



# Rmug News

February 2008

## This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning  
February 9, 2008 9-11:30 a.m.

**All Mac users, new & old** are invited  
to attend the next RMUG general meeting  
at:

Yaks Koffee Shop  
3274 Bechelli Lane  
Redding, CA

Coffee and various eats are available  
during our "Get Acquainted" time, 9am to  
10am. There are classes for "Beginners"  
and "Intermediate" from 9:15 to 10:00 am.

Topics this month will include iMovie &  
Time Machine back-up, a great raffle;  
personal creativity comments, wisdom  
and issues as well as the usual Q&A. Be  
sure and bring those questions..

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## President's Letter

I hope everyone had a great time and expanded their horizons at January's MacWorld Conference in San Francisco. As President of RMUG I believe it is my obligation to champion Apple products and services when ever possible, I also believe a little well placed criticism is a useful tool most companies want and need to understand situations as perceived by their customers.

This years MacWorld Expo was great with one GIANT life threatening exception. I don't know what idiot set up badge distribution on Monday the opening day of the show but I presume they have been fired as well as being black balled from working in the convention business ever again?

MacWorld Expo was in the South Hall only at Moscone and badge pickup was in the new West Hall. Dolores & I arrived at Moscone around 8:30AM and followed directions to go to the West Hall where we were told badge pickup would start at 10AM. There was a line with several thousand people in it going out of sight to the west and an Apple employee started shouting I want two more lines right here so we jumped into the front of these "new" lines. The weather was chilly but no rain so it wasn't that bad outside but the promised 10AM opening failed to happen until 10:50AM.

When ten doors were flung open at 10:50 we were lucky no one died in the mad dash. Inside the West Wing there

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# RMUG Information

**Why RMUG?** The Redding Macintosh Users' Group was formed to help members and new users obtain maximum enjoyment and performance from their computers. This is accomplished through group activities and our direct affiliation with Apple™.

**Resources:** RMUG resources include monthly mailings from Apple™ and numerous outside vendors. We have a library of public domain programs, games and shareware software. We have videos and other computer-related guidebooks and information.

**Meetings:** RMUG meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 am – contact any club officer for meeting location. The meetings give members and visitors an opportunity to share information, opinions, personal experiences and techniques regarding Macintosh computer systems—hardware & software.

**Membership Information:** We invite you, as a guest, to attend our next monthly meeting. If you decide to join RMUG, your membership fee includes your whole family. We need your help as much as you need ours! Please participate!

**Welcome To Our Meetings:** Call the President, Dale Josephson at 241-8227 or contact other RMUG officers for help. Go to <http://rmug.org/membership.html> for numbers.

**Membership Dues:** \$24 / year. Includes newsletters, access to shareware, monthly workshops, troubleshooting help. Payment of dues can be made at the monthly meetings or send them to: *Charlotte Ruskowitz, 6538 Mossom Ln., Anderson CA 96007* . Please make check payable to: Redding Macintosh Users' Group.

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED:**

was no barriers to cause lines to form so all 5,000 of us rushed the badge counter and the too few employees did their best to print badges ASAP. There was no organization or lines inside the West Hall so once you got a badge you had to turn and fight your way back through the 4,750 people between you and the door. The man directly in front of me was blind with a 6 foot white cane and a lady who had acquired her badge went into some sort of panic attack and tried to run over the blind guy. She was 5'4" and he was 6' and she did not even look up she just kept charging into his chest with-out realizing he had no idea how to get out of her way. And just before I made it to the badge counter an 85-pound lady was knocked to the floor near me and could not get up. I forced my way one body width left and grabbed one of her arms as some one else grabbed her other arm and we picked her up at least 3 inches off the ground and then set her down as one of her friends grabbed onto her to prevent a second trampling.

Apple, I hope you understand I have been attending MacWorld conventions since 1987 and have only missed one in the intervening years and this will definitely be my last year to go on opening day unless I hear you have fixed problems! In an average year my party and I stay for two or three days spending \$3,000 to \$5,000 right on the show floor and this year we spent less than \$250 and returned home the following day.

In closing let me say, I still love my Apple computers and I hope Apple can fix next years MacWorld to be like the first 19 Expos I attended and loved.

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## Secretary's Notes:

### Minutes - RMUG Meeting, January 19, 2008

The January meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Approximately 25 members and guests attended.

The beginning and intermediate groups were combined, and both Dale and Michael fielding questions.

