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DIY Fusion Drive

by

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<http://blog.macsales.com/15617-creating-your-own-fusion-drive>

DIY means Do It Yourself

Sorta like the old shade tree mechanic.

Sometimes we DIY because we just like to tinker and enjoy the satisfaction of doing it ourselves. Other times it is to save ourselves money. Sometimes it's a case of both. Up until the keynote speech, I had never heard of the fusion drive really.

Now here is an article on how to build yourself a fusion drive. Below is an excerpt from the article. The URL for the complete article is above.



One of the newest technologies available with the latest Macs is the ability to have what Apple calls a Fusion Drive.

http://support.apple.com/kb/HT5446?view_locale=en_US&locale=en_US

This is essentially a Solid State drive and a platter-based drive combined into a single volume. Apple's underlying Core Storage technology then uses the SSD for the OS and frequently-accessed files, which will benefit from the speed, while placing lesser-used files on the larger, but slower platter-based drive.

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Word Wrap for

December

by Bob Moffat

The annual six-week holiday wonderland between Thanksgiving and New Years is upon us. The days grow shorter, dimmer, and damper. The season seems to inspire us to celebrate with lights and festivities. Decorations that are used once a year join seasonal recipes and cherished family traditions to mark the holidays.

If the season begins with thankfulness for a bounteous harvest, it continues with the celebration of sharing as those within our circle of family, friends, and community revisit time-tested traditions and rituals. By the time the new year has been welcomed, our family histories have been retold, our

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New User Meeting

Thursday

Dec 6th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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General Meeting

Sunday

Dec 9th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas
Potluck Party**

Meeting Locations

**The New User &
General Meetings
are typically held
at the Lakewood
Public Library**

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

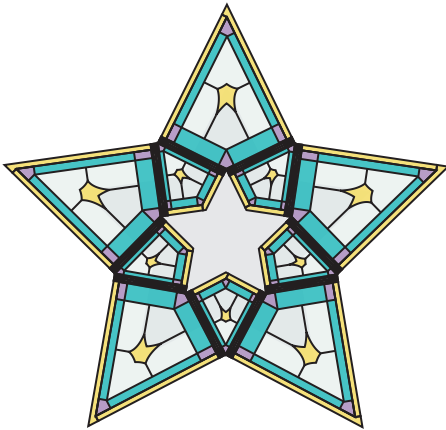
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EDITOR'S CORNER



A Merry Christmas

&

A Happy New Year



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

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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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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

Dec. starts at unknown \$

Word Wrap for November

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friendships and associations have been reinforced, and our cultural, religious, and national origins have been dusted off, exercised, and reaffirmed.

A **gift** is something given willingly without expectation of payment, a present.

The word has acquired all sorts of extra baggage and taken on some added tasks over the years. Some folks even use it as a verb (instead of “to give”.) We refer to inborn talents as gifts. Wisdom, patience, insight, leadership, and other valued traits are often described as gifts. These are not products any of us can buy at the Mall to be wrapped and ribboned for presentation to someone else.

Some of the most important gifts any of us have ever received were not crafted by the elves at the North Pole or purchased on Black Friday. How about the love we received from the moment we arrived on the planet? Family bonds are not simple gifts. They often do come with reciprocal expectations. But they still amount to the largest collection of positive gifts any of us is likely to measure and they began long before we were able to unwrap pretty packages tied up with bows.

Another source of gifts is our education. How many of us can remember those special moments when a whole new universe opened up because we suddenly understood a new concept? A “new” concept taught by those universal gift givers called “teachers.” Sure, we were expected to pass tests and pay attention in class. But in addition to introducing us to facts and skills, our teachers gave us the great gift of learning how to learn. Talk about a gift that keeps on giving!

Relationships and love are another gift. From the most enduring close bonds to those special links that connect us to our fellow workers, members of our congregations, friends, neighbors, club and association members, we grow and thrive when these gifts are present in our lives--as both receivers and givers.

It may be less obvious, but perhaps we should step back and think of some other things that could be taken for granted. Our community and nation provide us with a stable place to live: we enjoy relative peace, security, prosperity, and freedom compared to most of the world. We take for granted clean water, electricity, communications, and basic services that are unavailable in many places. It may be bad form to call these “gifts” in light of the recent election campaign, but they have been purchased by the blood, sweat, tears, and treasure of Americans throughout our history. These are gifts that each of us must honor and must continually renew for the generations to come.

