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Room At The Top

I was a lonesome, sleepy SMUG fellow-traveler until Frank Smith tapped me on the shoulder two years ago this June—just as Board elections were about to begin.

I first met Frank at ComputerWare in Palo Alto, where he was the ever-helpful guru and I, the confused Mac soul, looking for guidance. Frank filled in gaps and spoke to me of SMUG.

I did have a parcel in The Promised Land, as an education product marketing manager, but when you got down and dirty under the hood or within the System Folder, I wouldn't have known a PRAM battery from a PCI slot; or an extension from a control panel.

For presentations and day-to-day crises, I relied on internal technical support. For everything else I went to Frank and ComputerWare, just like everyone else.

My toys were stolen four and half years ago, when some pencil pusher had the bright idea to save money by erasing my position. Supporting my Macs was now my responsibility; I started coming to SMUG.

I took my seat in the back of the gallery; soaked in the Q&A, presentations, and occasional groushings. Tossed in a comment or two, and over the span of two years made no real contribution and connected with almost no one.

Then one day: "Hey, Fred, Would you like to serve on the Board."

"What's involved, Frank?"

"About an hour or so, once a month, at our Board meetings"

"Uh, uh. .uh.... sure."

It was the old "Bait-and-switch technique", although I'm completely responsible for the latter.

I quickly realized there was a lot more SMUG could do if just one or more people only stepped forward to make it happen. Anyway, as you may know, I got into it: presentations—loaner systems from Apple—special guests—reunions—and more.

It has taken somewhat more time than an hour a month over my two years on the Board, but I've gained as much as I've given, and more.

In the meantime however, the demands of my business have increased and I now need to give it more attention. Therefore, I've decided that it's time to step aside for someone else to come forward and lead our group.

I'm not leaving town or leaving SMUG, but I am stepping down from the President's slot and from the Board, effective at the end of the June meeting and will return to the role of general member, albeit much more active than before.

At our June meeting therefore, the following slots will be up for election:

1. The remaining year of my term as President.
2. The Board position that Stewart Hersey holds that completes the two-year term of Kathryn Johnston, who moved to Japan.
3. The Board position that Tom Mathieu holds that completes my two-year term, that I resigned from last year after becoming President.

If you've been thinking about how you could make a difference to the club and for yourself, consider yourself tapped on the shoulder.

*Thank you for allowing me to serve and Best Wishes to all,
Fred Balin*

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SMUG MAY 6

Meeting Schedule 6:30 - 9:30

- 6:30 - 6:45 Ask the Experts**
Bring us your nagging Mac questions
- 6:45 - 7:10 Direct From MacWorld Tokyo**
Videotape and commentary on the key announcements
Special Guest, Dale Komai, Apple Solutions Expert,
World Traveler
- 7:10 - 7:35 Shareware Demos**
Louis Bookbinder and Owen Saxton, SMUG members
- 7:35 - 8:00 There and Back Again**
Today's Networking
Mac OS 8.5 and up, Mac OS X, and, oh my God!—PCs
Tim Malm with Fred Balin
- 8:00 - 8:15 Break / Disk Sales**
- 8:15 - 9:15 Schizophrenia: Windows, Running Under OS X, on Your Mac!?**
Virtual PC
Presented by Representatives from Connectix

Alive And Kicking

April Meeting Report

by John Schipper

Michael Holmes and Alexei Folger demonstrated and discussed FileMaker Pro 5.5 (FM 5.5), which now offers Web publishing, and an associated software package, FileMakerMobile. FM 5.5 will run on OS 8.6, on OS9 and on OS 10, and the accompanying CD ROM has installers for each. A server (5.5) running FM 5.5 will serve up to 125 users, with no "artificial hosts." Because of the presence of the SLAC gremlin, Michael and Alexi used a PC (sic) for demonstration. This was accepted, with some reluctance, by the assembled Macintosh crowd.

Based upon an impromptu poll of the audience, only Gavin uses the Developer version of FM 5.5, which includes a database diagrammer and scripter, improved documentation, developer tools and global file renaming.

The Unlimited version of FM 5.5 is not, regrettably, unlimited in all respects. This version provides FileMaker for the Web and can accommodate only up to 10 users in a 12-hour period. The phrase "Unlimited" refers to the number of hits by this mini-set of users in any time interval.