Election of the RMUG 2008 Officers and Committee Members. The membership approved the slate of nominees as presented in November and December, 2007. They are as follows:

#### RMUG 2008 Officers and Committee Members

- President – Dale Josephson,
- Vice President – Jim Pace,
- Secretary – Jacquie Martin,
- Treasurer – Charlotte Ruskowitz,
- Newsletter Editor – Ken Lorenz,
- Librarian- Louise Zegers,
- Hospitality Barbara Benefield and Joe Zegers.

#### Postions Appointed by the Board:

- Ambassador - Michael Peters,

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**SECRETARIES NOTES CONTINUED:**

- Web Master – Dale Josephson Although not an officer, Diana Draper volunteered to assist whoever is putting out the Newsletter.

Macintosh classes will resume in January at Anderson Senior Center. Beginning class on Monday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Michael Peters. Advanced class on Friday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Dale Josephson. There will NOT be an advanced class on February 15, 2008.

Ken Lorenz, Newsletter Editor, will be unavailable for several months. Send items for the Newsletter to [RMUG@RMUG.org](mailto:RMUG@RMUG.org) and to Ken Lorenz, [krlore@cwnet.com](mailto:krlore@cwnet.com) (for whenever he returns).

Program: MacWorld by everyone who attended.

- Those who attended on opening day were VERY unhappy with the long, long lines out into the street without crowd control or toilet facilities, and the general lack of organization.
- Ron Brink talked about at least ten items that he really liked. I think his favorites were the Epson Stylus Photo RX680 All-in-One Scanner/Printer, and the Cintiq.21wx WACOM Tablet/Monitor with which he could draw directly on the screen with a pen. There will also be a new Photoshop Elements 6 for Mac. The Canon HV20, '07 Camera of the Year, has a 24P (movie mode). \$640.
- Dale Josephson liked Time Capsule, a wireless 500GB or 1TB hard drive designed to work with Time Machine in Leopard. Set Time Capsule as the designated back up drive for Time Machine and it will back up new material automatically and wirelessly. Dale also talked about MacBook Air, a new, thin 13" computer. It has an 80 GB hard drive. It does not have a lot of ports that Dale would like it to have. 1.6

GHz - \$1799, 1.8 GHz - \$3098. You can rent movies for iTunes now. If you plan to do this, purchase Quick Time Pro first.

Thank you Dale and Ron for all the great, new information.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2008, at YAKS. Program will be an iMovie Presentation by Barbara Benefield and Dale Josephson. Also Dale will tell us more about Time Machine.

Jacquie Martin, Secretary

## RMUG Pays Off

Attending our monthly RMUG meetings can really pay off. Not only is there support to those of us who are seeking more knowledge about our computers, but sometimes a fellow member offers something they no longer use as a raffle item, or are willing to just give away free. In my case, I am the recipient of a free wireless keyboard and wireless mouse. Now that it's working, I love it! Thanks, Ron Brink.

The set is a Wireless Optical Desktop for Mac, by Kensington. Since I didn't receive any software with the mouse and keyboard, I searched on the Kensington web site for drivers. First, I printed up all info I could find using my old keyboard and mouse, and the serial number on the bottom of the Kensington keyboard. Then, I downloaded MouseWorks. Next, I put batteries in the wireless keyboard, mouse, and the USB battery charger that came with them.

After reading the Read Me file, I was able to "sync" the keyboard with the mouse.

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Though they both worked, some of the function keys on the keyboard wouldn't operate. I searched and searched, but couldn't find a preference pane for the keyboard, so I emailed a question to Kensington. They were very prompt with a reply, but I didn't find it helpful. The message just referred me back to the download pages. It took me two days, but I finally realized the reason I didn't have a preference pane for the keyboard was that I still needed to download drivers for it too. Mouse Works Read Me file told me how to install MouseWorks Software, and gave me quite a bit of info on the keyboard. However, it didn't tell me that there was any software for it. Finally, I found drivers for the keyboard, and everything's fine.

The mouse great. It's so easy to use. It works anywhere, and I no longer have cords that get in the way. The only problem I'm having, is getting used to the right/left click, and the scroll wheel.

I'm extremely happy with the keyboard. The heel rest that's attached to the slanting keyboard is very comfortable. There are several buttons at the top of the keyboard. I can now press one button, and it brings up my internet home page. Another button takes me to my email. Another one brings up iTunes, and it starts playing a song. These are just a few of the most important time savers on this keyboard.

