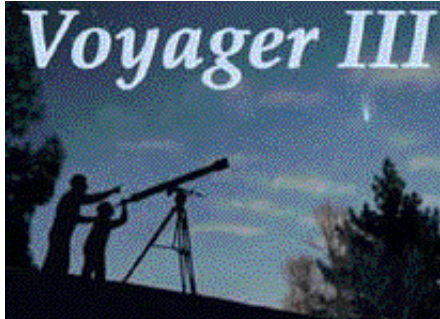


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Happy Holidays



The December meeting will feature Tom Mathis and Tim Debenedictis of Carina Software. They will be presenting Voyager III for Mac; this is the latest version of their excellent astronomy software. Try a demo version at http://www.carinasoft.com/mac_demo.html.

Educators are especially encouraged to attend this meeting and ask about Voyager SkyGazer designed to introduce students to the oldest mystery to fascinate humankind.

DON'T MISS THIS BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

SMUG has been given lots of items for the December Raffle.

You may just have that lucky ticket to win the **FULL CONFERENCE PACKAGE** for the whole week at Mac- Epo, it's worth several hundred dollars.

Plus many other great gifts!



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Meeting Schedule 6:30 - 9:00

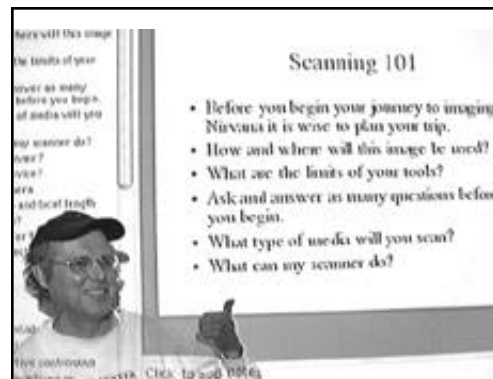
- 6:30 - 7:00 Q&A**
7:00 - 7:30 Shareware
David Aston & Shareware team
7:30 - 7:45 Break
7:45 - 9:00 Voyager III Carina Software
Tom Mathis and Tim Debenedic
9:00 THE BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

***** Please Note: The January 3 meeting will be changed to January 10 due to the holiday weekend *****

December Meeting Report

Frank Smith gave a demo of an Epson 4180 flatbed scanner with slide attachment (~\$249-). This is a very good one but the top of the line model is no. 4780. He scanned into Adobe Photoshop using a TWAIN driver. Each scan took 5-10 seconds and resulted in very high quality.

Best to scan with TWAIN as each scan is taken as a jpeg and then saved as a TIFF or PICT etc. and PShop gives better resolution without saving thru a jpeg interface. He showed the various resolution settings for TV, and for best quality pictures or for best quality slides. Frank really knows his stuff and gave a very understandable presentation. */// Dell Bleiler, SMUG member*



Free Books at Fry's/check it out

Most weeks in the Friday Fry's ad, there is a section listing books that are "free after rebate." This is good for five days, from Friday through Tuesday.

I'm a bargain hunter and I always look to see if any books are of interest to me. There are two conditions: you may only choose to get a rebate on one book from the group in any one week and "free" means you pay only the sales tax. A recent week had these specials:

Gaming Hacks

Photoshop CS One-On-One

Digital Photography Expert Techniques (list \$44.95; sale \$20.00; rebate \$20.00)

Mac OS X Panther Edition Missing Manual

Yes, you have to fill out and submit the rebate forms, but a free book (except for sales tax) is hard to pass up! You might want to shop before the end of the sale, because sometimes they sell out.

Jim Thornton/SMUG director

SMUG FALL 2004 CD-ROM

NEW CONTENTS

Audio & Music

Audio Hijack 2.1.4
Audio Hijack Pro 2.0
Audio Recorder 1.4
Blues Music 1.2.1
EasyWMA 2.1.1
Fetch Art for iTunes 1.1.1
iTunes-LAME Encoder 2.0.7
Lame 3.93
MidiKeys 1.6b3
Synergy 1.3

Comm

GPGMail 1.0.2
iProfile 1.2
MacReporter 1.1.5
MaxNews 1.0b2 (Cls)
MaxNews X 1.0b2
More Internet 1.1.1
Page Sender 3.2
PulpFiction 1.0.2
PulpFiction Lite 1.0.2
Shrook 2.12
SpamSieve 2.2.1
Unison 1.5.1

