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Word Wrap

By Bob Moffat, April 2011

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

Just Browsing
Surf's Up

General Meeting
Sunday
April 10th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Digital photography tips -Bring your camera.
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>

Just when you hoped the world was calming down.... Boy howdy! So far the first season 2011 has been a stormy one. Snow, rain, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and even a cyclone affected the lives of millions. Political tremors have toppled regimes that seemed invincible, delivering a modern day demonstration of the domino theory.

The non-political forces certainly have reminded us that no matter how grand a civilized society or how sturdy and enduring our nations appear to be, Mother Nature can bring our high tech world to its (non-robotic) knees with a belch from a volcano, an arctic blast of snow, a relentless chain of rain storms, a shiver of the Earth's mantle, or a wall of water racing across the ocean.

Within a few months we have watched two primary sources of energy slither just around the outer limits of our control. The damage in the Gulf from a rogue oil well may not be healed for generations and the same now appears to be a threat in Japan as the damaged power plants may require an exclusionary zone for safety for some time.

Most of us live in communities where homes do not rely on burning coal or wood for comfort or cooking. We take running water and other infrastructure for granted, not paying attention to the fact that those services rely on electricity as much as the conduits that deliver them. As the storms of the past winter proved in throughout our country, when power lines go down, the quality of life

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Board Meeting April. 10th
1:45 to 2:30

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South Sound Adobe Users Group
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www.ssaug.org



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New User Report

In March we reviewed the way OS X is organized to see how and where files are stored and discussed some of the options for naming files so that they are easy to find in the future.

The April 7th New User group will begin our review of Internet topics with a look at a three browsers: Safari, Firefox, and Chrome. We will review basic surfing techniques, bookmarks, tabs, searching, and ways to customize your browser through Preferences settings and extensions.

April 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Moffat

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Mortvedt Session

The April. 8th 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 **April. 8th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.**

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NWAP General Meeting

Spring is here and maybe it's time to dust off your digital camera and hear about some tips and tricks about shooting pictures between rain showers and sun breaks. Watch for an email with more details & plan to bring your camera & owner's manual.

Join us at the Lakewood Library on Sunday

April 10th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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Board Meeting

April 10th from 1:45 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.nwapplpkr.org>](http://www.nwapplpkr.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.

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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>](http://www.tapcug.org)

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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

April starts at \$1.00

New User Group Recap

Mar. 3rd By Bob Moffat

The March New User Group explored Organization: how the Mac operating system organizes files and folders. We discussed how users can take advantage of these features to organize files on their own Macs to best suit the way they work. Finding items once you have created them can be a challenge if you do not plan where you will save the files and do not assign descriptive titles. The presentation included a couple of demonstrations on ways to save files with sequential numbers: manually and using the Automator application.

On April 7th we will begin our survey of the applications that support our Internet habit, starting with a look at three browsers: Safari, Firefox, and Chrome, all of which have been updated recently with new security and operational features.

General Meeting Recap

by Peter Winderling

The new slate of NWAP Board members were elected at the annual meeting on March 13th. The new board consists of President Peter Winderling, Vice President- vacant, Treasurer Eldon Estep, Secretary Roxanne Burns, Membership Chair Francette Beeler, Members-at-Large Fred Battie, Val Dumond and Bob Moffat. After the election, Past President Erick Camp did a short presentation on running Shell Script, part of Terminal to show file organizing. Then Peter Winderling showed some more slide sessions from Macworld on showing how the iPad and iPhone compare and how they are used for different purposes, then he showed some "cloud computing" applications for storing files on the "net" using MobileMe, Drop Box and Evernote. Peter concluded with showing some "Mac Gems" which are some free or inexpensive applications or programs that are useful to have on your computer.

