A Note From Denver Apple Pi Computer Club President Larry Fagan

As you know, at the November 2024 club meeting it was announced that the Denver Apple Pi computer club is disbanding. The first edition of the club's newsletter, The Seed, was first published in June, 1979!

Our last meeting will be a catered dinner at the Applewood Community Church on December 17th. Desserts are welcome! This will be an opportunity to meet with friends we've come to know and love over the years. Unfortunately, there are a few who will be unable to attend, but our thoughts will be with them as well.

This decision by our hard-working board has been made after much thought and deliberation. It comes with some feelings of personal melancholy as I have been a member of the club for over 40 years. On the bright side I've had the privilege to associate with many interesting and dedicated people. Not only has it has been a great learning experience, but it also has been a wonderful community to be a part of. I'm sure that many of the friendships that have been established will continue into the future.

I wish everyone a great holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year.

Larry Fagan

Denver Apple Pi Holiday Party

The December 17, 2024 meeting will start earlier than our usual meetings so plan on showing up at about 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 PM and will be a BBQ catered by Smokin' Dave's BBQ Restaurant. ***It will be free to all members and spouses!*** Consider bringing cookies or a dessert to share after the dinner.

The elevator will be working for those who don't do stairs well and we will even try to arrange carpools for those who don't like driving after dark. Please let Larry or Shelby know if you need a ride.

We do need to have an **RSVP from you by TOMORROW, Wednesday, Dec. 11** so we can let Smokin' Dave know how much food to prepare.

RSVP to Shelby Shrigley, Sec'y
swalk824@comcast.net or 303 238-1460

Don't Forget- You can still count on Tammy for Apple Assistance

Club Member since 1989!

One of your continuing resources for your Mac is **Apple Rescue Of Denver**. Please feel free to send an email to Tammy Hanson now and then with a quick question. She can now repair most anything on any Mac from 1984 to 2024. Apple Rescue also sells refurbished Macs, provides recycling service and stocks many parts, but does not currently repair phones or iPads, just computers.

Of course if you have AppleCare you should take it in to the Genius Bar.

Here are contact details, if you don't already have them:

 Apple Rescue Of Denver

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Denver, CO 80216

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A Poignant Video that Says So Much!!

There is a great 2011YouTube video on the DenverApplePi.com webpage (under MacNews Videos to the left of home page. It rather sums up how our average club member feels about their Apple products. Click on the picture to the left to view the video or use the link below.

https://youtu.be/uLbJ8YPHwXM

What's new in iOS 18.2?

Full Release Notes for iOS 18.2, MacRumors.com, by Juli Clover, 12/5/2024

As noted in a previous club newsletter, this year Apple introduced Apple Intelligence (AI) with the debut of the iPhone 16 in October, 2024. The first Apple Intelligence features, which arrived in iOS 18.1 were fewer than many expected. The second batch, released about December 12, 2024, is in iOS 18.2 and the new non-AI features will make your iPhone more useful as well.

iOS 18.2 runs on all the same devices as iOS 18: (iPhone XS, XR, 11, 11 Pro, second-generation iPhone SE and newer). Apple Intelligence features, however, require a much newer device: the iPhone 15 Pro/Pro Max or any iPhone 16 model.

The update was expected on Monday, 12/9/24, but delayed at least until Dec. 12th when a bug was discovered.

If/When you have the updated iPhone required, you will be able to install it in

Settings > General > Software Update.

