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Apple MacBook Pro Notebooks Now with Intel Core 2 Duo Processors Up to 39 Percent Faster

Apple® announced that its entire MacBook™ Pro line of notebooks now includes the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor and delivers performance that is up to 39 percent faster than the previous generation. All MacBook Pro models now offer double the memory and greater storage capacity than the previous generation, as well as a FireWire® 800 port for connecting to high-speed peripherals. The new MacBook Pro's stunning, lightweight, aluminum enclosure is just one-inch thin, available in 15- and 17-inch models, and features a built-in iSight® video camera for video conferencing on-the-go.

"With an Intel Core 2 Duo processor, greater storage capacity and FireWire 800 connectivity, the new MacBook Pro delivers unprecedented performance and mobility in an incredibly thin and light design," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "We are thrilled that our notebook sales are growing twice as fast as the overall notebook market, and we hope these new MacBook Pro models continue that success."

Every MacBook Pro features the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 4MB of shared L2 cache, which is up to 39 percent faster than the previous 2.16 GHz MacBook Pro and more than seven times faster than the 1.67 GHz PowerBook G4 running industry standard benchmarks.*

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Firmware Update for Mac Books

Apple released a firmware update for its MacBook line of computers that fixes a problem that caused the MacBook to shutdown without warning.

"Apple has identified an issue that causes a small percentage of MacBooks to shutdown intermittently," Apple said in a statement provided to Macworld. "Today we released a downloadable firmware update that addresses this issue, and eliminates the need for customers to send their systems in for warranty service."

The firmware update improves the MacBook's internal monitoring system, according to notes provided by Apple. You will need to have Mac

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BAC November Meeting

The November 11th meeting of the Birmingham AppleCore will held at COMPUSA in Hoover adjacent to the Riverchase Galleria. Art Vires the Apple employee at CompUSA will demonstrate the latest products from Apple. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

10% off accessories for all attendees. Come join us for coffee, doughnuts, cookies...

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For Sale/Wanted

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

We will list the item in this space free of charge to currentBAC members.

Send information by the 25th of each month to the editor at: henryw@bellsouth.net.

BAC Disk of the Month

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

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from the Disk librarian Jerry Jenkins.

November CDOM

New Stuff

CleanApp 1.6.3.dmg

iBackup 5.1.5

KidsaGoGo11.2.dmg

Mail_Saver_3_4.dmg

Maintenance1.0.8.dmg

VueScan 8.3.77...Shareware

Upgraded driver for most scanners.

Older stuff

David's Backgammon 5.3.5C... Shareware

This is a full version of the game and for all systems.

iPartition Demo

Partition disk without initializing or reformatting. For OS 10.3.7 or higher.

iTunes 7...Freeware

Latest upgrade.

Measuring Cup 1.2.2...Freeware

Recipe management program. For OS 10.3.9 or higher.

Shivering Kittens 2.0 demo

Game – Rescue the Kittens. For OS 10.2 or higher.

SpinnnMac 1.0...Shareware

Games within a game.

Eudean Jones Memorial

BAC Member

JONES, VERLE EUDEAN, age 80, of Birmingham, passed away on Tuesday, September 12th, 2006.

He was born in Promise City, Iowa, September 19, 1925, son of Verle and Beatrice Jones.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Griffis Jones, Birmingham, his son, David Christopher Jones, Brookline, MA; sister, Joy (Jack) Mellinger, Sumner, IA; nieces Vickie (Lynn) Jacobsen, Barbara (Steve) Grabill, Nancy (Doug) Coppernoll, and nephew Mark (Patti) Mellinger.

Mr. Jones received a BA from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and an MA in piano performance from the Birmingham Conservatory of Music (Birmingham-Southern College).

He served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. He worked for the Birmingham YMCA for 20 years and retired as Financial Director in 1990.

Mr. Jones was involved in piano performances for many years, particularly in ensemble recitals with instrumentalists and singers. He was an avid reader, and an accomplished musician, with a special love for opera. A memorial service will take place at a later time.