Membership Report For March 2010

By Francette Beeler

As Of March 15th, 2010

Total Memberships: 61

New Membership:

Dixie Kelly

Membership Renewals:

Janet Baccus, Kozy Smith, Loretta Chamberland, Dwaine Baccus, Matt Smeller, Margo Jones, Georgianna Miller, Frauke & Peter Townsend, Joyce Wenk, Jack Ellingson, Helen Ellingson, John R. Walters, Lee Peden, Doug McDonald, Peter Winderling, Kathy Swanson

Due in March 2011:

Eunice Robeck, Lee Perry, Kay & Ben Thompson

Due in April 2011:

Kathryn "KaCe" Whitacre, Norma Bartlett

Meeting Attendance:

Mar. 3rd, New User: Members - 19, Visitors - 3

Mar. 11th, Mortvedt: Members - 9, Visitor - 1

Mar. 13th, Board Meeting: Members - 9

Mar. 13th, General Meeting: Members - 15,
Visitors - 1

Websites
& Software
http://

TidBITS,

is a free weekly technology newsletter providing timely news, insightful analysis, and in-depth reviews to the Macintosh and Internet communities.

The following is an article regarding font issues with OS 10.6.7 from "TidBITS"

<http://tidbits.com/issue/1069>

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South Sound Adobe User Group

<http://ssaug.org/>

South Sound Adobe Users Group will meet on April 11 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at our new location: Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Education Center, 1301 N. Highland Pkwy, Tacoma 98406.

See our website <www.ssaug.org> for more info about our April presentation.

1301 N. Highland Pkwy, Tacoma, WA 98406

Directions >

<http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf>

THE SAD STATE OF GAS PRICES



I can remember when gasoline was **19.9¢ /gallon**. Then it went up to that outrageous price of 29.9¢ a gallon. The wiser heads said it would never go to a dollar a gallon. But then it went to 39.9¢ a gallon & has kept going up. I have yet to see the above sign.

But this morning in Bellevue it was **\$3.99/gallon**, in Sun City West, Arizona it was **\$3.59/gallon**.

Sun City West is looking better all the time.

Your editor, David March 29, 2011

Annual Meeting Minutes

President Camp called the Annual Meeting of NorthWest Apple Pickers to order at 3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2011, at the Lakewood Library.

A proposed slate of candidates for the Board of Directors was presented to the members. It was noted that the position of Vice President had not been filled and nominations from the floor were not forthcoming.

The slate as presented was passed by acclamation. See the approved Board of Directors below.

The meeting was adjured at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Moffat, Member at Large

NWAP Board For 2011

At the Annual Meeting on March 13, 2011, the following members of NorthWest Apple Pickers were elect as the officers and directors for a one year term.

Peter Winderling, President

Vacant, 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 are still seeking a candidate willing to serve at Vice President.

In addition to presiding at a meeting when the President is absent, the Vice President is responsible for planning topics for the General Meetings.

Contact any Board Member for additional information.

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takes a real nose dive. Floods--last year in Pakistan and earlier this year in Australia--revealed the devastation that results from a lot of water reacting to gravity. The tsunami in Japan underscored that destructive force as we watched the water sweep in and then reverse its course and drain away.

A few decades ago the images we have of these natural disasters would not have been shared with a world wide audience for weeks or months. Today's electronic cameras and satellite relays have given us all front row seats to these historic events, transmitted live. The information pipeline offered folks some time to prepare; it provided some folks facts to avoid unnecessary panic; it gave us all a glimpse of the courage, determination, and heroism that human beings display under such conditions.

In a world of Internet connections the flow of information helped direct aid and support in the most efficient ways, whether it was folks stranded on high ground in Queensland, people sorting through collapsed buildings in Christchurch, survivors braving the snow to sift through debris in Sendai, or fishermen surveying the damage to their fleet in Eureka. That same high tech world of communication seems to have sparked the wave of change that is sweeping through North Africa and the Middle East. Fueled by a generation used to the ease of Internet connections, the status of leaders who have been in place for decades has been challenged. That political tsunami may leave more debris and take longer to rebuild than the havoc wreaked by Mother Nature farther east in Asia.

We can only pray that those who have lost loved ones will find solace, that those who face rebuilding their lives, homes, and nations will find the courage and resources necessary, and that those who seek to create more humane and responsive governments find the wisdom and patience to make it happen.

What do you suppose Mother Earth has in mind for us in Spring 2011?

Click to Save Time when Saving

From Eldon Estep: demo at the New User Group Meeting March 3, 2011.