Some spreadsheet problems in past versions were mentioned, including accommodation of multiple simultaneous users, security and uniformity of display. Users of FM 5.5 will make their own assessment of how well these are handled. An Excel spreadsheet can be quickly converted to an FM 5.5 spreadsheet, after the user answers a few questions relevant to conversion. Optionally, columns remain as columns, although these are treated as global or local fields in FM 5.5. Global or local calculation fields can be set up. A file

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New Contents

AUDIO & MUSIC

Cabrio 1.4
Cabrio 1.1b1 X
EasyView 1.0
EasyView X 1.0
NetCD 2.0.2 (Classic)
Perfect Guitar X 1.9.1
SndSampler 4.5.2 (Classic)
Sound Studio 2.0.1 (Carbon)

COMM

Fire 0.30b (OSX)
Firewalk X 2.0.5
LimeWire 2.2.4
LimeWire X 2.2.4
Mozilla 0.9.9
Mozilla X 0.9.9
OmniWeb 4.1b1 (OSX)
Proteus 1.5 (OSX)
Watson 1.11 (OSX)

DESIGN & GRAPHICS

DeskTastic 1.1 (OSX)
Iconographer 2.3
Iconographer X 2.3
Kartolina X 1.0.1
Pic2Icon 1.3 (OSX)

DEVELOPMENT

Smile 1.8.7 Update

FUN AND GAMES

Hex Appeal 1.0 (Classic)
MacMAME 0.5.8 (Carbon)
PuzzleBox 1.1 (OSX)
Strip Bandit 1.1 (Classic)

INTERFACE

AppearanceHopper 1.9.1 (Classic)
AppSwitcher Control 1.1 (Classic)
Dock Detox 1.0.1 (OSX)
Flurry 1.2 (OSX)
FruitMenu 1.5.2 (OSX)
Key Xing 2.0.1 (OSX)
KeySwapper 1.11 (Classic)
LaunchBar 3.2 (OSX)
MaxMenus 1.0.1 (OSX)
PopUp X 0.2a
QuickPop 2.11 (Classic)
ShadowKiller 1.1 (OSX)
Time Ballz 2.1 (OSX)
USB Overdrive 1.3.7

USB Overdrive X 10.0.0

WindowShade X 1.5.1

Xounds 1.1.2 (OSX)

KITCHEN SINK

AlgebraTurboSeries 2.4 (Classic)
Mac Lesson Planner Pro 1.0 (Classic)
MyCheckbook 1.5.5
MyCheckbook 1.5.5 X
Nimble Numbers 1.0 (Classic)

MULTIMEDIA

Codec Calculator 2.0
DVD Info 2.0.3
ImageBuddy 2.0.0
ImageBuddy X 2.0.0
Pocket Album 1.1.9 (Classic)
Region 1.0.9
Region X 1.0.2

PRODUCTIVITY

Apimac Note Pad 1.0
Apimac Note Pad X 1.0
Cocoa eFax 0.9.1 (OSX)
Family Address Book 3.0.1 (Carbon)
ideaSpiral 1.0.3
ideaSpiral 1.0.3 X
iOrganize 3.7
iOrganize X 4.0.2
ipoAdress 1.0 (Carbon)
PowerCalc X 5.1

UTILITIES

3DOSX 1.1.1
AppDisk 1.7.4 (Classic)
Cleaning Agent 1.3 (Classic)
CopyPaste 4.4.2
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Cypher 1.0.3 (OSX)
DiskTracker 2.2
DiskTracker X 2.2
Eudora Mailbox Cleaner 2.2.1 (Carbon)
FileTyper 5.5.1 (Classic)
GZipper 1.1 (OSX)
iPod Free File Sync 2.3.1
iPod Free File SynX 2.3.1
Location X 1.0.4
Mactracker 1.6.4
Mactracker X 1.6.4
ManOpen 2.3.2 (OSX)
Pixel Tester 1.2 (OSX)
Pseudo 1.2 (OSX)

Quit CSM 2.2 (Classic)

Samba Sharing Package 1.5.0 (OSX)

SmartTools 2.0 (OSX)

SMB Browse 0.8 (OSX)

Snapz Pro 2.0.1

Snapz Pro X 1.0.2

Super Get Info 1.0.6 (OSX)

TinkerTool 2.11 (OSX)

Wipe Creator 1.0

Stock Content

APPLICATIONS

CoreIDRAW™ 8 LE
Nisus Compact 1.0

GRAPHICS

GifBuilder 1.0
GraphicConverter 4.1 68K
GraphicConverter 4.3 PPC *
GraphicConverter 4.3 Carbon *
Jade 1.2

