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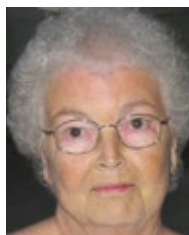
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March *into* Spring

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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.

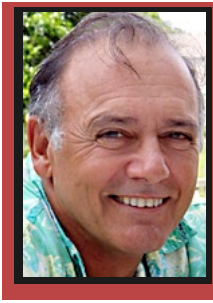
We offer Saturday afternoon classes monthly. The classes allow participants to learn Mac software programs and techniques in a hands-on-setting. Cost for the classes are \$10 for members, \$15 for member families, and \$20 for nonmembers.

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 in January each year. Dues for new memberships after July are pro-rated; renewals remain at the annual rate.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

CURT HERRIN

It is time for our annual Social Night for CMUG members. The party committee says there will be lots of food this year. If you were there last year, you saw the last plate handed out. All gone. Not this year.

Munch till you drop or burst.

Our scholarship recipients will be there as well. I think the word got out that we can party. Aside from that, we get to meet these talented individuals and let them know how excited we are that we can help them achieve their educational goals.

Martin Dunn will be sharing slideshows on some of his trips abroad. We got a little sample at last month's

meeting. Nice work. I find it hard to believe you could park right next to a pride of lions in an open vehicle and they would not eat you. Martin is back and alive with all his limbs and no bite marks. That should be proof enough.

If you have anything that still works and you would like to give it away to a fellow member or barter for a fair sale price, we will have tables set up to display your wares.

We changed all the FREE raffle items this year as well. You will have some new choices and I hope to be one of the winners. There is some stuff there I want. If your number is not drawn, Alan Wentzell will be there, and I know he can make that particular item for you at CMUG prices.

OK, party time ... Get off the couch ... Come on out.

iClip

Curt Herrin

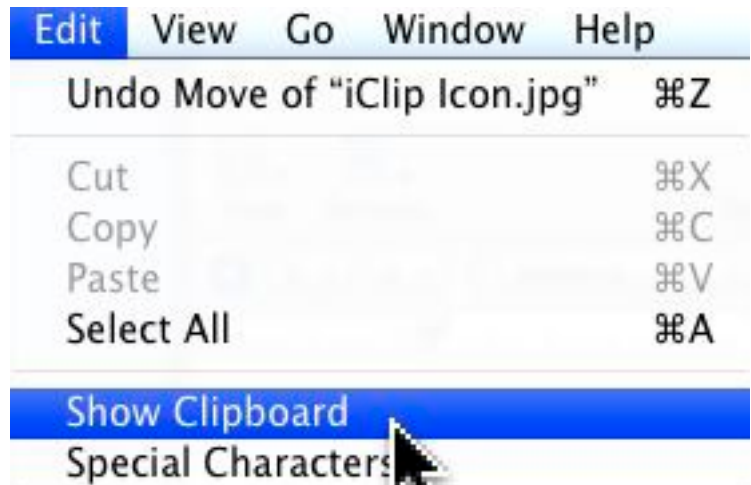


Copy and Paste is one of those features of a computer that is indispensable. To see what is on your clipboard, just select Edit in a Finder Window and chose Show Clipboard. The only problem is Clipboard only holds one "copy" and the next copy replaces what was there. The amount of repeated typing of same text or

drag and drop of objects without this feature would be very time consuming. There are computer Geeks out there who focus on just such problems and design software for us.

One such group can be found at inventive.us/iClip/ and have developed iClip for MacOSX. This nifty little application accomplishes just what we need. iClip 4 is the latest edition and sells for \$29 dollars.

The main function of iClip is to store lots of copied items and make them easily accessible. You



can open iClip when you need it or let it run in the background. It can be hidden just like your Dock and appear when you move your mouse over the area you selected in the iClip prefs. Each copy is stored in a Bin, and you can create Sets of Bins for different types of clips that you might want to keep for further use, such as your address or phone number.

