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From the Presidents Corner



The Way I See It by: Tim Rankin

As most all of you are aware, Apple has just released Leopard, the newest cat in the series of OS X operating systems. What most folks don't realize is that this OS has been in development for over 2 years and is the fifth Mac OS X. If you would like to see the outstanding features of Leopard simply go to Apple's website (www.apple.com) and check out the quicktime videos and other overviews that are available. As is often the case there are some glitches with any new OS and Leopard is no exception. There have been some installation problems and a list of applications that work in Tiger (OS 10.4) that at present do not work in Leopard (OS 10.5). The software developers and Apple will work quickly to solve these problems. I will try to locate someone that has Leopard installed and see if we can have a demo on it in the near future. **BTW our January meeting has been moved back from January 1st to January 8th, 2008.**

November Program

Joan Greenwood will present a travelogue complete with pictures on her recent trip overseas. Here is her overview of her presentation.

In search of my roots: I always have an itinerary whenever I travel. Sometimes I want to see a place that I have read about in a novel, sometimes it's an historical place, and once in a while I kind of throw a hypothetical dart on the map and see where it takes me.

This year I wanted to see if I could find the graves of my paternal great-great grandparents: William and Matilda Greenwood. A friend of mine who is really into genealogy found that they were alive during the 1870 census in the UK. Their only son, William, my great grandfather, emigrated to the US in 1871. I even know the name of the ship he took from Liverpool.

I took the Eurostar train to Paris and while there I searched for the home of Nicholas Flamel; the parc ; and some haute couture on the rue St. Honoré.

Took the train back to London and went to see the area where William the Conqueror landed in 1066. The hypothetical dart landed on the British Museum this time and I got to see a really awesome special on loan to the museum from China.

Apple News

Trick or Treat

The Mac has officially gone mainstream.

The proof? On Halloween, professional online criminals were found using Trojan-horse software to target, for the first time, computers running Apple's OS X operating system -- just as they have been doing for years on the more ubiquitous flavors of Windows.

"Apple's day has finally come, and Apple users are going to get hit hard," security researcher Gadi Evron said. "OS X is the new Windows 98."

The Trojan comes disguised as a video-decoding plug-in that users are told they must install to watch free porn clips. Instead, the software burrows into the operating system and diverts some of the victim's future web surfing to sites under the attacker's control. It's the professional attack on Macs that the security community has long predicted, according to Dave Marcus, security research manager at McAfee's Avert Lab, who said it was "written by people who know how to write malware."

The arrival of the Mac Trojan signals that cybercrooks have decided there are finally enough Apple systems on the internet to make attacking them profitable, according to security experts. Apple is the nation's No. 3 desktop and laptop seller in the United States, behind Dell and Hewlett Packard. And this year, the Cupertino company accounted for an impressive 8.1 percent of the personal-computer market for the third quarter, up nearly two percentage points from the same period a year ago. Evron and other observers predict that black hats will have a field day with Macs, as well as with Apple's new mobile platforms.

"With 2 million iPhones and iPod Touches, it makes sense they will think of them as an evolving market to exploit, and there are a lot of new Mac users who aren't as savvy as Mac's earlier users," said CEO Alex

Eckelberry of Sunbelt Software, which sells security software for Windows machines.

But Carl Howe, an Apple analyst at Blackfriars Communications, disputes the security researchers' theories. He thinks that OS X's Unix heritage makes Apple systems less vulnerable to attack than Windows-based platforms. He argues that even if hacking Macs hasn't been profitable in the past, attackers would have done it anyway if they'd been able -- just for the attention.

Apple Posts Fix for iMac Freezes

Jim Dalrymple, Macworld

Apple on Thursday released an update for its iMac consumer computer that fixes a problem with the computer freezing suddenly.

Apple said the update is recommended for 20-inch and 24-inch iMac models with 2.0 2.4, or 2.8GHz processors. iMac Software Update 1.3 (Leopard) and iMac Software Update 1.2 (Tiger) are available from Apple's Web site.

Apple acknowledged in early October that a software update it issued caused the computers to freeze. According to users the iMac became unusable, requiring a hard reset in order to recover.

Apple said it is encouraging its customers to install the update via the Software Update mechanism or the download link.

Other News

Apple's iTunes U offers free knowledge from top universities

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"In an empty classroom on the campus

of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Walter H.G Lewin, a physics professor, is practicing one of his lectures on the science of everyday phenomena," Jeffrey Selingo reports for The Washington Post.

"Lewin has been teaching at MIT since the 1960s, and his courses are legendary among generations of students there. But he wants to get this lecture -- where he dives into the science of rainbows, musical instruments and pacemakers -- exactly right. The audience is not just his students at MIT. It could be anyone around the world with access to a computer and Apple's iTunes store," Selingo reports.

