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Say Hello to the iMac G5

By Paul Quinnell

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So this is where we review the latest piece of hardware to come out of Cupertino, the new iMac G5. The problem is, once again, we've been beaten to the punch. Macworld and MacAddict have already published issues featuring the iMac G5. There are reviews from Time (*Gadget of the Week*), ABC News, CNN, The Wall Street Journal (*"the most elegant desktop computer"*), CNET, PC Magazine (*Five Star Review*), and every web site with the word "Mac" in its address.

With that in mind, so much for us doing a typical review. That's okay because it gives me room to tell you about all the little things that tended to get passed up in the bigger reviews.

A new feature has been added to the setup software you see when you first start up your new Mac. This new step in the setup process asks you whether or not you have another Mac. If you do, especially if you are upgrading from an older Mac (by older Apple assumes it has a FireWire port and Mac OS X), it'll walk you through transferring data from your old Mac to your new iMac G5. It'll transfer your entire User account, applications, and network settings. It'll do all of this via the FireWire port, which is four times faster than using Ethernet.

Since the iMac is intended as a general consumer machine the iMac G5 is limited when it comes to expansion, just like all previous iMacs. The video card is as good as it gets and while you can upgrade the RAM, hard drive and optical drive you can't add additional internal drives and there are no PCI slots. Then again, if you know you need more than 250GB of hard drive space you may need to

start thinking about a Power Mac.

However there are some new features for those iMac owners who like to tinker. The iMac G5 has a large list of customer installable parts. With the iMac G4 you could install an AirPort Express card and had access to only one of the two memory slots (the other slot was restricted to service professionals).

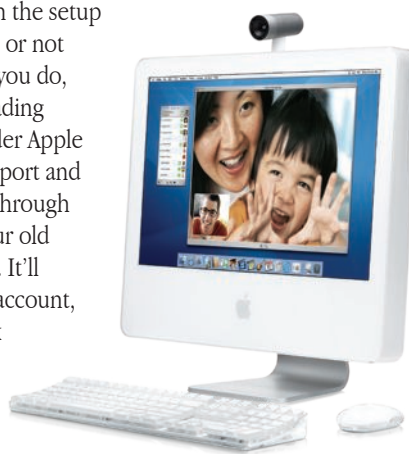
With the iMac you have easy access to the AirPort Extreme slot, both memory slots, the hard drive, optical drive, power supply, LCD display, modem card, and the 'mid-plane assembly' which contains the logic board, G5 processor, and all three fans. There are also four diagnostic LED lights on the logic board, a first for Apple, which help to indicate the pass/fail status for the power supply, logic board, LCD, and temperature.

And if that wasn't enough there is even a troubleshooting assistant available via the Apple web site, which will ask you questions and offer troubleshooting suggestions based on your exact model iMac and the issues you are having. Of course, if you hate the idea of taking a screwdriver to your new iMac G5 you'll be happy to know the iMac G5 still comes with a one year hardware warranty (three

year warranty available with

AppleCare) and all repairs can be handled by your nearest Apple Authorized Repair Center.

One of the most stated weaknesses of the iMac G5 is the lack of memory that comes with it. 256MB is just not really enough for anyone doing anything other than surfing the web, checking email, and word processing. But before you upgrade to a single 512MB



Message From the President

Thanks to our Volunteers, and a Call for More Help



Chris Waldrip

AMUG President

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By the time you read this MacCollege will have come and gone, and we'll be nearing our September General Meeting where nominations

for board positions will be taken.

Hopefully this will be the first in a newly recur-

ring series of MacColleges. As the first sole MacCollege I'm sure we're going to learn from our mistakes in putting on this event (advertising, planning, and advertising have already been addressed). But more so, I hope that those who attended learn something from the classes they attended as well about AMUG.

Mac users who shared a common goal of learning, and instructing, about computers in general and Macs in particular were instrumental in creating AMUG. MacCollege is just one of our methods of fulfilling that goal. Our web site, our on-line community, our monthly general meetings, and our special interest groups (SIGs) also work to fulfill this goal.

As far as the government is concerned, AMUG is an educational organization. With that in mind, this coming year I'm hoping that AMUG will be able to put a new emphasis on education. Hopefully we'll be able to conduct multiple MacColleges, in addition to more SIGs and more education-oriented events in the next year.

