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Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat Jan. 2010

ture's little experiments with tectonic plates and global weather patterns were quickly shared with a world wide audience via the Internet, as were a multitude of the other political, social, and trivial happenings. This instant response has changed the way we are informed about our world. Whether we access some factoid on Google, search Wikipedia for background, or actually watch someone read the news to us on television, chances are the data moved over the world wide web.

As we review the events of 2009 and look forward in hope for 2010 it is amazing to consider how rapidly the Computer Age has transformed our lives. In the summer of 2000 more than half of American households finally (admitted) they had at least one computer...and four out of ten homes had Internet access. Remember this was only six years after the Internet became available to the general public. Let's see, a child born in 1994 would be in High School today, right? Armed with a fresh drivers license and an iPhone, no doubt, with no idea what a "typewriter" is or what "dial" meant when Ma Bell rented black telephones to us.

Behaviors change as tools evolve. The computer (hardware) and the Internet (software/data) have changed the way we connect with each other and with our community. We've changed the way we shop and inform ourselves.

Talk about a generation gap.

Newspapers and other traditional journalism (and advertising) resources

The past decade has been full of world changing events. Mother Na-

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New User Meeting

Thursday
Jan 7th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Introducing
Snow Leopard

General Meeting

Sunday
Jan 10th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Using
Photoshop Elements

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>

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Meeting Notes

The NWAP Jan. board meeting will be Jan 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home.

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New User Group's first look at Snow Leopard's new spots: 10.6 Desktop and Menu Bar.

If you use a digital camera you need to see what Adobe Photoshop Element 8 can do for you. Photoshop Elements:

How great is 8?



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

We finished 2009's annual New User cycle in December with a review of freeware, shareware, and other third party software that our members found useful. We did a little review of Leopard 10.5 which has been the subject of our meetings for the past twelve months.

In January we begin studying Snow Leopard 10.6. The newest Mac OS X version has some evolutionary improvements and several new wrinkles to explore over the next twelve months. On Thursday, January 7th, we will review the features of the Desktop and the Menu Bar. Our meetings offer an annual tour showing an elementary view of the current Mac Operating System so that veteran or new users have an opportunity to review how the system works and to explore tips and tricks to make their computing more fund and efficient. Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Thursday Jan. 7th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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

Mortvedt Session

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. These monthly sessions 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. You don't have to have a computer to attend.

Mortvedt Center (1705 N. Vassault St.) on **Friday, January 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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

General Meeting

The January 10th General Meeting will feature a demonstration of Adobe's Photoshop Elements 8, an image editor that offers most users all the functions they need to handle their digital images. This junior version of the famous Photoshop provides a wide variety of tools, filters, and features beyond those is most other consumer photo editing software in a user-friendly interface.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Sunday, January 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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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.

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

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A Farewell To An Olde Time Member

Remembering Marilynn M. Russell

We note with sadness that death of Marilynn M. Russell on December 24, 2009 . Our condolences to her husband, Paul, and to her family. Marilynn was perhaps our most energetic NorthWest Apple Picker—always ready to volunteer to do something and ready with an answer or an alternative solution to a question.. She has been active in NWAP in the past decade, serving on the Board of Directors in several capacities, acting as a coach at our Mortvedt Sessions, hosting innumerable newsletter mailing sessions, and leading the Novice Special Interest Group. She was also active in the Raincoast Association of User Groups regional conference where she served as President in 2006-7.

Marilynn was a “retired” teacher. For her, teaching was a calling and she never retired her commitment to educate, to inspire, and to motivate. Her influence upon the lives of others will continue for decades as folks she taught in class, worked with in numerous organizations, and helped in other ways apply the lessons they learned and carry the memory of her enthusiastic “can do” approach.

Her legacy extends to NWAP as well, ranging from her support in updating our bylaws to reflect the 21st Century to the effective publicity efforts which brought us new members. Among her many projects was a continuing quest to match old computers with families that could not afford to buy one. She spent untold hours refurbishing these machines in order to give someone a chance to participate in the computer age.

Enthusiasm, energy, focus, determination, and purpose—her example should instruct us all in how to share our talents and keep paying forward. May she rest in peace.

Membership Update

Renewed Memberships: None

Memberships Expiring in December: Lisa Clinton, Tom Garcia, Robert Hawes, and Jeri Irwin.

