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Denver Apple Pi
Mac SIG & Help SIG Meetings are held at
 Applewood Community Church
 12930 W 32nd Avenue
 Golden CO 80401
 7 to 9 pm

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2018 DAPi Calendar		
Mac SIG	Aug 21	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Aug 23	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Sept 18	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Sept 27	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Oct 16	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Oct 25	4 th Thurs
Mac SIG	Nov 20	3 rd Tues
Help SIG	Nov 29*	5 th Thurs
Xmas Party	Dec 18	3rd Tues
Help SIG	Dec 27	4 th Thurs

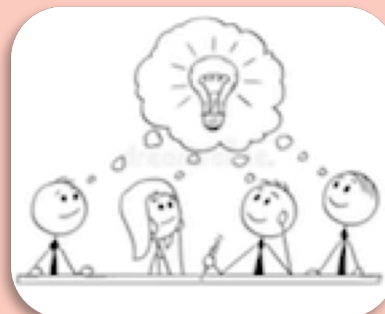
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Mac SIG
August 21, 2018
7 - 9 pm

Program:

Open Forum: Bring your questions and your experiences to share.



MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR AUGUST 2018

Daniel Dick Andoni Lizardi

Addis and Marilane McCarthy

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 mail your remittance to the club mailing address: Denver Apple Pi, 6501 Welch Court, Arvada, CO 80004.

COMING EVENTS:

September Mac SIG: Program to be announced at a later date.

REMINDERS:

- Help SIG—Call Elissa to get your name/problem on the list so our DAPi Help people will be prepared. You will need to bring your computer, your own power cord, mouse, and keyboard. Elissa will keep a sign-up list for those asking for help at the Help SIG meetings so members can be helped in a prioritized way. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Elissa at elissamc@comcast.net or at 303.421.8714
- Tom King says if you have questions about Excel for Mac, the spreadsheet software program, bring your questions to the Help SIG meeting. Please call Elissa in advance.
- Need help with iPad, iPhone? If you would like assistance with navigating and synchronizing your iPad and iPhone, bring them to the Help SIG meeting. Notify Elissa what help you need, and we will try to get the problems resolved.



**iOS APPS FOR VIEWING THE
INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

For your iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch from the App Store on your iOS device

Sputnik!

Requires iOS 9.3 or later

Sputnik! is an easy-to-use app to view the ISS as well as satellites.

- Predictions of satellite locations and ISS sightings accurate to the second. Sputnik! will also notify you of an Iridium Flare, a specific type of satellite flare (also known as satellite glint) made when the antennas of an Iridium communication satellite reflect sunlight directly onto the surface of the Earth.
- Keeps track of universal time, so no need to worry about your device clock
- Notification of upcoming satellite sightings even when your device is not running
- Shows compass direction and elevation for your device to easily find part of sky where sighting will occur
- Rotate your device to landscape to show exactly where the satellite will pass in night sky
- Share sightings on mail, messages, etc.

ISS Spotter

The most downloaded ISS spotting app on iOS. 5 star rating)

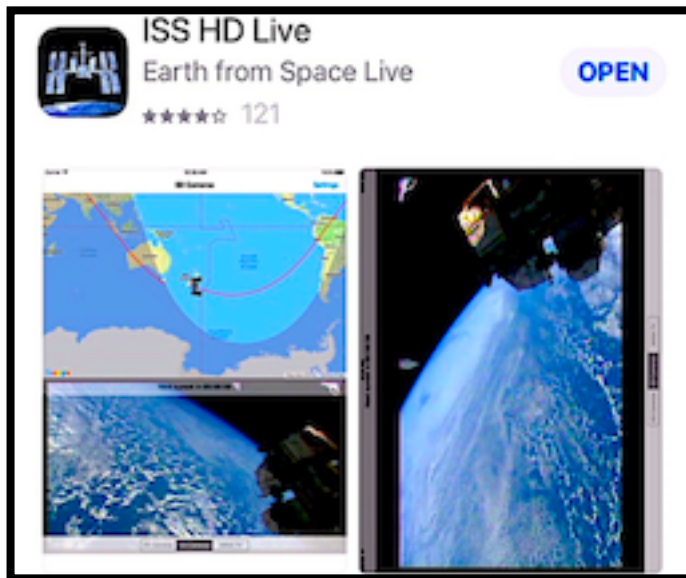
Requires iOS 7.0 or later

Comments from a happy user:

...watched on the app as ISS flew over the Pacific and crossed over Mexican/Southern California border. We live in central KS so that was our cue. We went outside ... and watched in total fascination as the ISS went shooting over our heads right on time...the most brilliant satellite you'll ever see, almost like a comet....We could see it visually and map it on the app til it got to the Canadian border.

ISS HD Live

Watch a live video stream of earth from ISS. The most complete app that shows video streaming directly from the ISS. Within the app, there are continuing NASA TV videos explaining how the ISS works.



