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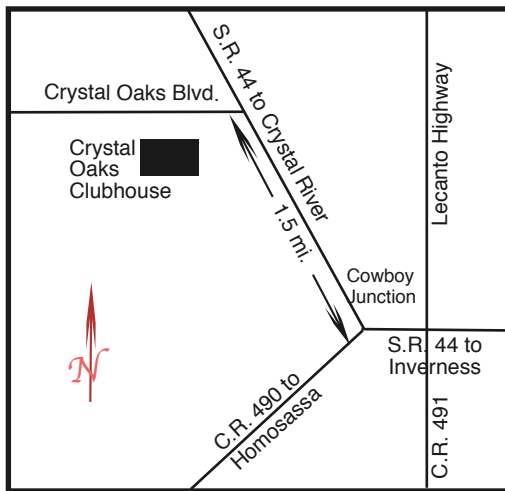
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ABOUT CMUG

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.

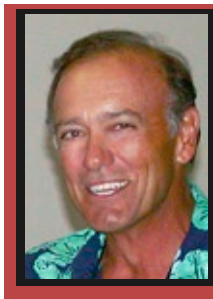
We also offer an informal workshop for members at the Beverly Hills Community Building on the fourth Tuesday monthly. The workshop can either cover a specific topic or address various computer problems of participants.

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



Even though we have not been together at a club meeting for some-time, the BOD has been meeting and developing classes to meet your requests. Our Vice President of Education Ed Romans has a great lineup to finish the year and is working on what CMUG's winter members might need for the upcoming season. We are thinking of the full spread of iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, and iTunes. Now that we have high-speed Internet at the club house, we can do live demo's online.

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Jeff Camp has offered to teach four consecutive Photoshop classes starting in late September. This will be in addition to the monthly class, which is on System 10 this month and being taught by Bill Dean.

Jeff's first class offering was filled as soon as the notice went out. He is willing to do more sessions right away, but we are going to wait until the beginning of '07. With the holidays coming up, Crystal Oaks is limited on open consecutive weekend days. We ask those on the list for more classes to be patient.

Because this is a special class, we had to rent four more days at Crystal Oaks, and to ensure payment for that expense, we will collect the full fee, nonrefundable, at the first class. So please be sure your calendar is free for those dates when announced.

I want to thank each of you who signed Alan and John's get well cards at the last meeting. John was at the August Lab and is getting around much better. We are looking forward to Alan's return as well.

All right; just a couple more meetings this year and then it is time to pay taxes again.

Address Book's Auto Fill Feature

Curt Herrin

Apple's Mail application is a pretty good program. If you attended the Mail/Address Book class you found out that the Address Book is married quite nicely to Mail.

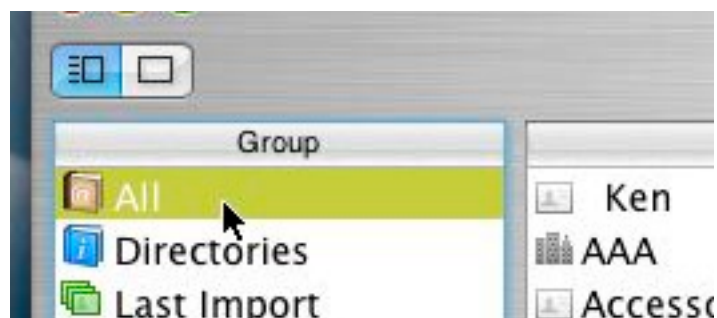
Mail had an Auto Fill feature for the address, and last month, I showed you how to purge bad addresses from the Mail program. Writing that article reminded me that my Address Book has a like feature, and I have forever been plagued when entering the Country as "USA."

Constantly, I got the popup window with lower case usa. No matter what I did it tried its hardest to put that



in the Address Book. I would eventually get the upper case USA but I had to be really fast. How did I finally solve my problem?

I went to .Mac's Address Book Support site and did a search of archived questions on Address Book. I found out that the Auto Fill has no master list you can edit like the Mail program. Instead, it draws from the addresses already in your book. Thus, somewhere, I had usa and I had to eliminate it. If you have this problem, use my easy way of finding the flawed record or you could end up like me and find it in record 348 of 349. What a long day.

