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SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 MEETING

Tips, Tricks and Macworld Boston Report – Sven Anderson, John Maas, Brian Foley and Elsa Travisano

MUG ONE's fall activities will get off to a rousing start on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Hogdon IRC lecture hall #1 on the SUNY Oneonta campus with a program of not-to-be-missed Mac tips and tricks. Join Brian Foley, John Maas and Sven Anderson as they answer the musical questions "how does it work?" and "how do I do this?" (OK, the questions and answers probably won't be musical, but you never know).

The evening will conclude with Elsa Travisano's brief report on July's Macworld Expo Boston and User Group Leadership Conference, both of which enriched MUG ONE's raffle holdings.

Questions and answers, door prizes and refreshments will round out the meeting.

For directions to the meeting, see SUNY Oneonta's detailed campus maps:

<http://www.oneonta.edu/navigation/directions.asp>

Or download John Maas's annotated Oneonta map: <http://www.mugone.com/images/OneontaStreetMap.pdf>

SVEN ANDERSON APPOINTED VP

Sven Anderson has been appointed to fill the position of Vice President for the remainder of the 2003-2004 term.

Sven heads the Computer Art program at SUNY Oneonta and was honored as an Apple Distinguished Educator for 2000-2002.

Sven replaces Tom Fitzpatrick, who relocated to New Jersey with his family in June.

Tom and Sven shared presenter duties at the June MUG ONE meeting, which made for a fitting transition.

Best wishes to Tom, and welcome, Sven!

FALL 2004 MEETING SCHEDULE

September 7 – Tips and Tricks, Macworld Expo Boston

October 5 – Adam Engst returns!

November 2 – Microsoft Office 2004, Elections

December 7 – Holiday Meeting and Party

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New G5 iMacs announced at Apple Expo Paris August 31

APPLE INTRODUCES THE IMAC G5

Apple Vice President Phil Schiller introduced the radically redesigned iMac G5 at Apple Expo Paris on August 31. Schiller stood in for CEO Steve Jobs, who is recovering from surgery for pancreatic cancer.

Powered by the state-of-the-art G5 processor chip, the new iMac design puts all the computer components, including the power supply, into the space of the flat panel display which is a mere two inches thick. Like the newly released Apple 20, 23 and 30 inch Cinema Displays, the G5 iMac rests on a sturdy aluminum stand, cleverly angled to provide room for tucking a keyboard out of the way when not in use.

The iMac G5 will ship in mid September and comes in three versions: the 1.6GHz 17-inch iMac has an 80 GB hard drive and slot-loading Combo Drive for \$1299; the 1.8GHz 17-inch iMac adds a slot-loading SuperDrive for \$1499, and the 1.8 GHz 20-inch iMac has a 160 GB hard drive and SuperDrive for \$1899. <http://www.apple.com/imac>

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JUNE 1, 2004 MEETING

“Your Life with iLife and Photoshop” – Tom Fitzpatrick and Sven Anderson

Hodgdon IRC, lecture hall 1, SUNY Oneonta campus.

President Elsa Travisano began by introducing herself and welcoming thirty members and guests. She invited guests to join with inducements like special raffle prizes and having membership extend to September of 2005. Special prizes tonight included iLife '04, You Control and You Synchronize software, books of all kinds, Zip disks, t-shirts and more.

Joanne sold copies of our Breen's Bungalow instructional video CD-ROM (September 2003-March 2004) for \$2 each and signed up a new member. She reported that we have \$1,484.23 in the bank. Jo Koenig, newly returned snow-bird and librarian, asked the membership why library use was limited and what would be more useful. Some did not know it is located in the Main Street Print Shop, across from the Oneonta post office, and for others, going to the library is inconvenient. Elsa will check whether we can make e-books available in the Library. We can loan training CDs with permission, but not full programs. New additions to the collection include “Photoshop Elements for Beginners” (DVD) and iLife and Dreamweaver MX books and CDs.

Elsa received a series of training videos from Software Cinema for which we may arrange a special screening in July. They may be made available in the Library, if possible. Stay tuned. Elsa also explained Macworld Expo, the convention in Boston (July) and San Francisco (January), to those who were new to geekdom. She asked for a reviewer for the Microsoft Intelimouse, which will appear in Newsbreak this fall.

Q and A

The first question topic explored how to donate working Macs to charity. Gerry Stoner (gerrys@genericcomp.com) will share information about a FedEx number which you can use to send them to Africa. Some schools like Richfield Springs will take donations of iMacs, and Don Gersch (dgersch@localnet.com) will take donations (power PCs or newer) for people with special needs. A question about filtering spam led to suggestions to try securemac.com or www.tidbits.com/takecontrol/ for help. Elsa also showed a “geeky toy” signal monitor she will demonstrate later.

Program

Tom Fitzpatrick, in his last meeting as Vice President, took over to demonstrate iLife '04, the suite of “nonOffice essentials” including iTunes, iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD and now, GarageBand. **iPhoto 4** is faster, imports 25,000 digital photos, organizes by date and time taken, and archives to CD or DVD. You can rate your photos (1-5 stars) for organizing in “Smart Albums.” Turn on Sharing in the Preferences menu and you can share your photos and albums with up to five computers on a local network. For slide shows, transitions seem to be the big thing.

It's too dull just to move from one slide to the next. You have to have them fade into another one, or rotate like a cube or whatever. iPhoto 4 borrows some fancy transition effects from Keynote like a wipe, dissolve, and rotating cube.

Tom described how he uses **iMovie** to put together camcorder videos and photos into a highlights video, adding audio and animation for his sons' soccer seasons. He uses **iDVD** to burn copies for all the team members so they can play them on their TVs. iDVD features he discussed were the DVD map, putting in an autoplay section (like the FBI warning on rental videos) and playing movies in “kiosk” mode, called looping, with an iTunes play list for background music. Again, transitions seem to be essential, with over 200 available from Apple. More excellent transitions and effects are available from Gee Three <http://www.geethree.com/>. If you want different transitions during the same show, you need to create them in iMovie, since iDVD doesn't let you mix them. As for creating DVDs, you can print labels directly onto special CDs and DVDs with the right printer (several new Epsoms have this feature), which is supposed to be better than paper labels where the glue can damage the CD or get stuck in a drive. For best success with iDVD, be sure to have a LARGE hard drive with lots of free space available.