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A few weeks ago a super storm devastated the East Coast. Many families are spending this season without any of the “stuff” they took for granted: homes, family mementos, clothes, appliances, vehicles, or community. Even gas and electricity are unexpected “gifts” when they are not available. For years to come some of these folks will be without many of the material things they had a month ago. Some can never go home again. Where there is life, there is hope. While they may now lack many of the things you need to buy, their important, nonreturnable, enduring gifts were not destroyed. They will endure. They will rebuild their lives. It’s a gift that humans seem to have.

Our season will be filled with joy and hope. Candles, lighted trees, decorated homes, and yule logs are just a few of the images we see in this rush to celebrate. Among all the twinkling lights and shimmering goodies on buffet tables it is easy to be swept up in things and stuff that decorate our surroundings. It’s the stuff you cannot see and the things you cannot unwrap that may be the most cherished gifts you’ll ever receive.

Happy Hanukkah. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.



Advanced Google Search Shortcuts ~ A Cheat Sheet

You ever want to know what the weather is in Puyallup or Phoenix? But you don't have your weather app on? Just type "weather:phoenix Az" in the google search bar. It brings up a lot of info beside the Phoenix weather. Check the rest of the short cuts by following the link below. editor

Make your Google searches even more efficient with these advanced Google search shortcuts. The following advanced search commands will help you narrow your searches, dig deeper into previously hidden content, and retrieve information quickly.

About.com:Web Search

<http://websearch.about.com/library/cheatsheet/blgooglecheatsheet.htm?nl=1>



NorthWest Apple Pickers
Macintosh Computer
User Group

December
2012

General Meeting

Sunday, December 9, from 3 - 5 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)

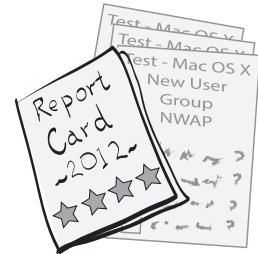


NorthWest Apple Pickers will gather to celebrate our annual Christmas Potluck party with tasty snacks and lively conversation. In addition to door prizes we will once again feature the Bring One to Get One gift exchange which gives each participant the right to choose a new wrapped package or opt to take an item which has already been opened.

New User Group

Thursday, December 6, from 7 - 9 p.m.
Lakewood Library (Meeting Room)

The annual tour of the Mac OS X 10.7 Lion is coming to a conclusion. We will spend the December meeting reviewing and answering any questions that members have. We like to think this is the *final exam* for the year. It is a tradition that everyone gets an "A" as we wrap up the lessons and prepare to move on next month to begin a look at Mountain Lion 10.8. We'll also be looking at iPad and iPhone topics, as usual.



Mortvedt Session

Friday, Dec. 14, 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!



Lakewood Library: 6300 Wildaire Rd. S.W., Lakewood 90499
Mortvedt Center: 1707 N. Vassault St., Tacoma 98506

For more Info contact: Bob Moffat 253-845-5233
Visit our website

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



NWAP Board Meeting
November 11, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Winderling at 1:50 pm

Present: Peter Winderling, Bob Moffat, Lee Peden, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler, Val Dumond, Glenda Alley

Old Business

Reports:

* motion made, seconded & passed to approve reports as presented.

* 59 members currently

* Treasurer: \$200 in checking

Eltima Software: could play with a demo copy to see if we want it. FOLS--Peter will play with it a little and see if he thinks the members would be interested.

Equipment purchases: Bob preparing the club computer for updating to Mountain Lion.
iPhoto will also be purchased

New Business

Christmas party details: presents, ice, dishes, pop/soft drinks, etc. Reminder to be sent out just before the party with a reminder to bring potluck dishes, and to bring gift for exchange.

Jan & Feb meeting topic possibilities were discussed:

Google documents - January

February meeting time will be 3:15 to 5:15 because someone else got in ahead of us. There is a possibility that the Board will meet upstairs.

Tacoma Library Request: Nathan Bomer called. They have several large iMacs and several laptops. They would like to have help with a project to make better use of these machines. A request will be put out to the membership for help to see if there are folks who are interested and who have experience with iMovie, videos, Skype. Nathan would like to set

up Saturdays to work on this. Interest was expressed by Board members present.

Meeting Location: Discussion concerning staying where we are or trying to find another spot in light of potential conflicts of time. If anyone gets a lead on something, let Peter know. For now, we will stay where we are.

Board election: We need president, vp, and an at large member

Motion, second and passed to adjourn at 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Alley

Google Goes Minimalist with its Advanced Search Features

I subscribe to various blogs & groups. Some are interesting & worthwhile. Some I wonder why I did. Groovypost is one of the good ones. I thought this article would be of interest. editor

It isn't every day that I visit Google.com and don't know where to click. Over the past month Google has been experimenting with a [new layout for its search results page](#). If you're a user that enjoys the tabs along the left-sidebar, you can kiss it goodbye, because it's gone for good. The tabs are sticking around, as are the advanced search features -- just with a new location on the page. They haven't moved very far though. In the new layout you'll find all of the old options directly between the search box and the search results.

