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Word Wrap

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New User Meeting
Thursday
Mar 4th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

 Desktop Revelations & Exposes Spaces!

General Meeting
Sunday
Mar 14th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Election of Officers
Movie Making 101

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.nwapplkrs.org>

Six years ago a couple of remarkable little robots landed on the Planet Mars for a 90 day mission. NWAP was meeting at the CPTC Senior Center, using our Lime Green iMac. We were splitting our New User Group meetings to spend half the session on OS 9 and half on OS X. We were planning our first Mortvedt session at the Lutheran Retirement Community. The Board was scrambling to fill a couple of vacancies on the proposed slate of candidates for the March Election of Officers.

On Mars today, rovers Opportunity and Spirit are still functioning (although Spirit has become stuck in place and has now been designated Home Base Troy instead of a mobile snooper.) Our NWAP meeting site

has moved to the Lakewood Library (coming home to the place were the club originally met in the 1980s.) Our computer these days is a MacBook Pro which replaced the Mac Mini that succeeded that Lime Green iMac. The New User Group is touring Snow Leopard 10.6 and has not looked at Classic 9 for several years. Our Mortvedt Sessions continue to offer one-on-one help to a wide variety folks who drop by on the second Fridays of the month. The Board is still scrambling to fill a couple of vacancies on the proposed slate for March 2010 elections.

Way beyond their original mission and far after their warranties expired, the Martian Rovers continue to reveal new scientific facts about the Red Planet. Its surface shows evidence it has been covered with water and bombarded with meteors. The Earthbound folks who direct

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Meeting Notes

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

NWAP Annual Board Elections. See page 7 for the candidate slate. There are still two vacancies. Elections Mar 14th

PLEASE STEP UP & HELP YOUR CLUB!

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A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

At the February meeting we explored the Finder, that application that connects the user to the the system. We will revisit the topic often in coming months as we explore the interface between user and machine.

Our March New User Group will investigate how Spaces and Exposé work...and how we can use them to work more efficiently. By creating a way to display several different "desktops" we can separate files and applications that are used for a specific project using Spaces while Exposé offers viewing options when several windows are open on the desktop. Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Thursday Mar. 4th, 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 March 12th 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, Mar 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting

March 14th is our Annual Meeting at which we elect the Officers for the next year. We need volunteers to assure the NorthWest Apple Pickers has a Board of Directors so the club can continue to operate!

Our March meeting will begin a three month series on producing a movie. We will look at all the built in software and some 3rd party programs and equipment that permit Mac users to create video. The plan is to work in small groups to discover how to assemble a project.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Sunday, Mar 14th 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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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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these devices have analyzed surface chemistry and geology, observed weather, and photographed images as these intrepid explorers have traveled more than 16 miles combined distance since they landed. It has been a truly astounding program. Sadly, Heinlein's Willis still has not stepped in front of the cameras to wave a pseudopod nor have we glimpsed a canal.

For more than twenty years Northwest Apple Pickers has been informing, inspiring, entertaining, and serving Apple computer users in the greater Tacoma/Pierce County area. From Apple][s to Macintosh (from kilobits to teraflops), NWAP members have watched an amazing evolution of personal computers. Photoshop, originally a Killer Application only available on the Mac, just celebrated its 20th anniversary. The arrival of digital photography, audio, and video technologies has expanded our personal computing realms, just as WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) interfaces made desktop publishing accessible to folks who never thought they needed to learn to use a typewriter. The public's access to the World Wide Web about fifteen years ago began another compelling reason for learning to use a personal computer. The Internet's reach and versatility transformed the way we get and share information.

Our Mortvedt Sessions were initiated by one of our Past Presidents, Persis Shook, and her friend, the late Amy Irwin, to serve a need for retirees who were not able to attend evening meetings and wanted some very basic training to deal with Macs. Our project at the Lutheran Retirement community won recognition from APCUG in its first year. We continue each month to coach a great group of folks, including several of our NWAP members, who have a chance to work on the questions and projects they bring to the meetings. Like those Martian Rovers, we have covered a lot of territory and discovered a lot of answers in the past six years.

