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## Next Meeting March 16, 7:00 PM

The Apple Blossom Computer Club will meet at p.m. at Joseph Lane Middle School, 2153 NE Vine, Roseburg, Oregon. (Go to the front door and look for signs leading you to room #8.) Experienced and new computer users are welcome!

### Agenda

1. Meeting starts at 7 P.M.
2. Introduction of members and guests
3. Questions and Answers
4. Program: This month we will be discussing the maintenance and upkeep of the Mac OS 10 system. Programs such as *Cocktail*, *Onyx* and *Applejack* will be demonstrated.

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Total	\$1,626.62
Income:	
Dues	\$20.00
Interest	0.47
Expenses:	
Newsletter	\$26.64
Ending Total	\$1,620.45

Jim McClellan, Treasurer

## ABCC Elects Officers

During the month of February, nominations and ballots flew through the mails and the technosphere until the final official counting revealed our new leaders. Serving the ABCC membership for the next fiscal year will be:



**PRESIDENT:** Bernie Fox was elected as club President. He immediately began to fix some long-standing problems with the website (see related story below) and organize the agenda for the next meeting.

**TREASURER:** Jim McClellan will continue on as our money maestro. He has done this job admirably before. His previous pictures showed him in a stovepipe hat, so you may not recognize him in this newer photo..



**AMBASSADOR:** Terry Cooper is our official Apple User Group Ambassador. He regularly receives information from Apple and other user groups around the state to keep us posted about various events.

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## New Website Host for ABCC

You may recall that the Apple Blossom Computer Club has had a website for the last few years. Over time, the once shiny and new hosting service began to lose some of its luster. So Webmaster, Bernie Fox, searched for and located a new host with more features.

Of course, that means a new URL for the website. Find the new ABCC at



<http://www.abccmug.org>. (In case you are looking for a place to park your web page, you may want to check out "GoDaddy.")

The **Apple Blossom Computer Club** (ABCC) is an Apple Computer Inc. registered Macintosh and Apple ][ family user group. The ABCC publishes *The RoseByter* newsletter monthly which is posted to each paid up member and reciprocating user groups. ABCC participates in user group newsletter content exchange. The ABCC also maintains a WWW site at:

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## Membership

Just \$20/year! Mail a check along with your name, address and phone number to:

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Please understand that not all materials submitted will be accepted for publication and those that are will likely be edited.

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Along with the elected officers, the club elects Directors who, along with the officers, comprise the Board. This Board has overall responsibility for the smooth functioning of the club. Your Directors are:



**DIRECTOR:** Phil Bowser has been with the ABCC since the Apple ][ days. He is also the current Newsletter Editor.

**DIRECTOR:** Trina (TK) McConnell is another ABCC member of long-standing. She has been using her Macs for illustration, photography, and genealogy. She was shy about providing a photo of herself, but I found one. TK looks a bit like J-Lo, doesn't she?



**DIRECTOR:** Dennis Moore works for Alcan and fights fires in Glide, so we're never quite sure when he's going to be available for a club meeting. His wit and good questions are always missed, though. He doesn't look a thing like J-Lo!

**DIRECTOR:** You may have seen Brian Sundquist's name recently in connection with our Nominations/Elections procedures. Even though our By-Laws are open to interpretation in several areas, he found a clear direction and steered us through the process flawlessly.



## Gates Faces Blue Screen of Death Again & Again - No Surprise!

According to an article found in *TV Technology News Bytes*, Micro\$oft chairman, Bill Gates, has been asked to give the keynote speech at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas seven times. Each time, he mounted the stage to show off something wonderful about the most common computer operating system in the world.

While trying to transmit digital photos to a home server, the system “crashed,” revealing the blank screen known as the “Blue Screen of Death.” (A product manager also failed to access the Internet using a tablet PC.)

The article says there were “no injuries or expletives,” perhaps because Mr. Gates has experience crashing Windows computers in front of large audiences.

