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AppleWorks SIG
Penn Lake Library
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OS X SIG
The Foundation
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Macintosh Consultants SIG
Good Day Cafe 7:00 AM
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Macintosh Q & A SIG
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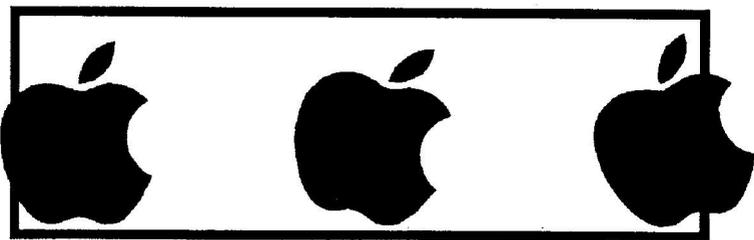
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February 2008 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for February 2008. 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

Monday	February	4	Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday	February	5	OS X SIG
Wednesday	February	6	AppleWorks SIG
Tuesday	February	?	VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	February	13	Microsoft Word SIG
Saturday	February	16	Annual Meeting
Thursday	February	21	Macintosh Consultants
Thursday	February	28	FileMaker Pro SIG
Monday	February	25	Mac Q & A SIG

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.

Apple II / IIGS Software & Hardware	1, 2, 3
AppleWorks / ClarisWorks-Draw	3, 4
Classic Macs	
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FirstClass	
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iMacs	
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Mac OS Classic	3
Mac OS X	
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Quicken	5
QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro	5
VectorWorks	6

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If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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mini'app'les Directors Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2007

Submitted by Harry Lienke

In attendance: Don Walz, Bert Persson, Harry Lienke, John Pruski, Kevin Strysik, Chuck Hauge, Les Anderson, Erik Knopp
Absent: Tom Gates

Agenda: Preliminary agenda adopted as submitted. See the Old Business and New Business items.

Minutes: The minutes for the October 1, 2007, meeting were approved electronically and published on the club BBS and on forumer.com on October 8.

Directors Reports

Treasurer Don Walz's report: All bills have been paid. Don distributed hard copies of the Balance Sheet; no discrepancies were noted.

SIG Director Kevin Strysik's report: OS X SIG location has just changed to 615 N Third St. No information is available on the Vectorworks meeting.

Old Business

Multi-SIG meeting site – Tom indicated March 15th looks like a good date to get the SIGs scheduled and publicized in multiple newsletters; Chuck will contact Tom to find out if this is a firm date. mini'app'les members should be on the lookout for other locations for multi-SIG meetings. Compensation for Buchner – No report from Tom; Bert will contact Greg and offer to pay out of pocket expenses.

IRS info – Don has received information from the IRS and will file Form 990. Tom is mailing another copy of his information to Ohio – this time with a receipt confirmation, et al. Once the IRS acknowledges our updates we can go back to St Paul and have the state update our info.

Budget, including membership dues change, if appropriate – Eric is getting ready to send out renewal notices and needed to know what dues should be requested in those notices. It was suggested we set the dues at \$10 per year; a second suggestion was made that we pro-rate existing memberships,

extending them according to the number of months remaining on the membership. It was pointed out that the expenses included in the minimal budget Harry proposed a few months back are not be covered by the \$10 fee. With 80 members the membership dues must be at least \$15 to get more than \$1000 in income. A motion was made to reduce dues to \$15 starting at the same time as we switch to an electronic newsletter; it was suggested that the process would be less complicated if the change was implemented January 1. The motion was changed to make the \$15 dues effective January 1, 2008, with existing memberships pro-rated; this motion was seconded and passed. Harry agreed to modify the budget he proposed several months ago to include the dues and electronic newsletter changes and to distribute it electronically so board members can review the financial situation expected in the future.

Yugma, Inc. check – Don has deposited the funds (\$90).

Group promotion and SIG descriptions – Kevin sent a request to SIG leaders for whom he had email addresses. The only response he received was a location change from Word; the BOD instructed him to use descriptions as sent since no-one objected to them. Harry and Les pointed out that SIG descriptions for the Appleworks and Q & A SIGs were provided some time ago.

Benefits list update – The changes have been made to the newsletter.

Adding email addresses to the Members-Helping-Members list – This has been done.

