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A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication



YEA SPRING HAS ARRIVED

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New User Meeting

Thursday

April 1st

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Browse & Manage
Web & Desktop

General Meeting

Sunday

April 11th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Movie Making 101
Looking at iPhoto

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.nwapplpkrs.org>



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Meeting Notes

The NWAP April. board meeting will be April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the President's home

Come see how to make movies using your Mac at the General Meeting April 11th



Much thanks to the loyal NWAP members who have stepped up to fill the board positions,

Kay Thompson, Clive Berglund, Francette Beeler, & Mary Fleck



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New User Report

The last New User meeting was cancelled by the unexpected March 4th Library closure. We will combine the Spaces and Exposé program with the planned review in the April and May sessions looking at Safari, Mail, iCal, and Address Book. While Exposé and Spaces help us control the way our desktop is displayed, these other built-in applications allow us to manage our communications and correspondence.

These features are some of the basic foundation for organizing our work and keeping our projects on track.

Please join us at the Lakewood Library on **Thursday, April 1st 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

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

Mortvedt Session

The April 9th meeting at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center is another scheduled session to answer questions about Mac computers. These monthly morning sessions, held the second Fridays, are open to all Mac users whether or not they live in the complex. Our coaches work with small groups to help answer 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, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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

General Meeting

You ought to be in pictures! Our second session on Movie Making 101 will look at iPhoto and the ways this application can be used as a movie-making tool as we continue to learn the whys and wherefores about using our Macs to produce movies, following our first session in which we reviewed the basics we need to plan when we decide to make a movie and watched some movie clips produced by some of our members. Now we'll begin to get some hands on experience.

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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.

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Want to know about making movies with your Mac?
Come to the General Meeting April 11th

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

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Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat April. 2010

Our mighty Mac user group has survived for another year, elected a new board, and is prepared to explore the many ways we can use our computers in upcoming meetings.

April is an historic month for beginnings. Apple Computer was founded in April 1976 by a couple of guys named Steve. It was the very same month that the U.S. Treasury reintroduced the \$2 bill. Just for reference sake, I checked out other events of 1976, that U.S. Bicentennial year. In November a new company called Microsoft registered in New Mexico. Montreal hosted the Summer Olympics. VHS competed with Betamax. IBM introduced the first laser printer. The Concorde SST began commercial flights. Viking I and II landed on Mars. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* won the Academy Award for Best Picture. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* won an Emmy for Best Comedy Series. And the Grammy for Best Song went to *Send in the Clowns* as sung by Judy Collins.

Disco music and polyester leisure suits may have obscured some of those basic technological events in 1976 that affect us today. The personal computer has become a powerful foundation of today's international economy. The software industry has transformed our lives in many visible ways. The crude silicon chips of three decades ago have evolved into a broad range of clever tiny wonders that power devices we take for granted. Hearing aids, wrist-watches, cellphones, iPods, LCD monitors and TVs, supermarket checkout scanners, and personal computers are just a few of the visible portion of the technology iceberg. The general public was aware of the huge mainframe computers (sorting cards on game shows or in movies) and beginning to see the "benefits" of computers as banks and other major retailers converted to more efficient bookkeeping and billing systems. In that first decade of Apple's history, the personal computer evolved, invaded, and reordered. Few corners of the economy or daily life escaped the transformation.

By some unexplained coincidence our NorthWest Apple Pickers fiscal year begins in April, too! In 2010 we will be delving into processes, products, and pos-

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Membership Update

Total Memberships: 69

New Memberships: none

Additional Memberships Renewed In Feb:

Janet Baccus, David Putman

March Membership Renewals:

Loretta Chamberland, Ben Thompson, & Peter Winderling.

