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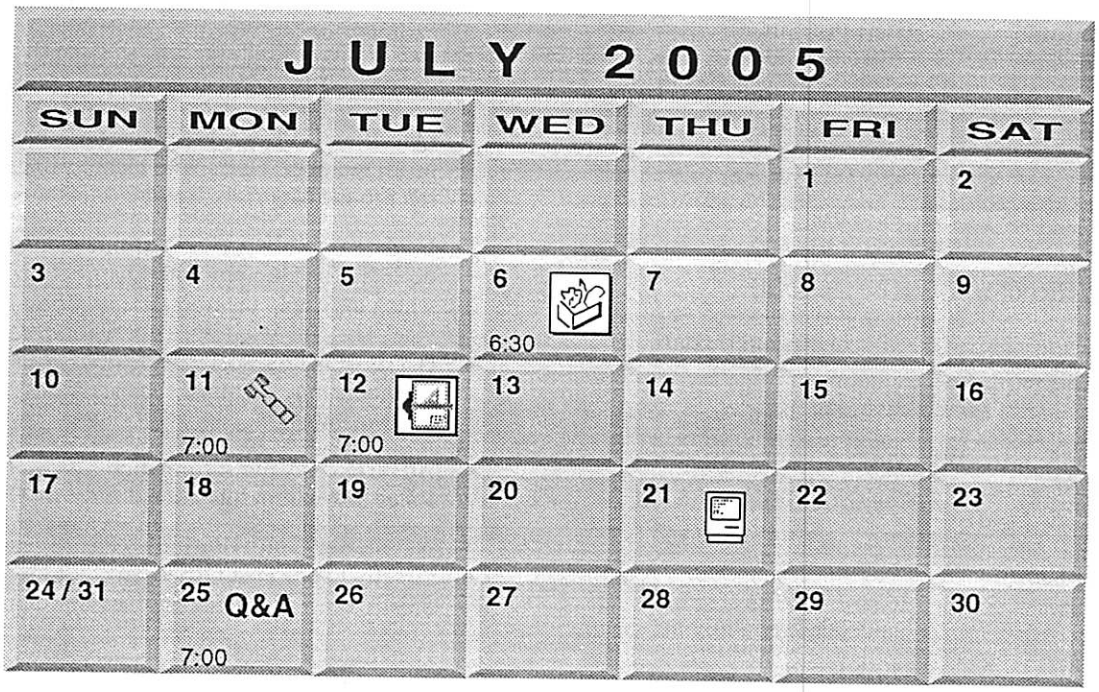


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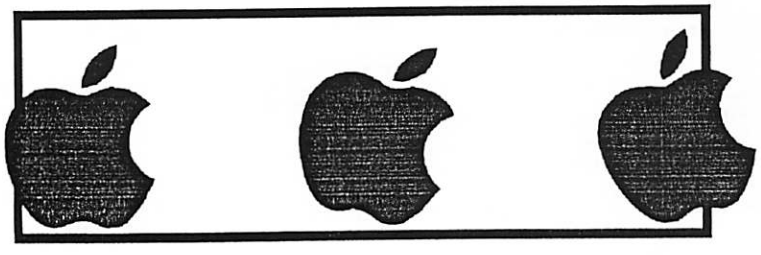


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# August 2005 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for August 2005. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- At www.miniapples.org
- The cognizant SIG Leader
- n/d = not yet decided

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| Monday | August | 1 | Board of Directors meeting |
| Tuesday | August | 2 | OS X SIG |
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| Tuesday | August | 9 | VectorWorks SIG |
| Wednesday | August | Vacation | Microsoft Word SIG |
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| Monday | August | 22 | Macintosh Novice (Q&A)SIG |
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# Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

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# Miniapples Directors Meeting May 2, 2005

*Submitted by John Pruski*

Present: Tom Gates, Les Anderson, Craig Arko, Greg Buchner, Erik Knopp. Jim Nye, Bert Persson, John Pruski, Don Walz

Approval of Agenda: No agenda presented for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: All bills have been paid.

OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS REPORTS

President Gates: Members Workshop will be held May 21, 2005 at St. Charles School in N.E. Minneapolis.

Vice President Persson:

Publication Director Pruski: The July and August issues maybe combined .

Marketing Director Greg Buchner:.

