



BRMUG

Baton Rouge Macintosh User Group

August 2006

News and Views

BRMUG Information

Member Meetings

Regular meetings are held the third Thursday evening of each month at Bluebonnet Library at 6:30 P.M.

Planning Meetings

The Thursday after the regular member meeting the planning meeting is held at 6:15 at CC's on Highland (either College or Bluebonnet).

About BRMUG

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After the Meeting

Join us at Brewbachers on Bluebonnet after the BRMUG meeting: fun, food, open format. Get to know each other.

Newsletter Articles

Please submit newsletter articles to newsletter@brmug.org. Articles are printed on a space available basis. Submissions are welcome!

The August meeting will be held at the **Bluebonnet Library** on **August 17th**, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be 6:30 PM at the Bluebonnet Library. This month, BRMUG will present *Podcasting 101* by William Sellers.

The iPod is responsible for more than providing a sexy way to listen to music. Shortly after it became popular, people started recording audio segments and making them available for download so that they could be listened to on their iPod. Apple eventually formalized this the term "podcasting" and added a section to the iTunes Music Store dedicated to downloading podcasts. Podcasting has since taken on a life of its own (schools are even putting classwork on iPods). William will give us an introduction to the world of Podcasting (this topic could go on for months if we let it). So if you have no idea what Podcasting is or have been wanting to start your own Podcasts you should be at the August meeting. Hope to see you there.

Members and guests are welcome. After the meeting, we will have our normal Social Hour at Brewbachers. If you need help getting there (<http://www.brmug.org/about-brmug.html>).

Here is the meeting schedule:

6:30 PM	Welcome and recent news
6:50 PM	Don's Distraction
7:00 PM	Podcasting 101
8:00 PM	Questions and answers
8:30 PM	Adjourn to Brewbachers

Meeting is at Bluebonnet Library!

Visit <http://www.brmug.org/next-meeting.html> for more information.

July Meeting

GarageBand was the topic for the July meeting. Thanks go to Glenn Matherne for helping us all understand how GarageBand has become an integral piece of the musician's life. This product has made it possible for amateurs and professionals to produce their own music without astronomical investment. I, for one, hope GarageBand helps many artists avoid being at the mercy of the large recording labels.

AAPL

Interesting times continue. After a few months of decline, Apple was starting back up the Wall Street elevator. Things were starting to look good.

And along came the questions about stock options. At first it appeared that Apple's proactive effort might prevent any major impact. But the press just kept

talking about it. And so it is a question now. And will remain so until the investigations are all done and final rulings are made. In other words expect this to become a big story every time Apple starts looking up in the near future.

A month ago Apple had bottomed out at just over \$50 a share. This month they peaked at just under \$70 a share (\$19 spread). Currently they are at \$64. This is still a healthy increase over a month ago. Yes, 38% is a pretty good jump in one month, even if it has leveled out a mere 27% increase as of today.

And yes, I believe things are going to get better. The Intel transition has

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BRMUG Picnic

September 16 at 3:00 PM

NE Corner of Highland and South Stadium

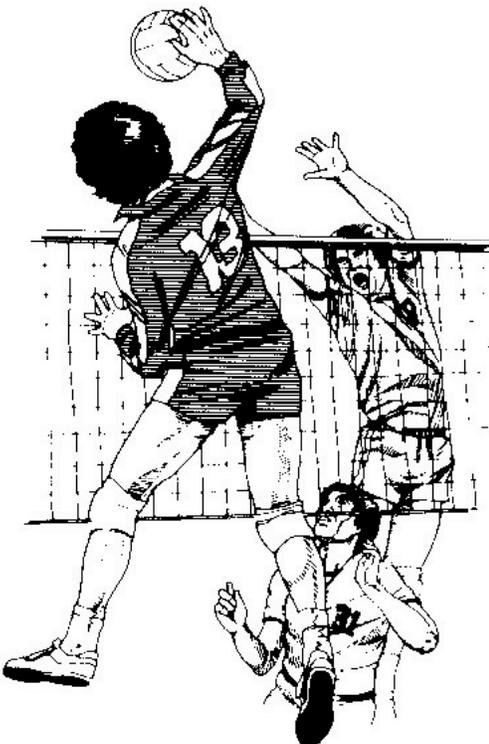
The first BRMUG Picnic was in 1994. The tradition has continued every year since.

