



# Rmug News

September 2006

## This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning  
Sept 9, 2006 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 Dale's  
demo of his new Intel MacBook and an  
external hard drive. A demonstration by  
another member of his new goodies may  
be in store also. Personal creativity  
comments, wisdom and issues as well as  
the usual Q&A.

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## President's Letter

September is upon us, the air is clearing after the fires, the tourists are leaving, the fall salmon are coming and so now it is time to enjoy our North State. We all need to remember what clubs like Redding Macintosh Users Group are about. It is not the free coffee, or the occasional raffle prize. RMUG is about friendship between people and the willingness of one to help others. I am proud to say I belong to RMUG as I know all of you lend a hand to others in our community in many aspects beyond the Apple computing support. RMUG members are always busy helping with their Church or assisting Neighborhood Schools or teaching classes at the Senior Center or even volunteering to watch a neighbors child. I have tried all day to come up with a good Presidents Letter and after sitting at my desk for seven hours I finally went to dinner. Dolores called my cell and I told her how I was drawing a blank and she asked what was it I wanted to say? I told her I wanted an upbeat message about my good friends at RMUG and that the article should somehow tie into Apple computer users. Well, I think I have the letter and the message is this: At next months RMUG meeting I want all of you to come and honestly look at your fellow members and reflect upon how good of friends these people are and what their friendship means to all of us. If you have a question I want you to freely ask it and if you have an answer I know you will freely share it. I want all of the older members to remember what it was like when you were new to computing. If someone needs a little extra help I want you to take the time to find out what kind of help is needed and lets make sure all the new RMUG members have as fond of memories as we do.

Thank you all for being my friends.

Dale Josephson

# 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.

## Dale's Dream:

Apple has finally introduced a computer that along with it's accessories is out of my price range. Just a couple of weeks ago Apple introduced the Mac Pro tower for \$2,199 in it's two 2GHz Dual-Core Intel Xeon configuration. If you opt for the two 3GHz Dual-Core Intel Xeon processors model the base price jumps to \$3,299. This is with 1GB of RAM and we all know how RAM hungry computers are these days. I went to the Apple website store and pretended I was going to purchase a new Mac Pro and since this is imaginary money I decided I would add all of the options except for monitors and sans the Fibre Channel PCI Express card just to see what the price came out at?

Before I quote the price lets look at this bad boy I am pretending to order and what all is in it:

Two 3GHz Dual-Core Intel Xeon processors  
16GB (8 x 2GB) RAM  
Four big and fast 500GB 7200-rpm Serial ATA 3Gb/s Hard Drives  
NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500 512MB, Stereo 3D (2 x dual-link DVI) video card  
No Displays yet but the above video card is a dual DVI  
Two 16x SuperDrives  
Apple USB Modem  
Apple Keyboard and Mighty Mouse - U.S. English  
iWork '06  
AppleCare Protection Plan for Mac Pro/Power Mac

Free Shipping ( Estimated Ship:  
3-4 weeks )  
Subtotal \$12,605.00  
CA Sales Tax \$913.86

Grand Total: \$13,518.86

This is all without the two \$2,000 monitors I would just have to own if I had the good

fortune to own Mac Pro. If I was going to buy this wonderful machine I would probably have a video or server product in mind so the real price after adding software would be an additional \$2,000 to \$5,000.

dalej

## Picnic Notes:

This years RMUG Picnic that was held on the gorgeous Jim and Donna Pace estate was the best we have had in at least 3 years. The RMUG Board would like to thank everyone who attended and made it such a success. The total attendance was in the low 30s and we even had Al Ennor and his friend Don Peterson show up. Dale's San Jose girlfriend Dolores was even there, although immediately after the Picnic Dolores moved to Chicago. I don't know if I would bring good friends to next years Picnic as it may cause a sudden urge to move two time zones away. The Raffle for the 20GB iPod went off with only one hitch. Charlotte thought Dale had all the purchased tickets and Dale thought Charlotte had them. Dale made a mad dash to his office and tore his back room apart looking everywhere. Finally he looked in the top drawer on the left side of his desk (Dale is right handed you know). Under the new AT&T phone book there were the tickets. Whewwwwww. Judy Bechtle won. She was not present at the Picnic. Dale called her answering machine and told her the iPod worked just great until it went in the deep end of Jim's swimming pool. When Judy picked the iPod up from my office she said she was heading to the Bay Area for a release party for a new Clay Akins CD, and she was so happy she had someplace to put all of her Clay music.