Google announced that this new design will first roll out to users of the .com (U.S.) Google search domain, and others should be getting it as soon as possible.

http://www.groovypost.com/news/google-new-design-advanced-search-tools/?awt_l=A0_C_v&awt_m=3l2c3selK.Plp
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New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Members pelted the moderators with questions at the November 1 New User Group. They tried to stump the chumps and succeeded a couple of times. Mostly, the topics covered seemed to clarify and satisfy those asking the questions about technology, operating system quirks, security, and managing their Macs and iDevices. Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, everyone had a chance to take home a tasty apple (the kind from a tree!)

On December 6, we will wind up our annual tour of OS X 10.7 Lion with a "final" exam session. We'll have a chance to review any topics that need to be revisited as we get ready next year's grand tour of the next OS X version, Mountain Lion (10.8) beginning in January.

Join us on Thursday, December 6th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

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

Sunday December 9th is NWAP's annual Christmas Party potluck and gift exchange. We gather from 3:00PM to 5:00PM for food and conversation and Bring One to Get One gift exchange. Suggested value of gifts is around \$10 and not necessarily related to computers. Be prepared to get your chosen gift picked by someone else. That's where the fun is. Also the club provides gifts for all members even if they brought no gift. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share and enjoy the afternoon of relaxed Mac fellowship. From Peter Winderling your club president

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, December 14th from 10 a.m. to Noon.

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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

<http://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.

Our Monday, December 10th meeting is our annual Christmas Party (and semi annual software drawing!) In addition to fun and food, we also will be featuring photos taken in the past month with a subject beginning with the letter "Q."

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General Meeting Report

November 11, 2012

How do you handle photos? At November's General Meeting we demonstrated how iPhoto creates events and how to refine/define your collections into albums and folders. We also looked at changing titles and adding keywords to the iPhoto images. Thanks to Lee Peden for letting us use her MacBook and sunset photos as test examples.

After getting photos loaded into your Mac what else can you do with them? Editing the images by the crop tool and other controls prepares them for email, letters, or other purposes which we showed first in iPhoto. Then we showed how Adobe Photoshop offers some very powerful tools for editing images which included the gee-whiz "Content Aware" tools that can move a selected part of a photo and fill in the space behind it. We looked at ways to remove unwanted items, such as telephone lines (or telephone poles growing out of Aunt Millie's head), ways to adjust color, and how layers can make editing and combining several images much easier.

For folks planning on including photos in Christmas card messages using the editing tools can be a good way to assure your prize images print well or transmit well. The presentation included lively audience participation.

Modern Television

1946 Style

The first TV display I remember seeing was on an oscilloscope tube ~ a round display about 4 or 5" around that my dad hooked up on a borrowed USN scope. Years later we got something nicer. Now get an eyeful at the electroic outlets. your editor.



This television set, retailing for \$100, is reportedly the first moderately priced receiver manufactured in quantity. Rose Clare Leonard watches the screen, which reproduces a 5x7 image, as she tunes in at the first public post-war showing at a New York department store, on August 24, 1945. Although television was invented prior to World War II, the war prevented mass production. Soon after the war, sales and production picked up, and by 1948, regular commercial network programming had begun. (AP Photo/Ed Ford)

Membership Report For Oct. 2012

By Francette Beeler

As Of 11/12/2012

Active Memberships: 59

Membership Renewals:

Oct. Judith Sloan, Emiko Benton, Bob Moffat, Larry Weakly, Johan F. (Fred) Battiè, Eldon Estep,

Nov. Judy Bickenbach, Bob Webster, Liz Webster, Ann Bushnell,

Due in Sept: Carol & Jim Eva,

Due in Oct: Mary Henry

Due in Nov: William Barron

New Member: Bob Wester

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 11/01/12 ~ 20 members

Visitor(s): Bob Webster:

Mortvedt Center on 11/09/12 ~ 13 members

Visitor(s): Eunice Robeck:

Board Meeting ~ 11/11/12 ~ 7 members.

General Meeting ~ 11/11/12~ 22 members

December 2012

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	7	8 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr	6	7	8	9	10	11 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	12 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr
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16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22	20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
30	31						3	4	5	6	7 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	8 Mortvedt Session 10 - noon Mortvedt Rec	9 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr

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