



Rmug News

July 2010

This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday morning
July 10, 2010 9-11:30 a.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"

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President's Letter

Is Google Chrome web browser really that good? Yes.

Over the last couple of weeks I have been starting Safari 5.0 and Chrome 5.0 and I have seen a hundred incidents of websites that balk at Safari for 1 to 3 minutes and 75% of the time Chrome will surf right in and open the problem page. I have read where both Safari and Chrome are built on Apple's WebKit but it has been my experience Chrome is quickly opening web pages that are so frustrating in Safari that I would probably move on and skip the website if not for Chrome.

Most of you know I am a diehard "stock Mac is good" kind of guy so the previous paragraph was hard to write but at the same time it gives the Apple Development Team something to set their sites on equaling. And as a side note I have started testing Firefox 3.6 and it is approximately equal to Safari.

This last month I found an amazing source of information that has been staring me in the face for quite some time. It is inside of the iTunes Store. Go across the top bar to where you see podcasts and click on the small triangle just to the right and then scroll down to your favorite category. Currently I am using and investigating Technology and the 120 listed titles appear to be just the tip of the iceberg. As an example click on any of the Photo Shop links and when the page opens scroll down the page and there are 10 more titles in the horizontal scroll bar. And if you want to do a search just type a name in the Store Search on the top right corner of iTunes and you may or may not get what you are looking for as the search includes the whole store not just the free podcasts. The Podcast I like the best so far is the instructional videos for Freeway, the web page tool I use to build the RMUG website. Here are a few links I believe some of you may enjoy:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/photoshop-cs5-online/id183094736>

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/microsoft-office-2008-for/id299746832>

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/valley-forge-peco-podcasts/id274564859>

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 11:30 am – 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.

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<http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/freeway-moments/http://i>

On August 14th we are going to have our Annual RMUG Picnic and it is being held at Laurie Masterson's home in South Redding. We will have maps and directions available at the July RMUG meeting. Laurie is a very long time Mac user and friend to many of us so we should all feel right at home. There is a pool and plenty of green grass and shade so please make plans to join us in the food and fun. As in previous years this will be a potluck with those with last names starting with A to K bring a salad and L to Z brings a desert. The club will have hamburgers, hotdogs and condiments including buns. I have heard there will be chicken available also.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

MINUTES - RMUG MEETING, June 12, 2010

The June meeting was held at YAKS Koffee Shop. Twenty-Two members and guests attended.

While Dale met with the beginner's group, Michael answered questions from the advanced group.

Summer changes:
Weekly Macintosh classes at the Anderson Senior Center are winding down for the summer. Michael Peters will have his last beginner's class on Monday, June 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dale Josephson will continue the Advanced class on Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. through July, or until he has no more than 2 people

attending. Then off 'till September.

Michael's Pixelmator class will be Monday, June 21 at 10:00 at the Anderson Senior Center. You bring your own computer.

Presentations.

Dale demoed WiFire. From his home in West Redding, it had a range of up to 300 feet line of sight and through trees. WiFire is a USB 2.0 plugin that works much like an Apple AirPort Card. Thumbs up.

Safari 5 is out. Click 'Reader' to get rid of adds.

Purchase 'Line2.com', an App for \$.99 from iTunes App store for use with your iPod /iPad. Will also work with your iPhone if you are in range of a WiFi. Airport Extreme is a WiFi. Line2 is by TOKTUMI. Monthly charge is \$14.95.

iPod Touch 8G does not have a microphone. iPod Touch 32G (\$299) has a built-in microphone. \$79 for a mike that plugs in on bottom. Griffin has outstanding iPod accessories.

New iPhone 4 has a glass back and better signal.

Reminder: No meeting at YAKS in August. Instead, picnic at Laurie's home in Redding. Maps/directions will be available at July meeting. Miss the meeting? Call an officer for directions. The picnic will be a barbecue. The club will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs, and Barbara Benefield is planning to bring some precooked chicken filets. Club also furnishes plates, utensils, condiments, etc. Everyone please bring a dish to share. A-L/M – Salads; M/N-Z – Desserts. Also, please bring your own beverage and perhaps a chair.

