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Word Wrap

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New User Meeting
Thursday
August 5th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

More iLife & MacVideo

General & Board Meetings

There will be no Board or General Meetings in August

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>

Many years ago I enjoyed a couple of programs on PBS that explored the way a particular development connected a range of ideas or existing devices which suddenly changed the world. These fortunate combinations created a new way to work, resulted in a new product or industry, or revised our perception of the universe. The wheel. The lever. The metal alloy. The yoke. The telescope and microscope. The steam engine. The telegraph. The Hollerith card. The Xray.

The list could fill this newsletter. Human beings have "discovered" millions of truths over our long history. The vast majority are perhaps the results of an individual's curiosity to figure out why or how by ob-

serving closely. Most of the industrial revolution's amazing inventions are combinations of several pre-existing ideas. With the addition of a new element the lucky inventor produces a New Thing. Gutenberg's moveable type made books and literacy an important element of society. This newsletter is no longer prepared by the methods used in 1450. But this digital computer-generated, Internet-transmitted, photocopier-printed publication traces its heritage and its purpose back to that invention in those days before Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

My lifetime seems to be filled with a long list of developments that changed the world. Electronics, medicine, science, and information technologies are only a few of the fields that have seen major leaps forward because of new

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Guest Presentation, August 5th

At The New User Meeting

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New User Report

We explored some of the ways to use iPhoto to help us organize and edit our photos at the July meeting.

For August we have an extra treat in addition to our review of the other iLife applications (iDVD, iMovie, and iWeb) when we have a guest presentation from the folks at Mac Video Training, demonstrating their videos.

Plan on attending to continue your exploration of how to make your Mac work for you.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on **August 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Contact Bob Moffat

(phone 253-845-5233 or email ramoat@me.com)

Mortvedt Session

The Aug. 13th meeting at the Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center is another place to learn 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 is at 1705 N. Vassault St.

Please join us Friday **Aug. 13th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting

August Good Weather Pass

No Sunday Meeting in August for the North-West Apple Pickers! In hopes that Summer will really have arrived in our neighborhood, we traditionally take this opportunity to enjoy the weekend with no meetings to attend!

Get out there and have fun in the sun, sizzle in the drizzle, or shiver on the river!

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Board Meeting

Board members decided to take a vacation along with the other NWAP members so there will be **no August Board Meeting.**

Please visit our website for future meeting information and schedules.

Contact Erick Camp

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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

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www.nwapplpkr.org

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

August starts at \$12.50

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concepts, new techniques, and new tools. Perhaps it is a mark of my advancing years but it seems that “new” is happening at an increasing rate. Revolutionary inventions are rare (and probably always have been.) Evolutionary inventions are much more common. Add a neat new minor technological device to an existing product and stand by! An example is the solid state memory chip which is the basis for digital camera cards, flash or thumb drive memory sticks, and the solid state drives which may eventually replace mechanical hard drives in our computers. That personal computer we rely on is an evolutionary critter, too. From vacuum tubes to transistors to circuit boards, the components shrink in volume and expand in capability. From Eniac to the iPhone, what an evolution. A simple evolutionary step may create a swift revolutionary change in the way things are done as a new product or process sweeps out the old and establishes the new.

Here we are in the Summer of 2010. Nine years ago it was the iPod. Three years ago it was the iPhone. This year it is the iPad. All devices that were new combinations of existing products and technologies mixed with attention to user interface. Each staked out new territory in their respective markets. Each become the target for competitors to beat. Each changed the way their owners connect to the technological grid we all belong to these days. E-publishing, Podcasts, music and video distribution are just a few of the industries that have been profoundly affected.

Perhaps this will be the year that some far future edition of Wikipedia marks as the point when the

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world of personal computing changed...again. When folks around the world discovered a new way to access information and began to connect with one another on a scale unprecedented.

Then again, that may be some other New Thing that changes the world...coming soon to a planet near you!



Be Aware of iTunes Password Caching

by Adam C. Engst <ace@tidbits.com>
article link:

<http://db.tidbits.com/article/11427>

A brief tempest of recent blog posts highlights a design compromise that Apple made with App Store and in-app purchases from iOS devices.

To summarize, designer Mike Rohde bought an app on his iPad and, while waiting for it to download, his 7-year-old son played a free aquarium app called Fishies that offers additional items for sale via in-app purchases. Without realizing what he was doing, Mike's son purchased a number of items within Fishies, including a chest of pearls priced at \$149.99 - he racked up almost \$200 for the day.

Reasonably enough, Mike went ballistic when he saw the bill from iTunes. Luckily, despite the iTunes terms stating that all sales are final, he was able to call Apple Support and have the largest charge refunded.

