



# **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**

Founded March 15th, 1995

**Meeting:**

**Tuesday, October 11th  
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.

**Our news release from Vice Pres. Bob Reagan:**

## **iTUNES WILL PERFORM AT SMUG'S OCTOBER MEETING**

The main topic at our meeting will be how to take advantage of the features Apple's iTunes has to offer.

"Apple is making iTunes the platform for distribution to all of its devices," states SMUG president Dick Cross, who will be making the presentation. "For instance, I'll show how to use it with Apple TV to effortlessly stream movies to your Entertainment Center."

As always questions on these and any other computer subjects 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. Annual dues are \$15. For more information visit the SMUG website at [www.SierraMacintoshUsersGroup.org](http://www.SierraMacintoshUsersGroup.org) or call 795-3798 or 728-9012.

### **Phill Hoxie sends us news about another very useful product**

Modernize your backups with "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac"

(Special pricing for User groups (that's us) for the new Take Control book from Tidbits.)

About the product(s):

A quick question. If you had to rely on your backups right now, could you recover your data? Would you be able to get back to work relatively quickly? These aren't rhetorical questions, as thousands of flood victims in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania can attest. Most data isn't lost to natural disasters, of course, but to failing hard disks, dropped or stolen laptops, and simple human or computer error. But whatever the cause, if you - like most of us today - rely on your Mac for your business, for important communication, or for the photographic record of your personal life, you need rock-solid backups from which you can restore after any sort of catastrophe.

The most popular Take Control ebooks of all time have helped tens of thousands of Mac users set up backup strategies, and the author of those titles, Joe Kissell, has now distilled all his advice about the topic and all that has changed in the last year into a single new book, "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac."

Whether you wish to rethink your existing backup strategy to handle changing needs and take advantage of new options, or you haven't yet gone so far as to even turn on Time Machine, "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac" will help you design a custom backup strategy that will let you recover quickly from a lost file, get back to work quickly if your entire hard disk dies, and avoid losing anything important if your home or office is destroyed. It's fully up-to-date for Mac OS X 10.7 Lion, but covers 10.6 Snow Leopard and 10.5 Leopard too. It's normally \$15, but you can get it for only \$10.50 with the 30% off MUG coupon embedded in this link:

<http://tid.bl.it/backing-up-mug-discount>

As Joe describes it, "I'd like to think that what we now have is a modern approach to Mac backups that covers the bases but doesn't overwhelm you with extraneous details. I explain how to develop a solid backup strategy, what your choices are, how to set everything up, what sorts of pitfalls you may encounter, and how to restore your data if disaster strikes. Rather than explore every alternative exhaustively, I guide you gently but firmly into a fairly narrow set of options that should yield excellent results for the vast majority of Mac users."

Although you can focus on only the topics that are most important to you, if you read the entire ebook, you'll learn how to

design a reliable backup system, shop for hardware, choose your backup software, operate Time Machine (and know whether Time Machine is a good option for you and what to do if it's not), make your backups, deal with any special backup needs, and - most importantly - recover lost data after a crash or other calamity. A pair of coupons help you save \$30 off Data Backup and 10% off CrashPlan, both of which make Joe's recommended list.

**Do you have any tips for us? Please send them to ye ed: [dwself@goldrush.com](mailto:dwself@goldrush.com)**

*When you change your email address, please send me a message so I can change it in the data base and keep the newsletters coming to you. Ye ed. ([dwself@goldrush.com](mailto:dwself@goldrush.com))*

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