Next Meeting at YAKS on July 10, 2010. Michael Peters will demo a different AKVIS software program. Dale Josephson will demo iChat.

Jacquie Martin, Secretary



Senior Moment

DIGITAL JUKEBOX

Do you want access to music and videos directly from your computer? You've come to the right place. Use this program to import existing music from your CDs. You can listen also browse the iTunes Music Store. There, you'll find over 3 million songs, 35,000 podcasts and 16,000 audiobooks.

Download your favorite music videos and TV shows. Listen to radio stations, free. There is no messy streaming or advertising to worry about.

Want more portability? Sync your favorite tunes and videos to your iPod with Apple's iTunes.

Barbara

Popcap Game Review

I checked out popcap.com after Michaels demo on Saturday, and signed up for the passport. Then I went on to try plants vs. zombies. I was instantly addicted to this simple silly game and I purchased it at an immediate 10% discount. There seems to be no where to tell them I am an rmug member so maybe you can gather up emails like this one and let them know we support them with our dollars.

Michael K.

Popcap Game Review #2

At the RMUG meeting I won the game from POPCAP. I had a problem getting my free copy but with Michael's help and an Email everything got fixed and I downloaded my AMAZING CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE.

Then I received another Email from POPCAP giving me another free coupon for the inconvenience caused. So I now have 2 of their games for free.

AMAZING CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE is very addictive and fun to play. In fact it is hard to stop playing it. I shall have to allocate a special time for playing otherwise I won't get any of my regular chores done.

I found the game made me a lot more observant and really kept my mind working. Great game. I intend buying more games from this Company.

Doreen

APPLE DOMINANCE

5/26/10

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- Microsoft's dominance as the tech industry's most valuable player has ended.

On Wednesday, Apple's market capitalization edged past its longtime rival's as investors made official what consumers have long suggested: Microsoft is no longer the industry's alpha dog. Just last month, Microsoft's market cap exceeded Apple's by about \$25 billion, but now Apple is in the lead by nearly \$3 billion.

Microsoft's consumer products business is struggling to compete as Apple's hot new items like iPad and iPhone capture the attention of customers.

Microsoft (MSFT, Fortune 500) fell 4% to close at \$25.01 on Wednesday, while Apple (AAPL,

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Fortune 500) lost 0.45%, closing at \$244.11.

Shares of Microsoft have dipped more than 15% in the past couple weeks, while Apple's stock is down just over 6%, despite recent market volatility.

"What this really means is that Wall Street has more confidence in Apple's growth prospects than it does in Microsoft's growth prospects," said Matt Rosoff, lead analyst at Directions on Microsoft, an independent firm.

"Apple is showing high growth, with the launch of its iPad and its new iPhone coming out, and while Windows is a great competitor versus the Mac, Microsoft just hasn't come up with new areas of growth."

Microsoft's reputation as a market leader took another hit Tuesday when the company announced that it plans to shake up its management structure.

Amid the shuffle, Robbie Bach, who was in charge of years-long effort to turn Microsoft into more of a threat to Apple by heading the entertainment and devices group and overseeing innovative consumer products like Xbox and Zune, will retire from Microsoft in the fall.

"This just means those efforts didn't work out," said Roger Kay, president of analyst firm Endpoint Technologies. "It's sort of like Japanese samurai ethic, which says you need to fall on your sword to maintain your honor."

Tow the line or keep up with the Joneses?

Part of Microsoft's problem is that, instead of finding its own audience, it has fallen into a game of catch-up and is focusing too much energy on finding products to directly rival Apple's, said Kay.

"I don't know if they have to compete," he said. "What seems to be working for Microsoft is its serious applications for businesses, education institutions and other

enterprises, and if they stay focused on their commercial business that gives them a lot."

While Microsoft's first quarter earnings were boosted by the success of its new operating system, Windows 7, Apple's record profit and revenue in the first quarter was driven by iPhone sales.