Design & Graphics

Can Combine Icons 3.0.5
Easy Card 2.3.1
Iconographer X 2.5

Fun and Games

Battle for Wesnoth 0.8.4
Big Bang Chess 1.21
David's Backgammon 4.9.5 (Cbn)
LinkLines 1.1.0 (Cbn)
Lux 4.21
Maelstrom 3.0.6 (Cls)
Maelstrom X 3.0.6
Quinn 2.0.2
Snood 3.0 (Cbn)

Interface

DockFun! 4.6
DockSwitch 1.0
DragThing 5.3.1
Fidget Menu 1.2
Fracture 1.2
LaunchBar 4.0b9
LazyMouse 1.0.6
Matrix Reloaded GL 1.0
SideTrack 0.9
TypeIt4Me X 2.0
TypeIt4Me X 2.0
X-Assist 0.7

Kitchen Sink

Final Excuse Pro 1.2
iFlash 2.1.2
iS3 X 1.0.1
MacAstronomica 2.0.5

Noise 1.1
Sproing 2.0.1

Multimedia

Desktop Movie Player 2.2
DVDRemaster 1.4
Fullscreen Movie Player 2.2
GCam 1.2
iStopMotion 1.5
JPEGDeux 1.7b
Multimedia Tiler 1.6
Photo to Movie 3.1.9

Productivity

Listen&Type 2.2.1 (Cls)
Listen&Type X 3.0
Pyramid 1.2.2
StickyBrain 2.0.1 (Cls)
StickyBrain X 2.0.2
Ten Thumbs Typing Tutor 3.0 (Cls)
Ten Thumbs Typing Tutor X 3.0.1
TimeNet 2.6.1
TimeNet Lite 2.1
Word Menu 2.2

Utilities

FinderScape 1.0.1
FMChecker 1.1.2 (Cbn)
Font Cache Cleaner 1.0
Font Explorer 2.0
iTMS Extractor 1.0
MisFox 1.2.1
PDFLab 1.1
Poster Print 1.0a5
SlimBatteryMonitor 1.1
Snapz Pro X 2.0.1
Webmin 1.160
WordService 2.5.2
zsCompare 2.12

STOCK CONTENTS

Graphics

GIFBuilder for OSX 1.0
GifBuilder 1.0 (Cls)
Goldberg X 2.4
Goldberg 2.4 (Cls)
GraphicConverter X 5.2.3 *
GraphicConverter 5.2.3 (Cls) *
Jade 1.2 (Cls)

Internet

AOL Instant Messenger 4.7 (Cbn)
Better Telnet 2.0b4 (Cls)
Camino 0.8.1 *
Eudora X 6.1.1
Eudora 6.1.1 (Cls)
Fetch 4.0.3
Firefox 1.0pr *
iCab X 2.9.8
iCab 2.9.8 (Cls)
Interarchy 7.2.1 *

Interarchy 6.3 (Cls)
Internet Explorer X 5.2.3
Internet Explorer 5.1.7 (Cls)
MacSSH 2.1fc3 (Cls)
Mozilla X 1.8a3 *
Mozilla 1.2.1 (Cls)
MT-NewsWatcher X 3.4
MT-NewsWatcher 3.1 (Cls)
Netscape X 7.2 *
Netscape Communicator? 7.0.2 (Cls)
Netscape MRJ Plugin X 1.0.1
Netscape MRJ Plugin 1.0b5 (Cls)
Niftytelnet SSH 1.1r3 (Cls)
OmniWeb 5.0.1 *
Opera 7.54 *
Opera 6.03 (Cbn)
Outlook Express 5.0.3 (Cls)
RealPlayer X 10.0b
RealPlayer 8 6.0 (Cls)
Thunderbird 0.8 *
Windows Media Player X 9
Windows Media Player 7.1.3 (Cls)

Others

BBEdit Lite 6.1.2 (Cls & Cbn)
BBTidy 1.0b10
DarkSide of the Mac 5.0.6 (Cls)
Extension Overload 5.9.9 (Cls)
MacTracker X 3.0b2 *
MacTracker 3.0b1 (Cls) *
Mariner LE 3.1.4 (Cls)
MP3 Rage 5.8.4 (Cbn) *
SoundApp 2.7.3 (Cls)
SoundJam MP Free 2.5.3 (Cls)
Tex-Edit Plus X 4.8.1 *
Tex-Edit Plus 4.1.3 (Cls)
textSOAP 4.0.3 *