Below is a list of improvements included in iOS18.2:

Image Playground
- A new app that lets you use concepts, descriptions, and people from your photo library to create fun, playful images in multiple styles
- Swipe through previews and choose from as you add concepts to your playground
- Choose from animation and illustration styles when creating your image
- Create images in Messages and Freeform, as well as third party apps
- Images are synced in your Image Playground library across all your devices with iCloud

Genmoji
- Genmoji allows you to create a custom emoji right from the keyboard
- Genmoji are synced in your sticker drawer across all your devices with iCloud

ChatGPT support
- ChatGPT from OpenAI can be accessed right from Siri or Writing Tools
- Compose in Writing Tools allows you to create something from scratch with ChatGPT
- Siri can tap into ChatGPT when relevant to provide you an answer
- A ChatGPT account is not required and your requests will be anonymous and won't be used to train OpenAI's models
- Sign in with ChatGPT to access your account benefits, and requests will be covered by OpenAI's data policies

Other- Image Wand turns sketches and handwritten or typed notes into images in Notes
- Describe your change in Writing Tools allows you to suggest how you'd like something

rewritten, for example as a poem
- Camera Control (iPhone 16, iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, iPhone 16 Pro Max)
- Visual Intelligence with Camera Control helps you instantly learn about places or interact with information simply by pointing your iPhone at the object, with the option to tap into Google Search or ChatGPT
- Camera Control two-stage shutter lets you lock focus and exposure in Camera when light pressing the Camera Control

Mail
- Mail Categorization sorts your messages to help you prioritize the most important messages
- Digest view groups all of the messages from one sender into a single bundle for easy browsing

Photos
- Video viewing improvements, including the ability to scrub frame-by-frame and a setting to turn off auto-looping video playback
- Improvements when navigating Collections views, including the ability to swipe right to go back to the previous view
- Recently Viewed and Recently Shared album history can be cleared
- Favorites album appears in the Utilities collection in addition to Pinned Collections

Safari
- New background images to customize your Safari Start Page
- Import and Export enables you to export your browsing data from Safari and import browsing data from another app into Safari
- HTTPS Priority upgrades URLs to HTTPS whenever possible
- File Download Live Activity shows the progress of a file download in the Dynamic Island and on your home screen

To learn these features in detail go to:
Everything New in iOS 18.2Apple Intelligence Upgrades and More—CultofMAC.com, by D. Griffin Jones, 12/07/24
20 New Things your iPhone can do in iOS 18.2, MacRumors.com, by Tim Harwick, Friday 12/6/2024.

Apple's Devices Are Lasting Longer, Making AI Strategy Even More Critical. *bloomberg.com Power On Newsletter, Mark Gurman, 6/30/2024*

As indicated by sales numbers in the past 6 years, tech companies like Apple are finding it is getting increasingly hard to entice average consumers to regularly upgrade to a newer model. In addition, in response to criticism that Apple engages in planned obsolesce, the company is now pushing to make its devices as durable as possible, and designing current operating systems to work on them. New manufacturing technologies,

software support and repair services are helping prolong device their life. Consumers perceive this longevity are now more inclined to choose these new devices.

Product longevity is now linked with new "hooks"- that of enticing software enhancements and access to Apple artificial intelligence. In 2025 fewer hardware changes are predicted but users will need a iPhone 15 or 16 if they intend to use the new Apple Intelligence (AI) features, which will include an upgraded version of Siri. Even Mac users will need a new model with a M4 chip if they wish to run Apple Intelligence.

As covered before in this newsletter, service fees and subscriptions will bring the new revenue replacing frequent hardware upgrades. Apple Intelligence will be free, to start, but according to Mark Gurman of Bloomberg.com, the plan is to use AI capabilities to generate new income. There may be an enhanced service such as Apple Intelligence+ with extra features that users will pay monthly fees for, as they do presently for iCloud. Apple will also demand a cut of the subscription revenue from every AI partner brought onboard.

It will be interesting to review new developments in the 2025 Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) next June. Apple has started developing 2025 device operating systems - iOS 19 ("Luck"), macOS 16 ("Cheer"), watchOS 12 ("Nepali) and visionOS 3 ("Discovery").   It seems that as AI is monetized, Apple Users may all need a little "Luck".

Apple HomePod with a 6-7 inch display predicted for 2025.
CultofMac.com, by Ed Hardy, 7:32 AM, 12/4/2024

Apple intends to enhance its Home Device lineup. The Home app and the HomeKit platform allow the control of home lights, thermostats and other compatible accessories. Smart home systems can be controlled by devices such as an iPhone, Mac or HomePod.

