



# Rmug News

October 2004

## This Month

RMUG Meeting, Saturday Morning  
October 9, 2004 9-11:30AM

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

**Little Country Church**  
**873 Canby & Churn Creek Rd.**  
**Redding, California**

(RMUG IS NOT CHURCH AFFILIATED)

Coffee and donuts are served during our "Get Acquainted" time, 9am to 10am. There are classes for "Beginners" and "Intermediate" from 9:15am to 10:00am.

Topics this month will include a look at the new iMac G5 which Marcus will bring to show, also more Photo to Movie information and possibly demonstration.

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## President's Letter

Because of extenuating circumstances there will be no regular President's letter this month with its usual wit and wisdom. However I did receive an important notification from Dale and an eMail link which will be worth a lot to those who plan to attend MacWorld in San Francisco in January.

Macworld Conference & Expo  
The Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA  
(Expo: January 11 – 14, 2005)

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Register online by November 5, 2004 (11:59 pm EST)

Or with the same priority code, you can save with Early Bird Pricing on your choice of conference package until December 10, 2004.

I am including a timely article which was submitted by a member who has obviously been paying attention to what is going on in Washington D.C. and has given a lot of thought to how she will finance her retirement.

Editor

### Meet me at the Holiday Inn

There's no nursing home in my future...when I get old and feeble I'm checking into the Holiday Inn! The average cost for a nursing home is at least \$188 per day. I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn; with a combined long-term-stay discount and senior discount, it's \$49.23 per night. That leaves \$138.77 a day for:

1. Breakfast, lunch and dinner in any restaurant I want, or room service.
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4. They treat you like a customer, not a patient.
5. Five bucks worth of tips a day will have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
6. There's a city bus stop out front, and seniors ride free

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# 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 at Little Country Church, 873 Canby Rd. Room B-6. (we are not church affiliated) 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 244-7262 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: Don Lapray, 1745 Crosby Lane, Redding CA 96003. Please make check payable to: Redding Macintosh Users' Group.

## DIGITAL PHOTO STORAGE

Millions of consumers have started to store their photos on Web sites offering unlimited free storage capacity, and the providers are racing to capture the booming demand. But unlike the excitement caused by Google's offer of one free gigabyte of email storage, the even more generous offers by photo sites such as [www.ofoto.com](http://www.ofoto.com) and

[www.photos.fotango.com](http://www.photos.fotango.com) have hardly caused a ripple. Yet Kodak-owned Ofoto has over 13 million members and 450 million images stored on its Internet computers.

Every week, it adds five terabytes of memory to keep up with a further five million new images. This phenomenal growth is fueled by the combination of booming digital camera sales and cheap storage, said Hellen Omwando, an Internet industry analyst at Forrester Research.

"One in three consumers in developed countries like the Netherlands now have a digital camera, up from close to zero just three years ago. These camera owners need to store their pictures somewhere," she said. Market researchers GfK forecast digital camera sales in Europe to grow to 29 million this year, from 18 million in 2003.

People who want to show their photo albums to family and friends and let them order as many prints as they want, find the Web-based email providers like Yahoo Mail and MSN Hotmail, which cap the size of photo attachments, do not meet their needs.

Companies with long histories in cameras and photos have jumped to fill the gap. They insist they do more than just storing pictures.

"Storage is something that we offer, but we are not, per se, a free storage service. We position Ofoto as a sharing and printing service," a Kodak Ofoto spokeswoman said.

### PRINTS PAY FOR STORAGE

Printing fees explain how photo-sharing services can offer free storage. Prints are priced from 24 pence at Fotango and 0.34 euro (\$0.413) at Ofoto, while storage costs the provider a fraction of that.

Storing one picture, which has an average size of one Megabyte, costs less than half a penny (\$0.009) for a lifetime, Fotango said. "That's the total final figure of the cost of storage," said Stuart Fox, head of new business at Fotango, a service owned by Japan's digital camera market leader Canon. "Photos.Fotango.com is highly profitable, with revenues coming from prints and gifts," said Simon Wardley, chief operating officer at Fotango.

A source close to Ofoto said it, too, is profitable, though Ofoto declined to comment.

Yahoo Photos and privately held Shutterfly are two other web-based photo services, but MSN Photos recently dropped its online image storage and printing service. Microsoft switched to selling software that organizes pictures on a personal computer.

MSN Photos customers have until July 2 to retrieve their pictures or lose them forever. MSN failed to sell enough prints, said one U.S.-based consultant to online photo services, which explains why photo-sharing Web Sites are looking to cut storage costs even further. MSN was not immediately available to comment.

