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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 **JULY in the Arnold Firehouse**

**Tuesday, July 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.

THIS MONTH: iPhoto

Making the most of all the features of iPhoto will be the main topic of the next meeting of the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) to be held Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, 1037 Blagen Rd., just off Highway 4.

SMUG president Dick Cross will be making the presentation. He will share with the group the capabilities and limitations of the popular application's current version.

"Organizing, editing, and sharing your photos is made quite simple by iPhoto," says Cross. "We will explore the way to do these operations, and more."

As is always the case at SMUG meetings, questions on all Mac related issues will be encouraged.

SMUG meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to everyone and there is no charge to attend.

TAKE CONTROL:

Phill Hoxie has asked that we pass on the new offering from Take Control:

Dave,

For distribution to our membership. Take Control books updates its book on backing up your Mac.

Protect your data with "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac, Second Edition"

Could you get back to work quickly and without data loss if your drive were to fail, or if your Mac were dropped or stolen? I hope the answer is yes, but either way, Joe Kissell's "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac, Second Edition" has the information you

need to ensure that all - and I do mean all - your data is protected in case of crash, corruption, or calamity.

The 201-page second edition has been significantly updated to cover all the changes to the backup world in the last 2 years - it's normally \$20, but the 30% MUG discount drops that to \$14. Learn more about the book via the coupon-loaded link below.

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

For those who already have a backup strategy (good!), Joe has poured a great deal of thought into the "Reassess Your Backup Strategy" chapter especially for you. Give it a read to find out if you should be adjusting the way you make backups given new features in Time Machine, improvements in online backup services, changes in available backup hardware, and updates to key software packages. Also note the new "Teach This Book" section, which has links to a one-page handout and a PDF-based presentation that you can use to help others improve their backups (it's easier to help them make backups than to try to recover their data later!).

On the other hand, if you're hesitant about your backup strategy, or if you don't have the holy trinity of versioned backups, a bootable duplicate, and offsite backups (in other words, Time Machine alone is NOT enough!), please, please read this book and do what Joe recommends. Setting up a solid backup strategy doesn't have to be hard or expensive, but everyone will lose data, sooner or later, and with a good backup, you can turn what could have been a catastrophic accident into a minor annoyance.

Although tax season is past for the year, we couldn't resist channeling the kind of excuses that the lack of good backups engender in this "Joe of Tech" comic from our friends Snaggy and Nitrozac of Joy of Tech:

<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/news/joe-of-tech-on-backups>

Why do you need versioned backups, a bootable duplicate, and an offsite backup?

* Versioned backups, such as those made by Time Machine, are essential if you need to recover an earlier version of a file. Perhaps you - or someone else! - made changes that turned out to be inadvisable, or perhaps the program crashed and corrupted

the document. It happens, and it's the pits.

* A bootable duplicate is key for anyone for whom downtime is a problem. Reinstalling Mac OS X and restoring from a Time Machine backup works fine, but it will take hours. If you have a major deadline looming, you can be up and running from a duplicate in the time it takes to reboot your Mac.

* An offsite backup can be the hardest to justify, because you never want to think that your home or office will be ransacked by thieves, or that you'll lose hardware to fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, or meteorite impact. OK, the last one is unlikely, but the others are unfortunately all too commonplace.

Although "Take Control of Backing Up Your Mac, Second Edition" is designed so 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, choose the best hardware and software for your needs, operate Time Machine, make your backups, deal with any special backup needs, and - most importantly - recover lost data after a crash or other disaster.

To sweeten the deal, we've included coupons for six of the programs and services Joe recommends: ChronoSync, CrashPlan, Data Backup 3, DollyDrive, QRecall, and Retrospect Desktop. Use almost any of them, and the book will effectively be free.

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Thank you for your support of the Take Control series, and regardless of whether you buy this ebook, please make those backups! We hate hearing from customers who buy the ebook only after losing data, or, worse, who bought the ebook but suffered a hard drive crash before getting around to setting up a backup system.

P.S. Check out some of our other recently released ebooks, all at 30% off:

- * Take Control of Your Passwords (one of our top-sellers of late)
- * Take Control of PDFpen 6 (for all your PDF manipulation needs)
- * Take Control of Dropbox (because it's more subtle than it seems)
- * Take Control of Using Mountain Lion (covering lots of

important features)

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 our Macs (computers AND iPads/iphones/ etc.) 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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