



Rmug News

July 2009

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning July 11, 2009 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"

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President's Letter

Recently I have had a need to get quality OS-X Server instruction at a high rate of speed and at an affordable price. Well you know the old adage "you can have any two of Good, Fast or Cheap" and the third variable is always an oxymoron. I have found an exception to this adage. lynda.com has to be the very best source of expedited computer knowledge I have ever seen. Previously, I had experienced their purchased CD classes and thought they were great but at \$150 each they were a luxury. Recently I found out lynda.com has a \$25 per month online rate and they have 623 courses on-line. I have been studying OS-X Server 10.5 and have saved myself hundreds of hours of self study by watching their videos on my left monitor while managing my server on the right monitor. It has been a pleasure to progress so quickly. This does not mean lynda.com made all of my problems go away as the online class presumes you only want to do straight forward things and not too many of them at the same time and we all know that I like trying everything at once and observing what breaks. I will go ahead and give away the ending to the Mac OS-X Server 10.5 class. The very coolest geek tricks are in the last video of the series.

lynda.com has classes on 623 subjects and your \$25 per month lets you watch as many courses as you can stay awake for during the month. You might ask yourself if it is possible to record these classes for later viewing and my answer is "you sign a deal to **not do that**" and the online video material is presented in a streaming format that would make it very hard to capture if you wanted to break the copyright laws and violate your agreement. These classes are of such a high quality I would recommend them to anyone thinking of learning a new subject or trying to advance their existing career.

I was wondering how many classes were for us Macintosh users so I clicked on the Apple Tab and 151 courses were listed. Then I clicked on Business Applications and found several M.S. Office classes not listed under the Apple Tab. I think I can safely say there are over 200 classes for Macintosh users and most but not all are on the latest products. I mention this as sometimes we need to find a solution to a problem in a version older than the newest and I think lynda.com probably has you covered.

Remember at Lynda.com you are using a credit card and

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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

signing a month to month agreement so if you want one month only make sure to go back to the lynda.com website just before your first month is up and CANCEL your subscription or you will get billed at the start of the second month for another month's service. Personally I plan to keep my subscription going for a few months so I can learn cool things about other programs I have.

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Secretary's Notes:

MINUTES - RMUG MEETING, JUNE 13, 2009

The June meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Twenty-six members and guests attended. Guests were Gloria Taylor and Bill Oliver. Welcome!

Dale led the beginners group. Michael answered questions from the rest of the group.

Snow Leopard will debut in August. It will be Intel only, i.e., you cannot use it on a Power PC. A new feature on the iPhone 3.0 – if you lose it or if it is stolen, GPS can track it for you.

Starbucks now has free hot spots. Dale likes the Airport Extreme router, which is 5 routers in 1 for \$179.

Dale is very impressed with Lynda.com. This is a subscription based service that offers info/classes on how to use various Macs, services and programs you can buy on CD. Prices are \$25/mo, \$250/year, and \$375/premium.

Anderson Senior Center classes: Below is the summer schedule for Macintosh classes normally available weekly at Anderson Senior Center. Beginner's class on Mondays will not meet again until Sept. 14, the first Monday after Labor Day -1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Michael

Peters. Advanced class on Fridays will **meet** in July but will not meet during August.

Advanced classes will start again Sept. 11, the Friday after Labor Day - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Dale Josephson.

Presentation: Dale Josephson demoed iWork '09. Please see the June '09 RMUG Newsletter for a very thorough lead article on iWork '09. I recommend you star this article or print and save it elsewhere. Included in iWork '09 are Pages '09, a word processing program, Numbers '09, a spreadsheet program, and Keynote '09, a presentation program that rivals Power Point. In fact, your presentation can be exported seamlessly to a Power Point format on a PC. Dale says, "Do a save and then go to the bottom of the window and check "Save copy as" where you now have the option to save in either iWork '08 or Microsoft Power Point 1997 through 2004 PPT format." \$79 for a single user license or \$99 for a family 5/pack. Thank you, Dale.

