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New User Meeting
Thursday
September 3rd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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Preview, TextEdit & Font Book

General Meeting
Sunday
September 13th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
🍏
Useful Utility Programs

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>

By my unofficial reckoning, we are drawing to the close of The Oughts. While some decades get a label (The Roaring Twenties) and others are noted for significant events (The Great Depression) most get filed on our memory shelves with simpler tags (The Sixties.)

Each of us also has particular eras in our own lives which we may name around family or career milestones. The last few weeks have reminded me of many events worth noting from the past. I was struck by the number of impressive moments that happen during the "nines," that last year of a decade when it often appears that events converge to create a moment for future generations to remember.

This year we have already celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first airplane flight across the English Channel (Bleriot) as well as the 90th anniversary of the beginning of Prohibition. Only 80 years ago the Wall Street Crash ended the exuberance of the 1920s. In 1939 World War II began and in 1949 The Berlin Blockade ended. In 1959 satellite launches (however small and simple) began the Space Age.

And that brings me to the amazing Apollo 11 Moon landing in 1969. If ever there was a decade filled with conflict, progress, technological wonder, political upheaval, cultural shock, and social earthquakes, the 1960s qualify. Fault lines from virtually every seismic category of that decade is still remain forty years later. Some of the best and worst aspects of human behavior made the

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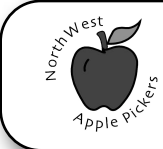
Meeting Notes

The NWAP Sept. board meeting will be Sept 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home.

The New User Group: check out some great built-in programs.

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



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

At the New User Group we explore the Mac Operating System. We reviewed the iLife programs in June and July (iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, iMovie, and iWeb) to remind everyone how to handle those vacation images.

September's program will take a look at some other useful Leopard applications: Preview, TextEdit, and Font Book. Remember— our New User Group sessions are designed to inform! We encourage questions. These meetings are a way for Mac users --veterans or brand new-- to keep up to date, to share tips and tricks, and to learn the basics of how the Mac works.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday **September 3rd**, **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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

Mortvedt Session

Join us **September 11th** 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.)
Sept 11th from **10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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

General Meeting

On Sunday, **September 13th**, our presentation will feature several utility programs that will help keep your system in top shape.

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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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.

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Red Chip

We've Had Winners!
September's value depends on you!
Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

Did You Notice Something?

You are right! There was no August issue of your **Apple Pickin's** newsletter. Vacation time!

Farewell To Olde Time Members

Remembering Dr. E. R. Junkin

We sadly report the death of Dr. Edward R. Junkin. Our condolences to his wife, May, and his family. In the more than a decade as one of our NorthWest Apple Pickers family, Ted Junkin served as our Membership Chair for several years, acted as a mentor and resource for many of our members, and has been a valued coach at our Mortvedt sessions. He and May were honored as our November 2008 Super Troupers in this Newsletter. In the last couple of years he struggled with health issues as “the warranties ran out” on various parts (as he was fond of saying.)

Those contributions to the structure and maintenance of our organization are important. They represent only a fraction of what Ted's presence has added to our meetings and our organization. His interest in computing stretched back many years to his days in Calgary. He was figuring out how computers worked and sharing that experience with others in user groups long before he joined us. His comments at meetings often provided just the point needed to clarify a presentation or offered an answer to a question. His dignified appearance and calm bearing (no doubt a reassuring bedside manner vital in his medical practice) could not hide his quick wit and delightful sense of humor. That quiet assurance was an asset when dealing with puzzled new users or defusing contentious discussions at board meetings. His humor and wit lightened any encounter and entertained us during the years at meetings as well as the NWAP breakfast and lunch gatherings.

Ted Junkin was a reminder of what “Gentleman” means. We have been so privileged to have had the pleasure of his company for these few years.



A personal comment from Ted's wife May

Ted is at peace now. He put up a good fight and finally was ready to go to Heaven to be with God. I feel blessed that we had as much time together as we did.

Remembering Beatrice E. Thompson

Beatrice E. Thompson died on August 10th. We extend our condolences to her husband, George Doolittle, and her family. Bea joined NWAP in 2005 after deciding to switch from her PC to an iMac. She attended New User Meetings for a while and joined some of our Wednesday brunches but quickly decided to make our Mortvedt Sessions the main source for technical support. Her skill level on the computer progressed much faster than she realized (or admitted) as she applied her cool logic and analytical approach when faced with a new problem to solve.

