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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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We will meet in **April in the Arnold Firehouse**

**Tuesday, April 9th
7 pm**

Getting to the 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 with a window--it's the classroom.

NETWORKING WILL BE THE TOPIC AS SMUG MOVES BACK TO ARNOLD

The many ways to network will be the topic when the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) moves back to its warm-weather meeting place in Arnold for its Tuesday, April 9 meeting that will begin at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, 1037 Blagen Rd., just off Highway 4.

Brian Thomas, Technology Specialist and Trainer for the Calaveras County Office of Education, will be making the presentation and leading the discussion. "Whether you're connecting your MacBook to the Internet, or sharing photos between your iPad and Apple TV, you're using some sort of networking technology," he says.

Thomas will walk users through the best practices in creating and securing a home or small office network. Members will learn about different wired and wireless technologies (Ethernet, Wi Fi, Bluetooth), the equipment used (Routers, Access Points, Modems), and the proper way to ensure that a network is safe and secure.

"As always, come with questions or challenges and we'll do our best to help solve even the most complex issues," he promises.

New opportunity:

Phill Hoxie offers the following:

Subject: "Take Control of iCloud" ebook updated to cover Apple's many changes

Time for a pop quiz!

Is iCloud (a) packed with useful features, (b) more complex than Apple lets on, (c) almost essential for Mac and iOS use, (d) thoroughly documented by Joe Kissell in "Take Control of iCloud," or (e) all of the above?

The answer, as you veteran quiz takers know when faced with an "all of the above" option, is (e). iCloud really is helpful, deceptively complicated, integrated deeply into the Mac and iOS experience, and, frankly, sometimes a royal pain in the posterior. But no one does a better job of explaining iCloud's features and

quirks than Joe Kissell, and you can come up to speed with everything iCloud can do for only \$10.50 with the 30% MUG discount. Here's the path to them:

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

If you're pulling out your hair in frustration as you try to connect your Mac, iPad, iPhone, iPod touch, or Windows PC to the many digital pipes that iCloud offers, Joe's 155-page "Take Control of iCloud" will answer your questions and preserve your hairstyle. And, if you're trying to help your mother, sister, uncle, co-worker, fellow Rotarian, or Game Center buddy sync contacts between devices, create a shared calendar, filter email before it hits the iPhone, and so forth, Joe has ferreted out the details you need to solve their problems.

iCloud is no longer new, and the dreaded transition from MobileMe is long past, but updates and ongoing issues have made "Take Control of iCloud" our top-selling book of the past few years. Keeping it fresh and accurate - this is our fourth free update! - is like playing Whack-a-Mole. Sometimes it seemed that nearly every page had some detail that needed checking and tweaking. Even though Apple doesn't share inside information with us about what's happening in iCloud's troposphere, things Joe has had to track down and explain since just the last version of this book include iOS 6, iTunes 11, the Notes and Reminders Web apps, Shared Photo Streams, numerous tiny changes to iCloud's Web interface, and more.

As always, thank you for supporting the Take Control series!

cheers... -Adam & Tonya Engst, Take Control publishers

About SMUG

SMUG 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 or call 795-3798 or 728-9012.

Members: If you have friends or acquaintances with Mac who aren't SMUG members, you might forward this newsletter to them, inviting them to join us and come to our meetings.

*Also,
This newsletter can be a way for you to reach our 145 members if you have a need (hardware? software? other?) or want to share Mac news and information with us but can't get to a meeting. While we invite and urge you to come to our meetings, as you have seen in earlier issues, other members do indeed share here. The newsletter gets assembled about ten days to two weeks before each meeting: this defines our "deadline." Ye Ed.*

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