INTERNET

AOL Instant Messenger 4.3.1232
AOL Instant Messenger 4.5.494 OSX *
Better Telnet 2.0b4
Eudora 5.1
Eudora 5.1b21 OSX *
Eudora Light 3.1.3
Fetch 4.0.1 PPC
Fetch 4.0.1 68K
Interarchy 5.0.1
Internet Config 2.5d2
Internet Explorer 5.1
MACAST Lite 2.1
MacSSH 68K 2.1fc2
MacSSH PPC 2.1fc2
MT-NewsWatcher 3.1
MT-NewsWatcher 3.2 OSX *
Napster 1.0b1.1
Netscape Communicator™ 4.79
Netscape Communicator™ 6.2.2 *
Netscape Communicator™ 6.2.2 OSX *
Netscape MRJ Plugin 1.0b4 *
Netscape MRJ Plugin 1.0b2 OSX *
Niftytelnet SSH 1.1r3
NiftyTelnet 1.1 FAT
Outlook Express 5.0.3
RealPlayer 8 6.0
Windows Media Player 7.1.2 *

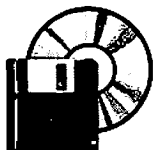
OTHERS

DarkSide of the Mac 5.0.6
Default Folder 3.1.3
Default Folder 1.0.2 OSX *
Disinfectant 3.7.1
Extension Overload 5.9.6 *
GURU 2.9
Kaleidoscope 2.3.1
MacUser's Kaleidoscope Winners
Mariner LE 3.1.4
MP3 Rage 4.2.1
SoundApp 68K 2.7.3

SoundApp PPC 2.7.3
SoundJam MP Free 2.5.3
UTILITIES
Acrobat Reader 3.0 68K
Acrobat Reader 5.0.5 PPC
ADBProbe 1.0.3
Aladdin DropStuff 6.0.1
Aladdin Expander™ 6.0.1
Andrew's Disk Copy Scripts 2.1.1
BEdit Lite 6.1.2
BBTidy 1.0b9
FinderPop 1.9.2

PopChar Lite 2.7.2
PrintToPDF 2.4.1 *
SCSIProbe 5.2
ShrinkWrap™ 2.1
Sleeper 3.5
Snitch 2.6.5
Snitch 2.6.6 Updater
TechTool Lite 3.0.1
Tex-Edit Plus 4.1.2 PPC
Tex-Edit Plus 4.1.3b3 OSX
textSOAP 3.1.5 *

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* New or updated since the previous CDOQ



SHAREWARE NEWS MAY DEMO

Demo by Owen Saxton



DeskTastic 1.1 (OSX)

DeskTastic is a silly hack that enables you to use your mouse to draw directly on top of the Mac OS X desktop. Requires OS X. Free.



FruitMenu 1.5.2 (OSX)

FruitMenu is a haxie that totally redefines your standard Apple Menu. You think it's long, disorganized and not useful enough? Ever wished to put all your hard drives and files in the Apple Menu like you could in MacOS 9? You wish the control over the Apple Menu contents was in your hands and not in Apple's? Then FruitMenu is the answer. This small and useful haxie will help you build your own Apple Menu, the way you like it. Assign hotkeys to your favorite files and folders, use Recent Items implementation that is faster than Apple's default, see your IP Address in Apple menu and more. Requires OS X 10.1+. \$7.



MaxMenus 1.0.1 (OSX)

MaxMenus is a brand shiny new utility that adds power-

ful, flexible menus to simplify using Mac OS X. Always available in the corners of your display, the menus offer unparalleled ease-of-access to your most commonly used applications, documents, folders, volumes, preferences, and... well, you get the idea. MaxMenus can be customized to your heart's content, configured to meet your every desire. You can build a menu out of any items you want and put it wherever you want. In just a few moments of set-up you can streamline OS X to fit your work habits. With MaxMenus installed you have Mac OS X finally working for you. Requires OS X 10.1+. \$30.



OmniWeb 4.1b1 (OSX)

OmniWeb is a full-featured native web browser for Mac OS X. Highly multi-threaded and written using Apple's advanced Cocoa frameworks, OmniWeb is designed to provide you with the best user experience you'll find in a web browser. We think it's important to polish every user interaction to make sure that the browser acts the way you want it to--so you can stop thinking about the application you're using and just get at the information you want, quickly. (If you don't like anything about OmniWeb's user experience, please let us know!) Requires OS X 10.1+. \$30.