"It gives you a sense of the difficulties with the economics unless you really know what you are doing, even for extremely well-funded players," said the consultant, who asked not to be named. Fotango decided last month to outsource its storage and computing needs to International Business Machines Corp.

"Growth is explosive, but hard to predict. Long-term storage cost will be reduced significantly. There are no plans, and it is not our intention to start charging for the service," Fotango's Fox said.

The company's goal is to have one Petabyte of online storage, enough to store one billion pictures.

By Lucas van Grinsven  
European Technology Correspondent

## SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Hi to all. The demonstration that we had last month was fantastic, I saw so many people go "Oh, so that is how you do that", and that to me is the sign of a good program. The light bulb went on in lots of folks. At the next meeting Marcus is going to bring in his NEW IMAC, so we will be able to see what it can do. Be sure to bring in questions and we will try and answer them. Remember there is no such thing as a stupid question because if you do not understand something, I bet there are lots and lots of us that also do not understand. Also, as you have probably already figured out, there is usually more than one way to do something. Sometimes somebody will be able to give you a quicker way too. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Mary Gililand  
Secretary

## LIBRARIANS CORNER:

Here is a site I found very interesting. Address is <http://www.mac-hints-tips.com/> At the site it says...

"The Macintosh Hints & Tips column was originally created for the San Diego Macintosh User Group's newsletter, Macintouch. This is a collection of tips culled from newsletters of Macintosh user groups throughout the world, as well as magazines, books, and other sources.

This monthly column (in PDF format) is free for everyone to download. New issues are posted on or about the first of each month"

Here's something I found in this month's tips that might be of interest to members...  
Charlotte

### Create Your Own Screensaver

Although OS X provides a selection of gorgeous scenery for its built-in screensavers, you'll probably get bored with the beach, forest and cosmos images rather quickly. It's good news, then, that Apple allows you to create a custom screensaver with your very own pictures.

Go to the Finder and select "Home" from the Go menu. Open the Pictures folder, and then select "New Folder" from the File menu. Call this folder something descriptive—Screen Saver Images, for example—and drag your favorite photos into that folder. Select "System Preferences" from the Apple menu, and click on the "Screensaver" module. Click on the "Screensavers" tab at the top, and then click "Slide Show" in the column to the left. Click the "Configure" button below the preview window. This allows you to select the image folder of your choice. By default, it's set to the Picture folder. Simply select your "Screensaver Images" folder instead, and click "Open." The next time you activate your screensaver, it will choose images at random from your Screensaver Images folder, and then slowly fade one image into another. It's a great way to add your personal touch to OS X!

The Mauger, West Orange NJ

### Clippings

Since OS 8.5 and later, you can highlight a bit of text in an open document, drag it to the desktop and turn it into a "clipping" which can be opened up and looked at. It can also be dragged into another document. This only works in applications that support clippings, but nowadays, most applications do. The interesting thing about clippings is that they can also be graphics (PICTS) or even hyperlinks that will open a web browser and go to that address if you double-click it. I find clippings to be a good way to save serial numbers. I like to keep the serial number of most applications I use right inside the folder with the application. It has come in handy. Sometimes after erasing and restoring a hard drive, or doing a clean install of the operating system, some applications will need the serial number reentered to work.

Mid-Columbia MUG,  
Kennewick WA  
Charlotte

## ANTI PIRACY EFFORTS

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - A federal appeals court on Thursday delivered a stinging blow to the anti-piracy efforts of major movie studios and music companies, ruling that several online file-sharing software companies are not liable for copyright infringement.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals found in favor of Grokster Ltd., among others, and held the relief from piracy sought by the movie and music studios would amount to a renovation of the existing copyright standards, which the court called "unwise."

In a nod to the rapid changes in the online media industry over the last few years, the judges further said history has proven that with new technology, markets have a way of correcting themselves.

"Thus, it is prudent for courts to exercise caution before restructuring liability theories for the purpose of addressing specific market abuses, despite their apparent present magnitude," the judges wrote in their opinion.

At stake in the dispute are future revenues in the expanding market for digital downloads of movies and music, a business the record labels have now embraced and the movie studios have begun to explore in earnest.

The music industry has suffered through a sales slump in recent years and blames much of that on illegal file sharing, although file sharers blame bad music.

The movie industry, through the Motion Picture Association of America, claims analog piracy -- such as illegal copying of videotapes -- costs it some \$3.5 billion a year and is concerned that digital piracy will do far more harm.

FILE SWAPPERS ELATED

The MPAA, which represents the movie studios, was not immediately available to comment, nor was the Recording Industry Association of America (news - web sites), which represents the record labels.

The Distributed Computing Industry Association, which represents a broad range of file-sharing companies, including Grokster, greeted the court's ruling with elation.