Tom also talked a bit about **iTunes 4**, with iMix for publishing your own playlists on the iTunes Music Store (only with titles the iTunes Store carries), Party Shuffle option, wish list, library links and Billboard and radio charts. Gerry Stoner mentioned that iTunes is a great radio tuner, bringing in hundreds of internet streamed stations.

Finally, Elsa asked Tom what he was using to control his presentation. It was a little Fellowes hand-held track ball/three-button mouse for \$10 from Staples. Nifty.

Tom was followed by Sven Anderson, who was supposed to demonstrate GarageBand. Instead he showed us why we might want to spend the extra money to get Adobe Photoshop CS (\$649) instead of Elements (\$99). He used the histogram function to change exposure levels and the curves function to bring out hidden detail. He showed several color correction methods. In one he selected the Lab method for his second format, after the RGB standard, so you can easily tell brightness and adjust contrast. He took a very blue winter scene and made it “real” and distinct. His main point was that digital images have a much wider range of exposure information embedded in them than film, and with the right tools, you can bring all of that out to enhance any photo. Several members attested to restoring old photos this way, and that suggested a topic for next year's schedule. Thanks, Tom and Sven for a wonderful program.

While we raffled off prizes for everyone, the diet Coke, Sprite, Oreos, and chocolate chip cookies disappeared. A very successful evening thanks to Elsa, Sven, Tom and our members.

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY



MUG ONE officers (from left) Terry Helser, Brian Foley, Elsa Travisano, Tom Fitzpatrick, Joanne Johnston and John Maas.

THE MUG STORE

The MUG Store offers discounts for user group members. This month's highlights include:

Factory Refurbished iBooks starting at \$699
 Factory Refurbished Power Mac G4s starting at \$1,099
 Factory Refurbished 12 inch PowerBooks starting at \$1,249
 Factory Refurbished iPods starting at \$188
 Plus an exclusive \$100 rebate on any installed RAM in selected new Macs.

The MUG Store offers free freight on all orders, knowledgeable consultants and blowout deals. One percent goes back to your group in merchandise.

<http://www.applemugstore.com>

TAKE CONTROL ELECTRONIC BOOKS

The roster of authoritative, affordable Take Control electronic books from publisher Adam Engst (our October presenter) continues to grow. Titles include:

Take Control of Buying a Mac, \$5
 Take Control of Your AirPort Network, \$10
 Take Control of Email with Apple Mail, \$10
 Take Control of Spam with Apple Mail, \$5
 Take Control of Making Music with GarageBand, \$5
 Take Control of What's New in Entourage 2004, \$5
 Take Control of Sharing Files in Panther, \$10
 Take Control of Users & Accounts in Panther, \$5
 Take Control of Customizing Panther, \$5
 Take Control of Upgrading to Panther, \$5
 Enter coupon code *****when ordering for a 10% user group discount. <http://www.tidbits.com/takecontrol/>

MEMBER BENEFITS: LENDING LIBRARY

One of the most useful benefits MUG ONE members enjoy is our Lending Library.

The library is located in Main Street Print Shop, 353 Main Street, Oneonta, NY, just opposite the Oneonta post office, and is open during regular business hours.

Our collection includes hardware, software, instructional DVDs and books – lots of books. In addition to new items, we also maintain a collection of hard-to-find books and software – primarily educational titles – for older Macs.

Library items may be borrowed at no charge by MUG ONE members in good standing. Books, DVDs and software circulate for one month and hardware for one week.

Listings of library holdings may be found on MUG ONE's website at <http://www.mugone.com/pages/library.html>

Questions? Do you have suggestions for items or titles to add to the collection? Contact Johanna Koenig, circulation librarian at jokoening@dmcom.net or 607/432-4975, or email mugone@mac.com.

CHANGED YOUR EMAIL? LET US KNOW

If you change your email address, be sure send us the new address at mugone@mac.com. Doing so will ensure that you continue to receive Newsbreak and emails from MUG ONE.

Also remember to update your Yahoo Groups account to stay on the MUG ONE member discussion list.*

* Need information about joining (or rejoining) the MUG ONE discussion list? Email us at mugone@mac.com.



REVIEW

Microsoft Wireless IntelliMouse Explorer

Part Number X09-49266

Prices on the web from \$31.95 to \$45

Microsoft www.microsoft.com

The Microsoft Wireless IntelliMouse Explorer is an attractive and well built mouse. It is mostly black with the look and feel of leather. In an age where hardware designers seem to think that everything must be designed to fit in on the deck of a star-cruiser, the IntelliMouse is an elegant exception. It is a little larger than most mice these days and considerably heavier, due in large part to the two AA batteries tucked away in its belly. At first I thought that the extra weight would be a real problem but I have come to find it an added feature that I like. The extra weight gives me more control when making very tight selections in a program like Photoshop. The IntelliMouse is designed for right-handed mouseketeers and I can't find any reference to a left-handed version. I must say that the ergonomic form fit for a right hand is a welcome asset.

The design was well thought out. It includes two main buttons plus a clickable wheel that functions as a third button and has two smaller buttons on the left side. One of the great design elements of this mouse is the fact that these two buttons are convenient yet tucked out of the way enough that they do not interfere with normal mouse functionality at all. I find most 4 or more button mice to be a real pain to operate because the extra buttons are constantly being pressed inadvertently when trying to move or especially, pick up and move the mouse when you have run out of mouse-pad real estate. For the graphic artist who uses a large monitor and is constantly picking up the mouse while trying to keep a button depressed this is really big. The left side is even undercut slightly so it is easy to grip and lift.

