



Oak Creek Apples

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

Macintosh Users Group Newsletter

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Meetings Calendar

Wednesday, November 18, 2009:

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

This Month's Meeting: Exploring the World Underfoot

Our November speaker will be NAU paleogeographer Dr. Ron Blakey, who will be explaining how he uses Apples to map the geology of the ancient West. Dr Blakely will be able to visualize for us what our local landscape looked like 100 million years ago, half a billion years ago, and in even more distant times. It's like giving Google Earth a whole new dimension.

Notes From Last Meeting

Our October meeting was a panel discussion on Snow Leopard, Apple's last version of OS X. About half our audience had already installed 10.6, as Snow Leopard is formally called. For most of us, the experience has been trouble free, but there are those of us who have had encountered missing scanner drivers, application crashes, and problems seeing external disks. Fortunately, there already exists workarounds for almost all of these problems. This meeting was a great chance to pass along the latest information so all could share.

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CopyPaste Pro: Time Machine for the Clipboard

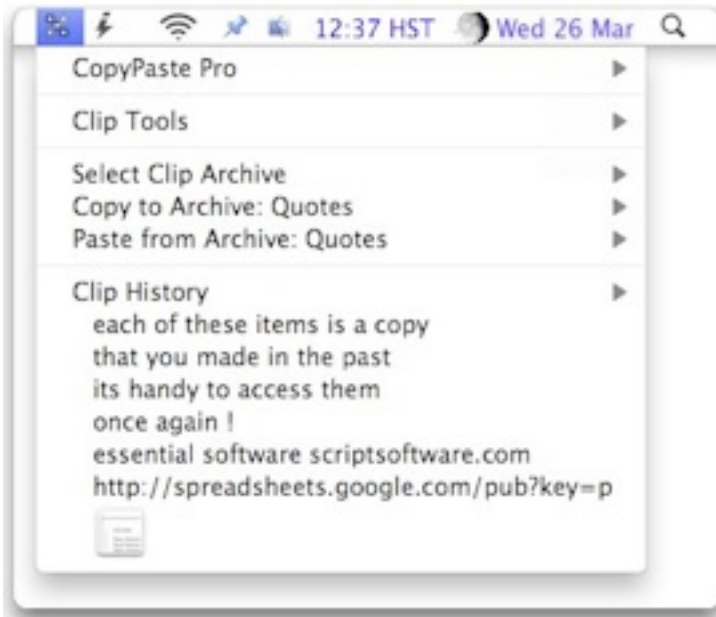
A review by Tom Piper, AppleJac Mac User Group



Isn't the Mac's Clipboard great, and very useful? . . . but, only one thing at a time! Remember the ScrapBook from OS9 where you used to keep lots of text, photos, and sounds at your fingertips? Now we have all of this and more in one excellent program.

From Script Software we have a very useful utility called **CopyPastePro**. I've been using **iClip** for several years, but believe I've found a very capable challenger.

Compatible with Mac OS 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6, **CopyPaste** was the original multiple clipboard utility for the Mac. Its latest incarnation has those same underlying abilities, but with this latest version unveiled in 2008 (**CopyPastePro**) is faster, has a horizontal browser (like the Apple application launcher) and 2 vertical palettes for the History and Archive clips. Also an editor called Bean is now part of the **CopyPastePro** ecology. Bean allows you to edit clipboards but is, in reality, a powerful word processor. It is simple, fast and easy to use.



Called the “Time Machine for the Clipboard, this utility is also known as No. 1 of the 3 Essential Utilities for Mac OS X. Its product is an award winning, easy to use, multiple clipboard editing/display utility. See and edit any clip in your history of copies or in the more permanent clip archives. Use the new Clip Browser (horizontal) or Clip Palette (vertical) to see all clipboards in an instant. Save all clipboards through restarts. Tools

to act on clipboard data. Never lose a clip again. **CopyPaste** is a time saver/life saver for all Mac beginners thru advanced users, and includes a very impressive manual. As a bonus, this includes a great little word processor called Bean that has a surprising range of tools that are very useful for quick editing of clips and other stuff.

You can download **CopyPastePro** from www.scriptsoftware.com/store/index.php, and test a fully-functioning copy, but it just won't save your clipboards. If you like it, you can immediately buy it for \$30.00 (quantity discounts also available. It has good store support, an excellent Support Forum, and many other companion utilities that are interesting and productive. This could well be my next clipboard utility!