Memberships Due in January: Robert Becker, Francette Beeler, Huguette Bennett, Clive Berglund, Alice Brynestad, Motoko Devine, Nancy Polich, Russ Rosenbloom, Herb Saterlee, Jr., and Dorothy Wilhelm.

Safari 4.0.4 Update

Available for: Mac OS X v10.4.11, Mac OS X Server v10.4.11, Mac OS X v10.5.8, Mac OS X [Server](#) v10.5.8, Mac OS X v10.6.1 and v10.6.2, Mac OS X Server v10.6.1 and v10.6.2, Windows 7, Vista, XP

Snow Leopard System Requirements:
Mac OS X Snow Leopard 10.6.1 or later

Leopard System Requirements:
Mac OS X Leopard 10.5.8

Tiger System Requirements:
Mac OS X Tiger 10.4.11 and [Security Update](#) 2009-002 or later - Note: Top Sites and Cover Flow require a Quartz Extreme compatible video card.

File Size: 28 MB (Snow Leopard) 36 MB (Leopard)
26 MB (Tiger) 28 MB (Windows)

Long Password

During a recent password audit, IT discovered a government employee was using the following password:

**MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDewey
DonaldGoofySacramento**

When they asked why such a long password, the employee said they were told it had to be at least 8 characters long and include one capital...

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are taking a hit. Anyone with a computer can pretend to be a reporter these days. Reporters used to serve an apprenticeship under the careful eye of an editorial chain of command that was responsible for verifying source and content.

The new order bypasses such editorial review; news on the Internet can be true, half true, totally untrue, or maliciously false. Who can tell? Anyone with access to a computer can post a "story." Is it news or gossip? Nowadays, the reader is responsible for doing the research and editorial verification!

Pendulums swing.

The fable about the boy who cried "Wolf!" will eventually apply to those Internet bloggers who do not bother to check facts, refuse to let facts get in the way of their opinion, or hide behind their anonymity to make scurrilous statements and deliberately mislead. As the rest of us try to sort fact from fiction in the daily deluge of data dump, let's pray this information transition continues to encourage (and promote) accuracy and integrity in the next generation of the (electronic) Fifth Estate.

Undoubtedly some of our talented tech-savvy teenagers who have grown up with the Internet will lead the way as the rest of us old fogies totter and twitter into the Teens. After all, we survived Y2K, 9-11, The Nisqually Quake, Enron, 28.8 Dial Up, The Sonics, and the demise of the Floppy Disk.

This decade will be a piece of cake!



The Plan For The New User Group

NorthWest Apple Pickers will begin another annual tour of the Mac Operating System this month. This year we begin to explore Snow Leopard 10.6, which was introduced last Fall. Our traditional plan has been to spend a year reviewing the basic and some of the not-so-basic features that come with the new system. The schedule of events is subject to change if we discover ways to improve the plan.

Snow Leopard included some major under-the-hood code revisions to run more efficiently on modern Macs but included relatively modest changes to the User Interface. Members who are using earlier versions of the Mac OSX--Leopard 10.5, Tiger 10.4, Panther 10.3, etc.--will find that our lessons will generally apply to their systems, too. We invite questions and support folks using other versions of OSX with tips about the differences in earlier versions.

Macs are about letting the system get out of the way so you can use those fabulous software products to do work and get things accomplished--no matter which version of OSX you are using. We invite all members to join us as we review the ways to make the Mac system work most efficiently to get that task done.

| NWAP New User Group OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard Learning Cycle 2010 | |
|---|--|
| Jan 7, 2010 | <i>First Look: Menu Bar & Desktop</i> |
| February 4 | <i>What's found in/on the Finder?</i> |
| March 4 | <i>Exposé, Spaces, & Dashboard</i> |
| April 1 | <i>Safari, Mail, Address Book, & iCal</i> |
| May 6 | |
| June 3 | <i>Questions? Roundtable Review</i> |
| July 8 | <i>iLife: iPhoto, iTunes, iDVD, iMovie, & iWeb</i> |
| August 5 | |
| September 2 | <i>Preview, Text Edit, & Font Book</i> |
| October 7 | <i>Disk Utility - Keychain Access</i> |
| November 4 | <i>Useful Shareware</i> |
| Dec 2, 2010 | <i>Review & Graduation Gala</i> |

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

December 2009

An App for iPhone called Free Memory shows the free runtime memory (not the same as storage memory) and lets you click to free more memory or has a setting to do it automatically when the app is opened. It will also tell battery time remaining in percentage. Oh-Oh. Just went to the WEB site which is recessionapps.com and found this: "Apple has demanded that we remove the feature to Free Memory from all our apps. We have decided to remove our existing Free Memory 1.5 and MemoryInfo 1.1 apps from sale. We have instead submitted Free Memory Lite and MemoryInfo Lite without the Free Memory feature." Read more at the WEB site.