And many of Microsoft's efforts to branch out have been met with little success. For example, the company's Zune music player, meant to rival the iPod, has failed to create the same buzz as Apple's device, with sales dropping significantly in 2009.

Microsoft even looked into creating a tablet computer that would have competed directly with the iPad, which Apple introduced at the beginning of April, selling more than 1 million in the first 28 days of release. But Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer ended up pulling the plug on the project before the tablet ever made it to market.

"Zune hasn't gone anywhere, their tablet is dead, their phones are having trouble establishing a market position -- but consumers still use Office and Windows," said Kay.

Other experts say that Microsoft shouldn't stop at its core business, and that it simply needs to innovate more -- and faster -- in order to stay competitive.

"They have to continue to try to find other businesses, otherwise growth is always going to be bound by the PC market," said Rosoff.

Until Microsoft develops a clear direction and finds new ways to innovate, Apple will continue to push ahead, he said.

"Wall Street believes in Apple because Apple continues to put out new products that capture the imaginations of the press and tech pundits," said Rosoff. "Microsoft just hasn't been able to come up with a new multi billion dollar business like Apple."

submitted by Barbara

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DRYER TIP

Always have a bathtowel in your clothes dryer--always. A towel in the dryer cuts down dryer time. It absorbs extra moisture out of the clothes and the time it cuts down in drying time can be 1/3-1/2. Try it!

submitted by Barbara

WI-FIRE

At last months RMUG meeting I demonstrated the Wi-Fire a long-range WiFi adapter for any Mac or PC with a USB 2.0 port available. Wi-Fire is USB bus powered so no messy power cables.

To conduct my test I used my home network that consists of two Apple Airport Extremes connected together in WDS mode. Both Airports are Gigabit b-g-n models about two years old. Both Airports are set to bridge mode as my DSL modem handles all the IP addressing.

My test computer is an 18 month old 2.4GHz MacBook with built in Airport Extreme running Snow Leopard 10.6.3.

Inside my Network Control Panel I set up a location that only contained Airport and Wi-Fire. I conducted all tests 3 or more times to insure my data was accurate..

Starting in my office that is about 60 or 70 feet from each Airport Base Station, I was able to connect with 4 signal strength bars to both base stations using my built in Airport card. Next I turned off the Airport card and connected with the Wi-Fire and its signal strength was 38% although it surfed the Internet just fine.

Next I moved the testing to the end of my driveway that would be about 110 feet from

each base station and I had slightly diminished signal strength readings from internal Airport card (3 bars) and Wi-Fire (28%).

So now I am getting serious and moved across the street and leaned on my neighbors front fence and my strength readings dropped to 2 bars for Airport and 22% for Wi-Fire but I could surf and email just fine.

Well the neighbor was not home so I did not go into her yard, instead I headed east to the driveway of the 2nd house and now I am finally seeing strength issues. One of my Base Stations has 1 bar and the one mounted 50 feet closer to me and 10 feet higher has 2 bars and the Wi-Fi said 8% & 18%. My neighborhood is hilly and about 10 feet further I was going down a hill and had lost direct sight to my home and both Base Stations disappeared from Airport and Wi-Fi. To keep the test fair I did not use the USB cable on the Wi-Fire to raise the Wi-Fire above my head.

I decided to see how well my wireless worked through very dense wooded terrain so I walked west back past my place and went to the other neighbor's house across the street that is one home west from where I started my testing. In his driveway I was getting 2 bars from the Airport and 18% from the Wi-Fire. Email and surfing all worked well.

Then I walked west about 30 feet more and the Wi-Fire was able to connect and email while the Airport could see the two base stations but I could not get a stable connection. 6 to 10 feet more and the Wi-Fire could not surf. It appears I got approximately 300 feet in mostly open terrain and 200 feet through the dense oak & pine forest at the front of my home. In conclusion I will say if you are having difficulties going the last 30 feet or through several walls the Wi-Fire is an absolutely great wireless card adapter. I can see how having the Wi-Fire on a 3 ft. USB cable would let you extend your range easily by placing the device in a window or just higher to avoid radio wave dampening clutter us humans stack all around ourselves.