NWAP members are about to conduct the annual election of a Board of Directors. Among the members who regularly attend our meetings, a very healthy percentage have served on the Board over the years.

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Membership Update

Total Memberships: 74

Renewed Memberships: 6 in Feb.

Memberships Renewed In Feb:

Evonne Angelio, Motoko Devine, Tom Garcia, Lee Perry, Russ Rosenbloom, Kozy Smith, Georgianna Miller & Lee Peden

New Memberships: Margo Jones

Memberships Still Due in Feb.: Janet Baccus, Jack Conlon, Joy Cross, James Derck, Bill Meints,, Joyce Wenk

Memberships Due in Mar: Loretta Chamberland, Jack Ellingson, Mark Grochowicz, Doug McDonald, Eunice Robeck, Ben Thompson, Peter Winding

Meeting Attendance:

Feb 4th attendance-- 24

Feb 14th attendance--14

New User Recap

The Finder is an application which is easy to take for granted. We often use the terms "Finder" and "Desktop" interchangeably. It runs all the time. It creates the visible interface we call the "desktop" through which we access all the power of the Mac operating system. It draws the windows we use to find files.

Our February 4th New User Group looked at several of the features and demonstrated some preference controls for changing the appearance of icons and displaying files. We reviewed the elements visible on the Desktop, looked at the Finder window where contents/files of your computer are displayed, and showed the contrast between Icon, List, Column, and CoverFlow views. We also demonstrated the Quick Look process (just a tap of the space bar away!) which offers a way to view the contents of a file without launching the application that created it.

Since the Finder is so basic and important, expect to see more tips and hints about this application as we progress through the rest of the year. Our next session on Exposé and Spaces will reveal ways to display work on several different desktops

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Minutes of the monthly meetings are published in this newsletter. The Board tries to reflect the interests of the membership when evaluating the presentations, planning meetings and events, as well as choosing equipment and software the club will need. Board members don't have to be computer experts to serve. Common sense, real-world life experience, and a desire to see the club continue to thrive are primary qualifications.

I began my service on the Board in 1995, less than a year after I purchased my first Mac. There is a long, long distance between a Performa 550 running System 7.1 (not to be confused with Brand X's System 7 today) and my current Mac Mini Intel running Snow Leopard 10.6. From Bulletin Boards to Dial Up to Broadband Internet access, from Kilobyte-sized storage to Gigabyte and beyond, from chat rooms to Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol, technology has swept us along at a fantastic pace. Club management has remained the same basic, down to earth task today as it was then. The service we provide NWAP members continues to be access to information and support for understanding and learning.

Let us hope we have not run out of warranty. There's still a lot of territory to explore just over the horizon. There's still a bunch of stuff to investigate right here at Home Base. We just need to have someone back on Earth/on the Board to monitor and direct these journeys of discovery.

New User Recap

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to manage our open projects more efficiently. We will discover how to view all open windows to move easily from one to another or to move them all out of the way to find an item on the desktop.

The Historic Bair Drug & Hardware Store To Reopen

The following is part of an article written by the Tacoma News Tribune staff writer Brent Champaco, 2/18/10.

We thank the TNT for this excerpt from the article. The complete article can be found at

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/02/18/1075176/historic-bair-drug-to-reopen-as.html>

A landmark building in Washington's oldest town will reopen as a restaurant, much to the delight of hungry history buffs throughout the South Sound.

The Bair Drug & Hardware Store — an 1895 building in the heart of Steilacoom on Lafayette Street — underwent some remodeling over the last two years. Its owner looked for an entrepreneur who would use the building for a business while retaining its historical integrity.

Last week, the director of the Steilacoom Historical Museum Association, which owns the building, confirmed that a Fircrest woman with deep family ties to Steilacoom will use the building as a bistro.

In the association's newsletter, director Jack Brake wrote that Sarah Cannon of Fircrest plans to open the restaurant by spring, although an official opening date isn't set. Cannon could not be reached by The News Tribune for comment.