Utilities

Adobe Reader 6.0.1
Adobe Reader 6.0.2 Updater
Acrobat Reader 5.1 (Cbn)
ADBProbe 1.0.3 (Cls)
Aladdin DropStuff 6.0.1
Aladdin Expander? 6.0.1
Andrew's Disk Copy Scripts 2.1.1
AntiWordService 2.0.1
Default Folder X 1.9.5 *
Default Folder 3.1.5 (Cls)
FinderPop 1.9.2 (Cls)
PopChar Lite 2.7.2 (Cls)
PopChar X 2.1.2 *
PrintToPDF 2.4.4 (Cls)
SCSIProbe 5.2 (Cls)
ShrinkWrap? 2.1 (Cls)
Sleeper 3.5 (Cls)
Snitch 2.6.7b2 (Cls)
TechTool Lite 3.0.4 (Cls)
TinkerTool 3.3 *



Shareware News december Demo Items

Demo by David Aston



DockSwitch 1.0

DockSwitch is a simple utility that allows you to switch between an infinite amount of docks. When creating a new dock, you have the option of copying your own dock, using the default Apple dock, or creating a completely blank dock. DockSwitch is very small, and barely takes up any memory.

Requires OS X 10.2+. Free.



EasyWMA 2.1.1

EasyWMA allows you to convert wma audio files to mp3 so that you can play your favorite songs in iTunes or any other player on your Mac. EasyWMA has a very simple user interface, full drag and drop support, and can even do batch processing to convert your whole library of wma songs in one click. It's also super easy to install : no need to install any external package or codec. Just a simple application to drag and drop on your harddisk.

Requires OS X 10.3+. Donation.



EggTimer 3.1.5

EggTimer is an addictive fast paced reminder tool, to help you on your daily journeys. It can remind you when to take a periodic break, or when to drop off your kids at school.

Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.



Iconographer X 2.5

Iconographer is a fully-featured icon editor. It allows you to both change the icons of items and to edit the icon resources used by various programs. Iconographer has been created from the ground up to deal with many icon formats, including: classic Mac OS (8-bit icons only), Mac OS 8.5+ (32-bit icons with 8-bit icons), Mac OS X (128 x 128 icons in .icns files), Windows and Windows XP (.ico files), and Mac OS X Server (48 x 48 icons in .tiff files).

Requires OS X 10.0+. \$15.



MacAstronomica 2.0.5

MacAstronomica generates sky maps at any time, from anywhere on Earth. The maps show all the planets and

stars visible to the naked eye, as well as some galaxies and nebulas, the Ecliptic, meteor showers and the Milky Way. Constellations are drawn in their traditional form, and a table lists the visible objects. MacAstronomica also features an Orrery that simulates the solar system, a sundial/moon dial. The interface is very elegant and easy to use.

Version 2.0.5 integrates eSellerate's real-time payment processing system. Users can now buy the full version in just a few seconds, any time of the day or night.

Requires OS X 10.2+. \$25.



More Internet 1.1.1

More Internet is a System Preferences pane that uses Internet Config to allow you to choose which applications are set as helpers for internet protocols (i.e. which application will be chosen to handle which URL.)

Apple's own Internet Preference Pane only allows you to set Mail and Web applications - More Internet allows you to change (or add/remove) any of the internet protocols. It performs the same function as the "protocol helpers" pane in Microsoft's Internet Explorer's preferences.

Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.



Overview 1.0b

Overview is great at handling multiple item lists. You can create categories to handle such things as, agendas, tasks, meeting notes, shopping lists and much more. We all lead busy lives and often have a long list of things we need to get done, often we forget! So why not make life easier for yourself by using Overview.

Requires OS X 10.2+. \$10.



WeatherMenu 3.6.1

WeatherMenu puts a huge amount of weather data in your menubar:

- Downloads and displays current weather info for multiple cities worldwide.
- Can put MULTIPLE icons in the menubar for multiple cities.
- Full Forecast information
- Inform you of current weather alerts
- National Weather Service Radar
- Full Solar and Lunar information

Requires OS X 10.2+. \$5.

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Final Excuse Pro 1.2

The ideal excuse generation system for people bereft of credibility and imagination, Final Excuse Pro can make excuses for transgressions ranging from late assignments and social gaffs to war-crimes. A pre-installed library of scapegoats includes pets, subordinates, relatives, highly paid advisors and of course the Global Monkey Conspiracy.

Requires OS X 10.1+. Free.



Noise 1.1

It's the hottest sensation to sweep the nation: Pink Noise! Also known as a signal with even power distribution on a logarithmic frequency scale, pink noise masks background noise to help you concentrate. Now with source code and white noise, for those less colorful. Drown out

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--- IMPORTANT READ-ME ---

Security and You

To pass through the security gate on **December 13** you will need:

- **To be on our list of members**
If your membership has lapsed, send me an email by Saturday, **December 11**
- **aquaman47@mac.com**, to tell me you plan to attend
- **(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 **December 13** so they can be on the list of attendees to be submitted to SLAC security.

