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Word Wrap for

November

by Bob Moffat

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New User Meeting

Thursday

Nov 1st

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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On The Spot**

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General Meeting

Sunday

Nov 11th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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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)

New iPad full size Generation 4

New iPad Mini ... shipping in a couple
of weeks

**New MacBook 13 inch Retina Dis-
play** ..now available

New iMac (both size displays) featuring
**Apple Fusion HD/Solid State hybrid
drive** shipping in November and De-
cember

New Mac Mini

New iBooks app

This morning I called Bob with a ques-
tion about the newsletter. After the
usual chatty exchanges he told me he
was getting ready to watch Apple's
streaming broadcast of their keynote
speech.

Well I figured that I could multitask &
watch the keynote and work on the
newsletter. Well I was wrong !

TOO MUCH COOL STUFF

Gloria & I have been talking about up
grading our 1st generation iPads to the
3rd generation. Well after watching the
broadcast maybe it will be the new 4th
generation or even mini-iPad. Check out
the keynote at the link below.

[www.apple.com/apple-events/octobe
r-2012/](http://www.apple.com/apple-events/october-2012/)

For a month with only 30 days,
November is filled with holidays and
milestones. This is one of those years
when we have Presidential Election Day
(it follows All Saints Day by a
respectable distance so that we won't be
confused.) The first Tuesday after the
first Monday in November was
established for this national election day
by Congress in 1845.

For those who are still in the dark
about selecting candidates, things are
made worse by the switch back to
Standard Time a couple of days earlier.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



There are a number of things I try to steer clear of in writing this column including sex, religion and politics. The political item is very hard this time a year considering the caliber of politicians running for office. I haven't been following the political ads in Washington state but I do know those in Arizona are absolutely cutthroat, even those coming from the good guys.

I also try to stay away from giving medical advice. But this last week I had a very interesting experience in pain management. Many of us as we grow older experienced pain in our back which typically gets worse with age. So I am sharing my experience with you.

Back in 1959 for a high school graduation present I had a spinal fusion in my low back. It worked great and never caused a problem for 35 years. Then I started experiencing pain and walked hunched over. I had another spinal fusion in 2009 which has not really helped. Prior to leaving Washington I started on a regimen of pain management which included drugs.

I continued the pain management therapy in Arizona with drugs. My doctor kept suggesting that I try a device called "Spinal Cord Stimulator" by Boston Scientific. Based upon my previous surgical experience I was unwilling to consider it. However, this procedure involves the implantation of an electronic device in the skin adjacent to the spinal column. The patient controls the amount of stimulation using a wireless transmitter. The device works on a similar principle to the "electronic massagers" that you buy in the mall that send electrical pulses through your body between stick on patches. Also similar to "TENS" units.

A couple weeks ago I tried the four-day test where a lead is placed adjacent to the spinal column. Even though it seemed to take care of the pain I was reluctant to have the permanent implant. When the doctor took out the temporary lead he told me that the next week I would be asking for it back.

And he was right. The major difference between the temporary and permanent implantation is a type of implantation. The temporary is placed above the spinal column just under the skin and the leads to the controller are tape down. With the permanent implantation the lead is inserted in a groove in the spinal column and the leads are underneath the skin to a power supply on the hip. There is nothing exposed and after the healing there is minimal restriction on physical activity. I'll be going for a permanent installation as soon as the surgeon is ready. Wish me luck.

<http://www.controlyourpain.com/>

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 98203, Lakewood WA 98496

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

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nwap.mac@gmail.com

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

NWAP & TAPCUG members may place "Buy/Sell" item on the NWAP website. Send an e-mail to campej@comcast.net and provide details concerning the item(s) that you wish to buy or that you have for sale.

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.
Nov. starts at \$15.50

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By the time the ballots have been counted and the winners and losers are pretty much identified (despite Florida's hanging chads) we celebrate Veterans Day. Originally set as the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the holiday marked the 1918 signing of the Armistice that ended World War I, a conflict that began just a little more than a century ago. In 1954 Armistice Day became Veterans Day, to celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans.

This year the next holiday that comes along is just a week later: Thanksgiving shows up on an early 22nd of November. Now some folks might think that we had already dealt with enough turkeys on the first Tuesday, but on the fourth Thursday we finally get to enjoy an encounter with a turkey that leaves a good taste in the mouth.

For four centuries, folks who settled in the New World have been celebrating thanksgivings as the harvest has been gathered and the autumn days become shorter and cooler. They were sometimes set aside to commemorate military victories or other events in colonial days. Our official national holiday dates back to the Lincoln Administration in 1863, but before that Presidents proclaimed thanksgiving events on various dates on a year by year basis.

