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DENVER APPLE PI
Macintosh User Group

**Denver Apple Pi
Mac SIG Meetings are held at**

12930 W 32ND AVENUE

GOLDEN CO 80401

7 TO 9 PM

Help SIG Meetings to be held

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Mac SIG	Nov 18	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 20	3rd Thurs
Mac SIG	Dec 16 Christmas Party	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 18	3rd Thurs

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DAPi Meeting: November 18, 2014

        Larry Fagan

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Using browsers and search engines (and the
difference between them)

Time permitting:  sending large files when
one doesn't have Dropbox. Using WeTransfer
vs. Dropbox (Tom King)
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DAPi MEMBERSHIP

November 2014 membership:

> No renewals due for the month of November

Membership dues for DAPi are $15 per year and you will receive the monthly newsletter, *The Seed,* via email in PDF format. If you prefer, you can pay $20 and receive a snail mail copy of the newsletter. You can bring your payment to the monthly meetings or you can send your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004

November 18—Help SIG
3rd Thursday

December 18— Christmas Party

OTHER REMINDERS:

- Call Elissa to get your name/problem on the Help SIG list so our Help geniuses will be prepared. You need to bring your computer, your own power cord, mouse, and keyboard. Elissa will keep a sign-up list for those asking for help at the Mac Help meetings so members can be helped in a prioritized way. Elissa at elissamc@comcast.net or at 303.421.8714

- Need help with iPad, iPhone? If you would like assistance with navigating and synchronizing your iPad, iPhone, bring them to the Help SIG meeting. Notify Elissa what you need help with and we will try to get the problems resolved.

- Jim Awalt has CDs of old time radio programs for the club members to use/download. awaltjw@yahoo.com.

- Jim Awalt has a list of DVDs showing previous DAPi programs. If you wish to obtain a copy ($1 each), email Jim with DAPi in subject line and indicate which program you would like to purchase. awaltjw@yahoo.com.

Scanner for Rent

DAPi has a slide scanner that records to an SD card. You can rent it for $10 per month, and rental time will be limited to one month or two months. A computer is required to read the SD card. Email Tom King at

bykyng@gmail.com

PHISHING AND OTHER THREATS

From Darlene:

I just got an e-mail supposedly from Wells Fargo telling me that different computers have tried to log in to my account, that multiple password failures automatically places [sic] my account on hold, that they need to reconfirm my account information by November 8 in order that they don't suspend my account indefinitely, etc. They give a link to click on to "remove limitations" from my account.

I do not have an account with Wells Fargo. I called them and they had me forward the e-mail to their fraud unit.

I think a person would be more in danger if they did have an account at that bank.

I have in the past received such a notice from another bank where I do have a credit card. At that time I called them, and they had me send the e-mail to their fraud unit — same procedure.

You should never respond to any such link but instead call the institution to find out if they sent the e-mail.

Tammy has spoken about this before in her presentation(s), both warning about such e-mails and saying to contact the institution itself outside of any link given.

This is being written only to demonstrate that this threat is very real and that this incident is current.

From Larry:

Whenever I get one of these, I go to the bank by Googling them (**never click on the link in the email**). With a minimum of poking around you can usually find the link to their fraud unit, and forward the email there. For me, it saves a phone call.

From Joyce:

My *mea culpa* story: While Googling away on the internet, a pop-up window showing the Safari logo asked if I wanted to upgrade my Safari browser (I was using Firefox at the time). My quick fingers

clicked "yes," and from then on my default browser became *Genieo*—something I knew nothing about nor wanted—but with a click on this pop-up ad I managed to glarp up my browsers, both Firefox and Safari. The upgrade for Safari was for Mavericks 10.9, and I use Snow Leopard 10.6, and when I clicked on my Safari logo in the dock, it wouldn't open because the upgraded Safari won't work on my operating system.

To repair this ill-considered click has been time consuming to say the least. I was able to uninstall *Genieo*, and remove add-ons in Firefox for the pop-up ads from PalMall and Shopy mate. (See Figure 1, next page). I'm still working on restoring my Safari browser to Snow Leopard. Tammy says I should reinstall from my Snow Leopard DVD and then run software update. (I have yet to do this.)

To read about this "malicious Genieo," go to http://www.thesafemac.com/malicious-genieo-installers-persist/. By going to this site, you WILL NOT be downloading anything because you will be on The Safe Mac.com website that has a long discussion on this nasty software. There is even a threat from the originator of the software for legal action if this "misleading and false" information is not removed from The SafeMac.com site. If you do read the comments from inadvertent downloaders of *Genieo*, you will understand the grief it has caused, including the inability to uninstall the software.

