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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>

Saving Your Notes From Disaster ~ Ted Landau

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2455084/bugs-and-fixes-saving-your-notes-from-disaster.html>

Bugs & Fixes: Saving your Notes from disaster

iOS

Apple's Notes (available both for OS X and iOS) has long been one of my most frequently used apps. With its improved cross-platform syncing in recent OS iterations, the app is better than ever. If I create a note on my iPhone while away from home, it's waiting for me on my Mac when I return—and vice versa. The Notes user interface is almost identical across platforms, making it especially easy to navigate between the two. That's why, whenever I want to jot down and store snippets of information, Notes is my go-to app.

"But wait!" I can hear the naysayers out there. They are reminding me that there are other note-taking apps, ones that similarly offer cross-platform syncing, but have more extensive editing options. They also include useful features missing from Notes, such as an ability to store images or organize notes in category folders. **Evernote** is one such app. I do use Evernote. It's great. But I still keep coming back to Notes precisely because of its barebones simplicity. Too often, when I just want to

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Word Wrap for Aug 2014

by Bob Moffat

A Sunday afternoon in July. Anxious viewers around the world watch their TV sets. Will this event be a success or a failure? Will a nation's pride and reputation be exalted or will it wounded to the quick by a disastrous misstep? Announcers and pundits provide commentary, explaining the risks and rewards, describing the possibilities, reviewing the options.

"Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

Forty-five years ago we listened to the conversations between Earth and Moon as that Apollo mission successfully landed. We

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Figured that the article on the notes app would be more interesting than my ramblings. So enjoy.

David

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record some brief text (especially if I don't intend to save it for an extended time) the multitude of features in apps such as Evernote seem to get in my way rather than offer benefits.

That said, there is one limitation of Notes that is quite serious. It's so serious that it is almost a deal-breaker for me: The way OS X stores notes is so obtuse that, if you unintentionally delete a note and the Undo command cannot bring it back, recovering the file will be a hassle at a minimum and, at worst, all-but-impossible. At the very least, this makes Notes a poor choice for long-term storage of important data. To be fair, apps such as Evernote share some of the same problems. But they typically have better recovery options than Notes.

Disable internet access

The near immediate syncing of Notes among your Apple devices, normally an asset, becomes a liability here. It means that if you delete a note on your iPhone and go to your Mac in the hope of retrieving it, you'll likely find that it's gone from your Mac as well. With a bit of luck, you might be able to prevent this mass destruction by disabling Internet access on your synced devices as soon as you discover your error. If this succeeds, you will be able to retrieve the deleted note. Just copy the text to another location and you can then turn Internet access back on.

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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 \$40 for an individual or a family.
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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.

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watched hours later as blurry monochrome images showed Armstrong and Aldrin actually walking on the Lunar surface. We held our breath as their craft blasted off and began to chase their orbiting ride home. On that weekend America “won” the Space Race to land on the Moon. More importantly, our planet became Spaceship Earth. Our perception and perspective about our world changed.

On that weekend in 1969 Americans paid about 35 cents a gallon for gasoline. Nixon was President. Brezhnev led the USSR. In a few weeks a pasture in up-state New York would host the Woodstock Festival. *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* was about to be released and *Monty Python's Flying Circus* was a couple of months from its first airing on BBC. That fall Bell Labs would invent the CCD, the imaging device that led to digital cameras, and Xerox would invent the laser printer. The first ATM would be installed and ARPANET would establish the first link in what would become the Internet.

The Apollo program was a product of the Cold War. It represented a massive investment in talent, commitment, treasure, and imagination. Teamwork from thousands of individuals and companies and government agencies concentrated on the goal. The competition with the USSR to go to the Moon and to send vehicles to the planets was one of the visible struggles to win the hearts and minds in the international arena. East vs. West. Us vs. Them. America was confident enough in the Moon mission to have the whole world listen and watch as it was happening. Often, it seemed, the Soviets waited until their mission was successfully launched before announcing what they were doing.

That summer the 747 was halfway through its certification test flight program. Those of us at Boeing's 747 program knew colleagues who had transferred to Michoud, the Louisiana plant where Boeing built the first stage of the Saturn V. We also had friends who worked at Boeing's Cape Kennedy launch facility. We were already surrounded by “astonishing” technology that had translated immense industrial projects into reality. (Things like “fax” machines that transmitted a standard letter sized sheet in 6 minutes over a standard phone line.) The Aluminum Overcast, as some jokingly called the 747, had gone from concept in 1966 to production and would enter passenger service in 1970. Four years. Amazing to note that two aircraft in production in 1969 are still rolling out the door at Boeing: the 737 and the 747.

The Moon Landing went from President Kennedy's proposal in 1961 to success in eight years.