To help AMUG fulfill this goal we need our members to tell us what ideas for topics you'd like covered at our general meetings, what special interest groups you'd be interested in attending or sponsoring, and more discussion on our on-line community.

Next I'd like to prematurely thank those

members who have committed to serving our community by filling most of the open positions on the Board of Directors.

Despite the best efforts of the Board though, there are two positions that need filling. Newsletter Director and Education Director.

Todd regrettably resigned as Newsletter Director due to an increase in his professional commitments. I'm sorry to see him leave as many of us were impressed with his redesign of the newsletter (which I have decided to carry forward while I'm filling in for him).

Any member interested in filling the position of Newsletter Director will be serving out the remainder of the current term which expires in December of 2005. Obviously someone with some layout or editing experience would be best, but ideally the Newsletter Director should be a better manager and organizer. The Newsletter Director really should be the supervisor of a staff of people that actually do the day-to-day work on the newsletter. But currently there is no staff except those of us that will obviously assist any incoming Newsletter Director.

The term of the next Education Director will expire in December of 2006, and the volunteer who offers to fill this role will have some work ahead of them. We need to reemphasize our commitment to education to the membership and the community at large. To that end we should try and conduct at least two MacColleges in the coming year, as well as increase the participation and number of special interest groups.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in serving in either of these positions please let me know.

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stick consider this, there are three memory speeds you can achieve depending on your memory configuration.

One memory stick will give you a single 64-bit bus, the slowest throughput. Two memory sticks of different size will give you two 64-bit buses, the average throughput. Two memory sticks of the same size will give you 128-bit bus, which is the fastest and most efficient configuration. So if expansion isn't in your near future consider getting a second 256MB stick instead of upgrading to the single 512MB stick.

iMac G5 Buying Advice

- Add more memory (512MB or more) but try to get two memory sticks of the same size for the best system speed.
- If you need more hard drive space get it at time of purchase. It'll be cheaper, won't leave you with a serial ATA hard drive which will be hard to resell, and you won't have to worry about the install.
- If you may be getting a Bluetooth device in the near future add internal Bluetooth at time of purchase. If you wait until later it'll cost you the same but you'll also have to give up a USB port.
- Keep in mind that the iMac G5 is not as powerful as the Power Mac G5. The Power Mac G5 features dual processors of equal or faster speeds, a much faster front side bus, and a lot more expansion options when it comes to memory, hard drives, and PCI slots. If you need a G5 for your professional work the iMac G5 is not a good, cheap substitute.



iMac G5 Systems			
	17"	17"	20"
Processor	1.6GHz	1.8GHz	
L2 Cache	512KB		
Hard Drive	80GB SATA		160GB SATA
RAM	256MB		
Optical Drive	Combo	Super	
Video	Nvidia GeForce 5200 Ultra (64MB)		
Bus Speed	533MHz	600MHz	
MSRP	\$1,299	\$1,499	\$1,899



Apple Fourth Quarter Financials

by Chris Waldrip

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While most corporations fiscal years normally end in December, Apple, as always, has to be different. The company announced a net profit of \$106 million, or \$.26 per diluted share for all of you stock holders, for the fourth quarter, ending September 25, 2004, during its recent fiscal conference call. These results include an after-tax restructuring charge of \$4 million.

To put these extraordinary numbers in comparison, Apple's reported net profit for the same quarter last year was \$44 million, or \$.12 per diluted share.

Apple reported revenue of \$2.35 billion for the quarter, up 37 percent from the same quarter last year. This puts the company's gross margin at 27 percent, a four tenths of a percentage increase from last year.

Interestingly, 37 percent of the quarter's revenue was solely from international sales.

An incredible 500 percent increase in the sales of iPods, or 2,016,000 units, accounted for a large portion of these profits. Apple also reported a 6 percent increase in Macs, selling 836,000 units over the same quarter last year.

"We are thrilled to report our highest fourth quarter revenue in nine years," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We shipped over 2 million iPods, our Retail store revenue grew 95 percent year-over-year, and the new iMac G5 has received phenomenal reviews and is off to a great start."

"We're pleased to report 37 percent revenue growth for the quarter and operating margin above 5 percent," said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's CFO. "Looking ahead to the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we expect revenue of between \$2.8 and \$2.9 billion, operating margin above 7 percent and earnings per diluted share of \$.39 to \$.42."

