



SIERRA MACINTOSH USERS GROUP

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Founded for the purpose of increasing the knowledge of Macintosh users in the use of their computers and software

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**Meeting:
Tuesday, June 14th
7:00 pm**

**Arnold Firehouse
EPFD Station 1 on Blagen Road in Arnold**

The street address is 1037 Blagen Road in Arnold. It is between the Post Office and the Library on Blagen. To reach it you come up (or down) Hwy #4 into Arnold. When you reach the Chevron Station on the left hand side (coming up), you make a gentle left turn onto Blagen Road, which will take you past Ace Hardware and the Post Office. The Station is on the left hand side and is the big building full of Fire Engines if they are not out on a call. To park, drive to the right hand side of the building and into the parking area in the back. If all the spaces are full in the black top area use the gravel area to the right after you pass by the building. The building we use is in the back, with an entrance with a door--it's the classroom.

SMUG WILL EXPLORE iPHOTO AT ITS JUNE 14 MEETING

The latest developments in iPhoto, and a general overview of the popular Apple application, will be the topic when the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) holds its next meeting Tuesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, 1037 Blagen Rd., just off Highway 4, in Arnold.

Phill Hoxie will make the presentation and be prepared to lead a discussion of the many aspects of the way most users store their photographs.

As is always the case with SMUG meetings, questions on the main topic, or other aspects of Mac ownership, will be encouraged.

SMUG meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to everyone and there is no charge to attend. The organization exists to keep Mac users abreast of the latest developments and to address the nagging questions that arise from time to time. Its goal is to take the mystery out of computers and to enable members to take advantage of all the features their Macs possess.

SMUG was founded in 1995 and is a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers. For more information visit the SMUG website at www.SierraMacintoshUsersGroup.org or call 795-3798 or 728-9012.

Bob Reagan

May meeting follow-up

Paul had some spectacular pictures of the night sky and of NASA Hubble selected astronomical objects. He suggested bringing up "NASA" on Google. I did and found lots of great visuals of all kinds. NASA has an image of the day—you can sign up with NASA News Services, nasa_subscriptions@service.govdelivery.com This delivers a daily photo or graphic, quite good

Years ago someone gave me a different "Astronomy Picture of the Day"

<http://apod.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html>

"Each day a different image or photograph of our fascinating universe is featured, along with a brief explanation written by a professional astronomer." They include a marvelous archive and search abilities.

A request for help with Garageband

Hi Dave,

I came to some of your meetings at the Murphy's library last year. I live in Twain Harte and have a working schedule that conflicts with your meeting times. I was wondering if you knew anyone in the group, or yourself, who could tutor or get me started on using Garageband? I'd pay them for their time. Thanks a lot, have a nice Springtime (when it gets here).

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A Product suggested by Phill Hoxie

This is a free download and it looks like it could work well for some folks.

Phill

iUseMac Launch Giveaway - Running Application for Grabs

iUseMac.com today is pleased to announce their free pre-bundle promotion for Running Application, the complete version of Altomac's popular launching utility for Mac OS X. One of Running Applications most prolific features allows you to create "applications sets" which allow you to simultaneously action. To participate in this offer, all that is necessary is simply joining the site newsletter. Signing up to the newsletter helps stay up-to-date with the upcoming iUseMac Bundle.

<http://www.iusemac.com/>

Udine, Italy - Devoted entirely to special offers on popular Mac applications, iUseMac (www.iusemac.com) today is pleased to announce their free pre-bundle promotion for Running Application, the complete version of Altomac's popular launching utility for Mac OS X. To participate in this offer, all that is necessary is simply joining the site newsletter. After the subscription confirmation, users will receive an email with a license and download link for Running Application.

Running Applications is an application launching utility for Mac OS X that conveniently lists all running applications in a handy menu in the menubar. With a focus on ease-of-use, Running Applications has a very small footprint, and was developed specifically to accommodate those users who switch between many different applications on a daily basis. A single click brings an application, including all its opened windows, to the front, facilitating switching among apps a breeze.

Website link:

<http://www.iusemac.com/>

Screenshot Link

<http://www.iusemac.com/iumgiveaway.jpg>

Feature Highlights:

- * Very small footprint
- * Simultaneously Launch, Close or Hide multiple applications at a time
- * Users may create and use as many Application Sets as they wish

Minimum Requirements:

- * Mac OS X Version 10.5 Leopard or later
- * Universal Binary for PowerPC and Intel
- * 2.2 MB Hard Drive space

Malware Alert

We haven't been flooded with viruses, worms and malware as is the situation with Windows users. However, the following alert,

received from several sources, is passed on. By the time you read this, it's my hope Apple will have distributed the protective updates anticipated. In the meantime, just do not install any software unless you TRUST the source.

Updated rogue AV installs on Macs without password

by [Elinor Mills](#)

A new version of rogue antivirus malware that targets the Macintosh operating system does not need victims to type in their administrator passwords to install and infect the machine, a security company said today. The latest version of the malware has been overhauled to look like a native [Mac OS X](#) application and is using the application name MacGuard, according to an [Intego blog post](#). But particularly concerning is the fact that unlike previous versions, which were dubbed Mac Defender, MacProtector, and MacSecurity, MacGuard installs itself without prompting for the admin password.

"If [Safari's](#) 'Open safe files after downloading' option is checked, the package will open Apple's Installer, and the user will see a standard installation screen," the antimalware company's post says. "If not, users may see the downloaded ZIP archive and double-click it out of curiosity, not remembering what they downloaded, then double-click the installation package. In either case, the Mac OS X Installer will launch."

"Since any user with an administrator's account--the default if there is just one user on a Mac--can install software in the Applications folder, a password is not needed," Intego says. "This package installs an application--the downloader--named avRunner, which then launches automatically. At the same time, the installation package deletes itself from the user's Mac, so no traces of the original Installer are left behind."

The MacGuard program is downloaded by the avRunner application from an IP address that is hidden using steganography in an image file in the Resources folder of avRunner, the post says.

Web pages that look like a Finder window and appear to be scanning the computer are bogus, Intego said. Users should leave the page, quit the browser, and quit the Installer application immediately if anything has downloaded, as well as delete any associated file from the Downloads folder. Also, users should uncheck the "Open safe files after downloading" option in Safari's General Preferences, Intego advises.

In an Apple support article [yesterday](#), the company said "in the coming days, Apple will deliver a Mac OS X software update that will automatically find and remove Mac Defender malware and its known variants. The update will also help protect users by providing an explicit warning if they download this malware."

The malware keeps changing names and appearances. It is designed to

trick people into paying for supposed antimalware software that they don't need. More information about how it operates is in [this FAQ](#), and information about how to remove it is [here](#).

Read more: http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20066174-245.html#ixzz1NOgS4150

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