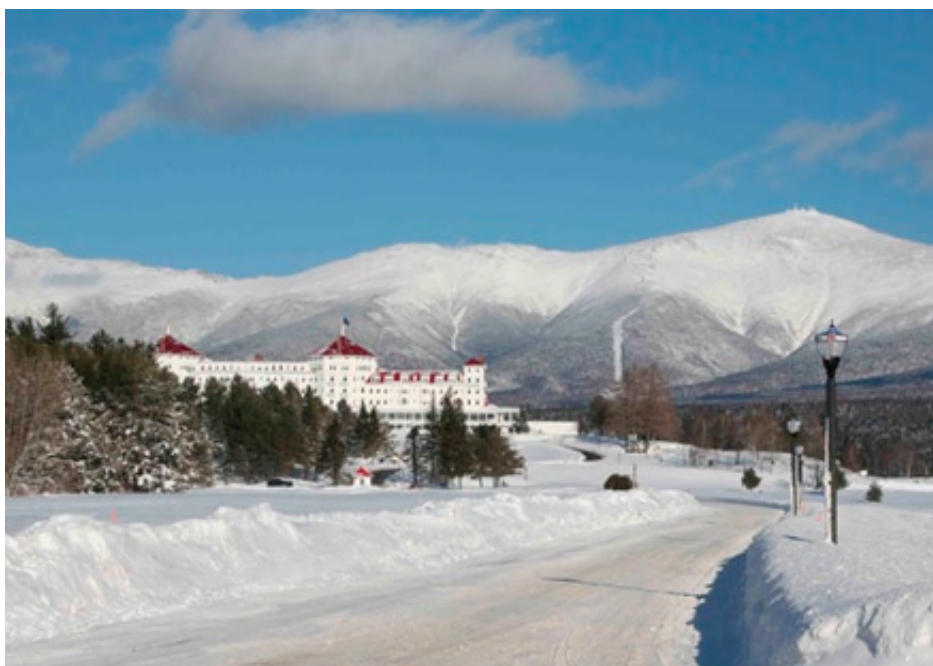
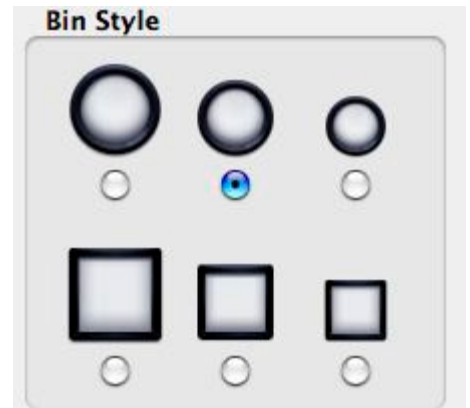


iClip also allows you to name your Sets and select a number of Bins in each Set.

Because these developers know we like choices, they even give you options on a Bins appearance.

One of the things I look for with any application is a Help feature. It is with these that I learn how to use a program. iClip has a good Help manual that will guide you in learning how to use the more advanced features such as KeyBoard commands. But if you prefer point and click, just use the little arrows and gear icon next to each Bin to accomplish your task.

There is similar software that accomplish the same task but I use this one and am quite satisfied.



Mt. Washington, N.H., and the grand hotel at its base.

The golf course had a frost delay—ha!



Member Gallery

Al and Sue Burgun took a brief winter vacation in New Hampshire.

‘Mac OS X Hints’

Gail Mitchell

I subscribe to Macworld and receive daily hints from them. Some are amazing, and today, I received one that I certainly will follow. There is a superguide that has been recently published. It is called “Mac OS X Hints,” Leopard Edition, by Rob Griffiths. It costs only \$12.95 and contains sections on various elements in OS X that offer hints on how better to use our Macs.

Various topics include Master Your System, Navigate Leopard, Unleash OS X’s Programs, and Take Command of Terminal. I was able to download a bit of the information that the book contains, and one item was of particular interest to me.

I have two items in my Trash folder that simply will not go away, no matter how often I try to delete them. In one section of the book, Griffiths presents three options to empty these clingy items.