Next Meeting at YAKS: July 11, 2009. Jim Pace will lead a discussion on iPods, especially the iPod Touch. Other participants in the discussion will be Mary Gililand and Dale Josephson.

NEWEST IPHONES

iPhone 3Gs now lets you shoot and edit video, then share it via email, MMS*, MobileMe, or YouTube. And still pictures get better with a 3-megapixel camera, built-in autofocus, and a tap-to-focus feature. It loads web pages, launches apps, opens attachments, and takes picture faster than ever before. Apple says that the iPhone 3Gs makes your entire iPhone experience more responsive. They claim that it is up to 2x faster compared with iPhone 3G. With Voice Control, you can use your voice to call a person in your Contacts list, dial a number, or play a song.

New features found on the iPhone 3Gs are a Digital Compass, Maps and Spotlight Search. Spotlight searches all your contacts, email, calendars, and notes as well as everthing

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in your iPod. You can cut, copy, and paste, capture a voice memo, a meeting, or any audio recording on the go. Use the built-in iPhone microphone or the mic on your headset to record audio. Use messages to send text, photos, audio, video, and more. Finally, the new iPhone G3s has a landscape keyboard. Just rotate the iPhone to use a larger keyboard in Mail, Messages, Notes, and Safari.

Best of all, the new iPhone 3Gs starts at only \$199, which is much less than the original iPhone. If you're willing to settle for a little less, the iPhone 3G comes with Cut, Copy & Paste, Messages, Spotlight Search, Landscape keyboard, and Voice Memos. It also has a 2 megapixel camera and starts at \$99.

LEARNINGELECTRIC.COM

I'm sure you've all noticed how a new baby responds to another child, no matter what their age. In school, we find that older children, we call buddies, bring interest, especially in reading, to those in primary grades. As members of RMUG, we too learn from each other. I, myself, find that it really benefits me when I'm trying to help someone else. A couple weeks ago, I was trying to find some Mac help for a teacher at Jackson Heights Elementary School in Red Bluff, where I work. She was looking for information about iPhoto slideshows, iDVD, and iMovie. I passed on some of the notes that I've made while using these programs, but there's so much that I don't know. I have no idea exactly how I stumbled upon LearningElectric.com, but it is really informative. Their free iPhoto software tutorials explain how to organize, edit and share your photos. The training videos will teach you how to create slideshows, greeting cards, photo books and more. You will find online training at your convenience. The site lists Microsoft Office tutorials, and includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, FrontPage, and Access. Listed under School Productivity are: AppleWorks, Inspiration,

KidPix, Easy Grade Pro and HTML Basics. Tutorial videos on LearningElectric.com are free to view from their website only. The QuickTime video tutorials are temporarily stored on your computer and play in your web browser with the free QuickTime plug-in. This cross-platform video format can be viewed on PCs and MACs. They also compress their videos to keep the file size down.

Barbara Benefield



IPOD BATTERY REPLACEMENT

It's a sad fact of gadget life: Batteries wear out. Unfortunately, Apple and Microsoft each sacrificed good sense for stylish design, building their iPod and Zune players so you can't change

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out the batteries. Consequently, when the battery dies permanently (usually after 18 to 24 months), so does your device-in theory. In reality, you can gently pry open most iPod and Zune cases and replace the battery. Just head to eBay and search for "ipod battery" or "zune battery." We found one for a 30GB Zune selling for just \$7, complete with tools and instructions. The entire operation takes about 10 minutes, and it's easy for anyone adept with a screw-driver. Just remember: The key word is "gentle." You can accidentally chip or mar the case if you use the wrong tools or don't follow the instructions to the letter. Going this route means you should be able to find everything you need for a lot less than the cost of a new player.

