be noted in the June report.

Resignation of the Vice President was discussed, but no action was taken at this time.

The Executive Board removed Marilyn M. Russell from the position of Treasurer and the Executive Board due to irreconcilable differences. She then chose to resign from the Northwest Apple Pickers.

As a result of Marilyn's leaving NWAAP, the positions of Novice User Meeting Coordinator and Publicity and Book Review Chairman are now open.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Alice Brynestad, Secretary

Red Chip

The Red Chip current value is \$106.00

Northwest Apple Pickers Website

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

Message from the President

by Erick J. Camp

NorthWest Apple Pickers regrettably announces a realignment of responsibilities within the Board of Directors whereby the duties of the Treasurer have been assumed by David Putman.

The Board wishes to recognize the longstanding contributions that Marilyn M. Russell has made over the years within the NorthWest Apple Pickers. Her passion for teaching and community service led to her excellent work as the leader of the Novice User Group and the community recycler of used Apple Computers back to people and organizations in need of computer equipment. In addition, Marilyn was a vocal advocate for the Apple Community and worked tirelessly to promote NorthWest Apple Pickers with the South Puget Sound region. At this time, Marilyn has announced that she is also leaving these other activities. Her talent and dedication will be missed and she has the Club's gratitude for her work.

The duties of membership will be assumed by the Club's President.

Membership Update

New Memberships: Donna Foster

Renewed Memberships: Paul Cooper, Norma Bartlett, Gerald May

Memberships Expiring In April & May: Kathryn Whitacre, Elizabeth Luce, Charles Curl, Janice Mileski, Lynn Percich, Martha Strom

Memberships Expiring in June: Erick Camp, Mary & David Fleck, Margrit Englehartson, Mary Johnson

May 17th General Meeting NeoOffice Handouts

Check out our website for links to download NeoOffice as well as materials used at the May 17th presentation. From the **Home** Page go to **Projected Meetings** and click on the link at the bottom of the page: **May 17, 2009 General Meeting Handouts Plus.**

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New User Review - Apple's Safari

The May New User Group explored Safari, the browser that is part of OS X, reviewing some basic features of Safari 3, the current version, including options on changing the appearance, resizing display fonts, controlling how to show/hide the tool bars, and setting preferences for home page and download folder.

We demonstrated ways to save web pages as archive files and to create text clippings or hyperlinks by dragging selections to the desktop. We created a dashboard widget from a live element of a web page. And we compared Safari to Firefox to see the similarities in the two browsers' interfaces.

Stewart Beels showed the features of Safari 4, which is a public beta version of the next generation,

in a side-by-side dueling projectors comparison with Safari 3. Two of the most visible changes include the relocation of tabs to the top of the window and a thumbnail view of most frequently visited web pages which extends the usefulness of Bookmarks. If history is any guide, Safari 4 will ship with the next version of the OS X, 10.6 Snow Leopard some time later this year.

During the question and answer session Erick Camp addressed several questions about Internet security risks and safe surfing practices for Mac users. This meeting completed our two-session program covering Internet communications using Mail and Safari.

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kept the citizens of West Berlin supplied with enough food, fuel, supplies, and hope to survive the Blockade. The airplanes flew more than 92 million miles--nearly the distance between the Earth and Sun--when the mission ended after 15 months.

The fallout from this summer's events may not be recognized for years. Will there come a day when "Hummer" refers only to a singer who forgets the words? Will the refurbished Hubble Telescope finally snap a picture of Willis waving to us from the canals of Mars?

Mt. St. Helens fallout in 1980 dumped abrasive ash downwind that was unkind to mechanical devices, unhealthy for respiratory systems, but beneficial to crops that grew lush from the rich nutrients that blanketed the fields beneath the ash cloud.

Alaska and Hawaii embraced Statehood with enthusiasm and optimism. Moving from territorial administration required the citizens to reconstruct the institutions that served their new statehood. Fifty years have been filled with changes in both states and placed both at the leading edge of environmental and economic development attention.

Russia's Berlin 1948 Blockade also had unintended consequences. It became an embarrassing challenge that thwarted her intent to chase the Allies from Berlin and take over Germany because--somehow--the city was supplied successfully by air. For the Germans, surrounded by the ruins of World War II,

the Berlin Airlift confirmed the Allies' commitment to rebuilding their country: their view of the Allied occupation forces underwent a change for the better. For the Allies, the Airlift was one more confirmation of the need for an alliance, which became NATO.