Bea retired as a Colonel from the U. S. Army in 1979. Before joining the Army she taught school in San Diego and in Istanbul. She served in hospitals in the U.S., Germany, Japan, and Viet Nam, receiving a Bronze Star for her work at the field hospital in Nha Trang, Viet Nam, and a Legion of Merit medal upon her retirement in April 1979.

Working with Bea was always an enjoyable experience. She was quick to see the logic (and quick to point out when it didn't exist) of user interface issues. Unlike some of us, Bea was able to relegate the computer to a support role in her life. She used it with moderation. While she tackled several major projects over the years, she managed to keep computer issues in perspective.

Our Mortvedt sessions will be diminished by her absence and her gentle reminder –all too often— that we still have not quite answered the question she posed an hour earlier. By now, I'm sure St. Peter, too, has been gently reminded to finish the answer before moving on to the next question.

headlines, some of the most inspiring and least admirable purposes were displayed as our nation struggled to meet challenges at home, abroad, and in Space.

Today we take for granted much of what was accomplished in The Sixties. The foundations of some institutions established then may need shoring up. The changes begun with great effort and devastating sacrifices in that era have suffered from inattention or deferred maintenance in some cases. The purpose and resolve Americans brought to their causes may seem less intense these days or it may simply be that memories have discarded the distractions and reservations we may have felt.

The Moon Walk seemed to cap my decade. My work experience had extended from the beginning of the Saturn rocket, the Minuteman ICBM program, the deliveries of the first 737s, to the 747 Project (which was half way through its FAA certification trials when mankind set foot upon the Lunar plain.) We had seen political assassinations, Cold War provocations, a Civil Rights revolution, a divisive war in Viet Nam, and an astonishing change in society as the baby boomers began to come of age.

The billions of dollars and millions of workers that made the Moon landing possible earned their pay here on Earth; they stretched the knowledge envelope for science, mathematics, physics, medicine, and human adaptability. They built the machines using an industrial might here. They invented technologies that have transformed nearly every field of human endeavor since.

I wonder when another generation of humans will meet a challenge with as much will and concentration. Could outsourced American production and design capacity hope to assemble a nationwide industrial/intellectual machine again?

Let's hope the "oughts" are not in the American score-box when the next Really Amazing Great Human Achievement occurs. We really ought to pay attention to the Oughts.

In the first of two parts about iLife '09, we toured the features of iPhoto. There are some enhancements to familiar features of iPhoto but In the first of two parts about iLife '09, we toured the features of iPhoto. There are some enhancements to familiar features of iPhoto but two additions to the program offer new ways to make your photo collections even more useful.

"Faces" can be trained to recognize ... well, faces. All your friends and relatives can be identified so that a simple click on a photo will show who the face belongs to. This electronic face recognition software is amazing.

The other new wrinkle is "Places" which will contain geographical information about where the picture was taken. If your digital camera includes the satellite location (GPS) data, that info is automatically included when the photo is stored in iPhoto. If that info is not part of your camera's system, you may use the feature to manually enter the data associated with individual pictures. Photos with Places enabled allow you to display a map and even demonstrate in which direction the camera was pointed when the picture was snapped.

In August, Part II of our iLife 09 review featured Stewart demonstrating iMovie and iWeb. Using video clips from his travels he showed how to edit clips and add transitions, set up titles, and choose effects effects. The assembled movie included sound tracks from the video clips as well as music from the iTunes library. Our public website (nwapplpkrs.org/home.html) is an iWeb production and Stewart demonstrated how quickly a website can be assembled using the same drag and drop techniques employed in iMovie and other iLife applications.

Snow Leopard is Here...

...It shipped on August 28th and is, according to Apple, "The world's most advanced operating system. Finely tuned. Mac OS X Snow Leopard is a simpler, more powerful, and more refined version of Mac OS X..."

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

Recently bought a new copy of Circus Ponies Notebook. Giving it another try thinking it must have been improved by now. Maybe I don't know how to use it (yet) but I can't get the hang of it at all. Haven't found anything to match Jotz note pad which is good except for a few minor quirks. Costs \$17.50 and hasn't been updated in years. Another note pad I just stumbled upon: MacNote3 ver. 2.1.0 from NSLab in Japan. Will probably pay the \$16 for it after the 30 day trial expires. Superb search capabilities with fewer keystrokes.

