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Nat Craig will show us
APPLE TV
“Any time is prime time”



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President's Message...



The 2008 membership renewal campaign is launched and members are responding. One easy way to renew is to fill out the form in the October newsletter or visit our Learning Center and fill out an application form, or fill out the online form at www.TheMacClub.org/form.html and mail it as indicated. The application form is important because it helps us keep current with email and address changes and your choice of newsletter delivery.

Help is at hand. When you want to do something on your Mac, Help is only a mouse click away. I mean Help as a menu item in the application you are working in. Very complex applications such as Microsoft Word or Excel, and they are complex, have tutorials and extensive help topics. Sometimes I do not have a clue, but a visit to Help improves my skills. This is the best single help advice I can give, ever. Visit the Help menu.

Or you can visit our Learning Center. Remember it's about 'Learning.' We have two shelves of books on Mac topics. Most are paperback books, but some are eBooks with topical subjects. eBooks are compact discs with complete Adobe Reader documents. The discs are located on the book shelf. Want to read up on backing up your files? Read what the experts have to say. Members may take home one book or disc at a time, with a two week return time.

We also have a wall rack filled with help topics free for the taking. Shell Weinberg produces these documents and keeps them fresh. This is an excellent source for beginners.

Our popular continuing series of classes on email, digital photos, web browsing, Mac basis, OS X topics, iMovie, and slide show production are scheduled every month at the Learning Center located on the third floor of the Community Center. 'Mac Room' signs are posted to help first-time visitors. Class schedules are published on our web site, <themacclub.org>, and in our newsletter.

Have a happy Thanksgiving holiday.
The Learning Center is closed November 22 and 23, 2007.
Happy shopping.

Cheers, Charles

Program November 2007

-- Shell Weinberg

Mac Club Meeting, November 8, Clubhouse 1

Presentation this month spotlights **Apple TV**. We are fortunate to have **Nat Craig**, *Business Consultant* and *Apple Representative* from the Apple Mission Viejo Store, speak to us about a special product Apple has designed and created to enhance your TV watching... **Apple TV**.

Here is background info about our Speaker. Nat grew up in Bakersfield. A close friend who is a software engineer, exposed him to the Mac, and he has been an Apple fan ever since. He has been using the Mac computer since OS 7, and has become proficient with Apple computers and products on many levels, from knowledge of the hardware, to it's operating system and creative software.

Nat moved down to Huntington Beach and completed graphic design classes at UCI, obtaining two Certificates in Interactive Media. After working as a freelance web designer and video editor for a few years, he then moved to Ladera Ranch and started working at the Apple Store in Mission Viejo in April 2006.

Loving interaction with other people, he worked as a Mac Specialist and often taught classes and personal **one to one** training sessions. Also very involved on the Business Team at the store, he decided to become a full time Business Consultant last January. Since then he has been working closely with businesses in providing them with solutions to their needs on the Mac, partnering with Education Institutions, and taking the opportunity to teach classes when he can.

Nat explains how "**any time is prime time**" on your TV... there will always be something good to watch on the screen using **Apple TV**.



You can enjoy movies, TV shows, music, and podcasts in your iTunes library, plus photos and movie trailers, on your widescreen TV -- wirelessly, from your Mac or PC.

Dear Macintosh Club Members,

I am forwarding to you a message from Steve Spiegel, the Apple Doctor, about the upcoming release of OS X 10.5 "Leopard."

My note: when you decide to purchase "Leopard," remember that you may be able to save substantially if you utilize the Education discount.

More about Leopard, such as the new features and minimum system requirements, at Apple's web site: <http://www.apple.com/> and <http://store.apple.com/1-800-MY-APPLE/WebObjects/AppleStore?productLearnMore=MB021Z/A>

Enjoy, Anne Clark

From Charles Clark...

Here is Apple's announcement for Leopard. Graphics available at the Apple web site. Perhaps you can condense the message to 'Mac OS X version 10.5 Leopard will be available on October 26 at Apple's retail stores.' Good luck.