For the year, Apple reported net income of \$276 million on revenue of \$8.28 billion, where 2003 saw a net income of \$69 million on revenue of \$6.21 billion.

"We are thrilled to report our highest fourth quarter revenue in nine years"

- Steve Jobs

Mac 911 Help Desk

Help with Home Networking Cables

As easy as the Mac is to use, there are times when you get so frustrated by seemingly arbitrary limitations — a cable modem that won't work with your network, Internet Explorer cookies

that refuse to be deleted, or a beloved keyboard command changed to satisfy the perverse fancy of an Apple executive — that you're ready to return to pencil, paper, and slide rule. But don't give up on your Mac. Read on and relax.



Christopher Breen
Macworld Columnist

Cable Capers

My home network uses a router with three Macs, a PC, and two laser printers. My cable provider allows multiple connections via networking

to the Internet over broadband. This worked well under OS 9. I recently moved to OS X, and my connection to the Web is sporadic when I turn on Internet Sharing. Can you help?

Christopher Smith

Your networking setup is doing double duty. OS X's Internet Sharing is intended for connections that don't include a router. In a setup without a router, the host Mac (the one directly connected to your cable modem) handles the routing for you, directing traffic for other Macs on the network.

Because you already have a device for routing network traffic, you don't need Internet Sharing. Instead, switch it off, and configure your router to accept connections to the Web via its WAN (wide area network) port and to distribute IP addresses across your network through its LAN (local area network) port.

By the way, you may find that your cable modem has glogged on to the unique hardware address (called the Media Access Control, or MAC, address) of a device other than your router. If so, pull the power cable from the modem, to reset it, and then plug it into the router, to grab the router's MAC address. If that doesn't work (some modems resist this technique), clone the MAC address from the device the modem used to plug into (your Mac, for example) to the router. You'll find instructions for doing this in your router's documentation or on the router maker's Web site.

Out, Damned Cookies

Since upgrading from Jaguar to Panther, I haven't been able to delete all Internet Explorer (IE) cookies. When I reopen IE's Preferences, the cookies are still there. What gives?

Via the Internet

It's a bug, and an annoying one at that. The obvious solution is to move to a browser that doesn't have this problem. If, however, you prefer IE above all others, turn to a third-party utility for help. You can configure M. Atmani's \$10 Cookie Dog 2.0 to flush cookies from five browsers — Internet Explorer, Safari, Mozilla/Netscape 7, Camino, and OmniWeb — when you log in. Or try Allume (formerly Aladdin) Systems' \$30 Internet Cleanup, which includes Cookie Tosser, a utility that will put an end to any browser's cookies.

Drive Details

I have a 350MHz iMac and want to replace the hard drive with a roomier one. What kind of hard drive is compatible?

Geoffrey Garrett

Your iMac, like all desktop Macs, takes a 3.5-inch ATA/EIDE drive. iMacs with CRTs included 5,400-rpm drives, and, because of heat issues, Apple recommends that you replace the original drive with another 5,400-rpm drive. But I can tell you that lots of people have put 7,200-rpm drives into their iMacs without their computers igniting.

You may find drives that boast Ultra ATA/133 performance. Although your iMac didn't ship with this kind of drive, Ultra ATA/133 drives work well in it. Just keep an eye on drive size. The CRT iMacs will recognize only 128GB of storage, so there's no reason to pay for a drive with greater capacity.

And while we're on the subject of replacing iMac drives, those of you with 333MHz or slower iMacs must partition a new drive so the first partition is no larger than 8GB. Once you've partitioned the drive, you must install OS X in that first 8GB-or-smaller partition.

I, QuickTime

I just watched a trailer for the movie I, Robot. The viewer is like a miniature Web site inside a QuickTime movie. Can I make something similar with QuickTime?

Todd Damotte

One of the coolest — yet most underused — features of QuickTime is its ability to display skins. If you have QuickTime Pro (\$30), open the I, Robot movie trailer and press Command-J to reveal the Properties window. Click on the first pop-up menu, and you'll see that the movie contains nine separate tracks: three video tracks, three soundtracks, a sprite track, a skin track, and a Flash-based video track. To better understand what these tracks do, choose Enable Tracks from QuickTime Player's Edit menu and switch tracks off and on.