The BRMUG Picnic is a chance for Macintosh users to get together, enjoy good food, get to know each other, and participate in the annual Volleyball Match (more about that later).

Menu:

- BBQ Chicken
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Corn on the Cob
- Rolls
- Colas and water
- Hotdogs for the kids

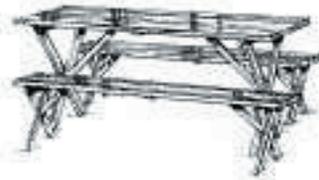
The picnic has always been a family event (in fact some children are growing up with the picnic). The picnic has seen members and guests come and go. At times the picnic seems like a reunion. Other times it becomes a chance to meet new people. It helped hold us together



in Apple's tough times and is a place to celebrate Apple's successes (like the transition to Intel!).

Please try to join us at the picnic! It will be a great time! Invite any Macintosh users you know. Invite any potential switchers. The food is always great. The companionship is wonderful. Bring the whole family -- kids are welcome.

The menu will include BBQ chicken, baked beans, and potato salad. The chicken will be grilled fresh that afternoon. Don's baked beans are amazing. Kathy's potato salad is as good as it gets. We usually have corn on the cob and rolls. Don will probably bring a watermelon (like he usually does). We will have colas and water. We always have plenty (so far we have never run out). We will have hot dogs for the kids.



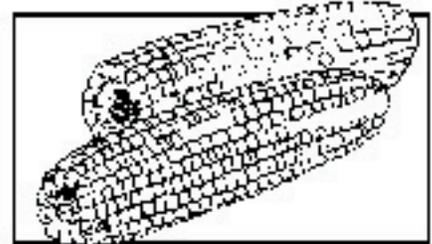
And the best part is yet to come. Each year we have a volleyball match. After the food has settled some, we play volleyball. After each game we mix up the teams. The first year Don and I happened to be on opposite sides. As the teams mixed, we always wound up on opposite sides. Ever since then it has been a rivalry -- Don and I competing. Really funny how the players keep switching sides and in the end my side always wins more.

My broken leg is just a memory and I am ready to return to the volleyball court. After all, this will be the thirteenth

annual BRMUG picnic. He needs all the help he can get. Of course I am offering extra helpings to everyone who is on my victorious side!

As you see, the picnic has grown into quite an event. Be sure to join us this year and become part of the tradition.

Please drop me an e-mail at picnic@brmug.org to let me know how many to expect (so we have plenty of food).



Driving directions:

Join us on Saturday, September 18, 2004 at 3:00 PM until dark. We will be at the NE corner of Highland and South Stadium at LSU (get off the Interstate at Acadian going South, turn right where the road splits and the picnic will be on your right when you see the next traffic light).



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been very successful. Apple can now turn its attention to innovation again -- rather than concentrating on not losing anything. All things considered, a year of transition is not bad at all.

WWDC

And now we have another World Wide Developers Conference behind us. I think it was a good one. Apple announced the new Xserves that are due to ship in a few months. They also announced the new Mac Pro which is ready to ship right now. Some people already have them.

The Mac Pro seems to be a nice system. At first glance, it looks just like the current Mac G5. A quick inspection shows the ability to have dual optical drives (great!). And the power cord is now at the top (and yes the power supply is up there also). The side comes off the same way. The inside is very different. Below the power supply/optical bay area are 4 small boxes. These turn out to be drive bays (very similar to the drive bays in the Xserve). The Mac Pro supports up to 4 internal drives (up to 500 GB each). This is really cool. The inside has the two processors which are dual core. It also has 4 PCI Express slots that need no tools to install/remove cards. Two memory expansion cards are below the slots that hold 4 667 MHz DDR2 ECC fully-buffered DIMMs each.

The processors can be 2 GHz, 2.66 GHz and 3 GHz. All three models are dual processor with dual core (essentially 4 processor cores). FireWire 800 is still here (one in front, one in back). So this appears to be the desktop machine we all have been wanting. The 2 GHz, 1 GB model starts at \$2,124. The 2.66 GHz model adds only \$300 (the 3 GHz adds \$1100 to the base price). By the way, the 3 GHz model with 16 GB RAM, 2 TB disk, NVIDIA Quadro FX 4500 512 MB, dual 30" monitors and AppleCare comes to just over \$16,000.