# Mac 911: Help Desk by Christopher Breen



## Iconology

Is there one folder that holds OS X's icons? I'd like to change the icons that appear in the Finder, but copying a new icon into a Get Info window doesn't seem to work.

--Adam R. Totten

The procedure is more complicated than you might think. You can find many of the icons in OS X by going to System: Library: CoreServices and then control-clicking on SystemIcons.bundle. In OS X 10.3, you can then select Show Package Contents to rummage through the Resources folder within the Contents folder. However, the root owns these icons, so you can't edit them in place. Rather, you must make copies (after making a full backup of the Resources folder so you can restore things if necessary), edit the copies, and replace the originals with the edited versions. But there's even more to it than that, and because there is, I'll refer you to InterfaceLift, which spells out the procedure in all its command-line glory.

CandyBar makes it easy to update your Mac with yummy icons. Or you can take the easy route: Purchase Panic's \$13 CandyBar utility. Its drag-and-drop interface lets you replace an icon by dragging a new icon into a well where the old icon resides. It's as

simple as that. CandyBar also supports iContainers--prepackaged collections of icons--that you can load with a double-click. For tips on working with icons and images in Terminal, see this month's Mac OS X Hints.

## Setup Assistant Redux

Is there a way to force OS X's initial Setup Assistant to run again?

--Rick Roder

Yes, but unless you have a very good reason for running the Setup Assistant--your Mac won't start up because your user account appears to be hosed, for instance--don't do it. And if you must, back up your data first. Then keep these two points in mind: First, in order to retain access to the files associated with the current user--including music, e-mail messages, contacts, and calendars--the user you create in Setup Assistant must have exactly the same name as the current user. Otherwise, the transfer of permissions between your new and old identities will end up a mess, and, until you change file permissions with a tool such as BatChmod, you won't be able to open some files.

Second, if you've created additional users on your Mac--an account for troubleshooting or one for your spouse, for example--you won't be able to access those users from the login screen. Now that you've been warned, here's how to run the Setup Assistant again: Restart your Mac while holding down Command-S to boot into Single User mode. When the prompt appears, type the follow-

ing, pressing the return key after each line (note the spaces):

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mount -uw / cd /private/var/db/netinfo mv local.nidb local.old  
rm ../AppleSetupDone exit
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Translation: You've navigated to the hidden NetInfo directory and renamed the NetInfo database--which contains the Mac's user settings--in such a way that the Mac will create a new database when Setup Assistant runs. You've then removed the AppleSetupDone file. When the Mac doesn't see this file, it runs the Setup Assistant that allows you to create a new user.

If you'd like to put things back the way they were before you undertook this procedure, boot into Single User mode again and type the following:

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mount -uw / cd /private/var/db/netinfo mv local.nidb  
local.1old mv local.old local.nidb  
exit
```

This gives the new NetInfo database the name local.1old and restores the original NetInfo database.

## Away with Artwork

I've heard that iTunes' artwork is embedded into music files. How do you back up artwork and remove it?

--Dylan Drazen

Artwork is indeed embedded in music files (and rightly so, as you'd want the artwork to transfer when you move audio files to another computer). But iTunes

## iPod Shuffles Make World's Slowest RAID!

You may think a raid is a sudden attack. Or you may think a R.A.I.D. is a redundant array of inexpensive disks, a way to store data in several places at once, thus balancing the input/output operations and minimizing the chance that a mechanical problem will wipe out all of your data. If that's your understanding, then you may be interested in this story from "The Cult of Mac."

Take four friends with iPod shuffles and too much time on their hands and what do you get? A 4-gigabyte RAID storage device!



*from the Cult of Mac website*

They used OS-X's Disk Utility to format the iPods. They made their own 4-port USB hub. It works! But it took about 11 minutes to copy just under 2-Gbytes of data. It's also no good as a boot device since the OS-X installer refused to recognize it. But it has been done!

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## Tips From Millrat

I have heard some complaints about not being able to print in OSX. Here is one possible solution.

One of the most continually successful workarounds for printing problems associated with Mac OS X 10 is to simply delete, then re-add the problematic printer via Apple's "Printer Setup Utility" located in the Applications/Utilities folder on a standard Mac OS X installation. The driver needs to be re-added so that anything internally that needs to be done for printing is reset in any updated files."

*--From ABCC Ambassador, Terry Cooper*

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## AppleScript: The Missing Manual Review By Frank Petrie

Do you work for your computer or does your computer work for you? I should hope its the later. If not, you might want to pick up a copy of AppleScript: The Missing Manual and show your Mac who's the boss.

Another entry in the ever popular 'Missing Manual' series ([www.missingmanuals.com](http://www.missingmanuals.com)), Mr. Goldstein, the teenage founder of GoldfishSoft, manages to take you from an overview of AS's underpinnings in Panther (OS X.3) to as far as you care to get involved with the Script Editor.

There's examples of some of the most common repetitive functions accompanied with

scripts, thorough explanations, graphics and sidebars. You are also instructed how to download the "Missing CD," which contain all of the examples and exercises from the book. The book is broken down into four major sections:

- AppleScript Overview - where the glaze is wiped from your eyes and all your fears dissipated

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# FlyakiteOSX

FlyakiteOSX is a transformation pack. It will transform the look of an ordinary Windows XP+ system to resemble the look of Mac OS X. The installer simply automates the process of replacing critical system files, setting registry tweaks, and installing extras such as cursors, sounds, visual styles, etc.

In case you are not happy with the results of FlyakiteOSX, everything is completely removable. Just run the uninstaller from the Start Menu or from Add/Remove Programs.



FlyakiteOSX does not contain any spyware or ad-ware of any kind. All files needed for FlyakiteOSX are stored in the Windows directory in a folder named 'FlyakiteOSX' that is hidden by default. All registry values for FlyakiteOSX are written to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\FlyakiteOSX.

What operating systems does FlyakiteOSX support?

- Windows XP (Pro, Home, RTM, SP1, SP2, Corporate)
- Windows Media Center Edition (2003, 2004, 2005)
- Windows Server 2003 (Standard, Datacenter, Enterprise, Web)
- ALL Language Versions

From: <http://osx.portraitofakite.com/index.php>

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## What Is iTunes?