As far as wireless functionality is concerned, you have all the benefits of wireless and very few drawbacks. The benefits include not having to untangle that mouse cord that always seems to find a way of getting tangled or hung up on the corner of the keyboard. I have been using this mouse constantly now for several months and have only found two occasions

where it seemed to lose contact with the computer. These two instances were only for a second and the mouse found the connection again on its own. This was far less of a hindrance than a corded mouse encounters on a daily basis. If there is a flaw in the design it is that it uses an antennae unit, about the size of a mouse, to connect to the USB terminal on your computer. My only wish is that it would be Bluetooth enabled so I would not need to either use the USB port or have yet another thing hanging off of the back of my monitor.

The Wireless IntelliMouse Explorer has excellent optical tracking technology and therefore has all the usual optical benefits such as smooth operation over most any surface and nothing to clean. It is extremely sensitive and works like a dream for those of us doing things that need very precise mouse control.

As for cool features, this mouse includes programmable buttons which can be very handy for taking care of repetitive tasks such as refreshing a web page or going back to the previous page or for undoing the last command. The biggest "New" feature for me was the tilt wheel for side to side scrolling. You can tilt the wheel to navigate side to side in documents or in a web browser. The combination of scroll wheel with a tilt mechanism means you can practically say good-bye to window scroll bars. That is a feature making this mouse worthwhile all on its own.

Even without the added features of 5 buttons and a tilt-wheel, or even the wireless aspects, I love this mouse. It works and feels great. Microsoft hit this one out of the park.

– SVEN ANDERSON

Microsoft Wireless IntelliMouse Explorer

System Requirements: Mac OS X version 10.1 to 10.2.x (excluding 10.0), 15 MB of available hard-disk space, Universal Serial Bus (USB) port, CD-ROM drive.

A PLACE TO DONATE YOUR OLD MAC

St. Margaret's Academy in Arusha, Tanzania is in need of computers for their students --- Macs or PCs, and any accessories that can go with them. The only caveat is that the units work and have some at least minimal software (word processing, spreadsheet, internet). They also respond nicely with a receipt for the market value of your non-cash contribution.

The Friends have made it super easy to reclaim storage space currently taken up by your older units: simply pack them up; call FedEx Ground and have them pick up the boxes with this information:

Friends of Africa Education
1670 S. Robert Street, Suite 326
West St. Paul, MN 55118
(651) 457-8847
FedEx account number 289703462

For further information, www.foae.org or write Matthew Dewey (mdewey@foae.org) or Penny Merritt (pmerritt@foae.org).

– GERRY STONER

Special Offers from the Apple User Group Bulletin

O'Reilly's Mac OS X Conference

User Group members are invited to join O'Reilly for their third annual Mac OS X Conference, October 25-28, 2004, in Santa Clara, California. Attendees will hear from Stewart Copeland, the former drummer for the Police who now creates award-winning film and television scores using Mac OS X technology; New York Times columnist David Pogue; Andy Ihnatko of the Chicago Sun-Times; Karelia Software's Dan Wood; Brent Simmons of Ranchero Software; Michael Bartosh of 4AM Media; Mac authors Dori Smith, Gordon Meyer and Ted Landau; and many more.

User Group members who register before September 10, 2004 get a double discount, by receiving 20 percent off the "Early Bird" price.

Coupon Code: ****

http://conferences.oreillynet.com/cs/macosex2004/create/ord_mac04

Act fast! Offer valid until Sept. 10, 2004.

Print Shop for Mac OS X, World Book for Jaguar

The Print Shop for Mac OS X by Software MacKiev

Create professional-looking CD labels and cases from iTunes playlists. Import photos from iPhoto to create greeting cards. Make a wall-poster-size sports calendar for your favorite team and import all the team's games from iCal with a single click. Print Shop has everything you need to create great-looking projects. Regular price: \$49.95, User Group price: \$39.95.

In addition, MacKiev discounts World Book Jaguar Edition. UserGroup price: \$49.95, upgrade price: \$19.95.

<http://www.mackiev.com/>

Offer valid until September 30 2004.

Graphic Authority Discount

Get quick solutions and outstanding results. Create layered or photo collages, apply edges to photos or learn dynamic warping and more. Kits, including Extreme Edges, Euro-Collage Kit, Photo Collage Kit and more, offer a compliment of PDF and QuickTime tutorials and royalty-free images. \$39.95 each or download all for one outstanding price of \$69.95. Save the shipping and taxes with a MemberZone download subscription. User Group members receive 20 percent off the entire product line.

<http://www.graphicauthority.com>

Coupon Code *****

Offer valid until November 30, 2004.

MyControls

Control your system's control panels

OS X Style System Preferences For Earlier Systems

Control panel management/launching, "System-Preferences" window and separate toolbars, multiple monitor support for docking any toolbar to any screen edge and contextual menus for toolbar control.

Phonebook -- Full-Featured Contact Management

OS X Style Address Book For Earlier Systems

Contacts database with address fields, name/company designation, multiple numbers, free form notes, multiple phone books, small footprint, print options, number dialing, optional color-coded categories, custom field support and display options.

Get a 20 percent discount.

<http://order.tropic4.com/>

Offer valid until September 30, 2004.

The LAPINATOR (Insulated Laptop Desk)

The Lapinator's Thinsulate insulation blocks 95 percent of laptop heat, yet weighs only 11 ounces, keeps your computer cool and provides a stable platform on the road or in your favorite easy chair. Regularly \$24.95, the Lapinator is available to user group members for \$19.95, with volume discounts available. Shipping is additional and satisfaction is guaranteed.

Order by phone or mail. 1-800-809-5658

<http://www.lapinator.com>

Offer valid until December 31, 2004.

QuicKeys and Trans Lucy

QuicKeys creates shortcuts that automate repetitive tasks with custom hot keys, toolbars and timers. From typing text, launching programs and remapping keys, to selecting menus, recording and playing back actions, and everything in between, QuicKeys is the premier macro automation tool.

CE Software is offering user group members QuicKeys for only \$59.95 -- 40 percent off SRP. They are also offering discounted pricing on Trans Lucy -- a new DVD player that lets you watch a movie while you work. Normally priced at \$14.95, Trans Lucy is available for only \$9.95.

