



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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**We will meet in **AUGUST** and through the summer and fall in the Arnold Firehouse**

**Tuesday, AUGUST 14th  
7:00 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.

## **BRING YOUR MAC COMPUTER QUESTIONS TO OUR AUGUST 14 MEETING**

You are encouraged to bring your computer related questions, no matter how trivial or complicated, to the next meeting of the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) to be held Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, 1037 Blagen Rd., just off Highway 4. (See above.)

**Brian Thomas**, Technology Specialist and Trainer for the Calaveras County Office of Education will be on hand to guide attendees on the road to solutions. He will also share the latest Apple news including the introduction of the Mountain Lion operating system.

"Computers can be frustrating and intimidating," he says. "Our intent will be to dispel some of the mysteries and find ways to help users to get their Macs and other Apple products to do what they want them to."

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 enable members to take advantage of all the features our 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.

Repeating some business:

If you change your email address, LET ME KNOW RIGHT AWAY. Dave Self, ye ed. (My email address is [dwself@goldrush.com](mailto:dwself@goldrush.com), and telephone number is 209 728 8679.)

If you haven't received the current newsletter, again, let me know right away. I'll get a copy to you and we can confirm your email address in our list. Each month I receive a message from Goldrush listing some SMUG email addresses undelivered-to. They don't tell me the people's names, so tracking you down becomes difficult and sometimes impossible. The faulty logic of this request is obvious. :-} DWS

Next: You can send your membership renewal check to Paul Keeton, our treasurer, who has a snail mail address:

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His email address is listed below, if you need to communicate with him other than snail mail.

**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.*

### **A request—**

Rosemary Sweatt is seeking a copy of OS 10.5, *Leopard* (no longer supported by Apple) for her niece. If you have one (DVD or CD), please directly contact Rosemary at rsweatt05@yahoo.com. Thanks, DWS

New, from Phill Hoxie:

### **Upgrading to Mountain Lion?**

Three new Take Control ebooks are now available. Here's what Adam & Tonya Engst, Take Control publishers, offer—

"Now that Apple has released Mountain Lion into the wild, we've published not one, not two, but three ebooks designed to help you tame Apple's latest big cat. Each is available for \$10.50 after the 30% MUG discount, or you can buy them all together in one trip through the cart. Read on for details, links, and how you can be invited to a live online presentation about Mountain Lion.

\* "Take Control of Upgrading to Mountain Lion," by Joe Kissell: Start with a compatibility check, make a suitable backup (hint - neither a stack of discs nor a Time Machine backup is ideal here), follow pre-upgrade advice, and pick your upgrade plan: in-place (easy), clean install (for control freaks), and over Leopard (a time-saving option), or learn how to move your stuff from an older computer to a new one that's running Mountain Lion. After guiding you through the upgrade, Joe helps you get going with key post-installation steps. You'll also find troubleshooting advice in case of upgrade failure, along with a chapter about Recovery mode. To learn more about how you can upgrade with comfort and confidence, visit:

<http://tid.bl.it/tco-upgrading-mountain-lion-mug-discount>

\* "Take Control of Using Mountain Lion," by Matt Neuburg: Matt introduces this book by asking, "What options, settings, choices do you need to tackle, what new techniques and possibilities, what ways of thinking and working and understanding do you need to

know about, in order to start using Mountain Lion comfortably and efficiently, so you can stop gaping at your computer and get back to using it?"

Each of us may answer Matt's questions differently, so to help with that process, Matt discusses what's new in Mountain Lion - including new and modified Mac OS X features and a survey of changes in core Apple applications. Specific topics discuss key system-wide additions, such as Notifications, Gatekeeper, Voice Dictation, and AirPlay Mirroring. Most importantly, he explains Mountain Lion's new "modern document model" and how it gives you three ways to save documents: the old way, the new way, or the new way with iCloud. "Take Control of Using Mountain Lion" also looks deeply at the many ways you can navigate on your Mac to locate files and launch applications, and it discusses how you can tweak Mountain Lion to best meet your needs, with details on customizing the menu bar, Finder windows, the Dock, Launchpad, and more. Whether you just want help with Mountain Lion's new features or you want to ensure that you're using all of Mac OS X's capabilities to their fullest, "Take Control of Using Mountain Lion" delivers what you need to know.

<http://tid.bl.it/tco-using-mountain-lion-mug-discount>

\* "Take Control of Apple Mail in Mountain Lion," by Joe Kissell: Join Joe once again as he helps make managing your email a piece of cake. In this 143-page ebook, Joe provides oodles of key usage details about Apple Mail, whether you consider yourself a newbie or you want to brush up on advanced features like Gmail integration and smart mailboxes. He also covers features that are new in Mountain Lion, so you can learn how to take advantage of the new VIP feature to find important email messages faster and how to control exactly which messages appear in notifications, regardless of whether those messages rate VIP status. It's by far the most comprehensive resource about Apple Mail available and goes way beyond Apple's brief online help.

<http://tid.bl.it/tco-apple-mail-mountain-lion-mug-discount>

Each of these books stands on its own, of course, but we've also designed them to work together, and because of that, you might want to get all three, also at 30% off. Just use this link to drop all three into your cart with the MUG discount (you pay \$31.50 instead of the \$45 cover price).

<http://tid.bl.it/mountain-lion-trio-mug-discount>

One more thing... owners of either "Take Control of Upgrading to Mountain Lion" or "Take Control of Using Mountain Lion" and TidBITS members ([http://tidbits.com/member\\_benefits.html](http://tidbits.com/member_benefits.html)) are invited to join us live for an upcoming online TidBITS Presents session about Mountain Lion. If you miss the live event, you can still watch later. For details, read <http://tidbits.com/article/13123>. Cheers..." Adam & Tonya Engst, Take Control publishers

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