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I did notice my laptop-cooling fan was running almost continually when the Wi-Fire was plugged in and my guess is it was such a drain on my battery that the laptop felt the need for additional cooling.

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DATABASES TRACK YOUR EVERY MOVE & MORE

Ever wonder just how much information about you is contained in databases and on the Internet? Here's a hint. It's much more than you think.

If your telephone number is published, a simple Google search can turn up your home address, phone number, and a map to your front door. Everyone knows that. But there are other databases and sites that contain intimate details of your life. Specialty reports let potential insurers check your prescription history. Retailers can view your purchase returns history. And your employment and rental history are also online.

This information may be incorrect. It can haunt you when you apply for a job, credit or health insurance. So, it's a good idea to do a background check on yourself from time to time.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act lets you request free credit reports once a year. You can also request a report if you've been denied credit based on information it contains. And, you can request that any errors be corrected.

Credit Reports

Credit reports are widely used to verify your credit-worthiness. Experian, Equifax and

TransUnion are the three main reporting agencies. You can request your free report by visiting AnnualCreditReport.com. You can request reports from all three agencies. Personal Information Reports
Personal Information Reports include information on your employment and tenant history. They also contain information on liens and judgments, voter registration and more. This information is used for background screening. Start by requesting a report from LexisNexis. Then, request your background screening report from Acxiom. You can also request information from Acxiom's directory and fraud detection service; however, there is a \$5 charge for that. You should also request a Full File Disclosure from ChoicePoint, a LexisNexis company. The information will differ from your LexisNexis report.

Insurance Reports

Your ChoicePoint Full File Disclosure will include home and auto insurance claims. But you'll also want to order a report from Insurance Services Office.

Have you applied for individual health or life insurance in the past seven years? Then, you may have a file at the Medical Information Bureau. It is designed to protect insurers from fraudulent or incomplete applications.

Your file may include information on medical conditions and tests. It could also include driving history and dangerous hobbies or professions. You can request your consumer file from MIB. However, it may not have one on you. Your prescription drug information may also be available to insurance companies. IntelliScript and MedPoint compile information on drugs, including refills and dosages. It can go back five years.

Checking Reports

Banks often use ChexSystems to vet account applications. Your report may reflect accounts that have been mishandled. For example, it shows if you have had excessive overdrafts. Retailers use TeleCheck for check verification. It gathers information on returned checks and

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check fraud.

Employment history

The Work Number collects employment and income information. The data comes from employers. Also also gathers employment-related information.

These companies may not have information on you. Still, you'll want to request copies of your files from both companies.

Tenant history and utilities reports

A number of companies gather tenant information. The information can include evictions and disputes with landlords. Your tenant history may be available from one or more databases. Check with First Advantage SafeRent, RentBureau and Tenant Data Services.

The National Consumer Telecom and Utilities Exchange provides information to utility companies. It stores information on defaulted and fraudulent accounts.

Other reports

The Social Security Administration sends yearly Social Security statements. Your statement shows your Social Security earnings history. It also includes estimated benefit payments. You can request a copy of your report at any time.

The Retail Equation is designed to prevent fraudulent and abusive returns. Information provided may prevent you from returning an item to a store. In that case, request a copy of your return activity report.

Teletrack collects subprime credit information. It is used by payday loan companies.

CentralCredit is a credit bureau used by the gaming industry. Casinos use it when extending credit to guests.

The process for requesting a specialty report varies from database to database. You may need to call the company or mail a form. Be prepared to disclose your Social Security

number and current address. You may also need to submit copies of documents to prove your identity.

CREATE EFFECTS IN IMOVIE STILLS

by [Rob Griffiths](#), [Macworld.com](#)

Although I typically use Final Cut Express for my video projects, I recently had a really short project to do for the family, so I thought I'd give iMovie another trial. Although I did get the project done, I found myself fighting iMovie's interface at nearly every step (I am not a fan of the "toss all the clips in a bin and scrub as you mouseover" setup).

