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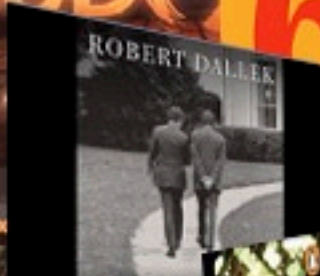
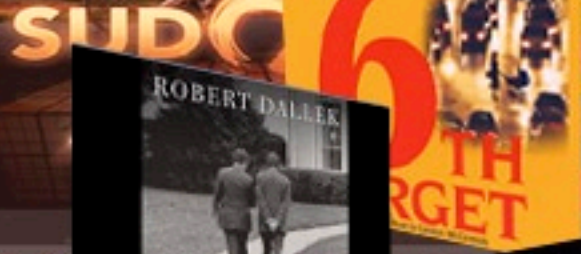


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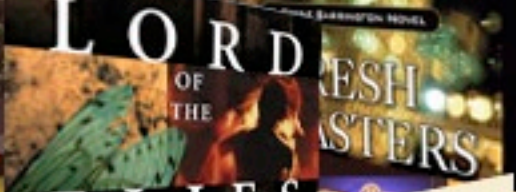
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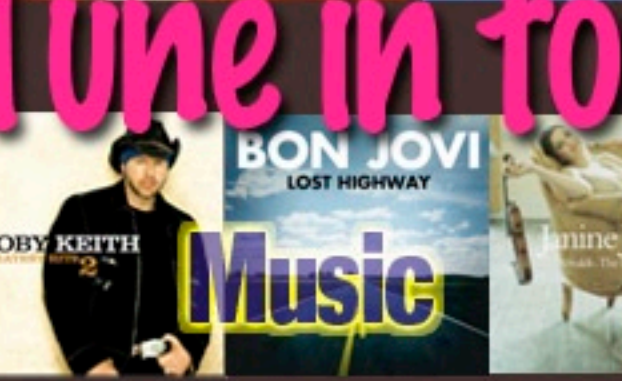
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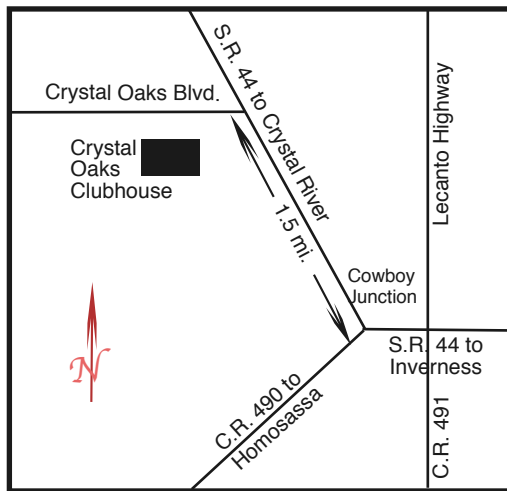
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Tune in to fun



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ABOUT CMUG

Citrus Macintosh Users Group is a tax-exempt, nonprofit educational organization, dedicated to helping all people in our area become familiar with their computers.

We meet on the fourth Friday monthly at the Crystal Oaks Clubhouse. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. with an informal question-and-answer period led by some of the club's Mac tech people. A business meeting follows at 7 p.m., followed by a presentation covering a variety of topics, such as graphics, web pages, or using hardware and software related to the Macintosh computer.

On the Sunday following the meeting, we hold a Lab/Tune-up from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Crystal Oaks Clubhouse. At the lab that is free for members, tech members correct problems with hardware and software.

We offer Saturday afternoon classes monthly. The classes allow participants to learn Mac software programs and techniques in a hands-on setting. Cost for the classes are \$10 for members, \$15 for member families, and \$20 for nonmembers.

The monthly magazine with articles from members is also a member benefit, as well as free special interest groups (SIGs) that are formed by members who have an interest in exploring a particular area in depth.

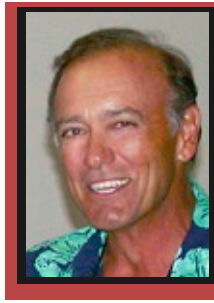
We also offer an informal workshop for members at the Beverly Hills Community Building on the fourth Tuesday monthly. The workshop can either cover a specific topic or address various computer problems of participants.

CLUB DUES

Annual dues for members are \$20 for an individual membership, \$30 for a family membership and \$10 for a student membership. The membership period begins Jan. 15 each year. Dues for new memberships after July are pro-rated; renewals remain at the annual rate.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

CURT HERRIN



This is election year. If you read the minutes for May's meeting, you will see how things are stacking up.

