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## Next Meeting April 20, 7:00 PM

The Apple Blossom Computer Club will meet at p.m. at Joseph Lane Middle School, 2153 NE Vine, Roseburg, Oregon. (Go to the front door and look for signs leading you to room #8.) Experienced and new computer users are welcome!

## Agenda

1. Meeting starts at 7 P.M.
2. Introduction of members and guests
3. Questions and Answers
4. Program: This month we will be discussing the new, free, and unique email system offered by Google - G-mail!

## Treasurer's Report

Beginning Total	\$1,620.45
Income:	
Dues	\$140.00
Interest	0.52
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$21.25
Postage	\$37.00
Website	\$89.32

Ending Total       \$1,620.45  
*Jim McClellan, Treasurer*

## Tomatoes & E-mail

An unemployed man is desperate to support his family of a wife and three kids. He applies for a janitor's job at a large firm and easily passes an aptitude test. The human resources manager tells him, "You will be hired at minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. Let me have your e-mail address so that we can get you in the loop. Our system will automatically email you all the forms and advise you when to start and where to report on your first day."

Taken back, the man protests that he is poor and has neither a computer nor an e-mail address. To this the manager replies, "You must understand that to a company like ours that means that you virtually do not exist. Without an e-mail address you can hardly expect to be employed by a high-tech firm. Good day."

Stunned, the man leaves. Not knowing where to turn and having \$10 in his wallet, he walks past a farmers' market and sees a stand selling 25lb crates of beautiful red tomatoes. He buys a crate, carries it to a busy corner and displays the tomatoes. In less than 2 hours he sells all the tomatoes and makes 100% profit. Repeating the process several times more that day, he ends up with almost \$100 and arrives home that night with several bags of groceries for his family.

During the night he decides to repeat the tomato business the next day. By the end of the week he is getting up early every day and working into the night. Time passes and at the end of the fifth year he owns a fleet of nice trucks and a warehouse that his wife supervises, plus two tomato farms that the boys manage. The tomato company's payroll has put hundreds of homeless and jobless people to work. His daughter reports that the business grossed a million dollars. He decides to buy some life insurance.

Consulting with an insurance adviser, he picks an insurance plan to fit his new circumstances. Then the adviser asks him for his e-mail address in order to send the final documents electronically. When the man replies that he doesn't have time to mess with a computer and has no e-mail address, the insurance man is stunned, "What, you don't have e-mail? No computer? No Internet? Just think where you would be today if you'd had all of that five years ago!"

"Ha!" snorts the man. "If I'd had e-mail five years ago I would be sweeping floors at Microsoft and making \$5.15 an hour."

*--Which brings us to the moral--*

Since you got this story by e-mail, you're probably closer to being a janitor than a millionaire.

Sadly, I received it also.

*--Jim McClellan*

Check out <http://www.winstonoregon.net>  
 I update this at least weekly.

The **Apple Blossom Computer Club** (ABCC) is an Apple Computer Inc., registered Macintosh and Apple ][ family user group. The ABCC publishes *The RoseByter* newsletter monthly which is posted to each paid up member and reciprocating user groups. ABCC participates in user group newsletter content exchange. The ABCC also maintains a WWW site at:

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# March ABCC Meeting Featured Demos of First Aid, Onyx, Cocktail

Club President started the program by demonstrating 'First Aid' and how/when/why to repair permissions. Then he demonstrated Onyx and explained its different functions, becoming somewhat surprised by new additions to the latest Panther edition (Most of Bernie's experience is with Jaguar!) He then fired up Coctail and showed how similar it was to Onyx but a lot easier to use.



*From the Apple web site*



*From the Onyx web site*

Somebody had a question about AppleScript and when the group discovered that it functioned via the Terminal, they stopped as no one in the audience was familiar with Terminal. It was common knowledge that people should stay away from using Terminal if they didn't know anything about it as they ran the risk of screwing their computers up big time. The UNIX underpinnings of OS-X assume that the user knows what s/he is doing, so actions are taken immediately once the command is typed. There is not "do you really want to do this" to make you stop and think first!

A lot of interesting, worthwhile questions were asked and answered concerning the different aspects of Onyx and Coctail. Club members expressed interest in continuing to have demonstrations of various applications that we may or may not have had much time to explore. Club members are encouraged to step forward and volunteer to demonstrate their favorite bit of software and show off what they can do with it.



