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## HAPPY 20TH MACINTOSH!

By Ted Galloway

Apple Computer made history when it introduced the Macintosh on January 24, 1984. This was the first affordable computer to include a Graphical User Interface. This Graphical Interface was similar to the Lisa that had been introduced a year earlier and was much more expensive than the Macintosh (about \$10,000). The Macintosh was built around the new Motorola 68000 chip, which was significantly faster than previous processors, running at 8 MHz with 128k of built in memory.

The Mac came in a small beige case with a black and white 9" monitor built in. This was a disappointment to those Apple II users that had a 15" color monitor. The Macintosh came with a keyboard and mouse-with no arrow keys- and had a floppy drive that took 400k 3.5" disks--the first personal computer to do so. It originally sold for \$2,495 (about \$7,500 today).

Ten years later, with many upgrades to the original Macintosh Apple introduced the first Power Mac. The were three models, the 6100/60, 7100/66, and the 8100/80. Also introduced that year were several models of the Performa. This year also marked the release of the Mac OS 7.5 with it's hierarchical Apple menu. This served as a model for the Mac OS until the introduction of Mac OS X in 2000.

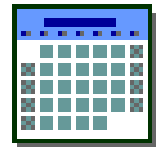
In March 1998 the iMac and the Powerbook G3 are released with the iMac quickly becomes the fastest selling PC in history. The iBook was introduced at the MacWorld Expo in New York July 21, 1999.

Today you can buy a 1.25 gigahertz iMac with a 20" flat panel color display for

\$2,199. Also included is 256 MB of RAM, 64MB of Video Ram, an 80GB hard drive, a Superdrive to burn a CD or a DVD.

The Macintosh promises to be with us for another 20 years.

[Information for this article was taken from the following web sites:[www.theapplemuseum.com](http://www.theapplemuseum.com), <http://www.info.apple.com/support/applespec.html>, and [www.thelowendmac.com](http://www.thelowendmac.com).] 🍏



### BAC January Meeting

The January 10 meeting will be held at the Homewood Public Library at 10:00 a.m.

Jim Hillhouse will show a few "Video Tips" from the Macworld "Total Panther" DVD, a special issue from Macworld magazine. Topics include: Rendezvous, iTunes Music Store, OS X Tips and Tricks, The New Finder, Open and Save, Expose, and Fast User Switching.

These are short "how-to" videos and he will show as many as time will permit.

Come early and enjoy coffee and cookies plus... 🍏

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## FOR SALE/WANTED

### Wanted

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**Do you have computer related items for sale or is there an item that you would like to purchase?**

**We will list the item in this space. Send information by the 25th of each month to: tedgallo@charter.net**

**This space is free to current BAC members.**

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## BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC DOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost has been lowered to \$2 and is available at the BAC meetings from Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins.

### CDOM January 2004

#### AppleWorks X 6.2.7

Update...Freeware  
Brings AppleWorks up to date. Requires Mac OS X and Apple Works 6.x

#### Classic Watcher X...Freeware

Puts the Classic icon in the Dock while Classic is running and removes it when Classic quits. Requires OS 10.2.2 or higher.

#### DVDBackup 1.3...Freeware

Use to backup your DVDs.

#### FolderIcon X 1.7.4...Shareware

Create custom folder icons and document icons. Requires OS 10.2.1 or higher, or OS 10.3.x

#### GraphicConverter X 4.9.2.Shareware

Updated version for a good app to change graphics formats and to edit and correct digital photos.

#### iOrganize X 5.3.1...Shareware

Use this to get organized.

#### MacFamilyTree 3.6.5...Shareware

Updated genealogy program.

#### MacJanitor 1.2.1...Freeware

Good cleaner-upper for system trash that gets crossed up and turned sideways. Has separate Daily, Weekly and Monthly routines.

#### Mac OSX Update 10.3.2...Freeware

Updates OS 10.3.x

#### PopChar Pro 1.6...Shareware

Easy to use. Shows all the hidden characters of a font set.

#### QuickTime Installer...Freeware

Updated to latest version 6.5 for Mac OS 9.2.2 and below.

#### QuickTime Installer X...Freeware

Updated to latest version 6.5 for Mac OS 10.x.

## REALbasic 5.2.1...demo

Try out basic language to write your own software.

## StuffItLite 6.5.1...Freeware

Includes latest version of Stuffit Expander.

## Message Board id and password for January 2004

The BAC Message Board is located at [www.applecore.org](http://www.applecore.org) and click on Message Board. The User ID for January 2004 is: peel and the password is 0104. Some browsers ask for the Name in the top box. This is the place for the user id.