Move of club BBS to forumer.com – Chuck pointed out that since the mini'app'les forums were established on forumer.com, nearly twice as many people have posted on forumer as on the First Class BBS. Les expressed a concern relative to security on forumer; he believed people were accessing forums they should not be able to access. Chuck did a quick scan of people accessing the BOD area on forumer and reported that all people posting there were

authorized to access the area; he added that people must be authorized as guests before they can post messages and only members can access the Members Only area. The BOD forum can be accessed by a few ex-officio board members in addition to the BOD members.

Single BBS or keep both First Class and forumer.com active – After some discussion exploring this issue, Harry made a motion to drop the First Class BBS on April 1 (when the change to the electronic newsletter is made); the motion was seconded and passed (Chuck, Kevin, Don, and Harry voting for the motion).

New flyer for advertising the club – John intends to provide a flyer - first items available in February.

Monthly email newsletter – Chuck will provide an example electronic newsletter with a minimum of formatting but including images.

Front page notice on the remaining hard copy newsletters to communicate the newsletter change and to ask all members to provide an email address – John will implement this on future newsletters.

Making new membership / renewal payments available via an online service, as well as including a snail-mail option – Chuck pointed out that we could collect dues through an on-line service for a charge of about 3%; the board felt we should stay with snail-mail collection of dues and consider on-line dues collection after other changes have been smoothed out.

Audit of the books – Don brought the info to the BOD meeting. John will try to deliver it to Bruce.

Insurance bill from the Hartford – Don talked to Hartford indicating we chose not to renew our policy with them and there has not been any additional communication.

New Business

Renewal of domain name – This renewal is not due until October, 2008. A recommendation to wait and see was adopted. Chuck agreed to

investigate this item, including our host service.

Scheduling of Annual Meeting – Bert scheduled the Southdale Library on February 16, 10:00 am.

A general schedule for Miniapples (SIG) meetings

Submitted by Bert Persson

By this time many of you know that the Newsletter will be phased out as of the March 2008 issue. Club information will then be available at www.miniapples.org and forumer.com. How to access the latter has been explained in previous newsletters.

We will also try to keep individual SIG's meeting at the same time and location from month to month.

The OS X SIG will meet at 7 P.M. on the first Tuesday of the month. Because of New Year's Day it will be held on January 8 at the The Foundation located on 615 North 3 rd St. Minneapolis.

The AppleWorks SIG will meet at 6:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month at Penn Lake Library located on 8800 Penn Ave So, Bloomington from Jan thru May. The focus of this

Conducting the Board election (how do we distribute ballots with an electronic newsletter?) – Tom's suggestion to do balloting via a separate mailing with a one-piece reversible document was adopted. John will produce the form.

SIG will be changing since AppleWorks is no longer supported and we will devote more time to other Apple applications such as Pages, Numbers and other relevant software. This may even include podcasting, iMovie, iPhoto and Garageband to name a few. However, AppleWorks still has many devoted users and we will still help our members with any questions they may have. BTW, at our last AppleWorks meeting we looked at Pages and noticed that the label making feature of AppleWorks is no longer present, but there are other ways of creating labels. As always we encourage people to bring problems and solutions for everyone to share.

The January Word SIG is canceled.

For VectorWorks meeting time and location please contact SIG leader at 952-941-1667.

Macintosh Consultants SIG will meet

Next meeting: Scheduled for February 4, 2008, at the Merriam Park Library at 7:00 pm. All club members are welcome to attend.

at 7:00 A.M. on the 3 rd Thursday of the month at 6920 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley.

FileMaker Pro SIG will meet at 7 P.M. on the 4 th. Thursday of the month at Partners located on 2250 Terminal Rd, Roseville.

Macintosh Q&A SIG will meet at 7:00 P.M. on the 4 Th. Monday of the month from Jan thru April at Merriam Park Library located on 1831 Marshall Ave, St.Paul.

The Miniapples Annual meeting will be held on Saturday February 16 at the Southdale Library, located on 7101 York Ave S in Edina. The meeting room is reserved from 10 A.M. At this time we are looking for people to do a presentation as well as nominations for the board of directors. A detailed program description will be published later.

Mac Office 2008 ready for Macworld Expo launch

Submitted by John Pruski

by Jim Dalrymple
Dec. 14, 2007 7:19 pm

Microsoft's Macintosh Business Unit (MacBU) has signed off on the latest build of Office 2008 for Mac and has released the software to manufacturing. That means the suite is done.