## Windows Fails At Education Conference

This came to my school email and I thought you might like to include some of it in the newsletter or forward it to the ABCC'ers. It was from Rick Slatton at the Eugene Mac Store.

--Dave Johnson

Chris Hamady, tech coordinator for a school and a doctoral student in Educational Technology, wrote a letter to the editor to the Columbus Dispatch (Ohio newspaper). It is available online, but only through a paid subscription but I thought that you might like to read it. You may want to forward this to your associates.

Dear Editor,

I recently attended the Ohio SchoolNet State Technology Conference held in your city's wonderful Columbus Convention Center. This conference is attended by technology coordinators, principals, teachers and administrators of K-12 schools, colleges and universities. A portion of the conference is dedicated to providing hands-on instructional workshops that allow attendees to have first-hand instruction and experience with computer applications and operating systems. More on this in a moment.

At one time, schools across Ohio flocked to the Macintosh computing platform for its ease of use, superior stability and incredible security. Recently, how-

ever, Microsoft Windows seems to be an unstoppable monopoly that threatens not only our home computers with an ever more alarming amount of spyware and viruses, but also our schools with increased downtime, increased support costs, and the failure to provide our students with a trouble-free educational environment.

The first day of the SchoolNet conference arrived only to find that every one of the



Microsoft Windows-based (PC) hands-on workshops scheduled for that day were canceled. I asked someone what was going on and was told that viruses and spyware had infected all of the loaned laptops that were to be used in these sessions- to the point that they were useless. The Monday sessions would not take place.

The next day I was told by another person that ALL Windows- based hands-on workshops were canceled for the duration of the conference. They went on to say that engineers from Cisco Systems had been brought in to try to fix the situation, but late into Monday night, they informed SchoolNet

officials that they could not get the problems alleviated in time. SchoolNet had to cancel the Windows hands-on workshops as a result. The Macintosh workshops, on the other hand, went on as scheduled.

I write this letter to ask your city a question: When will we all wake up and realize that the Emperor doesn't have any clothes on? Microsoft Windows has failed to live up to its promises. It has become a detriment to our

lives, our businesses, and now our educational institutions. As a tech coordinator for a school in Northwest Ohio, and as a doctoral student in Educational Technology at the University of Toledo, I can assure you that our school has MANY more problems with the Windows PCs that our teachers use when comparing them to the Apple Computers running Mac OS X that our students use.

Spyware, viruses, ridiculous licensing structures that overly burden our businesses and schools, a need for 3 to 4 times as many support personnel as Macs, all crush us into submission beneath the overwhelming monopoly that is Microsoft. The most troubling fact in this entire episode lies in the reality that our own Governor has decided that it is in the best interest of our state to standardize every state government agency on, you guessed it- Windows. His reasoning: To reduce support costs and save taxpayer dollars.

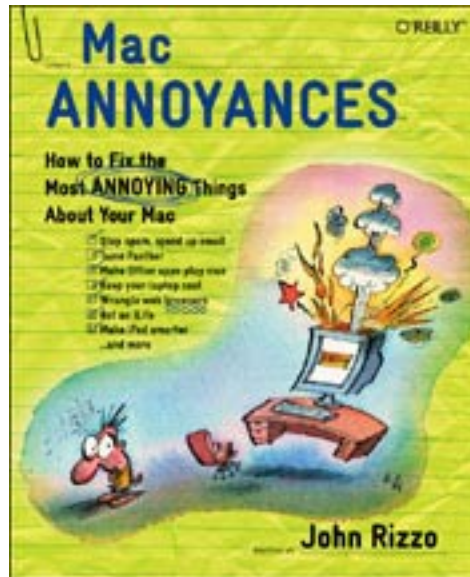
Who among us will say, "The Emperor is naked!"

## Book Review: Mac Annoyances

Reviewed by Elsa Trivisano

*Mac Annoyances, How to Fix the Most Annoying Things About Your Mac* by John Rizzo. 156 pp. O'Reilly, 2005. \$24.95. (Editor's Note: as an ABCC member, you get a 20% discount on this book! See page 8.)