Director at Large Anderson: Novice SIG leader Richard Becker will be gone in July and it is not known if he will return as Novice SIG leader. His last meeting will be in June.

Membership- Erik Knopp:

ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots were officially counted, tabulated and the following members were elected to the Board of Directors:

President- Tom Gates
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Motion was made to accept the election results as recorded, seconded, approved.

Old Business

Photo shop-Multimedia SIG- Craig Arko will check to see if the man who was going to run the Photoshop SIG is still available.

NEW BUSINESS

Novice SIG ; The Novice SIG may be needing a new leader. Les Anderson will handle the July meeting but will be unavailable for the August meeting when he will be in Toronto. Harry Leinke , who at one time expressed interest in being Novice SIG leader, should be contacted to see if he is still interested .

Meeting Adjourned- next meeting June 6, 2005 , 7:00 pm, New Brighton Family Center, 400 19th St., New Brighton.

# Intel news doesn't compute

BY JULIO OJEDA-ZAPATA
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Some Mac users question chip move

Diehard Macintosh users have long mocked "Wintel" computers with Microsoft's Windows operating system and Intel innards as inferior to their beloved Apple Computer machines.

So, recent news that Macs will soon switch over to Intel processors — and maybe even run Windows along with Apple's own Mac OS X operating system — certainly came as a shock.

Once Macolytes picked their jaws up off the floor, they started asking questions. So did we. What does this mean for the Mac faithful and others who might have been mulling a Mac purchase? Is this good news or potentially bad news? What really lies ahead for the Macintosh and its loyal users?

So we watched a Webcast of Apple CEO Steve Jobs' announcement last week, then peppered Apple with follow-up questions. We quizzed Apple experts, including an industry analyst and a Twin Cities-based Mac-software developer, on the implications of the Mac-on-Intel move.

Here's what we gleaned:

Holy heck! Why is Apple doing this?

The company wants to release ever-faster desktop Macs at a rapid rate. It wants to offer portable Macs that are thinner and run cooler than its current PowerBooks yet are just as powerful as desktop models. This hasn't been possible, Apple claims, with its current PowerPC processors from IBM. So it's going Intel.

Processors, the brains of today's computers, all work in similar ways. So a Mac will still be a Mac, even with Intel inside.

Should I hold off on a Mac purchase?

Not necessarily. PowerPC-based Macs now in stores haven't been rendered obsolete by the Intel migration, which will occur gradually over the next two years. They will run the same "Tiger" version of Mac OS X as Intel-based Macs, which are due to go on sale in about a year. Apple's consumer software, such as its iLife multimedia suite, will work on either kind of Mac, too.

So if you've long been lusting after an iMac G5 desktop Mac, buying one now isn't a fatal mistake. In fact, Apple is planning to release more PowerPC-based Macs over the next year.

If you want a professional-grade Mac laptop, though, beware: PowerBooks using the aging PowerPC G4 chip have been overdue for a performance overhaul, which likely won't happen until Intel-based portables come on the scene. If you crave a cutting-edge portable Mac, you'll have to be patient.

Another potential reason to wait on a Mac purchase: A sales slowdown in a month or two could prompt Apple to lower prices or offer deals.

I want an Intel Mac! But, um, will my existing software work?

It should. Intel-based Macs will include a Rosetta technology that will allow PowerPC-based software to run alongside Intel-based software. Jobs recently showed how existing versions of Microsoft Word and Excel as well as Intuit's Quicken and Adobe's Photoshop can be used with apparent ease on an Intel Mac. In many cases, he claims, users wouldn't even know they were using Rosetta.

But, while Jobs promises decent performance, it remains to be seen just how quickly or slowly PowerPC apps will run via Rosetta. Also, you can apparently forget about using any pre-OS X software. That ran in "classic" mode on PowerPC Macs with OS X but reportedly won't run at all on Intel hardware.

Will my favorite programs be updated for use on Intel Macs? Or will it die off?

Mac software developers have to create new versions of their programs for Intel-based Macs, which is extra work they didn't expect. It doesn't look to be a lot of extra work for most of them, though, so there's every reason to think your fave apps will survive the migration.

Minneapolis-based Mariner Software says it likely needs only hours or days to modify each of its apps — the Write word processor, the Calc spreadsheet, the MacJournal journaling program and the Desktop Poet entertainment app — for use on Intel hardware.