He mentions third-party solutions as ways to empty the unruly Trash folder. The first is Marco Balestra’s handy and free Super Empty Trash.

The second is one I hesitate to suggest because

Griffiths has a little warning at the end. He suggests the `rm -rf` command in Terminal. He writes, “Unfortunately, if you mess up with that command, you might erase your hard drive.” That is warning enough for me to look at his third method.

He says the third method takes longer, but it is safe. It involves creating a new user in the Accounts preference pane. Once the account is created, move the troublesome file from the Trash into the Users/Shared folder. Go to the Apple menu and choose Log Out user name, and then log in as the new user. Open the Users/Shared folder, and move the pesky file into the new user’s Trash. Next, log out of the new account and log back into your main account. Return to the Accounts preference pane, select the account you just created, and click on the minus sign (-), or just press the delete key. A dialog box will appear, asking you if you are sure you want to do this. Of the three options Cancel, OK, and Delete Immediately, select Delete Immediately. The new user account — and file — will disappear.

There is a superguide that has been recently published



Carolyn Herrin sets up refreshments for the February meeting. Gail Mitchell

POINTERS FOR THE PERPLEXED

BILL DEAN

Six for March



Right click, Control click for Menu

If you have a two-button mouse or a Mighty Mouse, clicking the right button will show a menu. If you have an Apple one-button mouse, you can get the menu by holding down Control and clicking. It works on laptop trackpads, too. If you have a MacBook, clicking with two fingers on the trackpad will show a menu.

Customize the Finder Toolbar

The Default Finder Window Toolbar shows Back, View, Quick Look (Leopard), Action, and Search. You can add tool items. In a Finder window, go to View > Customize Toolbar. Just drag the tool you want to show to the Toolbar. I have added Burn, Get Info, and Eject. Also in the Customize pane, you can move items to the left or right. To remove an item, right click (Control click) and select Remove item. You can change the appearance of Toolbar items in the Show menu. Click Done when you have the Toolbar the way you want it.

Keyboard tricks with Photo Booth

If you've played around with Photo Booth, you are familiar with the 1-2-3 countdown before the "shutter" snaps and captures the picture. You can avoid this by holding the Option Key while you click the red button.

I find the "flash" when I click the red button annoying. Holding the Shift Key while you press the red button will eliminate the flash. Option-Shift together will take an immediate picture and remove the flash.

Right-click picture attachment in Mail to show as icon

If you don't want a picture attached to an e-mail to show inline, right-click (or Control-click) on the picture. From the menu that shows up, select View as icon.

Trashing Locked Folders

Occasionally, a member faces the situation of a locked folder on the Desktop that cannot be put in Trash. An easy way to get rid of the offending folder is to use a free utility called Batchmod. You can download it at macchampion.com/arbysoft/Welcome.html.

When you have it downloaded to your Applications Folder, drag the icon to the Batchmod icon and put the folder in the Trash. Batchmod will also force empty trash. Find Force Empty Trash in the menu under Batchmod.

A simple, free online backup

Drop Box is a simple, free (up to 2GB) app that allows you to back up files online so that you know important documents and pictures are safe. You can subscribe for 50GB of storage for \$9.99 per month or \$99 a year.

It allows access to these backed up files from any computer, anywhere, even if it does not have Drop Box installed. Get it at getdropbox.com. You will be asked to provide your e-mail address and password.

Once you have it set up, you just drag (copy) the file you want to save to the appropriate place — Photos, Private. Access is simple. If using a computer, you log on at getdropbox.com/home.

Don't be alarmed when you try to open Drop Box and nothing appears on the desktop. Access to Drop Box appears on the Menu Bar.