"MIT is one of 28 colleges that have posted courses, campus speeches and other events on a section of iTunes known as iTunes U. Since the site was launched last spring with 16 institutions, material from it has been downloaded more than 4 million times," Selingo reports. "Unlike other offerings from Apple's music store, where songs cost 99 cents, everything on iTunes U is free."

OMUG Minutes

Meeting of October 2, 2007

With a few stragglers arriving a tiny bit late on the eve of October 2 for our monthly meeting of the Ocala Mac Users Group, we were twenty nine in attendance, including guest and friend of Tim and Judy Rankin, Jim Dentici, who is a photographer and I believe, is a mac user.

As always, President Tim Rankin's opening remarks were gracious and he began by reminding members to check our website <http://www.ocalamug.org>

as members of the board have started entering their bios. "It is always interesting to learn about your fellow Mac enthusiasts to see if you share similar backgrounds and/or learn something about member's Mac histories." When it is your turn (any time, actually), if you have trouble getting a good photo for YOUR bio, Tim will be willing to photograph you and in turn, will give the photo to Phil Davis who will include it on our web page. Tim announced that we have a new amplifier system which, according to Virginia Baldwin, works pretty darn well. Boy, that ear wax can be a problem! OMUG has a 5 year old iMac for sale. It is a 400 megahertz, slot loading CD/DVD player (Tim will bring it up to OSX 10.4.10 Tiger) specs and the first \$125 will purchase it.

Our speaker for the evening, N.C. Sizemore, needed no introduction as he is a long time OMUG member, an accomplished photographer and experienced computer guru. N.C. began his presentation with the statement "I want you to get to know me and how I got to where I am today". There was an impressive array of cameras on the table ranging from vintage box to high tech digital, and one by one, N.C. showcased each one in great detail. He wove an exciting tale of his evolutionary journey, starting with his youthful passion for photography, through the military in the 50's, on to designing mainframe computer systems for the banking business in the 60's, to purchasing his first 10 meg. home computer in the late 80's. In 1989 he purchased his first (and last) P.C. From '89 to '99, computer technology jumped pretty quickly. In 2000 N.C began reading about digital cameras so his wife Shelly bought him a tiny 1.3 megapixel Chameleon Elf with which he shot what he thought were pretty

good pictures. Having heard that Macs had the best image processing, he purchased his first Mac and then proceeded on through a series of digital cameras with more and more megapixels, using the Mac software, successfully scanning old photos and creating beautiful digitally manipulated prints from each of his "latest" cameras. Today, N.C. uses a Canon SLR D10 which has lots of buttons, various lens', 18 to 200 zoom, an anti shake feature for vibration reduction ~ all of these features, of course, mean more \$. N.C.'s advice when buying a new digital camera? He personally prefers one with an optical view finder (hard to find these days) , large image viewing window and again, vibration reduction is very important. He says that more pixels absorb more depth in your photos so go with an 8 to 10 megapixel rated camera.

N.C. concluded his presentation with a great slide show incorporating music, all created in iPhoto. What a wonderful evening and we thank you N.C. for such interesting and enlightening presentation.

Refreshments (thank you Docteurs) and lively Mac conversation ensued and at Q & A time, questions about problems with DSL and getting on the internet were discussed along with difficulties getting files on to X Drives. N.C. couldn't open Power Point (look at preferences in Office for Mac) and all were advised to go to macfixit.com for answers to EVERYTHING! Sally Smyth showed a digital "painting" that she had created on her MacBook using Corel PainterX and announced the opening of the Ocala Art Group's Annual All

Member Art Show at the Brick Center for the Arts in downtown Ocala. Denis Moeder asked about battery life in his laptop. "Should you let it go all the way down"? Answer? Not with the new batteries.

50/50 Raffle winners were: Leta Moeder and Earl Satterfield (\$25. each) and Shelly Sizemore and Leta Moeder selected items from the goodie table.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Need Help

We have a number of volunteers who are available to help you with problems you may encounter using software:

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Tip Of The Month

TextEdit: How Does My Letter Fit On a Page?

To See TextEdit's page boundaries, press Command-Shift-W (the shortcut for the Wrap to Page command) and the page margins will appear on screen. Another thing that will make TextEdit behave more like the word processor it really is, is to go under the Format Menu and choose Allow Hyphenation, so when a word extends to the page's edge, it gets automatically hyphenated and split by syllable to the next line, like you'd expect in a standalone word processor.

The above Tip of the Month is from Scott Kelby's book Mac OS X Tiger Killer Tips