I have been going back over some monthly magazines and once again I want to thank each of our contributors for jobs well done. A few minutes of your time have made CMUG's magazine entertaining and factual. Sharing with other members how your Mac is making life easier and rewarding, not only for you but your family, awakens us to just some of the possibilities we also can accomplish. As Gail Mitchell demonstrates in her articles, with the tools at our disposal, we can now keep our family members informed and closer than the miles that separate us.

I have attended the High School Scholarship Awards presentations this past month representing CMUG. You should be proud that a portion of your annual dues help in furthering the educational possibilities of

these young motivated individuals. As you listen to the accomplishments of the those self motivated students, you realize it was the right choice to become involved. We stand proud.

As we increase in age we start to pay for our youthful habits. Sometimes it is just a genetic marker rearing its ugly head. Regardless, this month was no different. Julie and Vito are having a slow, difficult recovery, but they are recovering. Bob Mitchell is ready to assist at the Park again after his life altering experience. Mary Beth Miller lost her husband and companion this last month. CMUG sent its condolences.

We are entering the slow months of the year. We bid fair well to two more CMUG members this month as they head home to the summer residence. We wish Dave and Earlene Williams, along with Fran Cooperrider, a safe and fun summer.

The hot days of summer would be a great time to purchase a couple CMUG custom-made tutorials and do a little home study. Check our Web site for what is available.

See you in June.

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Aging with Apple

Curt Herrin

If we could change anything in the regiment of retirement, my choice would be aging. However, we know we can not, so daily we work with what was given us.

Apple, the computer company, had us in mind when it made some upgrades from 10.3 to 10.4. If the elders within the company were not elders this my not have come about. To the best of my recollection, in the past if you needed to see larger text you had to highlight all the text and change the font size or perhaps you had stumbled on the document size feature. System 10.4 has made this task a one-step process along with some other neat features.



You will find this in the System Preferences under Universal Access.

What we want to do first is turn Zoom on by clicking on the radial button.

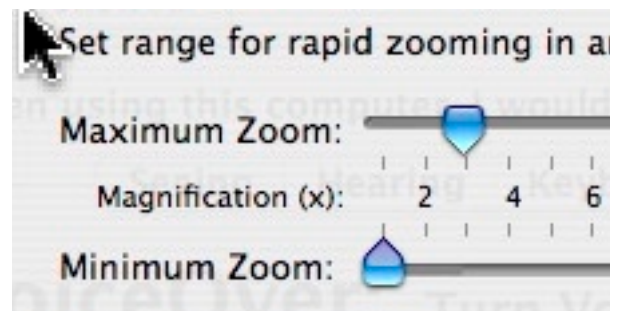
Next, click on Zoom's Options. The first decision is the amount of magnification that will meet your needs. I suggest you start with the Maximum at 3 and Minimum at 2. The keyboard activation keys here are Command and Option keys held down and tap the equal key to enlarge and minus key to decrease. Each time you tap these keys your selection will change by +3 or -2.



Your next choice of Options should be one of the three at the bottom. Select the top one. Now activate the Zoom feature. Wherever

your mouse goes, so goes what is on the screen.

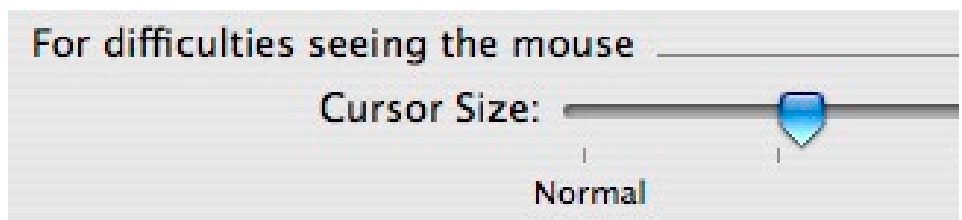
Now, zoom all the way out and select the next choice and test it. When you return to the Options choices, try the top choice in the



middle of your Options pane. You will see the results immediately. Whatever this rectangle covers will be what is Zoomed in. Just remember to zoom all the way out when you are finished or your screen will move every time you move the mouse.

Now that you know about Universal Access you can play with some of the other features.

But before we leave, do yourself



one more favor. Click on Mouse Tab and you should see a selection there that allows you to make the cursor larger. Move the slider over until your cursor is large enough for you

to see comfortably.