We hope that the BAC membership will take advantage of this message board. Feel free to ask question or make comments and hopefully someone in BAC will respond. 🍏

## 2004 Officers Elected

The following members have been elected as officers for 2004.

President: Bill Henry

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Web Master - Penelope Fenton

Media Librarian - Luther Fuller

Disk Librarian - Jerry Jenkins

PEEL Editor - Bill Henry

Membership Chmn: Ted Galloway

**The position of Secretary is open. We need someone to volunteer for this position. 🍏**

## January Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the January BAC meeting, 1) The Mac OS X Conversion Kit: 9 to 10 Side by Side, Jaguar Edition, 2) a copy of the monthly CDOM. Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins will have the disk at the meeting, 3) a one-week rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. Instructional Media Librarian Luther Fuller will have the library at the meeting. 🍏

## Apple releases Mac OS X 10.3.2 update

Apple has released Mac OS X Update 10.3.2 via Software Update or Web download. The Software Update summary for the update reads as follows:

The 10.3.2 Update delivers enhanced functionality and improved reliability for Mac OS X v10.3 "Panther" and is recommended for all users.

Key enhancements include:

improved file sharing and directory services for mixed Mac and PC networks more robust printing to PostScript printers improved font management updated Mail and Address Book applications new ATI and NVIDIA graphics drivers FileVault, FireWire 800, WebDAV and USB Printing improvements from Update 10.3.1 previous standalone security updates

It also includes an "Important Note" carried over from the 10.3.1 update that reads:

"Apple has identified an issue with external FireWire hard drives using the Oxford 922 bridge chip-set with firmware version 1.02 that can result in the loss of data stored on the disk drive. Even with the improvements available in this update, Apple recommends you update the firmware on your FireWire drive. Please contact your drive manufacturer for more information."

This update provides the same fixes for FireWire 800 included in the 10.3.1 update, so Apple has simply included the FireWire warning from that update.

More information Detailed information about the update - including a specific list of fixes and enhancements provided -- can be found in Knowledge Base Article ID 25652 at: <http://kbase.info.apple.com/index.jsp> and type in the Article ID. 🍏

## Apple releases Battery Update 1.0

Yesterday Apple released Battery Update 1.0 <<http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=120281>> for Mac OS X 10.2 or later. It supports the following Apple laptops: iBook (Dual USB), iBook (Late 2001), iBook (Opaque 16 VRAM), iBook (32 VRAM), iBook (800 MHZ 32 VRAM), iBook (900 MHZ 32 VRAM), iBook G4 (12-inch), PowerBook G4 (12-inch), PowerBook G4 (12-inch (VI), PowerBook G4 (15-inch FW 800), PowerBook G4 (17-inch), and PowerBook G4 (17-inch 1.33GHz).

According to Apple's documentation, the Batter Update "enhances the performance of the battery to ensure that full capacity is available for your PowerBook or iBook." 🍏

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## New Photoshop Elements 2 instructional CD available

The Birmingham Apple Core has a new instructional CD available for members to rent. The rental fee is \$5 per week.

This CD includes the following: The Work Area, Bring In Images, Selection Tools, Crop & Rotate, Correcting Images, Retouching Photos, Transform & Distort Photos, Working With Text, Working With Layers, Print, Web & E-mail, Add Color To Line Art, Web Gallery & Picture Package.

BAC maintains a library of instructional CD that is available to the members. For a complete list go to the BAC web site at: <http://www.applecore.org/videolibrary.html>. 🍏

## Apple releases QuickTime 6.5

CUPERTINO, Calif., Dec. 18 - Apple® today announced QuickTime® 6.5, the industry's first mainstream media architecture for the creation and playback of rich multimedia content for both CDMA 2000 and GSM wireless networks. Expanding its support for mobile multimedia standards to include both 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) and 3rd Generation Partnership Project 2 (3GPP2),

QuickTime 6.5 enables users to share high-quality video, audio and text across the two predominant wireless networking technologies worldwide. QuickTime 6.5 will add to the existing popularity of QuickTime 6, which has already had over 175 million downloads in less than 18 months since its release.

Members can download either Quicktime 6.5 for Mac OS 9 and below or Quicktime 6.5 for Mac OS X at: <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/products/qt/> [This software is included on the January '04 BAC CDOM]. 🍏

## TechTool Pro 4 for Mac OS X 10.2 and 10.3 Special price for user groups

Micromat.com has released TechTool Pro 4 for Mac OS X 10.2 and OS X 10.3, Panther. TechTool Pro 4 introduces eDrive for creating an emergency partition without reformatting. Other features include S.M.A.R.T. testing, optimization, email notification of problems and hardware tests to help pinpoint problems. TechTool is the only utility that simultaneously repairs or optimizes multiple volumes.

