



# Rmug News

## March 2009

### This Month

RMUG Meeting - Saturday  
March 14, 2009 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Yaks Koffee Shop  
3274 Bechelli Lane  
Redding, CA

Coffee and various eats are available during our "Get Acquainted" time, 9am to 10am. There are classes for "Beginners" and "Intermediate" from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

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## President's Letter

RMUG members would like to invite anyone with an interest in anything Apple to join us on 3/14/2009, the day before the Ides of March, at YAKs Coffee Shop, located at 3274 Bechelli Ln Redding, CA. User Group meetings start at 9AM and we finish at noon.

March will be a meeting no one should miss. Our Beginner and Advanced sessions will open the meeting and shortly after 10AM we will continue with Ron Brink demonstrating iMovie '09. If Ron's presentation is like all of his earlier works we will be impressed with his comprehension and breadth of knowledge on such a new program. I for one am going to be taking notes.

To conclude the March venue we will have a questions & answers (Q&A) session, so make sure you bring your best questions and answers.

I would like to remind members and non-members of the almost free classes on Mondays and Fridays at the Frontier Senior Center in Anderson California. The Senior Center is located at 2081 Frontier Trail. Anderson. Beginning Macintosh and art questions are best handled in the Monday class taught by Michael Peters from 1PM to 3PM. Advanced Apple questions are handled by Dale Josephson at Friday's class from 1PM to 3PM.

Dale Josephson  
RMUG President

# 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 a.m. to 12:00 noon – 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 241-8227 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.

## Secretary's Notes:

MINUTES - RMUG MEETING, FEBRUARY 14, 2009

The February meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Twenty-nine members and guests attended. Guests were Gloria Taylor, Lynette Strause, Arnold and John. Welcome to all!

Dale led the beginners group. Michael answered questions from the rest of the group. If you are interested in another Photosop class, either Beginning or Intermediate, please email Michael at [rmug@rmug.org](mailto:rmug@rmug.org).

Our meeting was on Valentine's Day. The wives of two men in our group asked the Redding Riverside Chorus to serenade their husbands. The group harmonized on two songs. Just beautiful! Thank you, ladies, for treating all of us to the beautiful singing of this men's choral group.

Michael has received new software for raffle from Smith Micro and Pop Cap. You might want to look over their offerings on line at [SmithMicro.com](http://SmithMicro.com) and [Popcap.com](http://Popcap.com). And, please, when you win software in our raffles, write a short review for the newsletter. This helps immensely in our getting more free software to raffle.

Dues are due. \$24/year. Pay to Charlotte Ruskowitz at meeting or send to Charlotte Ruskowitz: 6538 Mossom Lane, Anderson, CA 96007.

Reminder: Macintosh classes are available weekly at Anderson Senior Center. Beginner's class on Mondays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Michael Peters. Advanced class on Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Dale Josephson.

Presentations: Mary Gililand demoed a Slide scanner / reader, Plustek OptiFilm 7300. Mac compatible. 7200 x 7200 dpi optical resolution. Takes both slides and negtive strips. Online PDF Manual. Also has video tutorials. Mary prescans first at 300 dpi to see what she is getting. Then she rescans the ones she wants

to keep in her library using the scanner's Photo Print (highest quality). You can color correct, etc, here if you wish. Mary makes corrections using Photoshop Elements. Thank you, Mary.

Dale demoed the new iPhoto '09. Two new libraries have been added – Faces and Places. Faces employs recognition software - if you select one face, it will find all other photos you have which include that face. Rarely did it make a mistake on a face that was similar. Places also employs recognition software using GPS co-ordinates to recognize where photos were taken. It has excellent maps from Google. GPS coordinates vary slightly by your service provider's towers (AT&T , Verizon, etc.) Dale finds his AT&T coordinates are not as exact as Dolores' Verizon coordinates. Check newer cameras to see if you have GPS capability and if it is turned on. iPhoto '09 is one of the programs included in the new iLife '09, \$79.95. Family packs for 5-users are \$99.99. Thank you, Dale.