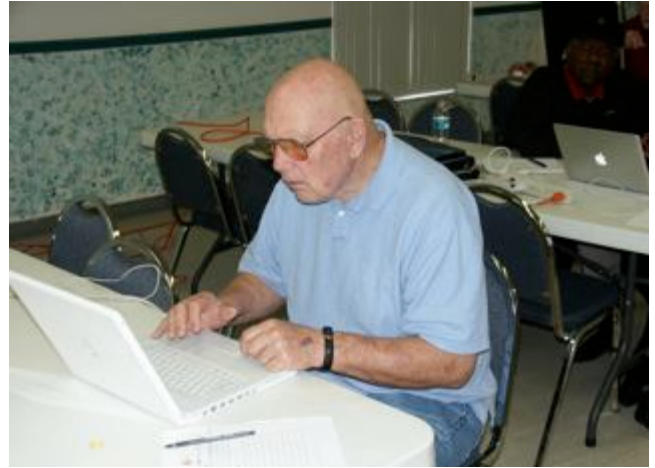


John Engberg, center, helps Bill and Joyce Shertzer, who drove from Morristo, for the February Lab/Tune-up.
Curt Herrin



Jymie and Terrie Charles

Curt Herrin



Charlie Hinckley

Curt Herrin



Dan Techentin, left, and Bill Dean

Curt Herrin



Chris Dusombre, back, and Bill Clark

Curt Herrin

Make CDs from LPs, 78s, 45s, cassettes

Bill Dean

I've been playing with my daughter's new toy — a three-speed turntable, cassette, CD, and AM-FM radio that burns CDs from any of those functions except radio. She bought it from Target for \$200. I've been able to make CDs of my remaining collection of LPs and 78s that survived the move from Illinois. It works fairly well, although the sound quality is not the greatest. The process is simple. For instance, from my five old Duke Ellington LPs, I've been able to make a CD with seven good tracks of extended concert performances good for a little over an hour of music.

The 78s CD is extremely noisy as I might have expected. Software is available to remove the noise. I'll have to experiment with that.



To get the device, go to target.com > Electronics > Home Audio > Music Systems.

On the road – RVing for business

John Trent



Barbara and I started a new business, J & B Finishers, in 1990 in Atlanta. It was a finishing business for small to medium-sized printers; in the trade it is called a “bindery.” We ran it suc-

cessfully until 2004 when we sold out and moved to Dunnellon, Rainbow Springs CC. So we said we can do it again.

When we ran J & B Finishers, MYOB was the accounting program of choice; however, Panorama database was used in the beginning. We ran it successfully until 2004 when we sold out and moved to Florida.

We grew up and married in Cincinnati. Ohio but lived in Atlanta for 40 years. We have two daughters, one a lieutenant colonel in the Army and one in book sales, and a son in the transportation business. We have lived in Rainbow Springs CC Estates, Dunnellon, since 2005.

We got an RV motor home and went on the road in 2006. While at an RV rally, we looked at badge vendor businesses to purchase, but decided we would have to go it “alone” and start our own.

We needed an identity, so we asked Carol Katterson to help us, and she suggested I send her a picture



and she would work with that.

So now we travel to RV rallies and engrave badges and nameplates on plastic. We use a Roland EGX-30 engraving machine and Dr Engrave software. Once the image is copied or designed, we hit Print and it works just like a printer, except it is engraving.



We also found a market at R/C model airplane events and plan to go to some auto and motorcycle events. We can do personalized tag frames and plates for collectors and riders. We do metal pet ID tags. When we set up outside we use the RV generator to power our equipment and put up some neat banners and displays.

We can be contacted at bestbadgesplus@gmail.com.

The Wow Factor

Wow, experiencing the MacBook, for me has been simply joy. Everyday I find new things, things that please me, and make me wonder why Windows doesn't do that. They are little things, major things, awesome things, things that make me say — wow!

I kinda felt on the hook recommending the MacBook to friends. I felt even a little more apprehensive, when my best friend, Tim, bought one on my recommendations for him and his wife, Mary. I am fully confident, after a fair trial, they will be as enamored as I am.

Tim made his mind up, as I hear, after sitting down at my MacBook and checking it out. I mean, this is an Intel 2.2 Core 2 Duo Penryn — far and away faster than even my homebuilt AMD Athlon.

That computer, being a single core Athlon 3700, backed up with 2GB of speedy OCZ RAM. Is over clocked to 3.0, and I mean its fast, but not MacBook fast. The single most contributing factor in speed has been the Western Digital "Raptor" Hard drive spinning at 10,000 RPM.