One thing in particular that I wanted to do was use the Ken Burns' effect (animating still images through crop, zoom, and move actions) with a pause on the "before" and "after" images. By default, when you apply Ken Burns' effects in iMovie, they start as soon as the still image is displayed, and then are auto-timed to end when the still image vanishes. Depending on the type of pictures you're showing, this can be disorienting.

What I wanted to do was have the image appear fixed for a certain time period, then show the Ken Burns effect, and then hold on the final image for a bit before fading out. This is something that was relatively trivial in iMovie HD, but as I discovered, it's far from trivial in iMovie. (It'd be trivial if iMovie let you create a still from a Ken Burns-modified image in iMovie, but you can only create stills from movies, not other stills.)

After fighting it for a few hours, I gave up and asked the Twitterverse for assistance. Twitter user [2mutch](#) came through with the solution, although it was complex enough that it required an e-mail exchange—140 characters just wasn't enough room for all the details. If you want to get this pause-move-pause effect in iMovie, here's how to do it—the steps may seem confusing in text, so I've also

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included a little demo movie that shows exactly what you need to do.

(Sorry, but there was no demo movie attached to this article.)

- . Add the still you want to modify to your project, and set up the Ken Burns effects as you'd like them to be.
- . Duplicate the still twice (Edit -> Copy, then Edit -> Paste twice), so you have a total of three copies of your still.
- . In the first image in the series, which will be the "before" still, edit the Ken Burns effect so that the End effect's size and position is identical to that of the Start effect.
- . In the last image in the series, which will be the "after" image, click the small two-headed circular arrow to flip the Start and End effects.
- . Set the End effect's size and location to be equal to that of the Start effect.

After you do the above, you can also alter the duration of the before and/or after images to suit your movie's timing needs. If the above instructions seem confusing, try watching this brief movie (click the red badged area of the movie to watch).

If iMovie would simply support the creation of a new still from a still that's had the Ken Burns' effect applied, this entire process could be greatly simplified—just apply Ken Burns, then use the first and last frames of the animation to create new stills. Even better would be total control over Ken Burns, allowing the user to specify the start time, duration, and end time for the effect. Who knows; maybe we'll see this in iMovie '10? If you know of simpler ways to accomplish the same thing in iMovie, feel free to share in the comments.

submitted by Barbara

INFORMATION 411

The old 411 – 800 # was not user friendly. This one is! I have used it twice and it works great! Here is something you will want to have and use! I still remember when the telephone company charged me \$0.00 and now they charge \$1.00 to \$1.50 to get a phone number from information.

My compliments to Google!
Just leave it up to Google to come up with something like this!!!

Here's a number worth putting in your cell phone, or your home phone speed dial: 1-800-goog411. (1-800-466-4411). This is an awesome service from Google, and it's free -- great when you are driving on the road with no pen, pencil or paper handy.

Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number I am driving along in my car and I need to call the golf course and I don't know the number. I hit the speed dial for information that I have programmed.

The voice at the other end says, "City & State." I say, " Garland , Texas ." He says, "Business, Name or Type of Service." I say, "Firewheel Golf Course." He says, "Connecting" and Firewheel answers the phone. How great is that? This is nationwide and it is absolutely free! You can even say "text" and they will sent you the address info.

Click on the link below and watch the short clip for a quick demonstration.

<http://www.google.com/goog411>

submitted by Jacquie

LINE 2

Line2 from TOKTUMI is a 99-cent application I purchased from the iTunes APP store. There is a 30 days free trial and using a Credit Card \$14.95 per month after that. Free calling in the USA and overseas calls start at 2 cents per

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minute. How it works is you connect your iPhone to WiFi, which most of us do everyday anyway and all calls are routed across the Internet instead of AT&T's cell network. Since I live 300 feet west of Redding and AT&T wireless does not reach here I have been paying \$75 per month for four years and only getting service 3% of the time. Now after using Line2 I have decided I can live without AT&T on the iPhone and will switch to Line2 exclusively on July 19th. I just went into the AT&T Store and arranged to turn my iPhone off at the end of the next billing cycle. I will see if I can live without cell service, which should be easy since AT&T only worked when I drove to town anyway.

