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New User Meeting Thursday

Nov. 4th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Fun & games?
Free/Share/Nagware.

General Meeting Sunday

Nov. 14th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Google
Phone, Video,
Calendar, Contacts &
Documents,
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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.
nwaplpkrs.org](http://www.nwaplpkrs.org)

Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat November 2010

There are many things to be thankful for in our lives and November is a month we take time to celebrate some of them in the tradition began at Plymouth nearly four hundred years ago.

This year, of course, we'll be so very thankful that the campaign ads have finally been pulled off the air--there is quite a difference between talking turkey and turkeys talking. No matter what the election results, it will be a relief to have the gabble quieted.

Among the things I celebrate will be some of the wonders technology has produced. We live in an age of miracles, after all. From micro to macro, from nano to tera, what a profound change we've seen in the last decade or two. More specific information resources are

available to me in a matter of seconds at my desk than could be physically assembled in one room by any group of scholars, archivists, or researchers anywhere. Ever.

Recent articles (which I read online, of course) noted that Google engineers have been traveling the highways around the Bay Area in seven "driverless" cars. The only accident in 140,000 miles was when someone else (a human being-operated vehicle) rear-ended a Google car stopped at a red light. I was reminded of the Martian Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, which first landed on Mars in January 2004. They are not exactly driverless--their operators are here on Earth--but they seem to be the poster kids for this line of technology.

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Board Meeting Nov. 14th
1:15 to 2:30

OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

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A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

We reviewed Key Chain and Disk Utility at the October 7th New User Group.

November's session will explore some freeware and shareware applications you may want to add to your Mac and where to find them. We may have some info about Apple's new App Store for the Mac, as well. Join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday

Nov. 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Moffat

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

Mortvedt Session

The Nov. 12th 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 **Nov. 12th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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NWAP General Meeting

The November 14th Meeting will feature Eldon Estep, talking about many of Google's products. These will include Documents, Calendar, Video, Contacts, and Google phone.

He will show us how to set up a phone number that you can use to place VOIP (voice over internet protocol) calls using Google phone. Come with your questions and any experience you have had with these items.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday **Oct. 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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Board Meeting

The NorthWest Apple Pickers Board will meet prior to the General Meeting on Sunday, **November 14th beginning at 1:15pm** at the Lakewood Library.

Contact Erick Camp (phone 253-841-0091 or email campej@comcast.net)

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

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

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Please submit photos in color and actual size. The editorial staff will edit for use in the newsletter.

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Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email.

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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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

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

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
November starts at \$6.00

New for NWAAP Members On The NWAAP Website

Your NWAAP Board of Directors is pleased to announce two new benefits for members of the NWAAP Club. To access these benefits, you must log into your Club's Web Pages using your member account data. If you have forgotten, or lost, your login name and/or password, go to the Club's website for the "forgot password" page,

http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/password_resets/new

Enter your email address in the entry field provided on the page. When you trigger the "reset my password" button, you will be sent an email message with the link to follow where you can set a new password. Once the password has been reset and you are logged in, the account log-in screen will show your log-in name and other account information.

Once logged into the NWAAP site, select the "Reports" tab to locate the new benefits links.

DEALS

The "Deals" link will open a web page that will contain special deals available to members of the NorthWest Apple Pickers. These deals are offered by merchants who provide software or hardware that your Board of Directors think might be of benefit to our membership.

These offerings are NOT an endorsement of the product or vendor!

As in all things, Buyer Beware!

Buy&Sell

The "Buy/Sell" link will open access to an area where members can notify other members of items which you need or have for sale. To have your "Buy/Sell" item posted, send an e-mail to **campej@comcast.net** and provide details concerning the item(s) that you have for sale or item(s) that you wish to buy. Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email. It is suggested that each email contain only one item unless they are related items. Also the subject line should be descriptive so it will catch a person's attention.

Items will be allowed to run for 30 days unless the originator requests the e-mail be deleted.

Note, at this time, we are not offering non-members access to the Buy/Sell items. Your Board of Directors will re-evaluate this option once we have had some time to evaluate the effectiveness of the internal operations.