For a QuickTime skin tutorial, go to Apple's QuickTime Web site (<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/>).

From Here to There (and Back)

How do I network a Windows PC with Mac OS X 10.3.3? I have only a regular network cable and a crossover cable.

Greg Rusher

At the risk of sullyng these pages with instructions for mucking with a PC, I'll show you how to connect your Mac to a computer running Windows XP Home Edition.

Use Windows' Help and Support (found in the Start menu) to learn how to install the proper network protocol (TCP/IP in this case) so your network interface card works with an Ethernet connection. Now string that crossover cable between your Mac and PC.

To share a folder on the PC, right-click on the desktop, select New from the resulting contextual menu, and then select Folder from its submenu. Name the folder, using 12 or fewer characters. Right-click on the folder and select Network And Sharing from the contextual menu. In the window that appears, enable the Share This Folder On The Network option and, if you want to change files in the shared folder, enable the Allow Network Users To Change My Files option.

To view this folder from your Mac, select Connect To Server from the Finder's Go menu. Click on Browse. In the resulting Network window, double-click on the folder with the name of your Windows workgroup (likely called MSHOME or WORKGROUP). Inside this folder, you'll see an icon with the name of your PC. Double-click on this icon and an SMB Mount window will appear. Select the name of your shared folder from the window's pop-up menu, and click on OK. That folder will appear on your Mac's desktop as a networked volume.

Fill Up the Garage (Band)

In GarageBand, how do I take a single instrument and make it sound like an entire section of the same instrument playing at once?

Anthony K. Welch

Don't add multiple iterations of the same track -- you'll just use a load of CPU cycles to produce a sound no richer than that of the original track. Instead, slightly change one track's position in time or alter its timbre, or tonal character. Moving its position in the stereo field after making these kinds of adjustments will also help distinguish each track.

Here's how you go about it:

Place two copies of the same track in GarageBand. Pan one all the way to the left and the other all the way to the right. Double-click on the name of a track to bring up the Track Info window. Click on the Details triangle to reveal the track's effects.

From the first pop-up menu, which reads None, select AUDelay and click on its Edit button. In the resulting AUDelay window, push the Dry/Wet Mix slider all the way to the right for a setting of 100 -- this ensures that you'll hear nothing but the affected sound. Change the Delay Time to 0.0576 seconds to delay that instrument slightly. Set the Feedback slide to 0%, and move the Lowpass Cutoff Frequency slider all the way to

the right, to 22050 Hz. You'll now hear two distinct instruments coming from the mix's left and right channels.

Photos in TextEdit

I'm trying to create a resume in TextEdit that includes a photo. Is there an easy way to do this?

From the Macworld.com forums

Sure, just open TextEdit and select Make Rich Text from the Format menu. With Rich Text Format switched on, TextEdit supports graphics (with Plain Text it doesn't). To place a graphic in your file, either copy it to the Clipboard from another application (a graphics program or Preview, for example) and then paste it in, or drag it into the document.

You can use the Alignment controls to shift it hard left, hard right, or into the center. Alternatively, you can use tabs and spaces to position it.

Address Book to Entourage

I need to move contacts from OS X's Address Book to Microsoft Entourage X. In "Corral Your Contacts" (Working Mac, February 2004), you say it's easy using the vCard capabilities of both programs. I did that for each contact in a five-person group and it was super. But I have more than 500 contacts.

Richard J. Patterson

Your observation that Entourage imports only single vCards is correct. Fortunately, there's a way around the problem. Paul Berkowitz's \$19 Sync Entourage-Address Book 2 AppleScript (<http://macscripter.net/scriptbuilders/category.php?id=1640>) lets you import a slew of Address Book contacts simultaneously. This script synchronizes all Entourage fields to Address Book (and vice versa) and makes allowances for fields that don't correspond. For example, unmapped Entourage fields are placed in Address Book's Notes area, and Address Book's Instant Messenger fields are mapped to Entourage's Custom fields.

New New Folder

Although I'm happy that Panther includes a way to customize keyboard shortcuts, I haven't been able to switch existing shortcuts. For example, I'd like to switch the Finder's commands for New Folder and New Finder Window to Command-N for New Folder and Command-shift-N for New Finder Window. Can I do this?

Max Schwarz

Just download a copy of DJ Gamble Software's free N Commander. Run the app, and it will reverse the New Folder and New Finder Window keyboard commands (see "The New Switcheroo").

