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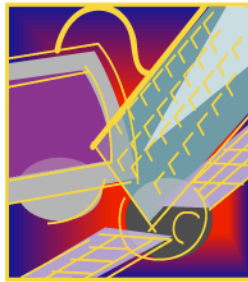
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Meetings Calendar

Wednesday, June 16, 2009:

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

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.

Spring Program Series: This Month's Meeting

Composing Fine Art on Apples

On June 16, Rose Moon, professional artist and designer, will demonstrate how she uses Adobe Photoshop to work out ideas and composition in unique references for her paintings. Rose has been using Photoshop since it first came out for the purpose of creating design and composition. She will show how she uses digital photography to create a reference and then show how she transfers the image to a canvas or paper. She takes her own photographs for paintings, but prefers to work from life and encourages her students to work that way also, but Photoshop is all about painting with light and what artist could resist that!

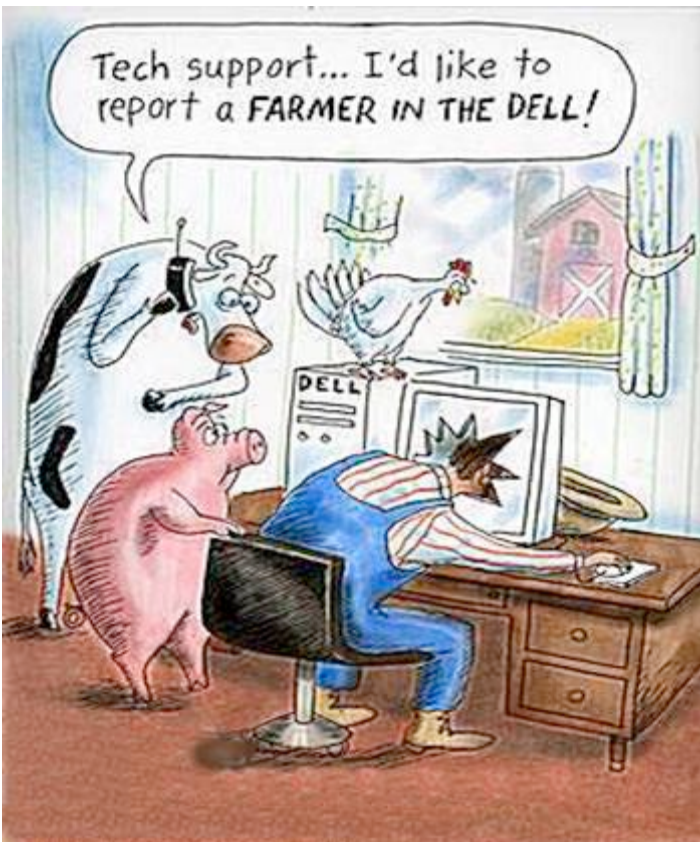
This Month's Speaker

Rose Moon studied Fine Art at North Texas State University for 2 years, and received her BS degree in Fine Arts at Texas A&M. She has been an artists and teacher for the past 20 years in Sedona. She has won numerous awards including 1st place at The Mannheim Gallery "Three Views Show" in 2009. For further information and images of Rose's work, please see her web site:

Notes From Last Meeting

For our May meeting, National Weather Bureau meteorologist Nicholas Petro explained weather prediction as an exercise in highly detailed but short-term

computer modeling. Input to the system comes from a huge array of varied sensors, including amateur instruments. The model consists of a series of Linux programs running on the well-tested Red Hat Enterprise version of the popular open-source operating system, running on standard PCs. We might point out that Linux is a variation of the operating system 'platform' that also underlies our own OS X, which gives Apple desktops and laptops their unique personality. This means that weather models that once ran only on supercomputers is potentially available to us.



Offer for MUG Members *By Robert Huttinger.*

I am the developer of Twitunez, a musical synchronization app for Twitter users. I am a member of the Washington Apple Pi (Washington DC area Based MUG)

For more information, see <http://wap.org>. I would like to offer OCAMUG members the same free registration key I have offered other MUGs. There are no strings to this offer.

To get a free registration key, tweet: "Pi Members Get #Twitunez Player Free at bit.ly/9B8XxK #MFOS

#nowplaying @twitunez #wap", or send an email requesting a key to roberthuttinger@gmail.com If you're interested, please act fast, because this offer is limited to the first 40 in each MUG. Keys may not be resold.

For more information, visit <http://www.twitunez.com>

iPhone 4.0 Is Here

By Alan Gore

It's June, which for the last several years has been the month in which the iPhone gets an update. Though the first-generation iPhone carved out a whole new market for smartphones, the competition has finally started catching up. In a year when the Android and other offerings have been ringing iPhone's number, Apple had to add some significant new features.

It begins with a new iPhone operating system, called iOS4. This will run on all iPhones, though many of its new features will require the iPhone 4's upgraded hardware to work. The big one is multitasking, the ability to run more than one app at once. Developers will quickly take advantage of being able to coordinate the activity of two or more different apps, just as on your "big computer". iOS4 will also let you set up folders for you to aggregate apps into categories, greatly increasing the number of apps you can have on the device at once. Folders will also be able to contain files, a feature whose full implication has not yet been made clear.