With these 2 products, the entire Apple product line is available on Intel. This is well ahead of Apple's announced plans. And relatively problem free. The press seems to have missed the magnitude of this accomplishment. I remember the transition to PowerPC. This has been much less painful. And the machine really are faster already. We are not having to wait years for the benefit to show.

By the way, Leopard was previewed. Some features look really neat. Time Machine is real cool. The underlying technology of Time Machine is not new or magic. Other OSes have had multiple versions of files in the past. CVS and Subversion are examples of systems for storing histories of text files. Time Machine mixes this with the concept of

2006/2005 Meeting Calendar			
August 17	Podcasting 101	William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
July 20	GarageBand	Glenn Matherne	Bluebonnet Library
June 15	Backup Up Your Mac	Richard Johnson	Bluebonnet Library
May 18	Accessorize Your Mac	Team	Bluebonnet Library
April 20	Mac OS X Maintenance	Don Ballard	Bluebonnet Library
March 16	Automator	Arne Christiansen	Bluebonnet Library
February 16	iPhoto 06 Overview	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
January 19	Buddy, where did you put they put that start button?	Don Ballard	Bluebonnet Library
December 15	Holiday Gathering	N/A	Brewbachers
November 17	iTunes, iTunes, Podcasts	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
October 20	Alternatives to High Cost Software	Don & Isaac	Bluebonnet Library
September 15	Katrina & Apple	ALL	Bluebonnet Library
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backup. Time Machine theoretically allows you get to any file you have had on your system -- even if it has been deleted. The potential is huge. Two things need to be remembered: First, this does not replace backups. All of Time Machines wonder disappears as soon as the hard drive dies. Secondly, Time Machine could easily run you out of disk space. For many files, keeping differences does not consume much space (like text files that change a small amount). Keeping archives of every image could quickly eat up disk space. I am curious to see how this turns out.

Mail gets lots of advancements. Unfortunately, many of them move to fancier mail messages that will result in larger e-mails and challenge classical mail systems and other mail readers.

Dashboard and Spotlight both get enhancements. A tool to create your own widgets has been created for Dashboard. Spotlight extends

its search across network-mounted volumes (wonder how much network traffic you generate building the indices?).

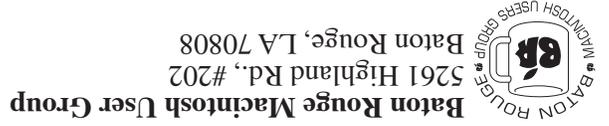
iChat gets some cool stuff. You can now put video backdrops behind you (great way to avoid cleaning your room/office). iChat also supports sharing slideshows or Keynote presentations. It also includes the ability share a screen/take over keyboard mouse. Wow, this sounds cool. This should make it much easier to help a friend learn how to do something.

Wait a minute! That last feature sounds familiar. It reminds me of Teleport (we have demonstrated this before). Oh yeah, the Teleport author now works for Apple. Wonder if there is a connection?

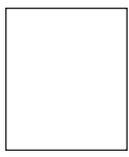
Boot Camp, Front Row and Photo Booth will be part of Leopard (I had wondered if some of these might join iLife or start an iMedia package that could also include a PVR).

Leopard sounds cool.

by Isaac Traxler



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This Month:
Podcasting 101
 by William Sellers

Hiroshima 45
 Chernobyl 86
 Windows 95

*Computers and air conditioners both
 work fine until you open windows.*

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 BRMUG MEMBERS, CONTRIBUTORS, AND
 REPRESENTATIVES.**

The Baton Rouge Macintosh Users Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to Macintosh Users. Our mission is to help bring these users together in order to keep them informed of Apple Computer, Inc.'s trends, visions, and educate them on how to best use this most cost effective, easiest and friendliest of all platforms: **The Macintosh.**

If you are in the position of selling, supporting, or using the Apple Macintosh computer or any of Apple's products, we would like your participation and support for the benefit of our membership and your customer base.

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings. For a complimentary newsletter, or flyers to give out to others, or any information about the group contact the following BRMUG Ambassador: Isaac Traxler, President, (504) 926-1552, e-mail: president@brmug.org. We'll be most happy to talk to you about the Macintosh!

Send this form with \$15 (\$10 with copy of current school id for students) check payable to BRMUG to: BRMUG Treasurer, 5261 Highland Road, #202, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

BRMUG Membership Form 8/2006

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Things the club should do:

My interest areas:
