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**Meeting:**

**Tuesday, February 9th**  
**Murphys Public Library**  
**1:30 to 4:00 pm**

It will be held at the Murphys Library from 1:30-3:30 on Tuesday, February 9th. We will again have Brian Thomas as our featured guide and mentor. His subject will be "Phase 2 of Basic Macdom."

Getting to the library:

Come in to Murphys onto Main Street (the street with all the shops). Go to the Murphys Hotel (at the West end of town).

If you are coming from route 4, drive through town and turn left just before the hotel, onto South Algiers Street.

If you are coming in from the West along Murphys Grade Road, on Main Street go just past the Murphys Hotel and turn right (South Algiers Street). There's a little sign about the library on the wall across the street (South Algiers Street) from the hotel.

This road dips down and back to the Murphys Park. Go along by the park to just across the bridge over the creek and immediately turn left into the library driveway. Go around back to the library parking. Overflow can park in the

big parking lot across the street.

## **Our Meeting:**

We will have **Brian Thomas**, Technology Specialist / Trainer, Calaveras County Office of Education. He will present Part 2 of his step-by-step journey from initial start-up through customizing the system, the use of e-mail, and surfing the web.

Along the way he will try to take some of the mystery out of how and why things work the way they do.

As always, questions are encouraged.

## **News, opportunities and tips**

### **Wanted:**

Bruce Castle has a friend who recently got a used portable iBook G4 Mac from a relative. He needs the following hardware to be able to charge the internal battery: Apple extra portable 65W power adapter for iBook and PowerBook G4.

The model # is M8943LL/A. If you have one of these that you would like to sell or give away, please contact Bruce Castle at: [blcastle@comcast.net](mailto:blcastle@comcast.net)

### **Phill H. offers more good stuff:**

New Take Control ebook offers up-to-date details about running Windows on a Mac

Now that running Windows on an Intel-based Mac has become commonplace, you might think that it has also become easy. Alas, the gods of technology have yet to make it so, and getting Windows to run smoothly can still make you want to rip your hair out. This fact also keeps Mac writers like Joe Kissell busy, and, thanks to Joe's unstoppable curiosity, we've just released his latest ebook, "Take Control of Running Windows on a Mac, Fourth Edition," with coverage of the latest versions of VMware Fusion, Parallels Desktop, VirtualBox, and Boot Camp, along with updated information for the recently released Windows 7 joining the details for Windows XP and Vista. It costs only \$7 after the 30% MUG discount available via this link.

<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/windows-on->

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The 178-page ebook helps you figure out which virtualization software makes sense for you, round up the necessary hardware and software, make any obligatory preparations (like partitioning with the right format - FAT32, anybody?), and get it all working right with hardware drivers installed, printers printing, anti-virus software patrolling the perimeter, and so forth. Joe also gets into the details of sharing files between Mac and Windows installations, making the most of the snazzy new features in the latest versions of Parallels Desktop and VMware Fusion, creating functional backups of your Windows installation, and generally getting on with your life while using Windows. To make the \$10 ebook even more valuable, it comes with coupons for \$10 off VMware Fusion and 10% off Parallels Desktop.

While discussing running Windows on a Mac, we'd be remiss if we didn't mention that Joe's "Take Control of VMware Fusion 3" is available for free, thanks to a sponsorship from VMware. If you definitely want to use Fusion, then you should download "Take Control of VMware Fusion 3" first, although "Take Control of Running Windows on a Mac" will still be useful if you need more help than the free VMware Fusion ebook provides in deciding which version of Windows to install, setting up Boot Camp to work with VMware Fusion, or solving Boot Camp problems. You can download "Take Control of VMware Fusion 3" from the Take Control Web site or pick up a free copy of the (slightly experimental) iPhone app version from the iTunes App Store.

<<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/vmware-fusion-3>>

<<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/take-control-vmware-fusion-3/id344544709?mt=8>>

### **Another note, from MacWorld, February—**

“Get out of the Spotlight Menu:

If you want to erase what you've typed in the Spotlight search field, don't delete it one character at a time. Press Escape instead. That will instantly empty the field. If you're done with a search, press Escape twice: once to erase the field, (Or else Spotlight will auto-fill your last search term the next time you open it), and again to close it.” (I like this one— ye Ed.)

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