



Rmug News

February 2007

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
February 10, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

All Mac users, new & old are invited
to attend the next RMUG general meeting
at:

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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.

Discussion of the latest and greatest
from MacWorld, another Akvis plug in
demo, 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

The most precious gift we all bestow upon our acquaintances is friendship and RMUG is a wonderful place to make friends. I have enjoyed my relationships with-in RMUG and want to inspire future friendships and partnerships. Old timers know the story but for the rest of you I would like to tell the story of three guys who met at an RMUG meeting and went on to found a Macintosh based business right here in River City. Their names were Dale J., Al E. and Gerald (Big Tom) T. and they each contributed the first letter of their last name to name their new company J.E.T. and since they needed a better sounding name on the letterhead they added Technologies and came up with J.E.T. Technologies. Dale was the technology guru and Big Tom did the books and gave verbal life lessons while Al was willing to try anything and everything. After a few years working from their homes J.E.T. Tech moved from 3 home offices to a shared office with Northstate.net on East St. After three months of being in a commercial building they realized there was tremendous potential for growth in Redding & J.E.T. Tech moved to their current building on Yuba St. During the explosive growth Big Tom retired and Dale's girlfriend Dolores joined Al & Dale. Twelve months later John Oswald joined the crew. A few months later Dale's brother and sister-in-law were closing their restaurant and the opportunity came about to hire Kate. After J.E.T. Tech was five years old and had moved to the east end of the 2nd floor Kevin Anderson came to be by way of a graduation requirements at Shasta College and Kevin's willingness to be an unpaid intern as well as his 25 year acquaintance with Dale. In the past few years Dolores and Al have retired and J.E.T. Technologies L.L.C. incorporated with Dale, John, Kate and Kevin being partners. This year J.E.T. Tech moved downstairs to the west end of the building into a much more accessible location and doubled their floor space. J.E.T. Tech has been a labor of love with respect and friendship between the staff and the customers and North State Macintosh users. In conclusion I would like to offer thanks to all the North State Macintosh users for being the wonderful friendly group of people you are. Now what can you do with the friendships you make anywhere else?

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 12 Noon Please 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 242-1800 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.

Presidents Letter CONTINUED:

RMUG rewards membership and attendance with the experiences and knowledge shared freely at monthly meetings and on the RMUG website help forum (click on help at rmug.org). RMUG friendships have a way of sticking with you for life.

Dale Josephson
J.E.T. Technologies L.L.C.

Secretary's Report

MINUTES - RMUG MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2007

The January meeting was held at the home of Jim and Donna Pace. Thank you very much Jim and Donna for hosting a very enjoyable meeting. Twenty-one members and guests attended. One new member joined the club: Linda Finkel. Delores Joaia was a guest. Welcome to both of you!

Jim Pace led the beginner's class, and Dale and Michael fielded questions from the intermediate group. Michael showed us a new screen saver that takes a picture of your desktop, turning it into an aquarium, fills it with water and fish swim. To get this item go to :

www.uselesscreations.com Something Fishy is \$9.50

Are you getting your questions answered at RMUG meetings? Raise your hand and ask your question – and ask again until you are satisfied. Chances are more than one person can benefit from the answer to your question. OR Send an email to rmug@rmug.org with your question. Michael monitors this address. Or Michael holds classes at Anderson Frontier Senior Citizens Center in Anderson on Mondays, 1–3 p.m. AND be sure to check the new Forum.

Get a password from Dale. The address is :

http://www.rmug.org/simpleforum_pro.cgi OR

There is a link to it on the RMUG website, <http://rmug.org/> then click on the "Help" link at the top right.

Four members attended MacWorld. Ron Brink spent time in tutorial booths for cameras and flash equipment. He liked (I think) Linda Books. Eleven hours of training, \$150.00 (\$120 to RMUG members.) He puts the tutorials on his laptop. Ron also liked ArtRage \$20. from www.artrage.com) to assist with creating art. Ron will demo this program at our February meeting, and we are purchasing a copy to raffle.

Secretary's Report CONTINUED:

Dale liked a TV Tuner for his computer that works off an antenna with USB 2.0.

Dale also liked a new Airport Extreme Base Station that does not get interference. From New Radio Technology, \$179. Also, the Apple TV 40 G Hard Drive. \$279. Download material from your computer to it, and put it next to the TV to see your shows on your TV. Can also use music from your computer. There was a great preview of 'Leopard.' It has a rewind feature. Back up your computer. The next night, 'rewind' looks at your computer and backs up anything new. Timbuktu for Mac is like a part of Leopard. If you have broadband, it allows you to get help by remote control. To those of you tempted to use Windows on your Mac, don't unless you absolutely have to.

If you use it and are anywhere near the internet, you will have viruses. Don't leave windows on overnight. If you are asked for your system password at any time – NO! DO NOT give your password unless you are installing programs or updating programs. Do not shut off your Epson Printer except with the shut off switch on the front. Other methods of shutting off will allow heat to still get to the ink jets and cook the ink.

Best back up drives. Dale likes Mercury Elite, Firewire, USB I & II. Michael likes LaCie with a 5-year warranty.

Dale and John are cautious about the LaCie because they can't easily open the box to get at the hard drive if it needs repair.

Other World Computing also has good drives.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 10, 2007, at Yaks Koffee shop.

Charlotte Ruskowitz will demo Discover Your Mac and Ron Brink will demo ArtRage 2.

The Board Meeting will immediately follow the general meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Policies

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

No other individual, group or business may use any portion of this newsletter without prior written permission.

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

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.

<p>AD Rates</p> <p>\$4-business card</p> <p>\$6-quarter page</p> <p>\$9-half page</p> <p>\$15-full page</p>
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Advertisements in the RMUG newsletter will not influence reviews or critiques of hardware, software companies or stories.

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.

Editorial

Our Editor is Out in the Desert somewhere....
I hope this Edition of the Newsletter let's everyone see how important he really is!

M J P