Memberships Still Due in March.:

Jack Ellingson, Mark Grochowicz, Doug McDonald, & Eunice Robeck

Memberships Due in April:

Norma Bartlett, George Doolittle, Richard McDermott & Kathryn Whiticare

March Meeting Attendance:

March 4th -canceled due to library closure without notice. Sorry Folks ;-(

March 14th -- 23 with 1 visitor

New User Recap

Our first Thursday in March was a dud. It turns out the Pierce County Library system scheduled a system wide shut down that day but we were not warned the branches would be closed. Needless to say it was a disappointing journey for many folks to Lakewood for the New User Group only to be met in the parking lot and told to go home.

We PLANNED to explore the Exposé and Spaces, which allow you to manage desktops and the windows associated with various running applications. Since the April and May sessions are organized to cover the communications (Safari, Mail, iCal, Address Book) we will combine the desktop viewing/managing and the surfing/emailing/scheduling applications. The New User Group always runs on a flexible plan that relies on participation from the audience, so we will spend as much time as necessary to answer questions and demonstrate how these Mac OS tools support your computing needs.

Look forward to seeing you on the first Thursday in April..., **oh!oh! that's April Fools Day!**

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sibilities that were undreamt of the year that Apple and Microsoft were getting their start. The analog world in which many of us came of age has been replaced by a digital era. The Cray-1 super computer introduced in 1976 had only a fraction of the computing power that members carry with them in a MacBook today. We expect to use that processing power--and the incredibly talented software it makes possible--to produce movies, to tweak images, to publish newsletters, to manage websites, to communicate, to inspire, to do. This year's journey will be another fun and informative adventure.

The generation that came before The Two Steves made the Moon Landing possible. What is the millennium generation cooking up for the next couple of decades? It is tempting to say that nothing will ever again be as revolutionary as the personal computer. The same could have been said for the wheel, the plow, the steam engine, the telegraph, the electric light bulb, the Erie Canal, or perhaps the TV dinner. Do you suppose the Next Big Thing is already nearing completion in some garage and about to transform the World all over again?

Until then, we are fortunate to have NorthWest Apple Pickers meetings to attend so we can try to learn as much as possible about the current revolutionary, world-changing, paradigm shifting, power-to-the-peopling product: our mighty Macs and the marvelous things they give us the tools to do.

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Minutes Mar 2nd 2010

Alice M. Brynestad, Secretary

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

It was moved, seconded and passed that all reports were accept by the Board.

Treasurer's report showed we have a balance of \$616.39 on hand. The Red Chip fund is \$2.00].

Membership reports indicate that we now have 75 members.

There are still two vacancies on the proposed Board -- Membership and At Large. .Announcement to this effect will be made at New Users and General meetings this month.

After much discussion, no decision was reached on what policy we wish to establish on what constitutes an inactive member.

Further discussion followed on how we want to distribute the newsletter -- electronically or in print and snail mail. This discussion was long and again was tabled until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Brynestad, Secretary

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

an older existing document. More hoops to jump through.

My 2 year old MacBook battery was noticeably taking a nose-dive capacity wise. Checking the clock I found that 1:15 was all the time it would last between charges. I'll start looking for a replacement.

New NWAP Officers

NWAP's New Officers are;:

President: Erick Camp

Vice President: Peter Winderling

Secretary: Kay Thompson

Treasurer: Eldon Estep

Membership: Francette Beeler & Mary Fleck

Directors:

At Large: Fred Battié

At Large: Bob Moffat

At Large: Clive Burglund

Tom's Tips By Tom Garcia

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Got through trying out the IBM Symphony Beta program mentioned last month then I uninstalled it and found that it had wiped out Microsoft Office. Not a nice program. Avoid.

Thought it would be an interesting project to build a Hackintosh. As a basis I had two recent Dell computers with Windows 7 to choose from. Oops, while reading up on the project I discovered that the base computer must have an Intel Core 2 processor and both my Dells have dual-core AMD chips.

Is Dell trying to muscle in on Apple's Mac Mini market? A Dell Zino is about the size of a Mini but taller at 4 inches. Price starts at \$249. Has an HDMI port, too. Rumor is that next Mini will have an HDMI port.