In closing, all of the RMUG members would like to thank Joe and Louise Zegers for procuring the feast at Kent's Market, Charlotte for bringing the raffle prize and of course our most gracious hosts Jim and Donna Pace for maintaining one of Shasta County's best back yards. Good going group.

dalej

## Dual Boot Strategy:

Dual-boot strategy a bold move for Apple

Apple's release of software that allows Intel-based Macs to boot into Windows XP will certainly affect Mac users. But the greatest impact of Boot Camp will most likely be felt by another segment of the computing market—windows users. And analysts say that's exactly who Apple is targeting with this software.

"I think there are many more Windows users that would want to come over than Mac users that would want to use Windows," said Tim Bjarin, president of the high-tech consulting firm Creative Strategies. "Overnight Apple has created the most versatile computer platform and become even more attractive to switchers and people that were on the fence."

Michael Gartenberg, vice president and research director at market-research firm JupiterResearch, agrees. "It removes one of the last obstacles for people considering Macintosh, but still feel they still need to run Windows or a particular Windows application," added Gartenberg, who described Boot Camp's release as "a very bold move by Apple."

Being able to boot an Intel-based Mac gives potential switchers the opportunity to test the operating systems side-by-side. And the importance of that should not be underestimated, according to Gartner/G2 research director Mike McGuire.

"It's another step for Apple to establish a little more credibility with those people that want to switch," McGuire said.

But which segment of Windows users is more likely to feel an immediate impact from Boot Camp? Bjarin says it will be home users as opposed to a Windows-based business. "The ideal customer for this is the family where the parents have Windows at work, but they want a Mac for the home," he said. "Instead of buying two machines, they can just buy a Mac

and pay for the XP License and solve both needs."

Apple has made great strides in the last couple of years peddling the benefits of Mac OS X to the enterprise market. Touting OS X's Unix underpinnings, Apple has made significant headway in promoting its platform to new customers. But appealing to IT professionals in the enterprise space is one thing—making the Mac attractive to the massive segment of Windows-using consumers is another.

"It should help [Apple] grow [its] market share," Bjarin said. "I believe Apple was on track to potentially double their market share based on their strong emphasis of the Mac as the center of the digital lifestyle. Boot Camp could actually accelerate that."

Any gain in market share by Apple wouldn't necessarily threaten Microsoft. Rather, the Redmond, Wash., software giant could potentially benefit from Boot Camp allowing Windows onto Mac hardware.

"This puts Apple in a much more competitive position against Dell, HP and other PC vendors," Bjarin said. "The irony is that Microsoft wins in this, just as Apple does because Microsoft is in a place to sell more Windows licenses to the Mac users."

The analysts Macworld spoke to generally agree that giving Mac and Windows users the option to boot into either operating system was a smart move by Apple. Whether Boot Camp winds up boosting Apple's affect market share remains to be seen.

Still, the software does remove a major barrier. "It provides an elegant, short-term, tactical solution for getting native Windows support on [Apple] hardware and allowing their customers to get the functionality they may need," JupiterResearch's Gartenberg said.

Jim Dalrymple - Macworld  
Yahoo! News

## Old Dogs/New Tricks:

### WIRELESS

It came sneaking up on me. No one told me it was coming. It just sort of appeared. No, it was not scary. I kind of liked it. I was called wireless.

Oh, you have seen it around. It started opening out garage doors, and then it started changing the channels of our TV. Next we had wireless phones so we could walk around the room and talk without being tethered to a phone wire. We were accustomed to radios working without wires, and we expected police and firemen to have their radios to work without wires. Truck drivers had to have CB radios so they could "10-4" their buddies. All without wires.

But wireless is taking over the world. Now people are locking and unlocking their cars with a button in their pocket, and the car will turn on its lights so you can find it in a dark parking lot. Some cars can show you a map of where you are and give you directions to where you are going.

The computer world is not to be left out. Information put on your desktop computer needs to be added to your laptop computer. Now you can synchronize the two computers with or without wires. Printers can receive information from your computer and print out your letter without wires between them. Two or more computers can communicate with each other in your house without wires connection them. Some software permit you to type on your computer with your voice not your fingers.

Cell phones have become the new fad. They are storing more and more information and are now synchronizing with computers.

What is next? Expect to go to a grocery store and wireless information on your cell phone or palm will show you where items are stored: pickles are on isle 6, left side, half

way down. The mall will have wireless information showing on your cell phone where the restrooms are or which store has men's shorts.

Voice recognition and wireless are developing technologies. Expect to be controlling appliances around your home with your voice and no wires. Imagine coming home after work, and as you walk up to the door, you say, "Door unlock, door open, living room lights on, heater on 72 degrees, oven on 350 degrees, bedroom lights on, and on and on.