Mac OS X version 10.5 Leopard will be available on October 26 at Apple's retail stores and through Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of \$129 (US) for a single user license, and online pre-orders can be made through Apple's online store (www.apple.com) starting today. The Mac OS X Leopard Family Pack is a single-household, five-user license that will be available for a suggested retail price of \$199 (US). Volume and maintenance pricing is available from Apple. The standard Mac OS Up-To-Date upgrade package is available to all customers who purchased a qualifying new Mac system from Apple or an Apple Authorized Reseller on or after October 1, 2007 for a shipping and handling fee of \$9.95 (US). Leopard requires a minimum of 512MB of RAM and is designed to run on any Macintosh computer with an Intel, PowerPC G5 or G4 (867 Mhz or faster) processor.

Remembrance, George Devine by Ed Egan

Word reached us by e-mail on October 14, 2007, from son Steve that George Devine had passed away that morning and he spoke of his father's warm thoughts in his last days for his friends in the Mac Club. George was a Supervisor in the Learning Center and specialized in iTunes, friendly and helpful to all. He became an Associate on the Board of Directors in December, 2002 and a Board member in November, 2004. He contributed much to all of us and he was much beloved for his warmth and friendliness. We will miss him.



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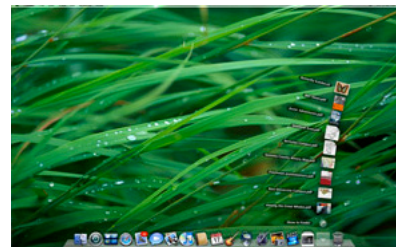
"Anne's Corner"

ARE YOU READY?

According to the latest information available on the Internet, "Leopard" will require Macs with either a PowerPC G4 (867 MHz or faster, i.e., 800 MHz will be too slow), a G5 processor, or an Intel processor. Other system requirements include a DVD drive, built-in FireWire, at least 512MB of RAM (additional memory is recommended), and at least 9GB of hard disk space.

To check your iMac, go to the blue apple and select "About this Mac." Here you will find the processor, speed and memory. More at apple.com/macosx/leopard/

Enjoy! Anne Clark



My first significant Apple disappointment...

Editorial by Shell Weinberg

Goodbye to **AppleWorks**... it is with a heavy heart that I must come to the realization that Apple has announced no more support for this outstanding bundle of six worthwhile programs. I am disappointed in Apple and saddened by this abandonment. Guess the reason is they have bigger fish to fry nowadays with their iPod success and other profitable products.

Probably doesn't mean much one way or the other to most of the folks in our community, since, by my estimate, about 90% of computer users here in the Village are only interested in doing Internet and Email anyway.

But for those of us that enjoy doing advanced word processing, making spreadsheets, working with a database, and creating drawing or painting projects, this really changes the game.

Sure, we can now spend hundreds of dollars to buy Microsoft Office, or one of the Adobe Creative Suites, or other available expensive software programs, but the excellent value package AppleWorks offered no longer exists.

It is my understanding that Apple has asked all retailers to remove any remaining AppleWorks inventory from their shelves. That's how serious the company is about erasing their past affiliation with the product.

As for me, I intend to continue using the 6.2.9 version installed in my eMac, and will produce documents with it until I run into some kind of resistance that will block my sharing docs with other Mac users, or some such problem.

I really like the software. When I first learned Apple computer operation I was using what was then ClarisWorks, which was later renamed AppleWorks. Although it was not necessarily professional level software for commercial graphic artists and other pro's, it provided adequate tools to do the various tasks in word processing, spreadsheet, drawing and painting.

It has served me well over the years and I am not pleased that Apple decided, about 2003 or 2004, not to upgrade... and now has completely cut the umbilical cord altogether.

And so today I find myself beginning a search for the reasonable substitute for AppleWorks. I was told to look at NeoOffice. This application is a free download and is fashioned after Microsoft Word. They do ask for a supporting donation, however, they also allow you to use without sending money. The program is quite extensive, loaded with many features, but I did not find it to be as user friendly as AppleWorks.

Presently sampling Pages 1.0.2, available in the iWork package sold by Apple, and my first impression is although there are plenty of features to use, the overall ease of use built into the AppleWorks application is sorely missing.

I will also give Microsoft Word a try, but am already conditioned by my experience with NeoOffice so am not too hopeful.

The AppleWorks working environment will be sadly missed by a great many of us loyal Mac users... and particularly by me.

