

Please e-mail your questions or comments to Bill Henry, Editor (henryw@bellsouth.net)



July-August 2009

Vol. 31, No. 7-8

Inside this issue

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Jobs Transplant..... | 1 |
| Snow Leopard Preview..... | 1 |
| BAC July Meeting..... | 1 |
| Mac Tip..... | 2 |
| iPhone SMS Patch..... | 2 |
| Tablet Rumors..... | 2 |
| Snow Leopard..... | 2 |
| Mac Tip..... | 3 |
| Delicious Library App..... | 3 |
| AT&T Auto WiFi Connect..... | 3 |
| MS Office Update..... | 4 |
| Apple 3rd Qtr Results..... | 4 |
| Airplane Mode Tips..... | 4 |
| ApplePremiumLaptop Share..... | 5 |
| Compress PDF..... | 5 |
| Display Ads..... | 6 |

Steve Jobs Receives Liver Transplant

James D. Eason, M.D., program director at Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, chief of transplantation and professor of surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center confirmed today, with the patient's permission, that Steve Jobs received a liver transplant at Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute in partnership with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

Mr. Jobs underwent a complete transplant evaluation and was listed for transplantation for an approved indication in accordance with the Transplant Institute policies and United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) policies.

He received a liver transplant because he was the patient with the highest MELD score (Model for End-Stage Liver Disease) of his blood type and, therefore, the sickest patient on the waiting list at the time a donor organ became available. Mr. Jobs is now recovering well and has an excellent prognosis.

The Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute, partnering with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, performed 120 liver transplants in 2008 making it one of the ten largest liver transplant centers in the United States. We provide transplants to patients regardless of race, sex, age, financial status, or place of residence. Our one year patient and graft survival rates are among the best in the nation and were a dominant reason in Mr. Jobs's choice of transplant centers.

We respect and protect every patient's private health information and cannot reveal any further information on the specifics of Mr. Jobs's case.

In Steve Jobs absence the chief operating officer at Apple, Mr. Tim Cook has been acting CEO.

<http://imgtfy.com/?q=tim+cook+apple+wiki>

Snow Leopard Preview Tidbit

The all-new, exactly-the-same Finder. The Finder has been completely rewritten to take advantage of the new technologies in Snow Leopard, including 64-bit support and Grand Central Dispatch. It's more responsive from top to bottom, with snappier performance throughout the Finder. And it includes new features such as customizable
continued on page 2



Apple BAC August Meeting

The August meeting of the Birmingham Apple Core will begin at 10:00 am on August 8th and the topic was unknown at press time. Arrive early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and enlightening discussions.

2009 BAC Board of Directors

PRESIDENT/PEEL EDITOR

Bill Henry

henryw@bellsouth.net

VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAM CHAIR

Jim Hillhouse

jhill@hillhouse.com

SECRETARY

Kurt Fattig

kurt@kurtfattig.com

WEBMASTER

Ragnar Flatland

flatrag@mac.com

MEMBERSHIP

Open

TREASURER

Open

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

LIBRARIAN

Luther Fuller

lutherfuller@me.com

The Apple PEEL is the official newsletter of the Birmingham Apple Core Macintosh User Group. It is free to members as a benefit of membership. Unless otherwise noted within the articles, all material published herein February be reprinted without permission by any not-for-profit Apple User Group provided proper credit is given to the author(s) and the proper publication.

Instead of placing a trademark symbol on each occurrence of a trademark name, we state that we have used trademark names for editorial purposes only, for the benefit of the trademark owners, with no intent to infringe on those trademarks.

©Copyright 2009

For Sale/Wanted

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 free of charge to current members.

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

Positions of Treasurer and Membership Chair are still desperately needed for BAC Board

Mac TIP**Sneak a Peek at a Deleted File**

Excerpted from Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard: Peachpit Learning Series by Robin Williams

If you've done a Spotlight search in Time Machine to find a lost or deleted file, you could end up trawling through dozens of Finder windows to find what you need. To get a quick look at a file before taking the time to restore and open it, make sure that the item listing is highlighted in the Finder window, and then tap the spacebar to show a magnified Quick Look. To close the Quick Look preview, tap the spacebar again, or click the Close button in the upper-left corner of the Quick Look window. 🍏

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. 🍏

iPhone 3.0.1 update patches SMS flaw

Just in case you thought Saturday was too long to wait for an iPhone security patch, no reason to worry: Apple on Friday released iPhone Software Update 3.0.1, which fixes the SMS vulnerability demonstrated at the Black Hat security conference on Thursday. Earlier on Friday, U.K. wireless operator O2 said Apple would release the fix on Saturday.

