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NOVEMBER MEETING TO FEATURE LEOPARD

by Kevin Spence Kelso



As if you needed an excuse to attend the NCA-MUG meeting scheduled for November 10, the Saturday morning gathering will be especially enticing thanks to NCA-MUG member and Apple representative **Aaron Davis**. Aaron will be giving what for most of us will our first look at the **Mac OS 10.5**, a.k.a. “Leopard.”

This is an exciting event for us and we are grateful to Aaron for offering his expertise in demonstrating the many new features incorporated into this latest version of the Mac Operating System. We’re not sure if he’ll be able to show us all 300 of them, but we’ll see how much territory we can cover with the majority of the meeting devoted to his presentation.

As usual, the November meeting

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WELCOME TO NCA-MUG!

by Elaine Blume & Nicholas Smith

Area Macintosh computer users have a new resource for information and support. The recently formed NCA-MUG (National Capital Apple Macintosh Users Group) has gotten off to an energetic start, featuring monthly meetings, an active Yahoo! Group, this newsletter, a new Web site (www.nca-mug.org), and more than one hundred members. At present, membership is free, and it is expected that if membership fees and/or dues are instituted, they will be quite low. Members include beginners to the highly advanced and we try to accommodate everyone’s interests and abilities.

Currently, the group meets once a month in the first floor meeting room of the Cleveland Park branch library, located at 3310 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC, at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Macomb Street. **Meetings alternate between Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings and run slightly longer than two hours.** They include one or two presentations dealing with specific software programs or more general issues, Q & A sessions relating to the presentations as well as to other matters, and usually, an offering of “tips and tricks,” a meeting feature aimed at overcoming computer problems, expanding capabilities, and making Mac use easier and more fun.

To date, we have had presentations comparing iPhoto and Photoshop; making “smart albums,” etc.; 3-D modeling software (SketchUp); running Windows on Intel-based Macs, and much more.

The October 18th meeting featured a presentation on Audacity, a free recorder and audio editor. The newest Macintosh operating system (OS 10.5, or “Leopard”) will be described and discussed at the November 10th meeting (*see the adjacent article for details*).

Other topics currently under development include Google Earth, Mastering iTunes, Skype, iCal, and Keychain.

The range of topics is selected to appeal to all levels of Mac users, from beginners to pros, and questions are welcomed during and after each presentation.

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Meetings also offer an opportunity to meet other Mac users, ask questions of experts, and discuss issues of interest on a one-to-one basis.

Most Recent Messages (View All)
(Group by Topic)

Re: Old System 7 floppy disk format?

Hi David, I have 2 or 3 external USB floppy disk readers just of them. I am pretty sure they will all read high density floppy disks.
Posted - Wed Oct 17, 2007 9:12 am

Re: Old System 7 floppy disk format?

Thanks. I just remembered that I have an old G4 tower with trying to sell for a friend, so I can use that. DMC Consulting
Posted - Tue Oct 16, 2007 6:46 pm

NCA-MUG Meeting, 10/18/2007, 6:30 pm

Reminder from: NCA-MUG Yahoo! Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nca-mug>
NCA-MUG Meeting Thursday October 18, 2007 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Posted - Tue Oct 16, 2007 6:25 pm

Peer-to-Peer: A sampling of the exchange board from the NCA-MUG Yahoo! Group, site of a wealth of inquires, answers, information and Apple gossip.

purchasing a **projector** for use during meetings, making it possible for the entire group to view computer screens during demonstrations. The group has also now met virtually all the requirements to be officially recognized by Apple, giving us access to numerous user-group-only resources provided by the company.

If you would like to join NCA-MUG, please visit our Web site at www.nca-mug.org.

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takes place at the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library, located at the corner of Macomb Street and Connecticut Avenue NW. Starting time is 9:30 AM.

And to lure you even further, this meeting will feature NCA-MUG's first raffle give-away! The prize will be announced at the gathering, and you must be present to win.

See you there!

Tips & Tricks

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS MADE EASY

If you want to attach a file to an email message, you can drag the file directly to Mail's icon in your Dock. This opens Mail and creates a brand-new email message window with that file already attached. Sweet! Better yet, even if you drag multiple attachments, they all attach to just one email message (rather than creating one message for each attachment, as in previous versions of Mac OS X).

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MAC NEWS

by Martha Allen

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS...

When you are not attending one of the NCA-MUG Saturday meetings, there are workshops you can attend on the weekend. Every Saturday and Sunday morning you can participate in these workshops at these local Apple Stores:

Pentagon City Apple Store

1100 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA (703) 418-1092

Store Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM. Sun: 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Workshops: iPhoto, .Mac, Getting Started, GarageBand

Clarendon Apple Store

2700 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA (703) 875-9880

Store Hours: Mon - Fri: 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Sat: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Sun: 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Workshops: Getting Started, Mac OS X, iPod & iTunes, iPhoto Workshop, iMovie HD, iDVD Workshop, .Mac

Tysons Corner Apple Store

1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA (703) 893-5055

Store Hours: Mon - Sat: 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM. Sun: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Workshops: Getting Started, iPod & iTunes, .Mac, iLife '08, GarageBand

UPCOMING MACWORLD CONFERENCE & EXPO JANUARY 14 - 18, 2008, THE MOSCONE CENTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The Macworld Conference & Expo is the world's most comprehensive Macintosh event, showcasing products and services for professionals involved in media and creative content development for corporate and home applications, as well as for consumers using the Mac at home.