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Club News

Meetings, Board Briefs, and other happenings

Microsoft No-Show Doesn't Stop AMUG

Our September General Meeting was suppose to have featured a guest speaker from the Mac Business Unit at Microsoft. But for several reasons they were unable to



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attend. In their place our own venerable Jay Cann took the podium and saved the day.

After a longer than normal question and answer session we took a break.

Returning from the break the meetings focus turned to nominations for the open board positions.

Several members came forward, or accepted their nomination by other members,

We also held

With the club business completed Jay started talking about Office 2004 and Virtual PC.



General Meeting Prize Winners

AMUG T-shirt

Mary McCoy

New Member

Allen Coleman

Apple Notebook

Ken Brockway

iTunes Gift Certificate

Will Pye

Paul Gann

Christy Turner

Marcus Merritt

Bob Hicks

Microsoft Office 2004

Topher "Yet Again" Kohan

Special Interest

Mac OS X SIG

Focusing on Mac OS X for new users Jay Cann typically leads this question and answer and general discussion SIG. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at MacQuarium from 7pm until 9pm.

Portable Computing SIG

Users of portable computing devices – iPods, laptops, PDAs, pagers, phones, and more – are all welcome to attend these meetings held at Borders Book at Parkway Point shopping center south of Cumberland Mall. The meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from 7pm until 9pm

Programming SIG

Are you interested in learning more about what going into making your favorite software. This SIG is scheduled to resume shortly, so if you're interested please contact Chris Waldrip (cwaldrip@amugonline.org).

Proposed By-laws Groups Amendment

At the October meeting of the Board of Directors an amendment to the By-Laws was proposed.

Article XIII, Section 3 of the by-laws currently reads...

The fiscal year for AMUG® shall be the calendar year form January 1 through December 31

The Proposed Amendment reads...

The fiscal year for AMUG® is a policy decision, and shall be determined by a 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors.

This amendment will give the Board of Directors greater freedom in changing our fiscal year as it may be needed in the future. The current plan is to change the fiscal year to start on April 1st so that incoming board members in the future will have a greater say over their portion of budget rather than what their predecessor wanted.

This amendment will be vote on at the November general meeting.



Board of Directors Meeting Summaries

September, 2004

The AMUG Board of Directors (BoD) met at 07:15 PM at the Art Institute of Atlanta on September 7, 2004 with six Board members in attendance.



Lee Hoong
AMUG Secretary

President, Chris Waldrip, noted that he had not received a formal audit report from the Audit Committee. The BoD agreed to accept the verbal statements of the committee members that no irregularities were found during the audit; the BoD approved the closing of the committee.

Education Director, Mary Frey, reported that the Programming Special Interest Group (SIG) will attempt to regroup in the Fall, hopefully with renewed and improved participation by members. Mary is also exploring the possibility of forming a Quark Express SIG, depending on interest level. Preparations continue apace for MacCollege, scheduled for September 25, 2004.

Todd Johnson, Newsletter Director, announced that the August Newsletter has been mailed to members. The September issue is expected to follow in the following weeks.

The BoD spent the remainder of the meeting addressing the upcoming elections, with discussions around the nominations process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

October, 2004

The AMUG Board of Directors (BoD) held a meeting at 7:17 PM at the Art Institute of Atlanta on October 10, 2004 with seven Board members and a guest, Topher Kohan, in attendance.

Vice President, Bob Garst, presided over the meeting in the absence of President, Chris Waldrip, who was absent due to work-related activities.

Bruce Barret, the current AMUG Treasurer, reported that income exceeded expenditures by \$500.00 for the previous month, and AMUG had \$16,289.80 cash on hand.

Education Director, Mary Frey, announced that the MacCollege event, held on September 25, had gone well. There were 26 attendees, including 6 non-members; each class had an average attendance of 4.

Stan Allen, Telecom Director, briefed the BoD on the activities of the Online Community Planning Community (OCPC), whose members have been very busy exploring and evaluating options for the future of the AMUG Online Community (OC). The committee plans to provide the BoD with recommendations in the near future.

Todd Johnson, Newsletter Director, submitted his resigna-

tion, citing personal reasons and a demanding work schedule. The BoD discussed Todd's resignation and began formulating plans to seek a replacement Director.