In years to come Russia would build a wall to control movement between East and West. In another June, a dozen years after the Airlift, "Ich bin ein Berliner" signaled that the spirit of the Airlift was enduring. Eventually, forty years after the Blockade failed, so did the wall.

Will 2009 bring watershed moments? Of course! At every level: from the June weddings and graduations which will mark personal and family milestones to the decisions in board rooms and capitals around the world. Perhaps we'll note the unintended consequences years from now.

Look around. Is someone you know because of today's economics about to choose a different career (which may well result in them winning a Nobel Prize--or an Oscar, or the absolutely perfect partner--instead of plodding along until they retire from the job they always thought they wanted.)

Along with rising smoke from burgers charring on patio grills let us celebrate the rising spirits which June traditionally has lofted. 'Tis the season for changes big and little. We'll deal with the consequences later.

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

There is a Mac program called VueScan that will act as a driver for whatever scanner you might have and it covers lots of them. According to the web site it supports more than 1,200 different scanners for Mac, Windows, Linux. I have a Canon LiDE30 scanner which has served me well over the past 6 or more years. It is light and best of all - requires no external power. Just plug the USB cable into your computer and go to work. Problem: (Don't I always have problems?) The supplied Mac software on CD loads on my Mini but has never worked. So, I have always used the scanner with my PC. But, the software on the CD wouldn't load on my new Vista PC and the Canon site says "Vista is not supported with this scanner." Enter VueScan. Downloaded it and installed it on the PC. Worked great except there were gray \$ signs all over the print out. Well, I had a trial version. \$40 for the full version of VueScan is less money than buying a new scanner and I might not find a scanner that I liked as much as the old Canon. Bought the upgrade and it is working fine with no more \$ signs. I am inclined to think that the Mac and Linux versions would work just as well. I'll keep using it with the PC simply because there is a table for the scanner on the PC side of my computer desk and no room on the Mac side.

Things I hate about Windows Vista #74: I don't know if this happened when I first used Vista or after I reinstalled it (within 5 days) because of so many Trojans & viruses. Windows took over one of my external drives and made it a drive of its own with lots of directories and files. I guess I could look at a Vista Manual at the bookstore and find out what that's all about. Bothersome thing is that three years worth of my backups were wiped out from the drive. Multiple backup drives are a good thing! The 2 month old Dell Vista machine died completely. Staples will have to fix it or give me a new one.

A new manual for me via Amazon: David Pogue's Mac OS X Leopard "The Missing Manual." Not one you would want to curl up in bed with because it's 894 pages. Pogue says he wrote it on a MacBook laptop with Microsoft Word. Maybe now I'll be able to figure out what Spaces (or is it Stacks?) is supposed

to do. His publisher (O'Reilly) thinks Pogue's Snow Leopard manual will be out in July.

Found something fun to play with on my Mac. A Color Computer emulator. I'm back to writing Basic programs just for fun. Years ago I wrote for Computer Shopper, Hot Coco (a Wayne Green mag) Color Computer News and Color Computer Magazine. Both hardware and software articles. So, the Color Computer from Tandy is right up my alley.

Check it out at
<http://members.cox.net/javacoco/index.shtml> -
Also found, at that site I think, emulators for other oldies including the Mac II.

Check out radiolovers.com on the internet. Lots of old radio shows to listen to and it is free. How many of you remember "A Date With Judy?" I'm sure most of you don't. "It Pays to be Ignorant" there also. Guess that shows how old I am! In the music department there is an Artie Shaw remote from 1938 opening with "Nightmare." Look under "Big Bands" and there are four more Shaw remotes from the Hotel Lincoln.

The finance program Squirrel, mentioned here a few times, seems to have stalled out at Ver. 0.7.3 for the time being. No updates for more than 2 months.

Next issue will come from Maine. Hope I run into the lady with the Clamshell in the coffee house in Bath again. Have tried several times to get one of these iBooks via EBay. No luck yet.



