

The South Bay Mug MACINTOSH

Oct. 2009

A MONTHLY CUPFUL FOR SOUTH BAY APPLE MAC USER GROUP MEMBERS

Klassic Specialties

*Quality Inks, Toners
&
Other Printing Needs*

**Oct. 28 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
"Papers and Inks"**

**Presenter: Don Baker,
Klassic Specialties**

Don Baker will talk to us about the latest and highest quality media, ink, and related products available to the public. He will help us to learn about and to attain the full potential and benefits that can be achieved with today's ink jet printer technology.

Special thanks to President Glen Terry and George Wilde who gave an extremely informative presentation in September on several of the applications available for the iPhone.

Monthly Meeting Time Schedule

6:30 - Beginners and Switchers
7:30 General Business
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Presentation

Officer Slate for 2010 Will be Presented at Oct. Meeting

At the September SBAMUG meeting, nominations for officers for 2010 were taken from the general membership. At the Core Group on Oct. 3, these names were presented as the slate.

The actual election will be held at the November meeting and the officers will begin serving in January 2010.

Officers

**President, LJ Palmer
Vice President, Bob Goodman
Treasurer, CW Mitchell
Secretary, Wayne Inman**

Proposed Directors

**Director, Louise Polsky
Director, George Kiefer
Director, Chuck Mulvey
Director, Jim Pernal
Director, Dave Nathanson
Director, Fran Pullara
Director, Martin Laurant**

Voting for the officers will take place at the November meeting. The proposed Directors were recommended at the October Core Group meeting. As is frequently announced at meetings, the Core Group is open to the general membership. It is the governing board of the club and a way to participate more fully in the club's operation. See page 2 or check the e-mail list for place, date and time.

See page 2 for a complete list of the 2009 Officers, Directors and volunteers.

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Welcome to South Bay Apple Mac User Group (SBAMUG)

You, your friends and colleagues, are invited to attend our monthly meetings. Our membership dues are only \$35 per year, entitling you to this newsletter by mail or online each month.

If you would like to become a member or get more information about SBAMUG, feel free to check out our web site at:
<http://www.sbamug.com>.

Our meetings are held at the:

Lomita VFW Hall
1865 Lomita Blvd. - Lomita, California
(see map & directions on page 7)

Officers & Volunteers:

President:.....Glen Terry
Vice President:.....Bob Goodman
Secretary:.....Wayne Inman
Treasurer:.....CW Mitchell
Directors at Large:.....Dave Nathanson,
George Kiefer, Louise Polsky, Martin Laurant,
Chuck Mulvey, Fran Pullara, Dorothy Weeks
Membership Director:.....CW Mitchell
Greeter:.....Chuck Mulvey
User Group Ambassador:....Bob Brooks
Server Director:.....Dave Nathanson
USPS Liaison:.....Don Myers
PD Disk Editor:.....Jim Pernal
Programming:.....George Kiefer, Dorothy Weeks
Newsletter Editor:.....Fran Pullara
Newsletter Proofreader....Bill Berks
Membership Development....Martin Laurant
Raffle

Membership Report:

(You may notice your name is in larger letters on your card. That is so it can be used as a name tag at the meetings. Contact Membership Chair CW Mitchell at cwmitchell@sbamug.com if you have spelling corrections. Your membership cards are in the mail!

Current Membership - 156

Welcome New Members: Dale & Lavonne Stucker, Del McCulloch.

Thank You Member Renewals: Ellen Marie Colopy, John Gebhard, George Griffiths, Robert Griffith, Monica Grundmann, Billy Peightal, James Stewart, Herb Zimmer, John Kier,

MONTHLY CALENDAR

1st Sat. - SBAMUG Core Group Meeting @ announced locations, 10 a.m. - noon
Last Wed. - SBAMUG Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m., VFW Hall, Lomita
Last Sat. - TRW / Northrop Ham Radio & Computer Swap Meet, 7 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

At Apple Computer's User Group site, <http://www.apple.com/usergroups/>, you can search for other meetings you might wish to attend.

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October Public Domain CD (PD CD)

by Jim Pernal, PD Editor

I have more updated programs for 10.6 this month plus a couple of specialized programs. Since I don't have an Intel Mac, I won't be able to test for 10.6 compatibility, so I take the word of the developer and reviews at the download sites.

Decompose v1.1.0.dmg

This is a program to extract objects from images. Be sure to run through the tutorial. OSX 10.4 to 10.6 PPC/Intel. Shareware \$29.95

EasyEnvelopes.dmg This is a widget to print one off envelopes. It even prints the post office bar code, too! 10.4 to 10.6. Freeware

iPhotoImageArchiver-1.0.3.dmg This is an iPhoto plug in to allow for backup archives. You can save out as .dmg mac files or zip/tar files. This app is for iPhoto 08 or better and 10.4/10.5. \$9.95 Shareware fee.