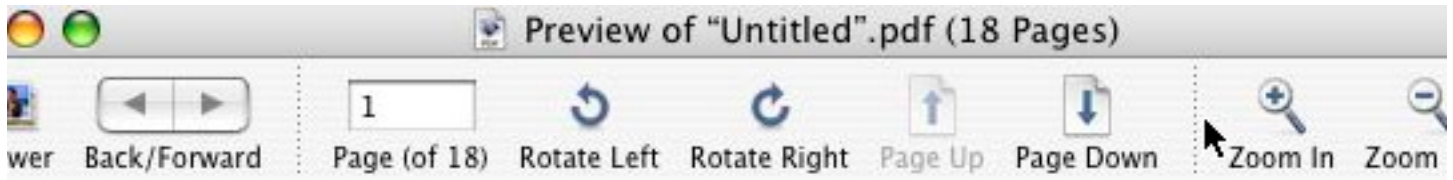
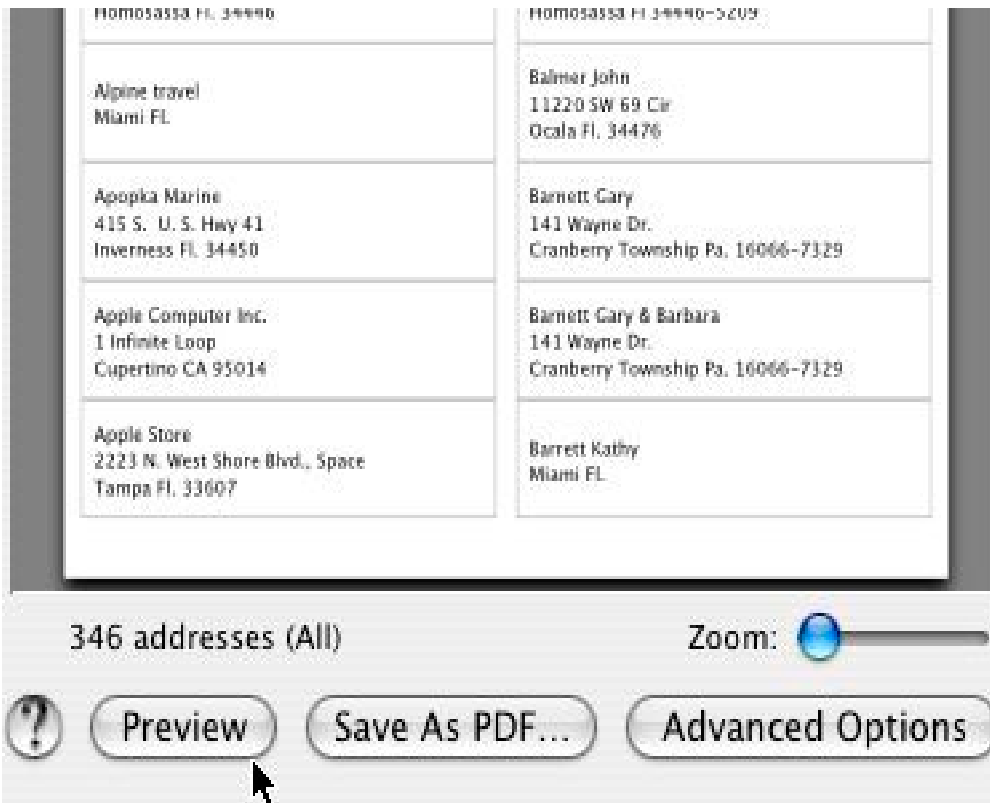


First, select All your addresses. Then, Print under File in the menu. In the print window, select Preview. You could save it as a PDF as well. The application Preview

will display all your records. View each page until you find the offending record. Return to the Address Book and edit that record. Once you think you have them all,

test it by entering a new address and see if Auto Fill shows the offending entry again. If so, look at the records closer. You missed one or more. So much easier.