Wrestling with Apple's help system, trying to eject a CD from a keyboard without an eject key, or listening to AOL's preternaturally perky



points.

Annoying issues are grouped into chapters on Mac

tion is presented as a stand-alone nugget of information, making it easy to hone in on single problem you want to solve. But, like eating popcorn, once you start reading it's hard to stop. I particularly appreciated suggestions for using Sherlock's AppleCare channel as a better help system, and for setting Flag and Followup on an Entourage message to keep it from getting lost in a blizzard of email.

The book sports an exceptionally thorough index as well as a detailed topic listing in the table of contents.

**The Annoyance** : Word's Work menu is great; I can add any open Word document to the menu simply by choosing Add to Work Menu. Choosing one of the files in the list opens the document. But after a few years, the Work menu is as long as my arm, and as far as I can tell, there isn't a "Remove from Work Menu" command or option in any of the menus.

**The Fix** : You're right, but there is a key command. Press Option-Command-hyphen, and the cursor turns into a big minus sign. Now go to the Work menu and select a file you want to remove. If you want to remove another document from the Work menu, use the key command again to bring up the big minus sign.

voice announce "You've Got Mail!" are enough to drive drive even the most serene Mac user up the wall.

Relax. John Rizzo feels your pain. In *Mac Annoyances, How to Fix the Most Annoying Things About Your Mac*, he offers welcome solutions to 150 of the most irritating, well, Mac annoyances. This eminently browsable book has something to offer to Mac users at all levels and all boiling

OS X, email, the Internet, Microsoft Office, iLife, iPod and hardware. (Curiously missing from the lineup is my pet bête noire AppleWorks, a program which vexes me on a regular basis and which I can't ignore because so many of my consulting clients use it. I hope that AppleWorks, and its successor, Pages, will merit a chapter in a future version of the book.)

Each annoyance and solu-

No matter what your level of Mac expertise, you'll be sure to find suggestions and solutions in *Mac Annoyances* to make your computing life less frustrating. Now that's a balm for your inner Mac curmudgeon. Very highly recommended.

--Elsa Trivisano

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### PaperHub

PaperHub is a USB 2.0 and FireWire 400 combo hub cleverly placed within an elegant aluminum paper tray. It features the latest technology for high-speed data transfers and provides the most ports available of any hub on the market today. PaperHub is the first official product of the new Art-Techo movement, Pressure Drop's crusade to replace drab computer accessories with stylish, visionary peripherals that fuse technology with art.

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This U.S. only offer is valid through June 30, 2005.

### GPS Receivers

Rayming Corp is proud to support User Groups with a Promotional Discount for the Mac OS X supported TN-200 USB GPS Receiver at price of \$84.74 (US) and the TN-206 Bluetooth GPS Receiver at a price of \$189.74 (US). Regularly \$112.99

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Enjoy email again. <http://www.matterform.com/mugoffer>

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## FRESHLY SQUEEZED REVIEWS

by Frank Petrie

Product: MPFreaker v1.0  
Company: [www.lairware.com/mpfreaker/](http://www.lairware.com/mpfreaker/). Requirements: Power Macintosh with Mac OS 10.2.8 or newer and an internet connection Price: \$ 20.00 USD; Registered users receive free upgrades to all future 1.x versions. Test Rig: PowerMac G4/DP 1.42Ghz/1.5 GB RAM Review Date: 08 March 2005

If you were leery of embarking on transferring your CDs because of all the time involved typing in information, now you have no excuse. That's not to say that the process is lightning fast, but it's no laggard, either.

### THE JUICE

"Drag to the Applications folder." MPF comes with an .rtf file which does a brilliant job of explaining both user modes (simple and advanced) and the Help File goes into much greater detail of the function of every button, checkbox and field available.

And you have a wealth of ways to manipulate all of this metadata. MPFreaker creates a directory of all your iTunes. Then it goes out onto the net and retrieves all the artwork and metadata that you desire. You can even choose to have it overwrite old data.

There are two modes of operation - Simple mode and Advanced mode. In Simple mode, you can drag music files (or folders containing them) to the MPFreaker icon and it will automatically start gathering information and filling in any missing metadata, and then automatically quit when it

finishes processing all the files. In Advanced mode you simply launch MPFreaker. The first time it is launched, MPFreaker will scan your home folder's Music directory for any songs, and present them in the list area of the window.