LittleSnitch-2.2.dmg This program will report on programs that send out requests to sites on the Internet. Some programs do this just to check for updates, but if you are not expecting a program to do this, then LittleSnitch will be of use. Updated for 10.6. Requires 10.4 -10.6 PPC/Intel. \$29.95 Shareware

man_viewer_310.tbz This freeware program will allow you to more easily read the Unix manual (help) files on your computer. It has search functions and can save out as text or postscript.

TemperatureMonitor.dmg This program will monitor all internal temperature sensors within your computer. It can also make history curves. OS 10.4 to 10.6 Freeware

TheUnarchiver2.0.2.zip This program was being discussed in our e-group recently. It lets you extract or



Jim Pernal and Margaret Wehbi conduct the beginners question and answer group at the September meeting.

uncompress if you will .sit, Tar, Zip RAR, and other files. Freeware. 10.3.9 to 10.5.

veusz-1.5.dmg This is a scientific plotting program and a variety of plot types are supported. It can fit curves to data and it has a GUI and command line interface. 10.4 PPC/Intel or better. Freeware.

vlc-1.0.2.dmg The full name of this media player is Video Lan Client. OSX 10.5 -10.6 PPC & Intel. It plays back a great number of formats, such as DivX, OGG, Mpeg, and others. Freeware

The CD for this month will be available at the October 2009 meeting as the September-October CD.

Catch you at the October meeting.

NEWSLETTER NAMEPLATE CONTEST: WANT TO SUBMIT A DESIGN?

As you may have noticed, this is the third edition of the new front page nameplate and design. It translates well in color so you can see it as it was meant to be when it is put up at the website.

However, when it is printed in black and white for mailing, the nameplate looks "muddy."

All club members who like to create graphics, submit your design to newsletter editor Fran Pullara at redondowriter@sbamug.com by Nov. 1--and win a prize. Designs will be submitted for Core Group voting. We haven't decided what the prize is yet, but it's guaranteed to please you.

Ejecting a Stuck Disk, Changing Your Account Name and Faxing From Your Mac

By Chris Kerins, *My First Mac*

Published: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Welcome to My First Mac's Q&A column. It is said that Macs are easier to use, but they are still complex in their own right. Here are a few questions we have received lately from readers like you. Sometimes we reformat the questions for clarity and presentation.

This week Chris answers your questions about ejecting a stuck disk, changing your account name and faxing from your Mac.

QUESTION:

I put in a CD to copy some pictures (another problem for another time) and now I cannot eject the CD. I tried the button on the keyboard - nothing. I tried going to file but EJECT is grayed out. The computer doesn't seem to see the disc. Is there a way to force eject?

ANSWER:

I try these things first: right-click on CD icon and choose Eject Disk, Select disk and go to the Finder's File menu and choose Eject (cmd-E), and drag icon to trash/eject symbol. Sometimes the normal ways don't work and the Finder won't cooperate. Next I would try relaunching the Finder. You can do that from the Force Quit box (opt-cmd-esc). If all else fails, I restart my Mac holding down the Eject key after the chime. That always works for me.

QUESTION:

Best Buy set up my MacBook and put my dad's name as the user; is there any way I can change it?

ANSWER:

Go to *System Preferences*>*Accounts* and change the Full Name there. However, you may want to take this opportunity to just add yourself as a Standard account rather than the main Admin one. Doing this adds a layer of safety because you will have to enter the

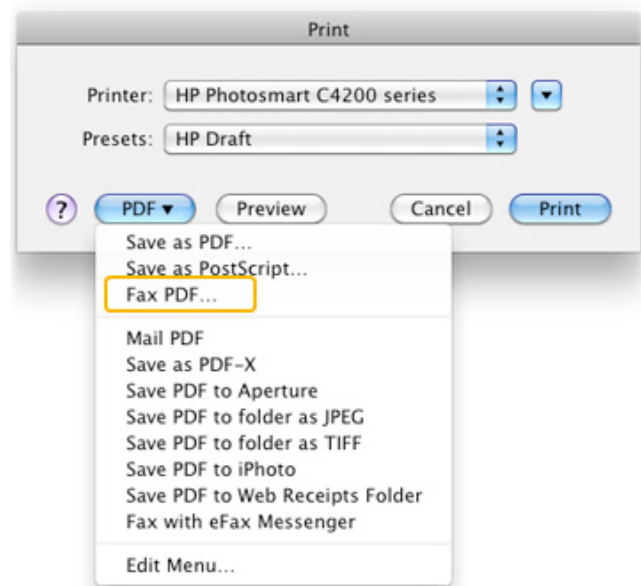
Admin info whenever serious changes are made to your Mac.

