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Word Wrap

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New User Meeting
Thursday
July 2nd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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iLife: iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, etc
Part I

General Meeting
Sunday
July 12th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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iChat

Meeting Locations
The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library
Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.
<http://www.nwapplpkrs.org>

Summer has finally officially arrived. After a long, hot, dry spell before it officially began, the season sort of dripped and drizzled its way on stage. We needed the rain...really!

The drizzly skies didn't deter the hardy souls who waiting outside the Apple Stores to buy the latest iPhones which were announced at June's World Wide Developers Conference. While the numbers waiting in line were not as enormous as last year, there still was a wait. And traffic on Mobile Me.com was heavy as all those new iPhones were being initialized and synched.

The features of the new iPhone and the latest version of its software added to the portfolio of talents these amazing smart phones possess. There are several companies producing devices that compete for

attention among folks who want to carry more than a simple cell phone in their pocket—devices that offer amazing functions. The iPhone has carved out a significant market share and is trying to stay a step ahead of its competition. The startling fact is that this whole field is putting a computer's capability into a package the size of a cell phone.

For someone who grew up reading Dick Tracy comics and admiring that amazing wristwatch radio/tv he wore, seeing these technological wonders is a reminder that the science fiction predictions often fell far short of reality. Integrated circuits, the personal computer, and the Internet pushed real world products and services into realms Buck Rogers never anticipated. The consequences of a world where folks take full time connectivity for granted was not

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Meeting Notes
The NWAP July board meeting will be July 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home.
The New User Group July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. will begin the first of two sessions exploring the "iLife" applications: iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, iMove & iWeb
See our website for maps and driving directions to all meetings:
www.nwapplpkrs.org



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New User Report

At the New User Group we explore the Mac Operating System. In June we held a round table discussion and review of OS X 10.5 Leopard topics we have discussed since the beginning of the year (everyone got an "A" on their report card!) Our annual cycle now begins the second half of the year. Meetings are designed to introduce new users to the basics of Mac and to remind veteran users of features they may not have tried. We take time for lots of questions and answers.

July and August will review the applications that come with iLife-- iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, iMovie, and iWeb--which offer a way store your digital materials and transform them to share with others.

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

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

Mortvedt Session

Join us **July 10th** 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.) July 10th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

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

General Meeting

On Sunday, July 12th, we will demonstrate the ins and outs of using iChat. Using this application allows you to connect with others via the internet for "face to face" conversations. Join us to discover what you need to know to set up and use this application. We will discuss equipment, connection, and other operational features that make iChat work for you.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday July 12th from 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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[<brownie@nwapplpkrs.org>](mailto:brownie@nwapplpkrs.org)

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

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Red Chip

We Had a Winner in June!
Red Chip starts July at \$ zero!
Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

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imagined in earlier days. Email, Twitter, “social networking,” and cellphone imagery are only a few of the forces reshaping the cultures of our nations and the impact of political or economic events. Some nations are discovering the tight control they have exercised over information is slipping out of their grasp.

The Summer begins with a new line up of Macs with lower prices and another announcement for Mac users: Snow Leopard 10.6 will ship in September. This version of OS X will be available as an upgrade for all Intel Macs. Macintosh switched to the Intel processors beginning in 2006. The G5 and earlier PPC Macintoshes will have to be content with plain old Leopard 10.5.

The under the hood code for the operating system has continued to support the different processors that stretch back to some G4 models from 2003. Now Snow Leopard will concentrate on code for just the Intel chip architecture. By eliminating the “legacy” code, the new version of the system will require less space to install. Intel Macs will have faster response and a bunch of tweaking that make these machines more capable to support the next batch of software the developers will invent.

If your machine is an Intel model which has not been upgraded to 10.5 Leopard this Summer may be a decision time for you. Purchase Leopard now and you will be able to upgrade to Snow Leopard for \$29 in September. If you wait until after Snow Leopard ships you will pay the full price, expected to be \$129. Choosing to start with Leopard might give you a chance to adjust to the current features and verify that your favorite applications are compatible. Snow Leopard is reported to include mostly under-the-hood changes, refining performance rather than introducing a load of new features. Of course, until the new system is shipping we will not have a complete picture of how it will affect our own machine and the selection of programs we run.

Leopard 10.5 was released in October 2007 and is serving Mac users well. There may be no reason to rush out and upgrade to Snow Leopard just because you can. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. On the other hand, if you have been wondering if it is time to

move up to an Intel machine, this may be an incentive to make the change.

Things to think about as you enjoy the drizzly days of Summer.

