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January Meeting

Thursday January 20 - 7:00 PM - Lynchburg College

General meeting is at Lynchburg College, Thursday, January 20, 7:00 PM.

The January regular meeting at **Lynchburg College, room 17 Hopwood Hall** will begin with a general discussion and Q&A session at 7:00 p.m. followed by the featured presentation by Gordon Mattox on methods to clean up and organize the files in your computer. **Note that this meeting is back in Hopwood Hall where we have held most of our meetings at Lynchburg College.**

The Westminster-Canterbury meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 7:15 PM.

The Amherst meeting at 123 Main St. will be Wednesday, January 19, 7:15 PM.

Cleaning Up and Organizing Computer Files

As reported at the December meeting, the results of the **Program Interest Survey** taken at the Annual Dinner Meeting were very interesting. The programs to be presented over the next year will now be planned in response to the survey results.

Of the responses to the suggested topics, the leading candidate was "**Clean up and Organize My Mac.**" Therefore this will be the leading topic for the January presentation. "Clean up and Organize My Mac" means different things to different people. There are a number of things covered by this topic. Some people are concerned about those files they find on their computers that they don't know why they are there. Others worry that files they don't use are taking up too much storage space. And others don't know how to file their work away so that they can find it again - so they leave it scattered all over their Desktop just like their kids leave their rooms when they run out the door for school. Or they save their file and don't know where it went. Or they don't know the organizational techniques that are available to them.

Mac OS X has taken further steps which gently trying to help us organize our Macs, continuing the effort that began sometime back with Mac OS 8 or thereabouts. Many Mac users weren't aware of the General Controls Panel (Pre-OS X) where a person could set how the Mac would respond to their saving a file.

Gordon Mattox will discuss and demonstrate techniques for clean-up and organization on the Mac. This will include control settings available in Mac OS 9, and the rules that the Unix underpinnings of Mac OS X set for us now in both Jaguar (OS X 10.2) and Panther (OS X 10.3) As always, and even more importantly at this meeting, questions are quite welcome.

February Meetings:

Lynchburg College, Room 17, Hopwood Hall - Thursday February 17, - 7:00 PM

Note: there will be no February meetings at Westminster Canterbury or Amherst

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Getting Video into your Macintosh

The program topic for the General Meeting in February will be getting video into your computer. Ronnie Driskill gave an excellent presentation at the August Apple Core meeting on making custom video movies using iMovie and importing the video into your Mac from a digital video recorder. Tom Johnson will demonstrate how to get video from other sources into your computer; sources like video cassette recorders, TV, DVD's, etc. and how to burn DVD's with the imported video. We will discuss video digitizers, analog video, and DVD recorders and burners. Remember, 7:00 PM will be the general discussion and the club business and program will start at 7:30 PM.

InfoWorld Announces 2005 Technology of the Year Awards

Apple Xserve G5 won InfoWorld's "Best Server Hardware" award and Mac OS X v10.3 Panther won the "Best Operating System" award. [Jan 03] .

Loss of two club members.

It is with a sad heart that we report that Clarence Henry (Hank) Yeatman, 64, passed away Dec. 24, 2004, of a heart attack. Hank was a club member and will be missed.

Also we want to let everyone know that longtime member Ed St. Vincent is in hospice care at Westminster-Canterbury. We ask that he is in your prayers.

Macworld Expo comes to a close in San Francisco

This was the week of Apple's traditional Macworld Expo, January 10 -14, at which more Macintosh news was made. Apple CEO Steve Jobs made a number of announcements during his keynote presentation on Tuesday, January 11. On the hardware side, there were two itmes, the new Mac mini, and the new iPod shuffle. On the software side, there is the new iLife '05, iWork with Keynote 2, and Final Cut Express HD.

Apple Quarterly Results

Apple announced first quarter financial results, with a net profit of \$295 million or \$.70 per diluted share. These results compare to a net profit of \$63 million or \$.17 per diluted share in the year-ago quarter. Revenue for the quarter was \$3.49 billion, up 74% from a year ago. Gross margin was 28.5%, up from 26.7% a year ago. International sales accounted for 41% of revenue.

To get a full rundown on these, go to Apple's web site at <<http://www.apple.com/>>. There you can get more particulars and even watch the keynote address in it's entirety in streaming QuickTime.

Mac OS X Class at CVCC March 18, 19, and 25, 26

The Lynchburg Apple Core is sponsoring a 1-credit college class on Mac OS X, covering both Version 10.2 Jaguar and Version 10.3 Panther. This class is intended both for Mac users who are new to OS X and those who have been using it for some time but who want to gain a better understanding and become more proficient in the use of their Macs. The class will be relatively small and will be geared for a lot of personal attention, questions and answers. It will include coverage of iPhoto, iTunes, iMovie, iDVD, GarageBand, Safari, Mail, and AppleWorks. Gordon Mattox is the instructor.

This is a weekend class, March 18,19, and 25, 26. Two Friday nights from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM, and the two Saturdays from 8:00 AM to Noon, to minimize disruption of your normal schedules.

It is listed as Business 195-01MD, “Macintosh Operations - Mac OS X“. Sign up through the CVCC Admissions Office on campus, or if you have been registered before, call 832-7633. Or call Gordon at 401-0163 for info.

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