from Ventura
Mac/Appleholics Anonymous

BEWARE BAD EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE

A year ago, in February, I purchase a 1TB external hard drive from Western Digital. Some time in July, only 5 months later, I began having problems with it. Thinking it was my imagination, or that I was doing something wrong, I waited till October before contacting them. At first, I was very impressed with the company. They sent me a replacement immediately. However, it did not work at all. I called again, and they sent a second unit, but it only worked when attached with a USB cable. I wanted to use Firewire. By this time, I was getting a little disgusted, and the agent I was speaking to knew it. He then connected me to someone in Technical Support, who told me that, for some unknown reason, that HD did not work with my 20' Intel Mac. They didn't know why. He offered me an upgrade, at no charge, and said it would definitely work, and it would connect with Firewire 800, which is even better. Of course, I said that would be fine. I received the new, upgraded HD on

November 1, 2008. Everything was good, till the beginning of June. It quit! It smelled like something inside burned. I called Western Digital immediately.

Last week, I received my 5th new hard drive from Western Digital, and went online to register it. This is what I wrote on the survey they wanted me to fill out. "I called tech support to ask questions. Had a hard time understanding the person's speech because of his pronounced accent. This is my 5th drive since my original purchase of My Book Home on 2/19/08. I've lost all my backup info twice, so I am not too sure I'll recommend Western Digital to anyone. Actually, someone in my Mac User's Group had a similar problem, so he now uses another brand of HD. The only reason I've gotten replacements is because Western Digital won't give me a refund. I am in hopes that I don't have problems from now on."

To be on the safe side, and to make sure I don't lose all my records a third time, I have decided to purchase a second external hard drive. However, you can be sure that it won't be another Western Digital. Seagate has been highly recommended to me, so I'm planning to purchase a Seagate, or Maxtor (which is made by Seagate). I think it will be a Seagate FreeAgent 1T because..... after searching on the internet, I found I can buy it from WalMart for only \$114.95, which is less than half as much as the Western Digital. It is compatible with PC's or Mac, and also uses USB or Firewire 800. An additional bonus is, it's guaranteed for 5 years and the WD is guaranteed for 3. Since I will have two external hard drives, my plan is to continue using the one I have, but every couple of weeks I'll attach the Seagate HD and make a back-up on it as a safety net. On second thought, maybe I'll do the opposite.

Barbara Benefield

COUPON CODES

Have you ever ordered anything online, and been asked at the end of your order if you have a coupon code? I have. I always wondered where

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COUPON CODES CONT'D

these coupon codes came from, and how much having one might save me. Consequently, I started searching and discovered ebates.com. This site provides you with online coupons & coupon codes. You are asked to register, but it's very simple. I ordered Toast 9 directly from Roxio, who gave me the best possible price on the net or in the stores, and used the coupon code. Then, several months later, much to my surprise, I received a check in the mail for \$6, which was an additional 6% off. It was great because I ended up saving \$12- \$15 when all was said and done. Other items give different dis-counts.

In addition to ebates (rebates) if you refer friends to Ebates.com, they'll give you and your friends \$5 when they sign up and become qualified members. As part of their offer, for every three friends you refer, they'll double your bonuses to \$10 each for a total of \$30. There's no limit to how much you can earn, so it's best to refer as many people as possible to Ebates.com. I was very hesitant to do that, because I was afraid of the spam that would fill my email, and my friends' email. However, I signed up for this quite a long time ago, and haven't had a problem. Just to be on the safe side though, I always use an alternative email address like yahoo or gmail when ordering anything online.

Barbara

BATTERY MONITOR FOR MAC NOTEBOOK

Laptop makers often overstate battery life. AMD is urging self- regulation. It fears federal controls. How's your battery's charge? Find out with free downloads for [Windows](#) and [Mac](#).

Battery life is important on a notebook computer. OS X includes efficient Energy Saver options. However, details

on your battery's charge are not so obvious.

You don't have to gamble on your battery's charge while dealing with important documents. Get the details on your notebook's power with this program.

coconutBattery is straightforward and simple. It shows your battery's current charge as a percentage and a graph. Also included is a capacity indicator, which can reveal the declining capacity of an aging battery.

coconutBattery also estimates your notebook's age and the number of charges your battery has endured. For those who want quick access, the application includes a widget.

