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A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

New User Meeting
Thursday
May 2 nd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Dictate to your Mac

General Meeting
Sunday
May 19th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**One Week Later Than Normal**
Topic Still Under Wraps

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.

http://www. nwapplpkrs.org

Word Wrap for May 2013
by Bob Moffat

Life does not seem to be getting any simpler. Our winter of discontent seems to have turned into a spring of disruption. Aside from the glorious burst of flowers and foliage that appeared in the blink of an eye, events around the nation and the world have not calmed my discontent.

Sixty years ago the Korean War was a few weeks away from an armistice agreement. Isn't it astonishing that we are once again focused on military threats from the northern half of that peninsula all these years (and three leaders from the same family) later?

Ike had just moved into the White House and we were about to begin on an ambitious transformation of our nation's highways, airways, airwaves, and other infrastructure. We were creating missiles, atomic submarines, planes, and ships. Of course, back then, folks were willing to pay for that stuff. The Cold War was a pretty powerful incentive to be at the top of our game.

On the civilian side we were about to embark on a pretty fascinating ride, as well. Television channels, which had been limited, were about to be awarded to regions which had no stations. The Seattle-Tacoma area was soon to get several new channels to replace the single commercial broadcaster that carried programs from several networks.

Our streets were beginning to fill with tiny imported autos (mainly from England) as well as a few small vehicles built in the USA (remember the Henry J or the Hudson Jet?) and the first Corvette was produced . The transistor was still mainly a laboratory wonder that was possibly an alternative to vacuum tube technology used in radios, (black & white) televisions, and computers (which were housed in huge rooms or separate buildings.)

Amazing to remember that some of the most important legal, moral, social, and cultural developments to shape our world were lined up waiting to amaze and confound. Medical research had given us the polio vaccine and antibiotics. Crick & Watson described the double helix DNA molecule. Chemical research was adding all sorts of "wondrous" materials and compounds to our environment.

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We are a bit busy this month.

Maybe next month I will be back to rambling.

;-)

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

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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.

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Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
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Bill Haley and the Comets were about to rock the music scene. Movie goers were trying to decide between Cinerama and Cinemascope (or maybe just plain old flat screen with cardboard 3-D glasses. Or we could stay home and watch the Jack Benny Show, "I Led Three Lives," or "Jukebox Jury." Network radio was still going strong, as well.

All was not calm in Congress in those days, either. On the political scene the Republicans had a majority in both houses: members that were serving included Richard M. Nixon (VP and President of the Senate), Robert Taft, Lyndon Johnson, as well as our Senators Magnuson and Jackson (who were not Republicans.)

The inauguration of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 was an event televised in America (apparently film was flown across the Atlantic to assure the audience here saw it on the same day--this was before satellites, remember.) Isn't it interesting that Her Highness is still "in office" while all those governors who were moving and shaking in 1953 are long gone from power.

We are beneficiaries (and victims) of an electronic age of connectedness in 2013. Events anywhere in the world are only a matter of minutes from appearing on our computer screens, tablets, or phones. Citizen journalism has blurred the border between fact and fiction in some cases. Social Media often substitutes common sense commentary with opinionated vitriol and calculated misinformation.

Events of the past few weeks remind us of the power of the digital world in which we live. Perpetrators moving in a public space may not pass unnoticed or undetected. When bad things happen, it is a relief to know that the images exist. The disconcerting flip side is that the images exist when nothing bad is happening, too.

Times were not simple in 1953.

Life never seems to get any simpler, does it? I blame it on dandelions.

Seven Secret Features of Mountain Lion That No One's Talking About

http://www.peachpit.com/articles/article.aspx?p=1944070

Lynn Beighley, author of OS X Mountain Lion: Peachpit Learning Series, discloses seven cool time- and finger-saving features you probably wouldn't discover on your own in OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion.

Seven Secret Features of Mountain Lion That No One's Talking About

http://www.peachpit.com/store/os-x-mountain-lion-peachpit-learning-series-9780321858511

You've fired up your brand-new OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion. And you've been digging through a good book on it, maybe something like my new **OS X Mountain Lion: Peachpit Learning Series.** You think you know it all. But this OS is so robust that lots of details are easy to overlook. Here are seven little tricks that can make your experience using Mountain Lion even better.

