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MACWORLD 2009

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The 2009 edition of Macworld kicked off this week in San Francisco.

Apple announced in December that this year is the last year the company will exhibit at Macworld Expo. This will be Apple's last keynote at the show.

Apple is reaching more people in more ways than ever before, so like many companies, trade shows have become a very minor part of how Apple reaches its customers. The increasing popularity of Apple's Retail Stores, which more than 3.5 million people visit every week, and the Apple.com website enable Apple to directly reach more than a hundred million customers around the world in innovative new ways.

Apple has been steadily scaling back on trade shows in recent years, including NAB, Macworld New York, Macworld Tokyo and Apple Expo in Paris.

The Expo will continue according to IDG the Macworld publisher.

See articles inside this issue for more detailed information about the announcements made at Macworld. 🍏

New EyeTV Hybrid Introduced

State-of-the-Art TV Reception

When it comes to TV tuners, advances in technology constantly raise the bar on performance. We are pleased to introduce you to the new EyeTV Hybrid, featuring the latest in state-of-the-art demodulator and TV tuner technology* for superb reception.

FM Radio

EyeTV Hybrid receives both digital and analog TV, including HDTV, by cable and antenna. What's more, you can listen to your favorite FM radio broadcasts in EyeTV and record them to enjoy later on your iPod. And of course, we're proud of EyeTV Hybrid's sleek new and very Mac-like design.

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🍏 BAC January Meeting 🍏

The January 10th meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core will begin at 10:00am more or less and the topic will be website development using Rapid Weaver, presented by Mr. Kurt Fattig, BAC secretary.

Arrive early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and enlightening discussions.

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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.

Treasurer still needed for Board of Directors

BAC PROGRAMS NEEDED

The BAC is constantly in need of program ideas and speakers. A few of our planned topics for the coming year are:

- Website development with Rapid-Weaver
- Presentations with Keynote
- iPhone development
- Cool stuff with Numbers
- Toast

If you have any ideas or contacts with potential presenters please let the board know.

Don't forget our new training CDs for Leopard MAC OS X 10.5.

Also we still have the OS X 10.4 "Tiger" training CDs available as well. Contact Luther Fuller for more information or go to our website.

Music Apps for the iPhone and iPod Touch

A couple of apps that caught my attention are Organist and Pianist. Both are from Moo Cow Music.

When plugged into an external speaker the sound is very realistic.

You can adjust the number of keys on the screen or use a dual keyboard. The more keys you put on the screen the smaller they are.

http://moocowmusic.com

Apple Faces New Lawsuit

Apple is facing a new class-action lawsuit claiming the company's iMac displays start to show unwanted vertical lines, which Apple is refusing to fix under warranty.

Florida resident Aram Hovsepian filed the 13-page complaint in a Northern California court last week on behalf of himself and "thousands" of other customers who purchased iMacs with the "latent defect."

According to the suit, faulty transistors and/or connections are causing the vertical lines to appear. Hovsepian alleges Apple is aware of the problem and thus is committing consumer fraud through its negligence in addressing the issue.

"Apple failed to warn consumers about the common design and manufacturing defects with iMac display screens," the complaint says. "Instead Apple remained silent knowing its iMac display screens would malfunction while consumers purchased iMacs, made warranty claims arising from the vertical lines on the display screens, and made out of warranty repairs related to the vertical line problem."

Attorneys for Hovsepian are seeking compensatory damages in the form of reimbursement plus interest for the faulty hardware, along with attorneys' fees and expenses.

The complaint further alleges that the one-year display warranties are "invalid and not enforceable."



RapidWeaver Website Development

Everything you Need

With powerful tools under the hood, yet a beautifully-familiar user interface built especially for Mac OS X Leopard, RapidWeaver is ideal for anyone looking to create a beautiful website. Whether it's your first or five-hundredth website, RapidWeaver has all the tools you need quickly create pages you'll be proud of.

