



South Bay Apple MUG Macintosh

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A Monthly CUPFUL for South Bay Apple Mac User Group Members

SBAMUG Needs You!

With the passing of CW Mitchell, our Club needs more volunteers to help

CW was both Club Treasurer and Membership Chair. SBAMUG was very fortunate to have CW Mitchell managing the responsibilities of two positions for so many years. Now he's gone.

We need two people to take over the responsibilities for these two positions. The current officers cannot be expected to take on any additional duties.

If we cannot fill these positions, the club's continued existence will be in question. Please contact Nancie at piglet10@cox.net if you are willing to help. We all need to work together to keep the club viable. *Thank you.*

Instructions on using Zoom...

- 1) A Zoom meeting invitation will be sent to everyone who is signed up on the club email list: everybody@sbamug.com
- 2) To be added to the mailing list, follow the instructions at: <https://www.sbamug.com/our-sbamug-email-group/>
- 3) When you receive the Zoom invitation email, save the link to your calendar so that on the day of the meeting you can find it more easily.
- 4) To join the Zoom meeting, click on the link provided in the invitation email. This will allow you to install the free Zoom app. The meeting invitation will also include a meeting ID and password, which you may need.

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Welcome to the SBAMUG!

(South Bay Apple Mac User Group)

Members, friends and colleagues are invited to attend our monthly meetings, usually held the last Wednesday of the month. Annual membership entitles you to receive this online monthly newsletter, plus more benefits (see website). Visit sbamug.com to join the Club. *\$35 annual membership fee waived in 2023.* Meetings held virtually via Zoom.

SBAMUG Virtual Meeting Format:

6:30-7:15 p.m. Question & Answer Session
Everyone welcome, beginners encouraged!

7:15-8:15 p.m. Announcements & Presentation

Club Officers & Other Volunteers:

President: Kent McDonald

Vice President: Jim Pernal

Treasurer: *Vacant*

Secretary: Nancie Silver

Directors at Large: Dave Nathanson,
Arnold Silver, George Wilde, Joan King

PD Disk Editor: Jim Pernal

Membership: *Vacant*

Member Development: Nancie Silver
(publicity). Jim Pernal (website updates)

Programming: Kent McDonald

Server Director: Dave Nathanson

Newsletter: Nancie Silver

USPS Liaison: *Vacant*

Basic Club Information:

Virtual Meetings: Online via Zoom

Phone: (310) 544-9665

Mailing Address: 28110 Ridgforest Court
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Email: info@sbamug.com

Website: <http://www.sbamug.com>

Follow us on Twitter @sbamug



Membership Information & Questions:

Leave a message at 310-544-9665
- if you have questions or need more information about club membership, dues, and benefits
- if your name is misspelled or the expiration date is incorrect on your membership card

It's EASY To Renew!

Look for your renewal letter in the mail. Sign and date the form and return it with payment* using the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

**Club fees waived for 2023*

Other Meetings of Interest:

- Tuesday (6 days after last Wednesday) - SBAMUG Core Group, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Leave a message at 310-544-9665 if you need the zoom invite for the Core Group meeting.
- 3rd Thursday every other month - InDesign User Group, 7:00 p.m. at various locations in LA area, laidug.com
- Last Saturday each month - Northrop Grumman - Ham Radio & Computer Swap Meet, 7:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at SE corner of Marine/Aviation Blvd, Redondo Beach (visit w6trw.com to see if swap meet is cancelled due to Covid)
- Los Angeles Portable Users Group: Mac OS X, iPhone, iPod, MacBook, etc. at lapug.org/
- Find more: <http://www.apple.com/usergroups/>

SBAMUG March 2023 Shareware

Hopefully spring weather is here. Six items this month.

BetterDisplay 1.4.3: Utility tool for multi display users. Adds HiDPI, extra brightness HDR, virtual displays, etc. Mac OS 10.11+ Free with \$15 in app upgrades.

<https://github.com/waydabber/BetterDisplay>

coconutBattery 3.9.11: Utility program for monitoring laptop battery health. Save present capacity of battery for future trending.

Freeware Mac OS 10.12+

<https://www.coconut-flavour.com/coconutbattery/>

Magic Number 2.8.23: Advanced calculator with over 100 functions. Statistics, matrixes etc. \$8 Mac App store Mac OS 10.13+

MathMagic Lite 9.83: Stand alone equation editor. For K-12 and post-secondary math levels. Mac OS 10.14+ Free

<http://www.mathmagic.com/product/lite.html>

Wokabulary 5.10.1: Learn vocabulary using flash card learning techniques. Free Mac OS 10.15+ Mac App store

GraphicConverter 12.0: Latest major upgrade to this graphics program. Image editing with 200 import and 80 export formats. New metadata juggler, Autocropping, improved torn edge, and more. Mac OS 10.13+ \$39.96

<https://www.lemkesoft.de/en/products/graphicconverter/>

Jim Pernal, PD Editor

WWDC 2023 Scheduled for June 5-9

In an announcement that surprised approximately no one, Apple has scheduled its [2023 Worldwide Developer Conference](#) for June 5th through 9th. WWDC will once again take place online for free, along with [a special one-day event at Apple Park](#), accessible by lottery. Requests to attend must be submitted by April 4, 2023. Also on the docket is a [Swift Student Challenge](#) for budding developers, who have until April 19, 2023 to submit their entries.