"It is time for litigation and legislative upheaval to be supplanted by commerce," the association said in a statement.

At issue was whether the defendants were liable for knowing of and contributing to copyright infringement, whether they gained and if they had the authority over infringing parties.

The court found the defendants did not materially contribute to copyright infringement and that "the sort of monitoring and supervisory relationship that has supported vicarious liability in the past is completely absent" here.

In arguments to the court in February, the studios and record companies said Grokster and others should apply software filters to block online swaps copyrighted work, but the services said doing so would effectively shut them down.

After the music industry was rocked by the now-legendary file-sharing service Napster (news - web sites) (which has since been reborn as a legitimate platform), the entertainment community began looking more actively for ways to securely sell their wares online.

Perhaps the most successful such effort has been the iTunes Music Store from Apple Computer Inc. (Nasdaq:AAPL - news), which has sold more than 100 million music downloads to date.

Given their large file sizes, movie downloads have not been as popular to date, but that is expected to change as high-speed broadband connections become more widely used.

Report to My Yahoo!  
By Ben Berkowitz

## IMAC G5 TWO VIEWS:

Apple's New iMac Computer Is All Display..

PARIS (Reuters) - Apple Computer unveiled, after a two-month delay, its new iMac desktop computer on Tuesday which integrates disk drives and processors into a flat display less than two inches thick.

"Now we have the world's thinnest desktop computer," Phil Schiller, head of worldwide product marketing, said in a keynote presentation at the annual Apple Expo in Paris.

Shipping from mid-September, Apple said the computer would be available in versions with a 17-inch and a 20-inch display, with a wireless keyboard and mouse.

Apple said in July the launch of the new iMac would be delayed until September. It put a dent in the share price of the company which has been at the forefront of computer innovation for decades, but whose global market share has eroded to less than 5 percent amid competition from lower priced PCs running on the Windows operating system from Microsoft.

Retail prices of the new iMac will start at \$1,299 for the 17-inch model, or 1,399 euros in Europe. The more expensive and slightly thicker 20-inch model will cost \$1,899, or 2,049 euros.

"This is a much more affordable line (of personal computers)," Schiller told a cheering audience of Macintosh (news - web sites) users.

The model will take over from the current iMac, which created a buzz when launched a few years ago with its minimalist design featuring a thin display perched on a stainless steel pole above a white hemispherical base.

IMAC NEEDED A BOOST

Sales of the iMac have slowed in recent quarters, however, while Apple's portable notebook computers were doing well.

"7.5 million iMacs have been sold over the last six years. It's time for an entirely new iMac," Schiller said.

The new model, designed by the same team that developed the iPod portable music player, works on G5 microprocessors.

With the iPod, Apple broke into the consumer electronics market and has come to dominate the portable music segment where it claims 58 percent of the U.S. market for MP3 players.

Schiller also drew attention to Apple's newly developed business of selling songs online through its iTunes Music Store. Stores that were opened to German, French and British customers 10 weeks ago have already sold 5 million tracks, he said.

"Other iTunes stores will open across Europe in October," Schiller said, giving no further details.

Worldwide, Apple has sold more than 4 million iPods and sold more than 100 million songs in the United States since it was launched in April last year.

The success of iPod and iTunes, by far the most popular online music store, has pushed up Apple shares from a six-year low of \$12.92 in April 2003 to over \$35 this week.

Technology - Reuters  
By Astrid Wendlandt

### New iMac G5 Short on Extras

For six years, iMacs have set the standard for the PC industry with eye-popping designs, clever utilization of space and leaps forward in usability. Lately, though, Apple Computer Inc. seems to be making more waves with iPod music players than its venerable consumer PCs.

But fear not, Apple fans and design aficionados.

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## IMAC TWO VIEWS CONTINUED

The iMac line whose debut machine looked like a giant egg, and that later morphed into something resembling a table lamp, now has a third generation. It looks sort of like an oversized iPod.

The iMac G5 is Apple's most streamlined and polished design yet, squeezing all the innards into a white plastic flat-panel display. It distances Apple even further from the bulk of Windows-based PC world, where variations of gray, beige and black are all too common.

Still, style alone does not a great computer make. Though Apple uses its most capable processor ever, it skimps on memory and other extras. Out of the box, a new iMac is an incomplete masterpiece.

You can finish the job, but it's going to cost you.

The default configurations range between



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\$1,299 for an iMac with a 1.6 gigahertz processor and \$1,899 for a 1.8 GHz system. To finish the job, you'll have to shell out \$75 to double the memory to 512 megabytes; \$80 for Apple's Wi-Fi card; \$50 for Bluetooth; and \$70 each for a wireless keyboard and single-button mouse.

