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Mac SIG & Help SIG Meetings are held at
Applewood Community Church
12930 W 32nd Avenue
Golden CO 80401
7 to 9 pm
SEE WEBSITE FOR MAP

2016 DAPi Calendar		
Mac SIG	Sep 20	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Sep 22*	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Oct 18	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 27	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Nov 15	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 17*	4 th Thurs
Christmas Party	Dec 20	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 29	5 th Thurs

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Mac SIG
September 20, 2016
7-9 p.m.

Jeff Gamet - Social Media
with emphasis on
Facebook

Jeff is Managing Editor of
www.macobserver.com

DAPI MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new member: Andoni Lizard

The following members should submit their annual dues this September:

Kate Cusack Annette Rau
Marie Zimmerman


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 mail your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Apple Media Event —September 7, 2016**

1 p.m. ET. How to watch:

Livestream to all iPhones, iPads, or iPod Touch devices running iOS 7.0 or later. Need to use the software's build-in Safari browser.

Mac users can watch by streaming it to Safari version 6.0.5 or later and running OS X version 10.8.5 or newer.

Apple is expected to announce the  Watch 2, the iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus. The iOS 10 GM download (the OS 10 Gold Master build for developers and beta testers) will be available and likely followed the following week by the release of iOS 10 for the public.

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 Help SIG meetings so members can be helped in a prioritized way.** Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Elissa at elissamc@comcast.net or at 303.421.8714
- Tom King says if you have questions about Excel for Mac, the spreadsheet software program, bring your questions to the Help SIG. Please call Elissa in advance.
- 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 help you need, 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

**NEED A RIDE
TO OUR MEETINGS?
TRY A CAR POOL**

**CALL ELISSA AT 303-421-8714 TO PUT
YOU IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE.**

**ONGOING OFFERS FOR USER GROUP MEMBERS**

All member offers and codes are on one easy-to-cut-and-paste page for newsletter editors:

<http://appleusergroupresources.com/special-offers-with-codes/>

Password for offers:

04/1/2016 to 10/30/2016 -- uggreatbuys

- Special Offer – Eltima Software Multimedia products: 20% Discount
- Special Offer – EverWeb by RAGE Software: 50% Discount
- Special Offer – Take Control Books: 30% Discount on all eBooks

- Special Offer – Opus][Complete Collection: 25% Discount
- Special Offer – Joe On Tech Guides: 20% Discount on All Books
- Special Offer – AgileBits 1Password 5 and more: 25% Discount
- Special Offer – From the makers of Tech-Tool Pro: 20% Discount
- Special Offer – Noteboom Tutorials: 33% Off Annual Memberships
- Special Offer – O'Reilly: 40-50% Discount
- Special Offer – Prosoft Engineering: 25% Off
- Special Offer – Que Publishing Products: 35-45% Discount
- Special Offer – SlideShark iPad PowerPoint Viewer: Free App plus Offer



CONVERT OLD MEDIA INTO DVDS FOR \$25

From Kim Komando

<http://www.komando.com/cool-sites/370536/convert-old-vhs-tapes-into-dvds-without-lifting-a-finger>

Consider using a DVD to show your old media rather than a slide projector. Writing for Kim Komando.com, Ariyanna Norman suggests that Walmart's DVD transfer service has "customization options" that make Walmart's significant step above other companies and the price (\$24.96) is fairly standard among the providers. For nearly \$25 you can convert one video tape that's up to 2 hours in length, 100 feet of film, 165 images (slides or photos), 90 minutes of digital video or 540 digital images onto one DVD.

You can do it yourself using a DVD recorder and VCR recorder that Kim Komando has for sale in her shop.

<http://www.komando.com/tips/368743/how-to-modernize-your-old-videotapes/2>

Websites for DVD transfer service: *You will likely need to copy and paste these links into your browser. Adobe Reader inconveniently removes the links when this document is converted to the PDF format.*

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

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

http://photo.walgreens.com/walgreens/store/page/storePageId=DVD+Transfer?tab=photo_giftsHDD_DVD_Transfer



HAVE YOU BEEN HACKED?

To see if you've been hacked or if your info is part of a data breach, go to these two Apple-user-friendly sites: [have i been pwned?](#) and [BreachAlarm](#).

Have I Been Pwned? (HIBP): According to Wikipedia, this website was launched in December 2013 and receives about ten thousand daily visitors and has 350,000 email subscribers.

Troy Hunt who has been running HIBP since 2013 writes on his website <https://www.troyhunt.com/the-impact-of-have-i-been-pwned-on-data/> that HIBP has



exceeded his wildest expectations of what it might achieve. He says the website is impacting the market price of breached data—downward! The following is quoted from his article on the impact of the website.