My battery pack for iPhone is an iPower² xpal-power (see WEB site). Works fine except it only took one day for the little rubber cover to fall off the mini USB charging input port. No big deal.

All day long my iPhone battery condition indicator in the upper right corner of the screen shows that the phone is charging. That is because it is, via the external battery pack. At the end of the day the normal battery indicator lights up with internal battery info, either white or green depending on what app you are using. Now you are on internal power. The app mentioned above shows 100% all day 'till the external battery is depleted then you start getting a reading for the internal battery.

Give Evernote a try. It is free for a reasonable amount of storage space at the Evernote storage site. You do not have to move anything off of your computer if you don't want to. I put all my big note(s) collection into the Evernote app on my Macbook then synced to the Evernote WEB site. Now I can access the notes (addresses, URLs, memos, serials for downloaded and installed apps, etc.) from anywhere. Also loaded the app on my iPhone so I can access everything from there. Evernote has been around forever, I used it years ago on my PC-XT.

Google Docs is still going strong as an off-site storage location, too.

WOOT had an Acer Aspire One Netbook (refurb) on sale the end of October for \$230 plus the usual \$5 shipping. A comment (abbreviated) from Sentiax on the site said: "The battery life is basically as advertised. I'm in college and use mine to take notes all

day and on average get over 6 hours of battery life, and have even had it approach 7. I bought mine new online for \$300, so this is great deal for a refurb, assuming it works well. The keyboard is 94% form factor from what I remember when researching it. The keys are very easy to use and the keyboard takes little to no adjusting [too]. I've played 720P HD video on this no problem and can run 1080P videos as well." The netbook is for my wife who likes to do realtor stuff such as property research.

Scam alert: "Google is Set To Hire A Group Of Americans To Work From Home In The Next Few Days. Thousands Of Jobs Available, Anyone Can Apply." Just send \$2 for the "kit." Glowing testimonies such as - "Mikey says: Thanks for the info, just started this 3 weeks ago. I've gotten 2 checks for a total of \$1900, pretty cool. " If it sounds too good to be true it is! Check these things out at snopes.com before getting involved.

To right click on a MacBook put two fingers on the track pad and click the clicker bar. I don't know how to do it on the new models with no clicker bar.

I bought the Schreiben word processor at a 43% discount from MacUpdate Promo. I'm a sucker for any new (to me) word processor. While using the trial version and deciding about buying it I came across several things I couldn't figure out (or spend time sleuthing) so I went to "Provide Feedback" and sent mail telling what it was I couldn't do. Within 30 minutes I got the answers.

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Mac OS X Daily Version Tracker e-mail is handy when it lists an application that probably is a version that would be an update to the version I have installed. I open my application (seen on the Daily Tracker) and click on "Check for Updates" and get myself up to date.

Last month I mentioned having found a "good deal" on WOOT and ordering an Acer Aspire netbook for my wife. We waited 3 weeks for it to arrive (it was to have shipped in "5 business days") but it never came. Then we got an e-mail saying

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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Minutes November 4th 2009

Alice M. Brynestad, Secretary

The November Board meeting for NWAP was called to order at 7pm by President Erick Camp at his home. Present were Fred Battie, Bob Moffat, Peter Winderling, Eldon Estep and Alice Brynestad.

Secretary's minutes approved, as were the Treasurer's report.

This report showed we have \$355.05, which includes \$35.00 in the Red Chip fund.

The Membership report shows we have 70 members, with renewals due in November of Fred Battie and Larry weakly. Three renewals in October have not been received.

The New Users meeting in November was not held. The November General meeting had 20 attending and one visitor who may be joining.

Old Business:

NWAP Christmas shopping team will shop on November 20th (Erick, Eldon and Bob)

APCUG update will be done by Bob.

New Business:

May Junkin would like us to consider a meeting once a month in Federal Way where she lives..Bob offered to help on a limited basis.