Survey

iPad: Do you have one? What is your opinion? What is the real difference between the WiFi & the G3 version?

iPhone: Do you have one? Which model? What is your opinion?

Newsletter: What is your opinion of the this year's newsletters? What would YOU like to see different in YOUR newsletter? Please send comments to the editor. **dcalvin41@me.com** Thanks

Membership Report For October 2010

As Of October 20th, 2010

Total Memberships: 67

Membership Renewals:

Emiko & Dick Benton, Tis Huberth, Bob Moffat, Judith Sloan

Due in October:

William Barron, Desiree Hermann & Otto Tollefson

Due in November:

Fred Battie, Larry Weakly, Bruce Wheeler & Harold Coleman

Meeting Attendance:

Oct. 7th, New User: 14 Members

Oct 8th, Mortvedt: 9 Members & 2 Visitors

Oct 10th, Board Meeting: 7 Board Members

Oct 10th, General Meeting: 14 Members

TidBITS for Oct. 25th, 2010

This issue has lots of interesting tidBits

TidBITS#1050/25-Oct-2010

Don't listen for the roar, since we won't be seeing **Mac OS X Lion** until the middle of 2011, but Apple has pulled back the curtains on its cage just enough to give us a preview of some of the features that will be coming. Think iOS. (23 comments)

[<http://db.tidbits.com/article/11682>](http://db.tidbits.com/article/11682)

Our review copy of **iPhoto '11** hasn't yet arrived, but we felt it was important to warn about a potential bug in the program that could erase photos—make backups! Also, if you haven't yet had your fill of analysis of the Apple announcements, listen in to Adam's interview on the Tech Night Owl Live podcast. And finally, want to turn a Mac into a Mac-O-Lantern for Halloween? Read on!

[<http://db.tidbits.com/article/11692>](http://db.tidbits.com/article/11692)

New User Group Recap

Oct. 7th By Bob Moffat

On October 7th we reviewed Key Chain and Disk Utility, two applications in the Mac's Utilities Folder. Erick Camp demonstrated several features of Key Chain and described how it can be used to store passwords as well as other secured information. The other program, Disk Utility, is a versatile partner for repairing permissions, checking the health of your disk, and performing other disk formatting tasks ranging from erasing to partitioning to arranging RAID setups. We also explored how Disk Utility's disk-burning features work and some of the reasons to create disk images.

November's New User Group will include a look at a few of the many shareware and freeware applications available and some of the resources for finding them. Members are encouraged to share info about their favorite aps.

NWAP Annual Holiday Party

NorthWest Apple Pickers Annual Holiday Party will start on December 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library's large meeting room

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See NWAP website

<http://www.nwapplpkrs.org/pdflists?name=newsletters>

Election Committee Volunteers

When the going gets tough, the tough get going? Your favorite Mac user group runs on the efforts of volunteers. We need a couple of election committee volunteers to help Bob Moffat persuade some generous, civic-minded NWAP members to volunteer to serve on next year's Board of Directors. Wait...where'd everyone run off to?

NWAP SECRETARY

The NWAP Board of Directors is sad to announce the resignation of Kay Thompson from the Board of Directors as Club Secretary. If any Club Member has an interest in working to keep the Club strong and growing, and is willing to take on the responsibilities of Club Secretary until the next Board is elected in March, please contact the President, Erick Camp. (phone 253-841-0091 or email campej@comcast.net)

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:

Secretary shall:

1. keep minutes of official meetings and make them available for publication.
2. maintain the official copy of the current By-laws and Standing Rules.
3. perform such other duties as the Executive Board may assign.

South Sound Adobe User Group

(www.ssaug.org)

Date: November. 8th

Where: Cascade Print Media in Tacoma at 5:30 p.m. (brown bag snack time) 3321 So. Lawrence St.

Topic: Check out details at our website!