<http://www.cesoft.com/>

Offer valid until October 31, 2004.

Focal Press

Focal Press, a leading publisher of graphics, animation and visual effects books, offers Apple user group members a 15 percent discount and FREE SHIPPING on all Focal Press books ordered via the link and code below.

Promo Code: *****

<http://www.focalpress.com>

Offer valid until Dec. 31, 2004.

special user group offers, cont.

Total Training

Have you ever wanted to take an Adobe expert to work or home with you? With Total Training videos, now you can. Plus, as an Apple user group member you can save 25 percent off any Total Training video for Adobe software. This discount is only available on phone orders and cannot be combined with other offers. Call to redeem: 1-888-368-6825 or 1-760-517-9015.

Coupon Code *****

<http://www.totaltraining.com>

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Business Card Composer

Since calling cards first appeared in the 1600s in France, one thing has remained the same: you must have business cards to win new business.

With Business Card Composer from BeLight Software, you can quickly create and modify professional-looking cards, and easily print them on standard business card stock with office or home printers.

Regular price \$39.95, Apple User Group Special \$33.95.

<http://www.belightsoft.com/products/>

Offer valid until November 30, 2004.

Speed Download 2

Speed Download 2 is the fastest, most complete download manager for Mac OS X, no matter what browser you use. Optimized for dial-up and broadband connections, Speed Download 2 offers resumable downloading, scheduling, bandwidth throttling and much more. Yaz software offers two licenses for \$30, a savings of 25 percent. Updates are free to all registered SD2 owners.

Learn more: <http://www.yazsoft.com>

Purchase: <http://order.kagi.com/>

Offer valid until October 31, 2004.

BounceBack Professional

The software component of CMS' award-winning ABSplus complete backup solution is now available as BounceBack Professional, software that can turn any modern FireWire drive into a backup that boots with a single keystroke (a Mac-only feature), or restores an entire system with one click.

Better still, choose from any ABSplus portable or desktop solution and BounceBack Professional to protect your iTunes library investment or irreplaceable photos and movies.

Apple user group members receive 20 percent off any CMS product.

Coupon Code*****

<http://www.cmsproducts.com>

Offer valid until December 31, 2004.

KeystrokeRecorder for Only \$20

KeystrokeRecorder records each keystroke into a file or sends the record via email for later retrieval. KSR works as an extension in Mac OS 8 and Mac OS 9 and as a carbonized application under Mac OS X. (The email feature only works with KeystrokeRecorder X. Each order receives both versions.) Normally \$29, User Group members pay only \$20 using the link below.

<http://www.campsoftware.com/>

Offer valid until Dec. 31, 2004.

Sixth Sense POS & Sixth Sense Cafe

Sixth Sense POS (Retail) and Sixth Sense Cafe (Restaurants) are wonderful point-of-sale applications for individual establishments or large chains. Based on the ultra-dependable Macintosh system, Sixth Sense provides superior and easy-to-use inventory management, sales reporting and sales making capabilities.

User Group members receive 20 percent off listed prices at Sixth Sense POS by mentioning their user group name when ordering.

Find out more or download a free demo:

<http://www.SixthSensePOS.com>

Offer valid until Dec. 31, 2004.

MacAddict Magazine

Readers can get MacAddict for only \$20.95 - that's 78 percent off the basic rate and \$3.05 off of the lowest published rate.

Award-winning MacAddict magazine is the ultimate hands-on guide to everything Macintosh, providing readers with the most comprehensive Mac information possible.

MacAddict offers a complete multimedia experience: irreverent wit, in-depth articles, fact-filled features, expert reviews and up-to-the-minute news via their print magazine, companion CD and MacAddict web site.

Offer valid until Dec. 31, 2004.

Join the Peachpit Club

You can save 25 percent on all Peachpit books by becoming a Peachpit Club Member. Membership is free and easy. All you have to do is answer a few questions in Peachpit's online survey, which you can access from any book page. After you fill out the survey, you'll save 25 percent on top of the user group savings you receive by entering the coupon code at checkout. (You cannot use this discount in conjunction with any other coupon codes.)

Coupon Code:*****

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*This month we're offering **three** helpings of Mac 911 – the June, July and August editions. Here's the first serving...*

MAC 911 – HELP DESK

By Christopher Breen

Do you wonder whether sending AppleWorks documents to PC users is strictly for the birds? Do you seek the means for sending a Mail message to one user's many e-mail accounts? If so, then this month's Mac 911, in which we examine Apple's bundled applications, is for you.

Will AppleWorks Work?

I volunteered to help our local nature center catalog its library. If I create a document in Applework's spreadsheet program, can it be translated to Excel for use on PCs – without sending us all screaming into the hills behind the nature center?

– Marti Hokans, Santa Ana, California

Probably. I waffle because a successful translation from AppleWorks to Excel depends on the elements you include in the spreadsheet. With a straightforward table -- one including headings, colored text and cell backgrounds, a book title, an author name, and an ISBN number, for example -- you should have no problem. Excel for both the Mac and Windows can read spreadsheets that include lists and standard formulas. To save the file in a format acceptable to Excel, just select Save As from AppleWorks' File menu; then, in the Save: AppleWorks 6 dialog box, choose the appropriate Excel format (Excel Win 97, 2000, XP, or 2002, for example), and click on Save.

You'll run into trouble, though, if you place charts in the AppleWorks spreadsheet or slap an image of a black-crowned night heron into the file. The data should be readable, but any charts and graphics you've inserted won't appear in Excel.

One Recipient, Many Addresses

I have some people in my address book who have multiple e-mail addresses. How can I pick a person's name once when typing it in the To section of Mail and have my e-mail sent to all of his or her available addresses?

– Mike Drinks, Baltimore, Maryland

You can't do it by default, but I know a workaround. Create a group that includes multiple e-mail addresses for one individual.