iTunes! is the largest resource available for viewing Internet Television, with over 1500 channels of TV, Live Video Channels and Webcams, plus an Internet Video Search, with over 2 million videos. Watch uncensored news, music videos, education and entertainment channels from around the world. iTunes! is also ideal for people interested in alternative programming, learning languages, foreign cultures, entertainment or news!

### Features:

- NO Subscription Fees!
- Over 1500 Channels Internet Video Search
- New channels added each month
- Most Popular Stations Channel
- Simple, Easy-to-use Interface



Image from [eastbaytech.com](http://eastbaytech.com)

Requires Mac OS X 10.2, 10.3 or greater with Safari browser, QuickTime™, RealPlayer™ and Windows Media Player™

## BrickShooter Review

Brickshooter is a very addictive and challenging game for anyone who enjoys puzzles and strategy. The goal is to score as many points as possible before the field is filled with bricks. The game field is composed of a hundred squares. The game starts with some colored bricks arranged randomly in the field. Empty squares are black.

Each side of the field consists of three layers of bricks. Any brick that can be moved shows an arrow when the mouse is over it. Clicking the mouse starts a brick moving through the field in the direction of the arrow. When a brick hits another brick it stops. The brick's direction cannot be changed.

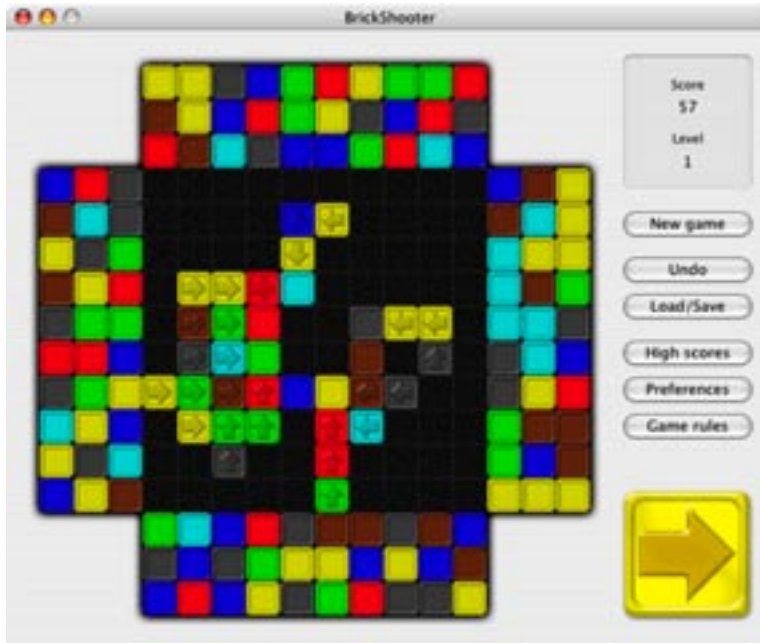
The strategy consists of joining three or more bricks of the same color vertically, horizontally, or in an L-shape. When you accomplish this the bricks disappear and you score points: 3 points for 3 bricks, 6 points for 4 bricks, and 9 points for 5 bricks.

Emptying the field wins 100 bonus points and moves you to another level. As you move to a new level the number of bricks randomly added each time the field is cleared increases by one

brick. The game ends when the player is unable to move any bricks.

There is an animated tutorial to get you started. You can set the game difficulty and add sound effects or music. I find the two annoying at times so I usually mute all sounds when I play.

This has been a game enjoyed by Window users, and finally Mac users can enjoy it too. There are two versions for the Mac: Brickshooter Classic for Mac (Mac OS



From [www.brickshooter.com](http://www.brickshooter.com)

X) (\$14.95); BrickShooter Jr. for Mac (Mac OS X) (19.95). The latter is more graphically rich with some changes in the rules <http://www.brickshooter.com/rules.php#junior>. They also offer it for Palm OS and for Pocket PC.

My highest score so far is 14,000 points. I have spent many relaxing hours playing this game. I love its simplicity because you can begin playing and enjoying it immediately. If you peruse the Brick-

Shooter Hall of Fame, you'll see the passion and expertise achieved by the users of this wonderful game. I am a novice reaching level 14 compared to level 75 by the grand masters. I'm getting better.

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is more than happy to let you archive and remove it. To back up the artwork, launch iTunes, select a track whose art you want to archive, press Command-I to produce the track-information window, click on the Artwork tab, and drag the artwork to the desktop, where it turns into a picture clipping. To delete the artwork, click on it and then click on the delete button.

## Old OS, Old iPod

Can you use an iPod with OS 9?

--Ivan Manson

Third- and fourth-generation iPods and the iPod mini require OS X, or Microsoft Windows 2000, XP Home, or Professional, but you can use the first two generations of iPods--which have navigation buttons arrayed around the scroll wheel--with OS 9. Because Apple no longer sells these models, you'll have to find a used one.

To make the device work with OS 9, you need compatible versions of iTunes and the iPod software. You can download the last OS 9-compatible version of iTunes--that would be 2--from [find.macworld.com/0107](http://find.macworld.com/0107). And you'll find the iPod Software 1.3 Updater for Mac OS 9 at [here](#).

## Mouseless Menus

With my Windows PC at work, I use the keyboard to activate a menu. When I type a letter, the first menu entry that begins with that letter is highlighted. Then I can just press the enter key to select that menu option. I

would like to do this on my Mac at home, but I don't know how.

--Jason Kuebelbeck