The BoD spent the remainder of the meeting addressing the amendment to the fiscal year and the upcoming elections. The current nominees were approved by the BoD after verification of their standing and eligibility. The slate of candidates is:

- Vice-President - Bob Hicks
- Treasurer - Lawrence Sharp
- Education Director - Unfilled
- Membership Director - Topher Kohan
- Publicity Director - Elizabeth Walsh

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.



Next Board Meeting

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Tuesday, November 2, 2004,
Art Institute of Atlanta, Room 101
www.amugonline.org/directions/aia.shtml

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2004 - 2006 Board Election

During its last meeting, the Board of Directors accepted the nomination of four members to positions on the board. Since none of the positions are being contested, there is only one nominee for each position, there is no need for a full election.

Shortly after you receive this newsletter you should receive an official post card with details similar to this article.

Of the five open board positions, nominees have been found for four of them.

Vice-President

Bob Hicks

Treasurer

Lawrence Sharp

Education Director

Unfilled

Membership Director

Tophier Kohan

Publicity Director

Elizabeth Walsh

At the Annual Meeting on November 15th, a motion will be made to accept these candidates by acclamation. If approved then they will begin their term of office at the second half of the December meeting of the Board of Directors on December 7th. The first half of this meeting is reserved for reports from the members, so outgoing board members will be permitted to give their final report before their replacements take their place to begin discussion of business.

As you may have noticed, there is one vacant board position. Since the nominations process has closed this position will be filled by a board appointment, which requires approval by the membership. The Board is actively searching for someone to fill this position.

The duties of Education Director are rather important to AMUG. We are an educational organization after all. Typically the Education Director is responsible for management and oversight of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and coordinating our MacCollege events.

AMUG currently has only three semi-active SIGs – Mac OS X, Portable Computing, and Programming. And attendance to these meetings is weak at best. The new Education Director

MacCollege events throughout the year. Our hope is for at least two events in the coming year, and possibly a third in connection to our larger MacLanta Xpo. The Education Director will chair the planning committee for MacCollege, and generally oversee the planning and scheduling of the events.

The other position on the board to be filled is that of Newsletter Director. With the unfortunate resignation of Todd Johnson there is an immediate need for a Newsletter Director to serve out the remaining term, which expires in December of 2005.

Ideally the Newsletter Director simply oversees a staff of volunteers who work together to layout, edit copy, pickup, label and post the newsletter. In reality the newsletter has not had a substantial staff in many years. One of the first duties of an incoming Newsletter Director will be to draft a staff of volunteers to help with the production of the newsletter.

There are several members who have offered articles and reviews, and help in layout and editing who will surely help a new Newsletter Director get the ball rolling, but more help is needed.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in serving in either of these two positions please let the Board of Directors know. You can e-mail Chris Waldrip at president@amugonline.org with questions or nominations.

Filling both of these positions will be done by board appointment, with approval by the membership. Hopefully we can have them both filled in time for the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

Who's on the Board

President - Chris Waldrip**

Vice President - Bob Garst*

Secretary - Lee Hoong**

Treasurer - Bruce Barret*

Education Director - Mary Frey*

Membership Director

David Whitehead*

Newsletter Director - Vacant**

Programming Director - Jay Cann**

Publicity Director - Paul Quinnell*

Telecom Director - Stan Allen**

* Terms ending in 2004

** Terms ending in 2005

will have the task of working with the membership to rework current SIGs, or create new SIGs, so that they better suit the needs of the membership.

Once an area of interest, location, date and time, and meeting coordinator, have all been established the duties of the Education Director are practically over. Meeting coordinators usually report the attendance and status of previous meetings, and the topics for upcoming meetings, allowing the Education Director to better focus his or her time on other things.

MacCollege is one of those 'other things'. We have a very good relationship with the Art Institute of Atlanta. With this relationship in mind AMUG should be able to offer more frequent



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Maclanta needs reviews and articles from AMUG members. Think of us when you get new software, and please think about writing a review about that software.

You don't have to be a professional writer, or an expert with the software. We'll help you with the writing, and reviews by novice users are more valuable to most of our members than reviews by experts.

If you're an experienced user with a popular piece of software then please think about writing a tips and tricks article about that software and share your knowledge with others.

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Thanks...