Let's say I wanted to generate a group that sends a message to your home, school, and work addresses. I'd create one contact that I might call Mike Drinks Home (with your home e-mail address), another called Mike Drinks School (with your school e-mail address), and another labeled Mike Drinks Work (with your work e-mail address). I would then create a new Drinks Contacts group and drag the three Mike Drinks contacts

I'd made into this group. When I wanted to send a message to all those addresses, I would use that Drinks Contacts group.

Secret Schedule

A friend would like to publish her vacation itinerary as an iCal calendar, but she wants to restrict access to only her family members. How can she do this?

– Amy R. Miller, Austin, Texas

Your friend can do this with her .Mac account, but I recommend that she do so only if she has a nearly pathological trust in her family. To password-protect her calendar under .Mac, she must provide family members with her .Mac user name and password -- the same user name and password she uses to purchase Mac goodies from the Apple Store and music at the iTunes Music Store. With that user name and password, others can log in to her .Mac account.

If this gaping security flaw doesn't bother your friend, she need only select an iCal calendar, choose Publish from the Calendar menu, select On A WebDAV Server from the Publish Calendar pop-up menu, and enter `http://idisk.mac.com/username/Documents` (where username is her user name). Then she must enter her .Mac user name and password and click on Publish for the calendar to be published to the Documents folder of her iDisk.

To share the calendar, she can pass along its address (which will take the form of `webcal://idisk.mac.com/username/Documents/calendar.ics`) and her user name and password.

Family members can access her calendar by choosing Subscribe from iCal's Calendar menu, entering the URL for the calendar, and placing her user name and password in the Authentication dialog box that appears.

I strongly advise your friend not to allow this kind of access to her .Mac account. She can use a far safer service such as iCal Exchange (www.icalx.com) or iCal World (www.icalworld.com/hosting.html), both of which allow you to publish password-protected iCal calendars for a small fee (\$12 a year for iCal Exchange and \$25 a year for iCal World).

With Your Permissions

I have removed a user account in OS X 10.3, but many of the permissions are set to the account I deleted. How can I change all permissions from the old account to the new one?

– Darrell Keach, Robstown, Texas

There's a way to do this in Terminal, but I don't recommend going this route unless you and Unix are on very friendly terms (failing to enter the proper commands in Terminal can lead to disaster). Instead, I suggest Renaud Boisjoly's free BatChmod utility (<http://macchampion.com/arbyssoft>) -- which places a friendly face on the Unix `chmod`, `chown`, and `chgrp` commands.

To change those permissions, launch the program and drag an affected folder or file to the BatChmod window. The path

to that item will appear in the File field. From the Owner and Group pop-up menus, select the entries that match your user account -- darrell (if that's your user name) and Staff. If you're changing the permissions of a folder and its contents, enable the Apply Ownership And Privileges option in the BatChmod window. Click on Apply, and then click on Apply again in the resulting "Are you sure?" sheet. Enter your administrator password in the Authenticate window that appears, and click on OK in that window to make the requested changes.

Ware, oh, Where?

My ISP says that there are invisible files placed on my system by sites I visit, and that these files regularly send information about me back to those sites. The ISP used terms such as adware and spyware. What's really going on?

– Walt Hammonds, Monte Vista, Colorado

If your ISP were more in tune with the Mac world, it would have prefaced its message with "For Windows Users Only." Currently adware and spyware -- which, respectively, are bits of code that display pop-up ads and send information from your computer to a third party without your permission -- are all but unknown on the Mac.

There are applications that can log keystrokes and capture snapshots of what someone is doing on a Mac. Unlike much of the adware and spyware made for Windows, these applications aren't installed by a malevolent software download. Rather, they're placed on your Mac by someone who has access to your computer -- a parent concerned about a child's Internet activities, a prying boss, or a jealous mate, for example.

Such tools are designed to be difficult to detect, so if you suspect that your activities are being monitored, you might take a look at Aladdin Software's \$30 Internet Cleanup (831/761-6200, www.aladdinsys.com). Among its components is SpyAlert, a utility that searches your hard drive for traces of applications known to track your activities. When it finds such traces, it alerts you to them and -- with your permission -- attempts to remove the offending software. When Aladdin learns of new spyware applications, it updates Internet Cleanup to deal with new threats.

Tip of the Month

Although you can assign images to contacts in Address Book or iChat applications, wouldn't it be nice if your i-apps recognized all your friends and loved ones? Here's a tip for doing just that.

Find a TIFF image that represents the person in question (around 64 by 64 pixels works best). Name it with the e-mail address of your contact, and make sure to include the .tiff file extension. For example: person64@example.com.tiff. Create a folder called Images. Within that folder, create another folder called People. Drag the Images folder into the Library folder at the root level of your OS X volume to make the picture available for all users on your Mac. (To make it available for a single account, use the Library folder in that user's Home

directory.)

Now whenever you look up "Person 64" in Address Book, and whenever he sends you an e-mail or joins you in an iChat session, you'll see the image you assigned to him.

– Chuck La Tournous, Port Reading, New Jersey

Unsolicited Advice

iPhoto 4's slide shows are far more flexible than those created in previous versions of the program. You can not only elect to play an entire iTunes playlist behind a slide show, but also rate and rotate pictures as you view a slide show.

What's a little less obvious is that you can perform all these actions from the Mac's keyboard. For example, to rate pictures as they slide by, press 0 (zero) through 5 (0 for no stars, 5 for five stars). To rotate pictures clockwise, press 1-R. To rotate pictures counter-clockwise, press 1-option-R. Press delete to remove a picture from the selected album. To change the speed of the slide show, use the up-arrow key to display pictures for a shorter amount of time and the down-arrow key to slow things down. To pause the slide show (but not the background music), press the spacebar.

Here's your second helping of Mac 911.

Mac 911 – Help Desk

By Christopher Breen

Few would accuse me of following Ned Ludd, but there are times when technology drives me to distraction. In the spirit of the Luddites, this month's Mac 911 offers ways to defeat the technological turmoil of corrupted AOL attachments, DVD-less Macs, cockeyed movies, and folders that refuse to move away from Home.

