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HELD AT THE CONSOLIDATED MUTUAL
WATER DISTRICT BUILDING
12700 W 27th Avenue
Lakewood – 7 to 9 pm
unless otherwise noted



MEETING DATES SET FOR

MARCH– JUN 2011

Mac SIG	Feb 15	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Feb 23	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Mar 15	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Mar 23	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Apr 19	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Apr 27	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	May 17	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	May 25	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Jun 21	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Jun 29	4 th Wed

Note change to Mar 23rd

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DAPI Meeting March 15, 2011

Bento

More than a conventional database
application

It is

- Interactive
- Inter-operational
- Easy to Use Interface

Presenter: Charles Mettler

Charles has developed his use of Bento as a nexus from which he can access all Applications, including iCal Tasks, iCal Events, Address Book Contacts, Pages, Numbers, iPhoto and iMovies as well as peripherals such as iPhone and iPad.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal fees for the following DAPI members are due in March 2011.

Don Clark	Ken Kipp
Larry Dilts	Nancy Lund
Emperatriz Elliott	Joe Petrites
Tammy Hanson	Elena Ramer

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 Ct., Arvada, CO 80004-2223.

DENVER APPLE PI ELECTIONS

In May we will elect a new DAPI board for the 2011-12 term. Current officers and appointees are:

President	Larry Fagan	Please submit nominations by April 15 so that a slate of nominees can be presented at our April 19, 2011 meeting. Any DAPI member may submit names for offices and appointees. New ideas and approaches are the lifeblood of any organization, so please send nominations to Elissa at 303.421.8714 or mailto:elissamc@comcast.net
Vice President (Help)	Jim Awalt	
Vice President (Mac)	Tom King	
Secretary	Elissa McAlear	
Treasurer	Larry Knowles	
Membership Chairman	Sheila Warner	
Appointees:	Joyce Etherton (Seed Editor)	
	Diana Forest (Webmaster)	
	John Nelson (Web Assistant)	

UPCOMING DAPI PROGRAMS

April – Jeff Gamet, Managing Editor, The Mac Observer: The Mac Observer, blogging and podcasting

May —Larry and Nancy Fagan: Blue (green) Screen Technique for Videos



DO NOT BUY AN iPad

By Matt Buchanan, Gizmodo 2/1/11

Time's up. If you haven't bought an iPad by now, don't. You've crossed the sucker line, and you'll feel like a grade-a chump when the next iPad comes out (Note: the new iPad 2 will be available on March 11, 2011.)

The basic rule of gadget-buying happiness is this: Don't buy anything after it's crossed the halfway point in its life-cycle. That's the "sucker line."

When it comes to iPods and iPhones, the lifecycle is easy

to **grok***: Apple produces new models like clockwork. Every September, new iPods emerge, tweaked this way or that way. And every June, there's a new iPhone. Apple hasn't produced multiple generations of iPads for us to pinpoint precisely when the next version will emerge, but since it uses mobile guts like the iPhone—and those mobile guts advance technologically at the same speed—it's reasonable to assume the iPad will see yearly updates just like the iPhone. Also, the steadily rising volume of tidbits about the next iPad indicate it's coming soon, lining up with a yearly update cycle.

If you're going to buy an iPad, or any gadget with a yearly release cycle, the best time to buy them for the maximum gadget newness-happiness quotient is within six months of their release. After the six-month mark, only throw down your card in a time of *need*—you dropped your iPhone in a toilet or your iPad was used as an awkward frisbee by your three-year-old cousin. And if we're at the point we are now, a mere two months or so from a brand new model, do everything in your power to punt the purchase. Use a crappy flip phone. Borrow a friend's Galaxy Tab. Just wait.

Note from editor: In the interest of keeping you up-to-date (only 50 years behind), I've included the definition of this term "grok:"

***grok** —Robert A. Heinlein originally coined the term **grok** in his 1961 novel *Stranger in a Strange Land* as a Martian word that could not be defined in earthly terms.

"To grok something is both to comprehend (relate intellectually) and to apprehend (relate emotionally and spiritually) its quiddity, its essence, its being."



**REVOLUTION IN THE VALLEY:
THE INSANELY GREAT STORY
OF HOW THE MAC WAS MADE**

From the inside cover of the book, published in 2004

Darleen Board of our club is a Macintosh advocate and she recommends *Revolution in the Valley* for those of us who enjoy the history of how our great computers came to fruition. From the inside cover of this book (which is still available on Amazon.com):

How wonderful is this book? That will depend on several factors. I've read a lot of books that claim to dish out the real dirt about Apple, and this book impressed me because Andy Hertzfeld didn't write all the anecdotes himself. Instead, he created a web site at www.folklore.org and encouraged any and all persons involved with the creation of the Macintosh to document their own recollections of how it all went down. Those essays, along with dozens written

by Hertzfeld himself, are now the basis of this new book, mixed in with pencil sketches, historical photos, and old ads. This book is not about grinding axes or settling grudges. It merely documents in an objective fashion how the whole team came together, and the many, many ups and downs encountered in bringing this wonderful computer to life.

What I like about this book can be summed up in two phrases. First, none of the essays exceeds five pages (roughly the length of my attention span), so I easily breezed through ninety pages of historical material without losing interest. I found myself laughing out loud at times. Second, because of the way Hertzfeld collected these stories, I truly believe that this book is not an attempt to re-write history so as to exalt himself as the God of Macintosh. While I have seen reviews of this book describe it as a coffee table book, I don't view it as a coffee table book. The essays cover technical details about how the Macintosh was prototyped and debugged, and these technical details will be above 95 percent of the people who pick up this book. Not to mention there is a lot of text.

