



Apple Pickin's

A Macintosh Computer User Group Publication

Security Meltdown by Bob Moffat

"DON'T PANIC"
--*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

Meltdown and **Spectre** are the names of a couple of security issues that joined the crowd in January. It appears that these are the result of the way the processor chips were designed, not because of rogue coders looking to infiltrate our machines through viral infection or other malware means. Although, such nefarious scum could attempt to use these processing routines to do us harm.

The vulnerability affects virtually all devices that use the chips we have in our computers, phones, and tablets, no matter which company produced the chips or which company built the devices, or...which software or operating system is in use. It is basically baked into the chip.

There have already been software "patches" issued by Apple, Microsoft, and others which will work around the problem--and more will be released--which work around the processor pitfalls.

The problem is immense, important, and impossible to ignore. It will be resolved. We will survive. The best defense is to keep up on all security updates.

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Word Wrap For February 2018 by Bob Moffat

The transition between years is a chance to celebrate the *old* and find hope in the *new*. Or maybe it's the other way around.

In recent months major airlines of the world have announced their last passenger flights in the venerable Boeing 747. The "Queen of the Skies" has been a remarkable airplane from the beginning of the design process in 1966 to its first flight in 1969. The most common reaction to the project in those days was "Incredible!"

And so it was that the Boeing team that designed and produced the aircraft at Everett became *The Incredibles*. I had the privilege of being part of Project Engineering during that phase of

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New User Meeting
Feb 1st
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Findin Stuff

General Meeting
Feb 11th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tour of Apple's Production Suite

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Meeting Locations
The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library
Located at the SW corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.
<http://www.nwapplepkrs.org>



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Email from Mary Fleck:

Bob this is a useful tip to know on finding your phone. I have used both ways and they do work.

Find lost phone even if it is on silent.

1. Visit iCloud.com and login with your Apple ID. (Android owners use [Google Device Manager](#))
2. Choose “**Find My iPhone**” and let the service locate your missing device.
3. Select your phone on the map, then click the **(i)** button.
4. Choose the “**Play Sound**” option. It will keep making a noise until you unlock it so you don’t have to worry about missing the beeps.
5. Locate your phone and give it a hug.

Be advised that you should not test this feature if there’s a sleeping baby close by. The noise is much louder than I expected and the look my wife gave me is one I hope to never see again.

Ever lose your cellphone and end up having your spouse/ friend/ boyfriend call it so you can follow the sound of your ringtone to the place you last left it? What happens when you lose your phone and no one is around to call it for you? Go to

<http://www.wheresmycellphone.com/>. Enter your phone number and the computer will call it for you. I've used this page more times than I would like to admit.

Mary

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.

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: PO Box 99824 Lakewood, WA 98496.

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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.

Feb . starts at \$66.50

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development. Some old hands in the group referred to the concept as The Aluminum Overcast.

The project required men and women in great numbers to design, build, test, and manage such an undertaking. In the summer of 1966 construction of the Everett plant began: soon what was to become the largest enclosed volume building on the planet appeared. Incredible.

The number of folks working on the project ballooned. Engineering groups left Renton and moved to the Seattle Plant II area and then began to be warehoused in available spaces along East Marginal Way. It was an Incredible situation.

On the second Monday of 1968 yours truly was unpacking office move boxes in a brand new office building at the Everett Plant. A few hundred yards to the west, that gigantic factory was already in the early production stage of the first 747s. To the east was a semi-paved employee parking lot. Our room still smelled of fresh paint. The mustardy colored carpet was chosen because it almost matched the color of the mud that everyone tracked in from the outdoors. The plan was that each week over the next two months another Engineering group would be moved from Seattle to Everett. By March there would be nearly 1800 people in the building. The little town I grew up in had a population of 1025. Incredible.

My responsibility was to act as the satellite supervisor for several administrative functions that were still based in Seattle with the senior management team. Within a couple of months more of those various teams had moved north to support the growing crowd. At this point there were regular Boeing employees as well as contracted "body shop" folks on the job. Folks from around the USA were joined by people from England, Ireland, India, Japan, and several other nations. Parts to build the 747 were being produced in factories around the USA and the world, as well. It was ... incredible.

So, in that morning in January 50 years ago, we were busy trying to organize ourselves to support the first 300 or so engineers that were also unpacking their offices. Our phone was ringing with someone who wanted to schedule a seat on Ping Pong Airlines (the Beech Queen Air that shuttled between

Paine Field and Boeing Field several times a day.) Before we could turn around someone from the Flight Deck group had found our location and was dropping off a drawing for our Engineering Release Unit to certify and send off on the first flight south. Incredible.