Come to think of it, maybe wireless is a little scary.  
Alan Hall

## Battery Recall...:

### Important Safety Recall...

Apple has determined that certain lithium-ion rechargeable batteries containing cells manufactured by Sony Corporation of Japan pose a safety risk that may result in overheating. The affected batteries were sold worldwide, in systems and separately, from October 2003 through August 2006 for use with the following computers: 12-inch iBook G4, 12-inch PowerBook G4, 15-inch PowerBook G4.

Apple is voluntarily recalling the affected batteries and has initiated a worldwide exchange program to provide you with a new replacement battery, free of charge. This program is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other international safety authorities.

Issue: The affected batteries could overheat, posing a fire hazard. Apple received nine confirmed reports in the United States of these batteries overheating. Apple urges you to stop using your battery and to order a replacement battery immediately. After removing the recalled battery from the iBook or PowerBook, you should plug in the AC adapter to power the computer until a replacement battery arrives.

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### BATTERY RECALL CONTINUED:

Product: Please use the chart below to identify the battery model and serial numbers that apply to your iBook or PowerBook. If the first 5 digits of your battery's 12-digit serial number fall within the noted ranges, please order a replacement battery immediately. To view the model and serial numbers labeled on the bottom of the battery, you must remove the battery from the computer. The battery serial number is printed in black or dark gray lettering beneath a barcode.

No other Apple notebook computers are affected by this recall.

Computer model  
12-inch iBook G4

Battery model number  
A1061

Battery serial number range  
ZZ338 - ZZ427  
3K429 - 3K611  
6C519 - 6C552 ending with S9WA, S9WC, or S9WD

Computer model  
12-inch PowerBook G4

Battery model number  
A1079

Battery serial number range  
ZZ411 - ZZ427  
3K428 - 3K611

Computer model  
15-inch PowerBook G4

Battery model number  
A1078 and A1148

Battery serial number range  
3K425 - 3K601  
6N530 - 6N551 ending with THTA, THTB, or THTC  
6N601 ending with THTC

Note: If your battery's serial number does not match any of the ranges listed above, you do not have to exchange your battery.

What to do: To begin the battery exchange process, go to the Apple website at <http://support.apple.com/batteryprogram>. You will be asked for the serial number of your computer, the serial number of your battery, and a ship-to address. After serial number verification, a new battery will be shipped to you free of charge. You may exchange up to three batteries through the website. When you receive the replacement battery, please use the same shipping packaging and the included prepaid shipping label to return the recalled battery to Apple for proper disposal. If you do not have access to the website listed above, you can call Apple at 800-275-2273 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., central standard time, seven days a week, for further assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation with this exchange program.

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Submitted by Jacquie

## Free to Good Home:

Cleaning out the bookshelf & I'd like to give away some books that I don't use any more. E-mail [effancee@jett.net](mailto:effancee@jett.net) if you are interested in any of them. Here's what I have...

Mac OS 9 The Missing Manual by David Pogue  
Mac OS X Second Edition (OS 10.2) The Missing Manual by David Pogue  
Mac OS X Panther Edition The Missing Manual by David Pogue  
iPhoto 2 The Missing Manual by David Pogue  
The Complete Idiot's Guide to Photoshop 5 by Robert Stanley  
The Photoshop 5/5.5 WOW Book (including CD)  
PageMaker 5 for Macs for Dummies  
Aldus PageMaker 5 User Manual

Also from yours truly- [krlore@cwnet.com](mailto:krlore@cwnet.com)

Epson Stylus Photo 820 printer with extra ink  
Astra 1220 Flatbed Scanner  
Both USB

## Best School Computer:

I've always had a weakness for stationery, and the end of August is when it's worst. I can get lost in a drugstore's overstuffed aisles of back-to-school gear for half an hour or more looking at notebooks and art supplies, reminiscing back to that transitional window between summer and fall.

But students today are just as likely to find themselves bathed in the LCD glow of the computer aisles of electronics chains. The question of which computer to take to school has become more important than which type of pens to buy.

In years past, I'd suppress my inner Mac booster and point out that you should weigh the school's operating system suggestions (which typically means Microsoft Windows) in your deliberations, and I'd note in fairness that a Windows laptop can be better suited for some people.

Boy, am I glad I don't have to do that anymore.

Get a MacBook.

As we've discussed in this column before, the Intel-based MacBook can run Windows, either directly using Apple's Boot Camp beta (which was recently updated to version 1.1 and will appear as a full-fledged feature in the upcoming Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, [www.apple.com/macosx/bootcamp/](http://www.apple.com/macosx/bootcamp/)) or using virtualization software such as Parallels Desktop ([www.parallels.com](http://www.parallels.com)).

