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For SIG dates and times, see page 3.

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You may have seen that the mini'app'les Newsletter is fading away. That's not entirely true, we are only discontinuing the paper mailed copy. The Newsletter will be produced in electronic form and will be available as a PDF file. We have two options to deliver the newsletter to members.

OPTION 1- We can send the Newsletter via e-mail to members, but we need the current e-mail addresses of members. Not everyone has updated their information when renewing. WE ARE ASKING ALL MEMBERS TO SEND US AN E-MAIL AT <miniapples@mac.com>. This way we can get your current or preferred address.

OPTION 2- The Newsletter can be available for download on the club web site <www.miniapples.org>.

The Newsletter is a main source of information for our members. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on February 16 at the Southdale Library to learn more.

Note to the above statements:

The above options have not yet been decided, except that a paper copy will not be available after the March 2008 issue. Any other opinions can be discussed at the annual meeting, where a decision can be made.

Bert, John



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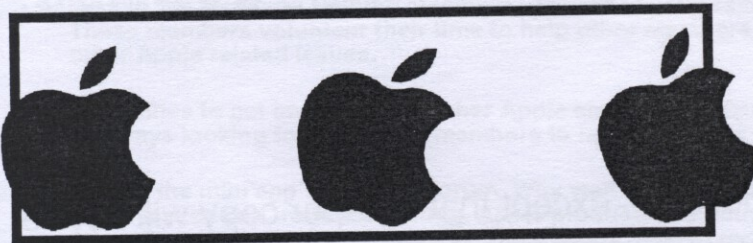
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17	18	19	20 	21 	22	23
24	25 Q&A 7:00	26	27	28  7:00	29	


Annual Meeting


4  **Board of Directors**
mini'app'les members welcome
Merriam Park Library
1831 Marshall Avenue St. Paul
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6  **AppleWorks SIG**
Penn Lake Library
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12 **OS X**
OS X SIG
The Foundation
615 North 3rd street Suite
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401


13  **Microsoft Word SIG**
Eagles lodge
9152 Old Cedar Ave. Bloomington
Tom Ostertag, E 651-488-9979

16  **Annual Meeting**
Southdale Library
7001 York Avenue South,
Edina, MN 55435
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20  **VectorWorks SIG**
CJR Office
Charles Radloff 952-941-1667

21  **Macintosh Consultants SIG**
Good Day Cafe 7:00 AM
5410 Wayzata Blvd
Golden Valley
Bob Demeules, 763-559-1124

25 **Q&A**
Macintosh Q & A SIG
Questions & Answers
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28  **FileMaker Pro SIG**
Partners
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Moving? Going to be away from home and leaving a forwarding address with the Post Office? Please send us a Change of Address when you are informing others. By using a moment of your time and a few cents to drop us a card, you save the club some money and you get your newsletter delivered promptly to your new address. If you don't inform us, the Post Office puts your newsletter in the trash (they don't forward third class mail) and charges the club for informing us of your new address. Change of Address should be sent to the club's mailing address: mini'app'les, Attn: Membership Director, Box 796, Hopkins, MN 55343.

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March 2008 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for March 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

Tuesday	March	1	OS X SIG
Wednesday	March	2	AppleWorks SIG
Wednesday	March	9	Microsoft Word SIG
Thursday	March	17	Macintosh Consultants
Wednesday	March	19	VectorWorks SIG
Thursday	March	24	FileMaker Pro SIG
Monday	March	28	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	
Cross-Platform File Transfer	2
FileMaker Pro	
FirstClass	
Intel Based Macs	
iMacs	
iPhoto / iTunes / iMovie	
Mac OS Classic	3
Mac OS X	
MacWrite Pro	
Microsoft Excel	2, 5, 8
Microsoft Word	2, 8
MYOB	5
Networks	7
New Users	1
PhotoShop	
QuarkXPress	8
Quicken	5
QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro	5
VectorWorks	6

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D: Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

W: Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Volunteers needed for members helping Members.

Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

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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2. attack a person or cause
3. are in "bad taste" (x rated or similar)
4. expound or demean a religion or practice.

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Mail inquiries to: PO Box 796, Hopkins, MN, 55343
Phone inquiries to: John Pruski, 952-938-2818

Updating the Bylaws

Submitted by Harry Lienke

Each year we review the mini'app'les Bylaws to identify changes needing to be made. This review is underway and the Board of Directors would like to hear from you. The bylaws can be accessed on the First Class BBS in the News folder (PDF format) and the mini'app'les/SIG News folder (Word format). The comments are being collected in the mini'app'les forums at

mini'app'les is changing!!

And with the changes, the method of online discussion and communication is changing as well. The Board of Directors has decided that mini'app'les is better served with online messaging using the Forumer web-based discussion forums.

Because the current FirstClass software used on this BBS is now getting old and the hardware it is running on even older, it was decided that the BBS should be shut down. At this time it is anticipated that the BBS will be deactivated on or about April 1, 2008

The Tide is Turning

Submitted by David M. Peck Sr

If you are active on the BBS please go register at the Miniapples Forum at forumer.com.:

<http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/>

The register link is at the top of the page in the blue bar. The forum link is

forumer.com. Please put your comments with the other comments submitted to the Member's Private Forum in the Suggested Bylaws Changes topic.