Line2 is compatible with iPhone, iPod Touch (2nd & 3rd Generation) and iPad with iOS 3.1.2 or newer. If you are considering this for an iPod Touch it requires the models with a microphone or you need an external microphone. May I suggest just using it on iPod Touch with the built in microphone. ie the \$300 model and not the \$200 one.

There are features such as Voicemail and Conference Calling at no extra charge. During business hours there is free online web-chat support that is most excellent.

Here is a link to the main website: <http://www.line2.com/>
And this is the iPod & iPad link: http://www.line2.com/ipod_ipad.aspx

David Pogue of the New York Times said, "It can save you money. It can make calls where AT&T's signal is weak like indoors. It can turn an iPod Touch into a full-blown cell phone. And it can ruin the sleep of cell phone executives everywhere".

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LITTLE-KNOWN NEATO IPHOTO TIPS

I've recently spent a few hours cleaning up my iPhoto library. This included adding proper image titles, keywords, updating Places and Faces info, deleting duplicates (and redundant photos in general), as well as deleting albums, smart folders, and slideshows that have outlived their usefulness. Here are a few tricks I discovered that aren't documented by Apple, and apparently little-known on the web. Did you know you can compare an edited photo to the unedited original? This only works in iPhoto's Edit mode. In Edit mode, simply hold down the Shift key and you'll see the photo in all its pure, unedited glory.

Also in Edit mode, it's possible to quickly zoom in on a particular area of a photo. Simply hover your mouse pointer over the area of interest, and then press the 1 key to zoom to 100 percent in, or press the 2 key for a 200% view. Jump back to fit to view by pressing the 0 key.

Want to hide certain photos in your iPhoto library, but don't want to actually delete them? Simply right-click (or Control-click) on the secret photos and select "Hide Photo" at the bottom of the list. If you want to see your hidden photos, select View > Hidden Files in the iPhoto menu bar.

I like Faces (though it's not always amazingly accurate) in iPhoto '09. Did you know you can change a person's Key Photo in Faces? This is the photo that shows on the Faces corkboard. To do this, open a photo of the person in Faces. Right-click on the image you want to be the key photo and choose "Make Key Photo."

You can also scroll your mouse over the Key Photo in Face's corkboard view, and while the photos are flipping through, click the space bar on the photo of your choice. That will be the person's new Key Photo.

Here are some more tips about Faces, from Macworld magazine.

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Neato iPhoto Tips Cont'd.

I also enjoy Places, iPhoto '09's geotagging feature. It's fun to see my photos on a map. iPhone photos are automatically geotagged, but my other cameras lack a built-in geotagging tool. It's easy to manually add this information to a photo, but it's a chore to do this for a big batch of photos.

However, I discovered that it is possible to copy Places information from photo to photo. Simply select a photo that has been tagged with the correct information, right-click (or control-click) on it and choose "Copy" from the contextual menu. Now select your batch of untagged photos, right-click (or control click) on them, and choose "Paste Location." Now they all share the same location information. When you delete a photo from your iPhoto library, it goes into iPhoto's trash. This gives you a margin for error if you accidentally delete a photo. Over time, iPhoto's trash can fill up with hundreds or even thousands of photos, stealing gigabytes of space from your hard drive. To see the contents of iPhoto's trash, click on the trash can icon in the left panel of the iPhoto interface. In iPhoto 09, it's under the "Recent" header. To empty the trash, click on iPhoto > Empty iPhoto Trash in iPhoto's menu bar at the top of the screen.