Let's Have FUNd! – One More Reminder

By Alan Gore

Year-end is approaching, and you need a tax writeoff! OCAMUG is raising money for new laptop and a meeting projector of our own. Our goal is to raise, through contributions from members or others, the \$1950 it will take to buy both the laptop and the projector.

Since year-end is approaching, please note that because OCAMUG is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, anything you donate to us will be tax deductible, federal and state. We can also take donations of items that can be sold to raise cash. It doesn't even have to be Apple-related.

We're calling this effort the **OCAMUG FUNd Drive**. If you have any ideas that can bring us some cash or other donations, speak up at this month's meeting!

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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.

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. This month, Jannah will undoubtedly be called on to answer questions about this week's new product announcements.

New Google Earth: <http://earth.google.com>

By Cy Roton

Google Earth accesses a large Google database of terrestrial and satellite images of the earth, along with images of space, to be viewed on the computer. It utilizes broadband streaming technology and 3D graphics, much like a videogame, enabling users to interactively explore the world-- either their own neighborhood or the far corners of the globe," said John Hanke, general manager, Keyhole, Google Inc.

The features are demonstrated in an interactive video tour online at earth.google.com/tour.html. Some of the features include:

- 3D terrain showing mountains, valleys, and canyons around the world.
- Integrated Google Local search to find local information such as hotels, restaurants, schools, parks, and transportation.
- Video playback of driving directions.
- Tilt, rotate, and activate 3D terrain and buildings for a different perspective on a location.
- Easy creation and sharing of annotations among users "Google Earth utilizes broadband streaming technology and 3D graphics, much like a videogame, enabling users to interactively explore the world-- either their own neighborhood or the far corners of the globe.

The view plane can be tilted to get a better perspective of the topography.

Tilt the view

If your mouse has a either middle button or a depressible scroll wheel, you can tilt the view by depressing the button and moving the mouse forward or backward. If your mouse has a scroll wheel, you can tilt the view by pressing the SHIFT key and scrolling. You can also press Shift and the left mouse button and drag. To look around from a single vantage point, as if you were turning your head, press Ctrl and left mouse button and drag.

Rotate the view

If your mouse has either a middle button or a depressible scroll wheel, you rotate the view by clicking on the middle button and moving the mouse to the left or right. You can also press Shift and the left mouse button and drag. Note that crosshairs appear and that your view rotates around this.

You can also use the key in combination with the scroll wheel to rotate the view. Press CTRL and scroll UP to rotate clockwise, CTRL and scroll DOWN to rotate counter- clockwise.

The “Street View” that has been previously available online with Google Maps (maps.google.com) is now integrated into Google earth. Google has a fleet of vehicles which cruise major cities taking high resolution 360 degree digital photos as they drive down the streets. With “Street View” the user can virtually visit a city and virtually walk or drive the streets using the mouse instead of a vehicle.

For users interested in more advanced mapping capabilities, Google Earth Plus (\$20/year) offers additional features including GPS compatibility, data import, and annotation. Google Earth Pro (\$400/year), for commercial use, offers high-resolution printing and GIS data import capabilities.

While not yet available for every city, a camera icon, when displayed on a map, will zoom in to a 360 degree panoramic image from street level. Many street level images contain additional camera icons which allow the user to travel seamlessly up a selected street, and the mouse can be used to turn in any direction.

The “Directions” feature gives traditional driving directions and maps, and also animates the drive when you click on the play button at the bottom of the driving directions listing. Select the Route item at the end of the directions listing. Click the Play Tour button:

The 3D viewer automatically starts the tour from the departure point, oriented in the correct direction as if you were flying over the route you have marked. The tour follows the route, stops at the end, and zooms out to encompass the entire route in the 3D viewer.

A detailed sequential zoomed-in satellite image is displayed, with the directions overlaid on the image.

The images are actual photographs. You can see the route in detail prior to a journey, with a 3-D view of the roads and intersections, and remove some of the confusion or doubts which may result from viewing only a map. Once at a destination, you can find nearby “points of interest”, such as restaurants, hotels,

churches, etc.

I hope you have fun playing with Google Earth. Not only is it entertaining, but it's also educational. Because there is such a large amount of data involved. You will need to be connected to the Internet while running the program, and may need a high speed connection.

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.



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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