The way the calendar works means that ever so often any given month will begin on the same day as that month in many other years. So it is that the New Year's Day falls on Monday this year, just as it did in 1968. While we were unpacking an engineering project the world beyond was in turmoil. The Tet Offensive was just the first of events that buffeted our world. It was an election year and by the time we cast our ballots, the nation had lost Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy. The Viet Nam war had created a contentious division that forever changed us. And on Christmas Eve we listened to Apollo 8's crew, orbiting the Moon, read from Genesis. What an Incredible year it was.

And one September morning in 1968 there came a moment when everyone in all the office buildings on site closed up their desks, locked up the file cabinets, hung up the phones, put on a jacket, and walked several hundred yards to the apron in front of the factory to watch the bay doors roll back. And the R001 "City of Everett" 747 in red and white colors rolled out to make its public debut.

Fifty years ago.

Incredible.

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by Bob Moffat

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Keep checking with **reputable info sources** (this rules out panic attacks on Facebook, for example) to stay informed.

Here are some resources to start with:

<https://apnews.com/872b4ffd446b466fabe7dff1e115f5b5/AP-Explains:-Who's-affected-by-computer-chip-security-flaw>

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3245790/mobile/spectre-cpu-faq-phones-tablets-ios-android.html>

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3245778/apple-phone/apple-meltdown-spectre-cpu-flaws-statement.html>

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3246007/security/protect-your-mac-meltdown-spectre-faq.html>

Who's In Charge, anyway?

Next month NorthWest Apple Pickers will again face the grueling task of shanghaiing some poor hapless souls into serving on the Board of Directors for another year.

In other words: it is time for our annual elections.

Our board members meet before the Sunday General Meeting, usually for about half an hour to discuss the state of our finances, the status of our membership rolls, and choose the meeting topics.

Some officers do have duties that require some time during the month to complete. Many also volunteer to coach at Mortvedt and Franke Tobey Jones.

Membership keeps tabs on renewals. (Francette Beeler)

Treasurer checks the Post Office box, deposits dues, and pays our bills --and calls in our Library room reservations each month. (Jim Schaefer)

Secretary takes notes at the Board Meeting and submits the minutes to the newsletter editor. (Judy Sloan)

Vice President plans the presentations at the New User and General meetings. (Bob Moffat)

President monitors all of the above, produces an agenda and presides at the Board Meeting, and announces plans to retire every year. (Peter Winderling)

Our three Members at Large keep all of the above on their toes and support the organization's goals by offering suggestions and options on how to make sure we are meeting the needs of our membership. (Fred Battié, Mary Fleck, Jim Beeler)

Note that running this club, like any other organization, is all about common sense organization. The skills for making a group work successfully apply -- technical expertise about computers is not needed to serve.

The Bad News is, that we have a vacancy in the slate for 2018. Peter Winderling wants to retire. Again.

The Good News is, that YOU can step forward and assure that our organization continues.

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Feb. 2018

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Macintosh Info

<https://blog.macsales.com/43161-the-first-five-things-you-should-do-with-a-new-mac>

<https://blog.macsales.com/43439-10-mac-features-you-probably-dont-use-but-should>

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3240968/storage/watch-out-macos-high-sierra-could-format-your-time-machine-drive-using-apfs-and-thats-not-good.html>

<https://blog.macsales.com/43133-mac-101-customizing-finder-views-part-1>

<https://blog.macsales.com/41651-how-to-optimize-the-big-four-mac-web-browsers>

<https://www.macworld.com/article/2990355/mac-apps/free-os-x-apps-every-mac-user-should-have.html>

<https://blog.macsales.com/43339-new-to-mac-here-are-5-high-sierra-utilities-you-should-know>

iPhone Info

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/columnist/saltzman/2017/12/25/score-new-iphone-download-these-12-apps/971966001/>

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/17/12/26/how-to-backup-and-wipe-your-old-iphone-or-ipad-before-selling-it-or-passing-it-on>

<http://www.applemust.com/6-iphone-phone-call-secrets-you-probably-didnt-know/>

What's new and scary in the Tech world?

<https://apnews.com/139fd4a852994d91826cd7b07384049f/Fear-not-the-alphabet-soup-of-TV-features-unveiled-at-CES>

https://www.macobserver.com/columns-opinions/dr-macs-rants-raves/can-not-love-clever-gadgets/?utm_campaign=tmo_home_sidebar

Security -- Again -- More

<https://apnews.com/872b4ffd446b466fabe7dff1e115f5b5/AP-Explains:-Who's-affected-by-computer-chip-security-flaw>

<https://www.macworld.com/article/3241024/browsers/what-to-do-when-a-scam-site-takes-over-your-safari-homepage.html>

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Members of NWAP began the 2018 Voyage of Discover by exploring the many topics we may visit and the information we want to learn in the year ahead. The software and equipment has become more powerful than ever...we need to keep learning to take advantage of the features.