Word Wrap

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Today Opportunity is still running around the surface of Mars having traveled more than 15 miles and run for nearly six years (well beyond the original 90 day warranty!) Spirit got stuck in soft sand several months ago and may not get enough solar charge to wake up and continue reporting. They began their exploration of Mars the same year that first DARPA Challenge here on Earth began a quest for driverless vehicles. (*The DARPA Grand Challenge is a prize competition for driverless vehicles, funded by the Defense Advance Research Projects Agency, the most prominent research organization of the United States Department of Defense.*) The first year's competitors crashed within fewer miles than Opportunity has logged. In 2005, however, the Stanford team's Stanley was the first of six vehicles that navigated a pre-set course more than 100 miles without a driver on-board. At the next event, vehicles navigated "live" traffic in a suburban setting. It may not be a total surprise that members of those college teams eventually went to work at Google engineering. DARPA, the agency that sponsored these competitions, is a descendent of the organization that originally sponsored the communications net in 1969 that made possible today's Internet (perhaps another sort of driverless information highway.)

Those gee-whiz elements of technology may inspire awe (or horror.) There are a number of other less visible technologies that transform our world and the lives of folks we know. Treatments of disease, replacements of troublesome joints, and surgeries of incredible precision have become routine. Diagnostic tools can examine with incredible detail.

Weather analysis, traffic planning and control, production flow, shipping and inventory data, as well as product design are just a few of the fields where technology has changed our daily lives. Few jobs have remained unchanged by technological developments of the last decade or two: materials, processes, and work skills are still evolving. Agriculture, manufacturing, services, education, and government have all changed...and are continuing to adapt as new options appear. The environment in which we grew up no longer is...in fact that environment we thought we understood even six years

ago has changed. If you don't believe me, just Google it on your iPad!

As you taste that turkey (unrecognizable compared to what the Pilgrims hunted) and chomp that cranberry compote on Thanksgiving Day, spare a second (or even just a nanosecond) to acknowledge those ways technology has changed things for The Better. May The Better continue to outweigh The Other



TOM'S MAC NOTES NOV. 2010

By Tom Garcia

Bought a new iPhone 4 at the Apple Store in Portland to replace my previous model and ran into a few slight problems (besides the well known antenna glitch). After the first sync some of my favorite apps were MIA (missing in action). And, no longer found at the App Store for reinstallation. Apps such as WiFi Trak which let me see which of my neighbors are on line and what encryption scheme they are using. Apple has banned all such apps. The calendar now starts on Monday instead of Sunday. Minor annoyance. For no reason that I knew of the screens became very enlarged or expanded making apps unusable. When the phone rang I had no way to answer as the Slide to Answer slider was out of sight. Thought I was going to have to go back to the Apple Store and get that fixed. Did syncs and several "Resets" to no avail. Finally I was rooting around in iTunes on my laptop with the phone connected and came across something I had never noticed before - A checkbox for "Zoom." Unchecked the box and all was well again. Who would ever want Zoom checked?

Trying to e-mail a photo from my iPhone 4 Camera Roll didn't work. Kept getting "The recipient [name] was rejected by the server because it does not allow relaying." That's odd. I never had any trouble like that with my iPhone 3. Went back to the iPhone 3 which is now an iPod "Touch" as it no longer has a phone connection and it still works to forward pictures via wi-fi. Fooled around in Set-

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NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes

Sunday Oct. 10th by Mary Fleck

President Camp called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

Other members present were: Fred Battié, Francette Beeler, Clive Berglund, Mary Fleck, Bob Mofat, and Peter Winderling.

Reports were accepted.

Alternate meeting locations were discussed because of recent problems. The board basically decided to continue as before but hoping to watch carefully when or if we have to switch to a different library branch.

It was suggested we put the next meeting date on the NWAP web page with the location. It was suggested that we all double check location and pay attention to confirmation notices from the library.

The newsletter content was discussed and it was suggested to ask for articles from the general membership. How they use their computer, tips they may have discovered, special software they have used, websites they find helpful, etc.

Our Annual Holiday Party was discussed. The date is December 12.

We created an election team to search for nominees for office. Our annual election will be held in March 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Revisions to NWAP Masthead

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Please note that some information has been revised to conform with current NWAP policies.