The flaw, disclosed by security researchers Charlie Miller and Collin Mulliner, could have allowed a vulnerable phone, such as an iPhone, to be taken over remotely. Apple attributes the flaw in the CoreTelephony framework to a memory corruption issue in the decoding of SMS messages, and credits the find to Miller and Mulliner.

The hefty software update—yes, even an update with just one fix means downloading the entire OS again—is available via iTunes; the exact size varies de-

pending on which version of iPhone is being updated. iPhone users can get the update by connecting their phones to their computers and clicking the "Check for Update" button in iTunes.

Once again, the world is safe for text messaging—well, unless you're texting while driving; Apple has still issued no patch for stupidity. Now we can move on to other pressing issues, like when exactly AT&T will deign to roll out the multimedia messaging we've all been waiting for since June.

Apple Tablet Rumors

Multiple sites are reporting that Apple has plans to launch a 10-inch, 3G-enabled tablet, kind of an oversized iPod Touch, if you will. Because it would be 3G-enabled, there's also growing speculation that Apple is tapping Verizon (VZ) to be the carrier partner. Remember: the exclusivity agreement between Apple and AT&T (T) only applies to the iPhone.

Verizon is fast-forwarding its launch of its 4G LTE service to reach markets by Q1 of 2010, instead of the second half of the year. No one is tying it to a device for Apple but TechCrunch's source also noted that "there was talk of at least one non-dongle (wireless card) product that this LTE launch was being specifically geared towards." 🍏

Snow Leopard *cont'd from page 1*

Spotlight search options and an enhanced icon view that lets you thumb through a multipage document or watch a QuickTime movie.

Automatic updates for printer drivers.

Snow Leopard makes sure you always have the most up-to-date driver so you can get the most from your printer. When you plug in a printer, Mac OS X can download the latest driver available over the Internet. And it periodically checks to make sure it has the latest driver. If not, it downloads the newest version through Software Update. Easy. 🍏

Mac Tip of the Week

Excerpted from Apple Training Series: iWork '09 by
Richard Harrington

Need a Camera? Look in Your Mac!

Your Mac is a flexible tool that allows you to import photos from digital cameras or to capture printed images digitally with a scanner. You can also locate websites that offer royalty-free photos for classroom use. What many users forget, however, is that computers like the iMac include a built-in iSight camera that can be used to capture photos.

If you are using an iMac or a Mac laptop, it probably has a built-in iSight camera. While the most common use for this camera is iChat video conferencing, it can also be used to take pictures. Using the Photo Booth application, you can easily capture still photos with the iSight or any digital video camera connected to your Mac. 🍏

Delicious Library app pulled

Amazon recently changed the terms of service for their Product Advertising API, which is in use in applications such as Delicious Library. This is (I believe) the API by which DL gets its book information, and through which it provides links to related items, reviews, etc.

The new license includes this marvellous little tidbit in section 4e:

You will not, without our express prior written approval requested via this link, use any Product Advertising Content on or in connection with any site or application designed or intended for use with a mobile phone or other handheld device.

Wil attempted to contact them through the supplied link to get permission to keep Delicious Library on the store, but was knocked back — they're not making any exceptions right now at all, for anyone. One wonders what the purpose of the link is, in that case?

So, Wil has had to remove Delicious Library for iPhone — which was in production for eight months straight — from the App Store due to a change in licensing conditions. Until Amazon removes this clause or actually does allow exceptions (as opposed to simply claiming to do so for marketing/legal ass-covering purposes) there will be NO Delicious Library for iPhone. At all. 🍏

For tips on Better Googling visit the following website:

<http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?answer=142143>

AT&T Announces Auto-Authentication at WiFi Hotspots

AT&T also announced a welcome piece of news for existing and future iPhone owners. AT&T now supports Wi-Fi “auto-authentication” in the 3.0 firmware. While iPhone customers have had free access to over 20,000 AT&T Wi-Fi hotspots, accessing them required a somewhat cumbersome two-step authentication process using SMS. The new system will eliminate these steps altogether:

Auto-authentication allows iPhone users to seamlessly switch from AT&T's 3G network to an AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot without being prompted. AT&T customers with qualifying iPhone data plans have unlimited access to the nation's largest Wi-Fi network -- more than 20,000 U.S. AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spots.

