

MugShots

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*Presenting:
Gizmos and
Gadgets
for Geeks*

(Just in time for holiday gift-giving!)

*by Mr. Bill
Achuff
(Go-go,
Gadget Guy!)*



Members On Line

World Wide Web Sites of Interest

If you find any of these to be inactive, please advise the editor:

Macintosh News

- Macintosh News Network <www.macnn.com>
- MacSurfer Headline News <www.macsurfer.com>
- MacInTouch <www.macintouch.com>
- AAPL Investors <www.appleinvestors.com>
- As The Apple Turns <www.infoXczar.com/atat>
- MacOSRumors <www.macosrumors.com>
- **Dave Marra's website <www.marathon.com>**
- **MUGSNJ (that's us) <www.mugsnj.org>**

Help

- MacCentral/Forums <www.maccentral.com>
- MacNN/Forums <www.macnn.com>
- AppleInsider/Chat <ww.appleinsider.com>
- **MacSolutions <www.macsolutions.com>**
- MacTips <www.themacintoshguy.com>
- MacFixIt <www.macfixit.com>
- PC Talk <rblevin.net/TOC.htm>

Macintosh Books

- Macbookshop.com <www.macbookshop.com>
- Peachpit Books <www.peachpit.com>
- Barnes and Noble <www.barnesandnoble.com>
- Amazon <www.amazon.com>

Buy & Sell

- Mac4Sale.com <www.mac4sale.com>
- DealMac <www.deal-mac.com>
- MacTreasures <www.mactreasures.com>
- Ebay <www.ebay.com>

USB

- MacInTouch USB Guide <www.macintouch.com/imacusb.html>
- USBStuff <www.usbstuff.com>

Escrow service

- TradeSafe <tradesafe.com>

Software

- VersionTracker <www.versiontracker.com>
- Download.Com <www.download.com>
- Mac Downloads <ww.zdnet.com/mac>
- Antique Mac Software <www.macintouch.com/earlymac.html>

Appearance

- Font Diner <www.fontdiner.com>
- ClixSounds <www.clixsounds.com>
- The Icon Factory <www.iconfactory.com>
- DeskStop <members.aol.com/deskstop>
- Steve's Free Desktop Pictures <www.steveweb.com/FreeDTP>

Resources

- Encyclopedia Britannica <www.brittanica.com>
- Language Translations
<babelfish.altavista.digital.com/cgi-bin/translate?>

Just for the Fun of It

- The Apple Museum
<www.applemuseum.seastar.net/sections/home.html>
- Driveways of the Rich and Famous
<www.driveways.com/>
- EarthCam <www.earthcam.com>
- The Magic 8 Ball <www.themagic8ball.com>
- Doonesbury <www.doonesbury.com/dailydose>
- Northern Sun <www.northernsun.com>
- Mr. Showbiz <mrshowbiz.go.com>

PODCASTS

by Phranky

Program: "Tekzilla"

Format: Vidcast

URL:

<http://revision3.com/tekzilla/feed/quicktime-high-definition/>

Video casting of daily one minute updates, and a 30 minute program every Saturday, dealing on everything computer oriented. Stars Patrick Norton and Veronica Belmont. A Revision 3 production.

Program: "CHTV"

Format: Vidcast

URL:

<http://www.collegehumor.com/itunes/podcast/chtv/rss/>

A group of players comprised of college students that perform comedic shorts of their view of college life. Produced very professionally and usually about 5 minutes long. Great way to break up the day.

Program: "ComandN"

Format: Vidcast

URL:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/com-mand-n/h264>

Extremely popular Apple tech show hosted by Amber MacArthur and Will. Very professional and recognized as one of the most popular podcasts in Canada. Weekly tips on hardware, tech news and two websites of the week.

Google 411

Just leave it up to Google <<http://www.google.com/>> to come up with something like this!!!

Here's a number worth putting into your cell phone, or your home phone speed dial: 1-800-goog411. This is an awesome service from Google, and it's free -- great when you are on the road.

Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number. I am driving along in my car and I need to call the golf course and I don't know the number. I hit the speed dial for information that I have programmed.

The voice at the other end says, "City & State." I say, "Garland, Texas." He says, "Business, Name or Type of Service." I say, "Firewheel Golf Course." He says, "Connecting" and Firewheel answers the phone. How great is that?

This is nationwide and it is absolutely free!

Use the link below and watch the short clip for a quick demonstration.

<<http://www.google.com/goog411/>>

Future MUGSNJ Programs for 2008

<u>MEETING DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>PRESENTER(S)</u>
Wednesday, December 17	Holiday Party	Everyone
Wednesday, January 28	Open	Open
Wednesday, February 25	Open	Open
Wednesday, March 25	Open	Open
Wednesday, April 29	Open	Open
Wednesday, May 27	Open	Open
June TBA	Picnic / Barbecue	Everyone

From the Editor

Mugsnidge Mutterings

The holidays are upon us! The economic situation of the country (nay, of the world!) demands that you go out and spend your hard-earned money on lots of goodies to enhance the lifestyles of you, your family, friends, relatives, consorts, and with whomever else you would like to share your splendiferous generosity.



At this November meeting we welcome Mr. Bill Achuff with his annual presentation (for which he personally receives absolutely no compensation, although he may take it on the road) of geeky thingies and recommendations for such a spending spree. Be apprised that this is a unique program and will NOT be broadcast or advertised on local or national TV. You will only get to see it here, and if you miss it...well, you missed it!

For purchasing most of the "goodies" that Mr. Achuff will display, you may never need to leave the comfort of your computer area (wherever that may be). Online purchasing has never been safer or more secure. Commercial sites are constantly updating their security certificates, as reflected by the continuous Web browser updates. Nevertheless, "caveat emptor" is still the rule when purchasing online.