In 2025 a new device is rumored to be introduced to be the hub for a smart home- described as a HomePod smart speaker except with a larger screen.

"Compared to the current HomePod lineup, the display-equipped HomePod will emphasize smart home functionalities more," said Ming-Chi Kuo, an analyst with TF International Securities. It can be seen as Apple's strategic repositioning of the HomePod product line. The display-equipped HomePod is expected to feature an A18 processor, a 6–7 inch display, and support for the Apple Intelligence."

This launch reportedly has moved back several times as Apple developers continue to work on its software, and is now about half a year away. Initially forecasted for 2024, it

was moved to third quarter 2024 and more recently, further delayed until after the June 2025 WWDC. Kuo also rumored that in 2026 the HomePod would further be integrated with a smart home IP camera.

Top 10 Things Users Don't Know They Can Do On Their Mac

macmost.com, by Gary Rosenzweig,12/4/2024

Check out Garry's video at: https://macmost.com/top-10-things-users-dont-know-they-can-do-on-their-mac.html

Here are the most common Mac tips and tricks that even some long-time Mac users don't know about. View the video at the link above for clarifications.

Copy & Paste to move files on your Mac - Windows users move files with simple control c, control v. On the Mac it doesn't appear that you can do that.

Here is how to do so: Select a file and use Edit, Copy or Command C to start. Go to Edit and iPaste -it actually will make a copy of the item here. The original is still in the other folder. Then hold the Option Key and this changes to Move Item here. So it is not Command V, it is Option Command V to move.

When you copy text and paste it into another app like Mail or Page, all of the formatting remains with the text. If you want to Paste without this styling format, go to the Edit Menu. (Paste and Match Style). This is the equivalent to making the text "plain text" and then pasting it. There is usually a keyboard shortcut, (often Option Shift Command V-check the app to verify their specific directions). Paste it and it retains the style used in the app omitting any other formatting.

Using Save As to save a copy as a different file name and continue working on that file- In Apple, If you go to the File Menu there is no "save as". A substitute for that is Duplicate which works a little differently, leaving both documents open. But if you simply hold the Option Key down in almost all apps *Duplicate* changes to *Save As*. Or use the old *Save As* command if you prefer that.

Preview an image in the Finder on the Mac before opening a file- To find an image the Finder icon it often is too small and cumbersome to open up an image, close it, and continue to do that. Instead, use *Quick Look* to quickly preview images. Select the image and hit the Spacebar; a *Quick Look* preview window then opens. Press the Spacebar again and it goes away. Resize it instead of dismissing it. Then select another image and it will show that in the *Quick Look* window. Use the Arrow Keys to navigate around and quickly look through different images.

As another option, use View and then *Show Preview* to get a larger preview on the right side of the Finder window, then hide it the same way.

Electronically **Sign PDF's-** If you double click PDF it opens up in Preview by default. You don't need to download additional software. If there is an area to sign you can use the Markup Tools by clicking. You could also use the form filling Toolbar as well. Both of them have a little Signature Button. Click that and you can create a new signature or use one you have already created. Then you click there and it puts your signature there. You can move it to where you want, resize it, and place it. Then save this and send it along to whoever wanted the signature. You can also, of course, fill out the form by clicking on fields that are there and if the field, for some reason isn't there-if there is no way to fill it in-you can still use Markup Tools. Click to add text and then resize this text to make it the appropriate size and color and place it where you want.

If you need to often type the same thing over and over again you can
Make a shortcut - In order to copy script go to *System Settings* and look for *Keyboard* on the left, then look for the button called *Text Replacements.* Here you can add text replacements to replace something you typed with something else. Click the Plus Button to add something. It is useful to always use something you would never accidentally type. You can type anything you want in the designated space or paste in the previous text. Click Add and begin to type. You don't need to type the whole thing out; type the replacement and then either space or return and it inserts the entire thing. Insert as much text in the *With* area as desired or just add something simple like a quick emoji. That prompts the desired entry instead of requiring you find it each time.