Gee. After all this writing, I was reviewing and realized neither Preview nor PDF shows the Country. So if your problem child is in the Country entry, you will have to go through each record. But the other fields show up in both Preview and PDF.



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Re-Install to Re-Insure

Gail Mitchell

Two weeks ago, I visited the Apple Store in Tampa for assistance with my G5 and my new AirPort Extreme. I found that the AirPort Card had not been seated properly, so they corrected the problem.

During our conversation, the Genius behind the Genius Bar asked if I had reinstalled the OS during the past year. I was surprised at his questions and asked why I should reinstall a program that seemed to be giving me little or no problems.

He then did some “magic” tweaking and found that some of the data were corrupted in a very minor way. He said that this often happens and that to remedy this problem, Apple recommends that we reinstall the operating system each year and then re-perform the updates we might have done during the year. He said to follow the instructions on the original CD to avoid losing data already on my computer. I thought CMUG members would like the information as well. We all want to insure that our Macs work at their best, so the reinstall gives us that assurance.

Search the Internet

Gail Mitchell

Searching the Net? Here are places to start.

The New York Times recently had the following information for searching the Net. They suggested the following sites:

- **Google**—So good it became a verb. It includes a search of Usenet discussions, a government search, an image search, maps, local listings and Google Scholar for scholarly literature.
- **A9** from Amazon adds some interesting twists to Web search.
- **Alta Vista** now from Overture, includes audio and video search.
- **Yahoo!** Subject guide and free-text searching of the World Wide Web, and many other services.
- The **Open Directory Project** aims to become the largest Web directory edited by (volunteer) humans.
- **All the Web, from Fast Search**, is quick and simple.
- **Ask Jeeves** has several different flavors of search.
- **Ixquick** searches multiple search engines and quickly returns filtered results.
- **ProFusion, Excite, Dogpile, CNet Search.com and Metacrawler** simultaneously search different combinations of multiple Web search engines .
- **Vivisimo** searches and categorizes results helpfully.
- **Reporter’s Desktop** conveniently consolidates many ways to find people and things.
- **Hotbot**

- **Looksmart** searches selected sites reviewed by humans, but emphasizes those who pay for placement.
- **Librarians’ Index to the Internet**—Useful sites organized and annotated by librarians in California and Washington.
- **About.com** has humans who assemble mini-sites on a wide variety of topics.
- **Britannica** adds human judgment to searching, and presents the results in an unusually effective way.
- **Searchmil.com** searches for information in military (.mil) computers
- **The Hardin Meta Directory** catalogs health-related sites.
- **Topica and Tile.Net** will help you find Internet mailing lists.

Get involved with your club.

Listen to that tiny voice that keeps saying, “Do it. Do it.”

Technological expertise is not necessary to keep the club functioning.



POINTERS FOR THE PERPLEXED

BILL DEAN

Connect strangeness: Show Time Connected turned off

One night when I went to connect to my server, I watched the Dialing, Dialing, Connecting, Connecting process for the usual time, and then it seemed to disconnect, although I didn't see any of the usual alerts to explain. I discovered I was connected, but I was not seeing the time connected.

A look at the connect menu showed that "Show time connected" had been turned off. I have no idea how that happened—got careless with the mouse, probably.

Things seem to on and off for no apparent reason other than carelessness with the mouse clicks.

Icon name

I've seen some strange names for hard drives—x, ?, mmmmm, sdkk. I ask, "Why did you name your hard drive that?" The usual response is, "I didn't." Oh yes, you did. If the name under any icon is highlighted, anything you type, either accidentally or on purpose,



becomes the name of the icon. You can call your hard drive anything you want—Billy Bob Plumley—if you desire, but know you are doing it.

Wifi hotspots

If you are on dialup, have a laptop with an Airport card and want to download large files, you can find a free wifi hotspot at the Crystal River Mall and Cinnamon Sticks in Inverness. Get yourself a dish of Working Cow ice cream in the Mall food court, turn on your laptop and get a quick download. The sticky buns at Cinnamon Sticks are very good.

I've hooked up at both places.