The family suggests that any memorials be given to the Barbara and Hugh Thomas Scholarship (Birmingham-Southern College), or to a favorite charity. 🍏

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OS X 10.4.7 or higher to run the update. Apple said the update is recommended for all MacBook systems, including those that received warranty repair. The firmware update is available from Apple's Web site. 🍏

November Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC November meeting; a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library . 🍏

TED'S TIPS

Tip of the Week

Converting to TIFF, JPG, or Photoshop

Want to change most any graphic into a Photoshop file? Just open the file in Preview, go under the File menu, and choose Save As..., where you can export your graphic in Photoshop format. But you're not limited to Photoshop format — Preview will also export your file as a JPEG, PICT, BMP (for sharing files with PC users), PICT, Targa (for video), and more. If the format you're saving in has options (such as quality and compression settings for JPEG and TIFF images), they will appear near the bottom of the dialog. 🍏

Small Number of Video iPods Shipped With Windows Virus

We recently discovered that a small number - less than 1% - of the Video iPods available for purchase after September 12, 2006, left our contract manufacturer carrying the Windows RavMonE.exe virus. This known virus affects only Windows computers, and up to date anti-virus software which is included with most Windows computers should detect and remove it. So far we have seen less than 25 reports concerning this problem. The iPod nano, iPod shuffle and Mac OS X are not affected, and all Video iPods now shipping are virus free. As you might imagine, we are upset at Windows for not being more hardy against such viruses, and even more upset with ourselves for not catching it.

How to remove the Windows virus

RavMonE.exe is a known Windows virus and up to date anti-virus software using the default settings should detect and remove it. If you do not have anti-virus software on your Windows computer, we recommend that you install one of the many available programs. Here are a few trial programs that can remove this Windows virus which you can download free of charge*:

- Microsoft Live OneCare Safety Scanner - free application
- Microsoft Live OneCare - 90 day trial version
- McAfee - 30 day trial version
- Symantec Norton Anti-Virus - 30 day trial version

After installing an anti-virus application, you should attach your Video iPod to your Windows computer and run the anti-virus program. If your Windows system is infected with this virus, an alert will be triggered and inform you that the virus has been detected and either quarantined or removed. You should then use iTunes 7 to easily restore the software on your newly purchased Video iPod.

Because this Windows virus propagates via mass storage devices, we recommend that you scan any mass storage devices that you have recently attached to your Windows computers such as external hard drives, digital cameras with

removable media, and USB flash drives.

While this Windows virus does not affect Mac OS X or the iPod itself, Mac customers can use iTunes 7 to easily restore the software on their newly purchased Video iPod to ensure that it does not carry this Windows virus. The Video iPod can then be used on a Windows computer without concern.

<http://www.apple.com/support/windowsvirus/> 🍏

Apple Reports Preliminary Fourth Quarter Results Ships Record 1.61 Million Macs

Apple® announced preliminary financial results for its fiscal 2006 fourth quarter ended September 30, 2006. These preliminary results may be subject to significant adjustment as a result of a likely restatement of historical results.

The Company posted revenue of \$4.84 billion and net quarterly profit of \$546 million, or \$.62 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$3.68 billion and net profit of \$430 million, or \$.50 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 29.2 percent, up from 28.1 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 40 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 1,610,000 Macintosh® computers and 8,729,000 iPods during the quarter, representing 30 percent growth in Macs and 35 percent growth in iPods over the year-ago quarter.

“This strong quarter caps an extraordinary year for Apple. Selling more than 39 million iPods and 5.3 million Macs while performing an incredibly complex architecture transition is something we are all very proud of,” said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. *“Looking forward, 2007 is likely to be one of the most exciting new product years in Apple's history.”* 🍏

More Tips

Silence the Volume Keys

Q: When I adjust the volume of my Mac using the volume keys on my keyboard, my Mac makes a beep every time I press a key. How do I shut it up?