The latest version of coconutBattery works with OS X 10.4 on both PowerPC and Intel notebooks.

Cost: Free

Link: www.coconut-flavour.com

MACBOOK TRACKPAD

A couple weeks ago, after attending one of Michael's Monday classes, I became aware of a problem with the new MacBook that we purchased a few months ago. During class, I downloaded an upgrade Quicktime and Safari. In addition, I also upgraded the OS to 10.5.7. Finally, I installed iWork '09, that I'd just won in our RMUG raffle, and Toast '09. Therefore, it was a natural assumption, on my part, that something bad happened during the upgrades. Our 30 day warranty for the used MacBook was behind us, and I thought something was seriously wrong.

As I was typing a message, my letters seemed to be bouncing all over the place. By that I mean, I would be writing a word, and suddenly the letters would jump to a different place in the body of what I had already written. Often, under a few words, a green, squiggly line appeared and letters I was typing got thrown back into or between previous text. It was crazy.

Then, the laptop would not go on the internet. It

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would try to load, but wouldn't connect. I started, and restarted. I also repaired permissions, and restarted. Nothing changed. I reset our Clearwire modem and Linksys router several times. Our desktop computers connected to the internet just fine. I checked the Airport and it was on. Our router showed up. If I went to Network Preferences the message said the Airport was connected. I thought and thought about what I should do next.

The first thing I did was to email both Dale and Michael. I always do this because they sometimes give me different answers. I find that if one suggestion doesn't work, usually the other will.

Next, I began searching at Apple.com to see if anyone else had the same problems. I looked at the manual where it showed the proper positioning of the hands, but swore that I was doing everything right, and the computer was to blame.

Finally, when I was at my wit's end, and thought I might have to clear the hard drive and reinstall all software, my husband noticed something. He said as I was typing, that the very edge of my left hand was touching the top left corner of the trackpad, every so slightly. I insisted he was wrong, but knowing this I was very careful from then on. That solved the typing problem, but I still don't know why the computer didn't connect to the internet. Fortunately, I haven't had that problem since.

After this discovery, I went to the System Preferences. I chose trackpad under Hardware and found Trackpad Options: Ignore accidental trackpad input. I now have a check by it, and the trackpad isn't as sensitive. I've also checked Ignore trackpad when mouse is present. Since I prefer to use a mouse, this option is great for me.

GOOGLE DOCS AND FIREFOX OFFER PLENTY

Let's say that you'd like to share some photos with family or friends online. A Google account can be used to do so using Picasa. This can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com>. It's a simple tool with 1 gigabyte of free storage, which Google says has enough space for 4,000 wallpaper-size photos.

Did you know that you can even share in the creation of documents online? Take a look at Google's free tools. Go to <http://docs.google.com>, and click on more information. Then, you'll find Getting to know Google Docs: Google Docs basics

This site allows you to create spreadsheets, documents, calendars, videos and presentations that can be shared over the Web. The ability to collaborate on things can be fine-tuned. You can define how much or whether someone else can edit things. This means that you don't have to attach a document (or spreadsheet, video, etc.) to an e-mail to share it with someone. Just point them to it by sending a link instead. A final note - I'm creating this right now using Google docs. A testament to its simplicity and ease in that I can access this document from anywhere. I don't have to save it or worry about where it is. It autosaves for me. It's always there online. Let's head back now to the Firefox Web browser. I touched on it briefly in the last article, but it deserves a much deeper look. Firefox features a lot of enhancements to Internet browsing. It includes tabbed browsing, or the ability to open multiple Web pages at once that you can access via tabs within the window.

You can also create multiple home pages that all open up when you start the browser. It includes a spell checker to be used for things such as online webmail. It has a simple and powerful way of finding text within a page you're viewing. Just type the word and it snaps right to it.

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GOOGLE DOCS CONT'D

It includes live bookmarking, allowing you to save a favorite page that aggregates syndicated Web content, such as news headlines, for easy viewing. Instead of the favorite pointing to a page that stays the same, the bookmarked menu itself changes to show what is shown on that page. In fact, Firefox comes with a toolbar that shows the latest world headlines.

