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MEETING DATES SET FOR
JUNE 2012 – DECEMBER 2012

Mac SIG	Jun 19	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Jun 27	4 th Wed
Picnic	Jul 8 11:30-5:00	Sunday
Mac SIG	Jul 17	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	July 25	4 th Wes
Mac SIG	Aug 21	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Aug 29	5 th Wed
Mac SIG	Sep 18	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Sep 26	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Oct 16	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 24	4 th Wed
Mac SIG	Nov 20	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 28	4 th Tues
Mac SIG	Dec 19 Party	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 26	4 th Wed

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DAPI Meeting June 19, 2012

Presenter: Jeff Gamet

Cloud services: including the MobileMe to iCloud transition, syncing iPhones and iPads, and backing up to Cloud services

DAPI MEMBERSHIP

Renewal fees for the following members are due in June 2012:

Dee DeAndrea

Dave Nichols

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

Picnic Next Month

Annual Picnic at new location this year: W 64th and Quail behind the Historic Allen House in Arvada. July 8, 2012. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, a few veggie burgers, buns, pop and water. Club members are invited to bring something to share such as your favorite salad, dessert or appetizers.

A map to this new location will be included in the July issue of *The Seed*.

AND THE WINNERS ARE

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HELP SIG REQUESTS

Our Help SIG meetings have been very well attended. Not every person attending has asked for help, but most have left this session learning something new—and often it involves our Apple computers or iPads.

Please let Elissa know in advance what help you need, what operating system your computer uses, and what software you are concerned with. Prioritize your needs. Each problem will be addressed in turn. Notify Elissa know at 303.421.8714 or email her at elissamc@comcast.net.

We will prepare a list prior to each Help meeting so each person knows where their request is in line and the DAPI Help geniuses can be prepared with the proper software, etc. *If you bring your computer, bring your power cable.*

FREE TRANSLATION AVAILABLE FROM GOOGLE TRANSLATE

Joyce Etherton

If you need to translate something, there is a free, quick, easy and moderately accurate method online using [Google Translate](#). This site translates words, sentences, and web pages between any combination of 64 languages including, for example, Icelandic, Esperanto, and Welsh. To edit the translation, a new feature allows you to click on the words within the translation box to correct and reorder the words into a more meaningful translation. A drop down menu lets you chose the alternatives. You can also listen to the translation. At the bottom of the translation box is a link for you to get a professional translation for a fee.

You can enter your own composition or copy from another web source. Consider reading foreign news releases this way and have them read back to you in the foreign language or in English, your choice. One warning: the pronunciation for the Icelandic Volcano *Eyjafjallajokull* is a bit off. Oh well. Maybe the volcano will remain dormant for a few years and we won't have to deal with that particular mispronunciation.



MACSPEECH GETS UPGRADED TO DRAGON DICTATE 2

Joyce Etherton

Just recently we learned of a hospital group that moved to Dragon Dictate 2 software doctors use for note taking during patient visits. The results were impressive..

Valuable new features include auto-formatting capabilities, full command and dictation support for MS Word 2011, and new Dragon Remote Microphone applications. The promotions say:

- Stop typing and start talking
- Focus on content, not typing
- Talk to your computer, and it obeys you,
- Built for the Mac
- Recognition solutions are available in various languages including English, French, German and Italian.

The following is a quote from a doctor using the Dragon 2 software for the first time:

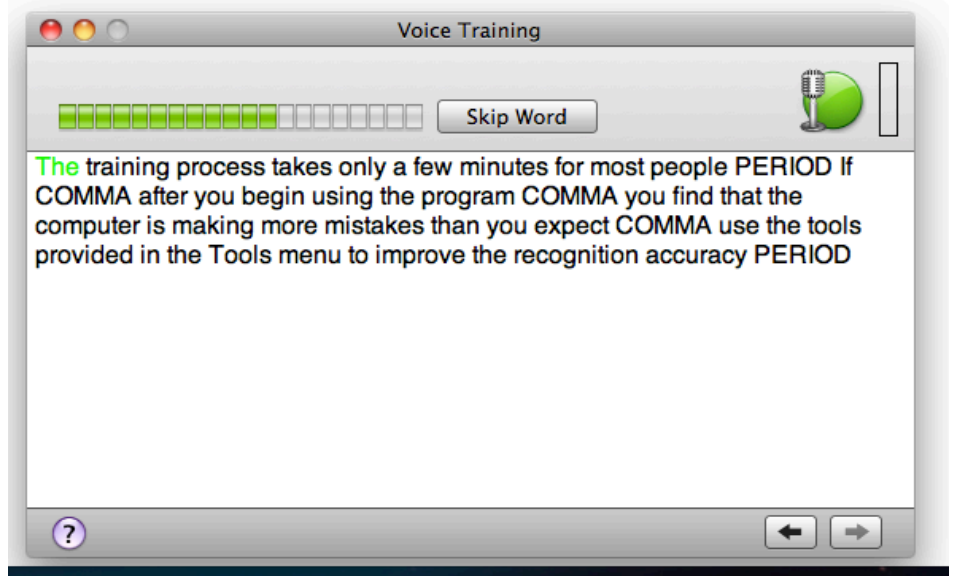
The software works with any open application such as a medical record system, word processing software, or e-mail accounts. The software is able to recognize and accurately spell very difficult words.