Submitted by Bob Benefield

## For Sale:

Nikon CoolPix 990 3.34 Mega Pixels, Soft Case, With Memory card storage, Camera Strap, Nikon EH-31 AC Adapter, 8 Rechargeable AA Batteries, Charger, Nikon TC-E3 Tele lens, Nikon Filter Kit, 2 memory cards, USB cable, AV cable, Nikon ES-E28 Film/Slide Copying adapter. I spent thousands YOU can have it all for \$500.00! I can bring it to the next RMUG meeting and a sample picture if you wish to see the quality this camera produces. Call or E-Mail Michael Peters 530 347-6599 or [emjay\\_pete@yahoo.com](mailto:emjay_pete@yahoo.com)

## Trivia Question?

Where was the original home of MacWorld "Expo" San Francisco?



iMac 24"



MacBook Pro 15"



Mac mini



MacBook Air



Mac Pro

## iTunes Server Project Almost Done

It has been said of oil wells “If you don’t have one then buy one” and now that I have had time to finish my iTunes Server project my advice is “If you don’t have an iTunes Server then get one”. My advice is magnified by Apple’s MacWorld announcement of movie rentals and their thousands of TV shows and movies for sale.

For a long time I have been seeking a way to manage terabytes size video libraries along with an ever-growing music collection. For two years I have been fooling the iTunes on my laptop by periodically attaching a large external HD full of movies that went along with what iTunes thought I had. My laptop was the server for my Apple TV that has a 120GB HD that does not have enough room to hold my video DVDs and music CDs.

As a first step to implementing my iTunes Server I reconciled the music from my laptop and my G4 tower iTunes Server. Having the same number of songs, albums and artists in each library and when requested, I typed in my iTunes store user name to authorize the music on each of my computers. Then I imported all of my mp4 movie files into iTunes on the G4 server and thousands of pictures into iPhoto on the iTunes Server and I was done. Lastly I logged into the Apple TV from the flat panel TV and told it to forget about synchronizing with my

laptop and to start synchronizing with the iTunes Server. The Apple TV gave me a new code I had to type into the G4 iTunes Server’s iTunes application and I was done. The iTunes application on the iTunes Server is turned on 24 hours a day and configured to only synchronize the newest 1 movie from the server to the Apple TV. From the TV in the living room I have a list of all of my movies on the iTunes Server and they are available within 10 seconds yet there is only 1 movie physically stored on the Apple TV. What this means in plain English is if you want to have a GIANT movie collection ready at all times you are limited only by the size of the HD in your iTunes Server not the small HDs in laptops or the Apple TV.

Being in a serving mood, I shared the iTunes library on the iTunes Server for other “local” network computers to use. Now from our respective laptops, Dolores and I can use any of the songs, music videos, audio books, podcasts and videos shorter than 1 hour. There is a problem with longer films and I have not figured out why my bigger movies are having problems loading?

Besides a G4 running Mac OS-X10.4.11 and iLife 08, I needed one piece of 3rd party software to build my server. Handbrake is an essential video tool that should be in everyones Application folder. Handbrake is a freeware application from France.

<http://www.versiontracker.com/macosex/> and type “handbrake” in the search field.

Submitted by Dale Josephson

## ABOUT BECOMING AN AUTHOR

I always wanted to write a book. Having read about a million mystery novels I wanted to write my own. So when I became a retired senior I thought the time had come. Six years later, after moving to Redding, I was still thinking about it. And then I got a computer and with the help of several RMUG members I even learned how to use it. When I was familiar with Apple Works the time had come. My book became a reality. What was interesting was that the ending of the story was known to me way before I started to write. Having read so many mysteries I had to be careful not to plagiarize by using material that I sort of remembered from other writers. I put my thinking cap on and got going. Once I had the prologue put together, it was as if the damn broke. Story ideas kept coming at me so fast, I could not keep up. While I was writing, my mind was already a chapter ahead of me, coming up with all sorts of story lines. I was amazed at the new plots that developed. After several months I was finished. It has to be classified in the hard boiled genre, developed by Raymond Chandler and others like him.