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BLOCKING POP-UP ADS

Adblock Plus is an extension that blocks annoying video ads on YouTube, Facebook ads, banners and much more. To read about Adblock Plus, go to https://addons.mozilla.org/en-us/firefox/addon/adblock-plus/ . After Adblock Plus is downloaded, it will show up in the Firefox Tools drop-down menu. See Figure 1.
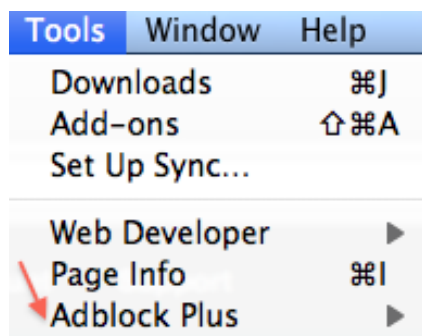
Figure 1. Firefox Tools dropdown menu

When you open the Add-ons window, the Add-ons Manager will display what you have downloaded. In Figure 2, you will see the extensions that Firefox uses and how you can manage them. Note: you can disable unwanted extensions.
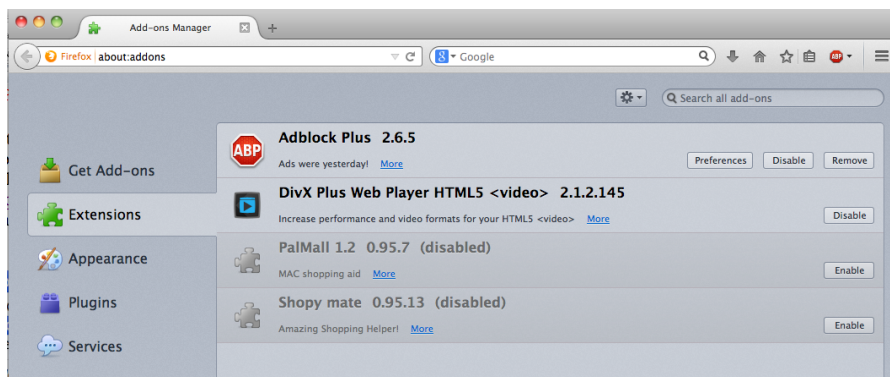

Figure 2. Add-ons Manager

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FITBIT NO LONGER IN APPLE STORES

Jeff Gamet reports in The MacObserver that the Fitbit products are no longer available in the Apple stores. Other fitness trackers that support HealthKit are still available, and Jeff suggests a rift between the Apple and Fitbit. See Jeff's article:

http://www.macobserver.com/tmo/article/apple-drops-fitbit-products-from-online-store?utm_campaign=tmo_artfooter

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WIRELURKER AND MASQUE ATTACK

Despite multitudes of articles decrying OS X and iOS malicious attacks, the November 10, 2014, *AppleInsider* article by Daniel Eran Dilger explains the "realistic, non-sensationalized facts" about how safe Apple's users are and how to remain protected from threats.

Gatekeeper is a feature introduced in Mountain Lion and OS X Lion v10.7.5 and forward versions adding to the already existing malware checks to help protect your Mac from malware and "misbehaving apps" downloaded from the Internet. The Apple website says, "The safest and most reliable place to download and install apps is via the Mac App Store. Apple reviews each app before it's accepted by the store, and if there's ever a problem with an app, Apple can quickly remove it from the store."

Third party apps from other sources can get a unique Developer ID from Apple to digitally sign their apps

that are allowed by Gatekeeper and verify that digitally approved IDs have not been tempered with. Gatekeeper blocks apps without this Developer ID.

If you download apps from other than the Mac App Store, they must have a unique Developer ID from Apple and use it to digitally sign their apps. Otherwise, Gatekeeper will block these apps from being installed. Read more about Gatekeeper at http://support.apple.com/en-ae/HT5290.

Appleinsider says Wirelurker and Masque Attack are not viral and can't infect users unless they intentionally disable security and manually install apps bypassing built-in trust verification systems for iOS and Macs.

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NEW INTEL PROCESSORS FOR MACS IN 2015

Intel processors used in Macs and most other computers are being upgraded, and the new technology will arrive in early 2015. Reports say Apple has been testing the new chips in the upcoming 12-inch MacBook Air. The new processors called Broadwell will supersede the current Haswell processors. Broadwell will introduce newer, more powerful technology with increased efficiency that translates to longer battery life for laptops. The release of the Broadwell processor was delayed until after the first of the new year. However, Intel has the next processor family that will supersede Broadwell (called Skylake) near completion and that is expected to be introduced later in 2015.

Unless you feel the need for the latest and greatest, buying a computer just before the new model is introduced will save you money. So, stay alert and be aware of the new families of Intel chips that, no doubt, will have faster graphics, better efficiency and the cachet of being the latest and greatest.

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OOPS

Microsoft has partnered with NFL football to the tune of $400 million providing Surface Pro 3 tablets ($799) for coaches and players to use. This product is Microsoft's answer to Apple's iPad. During the NFL games, TV cameras focus on players studying their tablets, and announcers report that players review their previous plays during the game on their *iPads*. Oops. So much for the $400 million investment by Microsoft. I've seen Peyton Manning sitting on the bench reviewing his plays on his "oops."

To add another oops, on election night, CNN reporters had their Microsoft Surface Pro 3 tablets propped up on their desks; just behind the anchorman's Pro 3 was his **iPad** and he was busily working on it for up-to-date election results.

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For information, call Elissa McAlear at 303.421.8714 about Apple II, GS and Mac. Email elissamc@comcast.net. Our website is:
www.denverapplepi.com

Macintosh SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Troubleshooter Group Help SIG meets the FOURTH Thursday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
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