MUGSHOT

From the Presidents Corner

As I see it our Mug has had a pretty good year so far and things look good for the Winter/Spring session. I used Thanksgiving as a time to thank folks for all their help, and I'll briefly say thanks again as we traditionally look back to look ahead at this time of year. We are scheduled to have some great new opportunities open to us this year with the internet coming to our building if budget cuts do not doom it. There are a lot of programs we can do that we could not do without it. I'm looking forward to maximizing those opportunities.

How are your new year's resolutions coming along? Going to really start backing up? move up to the latest OSX? learn more shortcuts? suggest a program for us? present a program for us? submit your bio for the web page? invite a friend to one of our meetings? Some of these are much easier than others. Some you are already doing some or all of then hopefully. whatever your situation may be, I hope you have a blessed Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful new year.

I am optimistic that our MUG will have a great new year and with all your help, it will. As I write this (Dec. 22nd) I am about to leave for a week and plan to have Christmas with three daughters, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren two special Christmas church services and several friends by driving 2000 miles to 4 different cities to do so. That much driving is a pain but Shelley and I believe it is worth it. We hope your plans include a lot of family and/or friendly fellowship as well.
See you in 2009.
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January Program

January 6, 2009
Open Meeting - This is a chance to ask questions and to answer other member's questions in accordance with our motto "Mac Users Helping Mac Users."
Be sure to write down your questions and bring them along!

Irrefutable proof that Jobs is healthy

by Jake Gaecke on Jan 1, 2009 at 09:15 PM

That's right, and I won't taint the information in any way. Here's the quote direct from Robert Scoble:
I'm in Palo Alto. Just had yogurt at shop that Steve Jobs eats at frequently. They said he was in a couple of days ago and is in great health.
It's a little known fact that yogurt shop workers are both incredible judges of health and incapable of making things up.

How about that for a hot scoop!

Other News

Windows on a Mac: Virtually Perfect

New "virtualization" software lets Outlook and other apps work like Apple OS X programs
By Stephen H. Wildstrom

Excellent hardware and even better software are strong reasons for people to choose a Mac as their next computer. Many, no doubt, would also like to leave the world of Microsoft (MSFT) Windows behind. If you're not quite ready to take that step, or work realities make it impossible, you actually can have your cake and eat it too.

For some time now, Macs have had the ability to run the many applications written for Windows, thanks to Apple (AAPL) software called Boot Camp. But you have to choose between Windows or the Mac OS X at startup and you end up with two separate systems sharing one physical computer. I suspect most Boot Camp users are running intense Windows-only games and want the maximum performance on Apple hardware.

A technology with the user-unfriendly name of virtualization provides a much better answer. New versions of two very good products, Parallels Desktop for Macintosh 4.0 and VMware Fusion 2.0 (both $80), let you run Windows programs on a Mac so that they look almost exactly like OS X programs and behave that way, too.

To use Parallels and Fusion, which require less technical proficiency than earlier versions, you need a fairly recent Mac and a copy of Windows. Once you have installed the software, you follow the on-screen instructions to set up a Windows "virtual machine." Then you install the Windows programs you need, and you're good to go.

I think the application that is the biggest deal for business Mac users is Microsoft Outlook. The Mac alternative, Microsoft Entourage, is a less-than-satisfactory substitute for Outlook's mail, contact, and calendar functions. Entourage lacks Outlook's small business contact manager. Critical collaboration features of the Microsoft Exchange corporate mail system are also missing.

Fusion and Parallels both offer three different ways to run Windows. You can turn your entire Mac display into a Windows desktop. You can run the

Windows desktop in a separate pane. And, in perhaps the best approach, you can run each Windows program so it looks like a regular Mac application.

Fusion and Parallels also let you share files between OS X and Windows. And they can be set up so the contents of key folders, such as Documents and Pictures, are duplicated in both systems. This makes it easy to save an attachment in Outlook and use it in a Mac application, or vice versa. The result? Workplaces that have been hostile to Macs may relent. Without much effort, a company can clone its standard Windows setup, including all security policies, and install it as a virtual machine on a Mac that then lets employees access the corporate network.

The implications of virtual machines may go beyond the traditional Mac-vs.-Windows competition. VMware and Parallels make versions that let you install Windows virtual machines on any Windows PC. It sounds illogical but makes some interesting things possible. You can run two completely separate systems on the same hardware—one for secure corporate use, the other loaded with personal programs the company doesn't want to support. Computers of the not-too-distant future may include virtual machines with dedicated jobs, such as a secure setup used only for online finance and another for Web browsing.

Complicated software and the limitations of earlier microprocessors restricted the use of virtualization. Now, with simpler software and much more powerful computers, the age of virtual machines has arrived.

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OMUG Minutes

Since there was no Business Meeting, the following is a report on the OMUG Christmas Party

OMUG CHRISTMAS PARTY UPDATE

OMUG'S 2008 Christmas Party was another big success with over 40 members in attendance, all jolly and as eager as always to mingle with fellow OMUGers. President N.C. Sizemore greeted everyone, telling them that this party will be just that, a party, no demo, etc. but as always, Mac discussion would be encouraged. All attendees were given a raffle ticket, the drawing intended to get rid of ALL of the accumulated Apple goodies that were in the storage locker as we had to vacate the closet full of Apple "stuff". N. C. introduced Sally Smyth, Christmas Party coordinator, who thanked her beloved committee members ~ Carolyn and Bob Docteur, Judy Rankin, Sonja and Rudi Gasser, Shirley Steiner and Ed and Ann Anderson with their divine bowl of freshly cut orange pieces from Ed's grove over on Lake Weir. All were invited to partake in our party food and drink and the festivities began. For me, the best part of the evening was when my husband Bob, son Andy, daughter-in-law Anne and grand daughter Haven arrived which completely brightened MY sphere!!!

Sally Smyth brought her iPod and boom box which filled the room with

Christmas tunes and Sally also ran a slide show of some of her photos of Micanopy and an earlier trip to California.....

Toward the end of the evening, raffle numbers were called and everyone went home with "something special" (some pretty ancient stuff, indeed), clearing out the inventory once and for all. The cabinet itself had to be removed from the closet, so our mighty OMUG men, with the help of Denis Moeder, hauled the huge locker to the Smyth hangar where it will reside (sure wish I could fill it with MY "stuff") until, well, who knows????

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you all had a very, very Merry Christmas.

Respectfully Submitted,
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OMUG Secretary

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OMUG Web Page
Check out the OMUG home page at
http://www.ocalamug.org

Need Help With Your Computer

Additional 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
Save your apple cores and peels

When cooking apples, save your apple cores and peels. Boil them for a half hour, simmer them, and save them for the next apple pie!

Treasurer's Report
December 2008

Account Balance 12/01/08 $899.03

Income 12/02/08 Meeting	35 dinners	210.00	
2008-2009 Membership	(Ross, Moeder)	40.00	
	Deposit Cash for change	<u>50.00</u>	<u>+300.00</u>

Expenses 11/04/08 Meeting	Rent (Senior Center)	28.00	
	Party Platters	107.54	
	Cash for change	<u>50.00</u>	<u>-185.54</u>

Account Balance, 12/31/08 <u>$1,013.49</u>

Respectfully submitted by Judy Rankin
for Clint Jones, Treasurer

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