My Autobiography, Fern Lerner

Growing up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Food and Nutrition. I took my Dietetics Internship at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago for a year and then went to work at Mount Sinai Hospital, also in Chicago where I met my future husband, Harry B. Lerner, who was a Resident in Internal Medicine at the time.

We married and lived in a suburb of Chicago where he had a practice and I ran the office. We had three children, Jeff is in computer software (PCs), so we are always teasing each other about which computer is better. Alan, is an artist working in Ceramics and Silk Screening, and Judy is a Representative with Smith, Klein, Glaxo Drug Company.

In 1978, after many trips to California, we discovered Laguna Niguel to be a great place to make a move. He opened an office in the one story Medical building at Saddleback Hospital, I practiced my Dietetics and ran his office for five years. After 33 years of marriage he passed away.

We hadn't been aware of Leisure World, as it was then called, until the friends we made introduced us to it. After he passed away, I moved here and became active in the Brandeis University group which I helped found. We support the Libraries at the University. After working for them, I discovered computers and have divided my time supporting both groups and taking classes through Saddleback College and Irvine Valley College.

It's been a wonderful place to be my home now and I know I couldn't go back to the snowy climate in which I grew up.

The Laguna Woods Village Macintosh Club has a new URL: www.TheMacClub.org. This URL was chosen to avoid future legal issues regarding the use of "Leisure World," "LW" and "LWV." Previous URLs will remain in force until their registration expires.



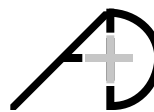
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Leopard - Roar or Meow? ... Craig Hoyt

In true OSX tradition, Apple is soon to release it's new Mac OS called Leopard. The rumors of a new OS started almost the day after Tiger was released and has not let up since then. The first beta was officially available in July, 2006. Apple has fallen short on several publicly made promises, on the date when they would release the new cat. So the big question now is, will they make their latest 'October' promise and exactly when in October?

After reviewing about a half dozen beta versions of Leopard, it seems apparent that Apple is about to finally give us their OS for '**Tomorrow**'. I have seen many improvements and changes as each new release becomes available. So let's have a look at what's in store for us. Keep in mind I'm reviewing developer beta versions and not the final Golden Master release. Things could and should change when the *for sale* release is available.

Unified windows and buttons - Apple took some flack in Tiger because almost every application including the Finder had a different window and button theme, thus breaking their own guidelines. All windows now look similar to Tigers' iTunes theme. Themes are now black & gray monochrome. Colors are much more saturated. The red, yellow, green window buttons and the menu highlight strip are much brighter and bolder. Many, but not all of the aqua buttons are now flat monochrome buttons.

the Finder - Along with the new window look, the sidebar has been overhauled. It has been minimized so not to take up as much window real estate as in Tiger, which allows for some new features. You can now instantly search and find all images, music, and movies with a single click. A fourth viewing option has been added, so you can now see your files in 'Cover Flow' view, exactly like iTunes does for the album covers. Quicklook has been added, giving you a mini 'Get Info' view of a file or folder. The generic document and folder icon artwork has drastically changed, loosing the isometric 3D looking icons and bringing back the flat looking ones of long ago Macs.

Address Book - Added Yahoo and Exchange syncing.

Airport Utility - Added new features for the newer Airports.

Boot Camp - This new feature allows Intel Macs to run the Windows OS. The beta of this has been available for a while. Intel Macs only.

Dashboard - Now, no longer in the Dock and added an easy widget maker.

Dictionary - Added Apple Dictionary & Wikipedia sources to the Oxford original.

Dock - The Dock is now a 3D shelf with a reflective surface.

Expose - Now an application and no longer just a Control Pane. Linked with 'Spaces'.

iChat - All new, added special effects and custom backgrounds.

Mail - Added RSS feeds, also added 'notes' and 'to do' lists.

Photo Booth - Added movie creation, now save a movie clip from the iSight camera.

Spaces - This new feature adds multiple desktops to the OS. You can create additional desktops and keep files and folders there running or not.

Stacks - This new feature allows multiple items in a single icon on your Dock. Expands to show all items.

Time Machine - This new feature will auto backup your files. Requires a .Mac account or an external hard drive. Configuration is minimal. Travel back in time to retrieve files.