I personally try to buy online merchandise at sites that have no connection to the state of New Jersey (for reasons that are too obvious to be mentioned here).

So enjoy the season and be sure to do your part to stimulate the national economy. And thank you, Bill, for the stimulating presentation.

Elsewhere in the economic situation is the issue of DUES THAT ARE DUE. Please see Carol Sierzega and pay up. Students, of course, are free (yours truly is taking a course at the college and so I gets a free ride this year). See elsewhere in this newsletter (the next-to-last page) for membership

rates, which have not been increase, thanks to the generosity of the college. We have the best service bargain around, the best meeting place, and the best sponsorship of any user group in the area. You get to have your Mac questions answered by local experts, experience workshops by famous Mac personalities, get a newsletter delivered in your email inbox, edible (usually) goodies at the meetings, occasional raffles and door-prize giveaways, and always good fun and fellowship as you network with other Mac users.

Along those same lines (or at least similar ones), is the upcoming election of officers. Please think about who you would want to hold such offices (like, maybe, you!). I find my own personal interests expanding with age and experience, I would like to relinquish my leadership position to someone who would be interested in steering this esteemed organization to new heights, or at least keep it alive. Youthful leadership would be welcome, but not required.

Next month's meeting – THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. No particular topic or presentation, just a get-together to socialize and feast (if you bring something). I would like to have a volunteer to organize the event so we don't get thirty kinds of cookies and nothing else. I like cookies as much as the next person, I suppose, and maybe more, but there are so many other wonderful party foods that...(sigh)...well, someone should bring something other than cookies.

The Friday Night Brass quintet will be here to entertain with holiday favorites and other antics, and may even take requests, so don't miss this SPECTACULAR event.

In closing, go out and do your bit to stimulate the economy, using Mr. Achuff's suggestions (should they strike a harmonious chord), enjoy the much lower gasoline prices, and have a wonderful food-filled Thanksgiving holiday.

—Nate

HOLIDAY PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008
FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
COME ONE, COME ALL!
EAT, DRINK (non-alcoholic), AND RUN FOR OFFICE (OR AT LEAST VOTE)
SEE YOU THERE!

**DUES
ARE
DUE!**

**See
Carol Sierzega
with cash,
check
or
money order.**

**No
credit cards,
please.**

FOR SALE OR SWAP

Items listed in this column are available for purchase or swap (the deal's on you) from members whose information is listed in the item. MUGSNJ or GCC cannot be held liable for any transaction made because of its publication herein and this newsletter is not responsible for errors in publication, typographical or otherwise.

When your item has been sold, please send an email to <nagable@comcast.net> so it can be removed from the column.

ATI Radeon 9600 Pro PC & Mac edition. Used but in very good shape. **FEATURES:** 4 parallel rendering pipelines, 256MB DDR memory, DirectX 9.0 and OpenGL 2.0 support, dual link DVI, compatible with AGP 8x and 4x. \$50.00 OBO. Frank Petrie <phranky@me.com>

QuarkXPress 7 Full Version for MAC/WIN. Open box: **\$349** (retails for \$899) System requirements: Mac OS X 10.4 (Tiger) Microsoft Windows XP SP2 Maria O. Arguello<arguello10@comcast.net>

OKIDATA Color Laser Printer Model C5150n w/extra cartridges. Ethernet/USB. Does not print color photos to my satisfaction; great for text and line work. Make offer. nagable@comcast.net.

New G5 still in box. Dual-core 2GHz CPU 1GB Ram 2-160GB HDs 1-FireWire 800 port 2-FireWire 400 ports 4-USB 2.0 ports Super Drive CD/DVD NVIDIA GeForce 6600LE video card Digital & Analog audio in/out ports Airport card Apple Keyboard & Mighty Mouse. Apple Care was registered and still in effect 'till June '09. This G5 has never been plugged in or turned on. Still packed in its original box. Purchase price was \$2824. Am asking for something 'around' \$1750. Contact Don McGinnis: macginnis@mac.com or 856-939-2373

Roxio Toast 8 Titanium (current version) \$60 + postage. Retails for \$99.99. Read the features set here: <<http://www.roxio.com/enu/products/toast/titanium/overview.html>> Bill Achuff · Achuff@aol.com

Epson 2200 11x14 photo printer. I'm asking 350.00. Joe Naphas at 856-582-9000

For Sale: 17" Studio Display. Broken third leg but have a wall mount kit. \$100.00 Contact phranky@mac.com

For Sale: In excellent condition. M-Audio - Keystation 49e 49-Key Mobile USB Midi Controller. Used it a couple of times only. \$80 or best offer. Paid \$99 plus shipping and tax new (Checked websites and prices range from \$97.50 to \$129). Contact me privately at <arguello10@comcast.net>.

**HO, HO, HO!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



Membership Application

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (\$20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Collegiate (\$10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> GCC Student (Free) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal (\$___) |

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Telephone _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Employer Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____ Fax _____

Send mailings to: Home Address Employer Address

How did you learn about MUGSNJ? _____

At which user level would you classify yourself? Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Computers owned _____ Computers used _____

Current OS _____ Other software experience _____

Special interests: Photography/Graphics Video Communications Beginner Mtgs.

Other _____

I'll help with these positions: Membership Newsletter Program Hospitality

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Hardware and software assistance
- Info on the latest software and upgrades
- "MUGSHOTS" newsletter available at meetings
- Notices of Macintosh events
- Special interest groups (SIGs)
- Meet great people!

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