Been trying Parallels with Windows 7 on my Intel Mac. Good and bad results. I'd probably be happier if I'd brought my Windows programs disks with me to Maine. Such as Office. Installed Open Office but only used it to test a Lexmark printer I bought at a yard sale. Printer wouldn't print in either Windows or OSX even though the install disk said "Software for Windows and Macintosh." Lexmark site said Macs not supported with [that] printer. Did install and use Google Chrome via Windows 7 but that will probably be available for Mac very soon. If I had my MS Office disk(s) I'd give Boot Camp a whirl but there is no point in that at this time.

Solved the "I need a printer" problem at Walmart for \$39.00 by getting a Canon MP190. No complaints with text output or pictures. It hangs up and pressing power or Stop/Reset does nothing. Have to pull the power plug which does reset everything. It is very slow if you can put up with that. Not slow in printing but slow in doing all the grinding and churning it does before it actually starts to print. The scanner, on the other hand, is fast and does a great job. Only thing missing is memory card slots and/or USB input for camera. Have to print via iPhoto.

Somewhere on the internet while trying to get the thrift store Lexmark printer to work on my Mac I saw the following: "Do not install printer software on your computer from the internet or from the disk supplied with the printer. Connect the printer to your computer. Go to System Preferences and in Print and Fax follow printer installation instructions." I did that with the new Canon and it worked. Still haven't looked at the disk that came with the printer but I suppose I should as it probably has some extras [programs].

Tried to pre-order Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade several ways at \$70 off. I use Windows 7 (release candidate) once in a while on my Intel MacBook and will use it with my new Intel Mini. Costco had the lowest price but would not ship to my post-office box. Also, they wanted sales tax when they do not have a presence (store) in Maine. Fry's web site froze up on me as I tried to order and it was a turn off to see they wanted \$18 shipping via US Mail.

I have had less than happy experiences with network drives and moving files via a network between PC and Mac and visa versa. Best way is to transfer things such as Excel files from PC to thumb drive then from thumb drive to Mac the same way. I think it's called "sneaker net." Fast and just about fool-proof. I edit Excel files on my PC and only want them on my Mac for review and occasional printing. No need to worry about syncing the Excel files between computers if the only changes happen on one of the computers.

Easy way to use characters such as ϕ and Σ in your documents is to go to your word processor's "Edit" and then "Special Characters" menus. From there you can pick characters or symbols from the Math, Arrows, etc., pallets.

Favorite new apps on my iPhone: Grocery iQ shopping list and Night Stand. The latter is an alarm clock with several time zones and 6 different view options. If you can tell time with the Binary Clock option you are for sure a computer whiz. I put it (iPhone) on my night stand at night, plugged into the wall socket for power. A fun app.

I interview Gerry Boyle: He said: "My first newspaper job was at the Rumford Falls Times in Maine. When the initial computer came into the news room we were all astounded, never having seen a computer before." Q: "What was your first computer when you became a fiction writer?" A: "A Macintosh SE, about 20 years ago. Very small screen by today's standards." Q: "What are you using now?" I have a MacBook Pro with an external keyboard." I forgot to ask but it is logical to assume he has an external monitor as well. This explains how David Pogue writes 800 page books on a Mac laptop. The laptop is just used as the "brains" of the system. Gerry Boyle's latest book is "Port City Shake Down" with Portland, Maine, being the city in the title.

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meetings July & August

Alice M. Brynestad, Secretary

July 7th 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Erick at 7:05pm at his home. Present were Bob Moffat, Erick Camp, Peter Winderling, Stewart Beels and Ivan Richardson, along with Alice Brynestad.

Treasurers report showed a balance of \$129.63. Red chip fund balance is \$106. as of July 1, 2009. However, Webb Olliphant won the Red chip on July 2, 2009 in the amount of \$129. which included the amount collected that evening of an extra \$23. At present, we are starting over in the Red Chip fund.

The Membership report was submitted by Peter Winderling, and we now have 70 members in NWAP.