User group members can purchase TechTool Pro 4 for \$79.95 (retail price is \$97.95) or upgrade for \$39.95 (retail price is \$49.95). To receive these special prices, contact Micromat directly at 800-829-6227.

This offer expires March 31, 2004 and is available to members of U.S. user groups. 🍏

**Attend the BAC monthly meeting  
at the Homewood Public Library**

## Helpful Hints for the Hopeless - part deux

by Penelope Fenton, BAC Treasurer and Webmaster

Last time, I talked about how to keep your ISPs mail server rubbish free, thereby avoiding consuming your allocated space with all those .jpeg, .gif and .mov (etc.) files people you barely know sent you more than a year ago.

This continuation will discuss (as promised) sending your messages to multiple destinations, while protecting your addressees e-mail addresses from being captured by those evil-minded lurkers: the spammers!

Anything we can do, as individuals, to reduce spam, is a positive action. It protects our friends and, hopefully, if we pass along what we know, we will receive less and the process expands exponentially.

Our well-intentioned friends, who are caught in the clutches of AOL, unfortunately, are the greatest perpetrators e-mail address collections. How often have we seen the following long list of e-mail addresses in the text area of the message sent to us?

To: "John James" <johnjames@charter.net>, "Perry Andrews" <jandrews@syllacaugafbc.org>, "Milton Jones" <mjones@aol.com>, "Mike Evansh" <evansfamily@charter.net>, "Jim Searcy" <JSearcy@aol.com>, "Jim Day" <jday@comcast.net>, "Jerry Countryman" <jelna@aaahawk.com>, "Gene Jones" <genejones@comcast.net>, "Jane Simmons" <jsimmons@knology.net>, "Bill Samuels" <jsamuels@msn.com>, "Bill Bolten" <bbolten@bellsouth.net>, "Joe Geven" <jgeven@charter.net>

You have to scroll halfway to Atlanta, to find the content that was actually sent to you (then, oftentimes as not, the message itself is repeated 2 - 3 times, making this a file of unmanageable size, to traverse the internet...holy cow, how did a text file become 1.8 MB?

### Its a multipart problem:

Firstly, all those e-mail addresses are there, available for capture (including yours) and, Secondly, its untidy, annoying and space consuming.

Whats needed here, is a way to send your message to multiple destinations, without the addresses showing in the TO box.

My work around is to put all my addresses in the BCC box. BCC represents Blind Carbon Copy meaning you can send a message to someone, using the TO box and add additional, invisible recipients in the BCC box. If I am mailing to one person only, I dont bother with this but, if I am mailing the same thing to many, ALL addresses are BCC. There is no address in the TO box.

I simply open my address book, highlight the names I want and select the BCC box (I have additional choices: TO and CC), my e-mail addresses are automatically placed in the BCC box.

If the addresses cant be seen, they are less likely to be captured, which means well receive less spam trying to sell us medications, refinancing services, penile implants and offers to introduce you to that special member of the opposite sex.

As far as the e-mail addresses that appear in the content, kudos are due to AOL. AOL makes it very difficult to forward a message to your recipients, without all those addresses being included as part of the message. Maybe AOL captures them?

Most other e-mail programs, however, make it simple to edit all the garbage out of your message, before forwarding.

As I use Eudora, the way your e-mail program performs may be slightly different but, the principles will be the same.

If you click on reply, the entire message that was sent to you will be highlighted, allowing easy deletion, or editing, with the address TO already completed. If you click on forward, you wont get the highlighting but, your cursor will be in the TO position.

Its a simple process, from there, to tab to the BCC box, to insert your addresses (or, if they are already in the TO box, cut and paste into BCC) and then scroll down to your text area, highlight and delete that which is not pertinent.

I have worked with AOLs e-mail program and with Outlook Express and personally find them lacking in real life functionality. Eudora (named after the author, Eudora Welty\*) is an easy, friendly program, which I recommend. It is also available in three different versions:

### Paid mode:

- \*Award winning, feature-rich version (includes SpamWatch)
- \*Access to person-to-person technical support
- \*12 months of upgrades

### Sponsored mode:

- \*The same software features as Paid mode (except for SpamWatch)
- \*Ad window and up to 3 sponsored toolbar links
- \*No person-to-person technical support

### Light mode:

- \*Fewer features, but it is still free
- \*No ad window
- \*No person-to-person technical support

Paid mode for new users sells for U.S. \$49.95. Eudora 6.0 is free if you have purchased and registered in the last 12 months. Eudora 6.0 is \$39.95 if you have a Paid mode registration code from version 4.3 or later. Visit: <http://eudora.com/> Eudora runs on OS9 or OSX.

