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Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat January 2011



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New User Meeting Thursday

Jan. 6th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Lessons For 2011
What'll We Learn

General Meeting Sunday

Jan. 9th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Comparisons of
iLife "09"
&
iLife "11"

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>

Can you believe it's 2011 already? Seems like only yesterday we were worrying about Y2K. Perhaps time is actually compressing and events are speeding past more quickly. Or perhaps events are merely separated by shorter connections.

My alma mater, Puyallup High School, has an annual December tradition that goes back nine decades: the Alumni Assembly which is held the last day before Christmas break. Graduates of all past classes are invited to return for this event which this year showcased the Classes of 1960 and 1985 that celebrated their 50th and 25th reunions. Following an impressive program by the students and staff of school, the Alumni Association presented several scholarships and the featured

classes gave light-hearted reviews of what their student days at PHS were like. Then began the Roll Call of the Classes, where alums from each of the years present stood and gave their class yell. The earliest classes represented were from the mid-1920s.

Continuity. Community. Connection.

Folks from the class of 1924 have lived more than a century and survived all the political, economic, cultural, and technological storms in that span of time. They were around when the Model T began to move America. They survived the Flu Epidemic of 1918. Silent movies learned to talk and sing, airwaves filled with sound and eventually pictures, and phones evolved from operator-assisted

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1:15 to 2:30

OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

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www.ssaug.org



A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

We completed the 2010 cycle on December 2nd and began planning for 2011. David Putman demonstrated Dragon Dictate for the Mac. Everyone graduated at the top of the class!

On January 6th members will continue to plan our training agenda for the next twelve months. We plan to expand the scope of these sessions to include popular topics (and perhaps some other Apple products) Join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday

Jan. 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Moffat

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Mortvedt Session

The January 14th 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 **Jan. 14th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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NWAP General Meeting

January 9th NWAP General Meeting will give you an opportunity to see the features in the new iLife '11 and compare them to iLife '09 as Stewart Beels will show the 2 programs side by side on the screen. Stewart will show us how to edit and upload your photos as there is a difference between the two versions. This presentation will not cover the similarities between the old and new, like Places and Faces, but just the differences. So come with your questions and see if you should upgrade to the new iLife '11.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday **Jan. 9th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

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Board Meeting

Jan. 9th from 1:15 to 2:30 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

[<www.nwaplpkrs.org>](http://www.nwaplpkrs.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.

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Legacy (OS 8 & 9)..... Webb Olliphant, 253-584-7473 (1-9 p.m.)

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See our website for maps and driving directions all meetings:

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

Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

January starts at \$0.00

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes

No December Board Meeting

New User Group Recap

Dec. 20th By Bob Moffat

The December New User Group was the final round of the annual Tour of Mac OS X Snow Leopard. Everyone got an "A" (for "Awake" or "Alert") on the final exam. As a bonus, David Putman, our editor, demonstrated Dragon Dictate, the voice recognition software that permits him to tell his Mac what to write. We also had a demonstration (unintended) of using remote desktop when we discovered we had to wirelessly connect David's laptop to the club's computer and projector.

The next edition of Mac OS X, Lion, will likely be released in late summer so we are exploring ways to expand our 2011 New User Group agenda to look beyond just the operating system features during the next several months. Members will be asked for their suggestions on topics and software they would like to see demonstrated. We are going to check to see which members were naughty or nice...to find out if Santa delivered some new electronic i-Wonders from Apple that folks want some help mastering.

Join us on January 6th as we prepare for the next voyage of discovery.



A New Use For Duct Tape

By Lainey Jameson

Federal Way, WA

When the big wind & rain storm came Nov. 18th, Lainey was not going to let her tree blow over. Lacking rope, she used that old standby - "DUCT TAPE".

Membership Report For December 2010

By Francette Beeler & Mary Fleck

As Of December 15th, 2010

Total Memberships: 64

Membership Renewals:

Larry Weakly, Glenda Alley, Clive Berglund,
Phyllis & Tom Garcia

NewMembers: None

Due in December:

Fred Battie

Due in January 2011:

Robert Becker, Huguette Bennett, Nancy Polich,

Russell Rosenbloom, Dorothy J Wilhelm, Francette & Jim Beeler, Gerald Devine, Charles Curl, Matt Smeller, Val Dumond, Raymond Perry, Herb Satterlee Jr.