The new process eliminates the previous two-step authentication, making it easier and faster for iPhone customers to connect to AT&T Wi-Fi.

Auto-connect is established once a customer connects their iPhone to an AT&T Wi-Fi Hot Spot the first time.

The new system is available starting today for all existing iPhone customers who have installed iPhone 3.0 and will also be available to iPhone 3G S owners. 🍏

<http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=4800&cdvn=ne>



Apple COO Tim Cook an Auburn Univ. graduate



How far have we come the last 30 years in which the Birmingham Apple Core has been functioning?

From bulletin boards and dial-up modems to websites, Google groups and broadband access via pocket-sized devices such as the iPhone and iPod Touch.

What wonders await us? 🍏

Microsoft Office 2008 Update SP2 improves speed, stability and compatibility

Microsoft today announced that it will be releasing Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac Service Pack 2 later today, a free update bringing speed enhancements and other new features to the application suite. The update is scheduled to launch at 10:00 AM Pacific Time and will be available on Microsoft's Mac download page and through the Microsoft AutoUpdate application.

Microsoft Corp.'s Macintosh Business Unit (MacBU) released Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac Service Pack 2 (SP2) today -- a midcycle free update that is designed to improve the Office 2008 experience where it matters most to customers: speed, stability and compatibility. SP2 delivers highly requested features throughout the suite as well as a new tool, Document Connection for Mac, that helps improve access and browsing to documents on SharePoint Products and Technologies and Microsoft Office Live Workspace. 🍏

Apple Reports Third Quarter Results Best Non-Holiday Quarter Revenue and Earnings in Apple History

CUPERTINO, California—July 21, 2009—Apple® announced financial results for its fiscal 2009 third quarter ended June 27, 2009. The Company posted revenue of \$8.34 billion and a net quarterly profit of \$1.23 billion, or \$1.35 per diluted share. These results compare to revenue of \$7.46 billion and net quarterly profit of \$1.07 billion, or \$1.19 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Gross mar-

gin was 36.3 percent, up from 34.8 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 44 percent of the quarter's revenue.

In accordance with the subscription accounting treatment required by GAAP, the Company recognizes revenue and cost of goods sold for iPhone™ and Apple TV® over their estimated economic lives. Adjusting GAAP sales and product costs to eliminate the impact of subscription accounting, the corresponding non-GAAP measures* for the quarter are \$9.74 billion of "Adjusted Sales" and \$1.94 billion of "Adjusted Net Income."

Apple sold 2.6 million Macintosh® computers during the quarter, representing a four percent unit increase over the year-ago quarter. The Company sold 10.2 million iPods during the quarter, representing a seven percent unit decline from the year-ago quarter. Quarterly iPhones sold were 5.2 million, representing 626 percent unit growth over the year-ago quarter. 🍏

AIRPLANE MODE TIPS

Warning, turn airplane mode off before updating the software on your iPhone.

Some smaller commercial aircraft and some airlines require you to turn your cell phone completely off and airplane mode is not acceptable.

Apple's instructions are to use airplane mode when permitted by the airline and government regulations, both of which can change.

If you wish to discuss the particulars of this with authorities after you arrive at your destination you are welcome to it.

It doesn't sound particularly appealing to me.

Also do NOT use headphones during the flight attendant's safety instructions or during take-off and landing you may miss critical instructions during an emergency. 🍏

MacBooks 91% of premium notebook market

Apple has virtually complete control of the high-end notebook market in the US, the NPD Group says. In June, MacBooks represented 91 percent of all US portables sold priced over \$1,000. The figure is an increase on an already high 88 percent in May and even higher than in early 2008, when Apple held just 66 percent of the same audience. The jump has already been credited to a 25 percent jump in MacBook sales following the launch of new MacBook Pro models, suggesting the sheer popularity of the new models as the main factor.

The shift has been helped partly by price cuts in Apple's lineup that brought the base prices of its 13-inch and 15-inch aluminum notebooks downwards as well as feature and speed upgrades. Apple also has an unambiguous advantage in the extra-long battery life of its notebooks regardless of size.