"While we love building Mac software, actually getting that software into the hands of the people we've been building it for is something we've been looking forward to for a long time," said Geoff Price, Product Unit Manager at the MacBU in a blog posting.

The long-awaited Intel-native Office, featuring programs such as Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Entourage, was originally scheduled to be released in the second half of 2007, but was delayed in August until the

new year.

Craig Eisler, general manager of the Macintosh Business Unit, explained at the time that the delay was the result of a combination of a "perfect storm" of factors that hampered the development effort.

"We switched to Intel, and Office changed file formats," said Eisler. "It was no one thing. This release was harder than most just because of all those things happening at once."

Office will be available in three versions: Office 2008 for Mac (\$399.95; \$239.95 upgrade), Office 2008 for Mac Home and Student Edition (\$149.95) and Office 2008 for Mac Special Media Edition (\$499.95; \$299.95 upgrade).

Community Comments

davebarnes says:

Fri Dec 14 18:39:58 PST 2007

If it has been released to "manufacturing" (what a quaint term), then why can I not download it now?

iSeeXiMac says:

Fri Dec 14 19:39:34 PST 2007

There is such a thing called BitTorrenting :D

RASTERMAN says:

Fri Dec 14 19:55:41 PST 2007

This is definitely a product I'll want to download and test before pulling the trigger on a \$240 upgrade. I hope the test drive version gets out there soon and is actually a useable product. Cheers! --RASTER +Just wanted to see

what options there were for editing on the new forums. Please disregard. ;)+Message was edited by: RASTER-

MAN

heisetax says:

Fri Dec 14 20:11:31 PST 2007

Downloading would exceed their Mac bandwidth of 1 MB a day. Also for those wanting a CD/DVD, it just takes a long time when you only have 14/8 X burner. Forget about high limit downloads & commercially pressed CDs/DVDs when it comes to the Mac. It sounds like MS expects to sell more Mac Office 2008 than their Windows Office 2007. It doesn't seem that it took over a month from the time it went to manufacturing to shipping date. Be sure to have your copy as MS needs our money to help with Vista development. Those copy machines need to be upgraded. Bill the TaxMan

garyi says:

Fri Dec 14 23:34:42 PST 2007

Not being funny but I had a play on the beta and it took longer to load than the 2004 one. Also I cannot see what's so new, apart from some pointles bar for adding things, and putting the icons into the top bar is all looks the same. Also posting a message now is a bit convoluted, can't we just have the reply button back on the relevant webpage?

folklore says:

Sat Dec 15 05:12:33 PST 2007

The only two things I want are compatibility with the new file formats (the "x" formats, .docx, etc) and a bit more speed. The fact that Leopard TextEdit - freakin' TextEdit! - can open .docx files but Word 2004 can't is just mind-boggling to me. And Microsoft is not known for releasing upgrades that actually perform faster than their predecessors. Even if it is faster, most of my time using office apps is spent in Word. And most of that time is spent writing scholarly articles. So I've got to worry about my 700+ references in EndNote. The EndNote developers tend to be a bit slow to update for new versions of Word. I'm therefore unlikely to upgrade for awhile, despite it being nearly free through my university affiliation. For all that, though, I'll eventually upgrade I'm sure. I have to be able to collaborate with PC users, and telling them to save their Word files in the old format is getting... well, old. Especially because the Office 2007 (PC) interface is so radically different that they can't find the Save As command. :)

mobiustrip says:

Sat Dec 15 07:22:21 PST 2007

Is this thing built for Intel and OS X? I was helping out someone with a crashy Office 2004 and it occurred to me that the software was not designed for his Mac. It was designed to run on PPC and OS 9. So it's no wonder that it's crashy. And I guess we may have a reason to drop £7k on an upgrade if Office 2008 is built to run on Intel and OS X. If not, then I can't see much reason to upgrade.

downunder says:

Sat Dec 15 09:26:25 PST 2007

Save your money... OpenOffice (Mac Native) is coming soon.

brettburk says:

Sat Dec 15 11:01:25 PST 2007

folklore - there has been a patch for Office 2004 so that it can convert docx documents (excel as well) for quite some time. It is a simple download from the MS page. I'm stuck using Office for a while longer for work, not a huge MS fan, but this is one problem that they solved a while ago.