Move to Trash

You don't have to drag an item to the Trash (and risk dropping it somewhere else.) **Select** the item you want to get rid of and **then** in Finder menu > File > Move to Trash! And remember: Command-Delete, Control-Mouse Click, or Right Mouse Click are other ways to move that selected item directly to the Trash, too.

South Sound Adobe User Group

Monday, June 8th Program:

Summer Pot Luck Dinner and semi-annual software drawing. Our program will be making a light box for photographing 3 dimensional objects without shadows. Do you have objects for eBay, Craigslist or your website that need to look professional? Then learn about how to build a box to diffuse the light and make your object look great. We will actually build this box and give out directions at our June meeting.

The June meeting is our "picnic" meeting. We can celebrate the Summer Solstice; win prizes, share a pot luck meal and make a cool tool for our work. No where else in the NorthWest will you find such a plethora of opportunities. And it is yours for just the cost of some gas in your car and three hours of time! Such a DEAL

Meeting will be at Cascade Print, 5:30 p.m.

Location: 3321 S. Lawrence Street, Tacoma

[Editor's note: This announcement is from Paul Taylor]

Mac Hints & Tips...

...is embracing the future. I now have a new website making use of the most modern technologies. This new website has every tip I've collected since 1991 -- over 9,500 tips and growing!

You can find the new website at
<<http://machintsandtips.com>>.

These tips are searchable by keyword and/or application. You can read every Photoshop tip, every MS Word tip, every Leopard tip, etc, going back to System 7. Because I have unlimited space, I am adding screen shots to some tips, as well as a few video tips featuring Michael Davis, a long-time friend and colleague, and an extremely talented web designer.

There is space for your comments, just in case you know a better way, as well as a rating system for each tip. There are also links to any books that are quoted, which will take you directly to Amazon.com where you can purchase your own copy of the book, as well as links to my other sources if you wish to subscribe to them directly.

The April 2009 issue of Mac Hints & Tips is now available at <<http://www.mac-hints-tips.com>>.

Links



Mac OS X Update to Leopard 10.7: Download either the 10.5.7 Updater to move from 10.5.6 ... or the Combo Updater to move from an earlier version of Leopard 10.5.

http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple/macosx_updates



Macworld: How to Secure your Home Network

<http://www.macworld.com/article/140436/2009/05/osxwindowshomenetworking.html>



NorthWest Apple Pickers: **Handouts** from the 2009 New User Group meetings available in PDF:

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



Peachpit Press Newsletter: A look at latest items and news about upcoming publications:

<http://www.peachpit.com/newsletters/whatnew.aspx?ni=265>



MacNightOwl Newsletter: Comment and Information about the world of Macintosh by Gene Steinberg:

<http://www.macnightowl.com/>



TidBits—Mac News for the Rest of Us: informed with the latest Apple and Macintosh news that matters to you

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

Do you have suggestions for links to websites NWAP members would find useful?

Let us know!

Have You Tried 'Em?

Quick Look

To view the content of a selected item without launching its application you can use Quick Look. That eyeball icon in the Finder window tool bar (or pressing the Space bar) will give you a chance to peek at the text or image. For details check out Mac Help (Finder menu Help > Mac Help > Index > Quick Look.)



Keyboard Viewer

How can you see an interactive view of your keyboard on your monitor. (Hint: System Preferences International.) Find out how to produce a special character like a tilde n (ñ) or a copyright symbol (©). For more information about setting up and using Keyboard Viewer look in the Mac Help Index for Keyboard Viewer. (From Finder menu bar > Help > Mac Help > Index > Keyboard Viewer.)



Display Brightness

Adjust the display brightness if your Mac has a built-in display (such as an iMac, MacBook, or MacBook Pro) through the System Preferences > Displays or by using the F-keys designated on your machine. For details check out Finder menu Help > Index > displays > Adjusting your display's brightness.



Make a Folder

The folder is a basic organizer on your Mac. It collects files (or other folders) so you can keep items together in ways that work for you. Click in the space where you want to create a new folder -- in an existing window, in an existing folder, on the desktop -- and from Finder menu > File > New Folder. An untitled empty folder appears ready for you to type a name. (See Finder menu > Help > Mac Help > Folders for a bunch of clues on creating and organizing folders.)

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.

We are looking for a member who is willing to coordinate this activity. Contact a Board Member if you can help us keep this valuable program on track.

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



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