A: Hold down the shift key while pressing the volume keys on your keyboard to silence the beeps.

Alternatively, you can squelch volume-key feedback for good: Open System Preferences, click the “Sound Effects” tab, and uncheck the box labeled “Play Feedback

When Volume Keys Are Pressed.”

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Switching Applications

Have a number of applications open and need to switch to one of them? Hold down the Command key and press the Tab key. Apple Pickers MUG, Indianapolis, IN

New Mac Book Pros *continued from page 1*

Apple has enhanced Mac OS® X to take advantage of the technology advances from Intel's Core 2 Duo processors, resulting in increased performance in professional applications like Aperture™ 1.5, Final Cut Pro® 5 and Logic Pro 7.

Ideal for business and creative professionals, MacBook Pro delivers advanced performance including 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory expandable up to 3GB, ATI Mobility Radeon X1600 graphics with up to 256MB of dedicated GDDR3 graphics memory, and a double-layer SuperDrive™ for burning professional-quality DVDs. With the latest high-performance connectivity options, every new MacBook Pro includes built-in 10/100/1000 BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet for high-speed networking, built-in AirPort Extreme® and Bluetooth 2.0+EDR (Enhanced Data Rate), a FireWire 800 and a FireWire 400 port, combination analog and optical digital audio input and output ports, an ExpressCard/34 expansion card slot, and a DVI video output to connect up to a 30-inch Apple Cinema HD Display.

MacBook Pro comes with Apple's MagSafe™ Power Adapter that magnetically couples the power cord to the MacBook Pro and safely disconnects when there is strain on the power cord, preventing the notebook from falling off its work surface. Apple now offers a new MagSafe Airline Adapter that makes using the MacBook Pro on an airplane even more convenient by connecting to in-seat power ports for continued productivity throughout the duration of a flight. MacBook Pro also includes an illuminated keyboard, Apple's Sudden Motion Sensor that is designed to protect the hard drive in case of a fall, and a Scrolling TrackPad to easily scroll through long web pages or pan across large photographs. 🍏

New Epson Printers Introduced

Epson America announced it's shipping its new line of "Ultra Hi-Definition" photo printers, including the Stylus Photo R260 and R380 photo printers and the RX580 photo all-in-one. The printers cost \$129.99, \$199.99 and \$199.99 respectively.

The printers utilize six-color ink tanks and Epson's "Claria" ink. They produce photo prints at up to 5,760 x 1,440 optimized dots per inch (DPI) and feature PictBridge support for direct printing from compatible cameras. All three printers can produce a 4 x 6-inch borderless photo in 13 seconds in draft mode and a "better-than-lab quality" 4 x 6 photo in 32 seconds. They can print up to 30 pages per minute in black and white. The Claria ink used by the three printers comes in individual cartridges.

The R260 is Epson's new entry-level photo printer; it can

also print directly to printable CD and DVD media.

The R380 adds a 3.5-inch color LCD display and memory card slots to enable you to print without having a PC attached. It features automatic photo correction with red-eye reduction, as well.

The RX580 touts a 2.5-inch color LCD and, as an all-in-one system, features printing, copying and scanning capabilities.

All printers are compatible with Mac OS X v10.3.9 or Mac OS X v10.4 and work with PowerPC and Intel-based Macs. 🍏

Book Review

iWoz

How I invented the personal computer, co-founded Apple, and had fun doing it.

by Steve Wozniak with Gina Smith

W. W. Norton & Company

\$25.95 hardback, 313 pages including pictures and glossary.

This book takes you through the childhood of not only Steve Wozniak but that of the computer industry in general in Silicon Valley.

