



# THE SEED

A Newsletter From Your...

**DENVER APPLE PI**  
Macintosh User Group

November 2012

<http://www.denverapplepi.com>

Vol. 33 No 11

## Denver Apple Pi

SIG Meetings are held at

**APPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**12930 W 32<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE**

**GOLDEN CO 80401 —7 TO 9 PM**



MEETING DATES SET FOR

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2012

Mac SIG	Nov 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues
Help SIG	Nov 28	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed
Party	Dec 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues
Help SIG	Dec 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed

**HELP SIG MEETING LOCATIONS  
WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON**

### CONTENTS

Upcoming DAPI  
Program in 2013 ..... 2

Note from our DAPI  
Board Meeting ..... 2

Jeff Gamet Uses “Cloak”  
VPN in Public Places..... 2

iPhone Damage from  
Water ..... 2

Apple Insider (AI)..... 3

Keeping Phone Charged  
During Power Outage..... 3

FYI..... 4

**Map to new location ..... 5**

### DAPI Recycles

Bring your used inkjet and  
toner cartridges to the next  
meeting

## DAPI Meeting November 20, 2012

Jeff Gamet: Mountain Lion

Our October meeting was modified because of a power outage, so Jeff will present the rest of the story at this November meeting.

Please note New Location of Meeting:

Applewood Community Church

12930 W 32 Ave at Zinnia

Turn left on Zinnia to Church

Golden, CO 80401

We will meet on the west side of the lower level.

See Map Page 5

## DAPI MEMBERSHIP

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.



## Upcoming DAPi Program in 2013

**Jim Awalt: Calibre—a free and open source e-book computer software that organizes, saves and manages e-books, supporting a variety of formats.**



## NOTE FROM OUR DAPI BOARD MEETING:

DVDs of our monthly meeting programs are available for \$1 each. Request your copy from Jim Awalt at [awaltjw@yahoo.com](mailto:awaltjw@yahoo.com). Be aware that editing the presentation requires production time—downloading from the video camera, editing and processing. Your request will be filled when that is completed.



## JEFF GAMET USES “CLOAK” VPN WHEN USING HIS iOS/MAC DEVICES IN PUBLIC PLACES

<https://www.getcloak.com/about/features/>

During Jeff’s October presentation, he mentioned using his Mac and iOS devices when he is in public places. When asked what security concerns he had, he said he used “Cloak.” Cloak is a VPN (Virtual Private Network) service that stands out thanks to its dead simplicity and [easy to understand policies](#). The service promises to keep as little data about your browsing and usage habits as possible, and in exchange you get a super-easy way to secure your traffic anywhere you go.

Exactly how unsafe are public hotspots? View the video on the following website to learn how unsafe public wi-fi spots may be.

<https://www.getcloak.com/about/features/>

With “Cloak,” safety is just a click away. Here’s why:

- No setup or configuration; it just works.
- Automatically detects insecure networks and keeps you safe.
- Rock-solid, industry standard encryption technologies.
- Protects all your apps, not just your web browser.
- Supports all your Apple devices, not just your laptop.

Curious how Cloak works under the hood? Check out our [technology deep dive](#).

Why wait? [Sign up for a free Cloak account today!](#) The service is free for the first 2 hours/month or 1GB of data transferred, but if you want more, you’ll have to sign up for a premium account (\$8-15/mo depending on your data needs) to continue using it. The service only supports iOS (iOS 4.0+) and OS X (10.6+) devices at the moment, but the developers say support for Windows and Android are on the way.



## IPHONE DAMAGE FROM WATER

*Tom King and Joyce Etherton*

[uBreakiFix.com](http://uBreakiFix.com)

DAPI VP Tom King’s daughter inadvertently tossed her iPhone into the washing machine while it was in the pocket of her jeans. As expected, it

didn't work after the wash cycle. A friend suggested sending the iPhone to **uBreakiFix** and the result was a happy one. For less than \$100, Tom says, the cover was replaced and whatever else needed repair was fixed and none of her phone contacts were lost. The website of this nationwide business says they diagnose for free and are able to repair many different smart phones as well as the iOS products, Macs and game consoles. Denver's uBreakiFix is located at: **2424 E 3rd Ave Denver, CO 80206**

The December 2012 *Popular Science* magazine reports that over 82,000,000 smartphones are destroyed by moisture each year. Smartphone manufacturers have done little to safeguard phones, but there are companies that have developed processes to waterproof phones as well as media players. Engineers at [Liquipel](#) have developed an "invisible waterproofing" for smartphones. The phones are placed in a vacuum chamber and injected with a carbon-based hydrophobic gas. The process takes less than 30 minutes and has no noticeable effect on the look or feel of the phone. At Liquipel, the process takes less than 2 days and the price is \$59 plus shipping. Refer to the website to see how to use the service and Google reviews for customer comments.