As we age we might find ourselves using some of the other choices in this Preference pane. Until then...

Adobe Creative Suite 3

Gail Mitchell

I've been using Adobe Creative Suite since it was first made available to Mac users. Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and the other programs included in the suite have been very useful to me as I create newsletters, work on photographs, create brochures, and create other design layouts.

Creative Suite 3 Design Premium has just become available, and I ordered a copy as soon as it was offered to me. Creative Suite 3 allows me to create across different media, starting with content from Illustrator and/or Photoshop and then use InDesign for layout and assembly of either a brochure or newsletter.

Adobe says that Creative Suite 3 is "designed to create a seamless workflow among the individual programs." Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign work together with common tool bars, control panels, and docking panels to assist me in creating the overall layout of any document I wish to create.

I create my family newsletter with InDesign and print copies for over 50 family members who either do not have a computer or have dial up. However, I have over 60 family members who do have computers and either DSL or cable, so for them I create a PDF document. Adobe PDF is an integral part of my workflow, so I can send the newsletter via e-mail to them.

Bridge is also a component of the Creative Suite. Bridge is a visual media manager that allows me to organize, browse, locate, and view what I need as I create documents. It also allows centralized access to project files, applications, and settings.

I think Photoshop is the program I use most in Creative Suite 3. There are several new components in this new version of Photoshop. There are improvements in filters, compositing, raw-image processing, printing experience, and enhanced 32-bit high dynamic range (HDR) support.

Creative Suite 3 comes with a DVD that gives a great introduction to the programs included in it.

One thing to remember, however, is that Creative Suite 3 works only with OS 10.4 or higher. It will not download on earlier operating systems. As time passes, you will find that the new programs created will only work on the latest operating system Apple/Macintosh creates. If you wish to utilize these new and enhanced programs, this is another reason to keep your computer current,

Creative Suite 3 costs from \$599 for a basic program upgrade to \$1,799 for a more complete program. You can also purchase the programs individually. Check Adobe.com to have a trial of the program on your computer before you purchase the program if you wish.



POINTERS FOR THE PERPLEXED

BILL DEAN

Lightning certainty

Be sure of it—we will have thunderstorms soon. And we probably will have burned out modems, ethernet cards and, maybe, worse for people who do not take precautions. I am a firm believer that the only absolute protector against lightning and surge damage is disconnecting. That means power, phone line or ethernet cable connect. So Bright House will replace a damaged modem, but not likely internal ethernet.

Macs in books: I always enjoy reading good things about Macs in books I read. I found one such gem in Roy Blount, Jr.'s "Long Time Leaving," a 2006 publication by Alfred A. Knopf. Blount complains that his PC suddenly stops doing what it is supposed to do and his inability to get satisfactory assistance from



Toshiba or anywhere else. He happily reports that, at the urging of his fiancée and his son, he bought an iMac. He learns that when the iMac gets in trouble, "...it's a computer problem, that the computer is dealing with. With a sigh, it subsides, and lets me get on with my end of the job." I enjoyed the book for other reasons than the kind word about a Mac. You should try it.

Miscellaneous Tips—

E-mail attachments Made Easy: You can drag the file you want attached directly to the Mail icon on the dock. It opens a brand new e-mail message window with the attachment in place. You can do multiple attachments this way as well.

Force quit from the dock: Hold the mouse on an frozen application's Dock icon. Holding the Option key as you do this will change Quit to Force Quit. Control-click or right click will also open the menu.

Copy and Delete at the Same time: If you are copying files from your hard drive to some external drive, holding the Command key will delete it from the original place when the copy is complete. It saves having to go back to manually delete the file.



Curt Herrin

Bill Dean has everyone's attention at the May meeting during his presentation of favorite Web sites. Because of the WiFi set up that CMUG had installed, accessing the sites went smoothly.

Meeting Sites

Bill Dean

For those not able to attend the May CMUG meeting, here is a list of the sites we showed.

The Mac Night Owl:
www.macnightowl.com

This page covers a wide variety of Mac-related issues. Enter your e-mail address to receive the weekly newsletter.

MacFixit Tutorials: www.macfixit.com
Go to this page, which provides daily hints, tips and discussion on Macs. Click on Tutorials to find more.

Apple Pro Mac OS X Tips: www.apple.com/pro/tips
This page provides an archive of tips that have appeared on the Apple Mac 101 pages.

Focus on Macs: macs.about.com
Find here a good source for discussions about Mac concerns. Sign up for a weekly newsletter.