A-O-Heck

I've been trying to send some Microsoft Word documents to my mom, who uses America Online, but AOL turns the files into MIME format, which corrupts the documents. What should I do?

– Jack Lee

I have the same problem when I send pictures to my mother. AOL has a nasty habit of mangling attachments sent from outside the service. There are a couple of ways around this.

The easiest is to compress any files you send to people who use AOL. Although AOL can corrupt many kinds of files, it seems to respect compressed documents. In Panther, create a .zip archive by selecting your document (or a folder full of documents) in the Finder and choosing Create Archive from the File menu. Or, if you prefer, use Aladdin Systems' DropStuff, which you can find in the \$50 StuffIt Standard Edition and the \$80 StuffIt Deluxe 8.0 (www.aladdinsys.com), to compress files in the .sit format.

Alternatively, you can upload your files to a Web site -- your .Mac account, for example. Send your mother the link to that

site, and she can download the files from there.

Disc Despair

I've noticed that some software, such as Apple's iLife '04 (\$49; www.apple.com), ships on DVD. My Power Mac G4 doesn't have a DVD drive, and I'm concerned that I'm going to be left out in the cold when more software is delivered in this form. Short of buying a DVD drive, what can I do if I receive a DVD that I'd like to use on my Mac?

—Ed Borman

You don't need to purchase a DVD drive in order to use discs such as the iLife '04 installer (which contains both GarageBand and iDVD). You do, however, need access to a Mac that carries such a drive. With such access, there are two ways to take advantage of that DVD.

The first is to use Disk Utility to create an image of the disc and then copy that image to your Mac or, if your Mac isn't close at hand, to a removable drive. (I use my iPod for such jobs.) To do so, insert the disc, launch Disk Utility (in Applications: Utilities), select the disc from the list of volumes on the left side of the Disk Utility window, and click on the New Image button. In the resulting sheet, select DVD/CD Master in the Image Format pop-up menu and leave the Encryption pop-up menu set to None. Name the image and click on Save. When the image has been created, move it to the other Mac, double-click on it to mount it, and treat it as an installer disc.

If you can borrow a Mac with a SuperDrive and you'd like to skip the disc-image step, just insert the disc in the borrowed Mac and connect the two computers via FireWire Target Disk Mode (with the borrowed Mac as the target), and the disc will appear on your Mac as a mounted image. Run the installer on the image, and you're good to go.

To connect those Macs via FireWire Target Disk Mode, shut down both computers, string a FireWire cable between them, boot the target Mac while holding down the T key, and then boot the host Mac. The target Mac's screen will display a FireWire icon. Its volumes will appear on the host Mac as FireWire drives.

Home Sweet Home

Is there a way to move my Home folder? I tried copying the files in my Home folder to my external hard drive, but it didn't work.

—Guillermo Alvelais

I'm afraid that it takes more than a simple Copy command to do this, but it's certainly an achievable goal.

Launch NetInfo Manager (Applications: Utilities). In the local @ localhost ~/ window that appears, click on the Lock icon. Enter your password when prompted. Now click on the Users entry in the second column and, in the third column, click on the name of the account you want to move -- yours might be named Guillermo, for example. In the lower portion of the

window, look for the Home entry in the

Property list. To the right of this entry, you'll see something like /Users/guillermo. Double-click on this entry and enter /Volumes/othervolume, where othervolume is the name of the volume or hard drive you want to move the Home folder to.

Press the return key or the enter key, and then choose Save Changes from the File menu. Log out and then log back in again, and you'll discover that your Home folder is now located on the volume or drive you designated in NetInfo Manager. If you place the Home folder on an external drive, make sure you give it enough time to spin up and mount before you log in.

To put things back the way they were, follow this same procedure but when you edit the entry, change it back to /Users/guillermo.

Hubbub

When I plug two iPods into my FireWire hub, I receive error messages about unrecognized devices. Why can't more than one iPod be plugged into a computer at a time?

—Shirley Kehr

You can plug more than one iPod into your Mac, but to do so, you must either use a powered hub that provides enough juice for both your iPods or connect each iPod to separate FireWire ports on your Mac. My guess is that you're attempting to use an unpowered hub or a hub that, even when plugged in, just doesn't have the oomph necessary to drive two iPods.

Apple suggests that an iPod be the only device on a FireWire bus because an iPod requires most of the power that bus can provide. I've heard of instances where people have been able to successfully use an iPod chained to a low-powered FireWire device (or one that has its own power supply), but, in general, I've found Apple's advice to be solid.

Wrong Angle

I just bought a Canon A80 camcorder. When I rotate the camera into portrait mode to shoot, the movie appears sideways when I download it to my Mac. How do I rotate the movie so it displays properly?

—Tim Waag

This is easily fixed with QuickTime Pro (\$30; www.apple.com). Open the movie in QuickTime Pro and press Command-J. Select Video Track from the Movie pop-up window, and then select Size from the Annotations pop-up menu. You'll see controls for flipping the video horizontally and vertically, as well as controls for rotating the movie in 90-degree increments (both clockwise and counterclockwise). Rotate the movie to your satisfaction and save it.

Tip of the Month

I like to fall asleep to the music playing on my Mac, but I wanted that music to switch off once I'd fallen asleep. Enter AppleScript. I make a lullaby-inducing script by launching Script Editor (Applications: AppleScript) and typing the fol-

lowing:

Tell application "iTunes"

Delay 5400

Quit

End tell

Then I select the Save As command from the File menu and save the script as an application with the Startup Screen and Stay Open options deselected. You can put the application anywhere that's convenient for you.

The next time you want to fall asleep to your iTunes playlists, just launch iTunes, start playing, and then launch your AppleScript. Exactly 90 minutes (5,400 seconds) later, iTunes will quit.

– Christian Brescia

Unsolicited Advice

Microsoft Entourage X (\$399 as part of Microsoft Office v. X; www.microsoft.com) has an option for automatically compressing attachments with StuffIt (this option is in the Compose tab of the Mail & News Preferences window). When you upgrade to Panther, this option doesn't work, because Entourage requires version 6.5 of StuffIt Engine, and Panther replaces that version with a more recent iteration. But you can get this option to work again.