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Membership Report For July 2010

Total Memberships: 66

Membership Renewals:

Persis Shook, Stewart Beels, Jerry & Maureen Kunz

Due in August:

Webb & JoAnn Olliphant, Dick & Emiko Benton, Midge Holmes, Dawne & Jim Aho, Carol Rybolt, Ruth & Bob Elliott

Meeting Attendance:

July 1st, New User: 17 Members

July 9th, Mortvedt: 5 Members & 1 Visitor

July 11th, Board: 7 Board Members

July 11th, General Meeting: 21 Members & 1 Visitor



For Sale By Peter Winderling (so he can buy the new iPhone 4)

Apple iPad 16GB Wi-Fi + 3G, used less than 2 months, 10 months left on warranty. Like new condition. Apple case optional. New \$629, selling for \$595 OBO.

Apple iPod Touch 8GB Wi-Fi, 2nd generation, used 7 months, 5 months left on warranty. Like new, includes screen protector (\$15) and leather case (\$35). New \$199, selling for \$189 OBO. Contact Peter at pwindy@earthlink.net or 253-495-0167.



Coming in September there will be some free things. David.

Note From The Editor

This month we are adding two new features. Well maybe not totally new, maybe a restart of old features.

Theses features are “Ye Olde Trading Post” which is a place for members to give away or sell things. They can also request things.

And there is “Software & Websites” which is information about software & websites.

These features will be included subject to space limitations.

Websites
http://
&
Software

NEWS FLASH !!!

Apple has released a new iMac with i3 & i5 cores, July 27th.

In Aug Apple will be releasing a new Power Mac with up to 12 cores.

See www.apple.com

There is a rumor going around that Apple is coming out with a new version of their existing computer & software lines.

There are offers out there that seem to back this up.

Amazon is selling iWorks 09 today for \$25.18 including free shipping. Last week it was \$29.99 & in the past it was \$70. Apple is still selling it for \$79. If you are happy with with the current version check out Amazon.

http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/B0014X2UAK/ref=olp_sss_new?ie=UTF8&shipPromoFilter=1&sort=sip&me=&seller=&condition=new

Apple is now selling **Quicktime 7 Pro** for \$29.99

PowerMax www.powermax.com in Oregon has some good buys on the current line of Macs.

Best Buy apparently is giving away a \$150 gift card with the purchase of one of their in stock Macs.

Who knows for sure if the rumors are true?

Not I but we are considering upgrading Gloria's old 15" MacBook Pro laptop. She is looking at downsizing to either a 13" MacBook Pro or a MacBook.

David Putman

Editor

Point Defiance Park, May of 2009, By Bob Moffat
These are views of the pond at the Pagoda.



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TOM'S MAC NOTES AUG. 2010

By Tom Garcia

USB3.com is one of the good places to go for USB3 gear. Don't overpay for USB3 stuff when you can go (for example) to USB3 and get a 3 foot A to A USB3 cable for about 5 bucks.

Search for MacLife in the iPhone App store. Good informative app and it is free from MacLife Magazine.

I wondered if PC Magazine was still in business. My subscription lasted for many years but is long defunct. If it is still being published it no doubt is much reduced in size. I still have the February 29th, 1988 issue on my computer desk. Apparently PC Mag was published several times a month 22 years ago. The 1988 copy I have is 462 pages in size and there are reviews (tests) of 55 word processors. Anyone for Microsoft Windows Write?

First I heard of this place: **Vanns.com**. Mentioned in Consumer Reports in a list of best online merchants. I didn't do hardly any comparison shopping. Did notice that Mac Minis were the same price as at the online Apple store. You might save a bit on shipping (mostly free) and tax at Vanns.

This might come in handy. It sure did for me. I downloaded a long document from my insurance company, 54 pages. I only needed the first three pages so as soon as they printed I turned the printer off. Thinking this would purge the remaining 51 pages in the printer's memory. Gotcha! The queue is in my Mac, not the printer. Not easy to purge. Here's how: Start terminal. Enter this command: cancel -a (And of course hit Enter.) All done.

Speaking of printers: Just replaced my old Samsung laser with a newer Samsung ML-2525. Much quieter as the old machine liked to keep running (fans?) after a print job. The new one was on sale for \$69.95. (Two weeks later it was \$59.95 at the same store.



Be Aware of iTunes Password Caching

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<<http://www.rohdesign.com/weblog/archives/003193.html>>

<<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fishies-by-playmesh/id360868737?mt=8>>

So what happened? Developer Manton Reece explained it well in his own blog post. In essence, because Mike had purchased an app on his iPad and then let his son play with Fishies immediately afterward, iTunes cached Mike's password and used it when his son made purchases within Fishies, instead of requesting it again. Mike's son was prompted for each purchase, but since the iOS didn't require a password, it's easy to see how a 7-year-old could agree to the in-app purchase prompts without realizing what was happening.

