



Rmug News

June 2007

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
June 9, 2007 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 backup
demonstrations to different media, using
various applications; 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

Backing up your computer means many things to many people. Some back up their Documents folder while others back up their entire hard drive (HD) while still others pick and choose what they want archived. Some people back up their important documents and music data to DVDs while many use an external HD connected by FireWire or USB 2.0. Some people simply drag their important documents to their back up while others use shareware such as Carbon Copy Cloner or Super Duper, while some feel more confident using a product such as Retrospect.

I have used all of the above methods and for ease of use Retrospect is by far and away the most automated after you get it set up correctly. Theoretically Retrospect should be the best, although I have seen Retrospect fail (and fail for days or weeks) before the computer owner realized they had a problem. Retrospect is infamous for failing when it cannot get control of files or hard drives. It DOES leave a message telling the user their back up failed. Amazingly, I have seen several instances where computer users failed to read the Retrospect failure notice, and then were mad and shocked their data had not been backed up for a period of time. This points out that the weakest link in most back up plans is the human element, and when you automate a process you still need to periodically double check your back up.

For most home or small business back up plans I would recommend SD and a dedicated external HD. Super Duper has the advantage in that it completely erases the back up HD before copying the source HD. Super Duper is the strongest of the shareware programs. Carbon Copy Cloner is a great second choice. If properly used with the Apple DiskUtility to prepare the back up HD, it is equal in performance and reliability to Super Duper.

After we back up our HDs we need to plan on safe storage of the back up data. If you back up your data and then store it near your computer, you are ignoring threats such as fire or theft. If you really

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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 242-1800 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:

need or want to keep your back up close to your computer you may want to consider two back ups. A good and safe back up plan will include moving the back up to an off site location more than one mile distant from your computer's location.

I hope to see everyone at the June RMUG meeting where we can all make plans for backing up our computers.

Dale Josephson

Secretary's Notes:

The May meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Thirty members and guests attended. Dale led the beginner's class, and Michael fielded questions from the intermediate group.

In answer to a question, to keep your computer running properly, Repair Permissions before you install any new program and again after you install the program. Also, Run Disc Warrior. If you are still using OS9, Rebuild your Desktop. Mark your calendar to do these things on a regular schedule. Also, leave your computer on at night – especially the last day of the month - so that the computer can do its own regular maintenance. Otherwise, if you do not want to leave the computer on, you can do the maintenance using the shareware program, Cocktail.

Need more help? Michael will hold classes at Anderson Senior Citizens Center in Anderson on Mondays, 1–3 p.m. as long as people continue to attend. (My guess is he will take a break later in the summer for a month or so.)

To back up CDs and DVDs, Michael buys Ritec and Taiyo Yuden-R on line from Meritline.com.

Program:

Ron Brink demoed the Picture Mate printer by Epson. (Members love these little printers so much that the club purchased one for the raffle.) The supplies are purchased prepackaged from Epson – 100 sheets of 4 x 6 photo paper and ink for \$30. You can buy extra paper. Paper Mate will print right from your camera's image storage card. With a USB cable, you can also move the images to your computer. The new, top of the line one has a CD burner in it and will do sessions. Thank you very much, Ron.

Michael Peters demoed LightShop, another Akvis Plug-in for Photoshop. LightShop allows you to add highlights and a number of ready-to-use light effects to your pictures to make them more appealing. This is another Akvis Plug-in that offers a short cut to doing all the work yourself in Photoshop. Thank you, Michael.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Yaks Koffee Shop. Michael will demo how to back up DVDs. Dale will demo how to back up your hard drive using Carbon Copy Cloner, Super Duper and Retrospect. You probably won't want to miss this meeting.

The Board Meeting will immediately follow the general meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Jacque Martin, Secretary



Belkin Tune Talk Stereo:

I really wanted to share about the Belkin TuneTalk Stereo I purchased from Apple. People in the club may already know about this fun little recorder that attaches to the bottom of an iPod. I LOVE IT. Apple's blurb on it is:

"With two high-quality omnidirectional microphones, the Belkin TuneTalk Stereo records lectures, music lessons, language and reading exams, school performances, and more in full stereo."

"Conveniently capture all those important lectures and interviews in stereo on your iPod with the Belkin TuneTalk Stereo. You can then review your CD-quality audio notes later by using your earbud headphones or computer."

There are mixed reviews on Apple, but I have had no problems with it (yet). Perhaps, Ken, I won't offer this as a submission to the newsletter until I get some mileage on it. I plugged it in, recorded one of my students reading, connected it to my iMac and the recording dropped into my iTunes. Then, I inserted the .wav file into a PowerPoint slideshow of the book (scanned pages) my first student was reading. My students were so motivated after viewing the slideshow of "To Fan Fox", narrated by Shane. I think I'll save these .ppts with sound so that students have an example of student-read text. If I want the class to read the text in the .ppt, I'll just mute the student voice.