Please read the changes, which have been submitted and offer your opinion on the changes.

Viewing the BOD Minutes

(and no, this is not an April Fool's joke).

As such, if you have not yet established an account on the mini'app'les Forumer web site, please go to <http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/> and create an account. There is a Guest forum with additional information about the Forum.

There is also a page on the mini'app'les web site (<http://www.miniapples.org/forum.html>) that explains how to get started on the Forumer site

on the top left side under Board Navigation.

Handy reading material:

Getting started with Forumer:

<http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/viewtopic.php?t=152>

Welcome Miniapples Members:

The minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) meetings can be viewed on-line by navigating to the General/Misc folder of the First Class BBS (<http://www.miniapples.org/>) or to the Member's Read Only (Private) forum on the mini'app'les forumer.com website (<http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/index.php>).

Thanks for your help.
Harry

and some of the particulars about how to make the experience a better one.

Hopefully this change will make it easier for newcomers to participate in the online discussions, since there is no special software needed. All is done using the browser of your choice.

Bruce Thompson
BBS Admin

<http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/viewtopic.php?t=4>

Miniapples Forum FAQ:

<http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/viewtopic.php?t=52>

Feel free to ask questions.
-Dave

Security Update 2007-009 1.1 Released with Important Fixes

TidBITS#909/07-Jan-08
by Rich Mogull

Apple has released Security Update 2007-009 1.1 to patch 41 vulnerabilities in Mac OS X 10.4.11 and 10.5.1, some of which are rather serious. We recommend installing this update soon! Show full article

Shortly before the end of the year, Apple released Security Update 2007-009 to patch 41 vulnerabilities in Mac OS X 10.4.11 and 10.5.1. Many of these vulnerabilities can allow an attacker to take over your computer by simply sending you a malicious file or having you visit a malicious Web

site. The affected applications and services include Address Book, CUPS (the printing service), and Quick Look.

(A few days after the initial Security Update 2007-009 was posted, Apple released version 1.1, which corrected a problem with Safari introduced in the prior update.)

Be aware that the Quick Look update will block any Quick Look plug-ins. We suspect this is a temporary fix and Apple will safely re-enable plug-ins in the (hopefully near) future.

A full listing of the updates can be found in Apple's security release

notes. It's available through Software Update and in stand-alone form for Leopard (a 35.6 MB download) and Tiger (Universal) (a 27.4 MB download) or Tiger (PowerPC) (a 15.9 MB download).

This is an extremely important update fixing multiple critical vulnerabilities. You should apply this as soon as possible, since many of these are the kinds of vulnerabilities favored by Internet attackers.

Issue link:
<http://db.tidbits.com/issue/909>

Annual Meeting Saturday February 16

Submitted by Bert Persson

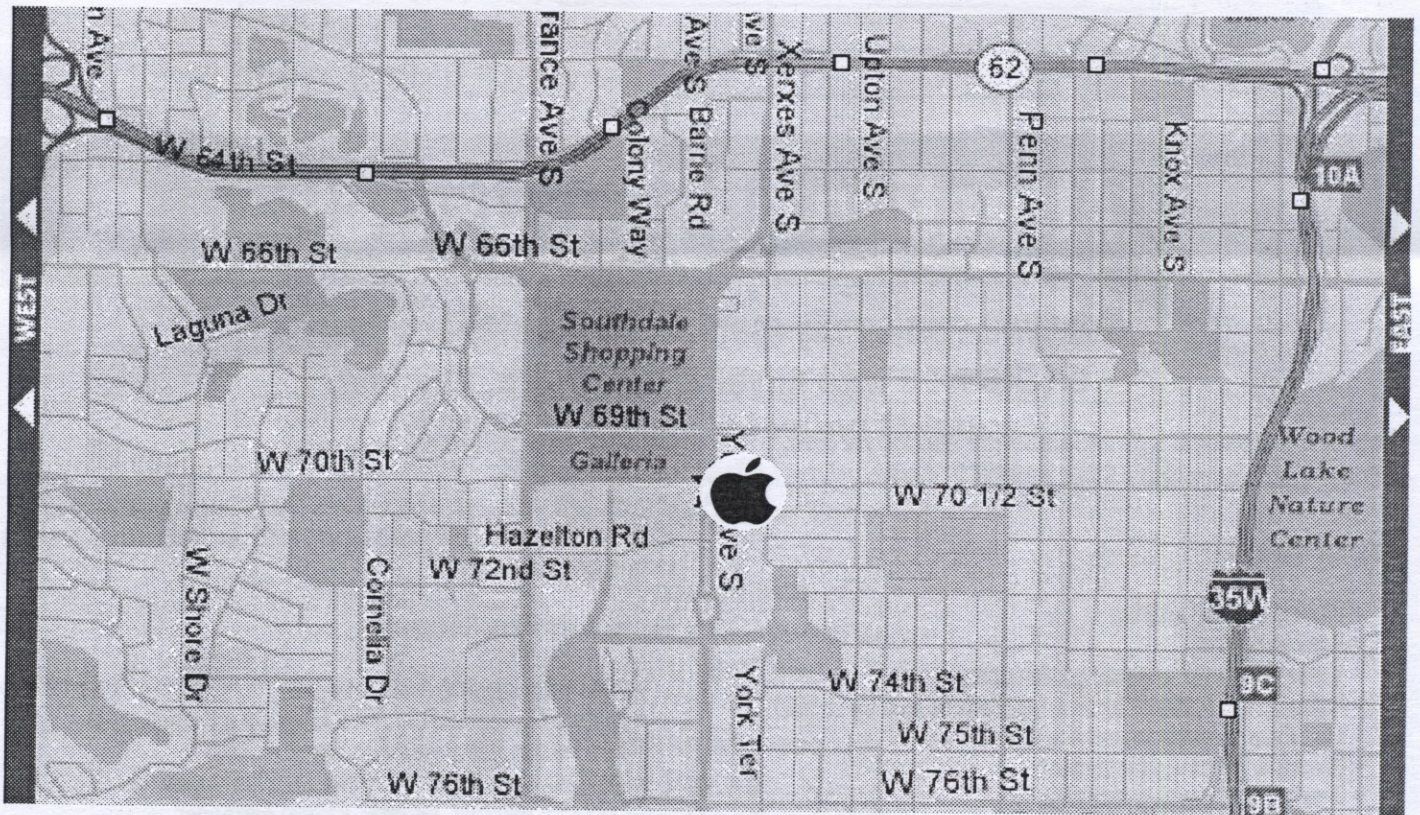
Our annual membership meeting will be held at the Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. S. Edina, Minnesota 55435 (See map below) on Saturday February 16th. The schedule for our Annual Meeting is as follows:

The room at the library will be open to us from 10 A.M., and at 11A.M. we plan to take nominations for Officers to the Board of Directors for the next year, at which time refreshments will be available. All officer positions are up for election. They are; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Director, Publication Director, and SIG Director. Some officers may seek reelection, but other candidates are welcome. If you would like to run for an office but are unable to attend please contact any board member. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, and help support your user group.

Kevin Strysik, Software compatibilities between PC's and Mac's. At this time we don't have a final program, but if you have any news or topics you would like to present or discuss you are encouraged to contact either John Pruski (952-938-9218) or Bert Persson (612-861-9578).

We hope to see you there.

Southdale Library 7001 York Ave. S. Edina, MN 55435



Spare Battery Tips from SafeTravel.dot.gov

Submitted by Brian Bantz

Pack spare batteries in carry-on baggage. In the passenger compartment, flight crews can better monitor safety conditions to prevent an incident, and can access fire extinguishers, if an incident does happen.

Keep spare batteries in the original retail packaging, to prevent unintentional activation or short-circuiting.

For loose batteries, place tape across the battery's contacts to isolate terminals. Isolating terminals prevents short-circuiting.

If original packaging is not available, effectively insulate battery terminals

by isolating spare batteries from contact with other batteries and metal. Place each battery in its own protective case, plastic bag, or package. Do not permit a loose battery to come in contact with metal objects, such as coins, keys, or jewelry.

Only charge batteries which you are sure are rechargeable! Non-rechargeable batteries are not designed for recharging, and become hazards if they are placed in a battery charger. NEVER attempt to recharge a battery unless you know it is rechargeable.

If you have already charged a non-rechargeable battery, do NOT bring such a battery on board an aircraft.

Use only chargers designed for your type of batteries. If unsure about compatibility, contact the product manufacturer.

Take steps to prevent crushing, puncturing, or putting a high degree of pressure on the battery, as this can cause an internal short-circuit, resulting in overheating.

Check it out @
<http://safetravel.dot.gov/tips.html>



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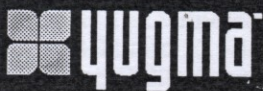
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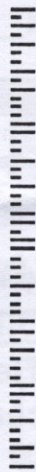
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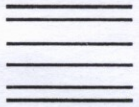
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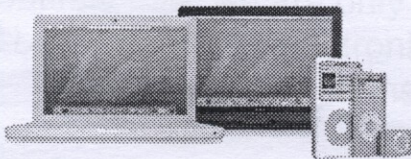
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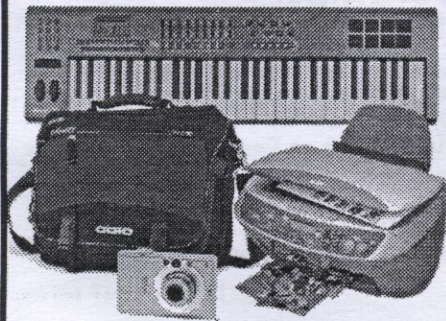
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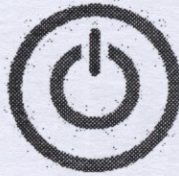


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