Next Meeting at YAKS: March 14, 2009. Ron Brink will demo iMovie' 09

Jacquie Martin, Secretary

## Free Online Movies & TV

Recently, I found a great site that plays "free" full length movies, as well as full TV episodes. The address is: [www.fancast.com/movies](http://www.fancast.com/movies). Granted, many of the movies are what you'd consider "B" quality, but there are a number that are pretty good. The ones I've checked range from the 1950's to the 1990's. Some names I recognize from the past are A Blueprint for Murder, A Pocketful of Miracles, Amityville 11: The Possession, The Happy Hooker, The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959), Beethoven's 2nd (1993). There are many more. What's great is the fact that I didn't have to download anything to view these movies. You can register, but I didn't. At first, I thought the TV

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## Free Movies & TV Episodes Continued

episodes were also old ones. but soon found that some are recent.

submitted by Barbara

## Tip: Screen Capture Options

Mac OS X has a built-in ability to capture screenshots using simple keyboard commands, with shots saved to the Desktop as "Picture 1, 2, 3, etc." This feature can be exceptionally useful for generating documents, or sending system configurations to friends and colleagues. Although most users are aware of the basic functionality of the screen capture feature, there are some hidden features that can really enhance the usability of screenshots.

**Using "Screen Capture"** Here is a list of the known features of "Screen Capture" (using key commands to take screen shots):

- "shift-command-3" -- The basic screenshot, will take an image of the full screen.
- "shift-command-4" -- The "selection" mode, will take a shot of the area outlined by dragging the cursor.
- "shift-command-4" then tapping "Space" -- The "Window" mode, will take a shot of the highlighted window.
- "shift-command-4" dragging, then holding "space" -- Drag mode, will allow the current sized box to be relocated.
- "shift-command-4" then "options" -- The "center" mode, will resize the box focusing on the center.
- "shift-command-4" then "shift" -- The "axis" lock, will resize while locking the movement to one axis, determined by initial mouse movement.
  - Pressing "escape" before releasing the mouse in any mode will cancel the screenshot.

- Holding "control" in any mode (ie: "control-shift-command-3") will output the results to the clipboard instead of to a file, allowing the contents to immediately be pasted into documents.
- Changing the format with "Screen Capture": By default, "screencapture" outputs files in "PNG" format; however, several other common formats are supported. Users can change the file format by entering the following command in the terminal: defaults write com.apple.screencapture type TYPE. In this command, "TYPE" is one of the following: gif, jpg, tiff, pdf, psd, or png.
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  - jpg, tiff, pdf, psd, or png.

from MacFixIt  
submitted by Charlotte

## Bad Hub

Recently I had a USB 2.0 hub go bad so I was in the market for a new hub. Among the features I wanted were "powered" and easy to see ports. My old hub had ports on 3 different sides and stood 7 inches tall. This means behind my monitor USB cables looked like a spaghetti convention. I found a great hub that is about as perfect as I could hope for. The Macally TriHub 7 Port Hi-Speed USB 2.0 Hub is 5 inches long and 1 inch high. It looks like a 3-sided fence post with an attached 4.75-foot long USB 2.0 cable. It also comes with an AC adapter that supports high power devices such as iPod, iPhone or WebCams. The AC adapter has a 5-foot cable. The only shortcoming I can see is the AC adapter is a standard mount so it takes up quite a bit of space if you have to plug it into a standard surge protector. I would give this hub a two thumbs up rating.

Dale j

## Computer Repair

One day last month, when I "woke up" my computer after getting home from work, I noticed a thin green line down the middle of my computer screen (top to bottom). I called Dale and he recommended contacting an approved Apple repair shop in Eureka, CA. I called them on a Wednesday. They immediately told me what they thought the problem was. I gave them my iMac serial # so they could order the part. On Friday (2 days later) I got a call back and was informed that the part had arrived and I could bring my computer in early Monday morning. We went over to Eureka on Sunday afternoon and at 7:30 a.m. Monday I walked my computer to the shop next door. We stayed the night at the Super 8 motel right next door. Before 10:00 a.m. (& before check-out time), they called and said my iMac was ready.