Secret 1: Share from TextEdit

TextEdit is an extraordinarily handy application for creating text files. But you might have noticed that it lacks the nifty new Mountain Lion Share button. If you're like me, you appreciate this handy button on the toolbar that lets you send whatever you have open to Mail, Messages, your Twitter account, or other places, depending on what you're trying to share - (continued)

Secret 2: Hide Notification Center for a Day

The new Notification Center can alert you whenever you get new email, messages, tweets, or reminders—a very handy feature, unless you're in the middle of a task that requires your attention. If you don't want to see notifications - (continued).

Secret 3: Use Punctuation with Dictation

I'm dictating much of this tip using the new Dictation tool that Apple has added to Mountain Lion. It's easy to start Dictation by pressing your function key twice. Then just speak, and hit the Done button when you've said everything - (continued).

Secret 4: Tweet from Notification Center

Notification Center is on the right side of your desktop, always there with a list of your recent notifications when you click the Notification icon. But you can - (continued).

Secret 5: Pin Your Notes to the Desktop

Notes is a handy little app that lets you jot a quick note to yourself, but it also syncs beautifully between all your devices with iCloud. Notes also has a

NWAP Board Meeting
April 14th, 2013

Present: Bob Moffat, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler, Judy Sloan, Glenda Alley, Peter Townsend

Meeting called to order by President Bob Moffat at 1:55 pm

There are 55 active members

We approved the treasurer's report

We approved the minutes

Motion made, seconded & carried to accept these reports

Old Business:

Eldon will gather folks to do an annual review of the books (Val & Eunice?)

Key for P.O. Box; Bob will get the key from Peter Winderling

Change bank account signers. Eldon Estep and Judith Sloan will be signers on the account. By these minutes the Board approves the removal of Peter Winderling from the signature card, and that is added.

Room Reservations:

New User Group will be meeting July 10 so that we avoid July 4 (a holiday)

August meetings--no general meeting on Sunday, but we will need a room for Thursday, August 1. Talked about doing a photo shoot, maybe using mobile devices as much as cameras. Peter Townsend & Bob Moffat will see what can be done.

New Business:

Discussed potential topics for the May General Meeting. Peter to determine that by Thursday, April 24.

North Precinct substation meeting room was nice to use. They are free, and open to the public for use. The only issue is the limit on space. However, it is an option for the future, if needed.

NUG will discuss dictation systems.

Mortvedt sessions will return to Mortvedt. May need to go somewhere again when the new carpet arrives

Articles & Photos for newsletter: we want to encourage members to provide articles for the newsletter. Include anything we run across that might be of interest, and add just a note like " this was of interest to me..." Newsletters are going to various libraries, and there is interest being generated from these. Members are encouraged to provide addresses of libraries, senior centers, community centers, to Bob Moffat so he can distribute newsletters.

Discussed ideas for getting our members involved in making presentations at the meetings. An article will be included in the newsletter. Topic suggestions: RSS feeds, organizing Bookmarks, or controlling websites, Handheld devices: settings, etc.

Eric Camp will be asked about forwarding information requests that show up on the website to the Board.

Eric updated website to include presentation materials for club members.

Motion made, 2nded and passed to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Alley

Fact or Fiction: Eight Mac Energy-Saving Techniques Tested

James Galbraith

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Apr 22, 2013 3:30 AM

We're all interested in saving energy. Maybe you conserve to be a better global citizen or to save money on your utility bills. Maybe you use your laptop on the go and want to squeeze every possible minute of battery life out of it. But what if the daily computing practices you follow to save energy end up wasting it instead? What if your assumptions about Mac power usage are wrong? To investigate this possibility, Macworld's lab compiled a list of eight widely held opinions about energy conservation, grabbed our trusty power meters, and started logging power usage.