New User Recap

Our June New User Group reached the half way mark in our annual training cycle so we spent the evening in a round table discussion and review. We discussed using email and the Internet, including ways to make your own email stationery and steps you can take to protect your privacy and security on the web. Our lively group had a wide-ranging review. I'm happy to report that every member passed the mid-term with flying colors!

The New User Group always reserves time for questions and our semi-annual review is a chance to revisit topics we've presented as well as other issues our members want to discuss. Since this is the second year we have explored OS X 10.5 Leopard, we plan to spend the next few months looking at the other programs that come with Macs beginning in July and August with the iLife suite.

South Sound Adobe User Group

Our Monday July 13th program will take another look at some Photoshop techniques to make your photos pop! We'll review the top photos from our June night shoot, which Chip Van Gilder led. We begin recording points for December's software drawing.

Brown bag lunch and visit session begins at 5:30 p.m. and our presentation starts about 6:30.

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

Location: 3321 S. Lawrence Street, Tacoma

Just A Thought

The Ark was built by amateurs.

The Titanic was built by professionals.

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia July

This will be somewhat abbreviated this month as my wife and I are setting up (furnishing) our new summer home in the "City of Ships", Bath, Maine.

Windows 7 is a nice product. Am using it on a PC. Have not ever run my Macs in dual boot mode or using Parallels. Windows 7 will probably get me into the Windows camp on Macs. By the way, Windows 7 can be a hassle getting some printers to work. XP and Vista drivers did not work correctly with my Samsung laser printer.

Wouldn't it be nice if USB plugs could be inserted right side up or upside down? If Apple had designed the connector it would probably work that way.

Want to take a ride in a 1913 Packard (1902-1958), on an Indian Chief motorcycle (1901-1953) or even in a P-51 Mustang? With Jay Leno? Visit jaylenosgarage.com on the net.

PCWorld for June had an interesting teaser on the cover: "Turn your iPod Touch into an iPhone."

Want to download a music video from YouTube and save it as an MP3 file? There is a program, video2mp3, that will add a link to your Firefox program to do just that. supposedly. I downloaded the Firefox add-on and gave it a try with an Artie Shaw music video. It looked like it was working properly. After the download finished I tried to find the downloaded file. It was nowhere to be found. Even using the free FindFile 0.3 app which should find anything. Next I tried doing the job by going to video2mp3.net and following the instructions. This consists of pasting a previously saved YouTube URL (a Fats Waller video) into the application and clicking on "Convert" then waiting about 3 minutes. Viola! It worked perfectly saving the audio portion of the video to my iTunes library. (RIAA problems here?)

A fine program to save your "command-c" type snippets or even large blocks of text is the free JumpCut app.

Got tired of waiting for Google to port Chrome to the Mac OS so I decided to download the PC version to my Mac. Not so easy as Google recognized I was using a Mac and didn't provide a download link. I did find a way to get it and thought it would run via CrossOver. It wouldn't.

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Report, June 2nd, 2009

by Alice Brynestad, Secretary

The NWAP Board meeting was called to order by President Erick Camp at his home at 7:03pm. Present were Erick, Bob Moffat, Stewart Beels, Ivan Richardson, Peter Winderling, David Putman and Alice Brynestad. Absent: Fred Battie.

The Treasurers Report indicated a balance of \$613.64 in all accounts. Red Chip fund is at \$106.00. This report was accepted.

Membership total is 75 members. Six are overdue, and seven are coming due in June and July.

Discussion followed on our participation at the Puyallup Fair along with other South Sound computer groups. Volunteers are needed for this project. More information will be published as we receive it.

Peter Winderling will be the new Membership Chairman.

It was Moved Seconded and Passed that we accept the Standing Rules as presented. Thanks to Bob and Alice for their good work.

The Quicken program has a page for all equipment of NWAP. There will be a record and paper trail for equipment and purchases off site.

Archival duties of the Historian, Ivan Richardson, will be developed when Fred will be available for his contributions to this activity.

The NWAP Potluck and Open House will be on June 14th at the Lakewood Library from 3 - 5pm. The picnic supplies will be checked and purchased as necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Brynestad secretary

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

Membership Update

New Memberships: Ardith deRaad & Robert Donham

Renewed Memberships: Kathryn Whitacre, Stewart Beels & Mary Johnson

Memberships Expired in June: Mary & David Fleck, Margrit Englehartson,

Memberships Expiring in July: Persis Shook, Clarene Johnson & Jerry Kunz

Links



Mac OS X Update to Leopard 10.5.7: 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!

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5	6	7 Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. EJCamp	8	9	10 Mortvedt Session 10:00 a.m - Noon Mortvedt Rec Ctr.	11 TAPCUG 9:30 a.m. Lakewood Sr. Ctr.
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