



Rmug News

December 2007

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
December 8, 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 a demo
on all the iLife applications, 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

What is Apple going to bring out at MacWorld in San Francisco?

This year Apple and Steve Jobs are doing a great job of keeping development under wraps. There are very few clues about new releases, except what we find in press releases and interviews with Apple corporate partners. . I have heard rumors about Flash Memory HDs to speed up computer operations or reduce power load in a secret laptop? Then I see a press release by Toshiba and MacWorld News "Toshiba will begin making flash-based solid-state drives for notebooks in earlier 2008". The press release went on to say "The new drives, which will initially be available in 32, 64 and 128 gigabyte capacities, will use NAND flash memory as opposed to a traditional rotating magnetic storage disc and offer faster boot times as well as lower power consumption levels. Flash-based drives are also said to be more durable than hard disks and generate extremely minimal noise." There have been rumors the Apple TV would be killed off while other rumors say it is getting a color LCD. I think the latter is more likely as TV shows are now available in Canada from their iTunes Store as they are in the American store. I do wish massive music & video storage issues would be addressed better and maybe even a new Apple product be invented? I am hoping for "iTunes Server" with data management and rights features built in so a family could

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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:

share their music & videos on a home network while protecting copyrights. Since I am pipe dreaming I will add I want a way to control the 5 computers that use my iTunes without me calling Apple & having them delete them all. I think we all know Microsoft will have the Microsoft Office 2008 and since the last release was 2004 I am sure Bill Gates will make a few million more from all of us Mac users buying the latest and greatest. The CEO at AT&T has slipped and leaked a new iPhone is imminent so knowing Apple there will be two new iPhones.

Secretary's Notes:

MINUTES - RMUG MEETING,
NOVEMBER 10, 2007

The November meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Approximately 30 members and guests attended.

Michael led the beginner's class, and Dale fielded questions from the intermediate group.

Ken asked how susceptible the Intel Mac is to viruses if you're running Windows. Dale said it is susceptible, especially when starting up. Be sure to use an anti virus program set to run all the time. AVG is a good free one. There are also others.

Dale announced again that nominations for Board Members for 2008 are still open. If you are interested in serving in any of the positions, please let the Board know. Officer positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Librarian and Hospitality. An Ambassador and a Web Master are appointed by the Board. Louise Zegers would like to run for Librarian. (She will resign from Hospitality.) Joe Zegers will run for the Hospitality position Louise is vacating. Michael nominated the current slate of officers with changes as noted above. Election of officers will be at the December meeting.

There are two Macintosh classes at Anderson Senior Center now. Michael has a beginning class on Monday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Dale has an advanced class on Friday, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Someone asked what a good program was to record sound. Try Sound Studio 3.5.5 for Mac OS 10.3.9 or later.

T shirts. Michael is putting together an order for new T-shirts and Polos with the Mac logo. December will be the last time you can order a T-shirt. You can also email Michael NOW with your style, color and size choices. T shirts - \$17.50. and Polos - \$27.50. The material is 50/50 cotton and a synthetic. Michael

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has a catalog of available colors.

Ken Lorenz, Newsletter Editor, will be unavailable for several months. Send items for the Newsletter to Dale.

Diane volunteered to help him get the Newsletter published. Thank you, Diane. They use Stone Studio.

Mac OS X, v10.5 Leopard is out. Dale will review Leopard at the December meeting. There are several things you should be aware of before and when installing Leopard that will make your life much easier.

Program:

Dale reviewed the new iLife '08. He suggested: First, update or buy (download) QuickTime Pro, \$29.95 (accessed in System Preferences). It is my understanding this will allow iPhoto to run more smoothly.

Contained in iLife '08 are: iTunes '08, iPhoto '08, iDVD '08, iWeb '08 and GarageBand '08. All have many new things about them, such as: iLife '08 will not install iMovie unless you have at least a G4 with 1 GHz processor speed or better. Under HELP, it is very helpful to look at the Video Tutorials.

Dale prepared a very detailed 3-page handout which I am sure he will forward to you if you email him. It was suggested I not even try to take

notes on all of the detailed presentation.

