



MARCH 2008

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SEATTLE'S MAC USER GROUP

March 2008 Calendar

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9:05 AM dBug Cafe at the RC
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6:30 PM Beginning Mac User's SIG at RC
- Topic Suggestions Requested
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7:00 PM Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro,
Motion, LiveType, Compressor, Photoshop
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7:00 PM Genealogy SIG at RC
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7:00 PM Internet Development SIG at RC
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7:00 PM New! Linux/UNIX SIG at RC
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**6:30 PM Main Meeting at RC:
The Omni Group**
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7:00 PM Mac OS X SIG at RC
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7:00 PM More fun with Office 2008
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1:00 PM Mac Maintenance Class, learn
how to keep your Mac running smoothly
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6:30 PM Internet SIG at RC - Browsers,
Email, News, the Web
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7:30 PM Intermediate Mac User's SIG at
RC - Q&A and Troubleshooting
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6:30 PM Digital Imaging SIG at RC
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March Main Meeting with the Omni Group

When: 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Where: dBug Resource Center

The Omni Group, local Seattle developers of extremely cool, Mac-only software, are visiting dBug for our March Main Meeting. They'll be showcasing two of their newest products, OmniFocus and OmniPlan, as well as a brand-new version of OmniGraffle. OmniFocus helps manage personal tasks and goals, OmniPlan is powerful project management software, and OmniGraffle is great for making drawings, diagrams, family trees, work flows, office layouts, you name it.



What makes Omni's products so great is the care and attention to detail they have as developers. They love what they do and it has paid off. Their products regularly receive rave reviews and awards from the major publications. Not only will you get a chance to see Omni's programs in use, you'll get some personal time with Omni staff, and have a chance to win their products in our big raffle!

Mac Maintenance Basics Class

Presented by Wil Nelson

When: 1 - 4pm on Saturday, March 22, 2008

Where: dBug Resource Center

Receive expert instruction and guidance in Macintosh maintenance from dBug guru Wil Nelson. Wil has been helping fellow dBug members for years at the dBug Café, and he has turned that experience and knowledge into an incredibly informative course designed to help you keep your Mac purring for years and years to come.

http://www.dbug.org/announcements/classes/mac_basics_class.shtml



dBug February Main Meeting review

John Chaffee from BusyMac dropped by to give us a sneak peak at the public beta of BusySync 2.0. He demonstrated the various ways BusySync lets you share iCal calendars with family or coworkers without the need for a dedicated server, as well as the new Google Calendar to iCal syncing feature.

Kurt Schmucker from Microsoft's Macintosh Business Unit also joined us to present the brand-new Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac. Kurt turned heads with hot new features like templates which allow you to create professional-looking documents with just a few clicks, the Elements Gallery for quick access to tools and formatting options, and OfficeArt for 3D effects,



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reflections and shadows. All of the Office applications sped through the tasks on Curt's Intel-based Mac laptop too, since the suite is now Intel and PowerPC native.

We raffled off over \$700 worth of prizes this month including Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac and BusySync.

MAC Give-away--Still Useful...

by Chris Matzen

Three dBUG members, for years, have made special efforts to refurb older Macs and then give them to needy persons. We are Greg Smith, Martin Totusek, and Chris Matzen.

Heaven knows how much effort and equipment other dBUG members have donated over the years! It is good to stop and reflect on the unsung contributions of so many others whose names will not be mentioned here today.

Greg Smith:

"Over a year ago the group I had been helping shut down. I then began helping out on Macs at InterConnection. They collect and refurbish Microsoft based PCs and Macs and ship them to underdeveloped countries all over."

See <www.interconnection.org> for more details.

A year ago January, family medical issues required Greg to leave InterConnection. Greg can't predict when he might be able to return to InterConnection, but he is available to me to call for technical advice.

Martin Totusek:

dBug member Martin Totusek collects older Power Macintoshes for the dBug computer donation/giveaway program, and finds homes for them with seniors, children, low income families, students and musicians. Currently ONLY fully functional PowerPC 604e CPU, Apple Power Mac models 8600/300, 9600/300 and 9600/350 or higher machines with enough RAM installed are accepted, as many incomplete 601 through 603e CPU machines donated are already here.

