



BRMUG

Baton Rouge Macintosh User Group

September 2008

News and Views

BRMUG Information

Membership Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. The normal meeting location is the Bluebonnet Library. All members and guests are welcome at the meeting. Following the meeting, an informal gathering at the Bluebonnet Brewbachers usually occurs that all are welcome to participate in.

Planning Meetings

Planning meetings are typically held the Thursday after the regular meeting at 6:30 P.M. at the Bluebonnet Brewbachers. The goal of this meeting is to plan for the future of BRMUG. Officers are expected to attend. Guests are welcome.

About BRMUG

BRMUG provides a web site as its primary mechanism to distribute information to Macintosh users: <http://www.brmug.org>. We provide archives with many of our past newsletters. We have listserv that you can join/read to communicate with other members. You can also contact the BRMUG President -- Isaac Traxler via e-mail (traxler@brmug.org) or phone (225-926-1552).

BRMUG Volunteers

President: Isaac Traxler
Vice President: Glenn Matherne
Treasurer: Don Ballard
Secretary: William Sellers
Member at Large: Richard Johnson

Newsletter Articles

Please submit newsletter articles to newsletter@brmug.org. Submissions that are not commercial in nature are encouraged! Articles are printed on a space available basis.

The September Meeting of BRMUG will be held at the Bluebonnet Library on September 20th, the third Thursday of the month, at

6:15 P.M. This month, Glenn Young will present **Macintosh/Stereo/iPhone Integration**. Please note that the Library has changed its hours due to Gustav. It will close at 8:00 PM. We will start the meeting at 6:15 and plan to have Glenn start his presentation at 6:30 so that we can leave before 8:00 PM.

The Macintosh has always been designed with audio in mind. Apple has become a very music-centric company over the last few years (iTunes, iPods, AirPort Express, ...). It seems only natural that the Macintosh should blend seamlessly into your home audio world.

Glenn Young is trying to achieve this very goal. He is using a headless Mac Mini with external disks containing his extensive iTunes library connected to his stereo. He hopes to use his iPhone as an iTunes remote control to select songs and playlists. He is also hoping that the Mac Mini (and its attached drives) will sleep when not in use but wake on demand for playing music. During this meeting Glenn will let us know how his plan has worked out. I am sure that he learned a lot in attempting this that he will share with us (great chance to learn from someone else's research).

Glenn does thorough research and will have lots of advice for audio and the Macintosh. I expect this to be a great meeting packed with useful information. I hope everyone can attend.

Members and guests are welcome. After the meeting, we will have our normal Social Hour at Brewbachers. <http://www.brmug.org/about-brmug.php> has directions and maps.

Meeting Agenda:

6:15 PM	Welcome and recent news
6:30 PM	Macintosh/Stereo/iPhone Integration
7:30 PM	Questions and Answers
8:00 PM	Adjourn to Brewbachers

Meeting at Bluebonnet Library!

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

Helping Macintosh users more effectively utilize their systems.

BRMUG Picnic

Saturday, September 20 at 3:00 PM

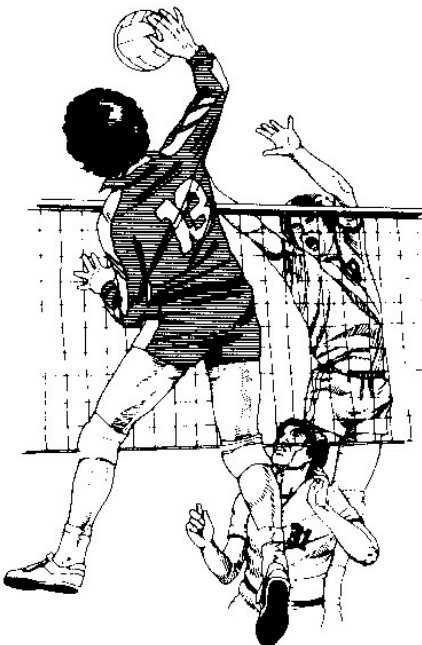
The first BRMUG Picnic was in 1994. The tradition has continued every year since.

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).

Planned 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 new iPhone 3G!).