Only after it's fully accessorized — and unsightly cords have been replaced by wireless connections — does the iMac G5 fulfill its promise of an uncluttered, zippy 21st century computer object d'art.

And it's something to behold.

The entire unit, available with screen sizes of 17 or 20 inches, consists of a 2-inch thick display that's about 4 inches longer than the screen itself. An attached aluminum stand supports its weight and allows easy up-or-down maneuvering.

Surprisingly good speakers stream rich sound from the display's foot. Compact discs and DVDs load into a slot in the side. The display itself is bright and crystal-clear.

The power cord, the only cable that can't be replaced with wireless, snaps unobtrusively into the rear and is neatly obscured as it threads through a hole in the base.

Setup is as simple as it gets. Just plug it in and turn it on. After a few questions, the Mac OS X (news - web sites) desktop appears, ready to launch included software ranging from Apple's own suite of music, video and photo programs to a trial version of Microsoft Corp.'s Office for Macs. There's also the standard Safari Internet browser, Apple's excellent e-mail program and Quicken (news - web sites) for personal finance, among other software.

Once the iMac is set up, however, some users might notice a few gaps in the grand vision.

The included keyboard and mouse, for instance, must be plugged into a universal serial bus port on the back of the machine. Because there is no built-in Wi-Fi capability, an Ethernet cable or telephone cord is required for Internet access.

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## IMAC TWO VIEWS CONTINUED

Still more wires — all strung from the back of the unit — connect the computer to printers, music players (even an iPod) and any other cabled peripheral. So much for a clutter-free computer.

The solution, of course, is to have Apple add support for Bluetooth, a technology that connects devices wirelessly at short range. The peripherals also have to be Bluetooth-capable, of course. (Apple does offer a \$99 kit, available only at the time of order, that includes built-in Bluetooth support as well as its wireless keyboard and mouse).

A wireless connection to the Internet is yet another purchase, though Apple's AirPort card doesn't have to be added at the factory. Installation is as easy as loosening three screws at the bottom of the iMac, lifting off the cover and popping in the card.

The most egregious omission by Apple was the decision to ship the iMac with a paltry 256 megabytes of memory.

The loaner I got arrived with an extra 256 megabytes — something I discovered while exploring the "About this Mac" menu. Because that's not what's included in the base prices, I pulled out a screwdriver and removed the extra RAM.

The remaining 256 megabytes handled simple tasks like surfing the Web and reading e-mail, but didn't suffice for listening to music while editing a movie and running a word processor. While I tried that, a song playing in the iTunes jukebox software stuttered while I was rendering video in iMovie.

Microsoft Word's auto-correction feature, which on my PC quickly highlights or fixes typing mistakes, could not keep up. It highlighted suspected errors only after I had typed a half dozen words. The machine could not keep up.

Microsoft's Virtual PC, which lets Mac users

run Windows programs, was so slow that it was unusable. It dramatically improved after I reinstalled the extra 256 megabytes of RAM.

Still, the maximum memory is just 2 gigabytes (it costs \$1,125 if you buy it from Apple). That's odd because one of the selling points of the IBM-built G5 processor is its ability to handle much more than the 4 gigabyte maximum of most of today's PCs.

By MATTHEW FORDAHL,  
AP Technology Writer

## HOLIDAY INN CONTINUED

7. To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays.

8. For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there.

9. While you're at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building up!!!

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13. And no worries about visits from family. They'll always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grandkids can use the pool.

What more can you ask for? So, when I reach the golden age I'll face it with a grin.

Just forward all my e-mail to me @holidayinn.com (in Hawaii)

Submitted by  
Barbara

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Submissions must be accompanied by the author's full name, address and telephone number. The submissions become the property of RMUG unless otherwise specified.

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

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OR

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## Editorial

The meeting this Saturday the ninth, should be interesting and fun what with the chance to see up close and personal the latest version of the iMac. The Photo to Movie information is also great for inspiration. The two articles on the new iMac should prepare everyone with questions for Marcus.

The article on the courts decision for fair use rights instead of the usual whole hearted support of only the business interests is a refreshing thing to see. Also, in the last week there has been a decision in an action filed by the ACLU which has slowed in some small measure, a couple of the more destructive statutes of the Patriot Act. It is about time the citizen and consumer began to be recognized and given more consideration.

Our administrations efforts to recruit more and more virulent terrorists for the various organizations who will target us throughout the world seems to be going apace. Be sure and educate yourself by looking at our policies and behavior at home and throughout the world from many perspectives before you decide how you are going to vote in November. Your decision may never be more important.



Ken

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