We used two systems: a 2011 21-inch iMac and a 2011 15-inch MacBook Pro. We connected them to a <u>Watt's Up Pro power meter</u> equipped with a USB connection that allowed us to capture energy usage logs while we ran various tests. Here's what we found out.

http://www.macworld.com/article/2035 493/fact-or-fiction-eight-mac-energy-sa ving-techniques-tested.html

Recycle Your Old Tech Gear

Lisa Schmeiser

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Apr 22, 2013 3:00 AM

In springtime, people's fancies may turn to love, but their to-do list turns to cleaning. Make this the year that you finally recycle all the ancient MP3 players, toner cartridges,

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ethernet cables, and bulky monitors out of the closets, garages, and spare rooms where they've been lurking. Your home will feel more modern, and you'll be doing your part to boost the 27 percent electronics recycling rate in the U.S.—just in time for another spring constant, Earth Day.

http://www.macworld.com/article/2035 435/recycle-your-old-tech-gear.html

Seven Secret Features of Mountain Lion That No One's Talking About

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little trick that makes it even more useful as a way to keep track of things: You can pin specific notes to your desktop. - (continued)

Secret 6: Set a Photo Booth Image as Your Twitter Profile Picture

Need to update your Twitter profile picture? If you've set up your Twitter account in your settings under Mail, Contacts & Calendars, it's really easy. Open Photo Booth and snap a gorgeous photo of your smiling face. Select the new photo (or any other photo you want) from the thumbnails at the bottom of the window. Click the Share button and - (continued)

Secret 7: Keep an Eye on Your Calendar with Notifications

Notifications are great for seeing the subject lines of new email messages, or when someone tweets to you. They also work really well with the Calendar application to keep you aware of upcoming events. But with the flurry of notifications you might get during a busy day, it can be easy to miss a particular notification banner. - (continued)

I have only included only the first few lines in each tip as a teaser. Go to the complete article for more info.

Your Editor

New User Report
By Bob Moffat

The April 4th meeting was devoted to applications of iOS devices–iPhones, iPads, and iPod Touches. We explored how to access the App Store and also spent some time exploring some of the controls found in the iPad's General Settings. Recommendations from our members ranged from a demonstration of the iPhone app that functions as a carpenter's level to a reminder to set a passcode on your device as a security measure.

The **New User Group on May 2nd** is set to explore TextEdit and demonstrate Dictation Services available in Mountain Lion. We also will review those File Menu items: Save, Save As…, Save a Version, and Duplicate needed to… save stuff.

Join us on Thursday, May 2nd from 7 to 9 p.m.at the Lakewood Library.

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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.)

The remodeling of the Mortvedt Center is nearing completion, so we hope you will join us on **Friday, May 10th** from 10 a.m. to noon to check out the new digs!

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General Meeting Report
By Bob Moffat

April General Meeting

Our Sunday meeting on April 14th featured a presentation by Erick Camp about how to install a Wi-Fi camera system for surveillance and security. Among the considerations are: hard drive storage space for images, applications to convert those images for easy review, and location for mounting the cameras for reliable results. He discussed some of the challenges in choosing and installing equipment. The camera he set up demonstrated the remote pan and tilt controls, as well as showing the quality of the images.

Because of Mother's Day, we will meet on Sunday, May 19th, a week later than usual. The topic for the meeting is still being developed, so watch for the Club Info mailing for details or check the website.

Please join us on Sunday, May 19th, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

Bob Moffat
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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.
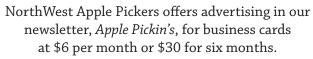
The **Monday, May 13th** meeting will feature Adobe Bridge, an application that works with other Adobe apps, such as Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, and others and allows you to organize files and resources you need to move between apps.

We continue our alphabetical photo project using the letter "V" for the topic in May.

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Membership Report For April 2013
By Francette Beeler
As Of 4/14/2013

Active Memberships: 55

Membership Renewals:

Dwaine & Janet Baccus, Kathryn "KaCe" Whitacre, Lee Perry, Peter & Frauke Townsend, Peter Winderling, Jack & Helen Ellingson, Chuck Hayden, David & Gloria Putman

Memberships Needing Renewal:
Due in Mar: Kathy Swanson, Doug McDonald
Due in May: Jim Schaefer, Dick Lynch, Steve Kubiszewski
Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 4/04/13 ~ 19 members

          Visitor**:** Debbie Johnson
Mortvedt Center on 4/12/13 ~ 9 members

          Visitor**:** Eunice Robeck:
Board Meeting ~   4/14/13 ~ 5 members.

General Meeting ~   4/14/13~ 18 members

          Visitors**:** Judy Berry: Carla Pemberton

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