Where is that Belkin leather iPhone case I bought on EBay? It has been missing for two weeks. I found a handy substitute, a soft leather eyeglass case, the kind where the glasses go in from one end. Works great, holds the phone tightly, provides drop protection and when the Belkin shows up I may just keep using the substitute.

Every month I get the meeting announcement for the Brunswick, Maine, Mac club meeting. The official name is MMOOS = Maine Macintosh Owners & Operators Society. Always a good read. Here is part of it from our illustrious leader, Pete Zimowski (or sometimes ZiMMOOski). "Greetings fellow Apple Enthusiasts! It's time for the February MMOOS meeting [sic]! Apple lovers, some from as far away as Yarmouth (where traces of human settlement date to about 2000 B.C., don't you know), will convene at 6:30 PM next Tuesday, February 16th. The festivities actually begin at 5:45 PM, when we'll offer our widely acclaimed and no-nonsense One-On-One sessions. Let me know (petez@me.com) if you're coming early for some One-On-One so's I can rustle up a crack team of local Mac Geniuses. First come first served. At 6:30 PM the MMOOS gavel falls on the meeting proper. We'll start with Updates & Rumors, which will be positively chock-full of riveting stuff since we missed getting together last month due to the most recent of many man-made-global-warming SNOWSTORMS (now, don't get your Prius in a bunch, it's all in good fun). Let's see, there's

some new toy coming from Apple we need to talk about. Then the real fun begins. This year's first featured program is entitled "Tips, Trials and Triumphs" (a lot of alliteration there, I know). Basically, we're going to attack some common problems that, based upon reports from our local Mac Geniuses, seem to rear their ugly heads on a regular basis with a number of our members. And we're gonna go after them, a whompin' and a stompin', until, well, they're not problems anymore. (February meeting also was canceled for snow storm).

I stopped at the Apple store at the New Mexico State University bookstore to see what was happening and check out the latest sales. They do discount current Macs and sell "last generation" Macs at even lower prices. I wanted to know what students are buying. Here is what one of the three sales people on duty told me: "It's not the Mini though we do sell them here. Mostly it's laptops, the MacBook. Price has something to do with students buying the [lower end] MacBook. People who know more about laptops and Apple products are more likely to go for a MacBook Pro, also the 13 inch model. People don't generally realize that the Pro is long overdue for an update and what is inside a Pro is almost the same as what's in the lower priced MacBook. Jumping to another thing students are buying - It is the iMac and that is the smaller model of the current iMac line. But, laptops are definitely the most popular items with students."

As soon as I got a chance to try **iWork.com** beta I jumped on it. Very handy as I was working on Pages (via laptop) with this set of Notes for April. So far so good.

Sending data from Pages or Numbers up to "the cloud" is handy but there is a downside when it comes to pulling the data down to another location. You can't cut and paste the retrieved data. It doesn't take long to open text in a new word processor document (there is a place to click that opens Word or Pages) but I prefer copy and paste. Guess I'll have to get used to something new. Now I have to cut from a newly created document and paste to

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Whale Watching By Stewart Beels

As some of you know my favorite vacation is a cruise. And when you do an Alaska cruise people automatically think of whale watching. In fact the first two times we did our Alaska cruise we did whale watching excursions in Juneau. Our last cruise last year I did a whale watching excursion in Icy Strait Point. And while we have been successful in our whale sightings each time nothing can compare to the whale activity in Hawaii.

A little background: humpback whales can be found all over the world. Their feeding areas are the polar waters in the summer and migrate to tropical and sub-tropical waters to mate and give birth. That means in the northern hemisphere and Pacific Ocean from May to September they can be found around the Alaskan waters and from December through the beginning of April they can be found in Hawaii and the Gulf of California (but not limited to these areas).