I've also discovered that I can save a slideshow (with music... or one of these .wav files) as a "PowerPoint package". The slide show and the sound file are put together and can be burned on a CD. So... this is just another way I can share student work with their parents.

My students are sooooo motivated!!! Feel free to check it out at the Apple site... and share this neat new tool with teachers at your school. See you,
Kim

DRM Free:

Amazon to launch DRM-free MP3 music

Amazon.com on Wednesday announced plans to launch a digital music store later this year that will sell audio in MP3 content, without any Digital Rights Management (DRM) encumbrances. Amazon.com said that every song and album in it's new store will be in MP3 format.

The announcement follows a similar move announced by Apple and EMI in April — this month, EMI's music catalog will appear on the iTunes Music Store free of DRM. So it's little surprise that the first major commercial partner Amazon.com has announced is also EMI, although the company said that more than 12,000 other labels will also participate.

Because Amazon.com is shedding DRM technology and adopting the ubiquitous MP3 standard, the music purchased from its download store will play on just about any digital music player, including Apple's iPod, and will be useable with just about any computer. The songs will also be able to be burned to CD.

Peter Cohen - Playlist



Christian Humor :

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job." So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused...

They faxed...

They e-mailed...

They e-mailed with attachments..

They downloaded...

They did spreadsheets!

They wrote reports...

They created labels and cards...

They created charts and graphs...

They did some genealogy reports..

They did every job known to man...

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency, and Satan was faster than hell.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off!

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally, the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said, Jesus saves...

Louisa

Broadband Plan:

Coalition Pushes for US Broadband Plan Fifty-four organizations, including Amazon.com Inc., Google Inc. and TiVO Inc., have called on the U.S. government to create a national broadband policy, saying there's no plan now in place focused on providing affordable access for all residents.

The Open Internet Coalition, in a letter to Congress sent Thursday, said the U.S. government needs to adopt new measures to ensure universal affordable access to broadband, net neutrality and increased competition in the broadband market. The letter is the first step in a concerted effort coalition members will make to push broadband legislation in Congress, members said.

The U.S. has fallen to 15th in per capita broadband adoption among the 30 nations that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), noted Ben Scott, policy director for Free Press, a media reform advocacy group. "Most alarmingly, we're not doing anything about it," he said.

The U.S. lacks "any stated policy" to bring affordable broadband to more residents, added

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BROADBAND PLAN CONTINUED:

Gigi Sohn, president of Public Knowledge, a digital rights advocacy group and member of the coalition. "The government doesn't have an overarching vision on how to address these problems," she added.

In March 2004, U.S. President George Bush called for universal, affordable broadband for all U.S. residents by this year, but he did not propose major changes to make that happen.

It's a major hurdle that providers of cable and DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) control 96 percent of U.S. broadband subscriptions, Scott said. "We've got to face the fact that [U.S. residents] pay more for less bandwidth than our global competitors," he said.

Increased access to the Internet is vital to U.S. economic growth, said the letter to Congress. "Now is the time to give this goal the urgency it deserves," the letter said. "As broadband networks become more and more integral to our economic and social life, we are reaching a tipping point where legislation is no longer simply welcome-- it is imperative."

Not everyone agrees with the coalition's goals, particularly its call for net neutrality or open access on broadband networks. Large broadband providers like Verizon Communications Inc. and AT&T Inc. have opposed efforts to pass a net neutrality law that would prohibit providers from blocking or slowing Web content from competitors. Such a law would limit providers' business plans and would discourage them from building fast new networks, the providers have said.

Last month, some of the coalition's members called for open access requirements in upcoming spectrum auctions at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission. Scott Wallsten, a senior fellow at free-market think tank, the Progress and Freedom Foundation, called the term "open access" a brilliant branding strategy.

"How could anyone oppose proposals with names like net neutrality, Internet freedom, and open access?" Wallsten wrote in a newsletter. "But... these proposals, if implemented, would create a regulatory hell of complicated rules and endless lobbying while undermining incentives to invest in critical wireless and wired broadband infrastructure."

Other members of the Open Internet Coalition include eBay Inc., online dating site Match.com, the Consumer Federation of America, CollegeHumor.com and RealEstate.com.

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YouTube + Apple TV:

Apple bringing YouTube to Apple TV

Apple CEO, Steve Jobs...said the company is bringing the Google-owned YouTube video service to Apple TV. A free software update will be available in mid-June, which will enable the service.

YouTube will be offered as an item in the Apple TV main menu. Using the Apple Remote users can browse, find and watch free videos from YouTube. Apple said that thousands of the most current and popular YouTube videos will be available on Apple TV at launch in mid-June, with YouTube adding thousands more each week until the full YouTube catalog is available this fall.

