



SIERRA MACINTOSH USERS GROUP

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www.sierramacintoshusersgroup.org.

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 **May in the Arnold Firehouse**

**Tuesday, May 14th
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.

ENHANCING YOUR APPLE COMPUTER WILL BE SMUG'S MAY TOPIC

Enhancing your Apple computer and getting the most out of its features will be the topic when the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Norm Milsner, one of the founders of SMUG and its guru-in-chief, will make the presentation and lead the QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

"Although I like to concentrate on the Mac computers, whether they be desktop or laptop, we will try to help out anyone who has questions about i-Pads or i-Phones," says Milsner.

Every meeting is also open to your questions of any sort about other Mac products, software, systems or networks. Our intent is to find and provide answers to help you in your use of Mac.

Other attendees at the meetings often have not only answers but also tips from their experiences that you won't find in publications.

Norm is well supported by you and your fellow attendees. Bring your concerns and also your experiences for all of us!

New opportunity:

Phill Hoxie wants all of you to be aware of another Take Control product:

Joe Kissell's "Take Control of Dropbox" helps you learn and teach Dropbox

Good day!

Here at Take Control, we've long been huge fans of the Dropbox file-sharing service, relying on it every day to collaborate on manuscripts with our authors and editors. Now we're pleased to share our expertise with you in the form of Joe Kissell's latest ebook, "Take Control of Dropbox." The book normally costs \$10, but the 30% MUG discount drops that to \$7. Learn more about the book via the coupon-loaded link below.

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

Whether you're already among the millions of people who sync

and share files with Dropbox or you plan to join their ranks soon, Joe Kissell has the real-world advice you need to go beyond the basics. He shares the best practices for using Dropbox effectively and securely on your own or with a group, explains how to avoid common mistakes and irreversible settings, describes what's involved with mobile devices and Dropbox-savvy apps, and tips you off to unusual uses of Dropbox.

Did you know you could use Dropbox to control your Mac, publish a blog, automate Web activities, sync with other cloud services, and even publish a book like this one?

Perhaps you do know all that, but since Dropbox shines brightest when sharing files with friends and colleagues, we've included a "Teach This Book" chapter with links to a downloadable single-page PDF handout and an 18-slide PDF presentation that you can employ to help your collaborators use Dropbox correctly (and thus make your life easier).

Other useful advice in "Take Control of Dropbox" includes how to:

- * Recover an accidentally deleted or revised file. You'll find help with a few non-obvious controls and a discussion of the Packrat option for Dropbox Pro users.
- * Work with photos and videos in your Dropbox folder and learn how to share collections with Dropbox's new photo album feature.
- * Use Dropbox to store and automatically sync data used by Dropbox-savvy apps on all of your devices, whether they're running Mac OS X, iOS, Android, Windows, or Linux. You'll get a better idea of what's going on behind the scenes and how to manage app authorizations.
- * Check a few important account-related details to make sure you're set up optimally. These include security settings and methods of getting more storage space.

Be sure to check out Joe's short intro video on the book's page!

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Two final notes, since we like to give you peeks behind the curtain here at Take Control. First, you'll notice that "Take Control of Dropbox" sports an elegant new cover design and logo,

both created especially for us. You'll be seeing more of these covers in the future, in a variety of colors.

Second, if you like reading on a Kindle, the Mobipocket version of this book will be available in your Take Control library immediately after you purchase, thanks to a new (Dropbox-based!) publishing system that we used. The book looks great on a Kindle Fire or Paperwhite and is entirely acceptable on older and less-capable Kindle models. Between this new publishing system and a new technique we've developed for our existing publishing approach, we hope to make Mobipocket files available simultaneously with other formats going forward.

Thank you for your support of the Take Control series - we couldn't do it without you!

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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