Meeting Attendance:

Dec. 2nd, New User: 14 Members, 2 Visitors

Dec. 10th, Mortvedt: 4 Members,

Dec. 12th Board Meeting: N/A

Dec. 12th General Meeting: 18 Members, 1 Visitor

General Meeting Recap

Dec. 15th By Erick Camp

Holiday Meeting

Even with the very heavy rains, we had 19 intrepid members attend this December's General Meeting. Once again, the members outdid themselves with the variety and amount of food brought to be shared. As one member (maybe me?) said, so much food, so little time.

In addition to the great conversation and good food, the Club tried a new way to give out the gifts that the Club's shopping elves bought for the Holiday Party: NWAP Jeopardy. Gleaning many obscure facts about Washington State and the Apple Computer Company, so obscure that the membership was given helper cards, members did a blind draw for the question they had to answer. Amazingly, everyone won!

With a short break to allow our Club President to win the fabulous "RED CHIP" prize, the activity moved on to the famous bring a gift to get a gift drawing. This year's players were very well behaved, except for a three way fight over a prize of gourmet honey. For some reason the sweet tooth won out over technical prizes.

Only one member elected to bring a card for the holiday card judging, so judging of Emiko's origami card as the best in all categories was unanimous.

Have a Happy and Safe remainder of 2010!

¿ Christmas Presents ?

Did Santa [aka spouse, significant other, kids, etc.] bring you an iPad ? Or maybe an Apple TV, iPod or Mac computer?

Have some questions about your new e-toys ?

Why not join a yahoo tech group. You will need a Yahoo account. Go to <http://www.yahoo.com/>, click on "Sign Up". follow the instructions.

Then for iPads go to

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/iPad/>

and join. During the sign up process can choose to use your primary email address instead of the yahoo email address.

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Elections For Board of Directors

by Bob Moffat

NorthWest Apple Pickers elect a Board of Directors at the March meeting every year in accordance with the ByLaws. (The ByLaws may be seen on our website. Log in and go to Reports > Club Info > NWAP ByLaws.)

Our appeal for volunteers has been answered. Members have agreed to fill the slots on the Board that were vacant. We are still working out the details of who among the volunteers will stand for which of the open positions and we will have a formal slate ready for presentation at the January 9th General Meeting. Thank you to our members willing to join the Board for the first time: Evonne Agnello, Jim Beeler, Roxanne Burns, and Val Dumond. Thanks to current Board Members who stand for reelection: Eldon Estep (Treasurer), Francette Beeler (Membership), Fred Battie (At Large), Peter Winderling (Vice President), Bob Moffat (At Large). As you can see: we need to designate who will run President and Secretary. Let the arm-wrestling begin!

Contact: Bob Moffat, phone 253-845-5233 or email ramoat@me.com

South Sound Adobe User Group

www.ssaug.org

Date: January 10th

Where: Location To Be Determined

Topic: Check Out Details At Our Website!

*Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the little
voice at the end of the day that
says I'll try again tomorrow.*

~Mary Anne Radmacher

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telephone switchboards to mobile picture-taking/texting/Internet-surfing wireless wonders. Man walked on the Moon. Mt. St. Helens erupted.

Each of the classes as the roll call progressed reflected the times in which they came of age. Some decades, such as the 'Thirties and 'Forties, were represented by fewer grads than others. The turnout increased with the classes of the 'Fifties and 'Sixties and continued to grow as the decades progressed. When the roll arrived at the most recent decade attendance dropped off: probably much more difficult for recent grads to get time off from work or school. And, probably not yet drawn by a powerful connection to their past.

That connection is what interests me. In this day and age we tend to think most communities have sprawled beyond coherence, that most inhabitants are merely in transit as they follow employment opportunities from place to place. And yet...here was the large gymnasium at Puyallup High School filled with folks for whom this school was part of their heritage (several of whom were a part of this community more than eighty years ago) and with students who today are still preparing for graduation. The building in which we met was not even constructed when I attended PHS. The main school has been replaced, rebuilt, repaired, and often renovated since those earliest grads were students. This assembly once was held in the auditorium: the alumni crowd today is much too large for that facility.