I get several statements each month via email or online that I save to an appropriate folder and I have a naming scheme in each folder. For example, in my Puget Sound Energy folder each statement gets named PSE (year) (month).pdf. For my February statement I named it PSE 2011 02.pdf. When I first opened the file in Adobe Reader it was named psdisplaypdf.aspx.pdf.

To save it I chose "Save A Copy..." from the Adobe Reader File menu which opened a window where I chose where to save it and what to name it.

First, I chose the correct folder but then, rather than deleting psdisplaypdf.aspx.pdf and typing PSE 2011 02.pdf in the "Save As" field, I just clicked on the last file I had saved (PSE 2011 01.pdf) which placed that name in the "Save As" field replacing psdisplaypdf.aspx.pdf. Then, I just changed the "1" in "01" to a "2" and clicked "Save" to save it with its proper name.

Are you staying up to date?

In recent weeks there have been a bunch of software updates! Security updates for Mac OS X, as well as the latest 10.6.7 update. If you use an iPhone or iPad, iOS 4 system updates have also appeared. Safari, Chrome, and Firefox browsers have issued newer versions in recent weeks. Adobe products have had some updates, as well.

Many of these changes include new security measures as well as bug fixes and additional features. It may be a good idea to run Disk Utility and Repair Permissions before and after a bunch of updates, just to keep your Mac perking happily along with all those new bits and bytes of code playing nice.

**NOTE: BEFORE UPGRADING to
Mac OS X 10.6.7, please read the article
starting on page 3
regarding
font issues and
OS X 10.6.7**

TidBITS,

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As the bugs targeted by minor releases to Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard become increasingly specific, it's easy to become complacent about the possibility of an update introducing a new problem. That, however, is precisely what has happened with last week's release of Mac OS X 10.6.7 (21 March 2011), which, among much else, fixes security vulnerabilities related to font handling. <<http://tidbits.com/article/12059>> In a nutshell, font rendering with 10.6.7 is breaking when certain types of fonts are used. In particular, people are reporting errors when printing using certain fonts from Word and Pages, among other programs. Others are experiencing problems when creating PDF documents using OpenType PostScript fonts. (These PDF files work correctly in Preview, but may cause problems in Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat on the Mac and in Windows.) We've even seen reports of font problems when developing in Flash Professional. That said, the bug will affect all Mac applications that rely on Mac OS X's mechanism for rendering fonts; programs like InDesign that have their own rendering engines are immune.

<<http://discussions.apple.com/thread.jspa?threadID=2791830>>

<<http://discussions.apple.com/thread.jspa?threadID=2792142>>

<<http://forums.adobe.com/message/3565376>>

According to my sources, the problem is that each font used in a PDF has a description of how the glyphs are encoded, and a change in 10.6.7 resulted in PDFs ending up with an incorrect encoding definition. Since Mac OS X uses PDF as the print spool format, that accounts for both PDF files and print jobs showing the problem. The Flash Professional authoring tool relies on the platform's font rendering, which explains why it's having trouble too. As for why affected PDFs work fine in Preview but not in other programs, that's a side effect of the fact that Preview doesn't pay attention to the entire PDF specification (for instance, it also ignores color spaces, thus avoiding problems with badly structured PDFs that

manifest themselves in Adobe Reader and Acrobat Professional). Be careful here, since PDFs with OpenType PostScript fonts created in 10.6.7 will have this problem forever, which could result in problems well into the future.

The problem seems to be restricted to OpenType PostScript fonts. As Sharon Zardetto explains in "Take Control of Fonts in Snow Leopard," OpenType isn't so much a font technology as it is a font format, created by Adobe and Microsoft. The OpenType standard supports using either a PostScript or TrueType font description, with OpenType PostScript fonts generally using the .otf extension and OpenType TrueType fonts generally using either .ttf or .ttc (occasionally they use .otf for backward compatibility reasons). An easier way to determine if a particular font is an OpenType PostScript font is to view the font info in Font Book (choose Preview > Show Font Info) and look in the Kind field. (Myriad Pro, which I used in the screenshot, is commonly cited in reports of people who have been having trouble.)

