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Calendar

SIG and Help Meetings are
HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED MUTUAL
WATER DISTRICT BUILDING
12700 W 27th Avenue
Lakewood
7 to 9 pm

unless otherwise noted



MEETING DATES SET FOR

OCT- DEC 2008

DEC 08 —JAN-MAY 09

2008 Meeting Dates

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| Mac SIG | Dec 16 | Tues Party |
| Help SIG | Dec 30 | Tues |

2009 Meeting Dates

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| Mac SIG | Jan 20 | Tues |
| Help SIG | Jan 28 | Wed |
| Mac SIG | Feb 17 | Tues |
| Help SIG | Feb 25 | Wed |
| Mac SIG | Mar 17 | Tues |
| Help SIG | Mar 25 | Wed |
| Mac SIG | Apr 21 | Tues |
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| Mac SIG | May 19 | Tues |
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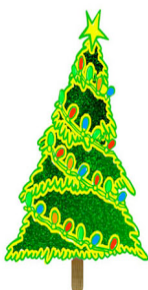
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Christmas Party

December 16, 2008 — 7 to 9 pm

Consolidated Mutual Water District

Please bring finger food such as cookies, candy, chips and dip, or your favorite Christmas hors d'oeuvre to share with others. The club will provide punch, napkins, plates and cups.



TOP 10 GIFTS TO SHARE THIS YEAR

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We're in the holiday spirit, and we want to continue the good will with free shipping on any order over \$99 to the contiguous 48 states until the end of the year. Plus, *Small Dog Electronics does not charge sales tax on any order that ships out of Vermont! Now Until 12/31: Free Ground Shipping on Any Order Over \$99!*

Be sure to check out our specials below--Happy holidays!

In addition to our featured specials, here's our Top 10 list of what's hot this holiday season. Macs, iPods, games, etc. on your list? We have more specials running right now than we ever have, so check them out, and take advantage of them before it's too late!

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EyeTV Hybrid Review Follow Up



By Ed Shepard, Kibbles & Bytes #595: Pre-Holiday Specials, Mac Treat #64, EyeTV

Several people wrote in with questions about the EyeTV Hybrid review I wrote last week. Most people wanted to know about the difference between the [EyeTV Hybrid](#) (which costs \$135) and the [EyeTV 250 Plus](#) (which costs \$185).

El Gato has a [standard comparison page](#) between the two devices, and even better, you can see [an article detailing the comparisons here](#). http://support.elgato.com/index.php?languageid=1&group=englishdefault&_m=knowledgebase&_a=viewarticle&parentcategoryid=1&kbarticleid=1193

The main difference is that the EyeTV 250 Plus is a hardware encoder, so it does not use your Mac's processor to encode analog video. This is mainly an issue for older Macs – newer Intel Macs should be able to easily handle decoding analog signals. El Gato says “EyeTV 250 Plus

contains hardware encoders that offer excellent performance and recording quality. Because the processor intensive MPEG encoding is done in the hardware, you can use an older Macintosh to record high quality programming.” And later “Dual G5 and Intel Macs can handle the demand on the processor quite effortlessly, so an EyeTV Hybrid is a very suitable and inexpensive alternative for newer Macs.”

Note that both devices will allow you to import VHS tapes and convert them to digital – the guide is not clear about this. The EyeTV 250 comes with a specialized program for this, while the EyeTV Hybrid requires you use the same software to record a VHS tape as you’d use to record a TV show. In my opinion, this is not a major distinction.

The EyeTV 250 comes with Toast 8 Basic, while the EyeTV Hybrid does not. EyeTV 250 needs to be plugged into the wall, while EyeTV Hybrid is bus-powered.



Apple User Group Bulletin -
November 18, 2008

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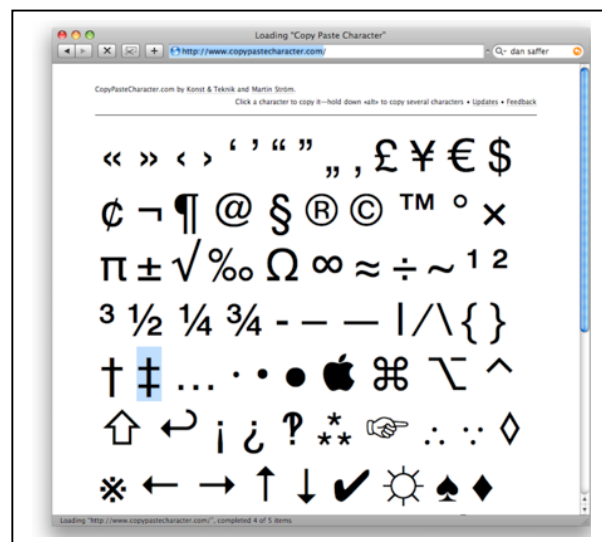
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UPGRADING YOUR AIRPORT, FROM THE OUTSIDE

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Continuing on the theme of last week's article, there is one more upgrading question that I'm constantly asked: how can I make my old Mac wireless? After Apple discontinued the Original AirPort Card, the prices skyrocketed! Consumers believed that the only way they could add wireless connectivity to their older machines was to pay a premium for the Apple hardware; this is not the case. Not only is it more cost-effective to go with a third-party wireless solution, but for those running OS 10.2 or higher, it may be a way to add 802.11g capabilities to machines that only reached 802.11b speeds with the AirPort Card.