I was glad I was able to take my computer over, rather than shipping it over and back; and worrying until I got it back. The repair shop in Eureka is: Capital Business Machines, (707) 443-9301 and the contact there was: John Wentworth, who is the person that repaired my iMac. I highly recommend using this business whenever you are in need of Apple computer repairs. I purchased my iMac at Best Buy in Redding last March and I also have Apple Care. There was absolutely "no charge" for anything.

submitted by Barbara Phillips

## RMUG RAFFLE WINNER

Several months ago I won one of the games at our RMUG meeting. The game is "Scrabble", from Gamehouse.com. It has been fun and basically easy to play. I've become pretty good at 4 letter words, but any more are still a bit difficult for me to come up with. I love the "Hint" option; you can really get good words with a high count. One of the problems I do have is when you can't play any more letters and you press the "Pass" button, the game (more often than not) won't end. Then you

have to go back to "Menu" to figure out how to start a new game. Sometimes it will ask if, "Are you sure you want to quit the previous game?"

Other than that it is fun to play as well as educational, of course.

Barbara Phillips

## Ink Cartridge Refill

With empty cartridge from my Epson printer, and coupon for a refill that I won at the last RMUG meeting in hand, I journeyed to Advanced Inkjet Solutions, which is located on Hilltop Dr. inside Mail Biz, across from Big Five. I met with Chris, the owner, a pleasant fellow with ink stained hands, who invited me to watch as he carefully refilled my cartridge.

Chris is a wealth of information about ink and printers, and takes about 10 minutes for the process. Back home the cartridge seems to be working seamlessly, and at the regular price of \$9.99, I expect to be visiting Chris often as my ink gets used up.

Chuck Bower

I've been using Advanced Inkjet Solutions for 2 or 3 years, for my Epson Printer, which takes 3 colored cartridges, and one black. Chris always has remanufactured cartridges for my printer in stock. Purchasing my cartridges at this business cuts the cost of new cartridges in half, and I've never had a problem. Since I live in Red Bluff, I try to always keep extra cartridges in stock.

Barbara Benefield

## Find Out How

While a good book is arguably the best medium for learning new things about your Mac, it can be good to have easily accessible, bite-sized pieces of information that provide an illustrated introduction to various topics.

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## Find Out How Continued

Apple has recently consolidated its copious and varied tutorial materials, both text and video, in a website at [www.apple.com/findouthow](http://www.apple.com/findouthow).

In browsing the introductory "Basics" page with its many links below the main graphic, don't overlook the fact that there are links to other main sections of the site (Photos, Movies, Web, Music etc.) above that graphic.

Each page on the site has considerable depth, so don't forget to scroll down as you browse.

It would certainly take quite a while to chew through all that's there. Just be mindful of your download allowance if you enjoy the videos!

AUSOM News, Melbourne, Australia  
from MacFixIt  
submitted by Charlotte

## Who Does What

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee.'

The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.'

Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.'

Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.'

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says ..... 'HEBREWS'

## Blu-Ray Players

Forget about DVD players. This year, Blu-ray players will sell for about \$150. Off-brand players may even dip to \$100.

Not all Blu-ray players are equal, though. Profile 2.0, or BD-Live, players are the most advanced. For example, they connect to the Internet so you can download additional content.

You'll still find Profile 1.1, or BonusView, players on store shelves. You may even see Profile 1.0 players. Skip Profile 1.0 players. Profile 1.1 players are fine if you don't care about bonus content.

Most Blu-ray players cannot be upgraded. So, make sure you know which profile a player supports before buying. It should say somewhere on the box.