New Installer - Clean but very minimal - looks barren.

Apple claims 'Over 300 new features' in Leopard, frankly I had trouble coming up with a decent double digit list of new and improved items. The list above is only the highlights and the pros and cons of each new feature are not included, but I can say, I'm overwhelmingly under impressed with Leopard.

Leopard is a full 1/3 larger than Tiger and runs much slower. All reviewed versions crashed, current ones much less. Leopard is tuned to run on Intel Macs and even fast G4's and G5's will not perform as you are currently use to in Tiger. Hardware limitations are 867Mhz G4's and 512Mb Ram and up. Running several applications even on a fast G5's performs poorly, so anyone considering upgrading to Leopard on a non-Intel Mac, should investigate thoroughly. Most of Leopard seems like a fresh coat of paint on Tiger, and the color is not that pleasant. Forced to come up with a top feature, it'd have to be Time Machine, but the rest is questionable. So, I give Leopard a very mild meow. I'm hoping to see much more when Leopard is finally finished baking and Apple makes it publicly available. So far, what I've seen does not reconcile with two and half years of development. Apple seems to be distracted lately and it is clear it has lost it's focus.

Macintosh Learning Center

--- Shell Weinberg

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Here in the *Village*, the opportunity for all Mac computer users to receive personal **one-on-one** help and guidance is always available at our exceptional Macintosh Computer Learning Center.

If you are a beginner, or new user, be sure to mention this to the Supervisor on duty and he/she will offer you opportunities to learn basic Mac computer operation using different **Tutorial programs** available for your hands-on experience in self-teaching. You move forward at your own pace and the Super will always be there to help you along the way.

If you have some computer experience and would like to explore and learn more about *AppleWorks* programs, such as **Word Processing, Spreadsheet** or **Drawing**, we have six handout sheets available that will carefully guide you step-by-step. Ask the Supervisor, or take a look at the Literature Rack, for the **“YOU-DO-IT”** series of practice sheets.

Re *AppleWorks*, you may already be aware of the non-support situation from Apple, however the fact remains that many Mac users, including myself, continue to use these programs... and will continue using them until circumstances prevent usage. So, if you have *AppleWorks* installed and would like to learn more about its use the **“YOU-DO-IT”** practice sheets are for you.

The Mac Learning Center is dedicated to offering you opportunities to learn more about your Mac computer, including both hardware and software information. When



you ask a question and the Supervisor does not have the knowledge to respond he/she will usually recommend another experienced Supervisor who could be helpful.

Meanwhile, we have an outstanding Library available for your reference and take out. Our Library offers a long list of current and popular books, all related to Apple and Macintosh subjects. As a member of our group, **Laguna Woods Village Mac Club**, you have the privilege to borrow one book at a time for two weeks. If you are a Club member simply ask the Supervisor to sign you out in the *Library Checkout Register*.

A useful suggestion...when you first start reading a book or manual put a few small ***PostIt*** note pieces on the title page. As you are reading and come across a page of info you do not understand, place a *PostIt* on the page edge. Then visit the Learning Center, with the book in hand, and show the Super the marked page and ask for clarification or demonstration. This is an excellent way to learn about your Mac computer.

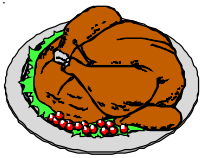




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Comp BEGINNERS' SESSION (Murray Massin)	Friday, November 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm
BOARD Meeting in Hist.Society Brd Room	Tuesday, November 13	1:15 - 3:15 pm
* Mac for Dummies CLASS (Shell Weinberg)	Wednesday, November 14	1:00 - 3:00 pm
* e-Mail / Internet CLASS (Anne Clark)	Thursday, November 15	1:00 - 3:00 pm
THANKSGIVING DAY (L.C. CLOSED)	Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23	
* INTERMEDIATE OS X CLASS (Wim Vermolen)	Tuesday, November 27	1:00 - 3:00 pm
iMovie Q & A (Michael Moore)	Friday, November 30	1:00 - 3:00 pm

ALL CLASSES (*) ARE DROP-IN with a request for a \$2 donation

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Schedule subject to change, see <http://www.themacclub.org> for the latest information

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