

BRMUG

Baton Rouge Macintosh User Group

News and Views

August 2004

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 Calendars on Perkins near Essen.

About BRMUG

For more information call the User Group President, Isaac Traxler, 225-926-1552 or send e-mail to info@brmug.org or check our web page at <http://www.brmug.org/>

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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 19th**, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 6:30 P.M. This month's presentation will be an **Introduction to AppleScript** by Don Ballard. While most Macintosh users are not programmers, it is often useful to automate a process or combine several steps into a single command. AppleScript has been Apple's answer to automating tasks. 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>).

Meeting Agenda	
6:30 PM	Welcome, Apple News
6:45 PM	Don's Distraction of the Month
7:00 PM	Feature Presentation
7:45 PM	Questions and Answers

Meeting is at Bluebonnet Library!
 Visit <http://www.brmug.org/next-meeting.html> for more information.

July Meeting

The July Meeting was "Networking on the Macintosh." We discussed many different aspects of networking. I passed around several hubs and routers. We actually set up a wireless network and connected the various laptops that were present. I talked briefly about history and how and why things work the way they do. We talked about Rendezvous and how it is limited to one subnet. Networking is a very broad subject and impossible to cover in just one meeting. And building a network dynamically at a meeting can be challenging. Despite these factors, a lot of topics were covered and most people picked up something they did not know. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting.

Whoops!

At the last minute I have asked Don to take over this month's meeting. I was planning to do an Introduction to AppleScript. I have sent Don some of the information I had and he is going to try to fill my shoes (which I can't do this month). I just broke the fibia of my left leg. The doctor has decided that

he needs to perform surgery to bolt the pieces back together. My wife tells me that I will not be able to do the meeting on Thursday with my surgery Tuesday afternoon. So y'all help Don out and show up with some good questions (remember this is an introduction). Thanks a bunch Don -- sorry to wimp out on you at this late point.

AAPL

This has been another interesting month for Apple's stock. Up and down is an accurate description of AAPL. Along

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BRMUG Picnic

September 18 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

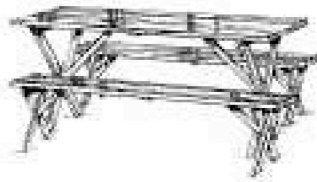
The picnic has always been a family event (in fact some children are growing up with the picnic). The picnic has seen members and guests come and go. At times the picnic seems like a reunion. Other times it becomes a chance to meet new people. It helped hold us together



in Apple's tough times and is a place to celebrate Apple's successes (like Apple's new dual G5s!).

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.



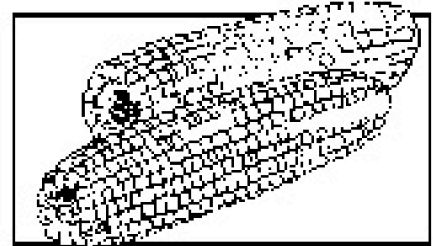
And the best part is yet to come. Each year we have a volleyball match. After the food has settled some, we play volleyball. After each game we mix up the teams. The first year Don and I happened to be on opposite sides. As the teams mixed, we always wound up on opposite sides. Ever since then it has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

The pressure is on. Don wants to win. And I need volunteers for my team (I can only coach and cheer this year).

Afterall, this will be the eleventh 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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2004 Meeting Calendar			
January 15	Annual Game Review	John Quebedeaux	Bluebonnet Library
February 19	iTunes, iTMS, and Music	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
March 18	Adobe Illustrator	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
April 15	Places You Should Know About	Don Ballard, Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
May 20	Introduction to iMovie	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
June 17	iCal/AddressBook	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
July 15	Networking Macs	Isaac Traxler	Bluebonnet Library
August 19	Intro to AppleScript	Don Ballard	Bluebonnet Library
September 16	Safari Customization	TBA	Bluebonnet Library
October 21	iDVD	TBA	Bluebonnet Library
November 18	Keynote	Don Ballard	Bluebonnet Library
December 16	Holiday Gathering	Everybody	Brewbachers
Tentative Meeting Topics Send ideas to newsletter@brmug.org .			

with the normal news, Steve Jobs announced that he was taking a month off to recover from surgery to remove a cancerous growth. The statement assured us that he was okay. In spite of this, Apple's stock took a stumble. Lots of other news combined to create a topsy-turvy month. In spite of everything, Apple is currently trading for more than it was this time last month. Just wait until they start shipping the new iMacs!

