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New User Meeting

Thursday

Dec 5th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mountain Lion & iOS Tour

General Meeting

Sunday

Sun 8th

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Annual Christmas 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.

<http://www.nwaplpkrs.org>

December 8th Christmas Party

Our annual potluck party is always a fun event with lots of good food and great visiting. We have enjoyed a Bring One to Get One gift exchange for several years--which got even more fun when we adopted a pre-emptive challenge. Someone found an even more ingenious twist to the challenge which we plan to try this year.

Members are asked to bring something delicious to share. We'll enjoy the tasty snacks as we get a chance to visit.

The club will provide soft drinks, ice, and utensils.

Join us for a lively, lovely afternoon from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Lakewood Library on December 8th.

Computer Replacement Fund

As we move into 2014 we are saving money to purchase a new MacBook. Our present MacBookPro celebrated its Sixth Birthday at the New User Meeting in November. (How many of you remember meeting at Clover Park Technical in the new annex for that New User Group?)

The 2007 innards of our MBP are doing what they have always done without skipping a beat. The latest versions of Macs and OS X have capabilities and features that require newer technology. Since our purpose as an organization is to inform, instruct,

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Word Wrap for Dec 2013

by Bob Moffat

"The sun is shining, the grass is green, the orange and palm trees sway...there's never been such a day in Beverly Hills, L.A."

Irving Berlin's verse reminds me of the dilemma of preparing a December article on a mid-Novemberish day. Although I have reached a certain age where the practical considerations have changed my views about his famous chorus—I love to sing it, but I don't particularly dream

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Urban Wildlife Resident Responsibilities or our experience with coyotes.

We got a nice little packet when we moved into Sun City West. One of the flyers was about urban wildlife. To quote from it "wild life is a natural part of living in Sun City West, and during your residency here you can expect to encounter coyotes, javelina, snakes and other creatures that call the desert home." Then they go on at length about the coyotes And now we must learn to live with them.

Well at night we do hear them howl but never thought too much about it.

We have a 6 ½ pound toy fox terrier who seems to think that he weighs 65 pounds, Mr T. At our previous house we made an enclosure and he had his own little doggie door so he could come and go as he pleased. It was real nice we never had to get up and take him outside or worry about him.

The Association here has rules about fences. And they definitely are against dog run. However I have found out that unless your neighbor complains you probably okay as long as you are reasonable about what you do.

So we went down to Home Depot and bought some nice "wrought iron" rails and had a handyman erect a very nice enclosure complete with a doggie door from our bedroom.

One morning I heard Mr. T raising a ruckus with his "let me at him, I'm going to get him" bark. Gloria was hollering at me from the backyard. I went hobbling out there to find Gloria very upset.

Apparently a coyote had come by and was pacing up and down outside of the pen sizing up Mr. T for breakfast. Meanwhile Mr. T is spoiling for a fight on the other side of the fence.

A few days later we found some big tracks in the gravel that stop just the other side of Mr. T's pen.

FYI Around here we don't waste our energy and water trying to grow grass instead we cover our yards with gravel.

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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 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.
November starts at \$9:50

Word Wrap for Dec 2013

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about, a White Christmas. I tend to think more about snow shovels rather than Flexible Flyers these days.

At this point in the year, leaves are mostly fallen. Nights are getting nippy. Days are ever shorter. The Sun has moved south and hides beyond a thick rainy cloud layer more of the time. We are still waiting to plan Thanksgiving dinner and it's time to write about the festivities that make December such a remarkable month.

Along with all the bustle that happens when folks try to stuff more activities than you can shake a stick at into a mere 31 days, there are also those memories that rituals trigger. Undoubtedly this year's December will create powerful experiences for families to recall in years to come just as I recall from my own lifetime of Decembers.

December marks the turning point of the solstice: it is a month in which daylight dwindles and then miraculously begins to lengthen. All the fear and dread that the world is coming to a dark end is, at the last minute averted. There is hope.

It seems to me that as a child Christmas was the most anticipated holidays of all. Our behavior was constrained weeks in advance in order to avoid any infraction that would risk our place on Santa's List. Planning ahead—not exactly a child's priority—was at a premium (something I don't remember around any other event). Even before the first Thanksgiving leftovers were reheated, the countdown began.

In my family, we had a tradition that “we” created gifts to give to the closest friends and relatives. One year my dad spent several weeks at the high school shop's band saw making paddle shapes that were hinged together to be used as hamburger presses. In another annual family adventure that lives in our annals of infamy, my mom decided to give little marzipan collections of fruits and veggies. Weeks of almond overload as these tiny treats were crafted still assault my sense of taste and smell. Special holiday cookies were another common exchange we looked forward to in those days.

Looking back at these memories is a December tradition, in itself. For the most part we remember being with people. Rituals, parties, and family gatherings seem more important now than those gifts

that were so anticipated. Strange that concrete “real” things have faded while the comfort and connection to people around us in those days has endured.

The events of 2013, so far, certainly have created a need for comfort, joy, warmth, and peace of mind. There have been few good tidings in recent months. Earth reveals battle scars from exploitive development and disregard for consequences shown by her human occupants. Too many humans, by the way, seem to have spent much of the year figuring out new ways to be disagreeable, combative, and dangerous. It's hard to see all the good things folks have done for one another with the constant barrage of negative news.

Natural disasters have stunned us by their power to undo what “civilization” has constructed. Man-made disasters have dismayed by demonstrating how incivility and destructive action can also undo the fragile bonds of civilization. Too bad we cannot remind a lot of so-called adults (I'm sure you have a list, as do I) that it's time to behave if you don't want a lump of coal in your stocking.

And yet...this will be a month of wonder for younger generations to cherish and remember in future years. Just as those past Decembers in dark days (World War II, the Great Depression, etc.) produced comforting family memories still sweet decades later.

Let's resolve to gather good times this year. Preserve them. Cherish them. Store them to be brought out in future Decembers to share with friends and family.

“...But it's December the 24th and I'm longing to be up North...”

“I'm dreaming of a white Christmas just like the ones I used to know...”

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet. Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Further Reading: Here are some interesting links to commentary and topics that may be useful reference that showed up over the past few weeks.

Mail Merge info using Pages.app:

http://support.apple.com/kb/VI129?viewlocale=en_US

Tips for using Spotlight:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2049396/six-quick-spotlight-tips.html>

Tips for searches on the Web:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2049392/ten-essential-tips-for-searching-the-web.html>

Using the iCloud Keychain:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2058081/how-to-use-icloud-keychain.html>

Mavericks: formatting a startup drive:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2055589/how-to-format-a-startup-drive-for-a-mac.html>

Mavericks: Bugs and Fixes:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2059577/bugs-and-fixes-a-roundup-of-mavericks-troubleshooting-tips.html>

Mavericks: Likes and Dislikes:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2050766/its-the-little-things-what-we-like-and-dont-like-in-ios-7.html>

Mavericks: Apple Maps:

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2061157/why-apple-included-maps-in-mavericks.html>

Mavericks: Getting it to do what you want it to:

http://www.geekwire.com/2013/features-rely-mavericks/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+geekwire+%28GeekWire%29

iPad: HopTo is and alternate to (still missing) Microsoft Office :

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2062785/microsoft-office-still-isnt-available-for-ipad-but-now-hop-to-fills-the-void.html>

RSS (Real Simple Syndication) by Eldon Estep

If you haven't tried using an RSS feed to keep up-to-date with your second tier website favorites, you should give it a try. You can find a definition and explanation of how RSS works at Wikipedia.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS>

There are some sites I visit every day and I don't need an RSS feed for those but there are other sites I only visit occasionally and I'd like to know when they add something that would be of interest to me. That's where an RSS feed comes in handy because it provides a list of new content with the first few lines of text.

I have an eclectic list of RSS feeds. In the tech area, I follow Macworld, Tidbits, iMore and Techcrunch. For news I follow the Los Angeles Times and a couple of others plus individual writers like James Fallows of The Atlantic Magazine. If you have a hobby and there are several websites that are applicable, RSS feeds are a good way to keep current.

Choosing an RSS reader can be a challenge because there are several options with both stand-alone APPS and web-based readers; some free and some not. (Go to the APP store and search for RSS to see some alternatives.) For several years I was happy with the Google reader but they discontinued it. I'm currently using Feedly which is web based for my OS X devices and a stand-alone APP on my IOS devices. It works for me but, at first, I had a little trouble figuring out the user interface. You can learn about Feedly at their website.

www.feedly.com

Computer Replacement Fund

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and inspire, the Board has decided we need to be able to demonstrate those newer features.

We gratefully accept donations (check out the jar at the meetings.) We encourage members to suggest other ways we could cheerfully raise funds. At the beginning of November our Computer Replacement Account stood at \$180. Our goal is to grow the account to about \$1300 by next summer.

We're off to a good start!

NWAP Board Meeting

Nov 10th, 2013

Notes by Glenda Alley

Northwest Apple Pickers
Board Meeting
November 10, 2013

Present: Bob Moffat, Eldon Estep, Francette Beeler,
Glenda Alley, Judy Sloan, Mary Fleck

President Moffat called the meeting to order at
2:10 pm

Reports:

Treasurer
Minutes of the September meeting
Motion made, seconded & carried to approve these
reports

Membership report: There are currently 56 active
members

Programs for upcoming meetings were reviewed,
with plans as follows:
November - Phishing (Peter Townsend); New User
Group will work with Mail merge/holiday cards, and
trouble shooting tips.
December - Annual Christmas Party; New User
Group will do their final review & graduation
January - Rudy Horst has been asked to do a pres-
entation on Social Networks
New User Group will be doing the first tour of 10.9
and iOS7
February - Candidate slate and Fred Battie' is to do
a presentation on Skype. It was also suggested that
we look into VSee.
March - elections

At some point, we will need to address the new Ap-
ple products: iOS7, Mavericks, iPhone/iPad, iCloud
accounts (creating, syncing)

Old Business

Room Reservations - there is a conflict for the Feb-
ruary meeting. It was suggested that we look for an
alternative location. In the meantime, we do have

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the Library reserved for February 5 (Wednesday/
New User Meeting) and February 16 (Sunday/
General Meeting).

Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 9: Food – bring
something to share, we supply drinks, plates, &
utensils; gifts: bring one to get one – Goofy Gift Ex-
change. \$10 suggested for gifts

There was discussion concerning fund raising for
replacing the Club's computer. For the time being,
there will be a jar where attendees can give money
toward this fund.

New Business:

We talked about appointing a nominating commit-
tee, but nothing was firmed up.

Motion & second to adjourn at 2:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Alley

Nobody Asked Me But . . .

I am less than impressed with the iCloud particu-
larly the support that I haven't gotten. I don't re-
member how long ago it was that Apple cut us back
to 5 GB of usage on iCloud. But I had in excess of 5
GB of usage and I just never got around to cutting it
back to less than 5 GB. After the cutback I started
getting messages about there wasn't enough storage
to back up my iPad. That was the problem because I
always backed it up to my laptop not trusting these
newfangled cloud storage thingy~me~ bob.

As a treat for selling our home and a Thanksgiving
present we bought iPhones for ourselves. So while
we were in at the genius bar I asked the genius what
was going on because my iPad was showing that I
had 6.9 GB of usage in iCloud and I had deleted &
deleted & deleted e-mails.

The genius spent over an hour on my laptop try-
ing everything that he could think of to no avail.

So he set me up to get a call from a super genius.
The next morning this analyst called me and apolo-
gized for not being an engineer but the engineers
just don't talk to anybody. The analysts spent sev-
eral hours deleting things on his end with no luck.

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New User Report

By Bob Moffat

The November meeting topic was how to set up Mail Merge in Pages by setting up a Group in Contacts and placing merge fields within the document. We also reviewed how to set up side-fold or top-fold greeting cards to be printed at home.

The plan for December 5th is to review the fabulous 2013 Tour of Mountain Lion (and visits to iOS, as well.) We hope to take some time to peek at some of the new features of Mavericks 10.9, which will be the subject of our tour in 2014.

Please join us on **Thursday, December 5th from 7 to 9 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

Contact: Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233 or
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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, iPads, and iPhones for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their computer or devices so we can work with the issues they want to discuss on their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions.)

Join us on **Friday, December 13th from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

Mortvedt Recreation Center
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Tacoma 98406

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Urban Wildlife

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We talked to our neighbor about these huge footprints. They told us that coyotes typically hunt in pairs. and the tracks were from coyotes that were running chasing something and had come to a quick stop when they saw the dog pen.

The pen is empty but it was something new so they had to stop and check it out before they went back to chasing rabbits.

Welcome to the Az desert where it rains on occasion too.

General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

What happens if you fall for a phishing scheme? Our Vice President discussed some of the issues he faced earlier this year when he fell victim. We also reviewed other safety measures when using public Wi-Fi hot spots and wireless routers in your own home. Several of our members have already upgraded to Mavericks 10.9 and they reported very few installation issues (other than download time) or surprises once they began using the new system.

Sunday, December 8th will be our annual Christmas party. As usual we celebrate with a potluck meal and fun gift exchange. Members are asked to bring some delicious food to share. For those who wish to enjoy the fun of pre-emptive gift swapping, the rule is: Bring One to Get One!

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8th from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

Bob Moffat

NWAP President

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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 (usually) meet at 5:30 p.m. for an informal bring-your-own brown bag meal followed by the evening's presentation from 6:30 to 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 June and December if they have attended three of the six meetings since the last award.

On Monday, **December 9th** we celebrate the holidays with our annual Christmas Potluck and Software Drawing. (Folks who have attended at least 3 meetings since July will be eligible to win a year's subscription to Adobe Create Cloud.) We will also be choosing the finalists for our Alphabet Photo poster.

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Membership Report For Nov 2013

By **Francette Beeler**
As Of **11/14/2013**

Active Memberships: 56

Membership Renewals:

Bob Brown, Monika Roberts- Brown, Louis Torre, Bob Moffat, Carol Rybolt, Emiko Benton, Jeanne Hansen, Eldon Estep, Judith Sloan, Cal Lantz, Bob Webster, Liz Webster, Elaine Winter, Gladys Davilla, Larry Weakly, Barbara Wohlers, Glenda Alley, Tom & Phyllis Garcia, Ann Bushnell

New Members October: Lou Torre, Elaine Winter, Gladys Davilla.

New Members November: Barbara Wohlers

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Oct: Judy Bickenbach

Due in Nov: Roxanne Burns

Due in Dec: Clive Berglund, Clifford Chapman

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 11/07/13 @ 07:00PM had 18 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 11/08/13 @ 10:00AM had 12 members attend.

Visitor(s): Barbara Wohlers: Eunice Robeck: Kathy Johnson:

Board Meeting ..on 11/10/13 @ 02:00PM had 6 members attend.

General Meeting on 11/10/13 @ 03:00PM had 13 members attend.

Nobody Asked Me But . . .

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My suggestion was to just give me the 50 GB storage and see if this issue went away. Oh he had no ability to do this.

This was a Saturday and the engineers don't work weekends. And this analyst didn't work Mondays. So he told me that one of his coworkers would call me on Monday and that he would call me on Tuesday. After I called Tuesday and left a message for him he finally called back on Wednesday. You ever get one of those days when you're tired of hearing how sorry somebody is?

Once again we tried what the engineer had told him to do which took us several hours. After all of this still no fun, no happiness. And no he couldn't give me 50 gigs of usage to see if that took care of the problem. But I still had 6.9 GB of locked up storage in my account. Apparently when you delete stuff from your e-mail account Apple isn't sure that you really want to delete it. So they save it but it's not supposed to show up on your account. The problem is it is still there and I can't use iCloud. Oh and you can't call Apple and say "I need this email I deleted in Oct 2013" cause it don't work that way. *So What Good Is Saving The Email?*

But the "good news" is the analyst will give me \$75 in merchandise from the Apple Store. Oh, but it can't be for chips or some other good stuff that a person might want.

And now he will go back to the engineers and explain to them that after two more hours of deleting on my end & on the analysts' end there is no happiness. There is still 6.9GB of emails on my iCloud account that Apple can't release.

Oh BTW in reality there is less then 2GB in use on my account. Anyone else having this problem? Can't believe I'm the only one in Apple land with this problem. Shoot me an email at

davidcee59@gmail.com

if you are experience this or similar issues with iCloud storage.

I am still not sure what iCloud is suppose to do for me. SO FAR NUTHIN THAT I CAN SEE.

December 2013

January 2014

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Happy Hanukkah

Happy Kwanzaa

First Of Muharram

Ashura

Happy Winter Dec 21st