Firefox includes a nice download manager that allows you to pause and restart file downloads. It includes a search system that allows you to define your favorite online search tool. Something that might help to view Web pages is there. Firefox includes both full page and text-only zoom. Zoom the full page or just the text, which leaves the images and page layout untouched. Firefox will remember the zoom level you set on a Web site, and restore that look when you revisit.

Finally the best part of all are the Firefox add-ons. These are tools mainly created by third-party developers. Cooliris allows a stunning 3D version of browsing images or videos. There are language translators, weather add-ons, media player add-ons, privacy add-ons, mapping add-ons. This list goes on and on. See for yourself at <http://addons.mozilla.org>. You can get Firefox at, what else, <http://getfirefox.com>.

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NOTE: This article was copied from the Redding Record Searchlight around the end of May.

VIEW QUOTA LIMITS IN OS X MAIL

Apple Mail does an amazing job of managing SPAM, integrating with iPhoto and Address Book and helping users stay organized. Just as keeping your files organized on your Mac can help you keep your hard-drive from becoming too full, keeping your inbox organized

can help you keep your mail server as empty as possible.

One neat trick I recently discovered in Apple Mail lets you quickly check how much of your mail server space is free! Simply open Apple Mail, select an inbox and hit Command/! (Command + the letter i + exclamation mark)

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Trivia -

What common english word is 9 letters long, and each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word.....from 9 letters all the way down to a single remaining letter?

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APPLE MAY CHARGE FOR APP DOUBLE-DIPPING

With the upcoming release of iPhone 3.0 software, the handset's users may not be able to redownload purchased apps over the air for free. Instead, they'll need to hook up the iPhone to their computers. Is Apple merely closing a loophole that allowed users to snag free apps, or do the new rules foreshadow changes in the sort of offerings iTunes will soon roll out?

June 1 doesn't just herald the start of the Atlantic hurricane season. The winds of gossip and speculation regarding Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) are already swirling in anticipation of next week's Worldwide Developers Conference, and the latest squall line focuses on those beta-testing the new iPhone 3.0 operating system.

Several blogs and tech Web sites are reporting no more free lunches of iPhone apps already paid for -- at least not unless you physically plug the phone back into your computer. When trying to load a previously purchased app, testers of the new OS report this dialogue box pop-up: "You've already purchased this. You can redownload it for free on your computer or tap Buy to buy it again." Currently, redownloads of purchased iPhone apps are allowed for free over the air. Users can replace a lost phone, get a new phone or run a system restore, then sign onto their iTunes account and go about downloading the lost apps on an as-needed basis anywhere they get a data signal. With the upcoming operating system, though, it appears users who need to reload their app portfolio will have to do so at a laptop or desktop rather than on the fly -- unless they want to pay up again. Why would Apple kill this convenient feature? It might have to do with a loophole in the over-the-air application purchasing process, as outlined by the tech blog Gizmodo: Currently, User A can log User B's iPhone onto User A's account and start downloading, thereby allowing User B to get free apps. With the update, everybody will have to sync their

Consumer, Developer Reactions

Apple's media relations team did not respond to a request for comment by press time, and getting analysts to comment on rumors and speculation can be as difficult as getting your iPhone app chosen for an Apple commercial. However, [451 Group](#) research director Chris Hazelton isn't seeing any major new threats to consumer wallets in the reports. It may be an issue of app developers not updating their offerings yet for the 3.0 OS beta version, he said. "Will there be apps out there that aren't updated? Yes," Hazelton told MacNewsWorld. "It's mostly the free applications. But anybody who's earning an income off their app is going to be more than willing to update their apps. They've had a long-enough lead time to know." If Apple is indeed changing up its redownloading iPhone app policy, [Yankee Group](#) senior analyst Josh Martin doesn't think it will cost the company a lot of customers. "Realistically, they (Apple) are the 800-pound gorilla, and there's still a lot of money to be made on that platform, so I don't necessarily see a lot of movement away from that, or a big cause of concerns." Consumers naturally wouldn't want to buy an app over-the-air twice, but "I would say that based upon some of our data of new applications usage and re-usage, it may become likely that [consumers] may never have used that app a whole lot," so they wouldn't necessarily miss it, Martin told MacNewsWorld.