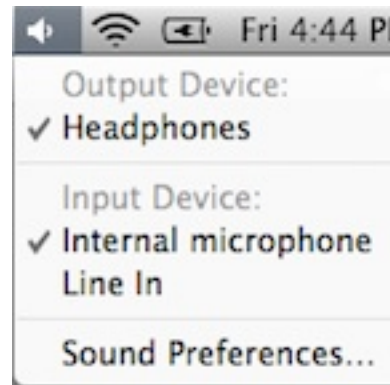
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QUICKLY SELECT AUDIO INPUTS

If you use different audio input devices with your Mac, (such as the Blue Microphones Snowball) you've probably had to go to System Preferences to change your selected input device. If you're using Mac OS 10.6 Snow Leopard, however, all you have to do is hold down the Option key as you click on the volume control in the menu bar at the top of your Mac's screen. If you have audio input devices such as microphones, USB input boxes, etc, these will show up in the drop-down list.

Time to get a microphone and kick off your karaoke career!



By Ed Shepard-Kibbles & Bytes
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ORGANIZING YOUR MUSIC IN ITUNES

Learn how to view your music collection in different ways in iTunes on the Mac. (MacMost Now #403) You can sort in various ways, show album artwork, and search. You can also create your own playlists and organize them any way you want.

Link: <http://macmost.com/organizing-your-music-in-itunes.html>

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Deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month. E-mail or deliver all material to:

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REMINDER:

Don't forget, there will be no RMUG meeting at YAKS in August. Instead, we will have our annual RMUG picnic. All members are invited. Dale will let everyone know where and what time at the July meeting.

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.

AD Rates

\$4-business card
\$6-quarter page
\$9-half page
\$15-full page

Advertisements in the RMUG newsletter will not influence reviews or critiques of hardware, software companies or stories.

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Editorial

June has been a sad month for many RMUG members. Michael lost his mother, Mary, her father, and all of us have lost a wonderful friend, Charlotte Ruskowitz, who has been our RMUG treasurer for several years. No one truly comprehends the loss that you feel when you've lost someone you love. To Michael, Mary, and to Charlotte's family, please know that our warm thoughts are reaching out in hopes that you will know the strength and comfort we wish for you. With Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences from all of us at RMUG.

I'd like to share this poem.
Barbara

The Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.
--author unknown



“My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants.”

ROTATE USER IMAGES IN MANY OS X APPS

There are a few spots in OS X applications where you have the ability to choose a photo to use as a representation of you—Address Book and iChat are two that come to mind. In Address Book, click on your entry, click on Edit, then double-click on the picture box next to your name.

This brings up the picture selection window, where you can take a picture with a connected camera, insert an image from a file, or paste an image from the clipboard. While these features may be well known, this one may not be: you can also rotate any image, once it appears in this box.

Twist your image



To do so, just hold down the Option key and then click-and-drag with your mouse or trackpad. As you drag with the Option key held down, you'll see the image rotate, along with an overlaid clock face of sorts (see picture at left) to help you align the rotated image.

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*Here's a tip as you get older:
Never wear a hearing aid,
because if you do,
people expect you
to listen to them.*



CHARLOTTE RUSKOWITZ

Though our hearts are filled with much sadness my message is not one of despair, but one of hope, love, and life. All who had the great fortune of knowing Charlotte Ruskowitz will attest to her never-ending supply of understanding, humor and just good old friendship. Charlotte loved life and serving others just because she could. She had a quiet laugh and more importantly she loved to make others laugh or enjoy a funny parable usually with a lesson on how to lighten up and enjoy life. Her jobs were never ending from homemaker & wife to computer tech and parking lot ticket taker. She always amazed me with how easy she seemed to balance everything with such ease and grace. She was the type of person who used each and every minute of life to the fullest and enjoyed being included in events whether it was among friends, co-workers or family. She made new friends everywhere she traveled and it was not just humans she counted as friends, as hound dogs from California, Nevada and Mexico were thankful she included them in her journeys. As we mourn the loss of such a truly great friend, we should not lose sight of these ideals Charlotte found so important. I am certain she would want us to continue living our lives in the same caring and giving manner she demonstrated on a daily basis. She would want us to celebrate her life rather than mourn her death. I for one will miss her the rest of my days but also remember her life lessons and consider myself wealthier for knowing she counted me as a friend and confidant.

Dale Josephson