Last year, the historical association announced on The Suburban Times blog that it had signed a deal with Cannon.

"Cannon initially will focus on breakfast and lunch menus for eat-in dining and also provide sandwiches and other take-out items for those 'on-the-go,'" it wrote in a blog post. "A dinner menu will be added in the future. A planned major part of the operation will include the soda fountain that has long been a fixture at the front of the store."

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

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One drawback to using WiFi "N" high-band: My iPhone 3G can't use it. Maybe I'll have to setup dual band on the Airport Extreme. High-band for the MacBook and low band for the iPhone.

Unusual mod? You can remove the optical drive from a Mac Mini and install a second hard drive. I have seen one like this with two 500GB hard drives. Then set up an external USB or Firewire optical drive. Handysolution (upgrade) if your original optical drive was one that would read DVDs but not write DVDs.

Sort of an L.L. Bean for discounted name brand gear including clothing and many other outdoorsy type things. Brands such as Billabong and North Face. Check out BackCountry.com

Chronicle has been very handy for me to keep track of pending bills. When you have three homes to keep track of (mortgages, utilities, etc.) this is a great application. I got stuck badly last summer when my New Mexico electric bill was missed and the food in the deep freeze was turned into a bad mess because El Paso Electric shut off my power. If that bill had then been logged in Chronicle I might have been spared the embarrassment and my great neighbor and friend would have been spared the awful task in a summer NM home with non-function air conditioning of cleaning up the mess. Next summer my fridge will be completely empty when I leave for Maine, just in case. Latest version of Chronicle is 3.1 includes the ability to add custom notes/details to each bill which I'm sure many of us suggested. Management at the software company (LittleFin) is very receptive to suggestions and you do get a reply when you contact them.

I'm still "testing" Mac finance program Squirrel. It remains in beta more than a year after initial release. The latest update is Ver. 0.8.2b6.

The note with it said: "This version should fix all the previously reported issues." Mighty brave statement. Then said "Report any new bugs to [e-mail address]." It is an interesting program, probably better than what I have heard about Quicken 2010, but your mileage may vary. I sent this feedback: "Still some problems to be fixed:

1. Setting column width does not "stick" as next time app is opened they go back to the previous settings.
2. Search is hit or miss. Sometimes finds what you are looking for, sometimes does not find.
3. See Checkbook from Splasm Software to see search should work!
4. There is a far right empty column that would be handy for notes but logging info to it does not seem to be implemented."

Just wondering: Apple could sell me a new iPhone 3GS right now and AT&T could tack another two years on to my contract right now - But, I have to wait 'till late June to do this. How come?

IBM has a Lotus Symphony 3 Beta out. It is based on the OpenOffice code. There are Windows, Linux and Mac versions available for free download. Back in the good old days of DOS I was a big Symphony fan until switching to Word Star. One thing I don't like about Symphony is the lack of an ability to set RTF as the default file save format. Haven't tried the spreadsheet module.

How many of you are old enough to remember the so-called "good old days" of Word Star, Word Perfect, Word. List prices ranged from \$450 to \$495 for those programs. Q&A Write from Syman-tec was a bargain at \$195. Don't forget Nota Bene, Volkswriter, XyWrite - the speed demon of its day. Maybe these are now the real good old days. My favorite word processor is Bean which is free and although I experiment with other programs any actual important writing is done with Bean on my Mac.

Stumbled upon ihatetaxis.com which isn't actually a taxi hating site. Find out various info about 300 international airports, train stations and ports in 85 countries. Avoid taxi scams. Lists places to find ATMs. No cabs listed in Murmansk, Russia. That is because there aren't any though that is not explained.

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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Minutes Feb 2nd 2010

Alice M. Brynestad, Secretary

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

It was moved, seconded and passed that we accept all reports as presented.

Treasurer reported that we have a balance on hand of \$668.73. Red Chip fund is at \$6.50.

Membership is 73 members. Several memberships are due in February.

Under New Business, we discussed the election of Board members, which will take place in March. We are in need of a new Membership chairman, and an At-Large member and a new Vice President.