## Wi-Fi-FreeSpot

If you're traveling with a wireless laptop, and are looking for "free" Wi-Fi, try [www.wififreespot.com](http://www.wififreespot.com). The Wi-Fi-FreeSpot™ Directory is a listing of locations that offer Free Wi-Fi. USA State-by-State listings come first with Europe and other regions of the World listed further down the page.

State pages have an alphabetical listing of Cities and Towns with Free Wi-Fi locations. In addition to the main State-by-State listings, there are several specialty listing pages.

- [Companies \(like Panera Bread\) with multiple locations with Free Wi-Fi](#)
- [Airports with Free Wi-Fi](#)
- [Hotel, Motel, Inn and Resort National and Regional Chains with Free Wi-Fi](#)
- [RV Parks and Campgrounds with Free Wi-Fi](#)
- [Vacation Rental Properties with Free Wi-Fi for Renters](#)

submitted by Barbara Benefield

## Beware

Recently I needed to reuse an archived document that I had backed up onto a Memorex CD-R just 4 years ago. When I put it into my CD tray, nothing showed up on my desktop. I tried another computer -- same thing. I tried two external CD-R devices -- same thing. I tried several other CDs burned at the same time containing other files -- none were readable, although they were readable immediately after burning, because I added their contents to my CD Finder database soon after burning.

When I contacted Memorex via its website, all I got was boilerplate messages that did not address my problem. I could not find any phone number for tech support of its site. All of my archived files are now lost forever. Whatever happened to the promise that CDs would last 50-100 years?

This reminded me of when I purchased several Memorex VHS tapes and sent in its coupon for a \$3 rebate. All I received from them was a letter stating that I didn't complete the rebate form correctly.

I will NEVER purchase anything again from Memorex. I suggest you do the same!

*Paul Taylor, Editor mac-hints-tips.com  
January issue  
submitted by Charlotte*

## **Feedback to Beware of Memorex!** *February issue]*

Last month I wrote about the dangers of using Memorex CD-R media. I

received the following email from Adrien Coblentz, one of our readers: "I've just thrown out a box of 50 disks after trying to copy photos to them and getting 'not verified' messages on nine in a row. I'm luckier than you -- they bombed before I trusted them."

*Adrien Coblentz*  
submitted by Charlotte

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## Apple Mail

Hey all.... In Apple Mail, did you ever click to send an email and right away want to stop it? Just click the Command & Zero keys & the activity window pops up with a red stop sign. Click on the stop sign & it will stop sending. If you are quick enough that is ;) Then it will be in the out box & you can double click it to edit if you wish and then send again.

Charlotte

## 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:

Barbara Benefield  
E- mail submissions to:  
*bbenefie@clearwire.net*  
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 below. 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><b>AD Rates</b></p> <p><b>\$4-business card</b></p> <p><b>\$6-quarter page</b></p> <p><b>\$9-half page</b></p> <p><b>\$15-full page</b></p>
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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

This is a discovery that Charlotte made. I just tested it, and it could be a lifesaver.

In Apple Mail, did you ever click to send an email and right away want to stop it? Just click the Command & Zero keys & the activity window pops up with a red stop sign. Click on the stop sign & it will stop sending. However, you have to be quick. If you succeed in stopping your message, it will go in your out box & you can double click it to edit if you wish and then, send again.

Thanks Charlotte, and thanks to all who sent articles this month. It makes my job so much easier.

Barbara



# HISTORY

John Kennedy once said to an assembled group of scholars in the White House,

"I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House - with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

The quotes below prove his point.

When we get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, we shall become as corrupt as Europe  
Thomas Jefferson

The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not.  
Thomas Jefferson

It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world.  
Thomas Jefferson

I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.  
Thomas Jefferson

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.  
Thomas Jefferson

No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.  
Thomas Jefferson

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.  
Thomas Jefferson

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants.  
Thomas Jefferson

## **And here's a Very Interesting Quote:**

In light of the present financial crisis, it's interesting to read what Thomas Jefferson said in 1802:

Banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.

Submitted by Louise Zegers