The current students saw some amusing reminders of what high school life was like fifty and twenty five years ago--fashion, hair styles, cars, and music--have changed. I hope they also observed bleachers filled with old fogies who appreciate the education they got at PHS. Old timers who appreciate it enough to wend their way to this assembly every year to show some solidarity with other classmates and to demonstrate to those still undergraduates that there is life beyond graduation.

Schools today do not always have support they once had from involved parents, from concerned neighbors, from dedicated voters, from potential employers, from legislators, from elected officials, and from students themselves.

Think about the power of community which draws former students back to affirm the solid foundation that school provided: the star by which they charted their course in life.

Think about the continuity of multiple generations of families who have attended the same school: the shared desire to encourage today's students to keep reaching for the stars.

Think about the connection between the earliest classes represented at this year's event and the undergrads still attending school: generations learn from each other in a constant exchange of ideas.

The alumni in that assembly used their education: they constructed buildings, saved lives, went to war, raised families, became educators, built machines, explored, investigated, managed, legislated, mediated, adventured, constructed, surveyed, developed, invented, painted, preserved, wrote, created, produced, employed, served, failed, succeeded, survived, learned....

They have adapted to the ever changing world.

They return each year to renew that connection, celebrate that community, and refresh the continuity that spans a century from generation to generation; from class to class; from person to person. From one era to the next.

It seems to me that 2011 arrived before 2010 even got unpacked. Or before we cleared the clutter left by 2009 and 2008. I believe those connections between the days and months are shorter than ever. Fortunately, some of those links that span the years are holding, whether they are stretched or shrunken.

Have a very Happy New Year. And do your part to maintain those connections.

Never ask a man what computer he uses.

If it's a Mac, he'll tell you.

If it's not, why embarrass him?

TOM RETIRES "TOM'S MAC NOTES"

By Tom Garcia

Just one item this month. I am retiring from Tom's Mac Notes. Last month was to have been my last input but this item is too good to pass up.

Do you know about **pobox.com**? The service costs \$20 a year for their basic level of service. A "Throw away" e-mail address is what it is about. Actually, three addresses. I thought that the Service must be new as I got all three addresses I asked for. One was as simple as **tom@pobox.com**. You can get a free 30 day trial from pobox just by asking. Here is why the service can be valuable. If you give an address out to someone and it is misused you just delete it and replace it with something else. My three new pobox addresses all forward mail to **tom@garcia.net**, my usual day-to-day address.

Jake in Customer Service at pobox is very quick to reply to questions. I told him that I have been testing my pobox trial and was impressed. Also, I said, "You must not have been in business for very long as I got all three addresses I asked for." He replied: "I am very surprised that you managed to acquire **tom@pobox.com**. We have actually been in business since 1995, and have managed to grow every year since then. In regards to your question, if you delete an old Pobox alias [address], you can create a new one right away! Are you having trouble doing so? If you are, please let me know, and I will assist you.

Cheers, Jake Darminion, pobox Customer Service."

The help system and answers to common questions works well. Better than well, actually. It only took 24 hours before the spam started flying in. Plenty of it. When you have such an easy or common address (as I do) as "tom" and "george" I guess that is to be expected. pobox caught every instance of spam from such senders as Barrister George Dennis (Esq), etc. Spam is put into a folder well out of the way and can be reviewed at your leisure. No instance of shunting of a legitimate message has occurred yet.

Check them out at: **<http://www.pobox.com>**

THANKS TO TOM GARCIA

By Bob Moffat

For several years our newsletter has been graced with the columns of tips and tricks submitted by Tom Garcia, our expatriate member in New Mexico and Maine (depending upon the season.) He recently advised us that this month's column will be his last. We have benefited from all the information he has collected, the gadgets and software he has tried, and the suggestions he has passed along.

Earlier in the decade, when Tom and Phyllis were still living here in rain country, they were regulars at the Apple Pickers MegaMunch Wednesday breakfast/lunch social hours we used to schedule at various eateries around the area. Tom's long-time experience in the computing realm made his presence at NWAP meetings a real bonus so his willingness to provide a monthly column has been much appreciated.

