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Macintosh User Group

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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
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MEETING DATES SET FOR

JAN-JUN 09

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
Help SIG	Apr 29	5 th Wed
Mac SIG	May 19	Tues
Help SIG	May 27	Wed
Mac SIG	Jun 16	Tues
Help SIG	Jun 24	Wed

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009

MARK BOSLER: KEYCHAIN - IPASSWORD
TAMMY HANSON: IPHOTO TRANSFERRING -
AND OTHER IPHOTO APPLICATIONS

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2009 Membership renewals are due for the following DAPI Members:

- Ken Baker
- Fred Berkman
- Brenda Cleveland
- Kenneth McEntire
- Thomas Orton
- William Schmurr
- John Stremme

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FIREFOX WEB BROWSER EXTENSIONS

Michael J. Ross, *Computer Edge Online*
<http://webserver.computoredge.com/online.mvc?article=in1&issue=2702&zone=CO&src=1>

[For the complete article, go to the above website. The following outlines some of the high points for Mac users:.]

. . . Firefox was developed so that its functionality could be supplemented with "extensions," which are small modules that the user can add to their copy of Firefox, thereby enhancing it with features not found in the default installation. Through the use of extensions, users can blog or chat directly within Firefox, send SMS or instant messages, gain greater control over Web-based e-mail accounts, block banner ads, start or stop their favorite MP3 player without leaving Firefox, and control other content such as Flash movies—to name just a handful of the many possibilities.

. . . Arguably the best source for finding all of the available Firefox extensions and other add-ons is the Firefox Add-ons page, which lists hundreds of them, organized into 17 categories: Alerts & Updates, Appearance, Bookmarks, Dictionaries & Language Packs, Download Management, Feeds, News & Blogging, Language Support, Photos, Music & Videos, Privacy & Security, Search Tools, Social & Communication, Tabs, Themes, Toolbars, Web Development and Others.

Here are some favorites of writer Michael J. Ross:

AdBlock is a more powerful online advertisement blocker than Firefox's built-in image blocker. AdBlock allows you to specify what advertising Web sites are not allowed to add content inside any of the Web pages displayed within your Firefox—unless of course AdBlock is temporarily disabled, which is easy to do. AdBlock is quite flexible in the way you can specify the site addresses, because it allows simple "regular expressions." For example, `"*/ads/*"` would filter out everything from `http://www.example.com/ads`, `http://www.example.net/ads`, etc.

Earlier it was mentioned that you can control the playing of MP3 files directly within Firefox. This can be done using FoxyTunes which adds a toolbar to the bottom right-hand corner of your Firefox window, with controls for playing, pausing, stopping, the song currently queued up in whatever audio player you have chosen within the FoxyTunes settings. FoxyTunes currently supports 26 such players, including iTunes.

The installation of Firefox is free, speedy and straightforward.



MORE INTERNET BROWSERS FOR MACS

Joyce Etherton

No doubt you are familiar with Safari and Firefox browsers for your Mac. Google "Chrome for Macs" is to be released in January 2009 as another alternative. Here are two others available now:

Opera 9.63 (OS X)

Bills itself as "The fastest browser on Earth!" using its Presto engine

- Free
- Page-zoom feature for entire document instead of just the text
- Wand passwords
- Mouse gestures (allows "back, forward and open new tab" without clicking toolbar—customizable)
- Tabbed browsing
- Pop-up blocker
- Phishing and malware site protection
- Written in machine code which give it much smaller footprint and makes it ideal for older computers with less memory. Only Firefox 3 has smaller footprint of top browsers available.
- Mail, News, Chat

Camino 1.6.3 (requires OS 10.3.9)

- Based on Mozilla's Gecko engine and operates much like Firefox on Mac, but "a lot quicker."
- Best mix of speed, features and compatibility of choices among browsers: Firefox, Safari and Camino
- Flash-Ads and Pop-up blocking
- Keychain compatibility



LOGMEIN IGNITION— "NOW THAT'S MOBILITY"

Joyce Etherton

This one-click extension from your iPhone and iPod Touch provides access to your LogMeIn computers directly from your Apple Device no matter where you are. You can purchase this from your iTunes App Store. Here's what you can do with this product from your iPhone and iPod and all from the palm of your hand—wherever you are:

- Use a program that's on your office computer
- View a photo on your home desktop
- Help a friend troubleshoot his or her computer

Note: This product is for iPhone and iPod Touch and is a distinct product from LogMeIn Ignition for the desktop and USB/U3 smartdrives; it must be purchased separately from the iTunes App Store.