Club News

Meetings, Board Briefs, and other happenings

AMUG 2004 General Meeting Schedule

	January 20th MACWORLD RECAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demo of iLife '04 • XServe Changes • New iPod Mini 		July 20th APPLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The show-formerly-known-as-Macworld Update
	February 17th MAC MAINTENANCE & SECURITY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of OS X security model • Demo of security analysis software • Built-in OS X maintenance tasks/utilities • Third party maintenance utilities • Backup! 		August 17th ADOBE
	March 16th TAX & MONEY SOFTWARE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of tax & money software for the Mac. 		September 21st MICROSOFT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 2004 • Virtual PC 7.0
	April 20th MUSIC & SOUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Creation on the Mac • Application Overview • MIDI Demonstration • Equipment & Connections 		October 19th HOME NETWORKING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up a home network • File & Print Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac-to-Mac • Mac-to-Windows • Mac-to-Linux
	May 15th GAMING! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State of Gaming on the Mac • Demo of Several Games/Genres • Cross-platform network gaming 		November 16th TIPS, TRICK, UTILITIES & GADGETS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's the Cool Icon in your Dock? • Member's favorite tips, tricks, applications and neat gadgets
	June 15th THE INTERNET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's not just the Web • Mac Network Software • FTP, RSS, P2P and other acronyms • Newsgroups, Instant Messaging & More 		December 14th HOLIDAY MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food, Fun, and Socializing

Please note that our General Meeting topics are subject to change. Please visit the AMUG web site, <http://www.amugonline.org>, for the most up-to-date meeting information.



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Atlanta Macintosh Users Group
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\$40 per year.

Membership Benefits: Admission to General Meetings; 1-year MacIntosh Newsletter Subscription filled with tips, tricks and reviews; special "Members-only" discounts on hardware and software; one account with full member access to the AMUG Online Community.

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\$25 per year.

Copy of student I.D. and current class registration required for this level of membership. Membership benefits are the same as a Regular Membership.

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1800 Peachtree Street, NW
Suite 250, Atlanta, GA
404-554-4000

From I-85 South

Take Peachtree Street exit 86. This exit becomes GA-13 S. Take Peachtree Street exit ramp towards Buckhead. Merge onto Peachtree Rd. NE. Travel approximately one-half mile, Macquarium building is on your left. Parking entrance is on far side of Macquarium sign next to R. Thomas.

From I-75 South

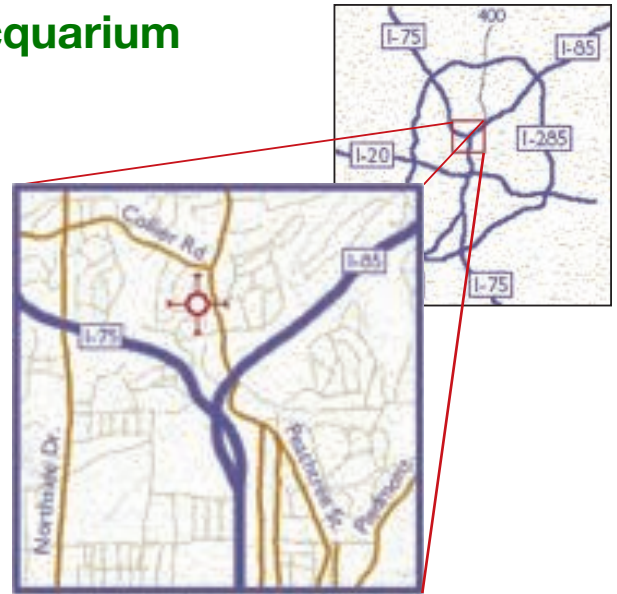
Take the Howell Mill/ Northside Drive Exit (#252). Go to the second ramp, which is Northside Drive. Turn left off the ramp onto Northside Drive. Go Approximately 1/2 mile to Collier Road and Turn Right. Follow Collier road 9/10 of a mile until it ends at Peachtree Street, then turn right. Macquarium is about 100 yards on the right.

From I-20

Head towards 75/85 connector. Go north on 75/85. Take the 14th / 10th Street exit. Pass over 10th street. Turn right onto 14th Street. Turn left onto Peachtree. Macquarium building is on your left, approximately one mile. Parking entrance is on far side of Macquarium sign next to R. Thomas.

From Ga. 400 South

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