In an era when we can go to the supermarket and find fresh vegetables, meat, poultry, and dairy products at any time of the year, our Thanksgiving Day meal probably does not begin to reflect the meaning some of those early celebrations had. A successful harvest in early days meant survival until the land again would begin to produce the following season. Reaching the late autumn meant a community had navigated the four seasons successfully. Disease, famine, death, and destruction may have taken a toll, but the survivors were ready to give thanks and prepare to move forward. And feast on food they had raised or collected themselves, not purchased in plastic bags with a barcoded label.

While Thanksgiving has become more of a Major Caloric Event in our lifetimes, it still holds a reminder for us of the many reasons we have to celebrate. From family achievements and personal

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victories to community and national successes there are many reasons for us to pause and be thankful. The miracle of an infant maturing into an adult is one example of a family's victory. An adult who discovers her natural talent and is able to build a rewarding career is one of those personal achievements that touch many other lives. A community that gives its citizens a safe, secure, and enriching place to pursue their individual success can ensure that many will benefit and improve the lot of all its citizens.

So, early in November the competing and conflicting "visions" will be tested at the ballot box. Those candidates that win will have to remember that they now represent all the turkeys that voted against them as well as those enlightened folks who were their supporters. (A lesson that may have been lost in recent years?) There are times when the election process seems unnecessarily messy, ugly, vicious, vacuous, and unintelligent. (But, hey, that's politics, right?)

Then we observe what happens in other parts of the world where citizens are battling (and not just with ballots) for the right to choose their leaders.

Ben Franklin proposed that the wild turkey be designated our National Bird, rather than the bald eagle. You have to wonder if he had looked into the future and foreseen what politicians might become....

Our process may not be pretty, but after more than 200 years, it seems to still be producing a way to select new representatives and retire old ones. It seems to reflect the intentions of those who take the time to cast a ballot.

Perhaps as the feathers settle we can all find another element of life in the USA to be thankful for on the fourth Thursday of November.

Note from the editor: Here in Arizona we maybe confused by the many pronouncements of the politicians but we are not confused by the switch from Savings Time. The state of Arizona is exempt from switching to DST except for the Navajo Indian Reservation

Part of the reservation is in the NE corner of Arizona.



NorthWest Apple Pickers

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General Meeting

*Sunday, November 11, from 3 - 5 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)*



Folks who use digital cameras or scan photos discover all sorts of little (or big) corrections that could improve the final image. We will explore some of the features of Adobe Photoshop that permit users to correct blemishes, remove unwanted distractions, resize and re-crop the pictures, and perform a few other amazing tricks to transform a so-so photo into a keeper.

New User Group

*Thursday, November 1, from 7 - 9 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)*



Put the moderators on the spot! Audience members will bring up the topics they want to discuss and watch the fun as the "experts" scramble to explain and demonstrate the answers. This is a chance to review programs we have covered so far this year or explore miscellaneous topics that folks want to learn more about. Let the great Question & Answer session begin!

Mortvedt Session

*Friday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to Noon
1707 N. Vassault St. (N.W. Tacoma)*



This monthly special interest group meets at the Mortvedt Center in the Lutheran Retirement Complex in Northwest Tacoma. We welcome Mac users whether or not they live in the complex or are members of NWAP. The meetings are designed to allow small groups to work with coaches so folks can look at the topics and project they want to discuss.

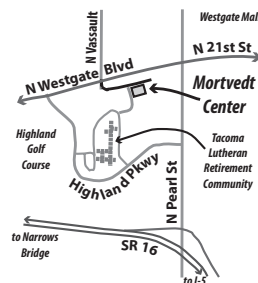
Visitors are always welcome!



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for maps and other information about us
< www.nwapplpkrs.org >



Grand Lady Of The High Iron

On the back of the October issue appeared a photo taken by Loretta Chamberland, NWAP's communications officer. A number of members asked her for background on the photo. Loretta was kind enough to provide the following writeup. If you would like info on taking a ride on this Grand Lady Of The High Iron check out this link

<http://www.4449.com/excursions/12deschutes/index.html>

Southern Pacific 4449

Built: 1941 **Manufacturer:** Lima Locomotive Works, Lima, OH
Length: 110' **Weight:** 433 tons **Drive Wheel:** 80"
Horsepower: 6,500 **Boiler Pressure:** 300 psi **Fuel:** Oil
Donated to PDX: 1958 **Volunteer Organization:** Friends of the SP 4449

Built in 1941 as a 4-8-4 GS-4 locomotive, she is 110' long, 10' wide and 16' tall. With locomotive and tender weighing 433 tons and a boiler pressure of 300 psi, her eight 80" diameter drivers and unique firebox truck booster can apply 5,500 horsepower to the rails and exceed 100 mph. The only remaining operable "stream-lined" steam locomotive of the Art Deco era, this Grand Lady of the High Iron pulled Southern Pacific "Day-light" coaches from Los Angeles to San Francisco over the scenic Coast Route and then on to Portland until 1955.