All other officers have agreed to serve for another year.

Current Board members and their positions are as follows:

President: Erick Camp
Vice President: Stewart Beels
Secretary: Alice Brynestad
Treasurer: Eldon Estep
At Large: Bob Moffat
At Large: Frede Battie
At Large: Ivan Richardson
Membership: Peter Winderling

Proposed Board members for 2010 are as follows

President: Erick Camp
Vice President: Peter Winderling
Secretary: Alice Brynestad
Treasurer: Eldon Estep
At Large: Bob Moffat
At Large: Frede Battie
At Large: Vacant
Membership: Vacant

The Selection Committee of Bob Moffat and Peter Winderling are working to complete the 2010 slate of Board Members. The final ballot will appear in the newsletter.

It was moved, seconded and passed that there be an electronic distribution of the Board minutes to the membership. Erick will contact Loretta Chamberland concerning this.

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It was noted that if membership dues are not paid by the end of the month in which they are due, they will be dropped from NWAP.

Eldon reported that the NWAP books were audited by Barbara Jackson. She found all in order.

The General meeting will have a movie project lasting four sessions, which will begin in March. Further discussion on this project will follow.

Eldon Estep, our Treasurer, will be out of town for two months beginning in March. Peter will have keys and deposit slips necessary for deposits while Eldon is away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Alice Brynestad, Secretary

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

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From personal experience I can tell you that if you need a lift just flag down a private car (not many of them) going your way and tip the driver 30 ruble or so.

Wow, ATMs on Lenin Street now. That's a change.

Needing a new external drive I started reading reviews in all the magazines I get. A nice looking red one caught my eye. Matches the red plastic shell on my MacBook. It was the number one pick from reviews of ten portable hard drives looked at by PCWORLD Magazine. It is the iomega eGo Mac Edition. The drive features 500GB, USB, FireWire 400 and FireWire 800 connectors with overall "Superior" performance and good backup software programs available from iomega. FireWire 800 is going to transfer data at least twice as fast as USB. It came with a handy two-to-one USB power/data cable so there is no question about not having enough power making you use an external power supply. Best price I found (and paid) was \$119 with free shipping. At the iomega factory outlet web site USB only black eGo drives range in price from \$50 to \$90 (500GB).

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)

Mac Tip of the Week #260

From Peach Pit

Excerpted from The iPhone Pocket Guide, Third Edition by Christopher Breen

Group Photos on Your iPhone by Orientation

If you always want to view your photos at their best advantage (horizontal shots in landscape orientation and vertical ones in portrait orientation), yet you tire of repeatedly flipping your iPhone to rotate and resize the images, try this: Create photo albums based on picture orientation. Put all your portrait-oriented photos in one album and your favorite landscape shots in another. When it's time to view or show off your photos, they'll always look their best without your having to reorient the phone.

TidBITS#1015/22-Feb-2010

It's time to speak up with MacSpeech Dictate! Get the all-new MacSpeech Dictate with spelling and phrase training. Speech Recognition so good, the only thing it can't do is speak for you.

Learn more at

<<http://tidbits.com/about/support/macspeech.html>>



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.

Annual Election Of NWAP Officers

NorthWest Apple Pickers elects eight members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting scheduled in March in accordance with the Bylaws. The Board consists of 5 Officers and 3 Directors. The Board meets once a month (currently the first Tuesday) to review plans and programs and manage finances and other club matters.

A proposed slate of candidates is published in this newsletter. On the day of the election nominations from the floor will be accepted, as well. Two vacancies remain to be filled.

The proposed slate currently is:

Officers:

President: Erick Camp

Vice President: Peter Winderling

Secretary: Alice Byrnestad

Treasurer: Eldon Estep

Membership: (vacant)

Directors:

At Large: Fred Battié

At Large: Bob Moffat

At Large: (vacant)

Come & Vote



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	9	10	11	12 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	13 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
14 Dividing Spring Begins General Meeting 3 pm Lakewood Lib	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Passover	31			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6 Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	10 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
11 General Meeting 3 pm Lakewood Lib	12 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

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