Identities are valuable. Email addresses, passwords, physical addresses and phone numbers to name but a few data attributes all pose value to criminal elements. They enable access to accounts well beyond just those breached thanks to both password reuse and weak verification processes (read Brian Krebs' piece last month on [PayPal's lazy authentication](#) for a great example) plus of course provide malicious actors with essential elements required for identity theft. Whilst individual identities are valuable, full data breaches with potentially millions of identities can be a gold mine.*

**<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/12/20/16-reality-lazy-authentication-still-the-norm/>*

HIBP allows you to check to see if your account has been compromised in a data breach. You enter your email account and it quickly reveals if it has been "pwned."

After checking to see if your account has been breached, this website shows which website, e.g., Adobe, was breached and what data were compromised, e.g., email addresses, passwords, credit cards, etc. The website then suggests appropriate action such as changing passwords.

You can click on "notify me when I get pwned," and this window will confirm your request. You can add other addresses you have at this point. Also shown on this page are the "Top 10 Breaches," and by clicking another link you can view all breaches. The most breached website is MySpace with over 3.5 million accounts breached. You can

also donate to HIBP by clicking on an icon on the same page.

[Breach Alarm](#) will "find out if a password hack has exposed your password online." You can check your email address(es) immediately for free, activate email watchdog for free, or there are paid plans for this service.

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>
<https://breachalarm.com/>

<http://www.ubergizmo.com/2016/09/apple-will-be-removing-apps-that-are-no-longer-functional/>



EASIER AND BETTER PASSWORDS

DAPI Member Ken McEntire contributed to this report

Below is a link to a *Washington Post* video from August 11, 2016, about a newer way to create passwords we can actually remember. The solution is to type a several-word-long sentence that's familiar to you. To check the strength, type it into a search engine and see if the search engine completes it. If so, make it longer.

Guillaume Ross of security firm Rapid7 tells clients to focus on password length for beefing up security rather than any other variable.

The new direction is one that champions less complexity in favor of length. Still, the studies showed that even with passphrases throwing in a little complexity — a number, a special character — could only help.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2016/08/11/theres-a-new-way-to-make-strong-passwords-and-its-way-easier/>

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DRY YOUR DEVICE IN A RICE BAGGIE

From DAPi Member Ken McEntire

Recently water spilled on my "device" (an MP3 offshoot) and moisture got under the screen. When I turned it on, almost nothing worked right because the keys were wet underneath. Duh!

Several hours later I remembered the instructions (often given by Kim Komando) to help fix a cellphone dropped into water. So, I got a sealable baggie and put one-half cup of dry, uncooked rice in it, placed the device in it, sealed it, and let it sit for a day or two. This allowed the moisture to migrate to the drier place (the rice). It worked immediately. Now, the keys do not work perfectly, but it has good enough functionality to be useable day to day. Moral: when it's wet, dry it thoroughly *before* you turn it back on.



KIDS AND TECHNOLOGY

A University of Iowa study reported that by the age of two, 90% of modern children can use an iPad. Another study revealed that on average, kids are receiving their first smartphone between the ages of 10 and 11.



APPLE SPACESHIP CAMPUS VIDEO

The latest drone video, dated September 2, 2016, of Apple's second campus shows the nearly complete main building as well as landscape updates. As you remember, Steve Jobs envisioned this spaceship-like campus that is more than 1 mile around but broken up by cafes, lobbies and entrances with social interactions in mind. Included on the campus are miles of jogging and cycling trails along with 1000 bicycles kept on site for employees to travel around the campus. Underground parking for 8000 cars of the 12,000 employees is available so that the cars will not detract from the landscaping which is yet to come. More than 7000 trees of 300 different species including fruit trees will enhance the ambiance as well.

The project will be completed in 2016 with employees moving in in 2017.

<http://www.macrumors.com/2016/09/02/apple-campus-2-drone-video/>



APPLE & US TAX

Apple CEO Tim Cook has struck back at critics of the company's strategy to avoid paying US taxes, saying he would not bring that money back from abroad unless there was a "fair rate."

<http://www.appleworld.today/blog/2016/8/15/tim-cook-apple-will-bring-overseas-money-back-to-the-us-when-theres-a-fair-tax-rate>

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Mac 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 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. unless a holiday necessitates a change. Seed articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: Seed Article.

Membership Form

Date _____ Renewal New Change
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 City _____
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 Email _____
 Kind of Computer: Apple II _____ GS _____ Mac _____ OS _____

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