folklore says:

Sat Dec 15 12:05:13 PST 2007

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folklore says:

Sat Dec 15 12:14:54 PST 2007

I have yet to find a Word alternative that can open complex documents well. I use tables, figures, graphics, footnotes, headers, footers, sections, tables of contents, etc. OpenOffice just isn't up to the task. Some days, Word 2004 isn't either. And, even if I did find one that was 100% compatible, EndNote's cite while you write feature only works with Word. I've tried Word and EndNote alternatives, but none of them work as well. That's saying a lot, because I'm not terribly happy with Word/EndNote. For casual documents, however, OpenOffice is a great alternative. For most users, it works well. Now, if they could just get the Mac native version working, since NeoOffice is painfully slow...

drygnfyre says:

Sat Dec 15 13:22:55 PST 2007

I used the 2008 beta, and it was very quick and stable for me. I'm looking forward to picking up the Home & Student Edition as soon as it becomes available. I also wonder how quickly this will hit the BitTorrent scene.

Guntis says:

Sat Dec 15 15:35:48 PST 2007

For scientific documents with lots of references, footnotes etc. Mellel would be much better tool... Have you tried it?

folklore says:

Sat Dec 15 16:19:50 PST 2007

I have and I sorta liked it. I liked Sente to replace EndNote too. The problem is that most of my work is collaborative. Seamless, two-way communication is a must. That means that things like track changes have to work in both directions. Until/unless there's a universal file format that allows for very complex documents, I'm pretty well screwed into using MS Office. I can't even use Keynote instead of Powerpoint for my conference presentations due to compatibility issues surrounding graphics, tables, and charts - and I'd really, really rather use Keynote. My hope is that the new Office XML formats will be more open and allow for more 3rd party apps to have 100% compatibility with Microsoft's offerings. So far, the opinion on the openness of the format seems split.

Minnesotan Guide to computer lingo

Submitted by Les C. Anderson

Log On:	making da vood stove hotter
Log Off:	don't add no more vood
Monitor:	keep an eye on da vood stove
Megahertz:	vhen da big log drops on your barefoot in da morning
Floppy Disk:	vhat you get from pilingk too much vood
Ram:	da hydraulic thing dat makes da voodsplitter vork
Hard Drive:	getting home during most of da vinter
Prompt:	vhat ya vish da mail vas during da snow season
Enter:	come on in
Windows:	vhat ya shut vhen it gets below zero
Screen:	vhat you gotta fix on da windows during black fly season
Chip:	vhat ya munch during Vikings games
Microchip:	vhat's left in da bag vhen da chips are gone
Modem:	vhat ya did to da hay fields last Yuly
Dot Matrix:	Eino Matrix's wife
Laptop:	vhere da grandkids sit
Keyboard:	vhere ya suppose to hang da keys so da Misses can find em
Software:	da plastic picnic utensils, ya?
Mouse:	vhat da cat brinks in from da barn
Mainframe:	da part of da sauna dat holds up da roof
Port:	vhere da commercial fishin guys tie up dere boats
Docking Station:	da same as PORT
Random Access Memory:	vhen ya can't remember how much ya spent on da new deer rifle vhen da wife asks about it



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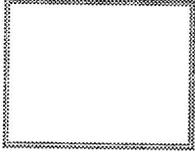
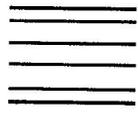
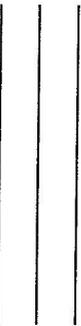
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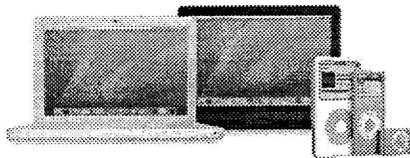
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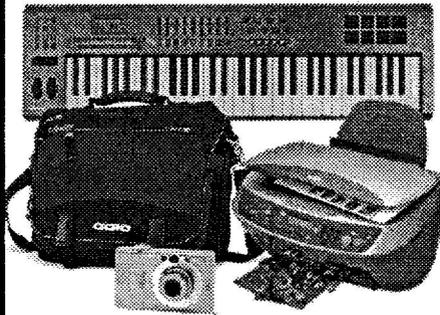
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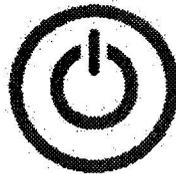


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