The MacBook's claim to fame for speed, is to my humble opinion, the Intel Core 2 Duo Processor. I took the liberty to increase the RAM to the MacBook's 6GB limit. Those two factors more than make up for the 5,400 RPM hard drives spinning speed. The MacBook is fast. I suppose I could take it to its ultimate, by replacing the hard drive with a Hitachi Spin-point, running at a 7200 RPM.

By the way, increasing the RAM to 6GB was as simple as removing four screws and swinging two levers, and rebooting. To replace the hard drive, just a few more screws and a reboot, pop in the included OS disk and good to go.

It came with a one year warranty, and if I act before the year is out, and purchase AppleCare, I can increase this to an additional three years.

I have been demo-ing several programs I heard about on my fave, Macrumors.com website.

One is Mac Journal, which I am using to write these thoughts into, and the other is Notebook, which is similar, but also gives you the ability to post to a .MAC, (now called Mobile. Me) account.

This is my first sojourn with Journal, I plan a serious

attempt with Notebook tomorrow. Notebook has a feature of recording lectures/meetings, and typing them out as a written form, as well as outline, complete with the ability of hearing the original meeting/lecture recorded, simply by highlighting each section of outline, to hear the original words, all automatically included in the outline. Invaluable for us with various church meetings. I can also see this being invaluable to teachers for class outlines etcetera. Journal is \$29 and Notebook is \$49. For what you get, as well as my desire to write, I have purchased both.

OK, what are some more functions I like in the Mac OS? How about simple uninstalls?

Yeah you Windows types, you know the drill: Start/control panel/add remove programs/highlight/ click remove, and x out of the program. Oh done? Not. If you are persnickety like me, you then also use JVI6 to clean the registry of any program orphan files that may be left. This is what your PC means when it tells you "some items couldn't be removed you will have to remove them manually." Done? Nope. Geeks like me always go on to Disk-Keeper to defrag the hard drive of the empty space that is left where the removed program was. Why? To move all files closer together so they can be found faster. The ultimate speed can be obtained by doing a boot-time defrag, which deploys before the boot files are accessed. Yeah, it's called system maintenance. If you are a business, your IT guy does this regularly. If you don't, this is why your PC is slow.

So what is the big deal here with the Mac OS?

To uninstall, open finder, go to applications, find the files icon and drag it to the trash bin. That's it. What?

Yep, no registry defrag, no hard drive defrag, the Apple OS does it automatically. Don't need JVI-16, don't need Disk-Keeper, no system maintenance, none period. Oh, and no slowdowns. Sweet. Oh, excuse me, wow!

Want real simple? How's this. Make a mistake typing? Hit delete. Huh? Type animal as "animul." If you catch your mistake when the cursor is after the u simply hit delete, the u is gone, you don't have to arrow back. Apple deletes to the left, PCs to the right. Small, sure, but you won't believe the work this saves.

Done with your work in a program such as Journal, Pages (Apple's Word)? Just close it. Is your work saved? Yep automatically. No more "do you want to save your work" questions. I guess Apple figures you must want it saved, or you wouldn't bother in the first place. Wow!

Out of breath and out of space; more next month.

29 members attended the February general meeting.

Committee Reports

Scholarships: On behalf of Jo Foster's absence, Curt gave the following scholarship update: 14 applications have been received and on Sunday, March 1 the committee will process the applications and choose the winners. The winners will formally receive their scholarships at the March social.

Magazine: Curt made mention that he was pleased to see that the January issue had some new contributors of articles. He encouraged everyone to continue to send in articles, photographs, and or cool computer related Web sites.

Membership: Carolyn said we currently have 227 members. 111 singles and 58 family. She also reported on the inactive list, comprising of 58 singles and 13 families for a total of 84. Curt said he would start making phone calls to this group.

Treasure: Julie reported that at the end of December 2008 the club had a balance of \$2,288.89. At the end of January 2009 our balance \$4,747.19. Curt said that this means we can afford to give \$750 to each of the three scholarship winners, and with that, everyone applauded.