If you were not there, you missed a great deal. Contact Dale for the handout. Thank you very much, Dale.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2007, at YAKS. Dale will be demoing Mac OS X Leopard.

Jacquie Martin, Secretary

Problem Solved by Barbara

Ken,

Today, I developed a problem when trying to use Photoshop Elements. Thought this might be of interest to our members. The following is a note I sent to Michael. I no sooner sent it, when I realized I hadn't tried to search for answers, except to scour my hard drive for anything that might seem suspicious.

Dear Michael,

Every time I try to open Photoshop Elements, it won't open. First, a window comes up that says, "An error occurred while attempting to download a file from the Adobe Online web server. The request was not understood by the server. HTTP #400-Bad Request." I click OK at the bottom of the screen, and that message goes away. However, another screen is under it. At the top, it says, "Updating Adobe Online components from

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Adobe.com" Under that, is a progress bar the says, "Dowloading: File 1 of 2. no personal informaton is being transmitted. File: AWEXFiles.txt To: Macintosh HD:Library:Ap.....ion Support Adobe: Web:" This second window is grayed out, so all I can do is "force quit." I have a turning wheel, but no progress in the progress bar.

I've searched and searched, and can't figure out what to do to stop this.

Barbara

This is an answer to an original posted message from a person named John Taylor. I found it by typing in Photoshop Elements, and did a search on "Updating Adobe Online Components." I had to register on the site to join the forum. Now I can post anything, or answer a post.

Barbara

Originally Posted by johnsawyercjs
To confirm John Taylor's suspicion, trashing the Adobe "Web" folder was indeed what caused him to get the error message "The Adobe Online Software could not be found" when he selected the menu at "Photoshop Elements>Preferences>Adobe Online". Not that this is a big deal, but if you still want that option available, for instance with other

Adobe software you might have installed, don't trash that folder--instead, first disable your Internet connection (if you use a wired connection, unplug the Ethernet cable from your computer; or if you use a wireless connection, turn off your computer's wireless card). Then launch Elements; this time it will launch properly, without freezing at the update check, since it won't even try without an Internet connection. Then (if you're using a Mac), open the menu at "Photoshop Elements>Preferences>Adobe Online", and set the update frequency to "never". This will affect just Elements' update check, so if you want to disable the Adobe update check for all your Adobe apps, either change the same setting in each of those apps to "never", or if you don't want to worry about the pref being reset to its default of one week (I think) due to some unknown event, but you still want the ability to reactivate it if you want, then just move the "Web" folder somewhere else, instead of trashing it. What I did: I created another folder inside /Library/Application Support/Adobe, named it "Web disabled", then I dragged the Web folder into that folder.

The following was my reply.

I just about went crazy today, trying to correct this error at startup. I un-installed the program, and re-installed it. Still, the

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same spinning wheel. I had to "force quit" to get out of it. After finding this forum, and your easy to follow directions, my Photoshop Elements works just fine. Thanks so much.



Converting iTunes Plus Tracks

By Christopher Breen

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Apple, believing that it offers the finest portable media player around, doesn't talk a whole lot about converting its unprotected iTunes Plus tracks to a form that can be played on other music players that don't support the AAC audio format.

But there is a way to make it work. To do so, open iTunes' preferences (found under the iTunes menu), click on the Advanced tab, and click on Importing in the window below. Choose MP3 Encoder from the Import Using pop-up menu and Higher Quality (192 kbps) from the Setting pop-up menu, and then click on OK to dismiss the preferences window.

Now just select your iTunes Plus tracks and choose Convert Selections To MP3 from the Advanced menu. iTunes will then encode new versions of your iTunes Plus tracks as MP3 files that you can then transfer to your portable music player. Now, some folks will tell you that converting one compressed file (as in that iTunes Plus track) to another compressed format (as in MP3) will adversely affect audio quality. I'll leave it up to you to decide if your ears are finely tuned enough to detect a difference. If so, choose an uncompressed format such as WAV in that Import Using pop-up menu. Get all the latest iTunes and iPod news at [The iPod Blog](#)

Leopard from the front lines.