People who do Alaskan cruise just ooh and aah whenever they spot a humpback. The majority of the sightings are nothing more than seeing the backs and whale flukes as they dive to deeper waters. Remember, whales are in the Alaskan waters to eat, eat and eat. Once they leaving the area that's it for food until they return the following year. Occasionally you'll find people who will see a whale breach. I saw my first whale breach last year at Icy Strait Point, a single whale breached at least five times one right after the other. The other thing you'll see in Alaska if you're lucky is what is called a bubble feeding. Bubble feeding is just what it sounds like: whales will circle around krill and blow bubbles that causes the krill to school tightly together then the whales from deep underwater surface with their huge mouths open gathering everything in their path. I've yet to see any bubble feeding. Obviously when I put in my request to see some bubble feeding the whales never got the memo.

Off the southern waters of Maui is a prime whale watching sight, I knew that my whale watching experience was going to be different this time because as we pulled into the Maui port of Kahului (on the northern shores of Maui) I watched from my balcony as 10 - 15 whales in the distance breached and surfaced. This was at 5:30 in the morning and our whale watching tour wasn't until 10:00 am.

Our boat for the tour was a catamaran that would hold about a 150 passengers but with only about 60 onboard for this excursion allowing plenty of room to maneuver around. About 10 minutes out of the harbor and we were sighting whales. All told about twenty including calves. The mating ritual is that the males get attached to a female then the males duke it out for the affection of their lady love. Two methods used by males are the fluke slap and the head slap. Most photos you see of whale's tail is the moment that a whale does a deep dive, a whale arches his back, the whale's fluke comes out of the water

and then slides back into the water. But in mating, the male whale raises his tail and fluke out of the water, does a 90 degree turn of his body and slams it down onto the head of the trailing male whale. The trailing whale on the other hand will open his mouth gathering in water, raising his head out of the water then slamming it onto the back and fluke of the lead whale. Meanwhile the female is observing the behavior and making her choice. This is not a five minute battle but was going on before we got there and continued well after we left.

U.S. maritime law does not allow whale watching boats to approach within 100 yards of a whale. But the whales do not have the same law. If a whale approaches within 100 yards all captains are required to turn off their engines until the whale is outside the 100 yard perimeter. Once the captain turns the engines off the boat bobs up and down like a cork in the surf. Someone who doesn't know if he/she gets seasick will definitely know after that experience. We had three whales approach our boat. As they approach the water turns aqua as the top of the whales fins are light color compared to their body. We watched as a whale approached us then stopped about 10 feet from the boat. He/she decided to people watch and did what is called spy hopping which is to raise their head out of the water straight up, in this whales case about 10 - 15 feet of the whales body was above the surface. With the whales body now straight down below his/her head she/he spun around observing 360 degrees around her/him. Other than the sheer beauty of this whale out of the water was the ability to view the barnacles attached to the upper body and head. after what seemed forever, the whale slid back into the water and swam away.

To top off our day we watched as a calf estimated to be only a week old was playing by breaching and breaching. By the way a week old humpback whale, is about two minivans long. If you are interested in viewing photos from this whale watching tour, they are posted on my website <http://web.me.com/borntocruise> select Hawaii from the top menu. At some point I will post a video from our whale watching tour in Alaska from 2007.

After years of thinking that I had to do an Alaskan cruise in order to see whales I now know that if I really want to see lots of whales, Hawaii is the only place to see these amazing marine mammals.

Thanks very much to Stewart for this very interesting article. I have often said the only reason I would go to Hawaii was to take pictures of the flowers - no interest in lying in the sun. Now the whales are another.
The Editor

Old Pioneer Sand & Gravel Pit

Chambers Creek Properties looking south from the Meadows area,
University Place, WA
by Larry Weakly



A Note of Appreciation

NorthWest Apple Pickers is especially fortunate to have members who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Our Board meets once a month to oversee the operations of the organization and to plan meetings. Several of our members have served on past boards. Each year we elect five officers and three directors at large at the March Annual Meeting. Completing their tours of duty on the board in March were three members who have served more than one term during the years they have been members of NWAP.

We acknowledge the service of these folks and thank them for the time they spent to assure the club continues to meet the needs of our membership.

Stewart Beels (retired as Vice President)

Alice Brynestad (retired as Secretary)

Ivan Richardson, Jr. (retired as At Large Director/Historian)

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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)

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