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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, March 9th
Murphys Public Library
1:30 to 4:00 pm

It will be held at the Murphys Library from 1:30-4:00 on Tuesday, March 9th.

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 Feature

Norm Milsner will be presenting “third party utilities.” These are “helpers,” applications not offered within Mac, that greatly expand what you can find, what you can do and how you can protect and maintain your Mac. Norm is our long-time guru, and he’s not only informative but also a fine, entertaining up-front Mac expert. I am looking forward to this meeting! Ye Ed.

About tips and techniques that the newsletter has included from time to time: Those I put into the newsletter over the last couple of years either came from our members (YOU!) or from Paul Taylor, who collected good ideas from around the world and offered them. We selected some of his ideas each month that seemed to be appropriate for our club members. Paul has stopped offering this service.

For myself, I find the Help button on the computer to be mostly inadequate. I use the Missing Manuals (Pogue and others), considering them to be much like The Joy of Cooking is among recipe books. Almost everything is there, the index is good, and the “recipes,” i.e. the how-to-do-it instructions, to be mostly adequate. Just like a cookbook, a manual can’t cover everything in excruciating detail—often you find, somewhere, a routine that solves a problem, adds a nifty way-to-do something, or is buried in the manual and just came to light. Printing watermarks is an example:

Watermarks

On the **View** menu, click **Print Layout**.

On the **Insert** menu, click **Watermark**.

Click **Text**.

Type or edit your text for the watermark, and then choose the text formatting that you want.

I keep this as a stickie on my desktop, along with other routines I use so seldom that I forget them and forget where to look for them.

If you have discovered useful repairs, techniques, cautions, routines or non-Mac apps (software applications) you recommend we all should know about, please send them to me, to be published in this newsletter. Along with events and celebrations, that’s what our newsletter is for!

(I am at dwsself@goldrush.com. Let me—us—hear from you! Dave Self, Ye Ed)

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