<http://www.manton.org/2010/07/itunes_password.html>

This entire situation came about because of a design compromise. By requiring you to enter your iTunes account password for a purchase or free download, Apple ensures that an authorized user is in control of the device. That's a good thing. And by caching the password for 15 minutes, Apple reduces the significant annoyance of typing passwords (especially strong ones that include numbers and punctuation) on a virtual keyboard. In general, that's also a good design, although it can obviously have unintended side effects.

To eliminate those side effects, Apple could require a password for every purchase or free app download, but that would hurt the overall user experience. In most instances, there's no need to prompt multiple times for purchases made in quick succession because it is most likely that they're being made by the same authorized user.

Arguably, Apple could also cache the password separately for app purchases and in-app purchases, such that purchasing an app wouldn't enable in-app purchases without requiring a password. However, there's no telling if such a change would be easy to make or if it would make a significant difference, since any sort of caching will allow inadvertent purchasing.

Article continued at

<http://db.tidbits.com/article/11427>

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes

Sunday July 11, 2010 – notes by Bob Moffat

President Erick Camp called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm at the Lakewood Library.

Members present were President Camp, Peter Winderling, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler, Mary Fleck, Clive Berglund, and Bob Moffat.

The Board voted to accept the reports.

The proposal to print business cards was discussed. President Camp had circulated an email to Board Members describing the costs and options he has researched. The Board agreed to order 500 cards with a color logo on the the front with postal address and web site information. The text on the back—to assure the info would not go stale—was suggested to read:

We meet monthly. See:

<http://www.nwapplkrs.org/meetings>

for our scheduled events.

A mockup in PDF form will be developed by Bob Moffat and circulated to Board Members for approval before authorizing printing by Minuteman Press.

The August 5th New User Group is still scheduled to include a presentation by Mac Video Training; Peter Winderling will confirm their plan to attend with the company.

Several potential topics for future meeting presentations were discussed, including use of audio books, ebooks and ibooks, and online resources like the Pierce County Library system.

The club's MacBookPro currently is running 10.6 Snow Leopard from an external drive. The 10.5 Leopard installed internally has been retained so that we could demonstrate the Windows Vista using Parallels v. 3.0, which is not compatible with 10.6. A larger drive, donated to the club, is available to install in the MacBook. Peter Winderling will research the installation process for the hard drive. The Board agreed that the installation of 10.5 Leopard, which is now rarely used, could be discarded, so long as pertinent files are copied.

There is no General Meeting in August. The Board agreed to cancel the scheduled August 8th Board Meeting and turn the reservation back to the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



New User Group Recap

July 1st By Bob Moffat

To remind us of the versatility of iPhoto, we reviewed several of the ways this software can make it easy to manage and edit our digital images. We demonstrated ways to organize and view photos as Events and Albums. Editing tools permit the adjustment of images in several ways from simple enhancement to straightening and cropping. Color, exposure, and sharpness controls are available. Preset filters offer special effects that may be fun, as well. We explored how to use batch processing to add information to the descriptions to a selection of images at one time.

Images in iPhoto can easily be attached to email messages. We explored at least three ways that can be done and discussed the options offered for selecting the size of the attachments.

The ability to add location information via the “Places” feature was demonstrated and some of our members noted their pictures taken with their iPhones already included that data. The “Faces” feature uses face recognition to identify people and establish a gallery which permits you to quickly find all the photos in your library in which individual appears.

As we begin vacation time, this review of the iPhoto features can serve as a reminder of the many ways to store, organize, edit, and share the results of our Summer shutterbug season.



South Sound Adobe User Group

www.ssaug.org

Date: Aug. 9th

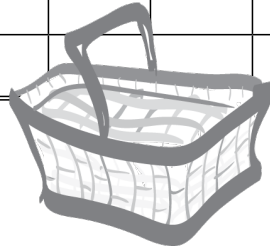
Where: Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m. (brown bag snack time).

Topic: Photoshop tips and tricks as well as follow up on our Photo Scavenger Hunt. We'll look at some other new features from the Adobe Creative Suites, as well. Check out details at our website!

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September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9 South Sound Adobe UG 5:30 pm	10	11	12	13 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	14 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
15 Vacation Time ! No Board Mtg! !! NO Gen Mtg !!	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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19	20	21	22	23 Autumn Begins	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
3	4	5	6	7 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	8 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	9 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr



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