If I stick with my existing Mac, will future software for Intel Macs work on it?

That isn't guaranteed. Mac-software publishers could well decide to make Intel-only versions of their applications.

But with a vast "installed base" of PowerPC Macs, and with Apple Xcode software-coding tools that stress dual-platform development, upcoming versions of Mac apps look to be universally compatible (at least for the first year or two). Installation discs will contain "universal binaries" suitable for use on either Intel- or PowerPC-based machines.

Hey, what about Mac OS X? Will future versions work on older Macs?

Apple hasn't said whether the "Leopard" version of OS X, due in late 2006, will run on today's PowerPC Macs. But the firm has been good about making its various versions of OS X "backward-compatible" with older hardware, said Michael Gartenberg of Jupiter Research in New York City.

Late 2006 is also about the time the next version of Windows, codenamed "Longhorn," is due for release. So you'll be able to kick the tires on two major operating systems before deciding what your next computer purchase will be.

OS X on Intel, hmm? So I'll be able to run OS X on any Intel-based PC?

Nope. OS X is intended to run only on Apple machines, and not on Dell or Gateway models. We won't be sur-

prised if geeks figure out a way to make this happen, though.

OK, but you mentioned running Windows on Macs. Is that for real?

Yep, you heard right. While Apple isn't encouraging this practice — no surprise there — it won't interfere with those who want to put Windows on their Intel-based Macs. How this will happen is unclear, but it raises interesting possibilities. If Macs are able to run Windows as well as OS X, for instance, buying an Apple machine may become a no-brainer (if the price is right) because it will give computer users the best of both worlds.

Windows runs on PowerPC Macs now, but only via sluggish "emulation" software such as Microsoft's Virtual PC.

What about security? Windows has been weak in this area. Will OS X on Intel be different?

It's hard to say for certain, but the fact that Macs are switching processors shouldn't make them any more or less vulnerable to viruses, spyware and other security problems of the sort that have bedeviled Windows users. Security lapses in the PC world have mainly been a Windows issue, not an Intel issue.

How can I get more information?

The best public info right now is on Jobs' Webcast. Make sure QuickTime (http://quick time.apple.com) is installed on your PC or Mac, then go to www.apple.com/quicktime/qtv/wwdc05 to stream the video over the Internet.

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# Mac Virus Issues

*Submitted by Jim Nye*

Question: Why doesn't Mac OS 10.4 come with Stuffit Expander files?

Answer: Mac Os 10.4 compresses and decompresses (.zip) files for both the Mac OS X and Microsoft Windows.

For those who like Stuffit Expander to open other compressed files such as .sit or .sitx, you can download it from Allume Systems web site. (information gleaned from Macfixit)

Norton Anti Virus False Positives Being Reported

A false positive is being reported from users of Norton Anti Virus software . Some users are reporting an alert from the Norton Anti Virus Software of a Trojan virus called "Hacktool Underhand".

The alert has posed no problem to Mac users. The false positive is being addressed by Symantec (parent company) with the release of an updated virus definition set.

An article by MacSure web site on Friday May 6, 2005 noted , " Some day there will be such a virus, but not yet". MacSure reports " in the last 10 years there has been 97,000 Window virus reported", but few (5 or so) Mac Viruses reported. " based on number of reports the threat to Mac users is close to zero". According to MacSure, "You have 5X more chance of being hit by lightning than getting the virus. There now, aren't you happy that you are using a Mac instead of a Windows PC.

It appears that looking through some of the trouble shooting sites on the web that the Norton System software isn't popular for use on OS10 systems. I purchased the Norton System Works about a year ago and it has solved several OS 9 problems for me, but shortly after, Symantec reported that they are no longer going to develop the software for Mac. I must say that I wasn't too happy about that development after having just bought the product.

This then begs the question, what utility software should a person use for keeping the OS10 system healthy? I have anecdotally heard good reports about the Disk Warrior. It would be useful to hear from members with their comments about their favorite utilities in the next newsletter.

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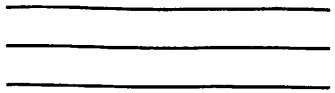

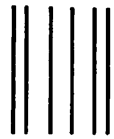

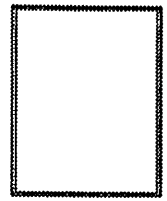

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