We hope Tom will not hesitate to keep us informed of his interests and tips, even if it is not on a monthly schedule. We always look forward to seeing what he is exploring and how he is experimenting.

Thank you, Tom!

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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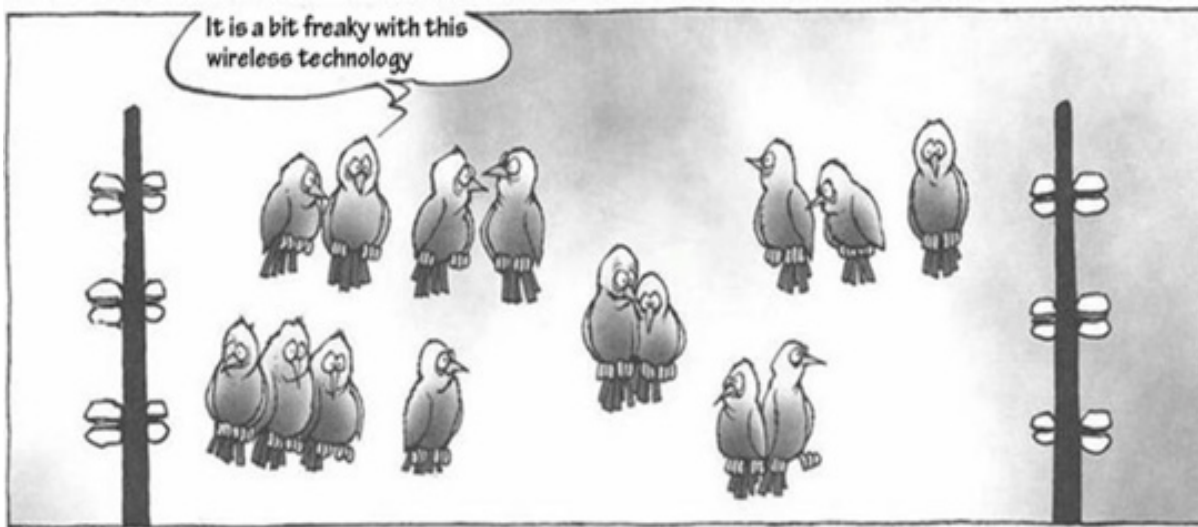
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For a directory follow this link below and type in your interest in the search box.

<http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/>

Editor's. Tips: Don't use your real name, location or other personal info to protect your security.

Instead of your real name, use your nickname. You don't have to have a last name. Also Seattle Washington is close enough.

I know I sound like a mother hen, but I've seen people get into trouble by telling every personal thing about themselves.

Cherokee Nation & Apple are partnering to put Cherokee language on iPhones. Nearly two centuries after a blacksmith named Sequoyah converted Cherokee into its own unique written form, the tribe has worked with Apple to develop Cherokee language software for the iPhone, iPod and -- soon -- the iPad.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Cherokee-Apple-partner-to-put-apf-1453935901.html?x=0&v=3>

G.O.P. to Open House to Electronic Devices

Times are a changing. Used to be no electronic devices in the house. There will still be no phone calls. But texting I'm sure will be happening.

http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/25/us/politics/25cong.html?_r=3

From The Editor

The year 2010 has seen some very positive changes in my life. I'm also looking forward to a very positive 2011 both for myself and the newsletter. We will be transitioning to the Adobe program InDesign for production of the newsletter.

Hopefully, you the reader, will not notice any changes except for possibly a better looking newsletter.

In the past we have pretty much stayed with our Mac computers. However, Apple has a wide range of products. My co-editor, Bob Moffat, and myself discussed the content of the newsletter. We feel that many of the members may be getting new Apple toys for Christmas or the new year. Therefore in 2011 we will be carrying more content related to the new eToys that people have received.

We are open to suggestions regarding the newsletter and also to the programs that are presented.. Also we welcome anyone who would like to make a presentation at one of our meetings. Don't be bashful. You don't even have to stand up to make your presentation. ;-}

David, your editor

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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