

Apple Bytes

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Apple's "Dot Mac" Service and the Internet.

Westminster-Canterbury - Tuesday October 19 - 7:15 PM.

Wellness Center Classroom.

Amherst - Wednesday, October 20 - 7:15 PM.

Country & Mountain Realty, 123 N. Main St.

Lynchburg College - Thursday, October 21 - 7:00 PM.

Hopwood Hall, Room 14.

Next Month's Meeting:

Annual Dinner Meeting - Thursday, November 18.

Social Hour - 6:15 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM, Program - 7:45 PM.

Oakwood Country Club.

Remember, the General Meeting is ALWAYS on the **Third Thursday of the month.**
and the Branch meetings are on the Tuesday and Wednesday before.

Plan for the November Dinner Meeting.

The November meeting is at **Oakwood Country Club, November 18**. This will be a social affair to meet and chat with your fellow club members from all three sections. Bring your spouse or a friend. It will include a social hour before the buffet which will have a number of choices for your dining pleasure.

The program will include presentations by Apple Core members sharing their knowledge and experience with their Macs. We also hope to have a new **iMac G5** for all to see.

The tickets for the dinner are \$15 per person for members and spouses or dinner partner, and \$25 per person for nonmembers. Tickets will be available at the October meetings or from Tony Young (384-8477), Gordon Mattox (401-0163) and Tom Johnson (993-2822). To attend, you must purchase or reserve your tickets no later than November 10th. There will be no separate branch meetings in Amherst or Westminster-Canterbury in November.

What is .Mac? (It's pronounced "Dot Mac")

October's meetings will discuss Apple's ever more popular .Mac service. We will also discuss ways to improve your total Internet experience with your favorite browser and e-mail programs even if you don't have .Mac.

To those who have not used it, .Mac is somewhat difficult to describe. It is Apple's popular suite of Internet software and services subscribed to by more than a half million members. It provides a first-class mail service with an e-mail address that identifies you as a Mac user. It allows you to easily coordinate your e-mail between two or more computers, which is quite useful for those with laptops or otherwise "on the go." It provides 250 MB of combined online storage for .Mac mailboxes, web sites, and iDisk folders, perfect for sharing photos, movies and documents with family, friends and coworkers. Other services included are on-line interactive training and software downloads. Come to the October meeting and learn more.

Some of the features of .Mac

This month, it was announced that .Mac now offers both new members and its more than half million existing members 250 MB of combined online storage for .Mac mailboxes and iDisk folders. This is up from the original 100 MB. This is perfect for easily sharing photos, movies and documents with family, friends and coworkers. Increased storage is the latest in a series of new features added.

Mac Mail offers world-class, ad-free mail service supporting webmail, POP, and IMAP so you can access your mail from any Internet-connected computer. And now it also offers e-mail aliases for your account, an online spell checker with a customizable dictionary, and a maximum message size of 10 MB, making it easy to send large attachments.

Secure Automatic Internet Backup

Your .Mac iDisk is your personal hard drive on the Internet. It makes it possible for you to access your files and important data from any Internet-connected Mac or PC at work or on the road. Publish web sites, back up key files, create customized download pages. Your iDisk can do it all. And now you can increase your iDisk storage to do much more by designating the space you need. The iDisk can be upgraded to one Gigabyte of secure, internet-based storage for only \$49 per year.

You can have online access to your key information when you're away from your Mac. Your .Mac Address Book & .Mac Bookmarks are synchronized with your Mac at home or in your office.

Internet Sharing from Your Own Website

You can share photos and movies directly from iPhoto or iMovie. Use your iDisk Public folder to let others upload and download files.

You have everything you need to publish a personal website in minutes. Enhancements to HomePage include a dozen new templates for web publishing, plus the ability to create and edit web pages even using Windows XP and Internet Explorer besides from your Mac.

With iCards you can create personal e-mail greeting cards using more than 400 predesigned cards plus create special icards using your own images.

Free Software

Backup is a free application-program designed to provide hassle-free backup to iDisk, hard drives, CD's and DVD's. It was released May 17, 2004 to .mac members.

Virex®, the award-winning virus protection software from McAfee® with automatic eUpdate is provided free with the .mac membership.

Training and Tutorials

.Mac member exclusives include the Learning Center tutorials to help you make the most of .Mac, iLife, Mac OS X and more. Updated iLife tutorials bring you up to speed on the latest versions of iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, iTunes, and GarageBand, including their special .Mac features.

Interested in taking your presentations to the next level? Keynote Tutorials were released June 2, 2004. This series of tutorials covers the essential features of Apple's Keynote presentation software.

Mac OS X Panther Tutorials were released March 10, 2004. Get up to speed quickly with more than 100 QuickTime movies covering Mac OS X 10.3 and the applications that come with it. Grouped into Mac OS X Basics and Mac OS X Apps.

Other Member Benefits

These include gifts, discounts, and other member specials throughout the year.

Free Sound Effects from Skywalker Sound. Offer good through November 19, 2004. Exclusively for .Mac members, 13 iMovie sound effects from the audio wizards at Academy Award-winning Skywalker Sound. Free Audio Tracks from Freeplay Music Offer good through November 19, 2004.

Thousands of professional-quality background music tracks from Freeplay in styles from Techno to Orchestral. These AAC format tracks are available in the iDisk Members Only folder.

Free VersionTracker Plus Subscription - US\$24.95 value. This offer good through November 17, 2004. Now it's easy to keep your software up-to-date. VersionTracker.com tracks more than 36,000 software products.

You can sign up for a **free** 60-day trial.. Try it out!

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Fall Mac OS X Class Completed at CVCC.

Ten people, four women and six men, completed the Mac OS X Class at CVCC in four sessions, October 1, 2, 8, and 9. The class concentrated on Version 10.3 "Panther" and included iPhoto, iTunes and other applications and features. Four persons had attended two or more previous classes and remarked at how they enjoyed learning more about Panther's new features. The next class is scheduled for March 2005.