A video demonstrating this feature is available at [avahttps://secure.logmein.com/products/ignition/iphone/Default.asp?lang=en](https://secure.logmein.com/products/ignition/iphone/Default.asp?lang=en)



MACWORLD 2009 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Philip Schiller, Apple Sr. Vice President of Worldwide Product Marketing, delivered the keynote address at Macworld 2009. You can view this online exclusively in QuickTime and MPEG-4

<http://events.apple.com.edgesuite.net/0901ouabdcaw/event/index.html>

Mr. Schiller demonstrates many of the new features in iPhoto '09 which is part of iLife '09.

- **P l a c e s**, using “Geo-tagging” to identify where your photos were taken using GPS
- **F a c e s**, using face recognition to help organize your iPhoto files
- Online services including Facebook and Flickr (also using Geotagging to locate where photos were taken)
- Slideshow themes using face detection

The video is well done and demonstrates so many features that you need to watch it yourself and to see Mr. Schiller who made the presentation this year instead of Steve Jobs.



THE MAC BOX SET

“Get folks stuck back with Tiger finally into the modern age”

Joyce Etherton

The new package @ \$169 of iWork, iLife and Leopard is a great way to get folks stuck back with Tiger finally into the modern age! (Leopard alone is \$129.99.)

In late January 2009, you can save \$100 by purchasing this boxed set that includes:

- **Mac OS X v10.5.6 Leopard**, the latest version of the world’s most powerful operating system
- **iLife '09**, featuring the new iPhoto '09, iMovie '09,

GarageBand '09, iWeb '09, and iDVD

- **iWord '09**, Apple’s productivity suite for home and office including Pages '09, Numbers'09, and Keynote '09

This product was announced at the Macworld '09 conference and was rated by many as the “big” announcement of the event.



SPACE SHUTTLE’S COMPUTER

From *Popular Science February 2009*

The space shuttle uses a General Purpose Computer (GPC) that controls, among other things, the entire launch sequence, and uses 1 megabyte of RAM. This means that the computer has the computational power of an IBM 5150, a 1980s icon that you can buy for \$20 at yard sales. (The first Macs with 1 meg of RAM were available in about 1986.)

The functions this computer performs—thrusters on, thrusters off—although “mathematically complex” don’t require the power that a Windows interface uses. This GPC has flown so many missions with very few problems that there isn’t a reason to replace it. (It is only 0.005 percent as powerful as an Xbox 360.) An overhaul of this computer system would be extremely expensive and require a modern computer plus extensive testing until it proved flawless. An oldie but goodie.

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Sad Macs, Bombs and Other Disasters, 1997
Ted Landau 3rd Edition

Mac Secrets, Macworld, 1997
David Pogue & Joseph Schorr, 5th Edition,
OS8 and before

Running Excel 5 for the Macintosh, 1994
The Cobb Group, Compatible with the Power Mac

Microsoft Manuals: (Macintosh)
Getting Results with Excel 98, 1997-98
Getting Results with Word 98, 1997-98
Microsoft Word Quick Results, 1993-94
Microsoft Excel Users Guide, 1993-94
Microsoft Word Users Guide, 1993-94
Microsoft Excel Visual Basic Users Guide, 1993-94

Claris Works 5.0 User’s Guide, 1997
Claris Works Companion 5.0, 1998
Appleworks 5 for Dummies, 1999

Upgrading and Repairing Your Mac, MacWEEK 1995
Lisa Lee Covers Power Macs & 7.5.2

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Macintosh SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Troubleshooter Group Mac Help meets the FOURTH Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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