It's a safe bet that the WWDC keynote will feature iOS 17, iPadOS 17, macOS 14, watchOS 10, and tvOS 17. Plus, the rumor mill is working itself into a tizzy over [Mark Gurman's report](#) of the possible unveiling of a mixed-reality headset. [Other rumors from Gurman](#) suggest a 15-inch MacBook Air, the long-awaited release of a Mac Pro with Apple silicon, and conceivably an M3-powered update to the 24-inch iMac, though that seems slated for later in the year.

Article by Adam Engst on March 29, 2023

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Apple Unveils Apple Pay Later

From [Apple Newsroom](#):

Apple today introduced Apple Pay Later in the U.S. Designed with users' financial health in mind, Apple Pay Later allows users to split purchases into four payments, spread over six weeks with no interest and no fees. Users can easily track, manage, and repay their Apple Pay Later loans in one convenient location in Apple Wallet. Users can apply for Apple Pay Later loans of \$50 to \$1,000, which can be used for online and in-app purchases made on iPhone and iPad with merchants that accept Apple Pay.

I confess a deep distrust in the entire concept of "Buy Now, Pay Later" services, likely instilled by my grandfather, who informed me as an impressionable pre-teen that I should only ever use a credit card as a convenience, not as a loan for money I didn't have. It's reasonable for someone to use BNPL to spread out payments for items they can afford, but troubling if it encourages irresponsible spending.

If you haven't paid attention to such services in the past, read the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's explanation of [how BNPL works for consumers and merchants](#). Apparently, merchants pay a much higher transaction fee of 1.5–7%, compared to 1–3% for credit cards.

Nevertheless, it sounds like Apple designed Apple Pay Later to avoid most consumer problems. It doesn't charge users interest or fees, it does soft credit checks to limit abuse, and it requires a debit card for repayment to prevent users from taking on credit card debt to repay loans.

Apple is soft-launching Apple Pay Later now, with plans to offer it to all eligible US users in the coming months. We'll see how many merchants adopt it for their online and in-app purchases.

[Read original article](#)

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This looks like an important issue to learn more about...

AI development beyond GPT-4 should be paused – Woz, Musk, academics

<https://9to5mac.com/2023/03/29/woz-pause-in-ai-development/>

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Helpful Links

Authory provides writers a permanent record of their articles

<https://tidbits.com/2023/03/24/authory-provides-writers-a-permanent-record-of-their-articles/>

LucidLink offers streaming vision of cloud-based storage

<https://tidbits.com/2023/03/23/lucidlink-offers-streaming-vision-of-cloud-based-storage/>

Do you know the difference between an Apple gift card, App Store gift card and Apple Store gift card?

<https://www.makeuseof.com/apple-gift-card-vs-app-store-gift-card-vs-apple-store-gift-card/>

Security researchers warn of a new Google malware scam that could infect your Mac

<https://www.macworld.com/article/1502739/google-malvertising-scam-xloader-malware.html>

The ultimate Mac troubleshooting guide:

<https://www.macworld.com/article/342272/ultimate-mac-diy-repair-guide.html>

Convert images on Mac quickly from Finder

<https://osxdaily.com/2023/02/28/convert-images-on-mac-quickly-from-finder/>

Want to learn how to take better iPhone photos?

<https://www.iphonelife.com/content/take-better-photos-snap>

How to set and share reminders with Siri

<https://www.imore.com/how-set-reminders-and-update-task-and-do-lists-siri>

Everything you need to know about iCloud Private Relay

<https://www.macobserver.com/tips/how-to/icloud-private-relay-need-know/>

During her March 29, 2023 SBAMUG presentation about *Tech on International Travel*, Allison Sheridan (with podfeet.com) mentioned several things she utilized during her trip to Antarctica:

Prepaid eSIM plans that provide connectivity across the globe:

<https://esimdb.com>

<https://www.gigsky.com>

iCloud Shared Photo Library vs. Shared Albums in Photos (Allison talked about iCloud Shared Library)

<https://appleinsider.com/inside/icloud/vs/icloud-shared-photo-library-vs-shared-albums-in-photos>

Allison loved using AirDrop to share photos on the trip

<https://www.lifewire.com/what-is-airdrop-how-does-it-work-1994512>

Allison recommended Telegram; here's more information about several messaging apps

<https://www.tomsguide.com/reference/best-encrypted-messaging-apps>

**Check out MacRumors
on YouTube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@macrumors>

Join, Renew or Give a Gift of a SBAMUG Membership!

South Bay Apple Macintosh User Group provides you with a local source of shared knowledge & experience through monthly meetings and a monthly newsletter.

Member Benefits for \$35 per year*:

- ❖ Monthly meeting presentations
- ❖ Get help from our experts via our Email Group
- ❖ Monthly newsletter (11 issues per year)
- ❖ Free web space & e-mail on our server
- ❖ Build your own website
- ❖ Create your own blog
- ❖ Special merchant discounts
- ❖ Occasional swaps, free software, opportunity drawings

<https://www.sbamug.com/join-sbamug/>

*(**\$35 membership fee waived in 2023**)

SBAMUG Membership Application

Individual & Family Memberships: \$35 per year* ☐ New Member(s) ☐ Member Renewal
(*membership fee is waived for 2023)

Mail this Application to our mailing address (see page 2).

Member Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____
Email: _____
Computer interests: _____
Devices you use most: _____
Current level of Mac expertise: _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced
How did you hear about SBAMUG? _____
I would like to help with the club. Please contact me at: _____
Comments: _____

Spouse/Partner Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____
Email: _____
Computer interests: _____
Devices you use most: _____
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