PopUp X 0.2a

PopUpX is a simple application that adds Pop Up windows to Mac OS X. Requires OS X. Free.



PuzzleBox 1.1 (OSX)

PuzzleBox is a collection of diversions for Mac OS X and OpenStep computers. The collection includes Sokoban, Black Box, Pentominos, peg jumping, a 15-puzzle, and many more. It includes a style editor for customizing graphics, a board editor for making your own challenges, and a tool for retrieving new challenges, games, and other resources over the web. The application is an extendable framework for puzzle games, open for other developers to add games. Requires OS X. Free.



ShadowKiller 1.1 (OSX)

When enabled, this haxie will remove window and menu shadows in Mac OS X. Requires OS X. Free.



Time Ballz 2.1 (OSX)

A screensaver module for Mac OS X that displays a clock. The current time is displayed in "HH:MM" or "HH:MM:SS" format. Each digit is composed of a matrix of small 3D shapes which rotate to form numerals. Several shapes are available. Requires OS X. \$2.



WindowShade X 1.5.1

WindowShade X is a haxie that brings WindowShade functionality into MacOS X. When you double-click a window title or try to minimize a window, it will do action which is different from the default MacOS X behavior (putting the window in the Dock).

WindowShade X has 3 alternative minimize styles: WindowShade, Make Window Transparent, and Hide Application. You can also minimize the window in the Dock like before, if you hold Control button on your keyboard while minimizing. Requires OS X 10.1+. \$7.



Xounds 1.1.2 (OSX)

Xounds is a haxie that brings back Appearance Sounds to MacOS X. Tired of silence? Want audio feedback when you navigate through menus or drag your windows around? Xounds will convert your existing MacOS 8 or 9 soundsets and make MacOS X a better place to work in. Note that even though not all event sounds are being played yet in the current version of Xounds, we are working on bringing more of them for the future versions of this useful haxie. Requires OS X 10.1+. \$7.

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Note from Louis:

Thomas Carlson has left the shareware team. I announced this last General meeting but am not sure how many heard this.

Thomas was a very reliable and enthusiastic team member who contributed a great deal to the team and to the club. But he has a real-life job supporting computers at Stanford, and the stuff we do was getting to be too much for him.

I want to publically thank Thomas for all his contributions and to say that I considered it a privelege to work with him these many years. I learned a lot. His expert perspective and great humor will be missed. I hope we see him, now and then, at meetings.

Incidentally, you may notice that Rich Kabota and Henry Polard are also off our team list. They dropped out some time ago but never actually informed us. We may have some new team members in the works and I will introduce them as they begin to contribute.

--- IMPORTANT READ-ME ---

SECURITY AND YOU

To pass through the security gate on **May 6** you will need:

- **To be on our list of members**

If your membership has lapsed, send me an email by **Saturday, May 4**

fbalin@macresolutions.com, to tell me you plan to come.

- **(Of course, err, um, don't forget to pay your dues at the meeting)**

AND !!!

Be prepared to show a photo ID at the gate.

All guests are welcome as always, but you or they must email me by **May 4** so they can be on the list of attendees to be submitted to SLAC security.

Thanks for your cooperation.

-Fred Balin



TIP O' THE MONTH/April

John McGibney posted this in info-mac:

On power up, a powerbook may go into a dark screen, with "welcome to open firmware, type mac-boot to start....". Type mac-boot and it may return "default catch code=300". hit the PRAM reset on the back, now it powers up, HD spins up, fan comes on, but screen is totally blank.

If this happens, shut down, re-power-up, and in the firmwear prompt, try this comand:

reset-ALL

type it exactly as shown.



TIP O' THE MONTH/May

Scale not genie. from oreillynet.com

Using the "genie effect" to open and close items from the dock is fun — for the first time or two. But after the novelty wears off, you'll most likely discover that it draws more processing power than it's worth. In Mac OSX 10.1 you have an option called "scale." It's still cool looking, but it's more efficient cpu-wise. To enable scale, open the dock preferences panel and choose "minimizing using scale effect."

Switching to scale doesn't mean that you can't still impress your friends, however. Hold down the shift key while minimizing to create the slow-motion effect that you've seen performed in apple demos.

Simply Mac/April

Mac basics we sometimes forget

What are clippings? They are a special file type Apple created to help with cut&paste. They look like Simpletext documents but you cannot edit their contents. You CAN scroll through them and change their names. To create one, highlight the text you want to clip, drag to the desktop. The default name is the first few words of text. Change if you want.

