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**No General Meeting in December, 2007**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR, 2008**

**Opening with Thursday, January 10, 2008**

**Mac OSX 10.5 Leopard**

**Happy  
Holidays!**

Best wishes from your  
Board to the  
Mac Membership!

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**Board Meetings...** Tuesday afternoon, 1:15 p.m.,  
following the Thursday General Meeting each month.

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### Important Information...

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## President's Message...



**Macworld Expo.** December is the beginning of longer daylight hours and the anticipation of Macworld. Macworld Conference & Expo is extending special user group pricing for the 2008 Macworld Expo, to be held January 14-18 at San Francisco's Moscone Center. Learn more at the web site [macworld-expo.com](http://macworld-expo.com).

**Leopard.** I assisted several members with their Leopard installations. One Mac worked flawlessly after the installation. Two Macs had a minor Keychain error that was solved by following the suggestion in the error dialog box. Another member transferred Mac OS 9 documents to a new MacBook. The applications in the MacBook opened the 'ancient' OS 9 documents with ease.

You can use 'target disk mode' to install Leopard on machines that Apple says are 'too slow,' say a 667 MHz G4. Wink Wink, nudge nudge. Anyone want to be first on their block? Read about 'target disk mode' by searching for article number 58583 at the Apple Support web site.

**Renaming Files, Take Two.** Murray Massin has reminded me about this tip more than once: When renaming files in Finder, click on the file, press Enter to bring up the rename input box, then, while holding down the Option key, press the right arrow key. This will bring you to the end of the filename, but before the dot extension. Similarly, Option and left arrow brings you to the beginning. Just a little hint that may save some time while renaming.

**Lost and Found.** Have you seen an alert from your web browser that the web page you requested could not be found? You should review your Internet system preference settings. Recently I have found that faulty Ethernet cables can block the data flow. Also, I found a loose coaxial cable connection and a bent or coiled coaxial cable will disable your network. First principles: Check your cables.

No general meeting this month.  
The Learning Center is closed December 24 through January 1. Happy holidays.

Cheers. . .Charles

## HOW TO FORWARD E-MAIL APPROPRIATELY... Willem Vermolen

**Subject: Advice** A computer expert received the following directly from a system administrator for a corporate system. It is an excellent message that ABSOLUTELY applies to ALL of us who send e-mails. Please read the short letter below, even if you're sure you already follow proper etiquette and procedures.

*Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Do you hate it? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!*

*How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps:*

(1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, DELETE them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. You MUST click the "Forward" button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "TO:" field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any "FW :)" in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

(5) *Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition?* It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses. A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who's supposed to send the petition in to whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say that the email is being traced, it just ain't so!)

(6) One of the main ones I hate is the ones that say something like, "Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen." Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen. IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!!!! (Trust me, I'm still seeing some of the same ones that I waited on 10 years ago!) I don't let the bad luck ones scare me either, they get trashed. (Could be why I haven't won the lottery??)

(7) *Before you forward an Amber Alert, or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them.* Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to: <http://www.snopes.com/>  
It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on.

Finally, here's an idea!!! Let's send this to everyone we know. This is something that SHOULD be forwarded. And, you can get a little practice in on the above suggestions.

Please, if you have a problem working on this - let me know and I will try and walk thru it with you.

It really isn't hard and it does save getting a virus (unless you get it some other way). It also doesn't show anyone else who you sent it to. Each e-mail address gets an individual e-mail.



## "Anne's Corner"

Emailing an Entire Web Page the Easy Way.



Let's say you are looking at the web site of the Orange County Performing Arts Center and wish to send the page to a friend. It's easy. Just press Command-I. "Mail" will open a new message and place the entire web page into the message, ready for you to address and send out.

If you wish to send only the URL, press Command-Shift-I and "Mail" will place only the URL into a new message, ready for you to address and send out.

Prerequisites are that Safari is your primary Internet browser and "Mail" is your primary email application.