I also connected at Barnes and Noble in Ocala. I didn't do anything because a \$19.95 monthly fee is required. But that's not a bad deal for high speed wireless service. If I lived close to a Barnes and Noble, I'd pay the fee and do my browsing and e-mail there while I enjoy some Starbucks coffee and a scone. It's not a bad price for high speed.

Want to play?

Go to tucows.com/Macintosh/Games and browse through the Games links to find a wide variety of games that will work on OS X (Classic, too). Some are free, some are shareware.



LAB REPORT

The CMUG tech crew got their first look at an Intel Mini Mac with Boot Camp and Windows installed. New member Darlene Catlin's Mini booted OK in Windows but would not boot in OS X. Al Petry, Chris Dusombre, Curt Herrin and John Engberg worked on it from time to time, with Al and Chris doing most of the job, including reinstalling Tiger. There was also a problem with monitor resolution that Al corrected. Fortunately, Chris knows his way around in Windows, so he was able to get ethernet set up for the Windows side.

Curt helped Mae Lewis with some work-arounds in AppleWorks and iCal calendar set up.

Jose Masaoy had a problem with an e-mail file that

would not properly load to his eMac. Bill was able to get the offending file stopped, trashed and deleted. Bill and John also were able to get sound to play properly on some Yahoo! movie links. The sound seems to work better after Bill installed Firefox.

Applejack seemed to correct any problems on the hard drive.

Chris used the CMUG Wireless hookup to update some of the Windows files on his laptop.

Ron Bewyer brought his G4 iBook, which continues to boot up very slowly. John and Bill worked on it with Permissions Repair, OnyX cache some hidden file removal. Bill took all Norton utilities off. The iBook boots a little better after all this. Perhaps additional memory will help more.

—Bill Dean



As the clock ticks

Johanna Foster

When I did the magazine cover last week, there were only two iMacs in the completed Mac Intel lineup. Before I even got club President Curt Herrin's monthly column in the magazine, Mac announced a new 24-inch iMac model.

And before we know it, the new OS 10.5—code name Leopard—that is designed for Intel Macs, will debut. It's scheduled to come out in January.

When Leopard comes out, the other OS Xs will start to fade into the dim past the way the previous generation of operating system—OS 9—did ...

But wait, it didn't.

Well, not completely; for instance, I still run OS 9.2.2 alone on one the hard drives on my Sawtooth G4. Oh yeah, Apple built that G4 to last. But, then, it's been babied through the years. For a home computer, 1 GB Ram and the upgrade to 1+ GHz speed is enough. But it wouldn't make it in a business setting. And let's face it, the younger generation would develop rigor mortis waiting for it to catch up to their lifestyle — or so they would think — if they had time to think.

It appears that technology is screaming fast and running circles around us as it speeds forward with each passing day.

Yet, it seems to plod along in other cases, as the folks who bought Intel Macs and use Photoshop CS2 will verify. They are still waiting for the Adobe upgrade to Intel.

I'm not.

That upgrade is due out in early 2007.

I can understand the delay to making Photoshop compatible to Intel. Adobe already has an 18- to 24-month new-version schedule. Why mess up their schedule and stress their other customers? I, for one, seem to just get really comfortable with a version of Photoshop when Adobe comes out with a new one that has all these neat have-to-have improvements. I was going to skip the CS2 version even though I was barely able to contain the desire to have Smart Objects and Vanishing Point.

Then Apple came out with the Intel Macs.

That was when I decided to upgrade Photoshop to CS2.

I'm not really interested in upgrading my computer. So weird and backward as this may sound, if Intel, which was supposed to be compatible all the way around, slowed down Photoshop, how will Adobe design new Photoshop software for it without sacrificing something for the older operating systems?

I understand from what our club tekkies say that it's not the operating system that affects the way Photoshop operates—it's the internal architecture of the computer. For some reason, that is not comforting information.

Also, I keep thinking of going all OS X on my desktop with Panther, but hesitate to make the change. When I had Panther on my PowerBook, I remember liking it. But I never tried to print from the laptop. Now I can print from Jaguar on the desktop since I found the printer driver upgrade on the Hewlett Packard Web site.

There were two main reasons to keep OS 9.2.2 on one of the hard drives of the desktop.