The iPhone 4 has a faster processor, which means that you will be able to play Netflix streaming right on it, as well as any online TV that does not make use of Adobe Flash (sorry, Hulu fans!) Mail gets a boost in power, allowing multiple mail accounts for the first time.

There will now be a front-facing camera for conferencing, and the rear-facing camera now has higher resolution, HD video and an LED flash. You will also be able to use a cut-down iMovie editor on your videos before you post them online. This hardware goes with FaceTime, a new videoconferencing facility over Wi-Fi. The other party sees your face from the front camera, and you can switch any time to rear-camera views of a whiteboard or the other people at a boardroom table. Take that, Blackberry!

The iPhone 4 Retina Display, as it is to be called, offers twice the old resolution in both directions, allowing apps to get more onto each screen. There is to be glass front and back, and that pretty stainless steel strip around the edge doubles as an improved antenna. At last, an iPhone that can pull in those faint AT & T signals. A three-axis gyroscope will give apps truly fine-grained information about where your phone is in space.

Benchmarks: Safari 5 shows JavaScript boost

by *Roman Loyola, reprinted from [Macworld.com](#)*

When [Safari 5](#) was [released Monday](#), Apple claimed that the “world’s fastest” Web browser is now faster. Macworld Lab ran a performance test on the new Safari, and our results confirm that Safari 5 provides a boost over its predecessor—at least when it comes to the browser’s JavaScript engine.

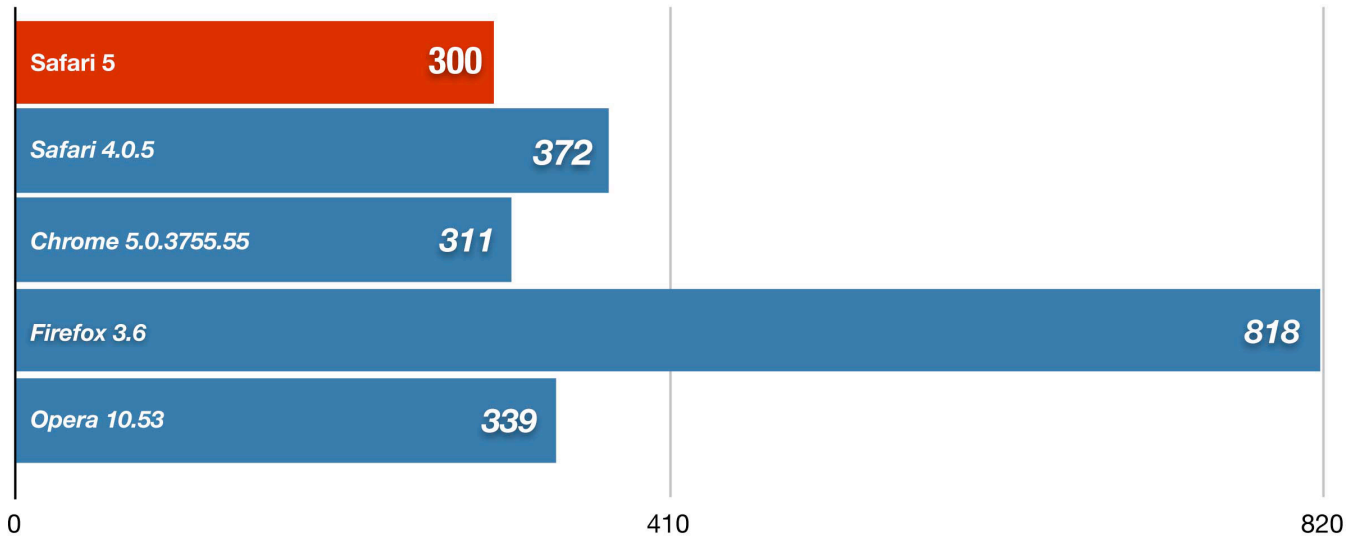
We used the [SunSpider JavaScript Benchmark](#), which focuses on Safari’s Nitro JavaScript engine. Apple claims (on the [Safari website](#)) that Safari 5 is “up to 30 percent faster than Safari 4, 3 percent faster than Chrome 5.0, and over twice as fast as Firefox 3.6.” Apple also uses the SunSpider test.

In our testing, Safari 5’s JavaScript performance was 19.2 percent faster than Safari 4’s. That’s nowhere near “up to 30 percent” claimed by Apple, but there are a lot of variables that come into play affecting the results. The most important factor is the Internet connection—conditions can vary based on traffic and routing. Still, a boost of nearly 20 percent is significant.

As for the other browsers in Apple’s claim: compared to Chrome 5.0, Safari 5 was 3.5 percent faster in our test. Safari 5 was well over twice as fast as FireFox 3.6. Our results actually find Safari 5 faster than what Apple claimed—again, Internet connectivity can influence test results.

Apple didn’t mention [Opera](#) in its speed claims, but we tested Opera 10.53. We found that Safari 5 was 11.5 percent faster.

One thing to keep in mind is that the differences are measured in milliseconds, so you may not be able to sense a difference between Safari 4 and Safari 5.



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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