Thanks for your cooperation.

-Frank Smith

<http://www.osxfaq.com/radio/11-2004/11-20.html>
<http://www.osxfaq.com/radio/broadcast/index.ws>

Salem Communications announced the addition of "Inside Mac" with Scott Sheppard to its weekend lineup to be broadcast on AM 1220 KNTS. "Inside Mac" airs Saturday afternoon from 1 PM to 3 PM. It's not just the wealth of knowledge and insight Scott Sheppard brings to the table, it's also the quality of guests he is able to bring to the program on a consistent basis! If radio is about serving a community then "Inside Mac" here on AM 1220 KNTS is definitely a win-win for the Bay Area as well as us!" said Andy Froiland, AM 1220 KNTS Program Director.

"We are excited about launching 'Inside Mac' on AM 1120 KNTS. The Inside Mac radio program was the only show of its kind and is sorely missed by the former San Francisco Bay Area Radio listeners," said Andy Whatley, President of the Universal Talk Network (UTN). UTN's Director of Operations, Greg Douglas said, "Inside Mac is a unique offering that gets the tech enthusiasts excited - the show never slows down. Scott has a unique style and delivery that keeps the tech novice and expert involved and participating in the show."

About The Inside Mac Show:

Scott Sheppard takes a lighthearted look at what's new and exciting in the world of the Macintosh computer. From the digital hub to the den of the Tiger operating system, Scott is always on top of what is happening in the world of Macintosh and has his finger on the pulse of the industry. With a tasty serving of news, reviews, information, and interviews as well as helping callers with their Mac questions, Inside Mac is all Mac, all the time, and one of the most unique tech shows on radio today.

About Scott Sheppard:

Scott Sheppard is the founder and editor of the very popular Macintosh Web Site, OSXFAQ. He is the Executive Producer/Host of the nationally syndicated broadcast radio show "Inside Mac". Scott has been using Apple computers for more than 25 years, as well as spending many years as a Wintel user, giving him the unique perspective of having spent a lot of time on both sides of the computer fence.

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<http://www.osxfaq.com/radio/>

Inside Mac Radio Daily News Show

There is a daily Internet radio show, too. Plus, the programs can be downloaded for iPod or iTunes.

by Jim Thorton/Smug Director

SMUG NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE TABLE AT MAC - EXPO TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2005

Can you spare 2 hours? That's all a shift is.

We need volunteers for the table. It is a lot fun and gives us as Smug members to tell people about the club. You can pick a shift that works for you.

**The shifts run: 10:00 to 12:00
12:00 to 2:00
2:00 to 4:00
4:00 to 6:00**

You can e-mail at bleiler@pa-smug.org or see me at the December meeting. Please help us out, the show it is a great opportunity to get new members.

Lorrie Bleiler/Editor

Adobe Field Trip

Adobe Systems presented a 4 hour seminar in November at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on Migrating from QuarkXPress to Adobe In Design Creative Suite.



(l to r) Colin Fleming, Applications Engineer—Creative Professional Products, and Lisa Forrester, Technical Resources Manager both at Adobe shown with Cheryl Hartley, Solutions Development Manager at Xerox Corp.

I was anxious to see what was new with Adobe's InDesign Creative Suite (CS) and the Quark publishing applications and attended this delightful 4 hour seminar. The large hall was filled to capacity with hundreds and hundreds of publishing/art professionals. The two very large projection screens made it real easy to to understand all that was being communicated by the speakers.

So many new features of CS were discussed in detail that it would probably take a year or so to become really proficient in them all, but I will outline some of them here:

- Converting a Quark file to an InDesign file, checking for line endings, paragraphs and fonts, updating links (QK 3.3–4.1 can be updated), filling frames, setting preferences (14 levels of prefs.), keyboard shortcuts, and all 18 main boxes (each. with sub-options).

- Making a new InDesign document, using libraries and setting up master pages, unlimited Undos, making boxes and bringing in images, feathering pix & changing its opacity .

- Fonts: can only use installed fonts in ID CS (no bold/italic etc. sub-options), text into frames/text on a path, making use of “open type” fonts, and a neat paragraph composer.

- Inserting tables (many complex options possible), able to get “live previews, ID can read Word files & tables.

- Placing graphics uses only a “link” to the original, putting text on the top layer for pre-press, lots of options for printing and color swatches, and ID supports postscript 3.