QUESTION:

I just purchased a Mac computer, and I had a PC before and I was able to download software onto my PC so that I could fax. Is this possible with a Mac? Can I download software so that I can fax directly from my Apple computer? If this is possible, where would I find software on the web, preferably free.

ANSWER:

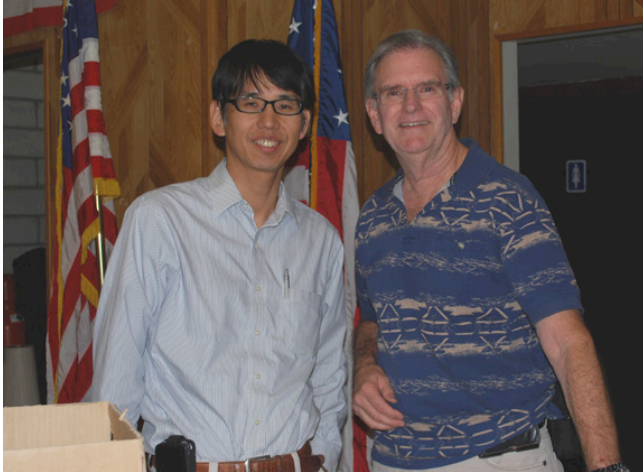
You are in luck because your Mac already comes with the software to act as a fax machine. It's just not obvious. But you will need to get some hardware: a USB modem and a phone line. Once you have those things added, go to *System Preferences*>*Print & Fax* and add a new device. Select from the Fax choices. Now when you need to fax the document you are working on, go to *Print* and look for the little PDF button/menu in the lower left. Hold that down and select *Fax PDF* from the options.



Now you may be asking about Internet faxing, where you use an Internet service and your ISP connection rather than a phone line. In that case there are many services like [eFax](#) or [Fax.com](#), but I don't know of free ones. These charge a monthly fee.

Thanks to Muto Hideki of Vintage Computers for Raffle Prizes

At the September meeting, Muto Hideki of Vintage Computers in Torrance donated several raffle prizes. He takes a moment to pose for a photo with President



Glen Terry after the raffle. Muto specializes in all things Macintosh and can service Apples going back into the 1980s. His website is: (<http://www.vintagecomp.com/>). One click and you can see the wide variety of services he offers. Vintage Computer Inc. is located at 2909 Oregon Court, Unit C8, Torrance, CA 90503, phone 310-320-4907.

Swap a MacBook's

Glossy Display for Matte

by Dave Caolo on Oct 12, 2009 via Cult of Mac

Users have a love/hate relationship with Apple's glossy displays. Namely, they either love them or they hate them. I haven't used one myself, as I'll be hanging on to my original MacBook Pro until it ceases to work.

Until now, shoppers could get either a glossy or matte display with the 15" MacBook Pro, but not the 13" model. TechRestore has stepped in to do the "repair." For \$200, they'll remove your 13" MacBook or MacBook Pro's glossy display and slap a matte screen in its place. The work comes with a 1-year warranty and TechRestore says they'll have your precious back to you within 24 hours of receipt. Note that this requires a trade-in of your existing screen; you won't get it back.

If you have this service done, please let us know how it goes. Enjoy your glare-free computing.

For comparison, RadTech sells an anti-glare film that can be applied over a glossy display. They're available for the 13in MacBook/Pro (unibody), the 15in MacBook Pro (unibody), the 17in MacBook Pro (unibody) and various iMacs. You can get the

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Greeter Chuck Mulvey (l) welcomes Marshall to a meeting.



Jayne Palmer (r) speaks to a new member at the September meeting.



John Bernardo, we miss you!



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SBAMUG MONTHLY MEETINGS

Last Wednesday of Each Month - 6:30 p.m.

Lomita VFW Hall

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(see map at left for directions)

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. our moderators open the meeting with questions and answers for beginners and switchers. Open discussion, questions and information sharing follows, time permitting. At 7:30 p.m. President Glen Terry makes general announcements and introduces the speaker.

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

“Papers and Inks,” presented by Don Baker of Klasic Specialties.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

(date awaiting VFW approval)

“Table Topics” – iPod, Margaret Wehbi; Mail, Jayne Palmer; iPhone, moderator TBA; The Basics, Chuck Mulvey, Back-up, LJ Palmer.

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

Annual Holiday Meeting, questions and answers, white elephant gift exchange, pizza and goodies.

Thanks, Refreshment Committee, for all your hard work every month. All goodie donations are deeply appreciated.

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- **Password privileges for the Wiki**
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New Member Member Renewal

Name: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Special Computer Interest: _____

Model of Macintosh You Use Most: _____

How did you hear about SBAMUG?: _____

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Bring your Application and Fee to our General Meeting
or MAIL to the above address