It has been just over a month since I received Leopard and the overall experience has been great. Many of you may recall I tried Leopard on 3 machines and had excellent results on a 933MHz iBook and an 2GHz MacBook but my venerable old 450MHz dual G4 failed. It said right there in the read me that Leopard would not install on less than a 867MHz G4 and my old G4 is somewhat below that. Well I booted my G4 in Target Disk mode and connected a FireWire cable to the iBook and threw the install DVD into the iBook's DVD slot and installed Leopard on my older G4's HD. I was pretty proud of myself but I never felt confident in

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Leopard, as my old G4 had numerous idiosyncrasies that did not stop the computer, they just made me feel uneasy. So after a month of Leopard on my 450MHz G4 I have decided to delete Leopard and reinstall Tiger with everything new. It was actually fun putting Tiger back on as I knew I had a good old friend back with me and it no longer took two hours to run "Repair Permissions" in Disk Utility. Apple you done good by telling everybody where the cut off line should be as I can attest my 450MHz just did not cut the muster of Leopard.

Dale J

Free MacWorld Tickets

Other World Computing & RMUG have what you need to get free MacWorld Tickets.

Very important that each person registers before December 14th. They just go to www.macworldexpo.com/register and use the code 08-D-OWC.

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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

Advanced Mac Classes:

Frontier Senior Center

Anderson California

Fridays 1PM to 3PM

This Friday will be our last class for the year as we are going to take the last two weeks of the year off. See you Friday or see you next year.

Gem of the Week: Amadeus Pro

By Dan Frakes and Christopher Breen
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With the increased popularity of podcasting and "amateur" recording, audio-editing software is finding its way into the mainstream. As a result, a new generation of easy-to-use audio editors has arisen that attempts to hide many of the arcane elements of waveform editing from the user. But there are times when you need to be able to muck with audio at the sample level; open and edit less-popular audio formats; remove an offending click or pop; invert the phase of a stereo file to create a karaoke-like track; or convert multiple files to another format in one fell swoop. For those times you need a tool such as HairerSoft's Amadeus Pro 1.2.

Although there are other programs out there that offer similar old-school audio-editing features, Amadeus Pro's attraction boils down to price: It costs a measly \$40, and for those forty smackers you get a remarkably-complete audio-editing solution. Despite a few quirks, it's a compelling and feature-rich audio editor.

Macworld OS X Hint

By Rob Griffiths

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Use 10.5's Help on menu items

One of the areas that received a lot of attention in OS X 10.5 is the Help system. Instead of simply opening a mini-browser for a given program's help files, clicking Help now displays a drop-down menu with a search box and a list of key help topics. You can jump to a topic by selecting it from the menu, as you would with any other menu item. But the real power of the new Help system is in the search box; enter a search word or words, and help will search the program for information that what you've typed. But it doesn't just search the program's help files; it also searches the program's menus.

In Safari, for instance, type hid, and you'll see the help menu now shows the various Hide options available in Safari's menus, as well as entries related to hiding from the help file. Now for the nifty bit -- you can execute any displayed menu command be

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Policies

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

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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

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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>AD Rates</p> <p>\$4-business card \$6-quarter page \$9-half page \$15-full page</p> |
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clicking it with the mouse. Alternatively, if you just want some help remembering where that menu command lives, either hover over (but don't click) it with the mouse, or use the Down Arrow to highlight it. When you do, the Help system will show you the location of that command, along with a can't-miss-it colorful arrow symbol pointing at that menu item--the arrow even shimmies around a bit to draw your eyes' attention to the right spot.

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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.



Jett's November 07 Mac Classes:

December 2007

Basic OSX - Tuesday, December 4th at 2 pm

iMovie - Thursday, December 6th at 10 am

iPhoto - Tuesday, December 11th at 2 pm

Basic OSX- Thursday, December 13th at 10 am

Tunes/iPod - Tuesday, December 18th at 2 pm

iPhoto - Thursday, December 20nd at

CHRISTMAS DAY- Tuesday, December 25th

**The Tuesday classes are from 2-3:30 PM and Thursday classes
are from 10-11:30 AM**

You must register for classes as class size is limited to 5 people.

Call the office at 242-1800 to sign up.

Bring your computer and your questions.

\$25 /person /session