Retired to Oaks Park in 1958 for display only, many thought 4449 would never run again. In 1974 she was completely restored specifically to pull the 1976 Bicentennial Freedom Train throughout the United States to the delight of over 30 million people. SP 4449 has also operated numerous excursions since. She is arguably one of the most beautiful locomotives ever built and kept that way by the all-volunteer "Friends Of 4449".

<http://www.orhf.org/our-locomotives/sp-4449/>



***Steam Train On Tacoma Narrows
by Loretta Chamberland***

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Our November 1st NUG topics will be determined by the audience. If you have a question about a topic we have already covered (or one that you wish we had) this is your chance to bring it up for discussion. We are nearing the end of our annual training cycle for Lion 10.7, so this is a good time to remind us of items you would like to explore.

The October meeting focused on some of the utilities we can use when our Mac needs first aid. From those applications that are part of the OS X installation to several third party programs that help maintain systems in good shape and those we can use to troubleshoot and repair when problems arise. Thanks to Larry Weakly for describing how he has used disk repair apps to maintain a network of Macs.

Join us on Thursday, November 1st from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

Contact: Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 or
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General Sept. Meeting Report

We'll take a look at some of the features of Photoshop at the November 11th General Meeting, checking out ways to fix problems (like unwanted telephone poles or a "No Parking" sign right in the middle of that beautiful sunset shot.) Computers have become an important part of photography in recent years. Digital cameras (as well as mobile devices that can snap pictures) produce images which take up storage space on our hard drives. Using programs like iPhoto and Photoshop images can be "improved." From minor color or contrast adjustments to major changes such as resizing and cropping, editing software is useful and amazingly versatile.

Mortvedt Session

By Bob Moffat

We meet the second Friday each month at the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLC. Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions about Macs and iPads for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs or iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)

Please join us at the Mortvedt Recreation Center on Friday, November 9th from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Mortvedt Recreation Center,
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South Sound Adobe Users Group

The South Sound Adobe Users Group meets the **second Monday of the month**. We meet in the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Training Room, located at 1301 N. Highland Parkway.

(Info and driving instructions at
ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf)

We meet at 5:30 p.m. for an informal bring-your-own brown bag meal followed by the evening's presentations from 6:30 - 8:30. Our members include novices and experts in a variety of Adobe Creative Suite products, such as Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and Dreamweaver. Members are eligible to win valuable Adobe software in December and June if they have attended three of the six meetings since the last award.

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Board Meeting Notes

Oct 14th 2012

By Bob Moffat

President Winderling called the meeting to order at 1:50. Also attending were Fred Battié, Francette Beeler, Val Dumond, Eldon Estep, Bob Moffat, and Lee Peden.

Reports were accepted. Membership stands at 59.

President Winderling noted an offer sent to our group by Eltima Software. He will contact them to see if they are interested in presenting to the group about their software.

Meeting topic for November is still to be determined. If Eltima cannot make a presentation, there is a backup plan to introduce some of the latest Photoshop tools.

December's meeting is the annual holiday potluck party. The Board set a budget of \$200 to purchase items for the drawing. Board members were reminded to be looking for appropriate items for the drawing as the shopping committee plans their purchases. A members "bring one to get one" gift ex-

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change will also be repeated with a \$10 limit on such gifts.

The club's MacBookPro update to Mountain Lion can be achieved by creating an Apple ID and using iTunes gift cards to purchase the OS for download. The purchase of Mountain Lion as well as a current version of iPhoto was authorized.

Connection to the projector ports for presentations requires cables and adaptors. Recent generations of the MacBooks have used several different video out ports that are different from the DVI connector the club's MacBookPro uses. The Board authorized research and purchase of an appropriate adaptor that will permit members with recent machines to connect to the projector for presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Membership Report For Oct. 2012

By Francette Beeler

As Of 10/14/2012

Active Memberships: 58

Membership Renewals: Carol Rybolt, Delores & Magno B Tulfo, JoAnn & Webb Olliphant, Ruth Elliott, Dawne & Jim Aho, Bob Brown, Monika Roberts- Brown, Patricia Clark, Judith Sloan, Emiko Benton, Bob Moffat, Larry Weakly, Johan F. (Fred) Battié, Eldon Estep

Due in Sept: Carol & Jim Eva,

Due in Oct: Judy Bickenbach, Mary Henry

Lapsed: Persis Shook.

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group ~ 10/04/12 ~ 15 members.

Mortvedt Center ~ 10/12/12 ~ 12 members,
1 visitors.

Board Meeting ~ 10/14/12 ~ 7 members.

General Meeting ~ 10/14/12 ~ 19 members

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