Apple's seeming success in the category poses a challenge for Microsoft, whose Laptop Hunters campaign has with certain exceptions focused mostly on the same premium category as Apple and attempted to portray MacBook Pros as unnecessarily expensive compared to Windows systems like the HP HDX16. Price drops on the Macs have at least partly closed the gap and in many cases eliminated central complaints about value for money, such as the amount of RAM on the starter 15-inch MacBook Pro.

To date, Apple has refused to participate in the sub-\$1,000 notebook market beyond the \$999 white MacBook over concerns of performance and quality.

Compress PDF for Smaller File Sizes

This is another one of those "secret, buried-in-a-vault" killer tips that addresses something Mac OS X users have complained about: the file sizes of PDFs that Mac OS X creates are sometimes too big (vs. Adobe's Acrobat PDFs). Believe it or not, there's a way to get smaller PDFs.

Here's how: launch TextEdit, then choose "Print" from the File menu. From the PDF pop-up menu in the bottom-left corner of the dialog, choose "Compress PDF." That's it. It will compress the PDF and call it a day.

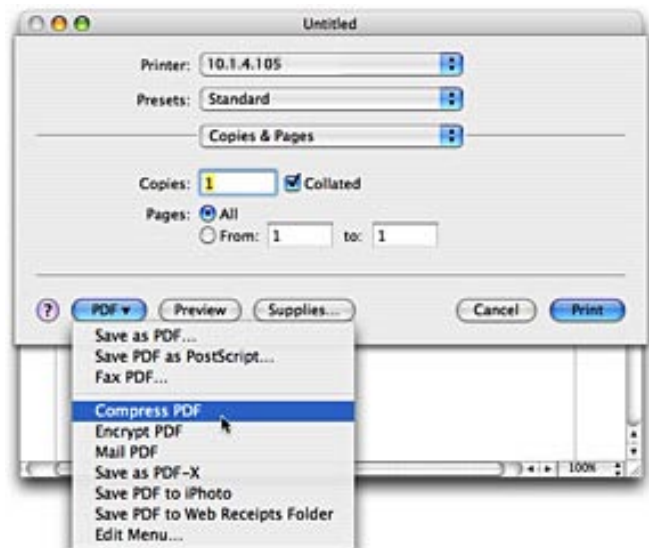
However, if you're charging by the hour, and let's pretend you are, you have a wonderful time-consuming option: Choose "Print" from the File menu, and from the second Presets pop-up menu choose "ColorSync." From the Quartz Filter menu that appears, choose "Add Filters." Click on the three-oval icon in the top-left corner of the dialog that appears, click on the filter named "Reduce File Size," and then click-and-hold on the arrow button to the right of the filter and choose "Duplicate Filter." This creates an unlocked filter you can edit.

Now click on the triangle to the left of the duplicate filter to show its options; this is where you choose what you want. I recommend clicking on the arrow to the left of "Image Compression" and dragging the magic slider that lets you control the amount of JPEG compression your PDF images receive. For smaller file sizes, drag the "Quality Slider" toward "Minimum." Now go back to TextEdit and in the Print dialog, choose "ColorSync" from the second Presets pop-up menu, choose your new filter from the Quartz Filter pop-up menu and click "Print." That's it. (Whew!)

~ Scott Kelby's Mac OS X Tiger Killer Tips, packed with cool inside secrets, slick workarounds, undocumented shortcuts, and sneaky tricks to help you use Mac OS X.



FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING





- Consultation
- Sales
- Installation
- Training
- Digital Imaging Solutions

Authorized
Value Added Reseller
and Service Provider

Chris Perry

1722-B 28th Ave. So., Homewood, AL 35209
Phone (205) 870-7044 Fax (205)780-1944

e-mail: chris@perrycomputer.com
www.perrycomputer.com

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 February 31, 2009

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

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

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

Some iPods are on sale.

Also, Meade telescopes are in stock.



Bill Henry, Editor
2438 Mahaska Drive
Birmingham, AL 35244

*Attend the BAC
Monthly Meeting*

Be sure to check your mailing label for your BAC renewal month.
To renew, mail \$30 to BAC, 2438 Mahaska Drive, Birmingham, AL 35244