You can choose three different sources of video streaming:

1. **Live HD cameras** - A beautiful HD video streaming of our planet
2. **Live Standard cameras** - You can see a live streaming of the Earth and see some details of the ISS, such as tests, maintenance and communication between Earth and space!
3. **NASATV** - (Originally NASA Select) is the television service of the United States government agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). It is broadcast by satellite with a simulcast over the Internet. Sometimes you can see the astronauts inside the ISS.

For your Mac or MacBook, watch this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/doN4t5NKW-k>



AVIRA – A FREE AND EASY WAY TO SCAN YOUR FILES AND DIRECTORIES
"Effortless, on-demand security, privacy and storage optimization for your Mac"

At our June 2018 DAPi meeting, Jeff Gamet recommended getting the free app Avira that looks for malware. Go to the App store.

Comments about Avira on the App store include (1) ...It's a quick and easy way to scan your files and directories and ensure they are clean. Also provides VPN in the solution... (2) You just click a button, and everything is taken care of for you. (3) Simple and relevant.



Version: 1.4
 Size: 15.7 MB
 Rated: 4+
 Mac OS 10.12.2 (Sierra) or later, 64-bit processor



BLUE LIGHT FROM OUR DEVICES CAN ACCELERATE BLINDNESS

https://www.macobserver.com/cool-stuff-found/blue-light-can-accelerate-blindness/?utm_source=tmo-express&utm_medium=email

Bryan Chaffin writing for *The Mac Observer* suggests we need to heed the warning that blue light from our devices may cause blindness, in particular macular degeneration. Research by University of Toledo in

United States says "...prolonged exposure to blue light triggers poisonous molecules generated in eye's light-sensitive cells that can cause macular degeneration." Bryan Chaffin uses f.lux app on his Mac. He prefers this app to Apple's own Night Shift feature based on blue-light reduction data is not enough using the Apple app. See #2 below for the color-intensity chart.

F.lux for Mac offers a great solution for people who work on computers for long hours. Once you get it installed correctly, it will change your screen automatically, and you will probably never know it is there. Reference 3 below provides free download for Mac from CNET.

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/aug/09/blue-light-from-phone-screens-accelerates-blindness-study-finds>
2. <https://9to5mac.com/2017/03/28/flux-developer-says-apples-new-competitive-macos-night-shift-feature-falls-short/>
3. https://download.cnet.com/F-lux/3000-18487_4-10908885.html

System requirements:

Mac OS 10.10/10.11/10.6/10.7/10.8/10.9
Free

For iPhone and iPad

For your iOS devices, f.lux is not available in the App store (nor anywhere else apparently without jailbreaking your iOS device). So, an alternative for your iPhone, and iPad is:

Go to: Settings>Display & Brightness>Night Shift

Click on Night Shift to turn it on.
Click on Scheduled to select hours.

Night Shift automatically shifts the colors of your display to the warmer end of the color spectrum after dark.



AIRPODS SURVIVED A FULL CYCLE IN THE WASHER, INCLUDING AN EXTRA RINSE AND STEAM FOR STAINS... CAME OUT SQUEAKY CLEAN TOO! (FROM THE WEB)

Left my airpods in my golf pants yesterday and opened the washing machine door to the horrifying site of my airpods case sitting right in the front. When I opened the case, the orange light came on so I had hope. Took the earphone out and let it sit for about 10 hours.

Ran various tests and it seemed like the sound was great, the case was charging, but the right pod was not charging and the left pod was showing mixed results. I contemplated my future as a left ear only listener for the time being (or switching to my beats X).

Don't want to blow my load prematurely here, but this morning it seems that they are working again and charging, not to mention the dirt that was building up around the edges inside the case is all gone and they are squeaky clean!

Thanks Apple engineers.

Comments:

- My mom's AirPods didn't survive our dog yesterday :(
- Does your dog now support bluetooth?



DAPI Annual Picnic, July 15, 2018.

Special thanks to Elissa who organized everything for our annual event. Also, Herman saved the day by getting Elissa's BBQ ready to use and then transporting it to and from the Oak Park Pavillion because of a ban on open fires. Despite nonpicnic-like weather, our picnic was a success with great food and conversations.

August 2, 2018

Apple forever will be the first company to reach \$1 trillion with shares climbing above the \$207 price point

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Says Steve Wozniac: Of course I'm proud of Apple, but I don't measure the world by human simplifications like round numbers. A company is great because it is great.

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Mac SIG meets the THIRD Tuesday of the month, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Troubleshooter Group Help SIG meets the FOURTH Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. unless a holiday necessitates a change. Seed articles should be mailed to jjetherton@comcast.net, subject: Seed article.

Membership Form

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 Name _____
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 Phone(s) _____
 Email _____
 Kind of Computer: Apple II _____ GS _____ Mac _____ OS _____

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