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 (if he can find one). 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.



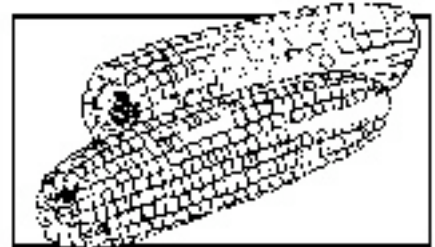
And the best part is yet to come. Each year we have a volleyball match. After the food has settled some, we play volleyball. After each game we mix up the teams. The first year Don and I happened to be on opposite sides. As the teams mixed, we always wound up on opposite sides. Ever since then it has been a rivalry -- Don and I competing. Year before last Don finally won more than my side -- time for a rematch!

After all, this will be the fifteenth annual BRMUG picnic. We both

need all the help we can get. Of course I am offering extra helpings to everyone who is on my victorious side as I try to forget that one defeat!

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 20, 2008** 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).



BRMUG Mailing Address

5261 Highland Road #202
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For more information contact the User Group President, Isaac Traxler:
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web: <http://www.brmug.org/>

August Meeting

Don Ballard demonstrated many of the capabilities of Keynote for us last month. Don showed many of the secrets of his monthly meeting presentation along with lots of other tips and techniques.

As always, thanks to Don for his work preparing for and presenting at the meeting. I know lots of folks learned stuff!

AAPL

The last month has been rough for Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and AAPL. Apple stock is down to \$140.36 with a Market Cap of \$124.34 Billion. This is the lowest point since late March of this year.

This drop is a little confusing. Mac sales are up. Total profits are up. The iPod line was just revamped. The iPhone is doing good. The App Store sales are growing at twice the rate of the Music store sales. NBC came back to iTunes. The stock should be going up -- not down.

iPod Line Revamped

The iPod product line has changed! The Shuffle has 5 colors now. The Nano is a lot more like the early Mini -- taller and skinnier. It also is available in 9 colors now with 8GB or 16 GB priced at \$149 and \$199. The Classic has 1 model with 120 GB of storage but the size of the old 80 GB for \$249 (still in black or white). The iPod Touch has been revamped and is available in 8 GB, 16 GB and 32 GB models (\$229, \$299, and \$399). iTunes

iTunes 8 Released

iTunes 8 has now been released. iTunes now has support for the latest iPods and HD television. It is accompanied with a new Quicktime.

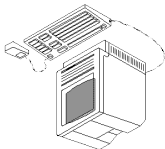
iPhone 2.1 Software Released

The new software update reduces the number of dropped calls, provides significantly better battery life for most iPhone owners, improves email reliability, and delivers many other benefits

2007/8 Meeting Calendar

September 20	BRMUG Picnic	All	Highland and South Stadium
September 18	Macintosh/ Stereo/iPhone Integration	All	Bluebonnet Library
August 21	Keynote Intro	Don Ballard	Bluebonnet Library
July 17	FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions	Isaac Traxler & William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
June 19	GarageBand 08	Glenn Matherne & William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
May 15	iChat Screen Sharing	Isaac Traxler & William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
April 17	iPhoto Intro	William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
March 20	iTunes Intro	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
February 21	NTG Tour	William Sellers	NTG
January 17	Backup	William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
December 20	Holiday Gathering	N/A	Brewbachers
November 15	Leopard Introduction	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
October 18	Laptop Essentials	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
September 20	Podcasting 102	William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
August 16	Garage Band Overview	Glenn Matherne	Bluebonnet Library
July 19	iPhone Mania	Don Ballard & William Sellers	Bluebonnet Library
June 21	FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions	Team	Bluebonnet Library

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This Month:
 Macintosh/Stereo/Phone Integration
 by Glenn Young

BRMUG Picnic - Saturday, September 20

Hiroshima 45
 Chernobyl 86
 Windows 95

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

**This newsletter is received by
 all 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 09/2008

Name: _____

Address: Street, City, State, ZipCode

E-mail Address: _____

Join BRMUG Mailing list: **YES NO**

Phone: _____

Things BRMUG should do: _____

My interest areas: _____