The technological advances that flowed from the Moon Landing project and the era in which it evolved have

transformed our economy and culture. The 60s and 70s harnessed energy, talent, and treasure to achieve some amazing things.

Those Cold War years were also filled with much that was dark and threatening. Thousands of missiles pointed across the continents, waiting for one accidental (or intentional) launch to unleash Mutual Assured Destruction on the planet. America was fighting a war in Vietnam which played out graphically on the nightly news. Hundreds of thousands of American troops served, more than 58,000 died between 1962 and 1975. The war polarized public opinion and still seems to be a wound that has not entirely healed.

That Sunday evening we watched two human beings explore the Earth's nearest neighbor for a brief time. They collected samples of rock and dust. They left some experiments that would send data back to Earth after they departed. They blazed a trail for other Lunar landings and Solar System explorations, as well as the International Space Station now in orbit.

A portion of the Lunar Excursion Module still on the Moon contains this inscription: *Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.*



Links to Interesting articles on the Internet.

Courtesy Of Bob Moffat

Here are some Internet links that may be worth visiting:

Siri: how to use!

<http://www.imore.com/siri-ultimate-guide>



“Ms. Roth? Instead of doing my class project with Eddie, can I team up with my friend Siri instead?”

Word Processors: 10 things to know

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2452620/ten-essential-things-you-should-know-how-to-do-in-a-word-processor.html>

Spreadsheets: 9 things to know

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2452540/nine-essential-things-you-should-know-how-to-do-in-a-spreadsheet.html>

Stickies: make notes from a selection

<http://osxdaily.com/2014/07/09/make-sticky-note-text-selection-mac/>

Advanced printer tools: OS X

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2366928/beyond-the-basics-os-xs-advanced-printer-tools.html>

Security: info about two-factor authentication

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2369667/how-to-make-two-factor-authentication-less-of-a-pain.html>

Security: Safari disables outdated Adobe Flash plugins

<http://osxdaily.com/2014/07/11/outdated-adobe-flash-plugins-automatically-disabled-in-safari-due-to-security-issue/>

iPhoto & Aperture: replacement due next year?

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2375212/apple-retires-aperture-and-iphoto-to-be-replaced-with-photos-for-os-x.html>

Dropbox: looking at alternative apps

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2449854/dropping-dropbox-exploring-alternatives.html>

Facebook: how to delete/disable your account

<http://www.techhive.com/article/2050324/how-to-delete-or-disable-your-facebook-account.html>

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<http://www.macworld.com/article/2449640/brush-up-on-classic-literature-with-these-immersive-apps.html>



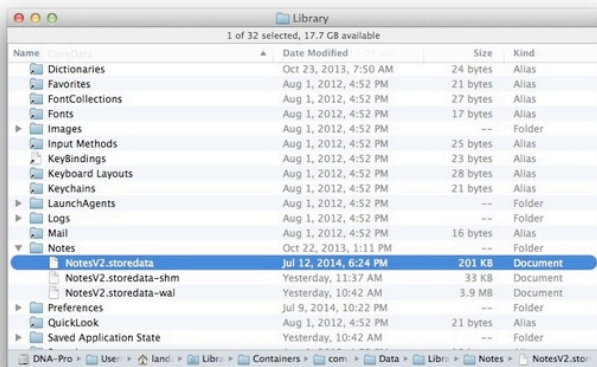
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Retrieve from storage

If it's too late for this trick, you may still find the deleted text within the files Notes uses to store its data on your Mac. Here's where the road can get really rocky. If Notes saved each item as a separate readable file (as most apps do), and moved deleted items to the Finder's Trash, it would be a breeze to recover deleted notes. Unfortunately, Notes does not do this. Rather, all notes are combined into a single database-like file. The one upside here is that this file may retain the text of recently deleted items.

The first obstacle to using this method for recovery is finding Notes' storage location. It's not at all obvious. You'll find it in your home Library at `~/Library/Containers/com.apple.Notes/Data/Library/Notes/`. To go there, enter the path string in the Finder's Go to Folder window; this works whether or not the Library folder is invisible on your Mac.



Notes data are stored in the files in this Library subfolder.

Once inside this folder, you should see a small assortment of similarly named files, with names such as `NotesV2.storedata`. The text of all your notes, typically including recently deleted notes, is stored within one or more of these files. Unfortunately, the format of these files does not make it easy to view the content of each note. To recover an individual note, you have a bit more work to do.

1. The two files that offer the best bet for data recovery are the `.storedata` and (especially!) the `.storedata-wal` files. Make a copy of these files and

move them to a separate location, such as the desktop.

Making copies is a common safeguard. You'll work with these copied files. In case anything goes wrong, the original files remain untouched and in place.