I do not have to touch the keyboard. I activate the software by saying a

command and then if I want to stop dictating I simply say: "Space. Please go to sleep." When I'm ready to dictate again I simply say, "Please wake up." It is as simple as this.

Training was very easy. In fact, I can even program the software using certain phrases that are saved when I say, "Space," then, "Stored in the file called _____" (whatever I dictate).

Dragon Dictate 2 for Mac is available for \$199 for the physical shipment or \$179 for software download only and \$49 for an upgrade from MacSpeech.



Dragon Dictate 2 Voice Training Window

SHAZAM

Free software for your iPhone: Point your phone toward the source of music and Shazam identifies the music!

<http://www.freemacware.com/shazam/>



HOMEWORK FOR OUR JULY 19 MEETING

Jeff Gamet will present our June 19 Mac SIG program on the Cloud including iCloud transition, Syncing iPhones and iPads, and backing up to Cloud Services. To get a leg up on his presentation, you can visit these websites and be prepared for questions as well as maybe understanding the presentation a bit better.

[iCloud: What you need to know](#)

[iOS 5 Review: Ambitious update rings in the changes](#)

[iPhoto for iPhone and iPad](#)



**DAPI RECYCLES
PLEASE BRING USED INKJET
AND LASER TONER
CARTRIDGES TO OUR NEXT
MEETING FOR RECYCLING.**

NEW APPLE MAPS APP FOR IOS 6

Joyce Etherton

Available this fall, this new Maps app will look better and contain turn-by-turn navigation including crowd-sourced traffic information. Crowd-sourced information will be “anonymized” and combined with other data for better navigation around problem areas. For those of us that use Google maps, this may really make a big change using our iOS devices. Updated maps will be a welcome change. Currently, when I view my own house on Google, I see our neighbor carrying out the garbage and that was five years ago.

Apple-designed cartography along with a flyover mode with realistic 3D views will make this a real joy for Mac-users. This is just one of the new features in iOS 6, which is scheduled to be released sometime this fall. It will be a free update for iPhone 4S, iPhone 4, iPhone 3GS, the new iPad, iPad 2 and iPod touch (fourth generation).



APPLE.COM CAN HELP YOU

Joyce Etherton

For those of us who don't like to read instructions on how to do something, Apple.com offers videos. For instance, the “Anatomy of a Mac” video begins by telling you that an

assistant will help you set up your internet connection, your email account(s), and your iCal, Address Book and primary settings. After a few simple steps you can begin using your new Mac. This is the simple beginning, and there are many other choices available on the Apple.com websites.

Anatomy of a Mac

- Finder Basics
- Using Safari
- iChat Basics
- Mail Basics
- Organizing your mail

Apple's websites are filled with information, so give this website a try—for visual and verbal help.

<http://www.apple.com/findouthow/mac/>



RECYCLE APPLE PRODUCTS—DON'T THROW THEM AWAY

Tammy Hanson again urges us not to scrap old computers or software. If you have old software that you no longer use, bundle it up and give it to Tammy. Contact her at applerescueofdenver@gmail.com

Of importance is to have as much of the original software packaging including the original box, the manuals, the floppies, and the CDs or DVDs. This includes Apple II and III as well as newer models.



THE NEW MACBOOK PRO

At the 2012 World Wide Developers Conference, WWDC, Apple has introduced the new 15-inch MacBook Pro with Retina* display. Considered expensive at \$2200, the “drool-worthy” specs may entice some who can't resist all these new features:

- ***The retina display: 2880 x 1800 resolution at 220 pixels per inch with LED-backlit display**

- **0.71 inches thick and 4.46 pounds**
- **256 GB hard drive space**
- **Quad-core 2.3 up to 2.8 GHz Ivy Bridge Core i7 processor (with Turbo Boost-able up to 3.7 GHz)**
- **8GB RAM (up to 16GB maximum)**
- **NVIDIA GeForce GT 250M with 1GB of GDDR5 memory**
- **750p Webcam**
- **2 x USB 3.0/2.0 combo port**
- **2 Thunderbolt ports**
- **SDXC card slot**
- **802.11n Wi-Fi**
- **Bluetooth 4.0**
- **Up to 7 hours battery life**
- **Asymmetrical internal fan for quiet cooling**
- **Dual microphones**

To lighten the weight of this laptop, things have been eliminated:

- **No optical drive**
- **No fireWire port**
- **No Ethernet jack**
- **Only flash storage.**

Internet computer comments about this new Apple MacBook Pro include:

- **Apple's next gen MacBook Pro is the most amazing laptop we've ever seen.**
- **An engineering marvel. This thing will also be**

a gaming powerhouse by (laptop standards), packed with Nvidia's Kepler GeForce GT 650M.

- **The most exciting thing Apple's done in years.**

Also included will be a special build of Lion OS with HiDPI support built in, and will include updated versions of iPhoto Mail and Safari to support the increased resolution. Major developers are working to get their apps updated for the new generation MacBook Pro.

WHAT NEXT?!

In Mexico a company called Terra Poo has developed electro-receptacles that reward pet owners with free Wi-Fi according to the amount of dog poo deposited into this container.



<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-05/mexican-dog-poo-receptacle-accepts-poo-bags-dispenses-free-wifi>

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Elissa McAlear: call 303.421.8714 for information about Apple II, GS and Mac. Email elissamc@comcast.net

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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.
SEED articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: "SEED Article"

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Change _____

Name _____ - _____

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City _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Kind of Computer: Apple II ___ GS ___ Mac ___ OS _____

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