There are other manufacturers that have developed different waterproofing techniques also.

Read "Your Next Smartphone Could Be Safe from Rain and Toilets" at <http://techland.time.com/2012/05/16/waterproof-smartphones-coming-soon/>. The question asked in this article is when might manufacturers of devices incorporate waterproofing at the manufacturing level rather than as a third party process.



### **APPLE INSIDER (AI)**

Looking for recommendations and bargains on iPhones, AppleCare extended warranty, or even trading in old iPads? Check out Apple Insider (AI) <http://appleinsider.com/> for all kinds of Apple information including product reviews, forums, price Guides and much more.

The Price Guide tab will give you Apple Model and suppliers as well as prices for current models as well as previous generation Macs.

At the bottom of the Apple Insider website is a coupon code for additional savings for AppleInsider readers.

- MacMall is offering AI readers 3% off their already reduced MacBook Pro & MacBook Air prices with coupon code: [APPINSDRMWB36316](#)



### **KEEPING PHONE CHARGED DURING POWER OUTAGE**

[http://www.macworld.com/article/2013544/any-phone-in-a-storm.html#tk.nl\\_macwk](http://www.macworld.com/article/2013544/any-phone-in-a-storm.html#tk.nl_macwk)

[MacWorld writer Lex Friedman in New Jersey](#) prepared for Superstorm Sandy by charging all electronics prior to the storm, including iPads, iPhones and laptops. But being without power and having damaged or useless cellphone towers for seven days required some creative solutions, so he:

1. Turned off wi-fi so phones wouldn't scan for wireless networks that weren't there.
2. Turned off blue tooth.
3. Turned off iPhones at night (or use airplane setting).
4. Dialed down brightness settings.
5. Used phones outdoors where signals were better (turning up brightness settings to see screen in sunlight).
6. Only charged devices when he could watch and manually stop charging so as not to waste batteries.

To be prepared in advance, have on hand:

- iPhone battery cases (make sure they work with devices you have).
- PowerBag Business Class Pack to charge devices with USB, dock connector and Micro-USB ports.
- USB/cigarette adapter plug for car.

Not mentioned was having a home generator (with plenty of gasoline to run it).

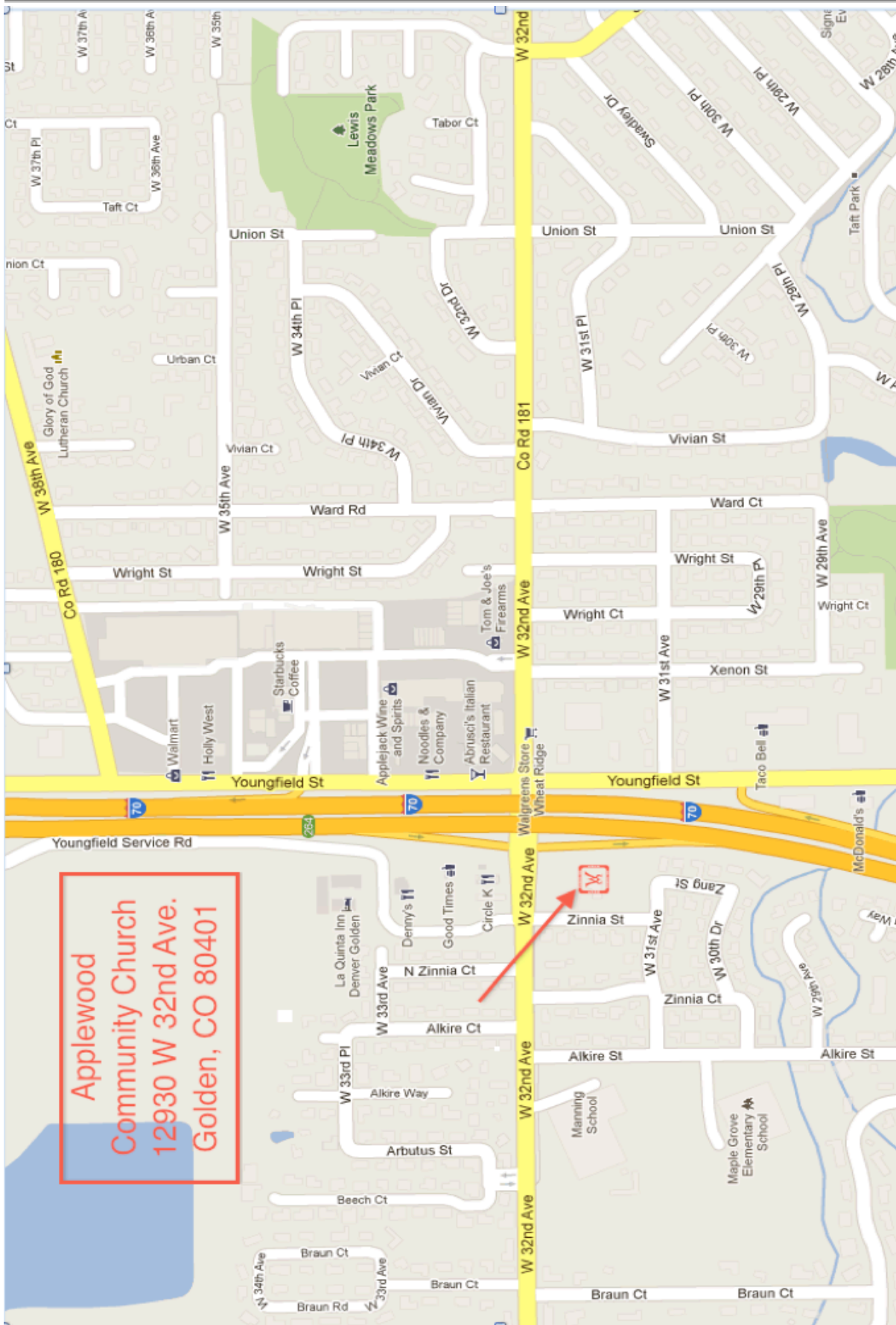
Carriers in the metro areas, including New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, deployed portable cell sites and had network-sharing arrangement between AT&T and T-Mobile. Verizon wireless claimed its wireless networks were the most reliable and they are prepared for any natural disaster. A consumer advocate commented carriers should have been better prepared for such a disaster and that they should be prepared with a formal coordination plan in place with state and federal agencies.