The first reason relates to printing and the PS software that came with my HP printer. How sweet it is. But with the great PDF engine in InDesign and that printer software, do I really need it?

The second reason related to the Internet and viruses. So much for the threat of Macs becoming instantly vulnerable to mass virus assaults. They just didn't materialize to the scope of the Windows' experiences. But I'm not saying they can't and won't yet happen. However, in the meantime, technology on the Internet has been advancing and the old versions of Netscape and Internet Explorer are becoming passe —if they aren't already.

The thing is that the Panther version of OS X is relatively inexpensive now, and I liked that version. Tiger is good, too, but it's still expensive.

All I know is that as the clock ticks things are changing, and with those changes, the reasons for doing or not doing things change as well.

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EDUCATION

ED ROMANS

Monthly Class

Bill Dean is back in front of the class with a presentation for beginners on the OS X operating system and more Saturday, September 16, 1-5 p.m. at Crystal Oaks. The class at Crystal Oaks will be a bare-bones introduction to OS X for new Mac users and people new to Mac OS X. It will include getting around in Finder, using the Dock, minimum use of System Preferences, managing Windows, Safari Preferences, setting up Mail and Address Book, using iPhoto to e-mail pictures and to use Slideshow.

Bill will also cover making a Playlist and burning a CD from iTunes, simple disk maintenance, using an alternate browser and e-mail program, and other tasks.

We will not go into detail about any of these applications and utilities. Bill will conduct the class as though he were setting up a new user at a house call.

The class fee is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for family, and \$20 for nonmembers. Come earlier to set up your computer.

To sign up for this class, e-mail me at edromans@mindspring.com or call 527-6522. I will be unavailable from September 2-9, so you can sign up with Bill at bjdean@basicisp.net or at 527-8405, or you can wait for me to confirm your registration when I'm back online. We hope to see you there!

Special Class Series

We have scheduled a special series of classes for you photography lovers. Jeffrey Camp has offered to provide instruction for a series of classes that would be scheduled at Crystal Oaks on September 23, 30 and October 7 and 14 from 1-5 p.m. The class size is limited to eight members due to the amount of individual attention that will be given to each participant. We must have a commitment from the interested members ASAP so the facility can be confirmed for the required dates. You must sign up for the classes in advance and we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins for this activity. If we don't get the eight participants, the classes can not be offered unless the members who do sign up are willing to share the burden of the extra expense. We have to do this to be fair to the other club members.

Jeffrey is passionate about photography and teaching, too. He began his photography career at 19, as a photojournalist for the Tampa Tribune. In 1986, he at-

tended the Southeast Center for Photographic Studies in Daytona Beach, where he focused his skills as a commercial photographer. After graduation, he spent three years in New York City assisting some of today's big names in advertising and editorial photography. During his 15 years living and working in Sarasota, he built a reputation as being one of the best and most sought after magazine and annual report shooters. Jeff has presented workshops for Fujifilm USA and has taught both pros and beginners how to improve their images by challenging their creative process and technical skills.

Digital Photography from Capture to Print : The four week Digital photography workshop with CMUG members will be custom planned around the interests and goals of the students. Jeff will develop an indi-

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vidual course of study and assignments after meeting with students and discussing skills, interests, goals and aspirations. Each week the group will meet and study an aspect of the digital photography process.

“We will start with the digital camera and work our way to the desktop darkroom,” Jeff said.

Jeff will share his knowledge of today's aesthetics, hardware and software. Students will critique each other's work and discuss the techniques for creating beautiful images. Members who are looking to grow in a creative environment using a digital camera and a Mac computer are strongly encouraged to sign up for this innovative workshop.

Participants should have access to a digital camera, Mac computer, printer and Adobe Photoshop or Elements. A thumb drive or a way to transport images to class (CD or DVD) would also be required.

The classes will be at Crystal Oaks on the dates listed above. The enrollment was limited, so the first eight members who signed up were admitted.

With the large demand, we will try to offer the four-day workshop again at the first available opportunity. I will keep a list of interested individuals. If someone who signed up cannot attend, please notify me or Curt so we can include another member.