If you're looking to see what's possible with RapidWeaver, why not visit our own special demo site or the RapidWeaver Showcase?

Power at your Fingertips

Whether you're wanting to create a personal blog or podcast, a Photo Album of a new family arrival built directly from your iPhoto library or a sleek new site for your business, RapidWeaver's ten built-in page types are the best toolkit you could ask for when it comes to building your next website.

Publish Anywhere

RapidWeaver takes the pain out of publishing your site, supporting almost every webhost around thanks to its built-in support for FTP, SFTP and MobileMe (with Personal Domains).

If you don't have a host yet, don't worry: we also offer hosting packages that are the perfect companion to RapidWeaver.

See RapidWeaver In Action

For video quick tours go to:

<http://www.realmacsoftware.com/rapidweaver/tour/>

Built for Leopard

RapidWeaver is exclusive to the Mac, and it makes use of all the great new technologies Mac OS X has to offer. RapidWeaver 4.2 takes full advantage of Leopard technologies, including Core Animation and Quick Look as well as integrating with iLife.

Critically Acclaimed

RapidWeaver 4 leads the way for web design on the Mac, and continues to receive fantastic reviews and awards from the major Mac publications.

Is there a demo to try?

Yes! RapidWeaver can be downloaded from our website and run on your Mac for as long as you like. The only limitation of the demo is that you can create a maximum of three pages per site file. Other than the three page limit, the demo is fully functional.

System Requirements

RapidWeaver 4: Mac OS X Leopard 10.5.2 or greater, 50

MB disk space.

RapidWeaver 3.6.x: Mac OS X 10.4.3 or Mac OS X 10.5.2 or greater, 50 MB disk space. 


Changes Coming to the iTunes Store

- * All Songs DRM-Free
- * Users Can Download Songs Directly Onto iPhone 3G Over Their 3G Network for the Same Price
- * In April 2009, Songs on iTunes Will be Available at Three Price Points

Apple® announced several changes to the iTunes® Store (www.itunes.com). All four major music labels—Universal Music Group, Sony BMG, Warner Music Group and EMI, along with thousands of independent labels, are now offering their music in iTunes Plus, Apple's DRM-free format with higher-quality 256 kbps AAC encoding for audio quality virtually indistinguishable from the original recordings. iTunes customers can also choose to download their favorite songs from the world's largest music catalog directly onto their iPhone™ 3G over their 3G network just as they do with Wi-Fi today, for the same price as downloading to their computer. And beginning in April, based on what the music labels charge Apple, songs on iTunes will be available at one of three price points: 69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29, with most albums still priced at \$9.99.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer our iTunes customers DRM-free iTunes Plus songs in high quality audio and our iPhone 3G customers the ability to download music from iTunes anytime, anywhere over their 3G network at the same price as downloading to your computer or via Wi-Fi,” said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. “And in April, based on what the music labels charge Apple, songs on iTunes will be available at one of three price points—69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29—with many more songs priced at 69 cents than \$1.29.”

iTunes offers customers a simple, one-click option to easily upgrade their entire library of previously purchased songs to the higher quality DRM-free iTunes Plus format for just 30 cents per song or 30 percent of the album price. The iTunes Store will begin offering eight million of its 10 million songs in Apple's DRM-free format, iTunes Plus, today with the remaining two million songs offered in iTunes Plus by the end of March.

iPhone 3G users can now preview and purchase the entire iTunes Store music catalog on their iPhone 3G over their 3G network, just as they do with Wi-Fi today, for the same price and in the same high quality format. Songs purchased on an iPhone will automatically sync to a user's computer the next time they sync their iPhone. 