Stewart Beels will be our new Treasurer. Publisher/Editor will be Bob Moffat and Peter Winderling will take over Publicity. These changes are due to the resignation of David Putman, due to his health problems and their moving to Arizona.

This rearrangement will be noted in the Bylaws, which will be written up by Bob Moffat for our perusal and then forwarded to the membership. These changes will be noted in the August newsletter. A short meeting will be held in September to ratify these changes.

The proposed new lineup of duties and officers will be as follows:

President: Erick Camp

Vice President/Treasurer: Stewart Beels

Secretary: Alice Brynestad

Membership/publicity: Peter Winderling

Director at large: Fred Battie

Director at Large: Bob Moffat

Director at Large: Ivan Richardson

The reduction of Board members was also discussed but no decision was reached..

It was moved, Seconded and Passed that we table the purchase of new Operating Systems until further notice.

A letter to the Bank of America will be written indicating that the signatories for checks will include Stewart Beels.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Addendum to this report: Eldon Estep is now the new Treasurer. He is on the Bank of America NWAP account and ready to roll.

August 4, 09

The meeting was called to order by President Erick Camp at 7pm at his home. Present were Erick, Stewart Beels, Bob Moffat, Alice Brynestad, Eldon Estep, and Peter Winderling.

Minutes, Membership (71 active members reported), and Treasurers Report were accepted. We have \$227.30 in checking and \$426.62 in Savings and \$5.50 in the Red Chip fund.

Old Business:

More information is needed about our possible participation at the Puyallup Fair, so no decision was made.

Equipment List will be incorporated into the Quicked program by Bob and Eldon.

Number of Board members was discussed as to how to reduce this number.

There will be four main positions on the Board, and the question was raised as to whether this would provide a quorum on board.

The meeting notices would be changed in the By-Laws -- Sentence C would revert to sentence A and sentence D would become sentence C.

Also in the By-laws, Article 4, section 1 would require 15 days notice prior to a meeting.

Article 5 section 1 refers to officers. There would be five officers and up to three directors making up the NWAP Board. This will be voted on at the October General meeting.

Use of membership e-mail was set up by Erick.

Introduction to NWAP

List of recent meetings -- up to one month of previous meetings as well as future activities.

Contacts will be in the database.

New Business:

NWAP portal -- Entrance to our system will mean putting number of members at the top.

Noting the attendance at the Mortvedt meetings was discussed. It would be a possible source for potential new members.

Peter Winderling requested extra copies of our newsletters to be distributed to the Apple Store, and also have newsletters available to hand out to new people at our meetings.

There are 112 copies of the newsletters that are sent out to our distribution list, and also back copies are in the NWAP box.

Peter will keep picnic supplies for now.

Peter will print sign-in sheets and also membership applications so that they are always available at our meetings.

It was noted that there are sometimes questions about the Mac on Craigslist. No action was taken to provide answers to these Craigslist questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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)

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

Renewed Memberships: C. Johnson, P. Shook, J. Kunz, D. Aho, R. Elliot, C. Schwinsberg, Dorothy J. Wilhelm, Dawne Aho, Mary Fleck

Memberships Expiring in August: D. Benton, M. Holmes, W. Olliphant.

Memberships Due in September: B. Brown, P. Clark, E. Estep, M. Junkin, M. Tulfo

Links



Are you ready for Snow Leopard?

Most Intel Macs sold in the past couple of years will be able to run the OS 10.6 Snow Leopard which Apple is now shipping. The Upgrade from Leopard 10.5 will cost \$29. Is your Mac eligible? Check "About This Mac" under the Apple Menu to see that you have an Intel Core 2 Duo Processor (or higher: an Intel Xeon) and at least 1 GB of RAM and 5 GB of free space on your hard drive. See details at:



www.apple.com/macosx/ for more information.

Are you Up to Date?

Over the past several weeks there have been a number of software updates from Apple. If you do not run Software Update automatically, you should set aside some time and do so.

Leopard 10.5.8 as well as **Safari, iTunes, Java, iDVD, iLife**, and other updates of your system have been released.

Security Update 2009-004 is available for Leopard, Tiger/Intel, and Tiger/PPC.



If you prefer, you can download many of these updates from

www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple/

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See details at: www.lynda.com

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NWAP members would find useful?
Let us know!***



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