New iPhone Download Rules?

Central to the discussion are the classic questions of what's a new feature and what's a software bug, according to [IDC](#) analyst Al Hilwa. "You never know in a beta," Hilwa told MacNewsWorld. "That's why it's called a 'beta.' There's no way of knowing how things will finally work. I would expect Apple to resolve this." One way to do that would be for Apple to be more forthcoming with its App Store strategy, especially with competitors like Android and [Palm](#) (Nasdaq: PALM) on the horizon. However, a change that discontinues free over-the-air redownloads, Hilwa said, may indeed be tied to speculation that Apple will boost its iPhone multimedia offerings -- in the form of more movies and TV shows -- at WWDC next week.

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APPLE CHARGE CONT'D

"Vendors of content are very concerned that once a person buys something, they have it for life -- no matter what device they have that'll have access to that," Hilwa noted. "They're struggling with that; how do you price that, how do you make money and how do you make sure everybody has rights?"

By Renay San Miguel 06/01/09
[MacNewsWorld](#)
Part of the ECT News Network

CUT GROCERY BILLS WITH THESE SITES

Groceries are a big expense for most families. But they don't have to be daunting. A few stops on the Web can save you a bundle. For instance:
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Cost: Free

System: Windows XP and Vista, Mac OS

APPLE PLANS \$1 BILLION 'SERVER FARM'

Apple appears to be planning a major upgrade to its online capabilities. Reports indicate the company is shopping around for a location to build a \$1 billion server farm. This cluster of networked computers would power Apple's future Web operations.

The iTunes and the iPhone app store are certainly growing, but this massive project suggests Apple may have something new up its sleeve — or is the \$1 billion price tag expected given the Apple gear that will likely be used?

Data Center Knowledge writes:

The size of the project raises interesting questions about Apple's ambitions for its online operations. The \$1 billion price tag is nearly twice the \$500 to \$600 million that Microsoft and Google typically invest in the enormous data centers that power their cloud computing platforms.

While the location of the data center is not yet decided, the Associated Press reports North Carolina lawmakers are salivating at the prospect of bringing a billion dollars to their state. Legislators have proposed tax breaks for Apple that could amount to \$46 million in the next decade, assuming the company reaches its \$1 billion investment target within nine years: Though the Apple site is initially expected to employ fewer than 100 full-time workers, legislators said the potential prize was so juicy it justified changing the state's corporate tax formula to benefit a single company.

Is Apple hoping to compete with Google's online cloud-computing capabilities or is a new video service like Hulu in the works? How do you think Apple will use its new online muscle?

Wes Finley-Price -- CNN.com
Webmaster May 27, 2009

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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:

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E- mail submissions to:
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AD Rates
\$4-business card
\$6-quarter page
\$9-half page
\$15-full page

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Editorial

As we do every year, we will not have a regular RMUG meeting in August. Jim and Donna Pace have graciously offered their home again for our annual picnic. All members are invited. Watch for more information in the August newsletter.

Barbara



Trivia Answer: **startling**

remove in order
l=starting

t=staring

a=string

r=sting

t=sing

g=sin

s=in

n=l

For those of you who just thought you knew everything, here's a refresher course..... Now You Know Everything

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for bloodplasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
(Since Venus is normally associated with women what does this tell you!)

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

So did the first "MarlboroMan."

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)

Richard Millhouse Nixon was the first U.S. president whose name contains all the letters from the word "criminal." The second? William Jefferson Clinton (Please don't tell me you're SURPRISED!?!?)

And the best for last.....

Turtles can breathe through their butts. (I know some people like that; don't YOU?)