After the refreshment—cookies/drinks—break the folks from Xerox Corp. (Adobe/Xerox Phaser Printers Partnership) described all of the benefits of using a Xerox Phaser 7750, 5500 b/w, 8400, or 6250 printer:

- All have postscript 3 capability with ID drivers, with print speeds of 35, 50 b/w, 24, and 26 ppm respectively using “Phaser Mach” software to create custom color profiles and store them in a printer file.

- See Xerox.com/xpp to view list of Xerox/Adobe print products. And there is a new i Gen 3 Digital Color Printer that can print on a wide range of papers and materials

This was quite a day, and the next day Adobe had scheduled a more technical seminar for print service providers.

Lorrie Bleiler/Editor



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Calendar of Events

Monday, December 13

General Meeting:

Redwood Room of Bldg. 48,

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC),

2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

Shareware Team meeting at Owen Saxton's house,

1442 San Marcos Circle, Mt. View.

Meeting starts at 7:15 pm.

(See page 2 for Owen's phone number and E-mail address)

Tuesday, December 20

Board of Directors meets at 6:45 pm

Place to be announced

Friday, December 28

DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted by email to bleiler@pa-smug.com

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We thought the above calendars would be helpful for those people who don't have E-mail. This is the projection for the upcoming meeting dates.

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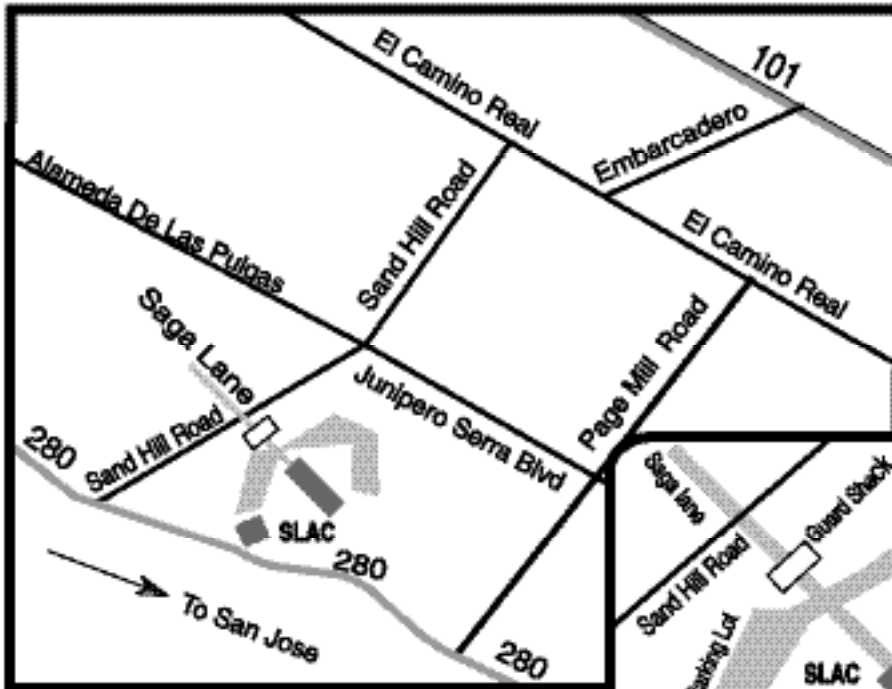
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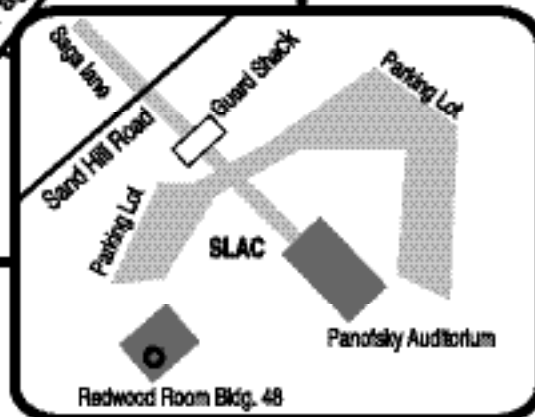
NEXT MEETING
Monday December 13, 2004
at the
Panofsky Auditorium
Program: **Voyager III**
by Carina Software
*Reminder: January 3 meeting
was changed to the 10th
due to the Holiday Weekend*



The Meetings are generally held on the **First Monday** * of the Month

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

* Some exceptions on holidays



DIRECTIONS:

When you pass the Guard shack you take a right and park in the parking lot to the right. Bldg. 48 and the Redwood room is across from the parking lot. Any questions ask the guard.