<<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/snow-leopard-fonts?pt=TB1069>>

<<http://tidbits.com/resources/2011-03/OpenType-PostScript-font.png>>

The easiest workaround is of course to use a different font that's not in the OpenType PostScript format, but that may not be possible given institutional font requirements (or just the desire to use a particular font). Short of that, the only solution appears to be to reinstall Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard from DVD, and then apply the Mac OS X 10.6.6 Update Combo to return to the most recent release of Snow Leopard before this problem appeared.

<<http://support.apple.com/kb/dl1349>>

And of course, if you rely on OpenType PostScript fonts for your work and you haven't yet updated to 10.6.7, I recommend holding off until Apple resolves the situation. It should be an easy fix, but there's no telling how soon we'll see it

OnyX Review

by Bob Moffat

If you look at the About OnyX information you see this:

- *OnyX is a multifunction utility that enables you to verify the startup disk and the structure of its system files, to run miscellaneous maintenance and cleaning tasks, to configure parameters in Finder, Dock and some of the Apple-own applications, to delete caches, to remove certain problematic folders and files, to rebuild various databases and indexes and more.*

- *OnyX is Freeware, gratis and freely usable. You may copy and distribute it at will. You can use it for as long as you want. You will always find the latest version [this] Web site: www.titanium.free.fr*

I have used this Utility for several years. It has some powerful features (which I do not explore) and has been my main resource for basic maintenance beyond that provided by OS X's Disk Utility. An Information window opens at launch to remind you to back up your data before using OnyX and describe some of the utility processes and what they can and cannot do.

My most frequent use of the utility has been under the Maintenance tab where I can verify and repair System Files permissions and to run the daily/weekly/monthly scripts that otherwise run only if your machine is left on in the early morning hours. Among other features, OnyX Parameters settings permit you to modify your display so that you have double arrows in at both ends of the scroll bar, for example, or to anchor the dock to a corner of your monitor. These functions may be scripted through OS X features generally modified by folks familiar with Terminal. Needless to say, there is a long list of modifications you can select (or revert to Default settings!) that affect the appearance and performance of your Mac. (For those interested, the "Utilities" tab will display BSD/UNIX manuals.)

Proceed cautiously. I recommend taking baby steps in applying change or selecting utility functions: one by one is probably better than checking off every possibly utility showing in a particular window. My experience using versions of this utility over the past several years has been good. I like being able to run

maintenance scripts on my schedule. I like the amount of information displayed in each of the function windows. I like the warnings, cautions, and explanations that keep you on your toes. I am not a power user and have ignored those high-end functions--if I don't understand what it does, I do not check that box to run. The utility options I have used have always worked well. This program is definitely worth considering. Note: there is a version of OnyX tailored to each of the recent OS X versions so be sure you download the one that matches your system version.

More Evidence That MobileMe Could Soon Be Free

By Charles Jade, Feb 24th, 2011

<http://gigaom.com/apple/more-evidence-that-mobileme-could-soon-be-free/>

Amidst the launch of new MacBook Pros, the developer preview release of OS X Lion, and the introduction of FaceTime to the Mac App Store, it's easy to overlook what's missing at Apple's website today. That would be MobileMe, or at least the option to purchase Apple's suite of online services. Apple has not only notified resellers that the company is discontinuing sales of the retail box, but it has also stopped offering MobileMe for sale digitally at the Apple Store online. Current users can still renew their services, and sign up for a free trial (with an option to pay for an upgrade) outside of the store, but indications suggest that MobileMe will soon be free. (snipped)

That means that current MobileMe users should think seriously about not renewing their memberships at this time. Keep in mind a MobileMe subscription can be reactivated up to 45 days after expiration. If, like me, you've recently renewed, don't expect a refund. However, it's almost a sure thing that Apple will offer a value-added rank of additional paid services that current MobileMe subscribers will be automatically switched to if it does end up making the basic service free. Let's hope that whatever the new MobileMe "Premium" offers, it costs less than the current \$99, as the days of picking up cheap activation codes on eBay have probably ended with the discontinuation of the physical box sales.

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Webb took the photos at (then) Ft Lewis six years ago with his 1999 model Olympus C2100UZ - TWO mega-pixel. Webb said "I immediately attracted base security when I tried to set up at the same spot last year."



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