Apple Introduces 17-inch MacBook Pro With Revolutionary New Built-in Battery That Delivers Eight Hours of Use & 1,000 Recharges

Apple® unveiled the new 17-inch MacBook® Pro featuring a durable and beautiful precision aluminum unibody enclosure, and a revolutionary new built-in battery that delivers up to eight hours of use and up to 1,000 recharges for more than three times the lifespan of conventional notebook batteries. The new 17-inch MacBook Pro has a high resolution LED-backlit display and the same large glass Multi-Touch™ trackpad introduced with the new MacBook family in October. In addition, the new 17-inch MacBook Pro includes state of the art NVIDIA graphics and the latest generation Intel Core 2 Duo mobile processors. As part of the industry's greenest notebook family, the new 17-inch MacBook Pro is made of highly recyclable materials, meets stringent energy efficiency standards and is made without many of the harmful toxins found in other computers.

“We’ve developed new battery technology that is better for the user and better for the environment,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “Apple’s advanced chemistry and innovative technology deliver up to eight hours of use on a full charge cycle and up to 1,000 recharges.”

Apple uses advanced chemistry, intelligent monitoring of the system and battery, and Adaptive Charging technology to create a revolutionary new notebook battery that delivers up to eight hours of wireless productivity on a single charge and up to 1,000 recharges without adding thickness, weight or cost to the MacBook Pro’s incredible design.* The longer battery lifespan equals fewer depleted batteries and less waste, which is better for the environment.

The new 17-inch MacBook Pro includes an ultra-thin, widescreen glossy 1920 x 1200 display with 78 percent more pixels than the 15-inch MacBook Pro and a 60 percent greater color gamut that delivers desktop-quality color in a notebook. The LED-backlit display has brilliant instant-on performance, uses up to 30 percent less energy and eliminates the mercury found in industry standard fluorescent tube backlights.

Measuring just 0.98-inches thin and weighing 6.6 pounds, the 17-inch MacBook Pro is the world’s thinnest and lightest 17-inch notebook. The 17-inch MacBook Pro is the most powerful Mac® notebook yet with the latest Intel Core 2 Duo processors available up to 2.93 GHz, up to 8GB DDR3 main memory and a graphics architecture that allows users to switch between the NVIDIA GeForce 9400M integrated graphics processor for better battery life and the powerful NVIDIA GeForce 9600M GT discrete graphics processor for higher performance. The new 17-inch MacBook Pro

includes a 320GB 5400 rpm hard drive standard with a 320GB 7200 rpm hard drive and 128GB and 256GB solid state drives as options. As with the rest of the new MacBook family, the 17-inch MacBook Pro includes a next generation, industry-standard Mini DisplayPort to connect with the new Apple LED Cinema Display featuring a 24-inch LED-backlit widescreen display with a built-in iSight® video camera, mic and speakers.

The new 17-inch MacBook Pro joins the aluminum unibody MacBook family in setting new standards for environmentally friendly notebooks with every model achieving EPEAT Gold status.** Each MacBook unibody enclosure is made of highly recyclable aluminum and comes standard with energy efficient LED-backlit displays that are mercury-free and made with arsenic-free glass. The new MacBook family meets stringent Energy Star 4.0 requirements, contains no brominated flame retardants and uses internal cables and components that are PVC-free. The battery in the new 17-inch MacBook Pro provides additional environmental benefit because its extended lifespan means fewer depleted batteries resulting in less waste. Depleted batteries can be replaced for \$179 which includes installation and disposal of your old battery in an environmentally responsible manner. 🍏

Apple Introduces iLife '09 Major Upgrades to iPhoto, iMovie & GarageBand

Apple® introduced iLife® '09, which features major upgrades to iPhoto®, iMovie® and GarageBand®, and includes iDVD® and an updated version of iWeb™. iPhoto '09 builds on the ability to automatically organize photos into Events by adding Faces and Places as breakthrough new ways to easily organize and manage your photos. iMovie '09 expands on the revolutionary super fast movie creation introduced in iMovie '08 by adding the depth users want through powerful easy-to-use new features such as the incredible new Precision Editor, video stabilization, advanced drag and drop, and animated travel maps. GarageBand '09 introduces a whole new way to help you learn to play piano and guitar with 18 basic lessons and optional lessons from top artists such as Sara Bareilles, John Fogerty, Norah Jones and Sting. iLife '09 is included with every new Mac® purchase and available as a \$79 upgrade for existing users.