It will take a while to have the full YouTube catalog available because the service is converting all of its content using the Apple supported H.264 video codec, explained David Moody, Apple's vice president, Mac Hardware, Product Marketing. Any video uploaded in June will automatically be encoded using H.264.

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Invitation:

Come and Celebrate a Life Journey that is far from over!

From Waitress to Hairdresser
(Cosmetologist if you want to make it
sound better)

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Grandmother (that is an ongoing
education in itself)

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Elementary, to Middle School



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(huge)

to

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Life Long Friends).

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new learning experiences lie
ahead!**

Come and Celebrate with Donna Ann Pace Her Retirement

(Do we punctuate retirement with an
exclamation point, a question mark, or
possibly both?)

Where: The Pace's Home
2847 Balaton Avenue
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 241-8885

When: Saturday June 16, 2007
From: 1 o' clock p.m. to whenever.
Luncheon Buffet will be served.

**To RSVP or for directions: Tell
Donna, Ms. Krause, or call Melanie
Stack at 247-6966**

**COME, CELEBRATE, EAT,CHAT,
HUG, SMILE AND ENJOY THE
RICH COMPANY OF THE
SPECIAL PEOPLE THAT ARE
BEING INVITED.**

Jim

Nuts! to Spam:

Internet users unfazed by spam: study

The volume of spam arriving in Americans' personal and workplace inboxes is rising, but email users are less bothered by it than they once were.

That's according to a new study from the Pew Internet Project, which reveals that American internet users have become more sophisticated at dealing with unsolicited emails.

Asked if the volume of spam in their inboxes had changed over the past few years, 37 per cent of email users said the number of unsolicited messages they received in their personal accounts has risen, up from 28 per cent two years ago. In addition, 29 per cent of work email users said spam levels had grown, up from 21 per cent in 2005.

The report indicates that 71 per cent of online Americans now use filters offered by their email provider or employer to block spam, which may explain why the percentage of users who say spam is not a problem has risen from 16 per cent to 28 per cent over the past two years.

In addition, email users have become a lot savvier about recognizing unsolicited messages. Just over 60 per cent of online Americans claimed to be able to distinguish spam from other types of emails in 2003, a figure that's now risen to 68 per cent.

Less than one quarter of email users admitted clicking on a link within a spam message in order to get more information, down from 33 per cent in 2003. And only four per cent of email users admitted to action that keeps the spam industry viable, such as ordering a product or service from an unsolicited email.

Online Americans report less exposure to pornographic spam than in previous years and many say that receiving unsolicited messages has not stopped them from using email, as was once feared.

However, email users report no change in the volume of another troubling form of spam, phishing, with 36 per cent of online Americans claiming they've received unsolicited email requesting personal financial information such as a bank account number or Social Security number.

In addition, the study does show that while less internet users claim to be as bothered by spam as they once were, 55 per cent of online Americans said they no longer trusted email because of spam.

By Charlie Taylor,
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YOUTUBE + APPLE TV CONTINUED:

While Apple TV will have search functionality for YouTube, the company would not comment on whether that feature would be available for other media on the device.

Users will be able to navigate through YouTube's categories and members can also log-in to their YouTube accounts on Apple TV.

In addition to YouTube support, Apple is offering a new build-to-order option for Apple TV. The new configuration adds a 160GB hard drive — four times the current storage for up to 200 hours of video, 36,000 songs, 25,000 photos or a combination of each.

Apple TV costs \$299 or \$399 for the 160GB model.

Jim Dalrymple

Policies

This newsletter is published monthly for the Redding Macintosh Users' Group and is distributed to all club members.

No other individual, group or business may use any portion of this newsletter without prior written permission.

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.

<p>AD Rates</p> <p>\$4-business card \$6-quarter page \$9-half page \$15-full page</p>
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RMUG does not endorse any specific dealer or product, but we do encourage the distribution of information which may assist club members in identifying best buys and services.

Editorial

Everyone should find something of interest in this issue. Be sure and note the invitation from Jim (our VP) to his better halves retirement party. He and Donna have hosted the club picnic for the last few years so it is bound to be a great get together. The meeting on Saturday will have several demonstrations on backing up to different media using different applications. Both Michael and Dale will be doing the deeds.

For the next three months I will be back and forth between here and the coast and therefore, relying on articles submitted by you, the members. I shall look forward to hearing from you. Thanks to those who submitted articles for this month.

Ken



Jett's June 07 Mac Classes:

Hi Everyone,

Here is the June schedule of classes at JET Tech.

Basic OSX - Tuesday, June 5 at 2 pm
iPhoto - Thursday, June 7 at 10 am
iTunes/iPod - Tuesday, June 12 at 2 pm
iMovie - Thursday, June 14 at 10 am
Basic OSX - Tuesday, June 19 at 2 pm
Pages - Thursday, June 21 at 10 am

If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 242-1800.

Thanks,
Kate