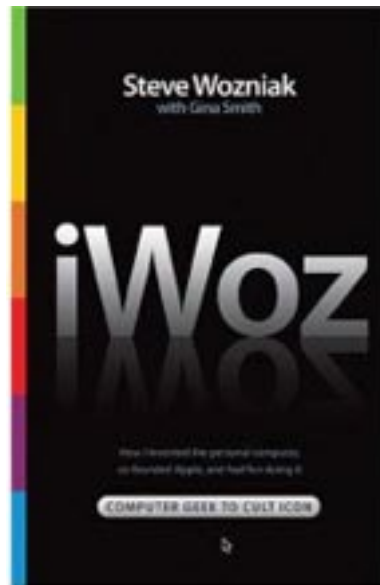
Steve describes his interest in electronics which he inherited from his father, a Lockheed employee and former QB for Cal Tech. Woz takes you through his phone freakin and TV jamming exploits and his friends in the Homenrew Computer Club.

How he sketched out in the early 70s a computer design he calls the Cream Soda computer. A computer he could not build due to the cost of the parts and the inaccessibility of them. As the years pass the parts get made smaller and cheaper until a June 29, 1975 night when it all came together in reality

as the first personal computer in the world.

His friendship with a younger Steve Jobs and how certain other people seem to guide his life at crucial junctions to form Apple Computer. Steve's near death plane accident and following memory problems which side track him for a while. His relationships with his father, wives and other early computer pioneers.

It is an enjoyable read which seems to end too quickly just as everything comes together. *continued on page 5*



Apple Announces iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED Special Edition

Portion of Proceeds Contributed to The Global Fund to Fight AIDS

Apple® announced the iPod® nano (PRODUCT) RED Special Edition. (RED) was created by U2 lead singer Bono and Bobby Shriver to engage business in the fight against AIDS in Africa by getting the world's most iconic companies to make uniquely branded products. A portion of the profits from these products goes directly to the Global Fund to fund programs for women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. The iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED comes in a beautiful red aluminum enclosure and features 24 hours of battery life, Apple's innovative Click Wheel and an incredibly thin and light design. Apple will contribute \$10 from the sale of each iPod nano (PRODUCT) RED to the Global Fund to help fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. Apple will also offer a \$25 iTunes® (PRODUCT) RED gift card available for purchase at Apple's retail and online stores next month.

"We're ecstatic that Apple is giving their customers the choice to buy a red iPod nano and help women and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa," said Bono, co-founder of (RED).



"Now customers can buy the best music player in the world and do something to help the world at the same time," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We're honored to work with Bono, (RED) and this team to contribute to an incredibly important initiative and help change the way people think about AIDS in Africa." The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria was established in 2002, with the support of the world's leaders and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, to dramatically increase resources to fight three of the world's most devastating diseases, and to direct those resources to areas of greatest need by supporting locally-driven strategies. To date, the Global Fund has committed \$5.2 billion (US) to more than 363 programs in 131 countries. For more information about (RED) please visit www.joinred.com.

The 4GB nano RED is available for \$199,
8GB nano RED is available for \$249. 🍏



iPod Shuffle is now available in Stores

The 1 GB iPod shuffle introduced by Apple in early September has finally started shipping and is available in stores. Apple has also announced they will be given to every Apple employee. The iPod shuffle measures about 1 inch by 1 1/2 inches and comes with headphones and a USB dock/charger. It retails for \$79. The littlest music player incorporates a clip into its construction. 🍏

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This book may appeal to the nerds out there more than others because Steve is the geek extraordinaire who was always inventing.

Steve Wozniak was inducted into the "National Inventors Hall of Fame" in 2000 for "single handily inventing the worlds first personal computer". He is also the recipient of the US National Medal of Technology in 1985 and a recipient of the Heinz Award plus numerous other awards and accolades. For Steve it wasn't about being rich or famous, it was born out of a natural curiosity and passion for engineering.

For Apple history seekers you can't miss out on employee #1's trip through time and the early days of Apple. Steve is still an Apple employee and still entitled to the employee discount at Apple stores. He takes special pride and enjoyment in seeing the reaction of the sales staff when asked to provide his employee number.

Check out www.woz.org to see what else Steve is up to lately and other links to classic videos and pictures as well as other information. 🍏

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