Enjoy the ease of this shortcut!  
Anne Clark

Because of the many Holidays activities that keep us busy during the month of December, the Club will not have a General Meeting.

We will be back on schedule, Thursday, January 10, 2008 and looking forward to the presentation arranged by John Hansen, our Board Member and Treasurer, "Mac OSX 10.5 Leopard".

February, 2008, "TBA" Michael Moore  
March, 2008, on "Global Warming" Gil Brenner

Here are the names of the 5 lucky Door Prize Winners of the November 8, 2007, Meeting, in the order drawn:

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Jerry Green  
Steve Spiegel  
Patty Rook  
Don Hill



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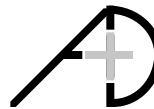
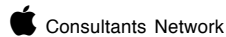
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## Leopard: a second chance for a first impression...

Last month I wrote an article on Apple's new OS, Leopard. When I wrote it, Leopard had not been officially released and the actual date had not even been disclosed. This had opened up speculation that Leopard would be delayed, yet another time. Well, I'm happy to report that Leopard was released on the 26th, and unless you are living in a cave somewhere, you are probably aware of this by now.

I'm guessing many are interested in seeing if I have revised my opinions of Leopard. The short answer is, yes and no. While the overall performance of Leopard is better than the betas, it is still plagued with many issues from top to bottom. First of all, nothing new or different was included in the official release, so while I was searching for those elusive 300 features in my last article, I can state, I'm still looking. This is not to say I haven't found many new and improved things about Leopard. More on this later...

Let's look at the obvious. Leopard comes with several new gimmicks, none of which are worth plunking down \$130 for and come under the category of eye candy. Stacks, Spaces, and Cover-flow all are less than needed and add an unnecessarily heavy burden to the OS. Time Machine, the most desired feature is riddled with problems and most have opted to turn it off until it is working properly. More disappointedly, several things that even worked in the betas no longer work.

Many had troubles installing, some getting the 'Blue Screen Of Death', well known to PC users. Others had trouble migrating their previous users accounts. Still, others found their printers, scanners, wireless routers or other devices simply did not work any longer. Complaints on the forums have covered the gamut, from not being able to install, to some saying the new look is just ugly and just about every problem in between. I'm not sure any end user is totally pleased with Leopard, even the ones who had no problems. Twenty five minutes to do a permissions repair (if it will complete at all) is just unacceptable. Tiger takes less than one minute. Background tasks which have quadrupled, take up 95% to 100% CPU, leaving an unusable computer for sometimes long periods.

As I and many others have stated, wait for the 10.5.1 or 10.5.2 release before even thinking about it. Just for perspective, Tiger, which I highly recommend as a stable and full featured OS, had some problems when it was released also. This sort of thing is to be expected, and I'm sure Apple will iron out the problems down the road. Those of you who have been waiting for Leopards release to upgrade should wait a while longer. Apple was quick to release several patches to fix some immediate problems, but was careful to not label them as the first official 'dot one' system upgrade. Sadly, some of these fixes, produced a new crop of problems.

So, while I find Leopard usable, in it's current state, most will not, as there is a very long list of 3rd party applications that do not work at all or have sever issues - see [www.macfixit.com](http://www.macfixit.com) for a detailed but incomplete list. Yes, currently Leopard has more wrinkles than spots. For now it should be put on a permanent hold with an eye open for when the light turns green. That being said, I've also had the opportunity to take a look under the hood, so to speak. What I find here is the real major improvements to the OS. Up until now, several areas in the previous OS's were held together by chewing gum and bailing wire. Apple seems to have addressed this early on in the development phase, and looks to be committed to fixing those issues, which I give them high praise for. Most if not all of these improvements are not really visible to the user but clearly constitute the bulk of the so called 300 new features include with Leopard. This provides a solid foundation to build upon, which should allow continued improvements to upcoming OS's and a better user experience in the future. Most of these changes were done out of necessity as withered legacy code had to be trimmed. Many hardware and software manufactures will have to update their products just to maintain compatibility due to these changes. It is also quite clear that Rosetta and PowerPC Macs are going to be short lived.

