



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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Meeting:

**Tuesday, September 13th
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.

For our meeting—

Our news release from Vice Pres. Bob Reagan:

**FOCUS ON BASICS & WEB SAFETY
AT SMUG'S SEPTEMBER MEETING**

A refresher course on setting up your Apple computer and tips on how to protect yourself when surfing the web will be topics covered when members of the Sierra Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) gather for their monthly meeting Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, 1037 Blagen Rd., just off Highway 4, in Arnold.

Brian Thomas, Technology Specialist and Trainer for the Calaveras County Office of Education and an expert on all things Mac, will be making the presentation and leading the discussion. He will demonstrate the best practices for setting up email accounts, establishing Mac security settings, and other basic configurations. Also this month he'll discuss ways to keep protected while online and easy tips on safe web surfing, emailing and social networking.

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.

Phill Hoxie sends us news about a networking product:

This looks like a great book for folks wanting to set up their own network in their home or business. It's at a special price for User Groups.

“New Take Control ebook explains all about AirPort networking

“Something is in the air - it's your data, zipping through your Wi-Fi network. But is it really zipping or is it just ambling along, dropping packets along the way? Our latest Take Control book from networking expert Glenn Fleishman, "Take Control of Your 802.11n AirPort Network, Second Edition," helps you ensure that your wireless network is fast and reliable. Plus, the book is fully updated to cover Mac OS X 10.7 Lion, all while retaining appropriate information about 10.6 Snow Leopard and 10.5 Leopard. It's available in PDF and EPUB formats now for reading on any Mac or iOS device, and a Mobipocket version for Kindle users will be available to purchasers in a week or two. It normally costs \$20, but you can get it with the 30% MUG discount for only \$14 via this URL.

<http://tid.bl.it/your-80211n-airport-network-MUG-discount>

“In the 234-page "Take Control of Your 802.11n AirPort Network, Second Edition," Glenn provides real-world advice for configuring the 802.11n models of Apple's AirPort Express, AirPort Extreme, and Time Capsule. Whether you're setting up a simple AirPort network for the first time, replacing an older base station with a fancy new one, or adding additional base stations or devices to extend your network's capabilities, you'll learn how to maximize your network's speed, add USB-connected printers and drives, solve a wide variety of tricky problems, and - if you like - learn a great deal of conceptual information about how it all works behind the scenes.

"Take Control of Your 802.11n AirPort Network" teaches you how to handle projects like these with ease:

- * Planning and configuring a multi-base station network
- * Replacing an old base station with a new model
- * Sharing USB disks and printers
- * Getting started with a Time Capsule and Time Machine backups
- * Making a Time Capsule archive/offsite backup
- * Erasing a Time Capsule drive
- * Setting your band and channel
- * Running a guest network
- * Configuring complex Internet addressing
- * Connecting from Mac and Windows clients
- * Securing your wireless network
- * Sending media to a 2nd-generation Apple TV or AirPort Express
- * Using AirPlay to stream media from one device to another

- * Finding out which Macs work with Lion's AirDrop
- * Setting up wireless bridging
- * Turning your Mac into a wireless access point with Lion's software base station
- * Using ad hoc wireless networking
- * Solving problems with interference, conflicting channels, and more
- * Understanding what the light on your base station is trying to tell you

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

An added essay forwarded from Bob:

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on:

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, 'If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.' **In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:** If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash...twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun,

was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads. 6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light. (I love the next one!!!) 7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying. 8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna. 9. *Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.* 10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off. PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!

Please share this with your friends who love, but sometimes hate, their computer!

Do *you* have any tips for us? Please send them to ye ed: 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)

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