Mac OS X 10.3.5

While everybody else is patiently anticipating Tiger, Apple has quietly improved Panther again. 10.3.5 includes a number of fixes and additions. Check out http://www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple/macosxupdate_10_3_5.html for details on all the new stuff. Apple is trying to make the wait for Tiger as painless as possible. I guess the extra updates make the price of Panther feel a little better.

Apple & Motorola Take iTunes Mobile

Motorola and Apple have had an up and down relationship. And now we are in the middle of an up. Motorola has announced a new generation of mobile phones in jopes of retaking some of the market share that they have lost. Their secret weapon is going to be iTMS. The new phones will be able to play songs downloaded from the iTMS. This is potential market for Apple that may help boost iTMS and keep it number 1.

iTMS Catalog

iTMS now has more than one million songs in their catalog. Just in time for the new cell phone customers, Apple has what seems like an infinite selection!

AppleScript Tutorial

So you want to learn AppleScript and need to start from scratch? I have just the place for you: <http://www.applescriptsoucebook.com/tips/AS4AS.html>. Bert Altenburg has written this great PDF.

It really is for beginners and takes you slowly through the process of learning how to write scripts in AppleScript. This 65 page PDF is just great. It is short enough to be readable without needing weeks. It has enough information to really get you started. He has even designed the PDF as two documents in one. The first time you read it, you skip the text in green (he really makes fantastic use of color in this document!). When you finish, you go back and reread the document including the green text. This text is all the gotchas and technicalities that derail a beginner but are necessary before you can be comfortable with AppleScript. By the way, every script has complete source so that you try things for yourself as you go along (as he recommends). I really recommend this document.

Tablet Mac?

Ever since the tablet PCs debuted, we have wondered when the tablet Mac would appear. We know that the Newton's handwriting technology has just been begging for a chance to see the light of day again. The answer may be coming. Apple filed for a European trademark recently. The description of the product sounds like a tablet Macintosh. Maybe this will be the time.

The Next Two Months

The next two months may be very interesting. Obviously a new iMac is coming -- Apple has even said so. We are pretty sure the new models will have G5 processor in its heart. We have no clue what the case will look like.

But other things appear to be in the works. The iSight is getting hard to find, suggesting a new model. Maybe they will add zoom to the next one.

Rumors of new wireless speeds and cards abound.

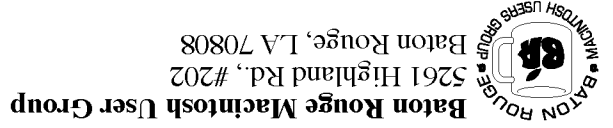
Motion and Production Suite

Apple is now shipping Motion for a mere \$299. The wait is over. Apple has also announced Production Suite. This product includes Motion, Final Cut Pro HD and DVD Studio Pro 3 for a mere \$1299. Considering the individual prices, this is a great deal. Maybe this is the other profit center (besides the iPod).

Apple Stores

The Apple Stores have embraced the tax free weekends that some states offer. Several stores actually extended hours to make the most of the discount to consumers.

Apple Stores are quietly matching prices for business customers. Apple clearly is trying to take over all sales of Apple hardware and software.



This Month:
Introduction to AppleScript
 by Don Ballard

*Hiroshima 45
 Chernobyl 86
 Windows 95*

**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 8/2004

Name: _____

Address: Street, City, State, ZipCode

Home Phone: _____

Office Phone: _____

Things the club should do: _____

My interest areas: _____

