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Cameras & Smart Phones, Your Privacy And Security

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New User Meeting Thursday

Feb. 3rd

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

A Plethora of
Preferences

General Meeting Sunday

Feb. 13th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



MacWorld Expo and
Conference
Debriefing
by Peter Winderling

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](http://www.nwapplpkrs.org)

How many of you have one of the new fangled cameras that capture GPS information when you're taking a photo?

Or maybe a smart phone that encodes GPS information with the image?

How many of you post pictures of your grandkids or other loved ones on Facebook or some other online social group?

Would you post a picture of your lovely grandchild's new shoes online complete with their home address? How about those pictures of your brand-new luxury car that you posted completely with your street address?

I'm sure you would not knowingly do this, however it can happen.

The GPS data that your camera or phone collects includes latitude and longitude data. There are many programs

available that can convert this to a street address, city, state and zip code. I've been using Google Earth a lot recently and it does display that information based on address you give it as part of the satellite view. I'm not sure but you might be able to input the longitude and latitude data and it will give you back a location.

The GPS data is encoded within the EXIF info along with the shutter speed, aperture and ISO setting information.

Luckily there are programs that will remove the EXIF data. Just use your friend "Google" and find them.

Below is a link from an ABC program going into detail about this subject.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/video?id=7621105>

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Board Meeting Feb. 13th

1:15 to 2:30

OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

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South Sound Adobe Users Group

Is looking for a new meeting location, page 4. See their website

www.ssaug.org

**Thank You Loretta For The Humming
Bird Photo**

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A Macintosh Computer User Group Serving Pierce County Washington



New User Report

January marked the beginning of the 2011 training cycle for Snow Leopard. Members filled out surveys and discussed topics they want to see included in this year's schedule. David Putman demonstrated Dragon Dictate voice controlled software at the meeting.

The February 3rd New User Group will take a look at Preference settings which control how your Mac looks and works--from desktop pictures to window layout and dock position, using preferences can customize your Mac to fit the way you want to work.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Thursday

Feb. 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Moffat

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Mortvedt Session

The February 11th 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 **Feb. 11th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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NWAP General Meeting

The meeting will feature Vice-President Peter Winderling reviewing his recent trip to the MacWorld Expo and Conference in San Francisco in January. He will report on some of the sessions he attended on the iPhone, iPad, iPod, iOS and Mac security issues. He will also cover some practical home network and internet security and hook up tips, using an external hard drive to back up and transfer files and some useful maintenance tips. Come with your questions and experiences in dealing with your home network, internet and security issues.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday **Feb. 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Contact Bob Moffat

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Board Meeting

Feb. 13th from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

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

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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.
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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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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
February starts at \$0.00

NorthWest Apple Pickers Board Meeting Notes

Jan 9th, 2011 by Bob Moffat

President Camp called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Other members present were Fred Battié, Francette Beeler, Clive Berglund, Mary Fleck, and Bob Moffat. Visitors: Jim Beeler and Dave Fleck.

Reports were accepted.

Board reviewed the results of the December 12 Holiday Party, concluding that the program had been successful.

President Camp reported that the January Newsletter issue was posted online. He also reminded members responsible for conducting meetings are responsible for updating the meeting information on the web site each month.

An email from Treasurer Estep reminded the Board that signature cards need to be redone to include current Treasurer and Secretary. The Board should consider appointing the candidate who agrees to run for Secretary in the March Election.

The Board also discussed the process for an annual audit. Details to be worked out with the Treasurer.

An email from Editor Putman requested a two month subscription to Lynda.com for training on Adobe InDesign, which the club has acquired to produce the Newsletter. The Board passed the motion to pay for the training.

Vice President Winderling will be attending the January Macworld Expo in San Francisco.

The February General Meeting will include his report as well as a planned review of network security.

The Board discussed ways members can share books and noted that the book review process in which we participated in the past has been inactive for want of a coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Notes by Bob Moffat

New User Group Recap

Jan. 26th By Bob Moffat

On Jan 6, 2011 the new user group visited the new Apple Mac App store and reviewed the HELP section for guidance on how to navigate the site.

Discussed topics and agenda for the 2011 New User Group training cycle. The members present filled out a survey to catalog the equipment and software they use, as well the ways they use their Macs.

Discussed the Board vacancies and invited potential members to come to the Board Meeting on Sunday.

Membership Report For January 2010

By Francette Beeler & Mary Fleck

As Of January 25th, 2010

Total Memberships: 64

Membership Renewals:

Nancy Polich, Huguette Bennett, Dorothy J. Wilhelm, Wallace Bennett, Francette & Jim Beeler, Raymond Perry, Johan F. (Fred) Battié, Val Dumond, Robert Becker, Gloria & David Putman

Due in January 2011:

Russell Rosenbloom, Motoko & Gerald Devine, Charles Curl, Matt Smeller, Ann & Herb Satterlee Jr.

Due in February 2011:

Janet Baccus, Evonne Agnello, Georgianna Miller, Kozy Smith, Dwaine Baccus, John R. Walters, Lee Peden, Joy & Bill Cross, Joyce Wenk, Barb & Bill Meints, Margo Jones

Meeting Attendance:

Jan. 6th, New User: 17 Members, 2 Visitors

Jan. 9th Board Meeting: 9 Members

Jan. 9th General Meeting: 21 Members, 1 Visitor

Jan. 14th, Mortvedt: 9 Members, 1 Visitor

General Meeting Recap

Jan 22nd by Peter Winderling

Stewart Beels reviewed the new iPhoto 11 and compared it to iPhoto 09. He showed the new features in 11 and pointed out how some are better than in 09. Some things are not much different so it may not be worth upgrading if you don't need the new features.

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.

How are the photos chosen?

It's editor's choice. However the editor typically follows the guidelines below for photos included in the newsletter following the preferences below:

Taken by NWAAP members.

Taken in the Tacoma/Pierce County area.

Taken in western Washington.

Other photos submitted by NWAAP members.

Photos selected by the Editor from any sources available.

Email your photos to editor at

ApplePickens@me.com

Loretta wins a first

Loretta is a first one to use the new e-mail address for things for the newsletter. I have been having spam issues with some of the NWAAP e-mail addresses. So slowly but surely I am trying to transition to the new address.

And if you look closely you'll notice that your editor misspelled the club's name in the new e-mail address. As soon as I can edit that address I will.

We (or at least I do) typically think of hummingbirds and summer. But here's one that decided stick it out for the winter.

It's funny how things happen because the day after I got the Hummingbird picture from Loretta I got an e-mail from my cousin in California with a link to a bunch of Hummingbird pictures. I have enclosed a link in case anyone wants to get a change from the winter blahs.

<http://www.fredmiranda.com/forum/topic/933203>

NWAAP Election Slate for March 2011

NWAAP members elect a new Board of Directors each March at the Annual Meeting (scheduled for March 13, 2011, this year.) Two of the current Board members are retiring: President Erick Camp and Member at Large Clive Berglund. The following members have agreed to stand for election to 2011 Board:

Peter Winderling, President

* Yet To Be Determined* Vice President

Eldon Estep, Treasurer

Roxanne Burns, Secretary

Francette Beeler, Membership

Fred Battié, Member at Large

Val Dumond, Member at Large

Bob Moffat, Member at Large

We need a candidate for Vice President. The Vice President is responsible for planning the topics for the Sunday General Meetings as well as conducting meetings in the President's absence.

We have other members who have expressed willingness to run for an at Large position.

The elective positions are open to all members and nominations from the floor may be made on election day.

Report by Candidate Search Committee (Bob Moffat and Clive Berglund.)

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!

My house was clean last week,
sorry you missed it.

--Unnamed computer user

The customer is sometimes right: How Apple handles customer outcries

by **Lex Friedman, Macworld.com**

Posted on Jan 21, 2011 5:30 am

The company sometimes succumbs to—but often overrules—popular opinion. The customer is sometimes right.

“If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses,” said Henry Ford. Like the automobile pioneer, Apple has long eschewed focus groups and popular opinion in determining how to make its products insanely great, focusing instead on making its own design decisions without soliciting its customers’ prior approval. But even Apple and CEO Steve Jobs may not always know best. Sometimes, the company has revisited its decisions in light of user outcry—though certainly there are times that user complaints haven’t spurred any Apple changes. Here are some examples of each.

The iPad Hardware Switch

Apple pulled a switcheroo with the iPad’s hardware switch.

When the iPad was introduced last April, its hardware switch was devoted to orientation locking. By flicking the switch, you could prevent your iPad’s accelerometer from kicking in—making it possible to keep the screen steady while lying down or in other unusual positions. With the fall 2010 arrival of **iOS 4.2**, however, Apple switched the switch, seemingly in an effort to make the iPad’s hardware switch mirror the functionality of the iPhone’s.

Many iOS devotees—among them the **devishly charming Macworld contributor Lex Friedman** — complained about the change. Phones need mute switches, but tablets don’t. The iPad already had a hardware Mute control, triggered by holding the Volume Down button for a moment. Those of us who had come to rely on the hardware orientation lock mourned Mute’s overtaking the switch.

Remarkably, in the first developer preview of

iOS 4.3, Apple relented: a new option in the Settings app now lets you set which of the two behaviors you’d prefer to link to the switch.

Verdict: Apple heeds customers—wisely.

Farewell To The Floppy



The original iMac.

Say, where’s the floppy drive?

In 1998, a year after Steve Jobs’s return to Apple, the company released the very first (Bondi blue) iMac. Customers (and the tech press) mostly loved the new look, but many were stunned that the floppy disk drive had gone the way of Gil Amelio.

“How will we copy files without a 3.5-inch disk?” we wondered. “Am I supposed to burn a brand new CD each time I change a file?” we asked in disbelief. As it turns out, no. You’re supposed to rely on the Internet. (Things only got better if you could manage to wait a decade or so for magical services like Dropbox and the wondrous advantages of ever-increasing bandwidth.) But while Apple was hounded with calls to bring back the floppy drive, the company never, ever did.

Verdict: Apple ignores customers—wisely.

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Two Buttons Or Not Two Buttons

Apple made the computer mouse popular. Early on, the company's one-button approach to the mouse made good sense: the world needed to learn how to use the darn things, so keeping things simple helped. But from the 1983's Apple Lisa mouse, and for 20 years of successive Apple mice, the company held steadfast to its One Button Per Mouse mentality.

Over time, Windows PCs began almost universally to ship with multi-button mice. Third-party vendors created some for Macs, too. But folks who relied on Apple's included mice were forced to rely on the Control-click, necessitating a combination of a key-press and a mouse click to simulate the elusive right-click. Control-clicking requires both hands working in tandem, and many Mac users wished Apple would join the rest of the PC industry in acknowledging the benefits of a two-button mouse with a true right click.

It wasn't until 2005 and the introduction of the **Apple Mighty Mouse** that the company would finally relent and offer a two-button device—sort of.

In keeping with Apple's button-phobic philosophy, the Mighty Mouse actually lacked any buttons, instead employing a pair of capacitive sensors. That meant in order to trigger a right click, you actually needed to lift your left finger up off the mouse's surface, making contact only with your right finger. That flaw was—astonishingly, in my view—not corrected with 2009's **Magic Mouse**, which still requires that you lift your left finger to trigger a right click.

Verdict: Apple spends years ignoring customer requests, and only very, very, very slowly succumbs—and rather incompletely when it finally does.

Round And Round The Mouse Did Go



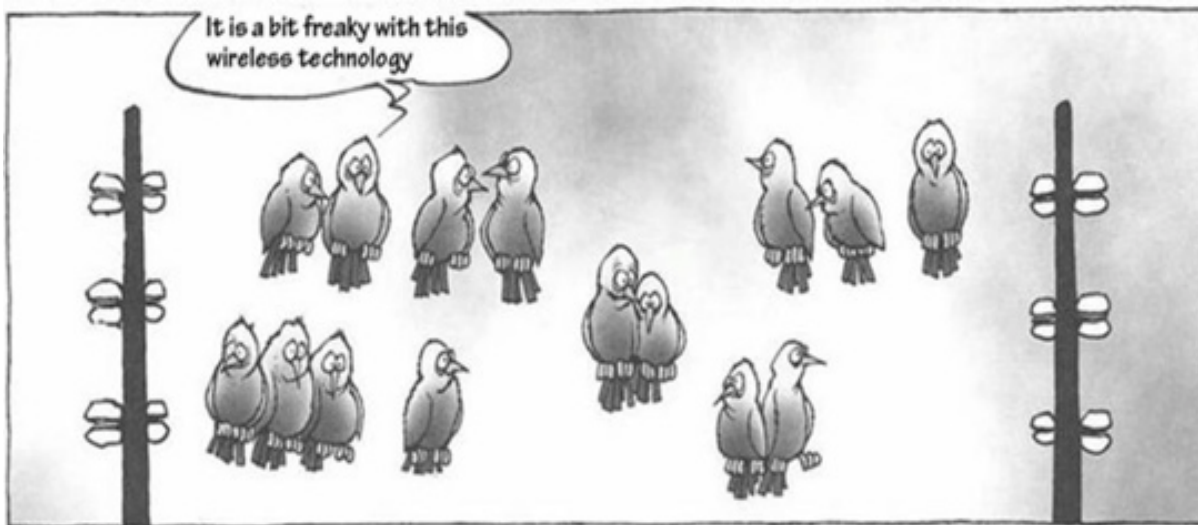
The Apple USB Mouse was not well-received in its day.

While we're talking about Apple's unusual mouse decisions, it's worth briefly mentioning the Apple USB Mouse. That's the one that was introduced in 1998 with the original, floppy-free iMac. You probably remember it as **The Hockey Puck mouse**.

Reviewer after reviewer—and customer after customer—complained about the mouse's failure to consider ergonomics, and its literally painful focus on form over function. Shaped as it was, the Apple USB Mouse proved especially awkward to use. More than one manufacturer offered "snap-on" plastic attachments to elongate the puck into a more traditional shape.

Two years after introducing the Hockey Puck, Apple returned to a more egg-like shape with the **Apple Pro Mouse**, and to date hasn't regressed back to the puck form factor.

Verdict: Apple listened to customers—and, likely, a campus-full of employees complaining about hand cramps—and rightly abandoned the puck shape.



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Walk While You Work with a Treadmill Desk

Lex Friedman explains over at Macworld how to set up and use a treadmill desk, which goes one step—well, many steps, actually—beyond a standing desk to ensure that you stay in motion all day long. Given recent research showing that even people who exercise are hurt by being too sedentary in the rest of their lives, we think more people will be exploring ways to keep moving. If only we could generate power at the same time!

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March 2011

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