Also discussed were possible dates for another meeting -- weekends, weekdays during the day. An email will be sent out to members so that they can respond if they are interested in this.

Another question would be what they would like to cover in these meetings.

Eldon issued a second check to David Putman for \$55.26 to replace an uncashed and presumed lost check from July 1, 2009. This was approved by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Alice Brynestad, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

Fred suggested we have an lesson plan sent out on the topics to be discussed at future meetings, the purpose being that we are then able to study the subjects and be prepared to discuss them in more detail. Bob said he was very busy but would look into this.

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

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"We see that you ordered a red Acer Aspire One 10.1 Netbook; likely you have noticed that we've had a delay in shipping this item out. We have been in contact with the manufacturer who was supposed to send us so many reds, but has instead sent us black models. At this point, we are not sure when or if we will get the reds in." I was offered a black model with 2 day FedEx shipping. As we only had two days left in Maine we cancelled the order. WOOT had another brand netbook on its daily offer page a month later. I didn't even consider it as it came with Windows Vista. Having had experience with Vista it was a deal breaker.

At the local Las Cruces Apple Computer Club the lady sitting next to me had an Apple laptop the likes of which I had never seen. It was smaller than mine, with a 12 inch screen. Many of you know I was seeing an iBook G4. That got me to thinking: It's about the size of a Windows netbook but its a Mac! The iBook G4 entered the laptop scene in October 2003 and was sold in several screen sizes and versions until it was discontinued in May 2006. There were four major varieties with many sub-varieties depending on options selected by the buyer. With each version, depending on installed memory and processor speed (800MHz to 1.42 GHz), the benchmarks vary by almost 100% from lowest to highest. Supposedly the last three versions are still supported by Apple. I located and ordered a used iBook of the fourth variety with Tiger OS for about \$350.

The iBook mentioned above was ordered from Gainsaver, same place the lady got hers. They sold me an item they didn't have as I was told by e-mail a day later. A week after that the item was still on their WEB site so I ordered again. Once again, they didn't actually have it. So, I gave up. Check the reviews on PriceGrabber. They are either "Great" or "Very Bad" as per reported experiences. My wife ended up getting an Eee Netbook with Windows XP which she is very happy with. It has a 10 hour battery.

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)

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.

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Bring your photos to a meeting or email your photos to editor at nwap_membership@mac.com

Recent Software Updates?

If you are not automatically running Software Update, set aside some time to check out recent items for several Mac programs, as well as security updates and some new printer drivers for Snow Leopard. If you are running third party software, such as browsers (like Firefox), open source items (like NeoOffice), or utility programs (like Onyx), check to see if they have had some recent updates, as well.

Useful Shareware/Freeware

Reminders from our December General Meeting of links you might wish to check out:

Apple - www.apple.com/downloads/

OpenSourceMac - www.opensourcemacs.org/

Best of listings -

mac.elated.com/2009/09/30/the-best-free-open-source-mac-apps/

Useful Shareware/Freeware

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On line services Google docs -

www.google.com/google-d-s/intl/en/tour1.html

On line services spreadsheet -

www.editgrid.com/

Browsers: Seamonkey suite -

www.seamonkey-project.org/releases/seamonkey2.0

Browsers: Opera - www.opera.com/

Image editing: Drawit -

www.bohemiancoding.com/drawit/

Image editing: Toy Viewer -

homepage.mac.com/togihara/software/OSX/toyv-eng.html

Image editing: Picasa -

picasa.google.com/mac/features.html

And for help using software products from companies like Apple, Adobe, and others, check out the video tutorials available online from www.lynda.com. Many are free and others available via a monthly or annual subscription plan.

Moving to Snow Leopard?

A tip of our hat to **Webb Olliphant** who reminds us that ANY Mac with an Intel processor can run Snow Leopard with this cautionary note: only Core Duo models will be able to run 64 bit software. The original Core Solo processor models (early Mac Minis and original MacBook Pros) will install Snow Leopard and run fine but only be able to use 32 bit software.

reference:

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/specs.html>

General Requirements:

1GB of Memory

5GB of available disk space

DVD drive for installation

Some features require a compatible Internet service provider; fees may apply.

Some features require Apple's MobileMe service; fees and terms apply.

reference about 64 bit information:

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/technology/#64bit>

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