Recent versions of OS X let you do the same thing. Just hold down the control key and press F2. The Apple menu will drop down. To move to the next menu to the right, press the keyboard's right-arrow or tab key (press the left-arrow key or shift-tab to move to the left). In OS X 10.3, typing a letter will take you to the first item that begins with that letter. You can use the up- and down-arrow keys to move up and down in the menu. If a menu contains multiple items that begin with the same letter, type the first couple of letters of a particular command name to highlight it. If an item has a submenu, use the right-arrow key to open it.

## Upside-down iSight

I'd like to find a more aesthetically pleasing way to incorporate my iSight into my work environment. I thought I had found the perfect solution--mounting it under a bookshelf--but the image is flipped, and iChat doesn't have any control for rotating it 180 degrees. Is there a fix for this?

--Blair Feldman

It's possible to flip the video image with software--for example, Ben Software's \$50 SecuritySpy can do it. But as you've discovered, flipping images isn't among iChat's talents, and because Mac OS allows only one application at a time to use video input, you can't flip the image in one program and then use that flipped image in iChat.

I'm afraid you must turn to mechanics to solve your problem. You could do it with mirrors--point your iSight at a concave mirror (which flips your image, much as a shiny spoon would), and angle a second mirror so that the camera can see you. As deliciously scientific as this setup may be, it adds more clutter to your room.

Instead, look at MacMice's \$30 SightFlex. It features a FireWire cable built into a flexible, 20-inch arm that's attached to a solid base. Connect the iSight to the top of this arm, place the base in a convenient spot, and twist the camera into a position that shows your best side.

## Tip of the Month: Calendars Redux

In your August 2004 column, you suggested that in order to publish all your calendars to .Mac, you could print a compiled monthly calendar as a PDF file and then publish it to a .Mac home page. A more graceful solution is to create a new calendar, give it a name such as All Calendars, and export all your other calendars to the desktop. Then drag the .ics files from the desktop to the new calendar entry you created to add all those events to the calendar. Finally, publish this single calendar to .Mac.

--John Moskalyk

--Christopher Breen donates his Mac 911 column to Mac User Groups. Support his books and magazine articles when you can!

- Everyday Scripting Tasks - actual hands-on scripting with applications that you probably use on a daily basis
- Power-user Features - learn how to get the most out of your scripts so your computer does the work while you sit out side on the porch experiencing daylight
- Appendixes - Part One, lists OS X friendly scriptable programs; Part Two, how to move your old HyperCard scripts into AppleScript; Part Three - references to more books and websites

The author writes in such a calming voice that actually makes this manual a page turner! You'll be amazed at how easily you learn AS as he builds upon each successive lesson. And if you've never delved into scripting functions for your Mac, you'll be amazed at just how powerful this unheralded application can be. And how much you'll want to roll up your sleeves are get immediately to work.

**Pros:** Easy to read and follow; be the envy of your friends by knowing the meaning of boolean

**Cons:** This could be the start of a major addiction; I'm old enough to be the author's father

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## Write For Your Newsletter!

Most of this newsletter comes from articles written by members of other computer clubs. (The clubs all agree to share newsletter content.) That's fine, as far as it goes, but your Editor believes this letter would be even more interesting and valuable if we would publish stories written by ABCC club members. Of course, that means YOU, gentle reader, will need to take pen in hand occasionally and send in a story! Send them to Philip Bowser (see masthead for address) and receive the grateful thanks of multitudes!

## IMAC Relaxation Station

The C-Station is a leather couch with an iMac G% on the armrest. Available from the British furniture designer Bluebroc. The brochure says it's a relaxation station, not a workstation. The "C" in the name stands for "chillout, comfort, and computing."



From [www.cultofmac.org](http://www.cultofmac.org)

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