If your school requires you to use some Windows-only software, you can simply launch Parallels and run Windows within a separate window in your Mac OS X environment, or restart the machine from Windows using Boot Camp.

To me, of course, the most compelling argument for taking a Mac to school is the enormous headache you'll avoid by not having to worry about viruses or spyware. This Windows plague is still not an issue under Mac OS X, a point that I think many virus-weary Windows users have a hard time believing. School can cause plenty of headaches on its own.

I also used to debate the merits of choosing between a desktop and a laptop computer, but with wireless Internet access available on campuses, in libraries, and at coffee shops, today's students are more mobile than ever. And although an iMac can offer larger screen sizes, it's tethered to your desk. (The new Mac Pro tower does offer the best performance of any current Mac model, but that seems like overkill for school needs unless you're going to spend your time doing massive number crunching or graphics or video work.)

In fact, the only choice you might have to make is whether to buy a MacBook or the better-performing MacBook Pro. Although the processor speeds are fairly close (1.83 GHz or 2.0 GHz for the MacBook vs. 2.0 GHz or 2.16 GHz for the MacBook Pro), the aluminum-encased pro offers larger screen sizes and better graphics processing. Other niceties include a backlit



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### BEST COMPUTER CONTINUED:

keyboard (great for taking notes in dark lecture halls), audio-in and -out ports, and an ExpressCard slot; devices for the latter are just starting to appear, such as memory card readers or FireWire 800 adapters.

And for you parents: the iSight camera built into the MacBook or MacBook Pro will let you see your college-aged kid's face, using iChat video conferencing, more often than holidays or long weekends when the laundry has piled up.

Choosing a laptop isn't quite enough, though. I definitely recommend adding more memory to the machine, which will improve performance; the stock 512 MB of RAM in the MacBook and low-end MacBook Pro configuration will run Mac OS X adequately. Check [dealram.com](http://dealram.com) for memory deals, which are almost always cheaper than buying the memory from Apple.

To protect your data, purchase an external hard drive and set up a reliable backup system. If something is going to go wrong, you know it'll happen during finals.

Lastly, spend an extra \$30 or \$50 on a Kensington notebook computer lock, a cable and lock that secures the laptop to help ensure that someone with sticky fingers doesn't walk off with your academic workhorse. It's one thing if someone steals your favorite pen, but losing your laptop is one headache you don't want to deal with.

By Jeff Carlson  
Special to The Seattle Times  
Submitted by Barbara

## Picnic Minutes:

MINUTES - RMUG PICNIC, AUGUST 12, 2006

The August picnic was held at the lovely home of Jim and Donna Pace.

Approximately thirty members and guests attended. Thanks to Louise and Joe for

getting the food there that the club provided, and thanks to everyone else who brought side dishes to share.

I was unable to attend, but Charlotte told me that "everyone had a very good time and that the setting was perfect. It was also nice to meet spouses that don't usually make the meetings". Judie Bechtle won the iPod that was raffled. Congratulations, Judie. Enjoy.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2006, at Yaks Koffee Shop. I'm not sure what the program will be, but whatever is decided upon will be very interesting and informative.

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

Jacquie Martin, Secretary

## Humor:

From Charlotte...

1. Two cows were standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," said Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" Exclaimed Daisy.
2. A guy walks into the psychiatrist wearing only Glad Wrap shorts. The shrink says, "Well, I can clearly see you're nuts."
3. A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says, "My dog's cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?" "Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him." So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Because he's cross-eyed?" "No, because he's really heavy."

From Mary...

Apple Computer reported today that it has developed a computer chip that can store music in women's breast implants.

This is considered to be a major breakthrough because women are always complaining about men staring at their breasts and not listening to them.

## 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><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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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

Redundancy is a wonderful thing. That is how we learn, especially about computers. That is probably true for most of us. It is also a very important aspect of saving work created with our computers, back it up and do it in more than one place. Redundancy. Some articles in this months newsletter are redundant in this same issue or have been in previous issues with the same or similar information. One has the benefit of getting different points of view on similar events or processes. One can then pick and choose applications and features to personalize their Mac's. My redundant harping about fair use rights, privacy, net-neutrality and sticking up for your individual rights is another good example. The meeting on Saturday should be a good one, Dale has some new toys to show off which is always lots of fun both because of the new technology and his enthusiasm.

Ken



# Jett's Mac Classes:

Kate is teaching all the following classes. Enrollment for each is \$25.

## September 2006

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