There are several ways to add wireless to your old machine, depending on what kind of computer it is. Those who have older Power Macs may decide they like being able to hide a PCI Wireless Card in their machine (<http://www.smalldog.com/product/12651816>). Those lucky enough to have a PowerBook G3 or G4 may decide to take advantage of the PCMCIA card slot on the side of their computers (<http://www.smalldog.com/product/45405>). However, the most universal option is a USB adapter. It's slim, small and fits in any USB port. Small Dog recently started selling the Addlogix USB Wireless Adapter (<http://www.smalldog.com/product/72606>) which features 802.11g speeds and driver support for users running 10.3.9 and 10.4. Purported as having "the best OS compatibility in the market" it's gained great reviews and they've made a niche for themselves by being one of the very few companies to offer full driver support on the Mac side.

If the above options don't work for you, and you're feeling a little

adventurous, it's important to know that there are plenty of other USB wireless adapters out there that can be made to work with almost any Mac OS (even OS 9); configuring them is the tricky part. Brands like Belkin, D-Link and Netgear produce some very popular cards, but their Mac support is lacking and their drivers aren't terribly stellar. This is where it's important to know that if you buy a card that doesn't come with a driver for Macs, or if you just plain don't like the driver it comes with, there may be alternative drivers out there for you.

For those of you running 10.2 or higher and looking for "g" speeds, you may be curious to know that there are two great sources for drivers that work with many third-party brands. Ralink Technology has very clean drivers for cards made with their chipset (i.e. D-Link) and they're free (<http://www.ralinktech.com/ralink/Home/Support/Macintosh.html>).

OrangeWare also makes a very robust suite of drivers for most Atheros-based 802.11g cards for \$15, and they have a full list of compatible cards on their website (<http://www.orangeware.com/endusers/wirelessformac.html>). OS 9 users already have drivers for Lucent WaveLAN, Agere Orinoco, and certain other third-party IEEE 802.11b-compliant PC cards built right in, it's just a matter of finding the correct card. Wanna go fishing? Try <http://www.google.com/products>



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SPELL CHECK IN MAC OS X

Joyce Etherton

Mac OS X offers a fast and easy way to check the spelling of individual words in Safari, iChat, Pages, Numbers, Keynote, TextEdit, Mail, Stickies, and other OS X-based applications. Here's how.

When you misspell a word—or type one that doesn't appear in the standard Apple dictionary (like the city of Waitsfield, Alabama)—Mac OS X highlights it with a dotted red line. To replace it with the correct spelling, right-click the word with your right-click enabled mouse, (or select it with your mouse and Control-click the word on single button mice and laptops). A pop-up menu appears, offering a list of possible replacements. Click the correct spelling of the word to instantly update your document.

If you know a highlighted term—such as Waitsfield—is spelled correctly, and you don't want Mac OS X to highlight it in future occurrences, choose the Ignore Spelling option from the list. Mac OS X removes the highlighting below Waitsfield wherever it appears, and won't underline this word again if you use it subsequently in your current document.

If you want all text-based Mac OS X applications to know the correct spelling of Waitsfield, you can customize the Mac OS X dictionary to include this correct spelling of the term. To do so, choose the Learn Spelling option. Mac OS X adds this spelling to its dictionary, and Waitsfield appears in the pop-up list of correctly spelled terms, whether you're using Pages, Keynote or any other text-based Mac OS X application that uses its spelling dictionary.

Note: sometimes OS X's built in dictionary can't fix odd misspellings. In this case, I simply paste the word into Google, and use Google's very good built-in spellchecker.



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Thank you!

Jon and I wish to thank you all who so generously made our Thanksgiving meals so very special. The King Soopers gift card was a wonderful surprise which we greatly appreciated. We thoroughly enjoyed our turkey dinner, trimmings and leftovers.

My recovery from bilateral medial knee replacement is going very well so far and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party.

We also appreciate the marvelous support from the entire Board during this last month.

May the blessings of Christmas and this Holiday Season be with each of you and your families!

Yours truly,
Elissa and Jon McAlear

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