“iLife continues to be one of the biggest reasons our customers choose to get a Mac,” said Steve Jobs, Apple’s CEO. “With iLife '09, we’ve made working with photos, making movies and learning to play music a lot more fun, and iMovie users are especially going to love the advanced but easy-to-use new features.”

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iPhoto '09 makes it even easier to browse and search photos, not only by when they were shot (Events), but by who appears in them (Faces) and where they were taken (Places). iPhoto automatically scans photos to detect people's faces and when you assign a name to any face iPhoto will automatically find more pictures of that person. The library can be searched by name or browsed using the new Faces View. Places automatically imports photo location data from a GPS-enabled camera or any iPhone™ or you can manually assign a location to any photo, group of photos or event. Once iPhoto knows where photos were taken, you can easily explore them with a simple search or an interactive map. iPhoto '09 lets you easily publish photos to Facebook or Flickr. Photos published to Facebook include assigned names, and name tags added on Facebook sync back to iPhoto. You can also share photos by creating a themed slideshow to play on your Mac, iPhone or iPod®, or create a beautiful travel book, complete with customized maps of your journey.

iMovie '09 adds powerful, yet easy-to-use new features to let you create a movie quickly, or add refinements and special effects to your project if you have more time. Drag and drop one clip on top of another to reveal new advanced editing options, including replace, insert, audio only, and even picture-in-picture or green screen. With the revolutionary Precision Editor, you can skim and click on a magnified filmstrip to view clips up close and fine tune any edit, like identifying precisely how much to keep, where to cut, use sound from one clip with video from another and more. iMovie '09 analyzes video and reduces camera shake in clips when added to your project. New titles, transitions, cinematic effects, speed changes and animated travel maps add professional polish to your movie. 🍏



OPEN LETTER from Steve Jobs

“Dear Apple Community,

For the first time in a decade, I'm getting to spend the holiday season with my family, rather than intensely preparing for a Macworld keynote.

Unfortunately, my decision to have Phil deliver the Macworld keynote set off another flurry of rumors about my health, with some even publishing stories of me on my deathbed.

I've decided to share something very personal with the Apple community so that we can all relax and enjoy the show tomorrow. As many of you know, I have been losing weight throughout 2008. The reason has been a mystery to me and my doctors. A few weeks ago, I decided that getting to the root cause of this and reversing it needed to become my #1 priority.

Fortunately, after further testing, my doctors think they have found the cause - a hormone imbalance that has been “robbing” me of the proteins my body needs to be healthy. Sophisticated blood tests have confirmed this diagnosis.

The remedy for this nutritional problem is relatively simple and straightforward, and I've already begun treatment. But, just like I didn't lose this much weight and body mass in a week or a month, my doctors expect it will take me until late this Spring to regain it. I will continue as Apple's CEO during my recovery.

I have given more than my all to Apple for the past 11 years now. I will be the first one to step up and tell our Board of Directors if I can no longer continue to fulfill my duties as Apple's CEO. I hope the Apple community will support me in my recovery and know that I will always put what is best for Apple first.

So now I've said more than I wanted to say, and all that I am going to say, about this.

Steve”

PERRY COMPUTER SPECIALS OF THE MONTH

MACBOOK 13IN 2.4GHZ C2D/2G/160GB/SD/WHITE Normal price \$1299.00 now \$1050.00

Leica Camera C-Lux 3 \$100.00 Rebate ends January 31, 2009

Leica Camera D-Lux 4 \$150.00 Rebate ends January 31, 2009

Leica Camera M8 \$1500.00 Rebate ends January 31, 2009

Leica Lens For M8 Some have a \$300.00 rebate ends January 31, 2009

Some iPods are on sale.

Also, Meade telescopes are in stock



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