Martin helps me out greatly. For example, he recently sent me several bootable CDs for a balky 8600 PowerPC which we hope will allow me to recover info on the hard drives.

Chris Matzen:

I used to operate out of Seattle, but moved to Bremerton in November of 2000. From time to time I make a trip over to the mainland to pick up donated Macs, drop in at the RC and visit old friends. Once in awhile I can even attend a Main Meeting, although my luck at the raffle has lately not been what it used to be.

You can best contact me at: <cmatzen@comcast.net>

I usually work with Agapé, a local recovery center whose clients are leaving behind lives of drug and alcohol addiction and are on track for returning to normal living.

Last I heard, Agapé was still using dBUG's donated Kodak DC-50 camera so clients could publish a newsletter or send pictures home to faraway family. Clients come to Agapé from detox centers, mental institutions, jails and prisons. The recovery clients begin in a same-sex group home, move to a sheltered apartment, then into mainstream apartments and eventually into regular employment.

Along the way, many clients finish high school, earn junior college degrees,

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New 2008 dBug Board

The Elections Committee is pleased to announce the dBug Board of Directors for 2008:

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[<http://www.dbug.org/about/bod.shtml>](http://www.dbug.org/about/bod.shtml)

Tom Auciello • Bill Campbell • Mike Grueter • Richard Harrell • Wil Nelson, President • Richard Knights, Treasurer

dBug Resource Center directions:

[<http://www.dbug.org/about/directions.shtml>](http://www.dbug.org/about/directions.shtml)

Information on joining dBug:

[<http://www.dbug.org/about/join.shtml>](http://www.dbug.org/about/join.shtml)

While you are surfing, check out the current event calendar:

[<http://www.dbug.org/calendar/>](http://www.dbug.org/calendar/)

The dBug Brochure has been updated.

See it online at [<http://www.dbug.org/publications/brochure/>](http://www.dbug.org/publications/brochure/)



attend trade schools, enter apprenticeship programs, and even go on to a four-year college degree. Sadly, others fall back into drug and alcohol use and return to their former lives of desperation. Some of them make it back alive. Others land in prison or in mental institutions. But too many others end up in the morgue, either by accident, suicide or murder.

Needless to say, computer literacy is a near-universal job requirement these days, at least for any supervisory position. Unfortunately, most local schools and businesses use only PCs.

But there are many cases when just the ability to hook up to the Internet is a great help. Also to be able to type and print class notes, an English theme, a job report, or term paper at home is a great boon. This is especially true for single Moms who are juggling child-raising, a job, and college all at once. Many single parents like to have a computer so their kids can play computer games rather than spend time at the more passive activity of watching TV.

I have a workshop adjoining my 2-bedroom duplex just outside the city limits of Bremerton. The workshop is about half the square footage of the house. There is no heat but a space heater and only one screened window but the shop is wired and lighted, plus being plumbed for washer and dryer. The space heater can give me a 10°F rise over outside temperature so that is a big help.

I don't have a lot of tools and do not attempt to even solder wires usually, but I do own a soldering gun. I have a supply of PRAM batteries, a few Torx screwdrivers, other screwdrivers, a set of small pliers, a bright penlight, dental mirror, a digital volt-ohmmeter with analog meter VOM backup.

Some "canned air", Windex, paper towels, a notebook, a grounded anti-static mat, a bunch of jumpers, and cable adapters. Utility disks and CDs like Norton Utilities, DiskWarrior, or TechTool Pro, and reference literature pretty much completes the list of tools. No oscilloscope.

Oh yes, the metal shelves and bookcases loaded with old Macs and a few PCs, hard drives, monitors, printers, and scanners. A chest of drawers stuffed with cables of all sorts, keyboards, mice, Ethernet transceivers, and maybe even a hub or two.

I don't usually hear back from anyone I have helped, but they do thank me when I deliver and set up their "new" computer. It's a good thing to stave off the trip to the landfill for a bit longer and help others in the process.

Most of the donated equipment could be sold on eBay for \$50 or so, but it's too much trouble for the owners to tend the ads, pack up what they sell and ship it. So they call one of us.

Save a Tree! Save \$ for dBug!

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