Education

Classes: February — iMovie will be brought to you by Curt Herrin; March — Bento; April — Pages.

General Meeting topics: January — Gail will start the New Year off with a demonstration of Turbo Taxes; February — Curt will take us through QuickTime Pro, Magic Jack; March — Social.

CD availability: DB/SS-Apple Works, Apple Mail/AddressBook, Now with Leopard, Beginning System Ten, Leopard System Ten, iMovie HD/iMovie 8, iDVD, iPhoto, Keynote, Pages, iWeb, Quicken 2006, and Numbers. All are available for \$5 each, except for Keynote and Pages which are \$10 each.

Tech Report: Bill talked about going over to Terry's house to help him with his computer that had crashed. Bill tried his magic voodoo but to no avail. He then had Terry

tell us the rest of the story, which amazed everyone. As Terry tells it — he went on Ebay and bought an internal hard drive and motherboard at a considerable savings and then proceeded to carefully take his computer apart. With his dining room table completely covered with computer parts, he proceeded to reassemble the machine, and low and behold it booted up on the first try.

Bill also mentioned that Safari 4 (beta version) is available for downloading. He personally, however, doesn't want to mess with beta.

Club computer for sale: Curt brought the computer to the meeting and it appeared that someone was interested in purchasing it. Stay tuned.

March Social: Vito reported that all is under control and everyone should not eat before coming to the meeting.

Elections: Curt reminded everyone to start thinking about electing new officers this fall. Bill Dean is the nominating committee chair and all nomination suggestions should be sent to him.

Tonight's Presentation Topics: Zinio and QuickTime Pro

Gail gave us a very interesting presentation on Zinio, an online magazine site. You subscribe to any of your favorite magazines and Zinio provides a perfectly executed page-turning format for your viewing pleasure. You can zoom in or out, you can even use a highlighter feature to mark sentence for future reference. Gail deftly went through numerous features that were very tempting to forgo all magazines sent by mail and adopt Zinio for your magazine enjoyment.

Curt had a tough act to follow, but as usual his talk on QuickTime Pro was most compelling. He raced through a slew of features, but the one he especially favored was the movie-making feature. Although all the recent computers come with QuickTime Player, the Pro version is considerably more sophisticated. QuickTime Pro sells for \$29.95.

Thanks to both Gail and Curt for their thorough and informative presentations.

Next meeting March 27.

COMING UP IN MARCH

March Class, Sat. March 21, 1-5 p.m., at Crystal Oaks — Bento with Deborah McLaughlin

Do you have bits and pieces of data scattered all over your computer, your desk, your house? Do you try to manage data with lists in a spreadsheet program? Come and learn to use Bento, the light-weight, easy-to-use database program designed by Filemaker, Inc. for personal organization and productivity. Whether you are new to databases generally, new to Bento specifically, or just curious, this month's class on Bento is for you. Caveat: Bento requires Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard. Sign up with Jean Clark at bordrbrae@oal.com. The class fee is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for family, and \$20 for nonmembers.

Sunday, March 22, 1-5 p.m., Lab/Tune-up at Crystal Oaks Clubhouse

Bring your computer for tune-up, correction of problems or

for one-on-one instruction in Mac applications. Make sure that you bring all the necessary hardware to run your computer. The mouse and cables are frequently forgotten. Lab Sign up with Bill Dean at bjdean@embarqmail.com.

Tues., March 24, 1-4 p.m., Beverly Hills Workshop at the Beverly Hills Community Building

Come for instruction, minor tune-up, class follow-up when possible, software and hardware problems. Make sure that you bring all the necessary hardware to run your computer. The mouse and cables are frequently forgotten. If you would like to request a specific topic you wish covered, check with Bill Dean via e-mail at bjdean@embarqmail.com

Meeting, Fri., March 27, 6:30 p.m., at Crystal Oaks Clubhouse — Party

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Curt Herrin via e-mail at curtisherrin@me.com.