At first I was going to produce it myself with the help of a local bookbinder. I used Apple Works to get a copy ready for printing, but learned awfully fast that the front and back pages need different margins. Thanks for the senior class on Monday in Anderson and Michael Peters. He taught me all about margins. So I finally I managed to print a copy of the book. It looked pretty good to me, so I decided to send it with a check of \$45.00 to the Library of Congress in Washington DC, to have it copyrighted. That took almost 5 months but I finally got the document. Then I contacted a printing company ( got it from the Internet) and was invited by them to mail my manuscript. Well I did and a week later got an answer back that they would love to print my book, but they would need an advance payment of \$15,000.00 to cover beginning outlays. I promptly notified them that I did not have that kind of money available right now and would pass. To my great surprise two weeks later another sub of the company approached me with an offer to do the publishing job for the amount of \$375.00, but I would have to handle all the prep work to get the book ready for publishing myself. That was O.K. by me so I signed the contract and included a check for the money. I send a copy of the manuscript as an e-mail attachment, but

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## Beginning Mac Classes:

### Frontier Senior Center

Anderson California  
Mondays 1PM to 3PM

## Advanced Mac Classes:

### Frontier Senior Center

Anderson California  
Fridays 1PM to 3PM

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was promptly notified that I had to forward the manuscript in Microsoft Word. Oh Boy !!! Back to Michael Peters I went, who after several tries managed to teach me how to convert Mac language into Microsoft Word by using file format. Oh, such patience he has and he never screamed at me. So I converted my book into Microsoft Word and remitted it to them. After several tries they even managed to open the attachment and started to proceed with the book.

When the first printers proof came back

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding at this difficult time. The loss of my Mother was not unexpected but nevertheless emotionally draining. At this time, I am trying to ease myself back into the swing of things and setting the class schedule is a good step for me.

Tuesday, February 5th at 2:00 PM - Basic OSX

Thursday, February 7th at 10:00 AM - iPhoto

Tuesday, February 12th at 2:00 PM - iMovie

Thursday, February 14th at 10:00 AM - Basic OSX

Tuesday, February 19th at 2:00 PM - iTunes/iPod

Thursday, February 21st at 10:00 AM - Basic OSX

I hope to see you all soon,

Thank you,  
Kate  
[kate@jett.net](mailto:kate@jett.net)

to me, almost two months later, I was shocked. It was a horrible mess. Lines were chopped in half, spacing was all over the place and punctuation's, hopeless. To boot some of the chapters were out of order. I made a long list of the necessary corrections, which I mailed them. The answer that came back was that normally they charged about \$ 15.00 per correction, but in this case for an additional one hundred dollar I could resubmit the manuscript and they would run it again. I agreed and sent them the money. I purchased the Microsoft word for IMac, the student and teachers issue. Once I got the hang of it I redid the manuscript, this time in Microsoft Word and mailed it back again. And I screwed up. I messed up the chapters order and left one out completely. To get that fixed it cost me some more money, but what could I do. The

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RMUG News welcomes articles and questions relating to Macintosh or Macintosh compatible computers. Articles should be pasted into the body of an eMail, or links to articles submitted. It is important that full credit be given to the author.

If you have a change of address or other questions, please notify the newsletter editor or other RMUG officer as soon as possible.

Deadline for submissions is the last Saturday of each month. E-mail or deliver all material to:

Ken Lorenz  
E- mail submissions to:  
*krlore@cwnet.com*

OR

*rmug@rmug.org*

(stuff files if possible)



## Ad Rates

RMUG members are invited to place "Wanted", "For Sale" & "Trade" ads in the newsletter at no charge. Business cards or commercial accounts are welcome at the rates listed above. One of the best reasons for belonging to a user's group is to let other people know about your activities, as well as learning what other people are doing with their computers and software. Please give your business cards or ads to the newsletter editor.

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| <p><b>AD Rates</b></p> <p><b>\$4-business card</b></p> <p><b>\$6-quarter page</b></p> <p><b>\$9-half page</b></p> <p><b>\$15-full page</b></p> |
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final printer's proofs needed only a few minor corrections, which they agreed to make without charge. Then came all the work selecting the cover, preparing a synopsis of the book and an author's biography. After some other minor things the word came that the book was ready and would soon be available. They send me even one author's copy that proved it.

It had been a lot of work but to be honest I enjoyed all of it. And now I can claim; Hey, I am a published author. To read the book will cost \$ 13.00. To get your copy you can dial 1- 800-834-1803 ( Red Lead Press ) and ask for a copy of Hidden Menace by Johan Zegers.