Low End Mac: www.lowendmac.com
This is a good place to get information on almost every Mac ever made. You can find deals on used and refurbished Macs and get current information on Mac matters.

Still Cool Archive-Cool Site of the Day:
coolsiteoftheday.com/cgi-bin/stillcool.pl

This for those who miss the random site option on Yahoo! It's an archive of "cool sites" dating back to 1994.

Hubble Site: hubblesite.org
Learn all about the Hubble telescope and find hundreds of pictures from the Hubble.

Cats Love Macs: flickr.com/groups/catslovemacs/pool
These are pictures Mac users have posted on flickr.

Apple iCards: www.mac.com/WebObjects/iCards.woa
Apple provides a quick and easy means to send cards for all occasions.

Free Photography Lessons: www.friendlypics.com/html/lessons.shtml
Vito DePinto sent this web page. It provides links to many sites devoted to photography.

Urban Legends Reference Pages: www.snopes.com
When you get a warning by e-mail that a virus will destroy all the data on your Mac, Check it out at this page. You can also have some fun checking out many urban legends.

Who's Alive and Who's Dead: www.whosaliveandwhosdead.com
Do you want to know who among the original Mousketeers are still alive? Check here for this and more. When did Sandra Dee die, and how old was she?

Appreciation

I just wanted to express my appreciation to Bill Dean and others who helped me so much with my new (used) G4 iBook. Bill came over to my home and gave me a mini crash course which helped tremendously. We were getting ready to leave for our summer address at Del Webb in Huntley, Ill., and I wasn't sure if I could keep my Florida provider and needed a new one.

Bill helped me with that, and I am happy say with his help and encouragement I was able to get on ATT high speed in Illinois. Also wanted to thank those who helped me with my new printer and getting the G4 hooked up to that. I would have never made it without all the help I received. Thanks again and hope to see all of you in the Fall. —Char Schmoller

LAB REPORT

BILL DEAN

Fran Cooperrider came to get an Airport card installed in her G3 iBook and to test her new wireless router. The Airport was successful, but we did not succeed with the router. At home, on Monday, we got it working.

Pat Patterson's iBook got upgraded memory in her iBook.

Dave Stocker brought his Mac mini, complaining of very slow operation. A clean-out of caches, Permission repair and an Applejack run seems to have corrected the problem. We got his Skype and Firefox applications properly installed. We gave him a brief lesson in making slideshows in iPhoto.

Jeff Camp wanted to install 9.2.2 in his PowerBook, but decided to wait until he can back up his files, erase the hard drive and then install 9.2.2 and reinstall Tiger.

Mae Lewis needed help formatting her new external hard drive and transferring files.

Tech staff: Bill Dean, Chris Dusombre and Al Petry.

The Meeting was called to order at 7;10 PM.

The Scholarship Committee has one more presentation which will be at our June meeting.

We continue to regain lost members. Our membership total is now 243. Fifty-three of those are family memberships and two are honorary.

CMUG's finances are solvent. We decided to make a three-year payment on our internet contract to capitalize on the savings. Money has been set aside for the outstanding scholarships and the BOD is considering increasing the allotment for next year's recipients.

In the Education department, we concluded the iLife suite of classes this month with a review of what was taught. I guess Bill and I did a great job. There were just a few questions and we spent the majority of our time on highlights of each class. In June, CMUG will start with iWorks Keynote followed by Pages in September.

Next month's meeting presentation will be a short introduction to Aperture followed with a wonderful picture tour of Martin Dunn's travels to the South Pole

region of our universe. You do not want to miss this.

Bill wants to remind everyone we are entering the time of year when lightning storms always get at least one computer. Please unplug you computer when away from home or not using it.

This is CMUG's year for elections. These things we know: Ed wants to move to Ohio and will not seek of-fice. Julie and Vito's health will play a major part in their decision of whether to run for office again. I will accept another term if nominated, and I hope Bill, Alan, Jo and Carolyn will continue to represent CMUG as well as they have in the past.

Bill's feature presentation this month was Web sites. You were asked to submit, but Bill was pretty much left hanging out there on his own. One site, www.jibjab.com caused some angina as it was politically orientated and equally degrading to both parties—fair and balanced. It was interesting to hear the laughter bounce back and forth across the room. Precisely why we avoid such topics.

We will see you at our next meeting on June 22.



Bill Dean teaches at the iLife wrap class in May. Some of the participants are Tom and Jeanne Bonnitt and Ingrid Benedict.
Curt Herrin