Our February meeting is going to look at *organizing stuff!* What do we have, where did we put it, how do we find it again, and why did we keep it anyway? We'll use the Finder, as well as Spotlight and other search tools and techniques as we discuss the options for keeping track of what we create and the apps we create with on our iDevices and Macs.

Please join us on **Thursday, February 1st from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.**

Contact: Bob Moffat, 253-845-5233

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Mortvedt Session

By Bob Moffat

We meet the **second Friday** each month at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLRC.

Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions – about Macs, iPads, and iPhones – for novice and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs, iPhones, and iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines.

Join us on Friday, **February 9th from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

We planned several of the meeting topics we will present in the year ahead when we met on January 14. We looked at a few of the new full screen and split screen features of MacOS High Sierra, as well.

Our February meeting is going to review the current apps from the suite formerly called iWork: Pages, Numbers, and Keynote. We will explore what the three free applications offer users on iDevices and on Macs. Even though we produce as much paper printouts as we used to, the layout on a digital page is still a powerful way to tell a story. We'll explore some clever ways to use these tools.

Please join us on **Thursday, February 11th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.**

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Franke Tobey Jones AppleDevice Workshop

Our coaches meet the **second Monday** each month at Franke Tobey Jones to help residents and guests in the Wellness Center, offering one-on-one coaching for iPads, iPhones, and Mac computers. Folks are encouraged to bring their own devices and there will be iPads available from Franke Tobey Jones, as well. This will be chance to ask questions and get some answers about how to figure out these devices that connect us to the rest of the world.

Join us on **Monday, February 12th at 2 p.m.**

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Membership Report For Jan 2018

By **Francette Beeler**
As Of 1/18/2018

Active Memberships: 37

Membership Renewals: Liz Webster, Bob Webster, Francette & Jim Beeler, Evonne Agnello

New Members: N/A

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Jan: Johan F. (Fred) Battiè, Connie Decker, Louise Landon

Due in Feb: Margo Jones Lee Peden Georgianna Miller John R. Walters Joyce Wenk Peter Townsend Frauke Townsend

Due in Mar: Loretta Chamberland Helen & Jack Ellingson

Meeting Attendance:

Franke Tobey Jones on 2018-01-08 had 7 members attend. **Visitor(s):** Patricia Quin: Eleanor Jarrett: Shelly Clapson: Jane Schumeuman: SueAnn Turner: Eva Clemmons: Toni Paulson:

New User Group on 2018-01-04 had 10 members attend. **Visitor(s):** Keith Anderson:

Mortvedt Center on 2018-01-12 had 12 members attend. **Visitor(s):** Keith Anderson: Eunice Robeck:

Board Meeting on 2018-01-14 had 6 members attend.

General Meeting on 2018-01-14 had 12 members attend. **Visitor(s):** Stewart Beels:

NWAP Board Minutes Jan 14th, 2018

Present: Peter Winderling, Bob Moffat, Jim Schaefer, Judy Sloan, Francette Beeler, Mary Fleck

The meeting was called to order by the President, Peter Winderling at 2:21 PM.

Reports: The treasury has \$388 in checking, \$1210.32 in savings, and the red chip was worth \$64 prior to the meeting today.

Membership: there are 36 members at this time.

It was MSP to accept these reports.

Old Business: Meeting Programs: Bob is asking members to please fill out a form asking for what subjects will be covered this year. Suggested for February New User are Finder and its actions; views, actions, windows, organization. General Meeting; iWork, Numbers, Keynote, Finder.

March New User; Utilities, security review. General Meeting, ELECTION! Air Drop, Messages, Face Time.

April New User, iCloud...what, where, when, why.

General Meeting; Preview, signature, markup, editing.

May general meeting; home, smart devices, cams, security. New User not yet set.

The rest of the year is to be decided.

We may be able to get a speaker from the PC Library this month to discuss Libby, the download program taking the place of Overdrive.

Other: discussion about cleaning off the desktop and placing documents etc. in folders.

Tobey Jones Coaches: need more as the crowd over there is growing. Usually meets the second Monday at 2 PM. Next meeting is February 12th.

New Business: the Lakewood Library will be closing at 5 PM on Sundays and 9 PM on Thursday so the decision was made that rather than try to reschedule dates, NWAP will just leave 15 minutes earlier than usual on those two dates. This begins in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55. Bob gave an update on High Sierra.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Sloan, Secretary

February 2018

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	1 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	2 Groundhog Day	3	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	1 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	2	3
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