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The book concludes with Steve Jobs removal from the Macintosh team in 1985. It provides no insight on whether the "new Apple" after Jobs' return is anything like the "old Apple" chronicled in this book.

http://www.amazon.com/Revolution-Valley-Insanely-Great-Story/dp/0596007191/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top



MARKETING APPLE PRODUCTS—PAID AND UNPAID

Darlene Boord and Joyce Etherton

Apple was deemed top of the product placement charts after getting its computers, iPads, iPods and other items featured in 30 percent of the top movies at the U.S. box office in 2010.

The Google employee Waer Ghonim who used Facebook to encourage the Egyptian revolt was shown with his Apple laptop on an NBC news report from Egypt. He used Yamli™, a free program that is the "easiest way to write Arabic without an Arabic keyboard."

<http://www.yamli.com/arabic-keyboard/>

Diana Ross appeared on an Oprah show recently and said that she takes the One-on-One class at The Apple Store. Oprah responded by saying, "I heard you were taking classes at The Apple Store! Hah! This is a fabulous unpaid ad for Apple!"



DAPI RECYCLES
BRING YOUR EMPTY
INKJET &
LASER TONER
CARTRIDGES TO THE
NEXT MEETING

BACKING UP YOUR HARD DRIVE—IT'S EASY

From Tammy Hanson's Presentation

Tammy Hanson of "[Apple Rescue of Denver](http://www.apple-rescue-of-denver.com)" and long-time DAPI member delivered her excellent Keynote presentation "Backing Up Your Mac—It's Easy" at our February 15 meeting.

Why Back Up?

- **Your Hard Drive WILL FAIL**
- The average life for a hard drive is 3-5 years
- Do you have personal photos, music or documents?
- Are you willing to lose **EVERYTHING** on your computer?
- Are you willing to spend hours or days trying to restore or reinstall the System, Applications and other files to your computer?

Tammy is a Mac Service professional providing:

- § Repair – Upgrade - Tutoring
- § Any Mac or Apple Computer
- § File, Disk and Drive Transfer and Recovery
- § Recycling services available

Contact Tammy at AppleRescueOfDenver@gmail.com

In her step-by-step slide show, Tammy convinced us we need to BACK UP OUR COMPUTERS and she gave the What, Why, How-To and Where-To guidelines. A DVD of this presentation as well as the Keynote presentation on our website <http://www.denverapplepi.com/>. will be available soon.



SIG HELP MEETINGS —GET HELP FOR YOUR MACS

By Joyce Etherton

Jim Awalt and Larry Fagan recently installed a 8.5 GB DVD drive on Larry Knowles G4 Mac so that he could write to DVDs as well as CDs. Larry Knowles videotapes our Mac SIG meeting presentations and converts the videos to DVDs which are then available to members for \$1.



Larry Fagan and the G4 innards

APPLE UPDATES MACBOOK PRO

by Ben Bonaccio

www.SmallDog.com

On March 3, 2011 Apple released significant updates to the MacBook Pro family. The entirety of the line received state-of-the-art next generation Intel Core series processors, enhanced AMD graphics, Thunderbolt I/O technology and FaceTime HD cameras. After nearly a full year without updates, Apple boasts that the new models of MacBook Pro are twice as fast as the previous generation. Though the processor and graphics speed bumps are certainly welcome upgrades, high-speed Thunderbolt I/O technology is the biggest new feature. This revolutionary new technology features speeds 12 times faster than FireWire 800 and an amazing 20 times faster than USB 2.0. Introduced as a combination port, Thunderbolt replaces the Mini Display Port featured on previous generation machines. Supporting high-resolution displays and data devices through a single port, Thunderbolt is a giant leap in input/output technology, and marks the most powerful I/O technology ever featured in a personal computer. Apple's senior VP of Worldwide Product Marketing Phil Schiller commented:

"Thunderbolt is a revolutionary new I/O technology that delivers an amazing 10 gigabits per second and can support every important I/O standard which is ideal for the new MacBook Pro."

Additionally, Apple has outfitted all three models of

MacBook Pro with Intel Core series processors. The two 13-inch machines—which previously featured the aging Intel Core 2 Duo processors—have been updated to include Intel Core i5 and Core i7 dual-core processors with speeds up to 2.7 GHz. The higher end 15-inch and 17-inch machines feature quad-core Core i7 processors with incredible speeds up to 2.3GHz. All three models now carry the Intel HD Graphics 3000 processor which is specifically designed for efficiency and increased battery life. For the most demanding users, Apple has teamed with AMD to deliver three times the graphics performance of the previous generation. With configurations sporting up to 1GB of dedicated GDDR5 video memory, the new 15-inch and 17-inch machines deliver performance completely on par with many of Apple's desktop offerings.

Apple has also updated the built-in cameras featured across the MacBook Pro line. Taking a cue from the recently re-designed MacBook Air, The cameras formerly known as iSight have been re-branded as FaceTime HD. A new name isn't the only thing the webcams have going for them however. Utilizing the enhanced graphics cards, the resolution has been tripled to make HD video calls a reality. To support these crisp widescreen calls, Apple has pushed its FaceTime app from beta and is bundling it in with the new machines. **FaceTime** is also available in the Mac App Store for all Intel Macs for only \$0.99.



Read about our website

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- Member listings — DAPI members offering fee-based services
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- Application to join
- MacFun by Members — see YouTube movies by members
- Videos of interest — a Macworld video re Dropbox
- Mac Info Links – The Mac Cheat Sheet
- Our monthly newsletter, *The Seed*

Other resources from outside sources with links:

- ComputerEdge®Online
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- Peachpit User Group Program Member
- Mac Owners Support Group
- Macworld Online OS X Hints
- Our Webmaster at Geek Street Studios
- PebMac
- The Mac Observer by Jeff Gamet
- Jeff Gamet's Blog

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Our website is: <www.denverapplepi.com>

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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