The revisions are italicized in this addition of the newsletter.

Editor *David C. Putman*

TOM'S MAC NOTES

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tings and on the laptop in iTunes. All of a sudden it started working and it has ever since. Don't know how I fixed it.

When I bought the iPhone 4 the "Bumper" was not available at the Apple store but I was directed to a WEB site where I could order one, at no charge. Part number is MC597ZM/A and construction is black rubber and plastic. It is more than just a rubber band as some have described it. Best feature for me is that it makes it harder to accidentally flip the ringer mute switch. That got turned off often with my Phone 3, less often in my short ownership of the 4, now it will probably never happen. If the cost of the Bumper (they call a single unit "Bumpers" with an "s") is about \$20 it would be worth that. Then my new leather case arrived from Hong Kong. Goodbye bumper. Made the phone too big to fit in the new case.

Time to empty the trash? My old MacBook has an 80 Gig hard drive. Checking to see how much space was available I found only 5 Gig remaining. As I hadn't emptied the trash in quite a while (afraid of losing something "important" or junked in error) I decided to go ahead and empty trash. Rebooted and discovered that my new space remaining was 26 Gigs. Guess I had a lot of trash.

Told a Genius at the Apple Store that one thing I never liked about my iPhone (3G) was that when a call came in I had to touch the speaker icon before I could hear anything and while talking if my ear touched the speaker icon the sound was blanked out. The young man said, "That's not right. I'll take it in the back [room] and have a look at it." Soon he returned telling me I needed a new screen at \$99. "But," I said, "I have Apple Care for that phone." Oh, different story. "Screen and installation will be free." I'd have the repaired phone back in 15 minutes. So, what I always thought was normal wasn't normal and is now fixed. Even though the phone no longer receives calls. Maybe I'll get AT&T to hook it up for my wife to replace her Nokia.

Found a new app for my Mac on Mac Update Promo. Half price for something called Hands Off!

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I had been using Little Snitch in the background doing what (?) I never knew. Hands Off is different because it pops up and lets me decide what to do when an app wants to write to a file or connect to the internet. I can mark Allow, Deny or Ask [every time]. It remembers what you have selected. There was an app I needed an update for so I hit "Check for update" within the app and was told "no internet connection." I did have an internet connection but I had previously said "Deny" so as far as the app was concerned I was in North Korea with no available internet. I brought Hands Up on screen and clicked "Disable Rules" which let me connect to the internet with the app and check for and get an update. Something called "Ruby" kept trying to connect me to www.ezrss.it. I don't want to be connected to anyone in Italy. Deny forever! I went back to Mac Update Promo and bought the app.

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.

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Experience an Engineering Marvel: Completed in 1869, The Mount Washington Cog Railway was an engineering marvel. It was a daring new technology of toothed cog gears and rack rails. Today, it gives you a rare look at this bygone world of round trip to the summit takes three hours. On the summit, you can visit New Hampshire's unique mile-high state park and the Mount Washington Observatory Center and Museum.



Ol Peppersass (so named because it looked like a pepper sauce bottle) between 1866 and 1869 transported all the timber used to build the nearly three miles of track, which was virtually all constructed on trestle work for the world's first mountain climbing cog railway. This powerful little engine is on display at the Marshfield Base Station Museum.

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November 2010

December 2010

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<http://www.thecog.com/index.php>



NorthWest Apple Pickers

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2010 Holiday Party

NorthWest Apple Pickers Annual Holiday Party will start on December 12th at 2:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library's large meeting room (our normal General Meeting Location.) Bring a dish (salad, entrée, OR dessert with serving utensil) to share. The Club will provide cups, plates and cutlery along with an assortment of beverages.

We will have a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Bring a gift (please limit the value to ~ \$15.00) to participate. Watching people defend their prize is always fun.

This year we will re-introduce our "Holiday Card" event. Bring a card that you have created and display it with pride. Your Board will honor the best card with a prize and feature your card in the January NewsLetter.

Don't miss the event: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., December 12th, 2010, Lakewood Public Library!

This event will be in place of the General Meeting.