You can also play your selected song through their interface, which seamlessly plays it through iTunes. That way you can identify some of those rogue files that have been floating around in your iTunes Music folder for months.

### THE PITS

It's not as fast as we have come to expect OS X apps. But then again, it's still a lot faster than if you did it manually. And a lot less labor intensive. Also, it would be less of a drain on time if it downloaded the artwork and added it to each album cut in one move. To do it separately for each track, I would guess, is at least partially what's behind the time it takes to perform its functions.

### THE RIND

The icon. When someone at LairWare has some free time, you may want to look into coming up with something a little more eye catching, as opposed to eye piercing. But that's just my \$,02. Pick, pick, pick.

### THE PULP

This is it. The one that all iTunes aficionados have been longing for. The Holy Grail to help you completely finish the transference your collection. MPFreaker.

At \$20.00 USD, it's hard to think of a reason not to, at least, give it a test spin. A free demo, which will only upgrade three tunes upon each launch, is available at their site. Try it once. You'll see.

Just make sure that you have some facial tissues to up up the drool. And a second iPod to fill up.

**RATING:** 8 out of 10

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## iPhoto Albums and Screen

### Savers:

Mac OS X now places iPhoto albums within the Screen Saver preferences pane. Open the "Desktop and Screen Saver" preference pane, click the "Screen Saver" button, and choose from the list of iPhoto albums presented. Next time the Screen Saver kicks in, you'll see the signature 'pan & zoom' effects applied to your own photos.

### Cloning a Hard Drive:

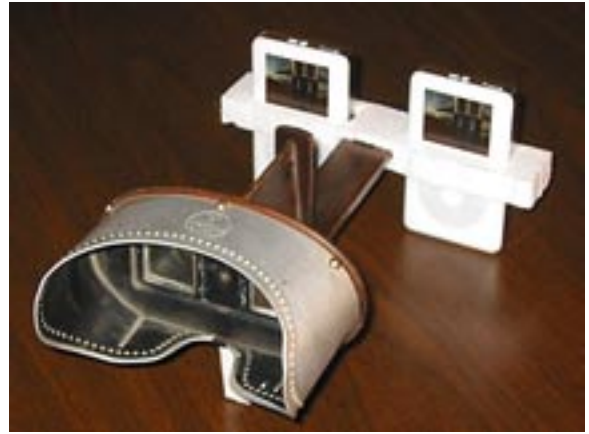
To clone a hard drive in Panther, boot from the installation CD by inserting the disk and holding down the C key after you start up the computer. Instead of installing, choose "Disk Utility" from the Installer menu. Click the "Restore" tab. Drag the source partition (the partition is indented a bit; most disks only have one partition, but they can contain several) from the list on the left into the Source field, and the target disk (the disk to be erased) into the Destination field, then click Restore.

--from [www.powermax.com](http://www.powermax.com)

**from cult of Mac**

## **World's First iPod Stereoscope**

Astrophysicist Paul Bourke has made a stereoscope from a pair of photo iPods. He noted that in the early days of photography, everybody had to have a stereoscopic viewer and a bunch of stereo cards for it. Over 100 years later, we can once again view color stereopair images, just like the old days!



## **LEGO IPODDER**

Using little lego people, artist Tomi has created a limited run of silhouettes listening to their iPods against a monochrome background, just like in the commercials. Each one is signed and numbered, and limited to a run of 300 units. Find them at the PodBrix Minifigs web site for \$17 each.



## **PaperHub: USB 2.0, Firewire, and Art!**

Introducing the PaperHub, the first Art-Techo product from Pressure Drop. The patent pending idea to wrap state-of-the-art technology in what the unknowing eye will assume is a very cool office accessory wasn't enough for us. We fused style into every line and every arc, and built the unit from solid aluminum to give you a peripheral you will want to show off - not hide behind your desk amidst a tangle of cables like an evil technology spider waiting to bite your leg. (See discount offer on page 6!)

## The Macintosh User Group Store

You are eligible to get good deals on new and refurbished Macs because you belong to the Apple Blossom Computer Club! Here's how to save yourself some money and help your club a little bit at the same time:

- 1) Go to <http://www.applemugstore.com>
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