To paste one, open it, COPY (command-c), go to your new document, and paste. You cannot select the text to copy, only the entire clipping. (You can always edit afterwards in your new document)

Simply Mac/May

Mac basics we sometimes forget

Why partition?

Most people do it to have 2 Operating Systems on their mac, and don't want to spring for another drive.

Another good reason to partition is the ability to keep a live backup of your current operating system so all you need to do in case of corruption is copy the clean System Folder from your back-up partition onto your main partition.

People also do it because they want to get into video editing, don't need a new hard drive, but want some separate space to store unfinished movies.

Why not partition? If you need to access both partitions simultaneously, a single drive can be quite slow. And if you need to reformat you have to back up all partitions first. Disks now are cheap. If you have the room, it might be a better way to go.

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Alive And Kicking

size limitation of 2 Gbytes maximum is imposed, but otherwise no limit is imposed on the number of files. Alexi briefly demonstrated use of a spreadsheet in FM 5.5.

FM 5.5 allows use of multi-level, multi-field passwords so that different users can be granted access to different groups of fields. Record level security allows selective access to records within a file and to selective deletion of records [This seems dangerous to me]. Different levels of passwords, based in part on the number of days that have passed since the last transaction, dollar volume, etc. can be provided. The FM 5.5 system can deny access to a browser, can allow browsing but deny editing, and can deny user-initiated change of a password.

FM 5.5 for the OSX requires a G3 or higher, with at least 128 Mbytes of RAM and a hard drive and CD ROM. FM 5.5 for other Mac OS systems (8.4 through 9.1) requires at least 32 Mbytes of RAM, a hard drive and a CD ROM. OS 8.6 or later is required for use of the Web Companion features. The equivalent version for Windows has similar requirements. FM 5.5 allows cross platform file sharing between Mac OS and Windows. The retail price of FM 5.5 is \$249, or \$149 for an upgrade.

FileMakerMobile, for use with certain PDAs, has been announced but has not yet shipped. FileMakerMobile is intended for use with Palm OSX (load-and-go) and uses HotSync for downloading.

SILENT AUCTION

Every month the shareware team helps members sell equipment, software, and hardware they no longer need. Please keep this a success by visiting our tables and bidding on these items. Here is how it works:

1. Bring your item to the next general meeting.
2. Fill out an auction sheet with your name, a description of the item, and a minimum asking bid.
3. Leave the item, the sheet, and say hi to the shareware table people.
4. At the break, go back to the table and check out the bids on your sheet. Pick the person you want to sell to, find him/her, and make the deal. (If you bid, please check during the break to see if you can connect with the seller). Please do not wait till after the meeting, as some team members need to go home and we have to put the table back!
5. You can leave a telephone number on the sheet if that is how you want to be contacted. But the shareware team will NOT make deliveries!

PLEASE NOTE: We will make every effort to keep your item secure. However we take no responsibility, and theft is your risk alone. We suggest you keep easily stolen items, like SIMM chips, with you and just leave the auction sheet.

Sorry, we cannot provide electrical power to demo hardware.

We cannot be held responsible for items forgotten by their owners.

Contributions:

Contributions to SMUG News are always welcome, preferably on disk or via e-mail in a file format readable by QuarkXPress. Files can also be uploaded to the Newsletter Coordinator Phil Stephens at philipstep@aol.com

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CALENDAR OF SMUG EVENTS

Monday, May 6

General Meeting:

Panofsky Auditorium, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC).
2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.

Meeting:

Begins at 6:30pm. See page 2 for details

***Shareware Team meeting at Owen Saxton's house,**
1442 San Marcos Circle, Mt. View.

Meeting starts at 7:15 pm.

**(Ask a team member for the correct date for this month).*

Tuesday, May 14

Board of Directors meets at 7:30 pm
Cafe La Dolce Vita, 299 California Ave., Palo Alto.

Friday, May 24

DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted by email to Mike Thornburg <mthorn@rahul.net>.

Just A Reminder

Time to Renew?

You can tell when it's time to renew your Smug membership by checking the mailing label on any issue of the "SMUGNews". Current membership dues are:

Single member..... \$45

Family membership.....\$55

Memberships run year to year, beginning from the first of the month in which you join the club.

Renewals can be made at any club meeting or by sending a check to the address below. When renewing by mail, please include a note telling us of any recent changes to your mail address, email address, and phone number.

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