2. Add an `.html` extension to the name of the copied files, confirming that you want to make this change when the question dialog box pops up.

As it turns out, these files employ HTML tags. Adding the extension allows the critical text to appear in a more easily readable format.

3. Open one of the files in a text processing app (such as TextEdit) or in a web browser. Interspersed among all the cryptic text should be readable versions of both your current and recently deleted notes. Because there can be a lot of data here, I suggest using the app's search feature to locate the text you want to recover. Once you have, copy and save it to a separate location. If the first of the two files does not bear fruit, try the other.

Retrieve from backup

If you are unable to recover the deleted data via either of the two previous methods, you have one final option—assuming you've been backing up your data with Time Machine (or similar software). To do so, enter Time Machine and locate a version of the Notes storage folder that just precedes your deletion. Replace the current folder in your Library with the backup version (first making a copy of the current folder). When you next launch the Notes app, your missing file should reappear. If so, you can now transfer the recovered data to another location. When done, return the current Notes folder to the active location, deleting the backup version, and you are back in business. Although I haven't tried this method myself, articles I've read online confirm that it works.

These recovery hassles may be sufficiently onerous to convince you not to bother with Notes. If so, I understand. In my case, I have been using Notes for years and have never once lost any data. Maybe I'm lucky or maybe I'm just extra careful. Either way, given my successful track record, Notes remains my preferred choice for quick note taking.

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Tips for handling text was the topic for the June meeting. We looked at both OSX 10.9 and iOS applications to compare features and uses. Notes, Reminders, Pages, and TextEdit apps have some common features for creating written records, including the use of dictation in place of keyboard entry.

August's New User Group will look at photo management on Mavericks and iOS, including iPhoto and other ways to track and share photos. Since this is a busy photo-taking season, it seems like a good time to remind ourselves of the tools we have available.

Please join us on **Thursday, Aug 7th, 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/iPhones for novices and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs and iDevices if they wish to work on issues with their own machines. The session topics are set by those who attend (and ask questions!)

Join us on **Friday, August 8th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (Early dismissal this month so the room can be used for special meeting.)**

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General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

NOTE: There will be NO General Meeting in August!

The July General Meeting included a presentation about choosing modems and routers and an introduction to the latest Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 application. There are some new interface twists with this newest edition which offer new, intermediate, and advanced users the tools they need to edit and tweak digital images.

As usual, we take a brief vacation in August, figuring that the Second Sunday may be one of those rare sunny summer days best spent doing something in the great outdoors. Have a great time!

See you at the September 14th General Meeting (which will be held at the Steilacoom Library. More info next month.)

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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>

Our meetings generally begin at 5:30 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, Illustration 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. And someone won at our June meeting!

On **Monday, August 11th** session will feature information about more of the new features released on the Adobe Creative Cloud applications.

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Membership Report For June 2014

By **Francette Beeler**
As Of 7/16/2014

Active Memberships: 60

Membership Renewals: Jerry & Maureen Kunz, Herman Diers

New Members:

Katherine Johnson, Jackie Fiacchi

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in May: Judith Berry

Due in July: Clarene Johnson

Due in Aug: Dawne & Jim Aho, Doug Dahlgren, Webb & JoAnn Olliphant, Jeanne Hansen, Ruth Elliott, Cal Lantz

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 07/03/14 07:00PM had 14 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 07/11/14 10:00AM had 9 members attend.

Board Meeting on 07/13/14 01:45PM had 4 members attend.

General Meeting on 07/13/14 03:00PM had 13 members attend

Visitor(s):



NWAP Board Meeting

July 13th, 2014

Notes by Judy Sloan

There was no board meeting.

NWAP's Olde MBP On The Auction Block

NWAP MacBookPro 3,1 for sale

The MacBookPro which the NorthWest Apple Pickers used at meetings from the Fall of 2007 until earlier this year is still for sale. It served our group faithfully and reliably all those years and still has a lot of life left ahead. It is very comfortable running Mountain Lion 10.8. It can handle Mavericks 10.9, but runs very warm.

Members of NWAP have the opportunity to bid on this delightful laptop. There are a number of places on-line you can research prices, such as Powermax.com, Amazon.com, and GainSaver.com.

Here are more details about the **2.2GHz, 15.4 inch MacBookPro:**

The model designation is **3,1** and the order number is **MA895LL/A** if you look for price comparisons online with other **Mid/Late 2007 MBPs**. It has 4 GB of RAM. We replaced the battery (now has about 40 loadcycles on it and a remaining capacity of 5295 mAh) and installed a larger hard drive (now has 320 GB.) This Mac has been gently used over its 80+ months, powered up for 4 meetings and several additional hours a month for program preparation. Some 3rd Party applications will be included.

If you need more details
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