



Oak Creek Apples

A 501.c.3 Organization for Education on Apple Computers

Macintosh Users Group Newsletter

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Meetings Calendar

Wednesday, October 15, 2008:

- 🍏 Mac Basics & Beyond ... 5:00 PM
- 🍏 Main Meeting 6:30 PM

This Month's Meeting

Our speaker this month is Durwood Cline, and his subject will be Mail Factory. Mail Factory is BeLight Software's application for creating and printing envelopes and labels on your Mac. It can handle designing and printing envelopes, postcards, address and shipping labels. One copy will be given away as a door prize at the meeting.

Durwood began using Apple computers in 1983 when he purchased one of the early command line Apples, the IIe. When the Apple IIgs came out, he upgraded, and still owns the IIgs. When Apple discontinued the II line of computers, he moved on to the Macintosh. Since then Durwood has owned several Mac's, currently a G4 Powerbook and a G4 PowerPC tower.

Apple computers have become a hobby for Durwood from his first exposure to them. He is currently the news letter editor for the Flagstaff Flyers radio control airplane club, and serves as webmaster for his high school alumni class.

He is also very interested in photography and uses iPhoto and Adobe Photo Elements. In the last two years he has won County Fair ribbons for photography. Durwood uses his Mac's constantly and is always interested in finding new ways to use them to the fullest.

Notes From Last Meeting

For our September meeting, Apple rep Tom Wiselogel updated us on the latest version of iPhone. We learned about some of the more popular applications, which are sure to proliferate now that the App Store is in operation.

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Oak Creek Apples meetings are held at the Elks Lodge in West Sedona, just off Airport Road, on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except July and August.
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Special Interest Group Meetings

Mac Basics & Beyond SIG:

Jannah Riemer does more than show us how to point and click. There is always something to learn for all Mac users who don't make their living with special applications. This is a great place to get questions answered. The **Mac Basics & Beyond** SIG meets from 5 – 6:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday, before each Main Meeting.

iWork Special Interest Group

The iWork SIG, coordinated by Alan Painter, is held the second Monday of every month. This month's iWork meeting on October 13 will precede the general meeting.

All iWork meetings are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the small meeting room at the Sedona Library.

The Apple Mug Store

(<http://Applemugstore.com>) is a wonderful place to shop for real bargains, and is available to all Macintosh User Group members.

You can find the current **User ID & Password** in the email notifying you of the meetings of the month.



Wanted: WiFi card for a venerable PowerBook

Kaye Russell is in the market for a WiFi card for her oldie-but-goodie Apple laptop. The machine is a PowerBook G3 running OS 9.2, and it not only predates Airport but has no USB ports.

Kaye is going to need a CardBus (PCMCIA) WiFi card that will work on this model. Does anyone have one of these? If so, [please call Kaye at **928-301-1814** or email at **kaye.here@yahoo.com**].

Edit PDFs Without A Second Mortgage

By Alan Gore

At last month's meeting, a question was asked about editing PDF files. PDF, the widely used Portable Document Format standard for displaying magazine-like pages of text and images, is owned by Adobe. Although in the Apple world we have the option in our application Print dialogs of producing any printable text as a PDF file instead of sending it to a printer, we know PDF as a one-way format: we can produce almost any document as a PDF, but we can't edit them after the fact. The traditional way to edit PDF is to use Adobe software, which costs emeralds and rubies. Preview has limited facilities for combining several PDFs, but this feature seems to work only for certain files.

But now we have an alternative. Smile On My Mac, a small Bay Area software firm, has produced a third-party PDF editing app called PDFpen. For \$50, it gives you a rich set of editing features you can use to customize PDFs from any source.

You start by being able to open any number of PDF files in separate windows, as though they were images in a picture editor. You can display each file as pages, as in your browser, or as a 'contact sheet' of small icons for each page in the file. While in the contact-sheet view, you can drag and drop pages among the PDFs you have open, rearranging them in any way you wish.

For files that you have displayed in single-page view, you can edit the text and images within pages. You can open up any of the text for copying and pasting, insertion and deletion. You can also copy text into other applications with the fonts and formatting preserved.

Text copying in PDFpen is column-aware. You have undoubtedly copied and pasted small swatches of text from PDFs displayed in Preview to other programs, but have found that copying across columns just makes a mess. PDFpen also lets you add fill-in form boxes to PDF documents that are not set up to be interactive. You can also add notes, which appear as handy little yellow icons

that, when clicked, expand into notes of any needed size.

PDFpen also lets you work with images inside PDFs. You can cut, copy, scale, or delete them. You can copy and paste images into other applications, or replace them with your own. You can copy in images with transparent backgrounds, a feature that comes in handy for pasting your signature on documents you send out. The program comes with a library of images representing proofreader's marks and other useful symbols.

PDFpen also does Applescript. Scripts are provided for some standard tasks, like watermarking each page of a PDF – or, you can cook up your own.

PDFpen is regularly \$49.95, but until October 15 OCAMUG enjoys a 20% discount, for a price of \$39.95 . You can download a free trial of PDFpen at <http://www.smileonmymac.com/>

Membership

The Oak Creek Apples is exclusively an educational institution for the public on the use of Apple Computers, including maintenance, security, and software applications. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to belong. A dues-paying membership is a Regular membership (the member, spouse and their dependent children may participate, though only the member may vote). Guests and the public are welcome to attend our meetings on an occasional basis to become acquainted with the Group and its activities. Regular membership dues are \$25.00 per year to be renewed on the anniversary of joining the Group. In addition to participation in group activities, regular members receive a monthly emailed newsletter covering general and special-interest group activities, Apple news, and informative articles. A postal mailed version of our newsletter is still available for an additional \$8.00 annual fee.

To become a member when at our general meeting, ask one of our greeters at the greeting table at the back of our meeting room. One can also join the Oak Creek Apples by sending a check for \$25.00 payable to the **Oak Creek Apples** to:

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