For more information go to: <http://www.macworldexpo.com/>

APPLE COMES TO GEORGETOWN?

If Apple buys a store front in trendy Georgetown, can Washington's first Apple Store be far behind?

While we are thrilled that the District is finally getting its own store, some of us wish the location were a little closer to a Metro station.

Review



OVERFLOW:

KEEPING THE DOCK CLEAN & TIDY
from the Lawrence Apple Users Group,
<http://laugks.org/news/>

Overflow - I'll admit it, I'm a dock addict. I put everything in my dock I could ever use. If I had a purse, I'd do great on Let's Make a Deal (if you don't know the reference, then you've always grown up with Macs—lucky you). However, now that everything is in my dock, I can't find anything on it! Arrgh.

Overflow was in the bottom of my stack of things to review from Macworld, which only proves why I'm an ideal candidate for it. I loved Dragstrip and, though developed separately, Overflow does exactly what Dragstrip did. (You might remember that Dragstrip provided a dock-like structure in OS 9).

Instead of having one dock at the bottom of the screen, Overflow creates a palette of icons that allows you to subdivide your aliases into categories. For example. I have a category of Disk Utilities that includes Apple's Disk Utility, CD burning software, etc. Instead of having to navigate three or four folders deep in my hard drive to find an application, I simply can press the hot key for Overflow (F1 by default) and then click the category and then icon (or press command and the arrows to quickly shift between categories). Also, like the dock, you can drag and drop items onto a particular alias. The drag and drop feature is great when you want to open a document in a different app for a change (e.g., opening a PDF in Acrobat instead of Preview). Similar to the dock,

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you can add individual documents that you use often.

While the program allows you to configure the size and color of the icons, it doesn't allow keyboard combos as a hotkey—only one individual key. For example, on my Macbook, I have to press the function key before I can use F1. I'd rather map it to option and command (which was my dragstrip quicker), but I can't. Not a major complaint, more of an annoyance. Weird because Apple allows keyboard combinations in Exposé, and with all my other programs, I'm slowly running out of hot keys.

I highly recommend the program, and with a \$14.95 price tag it's hard to resist. Much less expensive than those Dock Addicts Anonymous meetings. Overflow has quickly proven itself an indispensable productivity tool.

Pros: Efficiently manages all your dock items in easy to use categories.

Cons: Limited options for hot keys.

Tips & Tricks

VIEW INFO ABOUT FILES DOWN-LOADED BY FIREFOX

If you're a Firefox user, you probably know about its Downloads window (press Command-J to open it). But did you know that if you select one of your downloads in the window and press Command-I, you can see where the file was downloaded from and where on your system it was downloaded to?

Source: www.macintoshhints.com

NCA-MUG Schedule of Monthly Meetings

NOVEMBER 10, 2007

The November meeting will be held Saturday, the 10th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 in the first floor meeting room. Local Apple Representative Aaron Davis will give a presentation of Mac OS X 10.5, a.k.a. Leopard.

DECEMBER 2007

There will be no December meeting.

JANUARY 12, 2008

The January meeting will be held Saturday, the 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the first floor meeting room. In addition to a program, NCA-MUG is considering holding a "swap" at this or the February meeting. Presentations to be announced.

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

The February meeting will be held Thursday, the 21st, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 in the first floor meeting room. Presentations to be announced.

MARCH 8, 2008

The March meeting will be held Saturday, the 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the first floor meeting room. Presentations to be announced.

APRIL 17, 2008

The April meeting will be held Thursday, the 17th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 in the first floor meeting room. Presentations to be announced.

MAY 10, 2008

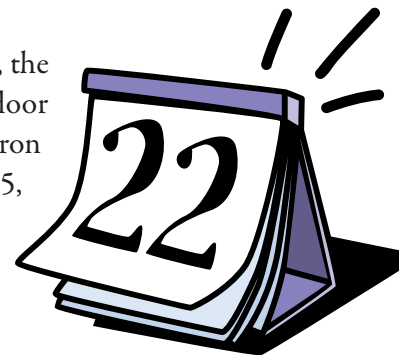
The May meeting will be held Saturday, the 10th, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the first floor meeting room. Presentations to be announced.

JUNE 19, 2008

The June meeting will be held Thursday, the 19th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 in the first floor meeting room. Presentations to be announced.

JULY 2008

There will be no July meeting.



Unparalleled Presentation: Phil Marchetti (left) demonstrates how to run Windows on Intel Macs at the September 2007 NCA-MUG Meeting.