To do so, you must install the older version of StuffIt Engine. Fortunately, Aladdin Systems (maker of StuffIt) has made this possible. Simply download and install StuffIt Engine 6.5.2, and Entourage's automatic-compression feature is back in business. You can download version 6.5.2 at <http://tinyurl.com/2ep31>.

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Mac 911 – Help Desk

By Christopher Breen

As the parent of a three year old, I've recently been devoting a lot of thought to the concept of sharing. And many Mac users can benefit from paying more attention to sharing -- whether it's Address Book birthdays with iCal, contact information with Word documents, or digital music between devices such as an old iPod and a new Mac.

Birthday Wishes

Can I configure Apple's Address Book and iCal to give me advance notification of birthdays for friends, family members, and business associates?

– Lenn Hann

There's no "Since Lenn went to the trouble of adding a Birthday field to this contact's card, I'll bet he'd like that birthday to also automatically appear in iCal" relationship between Address Book and iCal. But there are a few free utilities that do the job.

The first is Ulli Kortenkamp's ABtoICal (<http://homepage.mac.com/kortenkamp>).

This AppleScript creates a new Birthdays calendar in iCal; it includes all the birthdays you've entered in Address Book. Scotland Software's iCal Birthday Shifter application (<http://iratescotsman.com/products/icalshifter/index.html>) also copies birthdays into a calendar of your choosing. And Martin Pittenauer's ABBirthday (www.codingmonkeys.de/goodies/ABBirthday.dmg) is an Address Book plug-in that lets you create individual birthday events in iCal. Just click on a contact's Birthday heading and select Add To iCal from the resulting menu, and a sheet appears asking you to select the calendar you'd like to add the birthday to. Better yet, it can create an alarm for the birthdays you add to iCal.

Office Merger

In Microsoft Office v. X Standard Edition (\$399; 800/426-9400, www.microsoft.com), is there an easy way to insert a name and an address into a Word document?

– David Christian

There is -- more than one, as a matter of fact. The first employs Word's AutoComplete feature. Begin typing the name of an Entourage contact (you must keep your contacts in Entourage's Address Book for this to work). After you type a few letters, the entire name appears in a small yellow box. Press the return key, and that name appears in the document with a dotted red line beneath it. Control-click on the name, and you can insert that person's e-mail address, street address, or phone number.

For greater control, select View: Toolbars: Contact. You can use the resulting Contact toolbar to select a contact's name from a pop-up menu, add a new contact, and substitute one contact for another. With a contact's name in your document, you can then use other pop-up menus to insert that person's street address, phone number, or e-mail address.

MiniDisc to Mac

I've made some recordings on my MiniDisc player. Now I want to record the music digitally on my Mac and convert it to AAC format. How do I do it?

– Ralf Ginter

To keep your recording digital, you need digital-audio ports on your music player and your Mac. Some MiniDisc players include digital-audio ports, but in the Mac lineup, only the Power Mac G5 includes digital-audio-ins and -outs. These are optical ports rather than S/PDIF (Sony/ Philips Digital Interface) ports.

If your MiniDisc doesn't have a digital-audio output and you're extremely handy, you may be able to add one. MiniDisc.org offers tutorials at www.minidisc.org/part_hacking.html#Construction_Projects. Thankfully, you needn't hack your Mac to add digital inputs. Just purchase a USB digital-audio interface such as Edirol's \$80 UA-1D (www.edirol.com/products/info/ua1d.html), an adapter with both S/PDIF and optical digital-audio ports.

Once you've made a digital connection between the devices,

you'll need an application that records audio as AIFF files. iMovie can do the job for free via its Audio tab, but that's a clumsy way to go. Instead, consider my current favorite inexpensive two-track audio editor, HairerSoft's \$30 Amadeus II (www.hairersoft.com/Amadeus.html).

Then you can drag the AIFF files into iTunes and convert them. To do so, select Preferences from the iTunes menu, click on the Importing tab, select AAC Encoder from the Import Using pop-up menu, click on OK to dismiss the Preferences window, select the files, and choose Convert Selections To AAC from the Advanced menu.

Old iPod, New OS

I have an older iPod that I've used with a Mac running OS 9. My wife bought one of the new iPods that works only with OS X, so I had to upgrade my OS. After installing Panther, I plugged in my old iPod, and my music library was nowhere to be found. Are older iPods incompatible with OS X?

– George A. Renville

Absolutely not. The problem is that iTunes doesn't know where to find your music. In OS 9, iTunes keeps its songs at the root level of your hard drive, in Documents: iTunes: iTunes Music.

To bring those songs into iTunes in OS X, select Preferences from the iTunes menu, click on the Advanced tab, disable the Copy Files To iTunes Music Folder When Adding To Library option, and click on OK. Now choose Add To Library from the File menu, navigate to your old iTunes Music Folder, and click on Choose in the Add To Library dialog box.

Faster, Pastor

I am a pastor, and my question concerns listening to sermons. I use a variable-speed cassette player to cut my listening time in half. Now that more sermons are available on CD or as MP3 files than on cassettes, I can't always use my cassette deck. Is there software that similarly speeds up the listening process for digital sound files?

– Sammy Williams

Roni Music's \$40 Amazing Slow Downer (www.ronimusic.com) was developed primarily to let musicians slow down a piece of recorded music without changing its pitch. But it's also an amazing "speed upper." It can play an audio file at up to twice its normal speed without altering pitch, thus shortening the dramatic pauses that many members of your profession use so effectively.

Unlike digital-audio-editing applications that offer similar time-stretching features, Amazing Slow Downer can perform its trick on audio files saved to your Mac's hard drive and on audio CDs. It can play all the audio formats supported by iTunes.

Finding Locate

I need to look for things in every folder within the System folder, including the Core Services directory. But the Finder's

Find command doesn't search all my Mac's folders. How can I search all the folders on my Mac?