Is Leopard a must have? The answer is a resounding no! At least not yet. Those of you who have been waiting for Leopard before purchasing a new Mac, may want to wait a bit longer. Those who have just purchased and have Leopard, be patient, things will get fixed, sooner or later. As the room for innovation in the current state of this technology narrows, Apple seems to be desperately trying to find the next cool thing. I think there looking in all the wrong places. Apple is spending too much time looking over it's shoulder at at companies like Microsoft and not enough time scouring the horizon, where all new things happen. As Apple's hardware is getting bigger and faster, the demands put on it by a bloated OS with questionable features are sapping its virility, which seems counter productive. Apple is juggling many more balls than it ever has in the past, leaving less time to nurture the seeds of innovation in our beloved box called Macintosh.

## Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg

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### Reviewing Fundamentals & Basics: Help

All Mac computers come with **Help**. It is always showing on the Menu Bar. It can be opened by dropping the Help menu and then selecting the first command. Or, on the keyboard, press the **help** key.

Depending on the application you are active in the first command will probably be:

**Mac Help**, when in Finder

**AppleWorks Help**, when in AppleWorks

**Pages Help**, when in Pages

**Mail Help**, when in Mail

**Safari Help**, when in Safari

**Help** is the missing manual or User Guide. When you have a Mac question and no one is around to consult or guide you, this is the information source provided by Apple, Inc. Read it on screen or print it page for page.

Not only does Help offer you a definition and explanation for a word or phrase, it also provides some teaching dialog and paths for exploration. (*am using OS 10.4.10 for this*)

As an example... want to learn some basics about using your Macintosh, do this:

Be in **Finder**, click on the **Help** menu, select **Mac Help**, under **Discovering Your Mac** click on **Work smart, play hard**. Now click on **Easy, Smart, Convenient**. *And now you can read and learn a few of the basics.*

Other worthwhile topics offered under **Discovering Your Mac:**

*Configure, Connect, Explore*

*Inspire, Create, Enjoy*

*Sharing, Collaboration, Mobility*



When you open a Help window it usually shows you the “**Ask a Question**” field in the upper right corner. This is one way you can search for topics... by typing in a word or phrase and then press the Return key.

Another way is simply click on **Index**, this is always available and will allow you to search by alphabetical letter. And, of course, you will also see underlined topics that may be related to your search. A single click on the line will open the link to such information.

The upper left corner of the window usually offers you **left arrow/right arrow** buttons, just like when on the Internet. Click an arrow to move backward or forward one page.

There is a wealth of information in the Help program offered to the general Mac user, however, it is also worth mentioning that Apple has made an effort to embrace present, and previous, **PC users** by presenting useful crossover information. This information is available when in Mac Help, click on the “**Switching from Windows**” topic. This section will also offer an excellent glossary that helps us to understand what PC and Mac users call things.





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 **Calendar** ■ **Dec 2007 & Jan 2008**

**HOLIDAYS (L.C. CLOSED)**

December 24 through January 1

<b>Comp BEGINNERS' SESSION</b> (Murray Massin)	Friday, January 4	1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>* Mac for Dummies CLASS</b> (Shell Weinberg)	December 12 & January 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>GENERAL MEETING</b> in Club House 1	Thursday, January 10	6:00 - 8:15 pm
<b>BOARD Meeting</b> in Hist.Society Board Room	December 11 & January 15	1:15 - 3:15 pm
<b>* e-Mail / Internet CLASS</b> (Anne Clark)	Thursday, January 17	1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>* Digital Photo CLASS</b> (Anne Clark)	Thursday, January 24	1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>iMovie Q &amp; A</b> (Michael Moore)	Friday, January 25	1:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>* INTERMEDIATE OS X CLASS</b> (Wim Vermolen)	Tuesday, January 29	1:00 - 3:00 pm

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