## FYI

- The safest and most reliable place to download and install apps is at the Mac App Store. Apple reviews each app before it's accepted by the store, and if there's ever a problem with an app, Apple can quickly remove it from the store.
- Free Anti-Virus Software now available for Mountain Lion as well as previous Mac OS: [Sophos.com](http://sophos.com)
- A list of media formats that are supported by Apple's QuickTime Player for Mac OS 10.6.x or later are available at <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3775>





Applewood  
Community Church  
12930 W 32nd Ave.  
Golden, CO 80401

## Denver Apple Pi Membership Information

Denver Apple Pi (DAPI) is an Apple Computer Users Group, not affiliated with Apple Computer, Inc. The SEED is an independent publication not affiliated or otherwise associated with or sponsored or sanctioned by Apple Computer, Inc. The opinions, statements, positions and views stated herein are those of the author(s) or publisher and are not intended to be the opinions, statements, positions or views of Apple Computer, Inc. Articles, stories, and other items in the SEED may be copied or used by other clubs or groups as long as credit is given to Denver Apple Pi and the author of the article. On reprints, please also include the date or volume number from the SEED.

**MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:** MONTHLY MEETINGS: information, new product announcements, door prizes when available, share ideas with other members, and copy programs from the Disk Libraries. **PROGRAM LIBRARIES:** Over 900 public domain programs, GS Library on 3.5" disks or on a 100 MB ZIP disk, Mac disks available in HD, ZIP and CD formats.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** are \$20.00 per year for a monthly hard copy of the SEED and \$15.00 per year for a monthly pdf copy. Fill in the form below or ask for an application to send with your check to the Club mailing address:

DENVER APPLE PI, 6501 Welch Ct, Arvada CO 80004-2223

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

Our website is: <[www.denverapplepi.com](http://www.denverapplepi.com)>

Macintosh SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 Troubleshooter Group Help SIG meets the FOURTH Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
 SEED articles should be mailed to [jjetherton@comcast.net](mailto:jjetherton@comcast.net), subject: "SEED Article"

Membership Form: **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **New** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Change** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kind of Computer:** Apple II \_ GS \_ Mac \_ OS \_\_\_\_\_

Denver Apple Pi Officers, May 2012 to May 2013

<b>President</b>		<b>Larry Fagan</b>
<b>Vice President (Help)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Jim Awalt</b>
<b>Vice President (Mac)</b>		<b>Tom King</b>
<b>Secretary</b>		<b>Elissa McAlear</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>		<b>Larry Knowles</b>
<b>Membership Chair</b>		<b>Sheila Warner</b>

**Appointees: Joyce Etherton (Seed Editor), Diana Forest, Darlene (Webmasters), John Nelson (Web Assistant)**

Denver Apple Pi  
**6501 Welch Court**  
**Arvada, CO 80004-2223**

FIRST CLASS MAIL – Dated Material

Return Service Requested