– Nicholas White

Abandon the Finder's Find command, and use a tool that exploits Unix's Locate command -- which sniffs through the hidden database that contains a listing of all your Mac's files and directories. If you're allergic to the command line, have no fear: I'm not sending you to Terminal. Instead, travel to www.sebastian-krauss.de/software and download Sebastian Krauss's free Locator, a utility that slaps a friendly interface on the Locate command.

Tip of the Month

In the April 2004 issue, you suggested using OpenShiiva to convert VOB files to a format readable by iMovie. If you own a copy of Roxio's Toast Titanium (\$80; 866/280-7694, www.roxio.com), you can convert files easily. Open Toast and click on the Video tab. Drag and drop your VOB files into the Toast window, as though you were creating a disc. Within Toast, select the video file to convert, and then select Export Video from the Disc menu. You'll be prompted to save the converted file as a .dv file, which can be read by iMovie. There are some limitations depending on the audio format (for instance, Dolby Digital AC-3 requires Toast with Jam), but they shouldn't apply to your DVD source discs. When you're done converting, you can quit Toast without saving the project.

– Martin Dellwo

UNSOLICITED ADVICE

The ability to create QuickTime slide shows with iPhoto's Export command is a boon, but iPhoto still won't cut a slide show to fit the length of an accompanying soundtrack. Sure, you could get close by doing the math and dividing the length of the soundtrack by the number of slides you intend to display. But unless you're lucky, you'll only get close. iPhoto doesn't let you display slides for fractions of seconds (8 seconds is acceptable, for example, but 8.13 isn't).

If you have a copy of Roxio's Toast Titanium 6, you can solve this problem by opening a copy of the bundled Motion Pictures application. Motion Pictures can perform the "pan and scan" Ken Burns effect and, unlike iPhoto, create a QuickTime slide show that matches the length of a soundtrack. It will also send that slide show directly to Toast, where you can burn it to a DVD or a Video CD.

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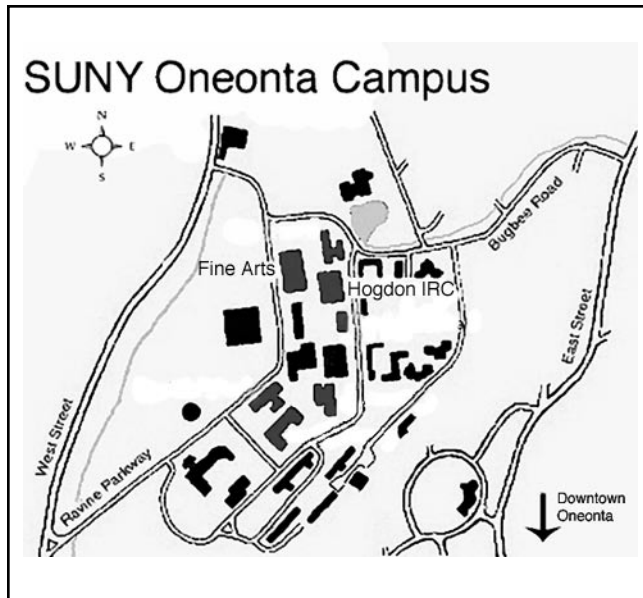
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AUG. 7 MUG ONE BOARD MEETING

Secretary Terry Helser, Program Co-Chairs John Maas and Brian Foley, Treasurer Joanne Johnston, and President and Newsbreak editor Elsa Travisano welcomed newly appointed Vice President Sven Anderson, to Ruffino's Pizzeria for the August 7 Board meeting. Joanne reported the current balance is \$1,214.87. We agreed to pay the \$6 lost key fee for the long-missing IRC lectern key, and that Sven and Terry should get IRC-1 lectern keys for this semester. I will see if Elsa can also have one.

Elsa reported that Barb Dauria no longer owns the Main Street Print Shop, but the library is still located there and can remain for the time being. Sven offered to house the library in the Fine Arts Building if it proves necessary to relocate. Another alternative would be to store the collection on a library cart in IRC, so we could bring it out for every meeting. We'll consult with Librarian Jo Koenig and work on alternatives this fall, if necessary.

In MUG ONE's door prize collection, Terry has Apple folders, several CD wallets, and copies of Now Up-to-Date, Stuffit Deluxe, Think Free Office, Teknotes and You Control/Synchronize programs. We also have three books, five Zip 100 disks, three posters, nine XL and two L t-shirts, an XXXL and XXL Turtleneck, pens, a dog dish pad, dogs, etc. Elsa brought several applications and other door prizes from the User Group Leadership Conference and Boston Macworld in July, which John will handle. Elsa reported that the conference was small, but excellent.

We discussed having separate tables, or at least signs, to separate the free stuff we offer at each meeting from raffle prizes. Brian will help ensure the members know the difference and abide by the one prize/meeting rule. We might try a special \$1 raffle at the start of the meeting to award big items, like software. We also would like to try a \$2/book table, a dona-

tion to MUG ONE, if people have useful books to donate that others can buy. Sven will check whether the college might be able to donate old licenses to software that has been replaced. (It is cheaper to buy new at the educational discount than upgrade, apparently.)

For the Tuesday, September 7 meeting, Sven, Brian and John will present "How Does It Work?" They plan to offer ten minute segments with tips like how to save a file as a .pdf with OS X. Sven wants to do a hands-on presentation and show his new Canon camera. Brian will set up a question/suggestion box/table to collect ideas for Q&A. Elsa will also do her show and tell about the Boston Macworld conference if time permits.

Internationally renowned Mac author and pundit Adam Engst will return on October 5 to offer another engaging program. Don't miss his presentation!

Future meeting ideas include an Adobe presentation, asking the Albany Apple Store to bring hardware and software to demonstrate, and showing a video from "Software Cinema." They want questionnaires done for feedback. Sounds reasonable.

The waitress brought the bill and we were full of veggie, egg-plant and cheese pizza and soda, we adjourned until September 7 at 7:00 pm in IRC-1.

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

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