### \*Eudora:

How a Southern writer came to lend her name to a computer program.

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# Hints&Tips

[www.mac-hints-tips.com](http://www.mac-hints-tips.com)

*Hints and Tips is a monthly newsletter available (in PDF format) from Paul Taylor at: [www.mac-hints-tips.com](http://www.mac-hints-tips.com).*

## X-Key on Startup

If you're like me and you flip-flop between OS X and OS 9, instead of using the more difficult Startup Preference Pane or Control Panel, or holding the Option key down to get a list of active System Folders, merely press the X key when starting or restarting and your Mac will boot right into OS X.

*Rich Lenoce, Connecticut Macintosh Connection, Hartford CT*

## What About Apple's Font Book?

Apple's new Font Book (included in Panther) may be new for average users, but for professional design, prepress and print work, you will still need Extensis Suitcase, Font Reserve, or Insiders Font Agent. Font Book does some wonderful things, but it doesn't auto-activate fonts when you open a document, and wasn't designed for graphics professionals.

*Design Tools Monthly*



## Address Book

### Back Up the Address Book

I have just learned from Mac Tech Support how to back up the Address Book, so thought I'd pass on the info. It's easy if you know how.

To Back Up Address Book: Go to User (the little house icon) > Library > Application Support > Address Book > Address Book data, then copy just that document.

*Janet Parkerson*

### Mail Backups

**Q:** I'm wondering how I might backup my important email. I have an iBook with OS X 10.2.6 and I use Outlook Express. Where is my email stored? I'd like to burn a copy of the email database to a CD.

*Jeff Shapiro*

**A:** Outlook Express email database is typically found inside your Documents folder. Inside, you should find a folder called Microsoft User Data, and inside that, a folder called Identities. This is the folder you want to backup. In the event that you cannot find the Identities folder within the Documents folder, look for it inside your Outlook Express folder.

In the event your database becomes corrupt, you can simply replace the Identities folder with your backup. Apple's Mail is a bit different. You can find the Mail folder within your user Library folder, and within it, a folder called Mailboxes.

*TidBits*



## iTunes

### Printing Playlists

**Q:** I would like to know how to print a list of songs on the various playlists I have in iTunes 4.0.1. I know of one way which is to make a screenshot of the section I wish to print, but it is unsatisfactory. Do you have any other suggestions?  
Owen Guerrini

**A:** iTunes 4.0.1 allows you to export playlists in a number of formats, and if you have Microsoft Excel, you'll be able to print out the playlists with very little fuss. Control-click the playlist and choose "Export Song List" from the contextual menu. Choose "Unicode Text" as the format, and then save the file to the desktop so you can find it quickly.

Now open that file with Excel, and then tailor the menu to your liking. (You can also open the file with Word or TextEdit, but you'll need to spend time reformatting it).

As an alternative, you might consider Josh Aas' iTunes Publisher ([www.maclester.edu/~jaas/](http://www.maclester.edu/~jaas/)). This shareware utility lets you export the play lists in a customizable HTML format that you can print out with a web browser.

*macHOME HotTips*

### Helpful Hints from p. 4

Most people on the Internet know about Eudora. The e-mail program, that is. Not so many, however, know that Eudora got its name after the Southern writer Eudora Welty. The program was created by Steve Dorner in 1990 at the University of Illinois in Urbana. By then, he worked for NCSA (National Center for Supercomputing Applications), and the first version of the program, which took about a year to develop, consisted of about 50,000 lines of code.

Dorner had a vision of making e-mail easier to send and receive than it was then, more user-friendly if you will. He also had a vision of a more widespread use of e-mail, something that is beginning to happen now. "When I was in college, I read Eudora's story 'Why I Live at the P.O.'," Dorner explains to me in an e-mail message. "The story stuck with me", Dorner says. "When it came time, years later, to name the program, I remembered the title, rearranged it a bit to 'Bringing the P.O. to where you live' and used it for the program's motto. Then I named it Eudora."

Eudora Welty, this great Southern writer - by some proclaimed Nobel prize candidate - was born in Jackson, Mississippi in 1909. She still lives there, in the family house. She wrote in the local newspaper as well as for the Jackson radio station, before her stories began to appear in magazines like The Southern Review, Atlantic Monthly or The New Yorker. 🍏



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