Batch Rename Tool built into the Finder- Use this to quickly rename a selected group of files. You're not going to find this tool if you search through the menus looking for *Batch Rename*. Instead, select all of the files that you want to rename, (use Command A to select everything here), and then go to File *Rename*, and use this to rename all the file to a single file name. With multiple files selected the entire tool appears. You can replace text in all of the files named. You can add text before or after all the file names. You can format. (Note: You might want to watch the video (above) to see the visuals too.). If the results aren't what you want you can always use Edit, Undo to change them all back as long as you do it immediately afterwards.

You can use an emoji character by using Control Command and Space to bring up the Emoji and Special Character Viewer. (You can also use fn and e to bring it up).

You may have word to use here that triggers an emoji, for example the word pizza brings up that image. But you can simply click the character viewer at the bottom right to go to the full view. Many people know that you can do this but then they are browsing for their emoji or special character. Instead use Search - search for a term and it will narrow things down or get to the specific one that you want.

Sometimes you have to try various different terms. Like, for instance, smile will produce different results than happy. This works for more than just emoji characters. For instance, if you need an arrow, search for arrows and it comes up with all sorts of different arrow characters that you can use. If you want to control exactly what is shown click the double arrow at bottom right, and then use bottom right button on the next

screen. You go into the Character Viewer. In Character Viewer you can customize exactly which characters are available.

Hot Corners- this is a good alternative to keyboard shortcuts and gestures. Go to the Apple Menu and then System Settings. Then go to Desktop & Dock. At the bottom it's a button called *Hot Corners*. Now assign a special command to any corner of your screen. You can set it to any one of these, like *Active Mission Control*, or *Launchpad*, or *Lock the Screen,* which is very useful. If you find you "trigger" a suggestion too easily you can assign one of these while holding a modifier key, like the Command, Option, Control, or Shift key. When you do that you can see it changes to Command Launchpad. But it won't work by itself. Hold the Command Key down and move to the top right corner to "trigger" it.

Universal Clipboard- If you've got a Mac and an iPhone or iPad or a second Mac you can Copy & Paste between all your devices effortlessly. Copy some text on your iPhone, then go to your Mac and *Paste*. It pastes exactly what was copied. It works the other way as well and also works with images. Just Copy & Paste from one to the other.

Final Blast from the Past

Okay, last October this editor wrote about the 1990 Macintosh *Classic,* but for our last newsletter, let's feature the machine that actually started it all- the REAL DEAL- The Mac 128K

The Device that Changed Our World.   *From*

In a prototype of the new way he would launch Apple products, on January 24,1984 Steve Jobs walked into the Flint Center in Cupertino, CA to introduce his shareholders to a new offering. He took a beige box out of a carrying case, inserted a floppy disc into it and stepped back. The word Macintosh moved across a tiny computer screen.   Then tiny monochromatic images flashed as the theme from *Chariots of Fire* played.
His audience broke into cheers.

This Macintosh was not the first personal computer and the device's tiny screen, boxy form and rudimentary graphics appear ridiculous by today's standards. But the Macintosh would revolutionize the personal computer and quickly engage the passion of countless new Mac users, including many those who attended the first user meetings of computer clubs like Denver Apple Pi. Forty years ago, in 1984, it was priced at $2495. The equivalent dollars in 2024 is $7,580.

The Macintosh 512 KB, nicknamed "Fat Mac," was introduced in September 1984. It gave users four times as much memory, and allowed them to keep several major programs open simultaneously.

Click on the picture below to play the video on YouTube.

The Mac 128K (produced with 128kb of Random Access Memory, or RAM) is now usually found in museums. Apple stopped producing the computers in October 1985 and discontinued software support for them in 1998. But this device changed our world.

THE 1ST MAC
LOST FOOTAGE

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