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October Topic: Gizmos and Gadgets for Holiday Giving (and Getting)

Bill Achuff's much anticipated annual gizmos and gadgets presentation will inspire your holiday shopping.



With a seemingly endless list of new techie paraphernalia available for those whose appetites are never quelled, Bill will discuss how most electronic items are practical, useful, and inexpensive, and how some are just plain whacky.

Many of the items Bill introduced several years ago are now becoming mainstream, such as organic OLEDs (Organic LEDs), wireless SD (Secure Digital) media cards, and hard drive toaster docks.

Bill Achuff, co-founder of the User Group Alliance, has been a long-term, staunch supporter of the Macintosh User Groups. He is a photographer, presenter, writer, and reviewer.

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 Marr's website <www.marrathon.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>

NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Regular Meeting Rm.500 Health Sciences 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Freshly Squeezed Game Review

Huggable Bears Turn to Battle in this Game

By Frank Petrie

Product:

Battle Bears

Author: SkyVu

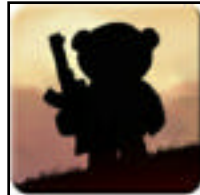
Pictures, Inc.

Requirements:

iPhone, iPod Touch

Price: \$0.99

Test Rig: iPhone 3Gs/16GB



deals with a forthcoming animation project serves two functions. First, word of mouth of the project. And second, you're footing the bill for the venture when you purchase the iApp.

That said, while the idea is god for a laugh, it didn't hold my attention enough to keep me coming back. As a first person shooter, it most definitely entry level.

Now maybe this is your cup of tea. So, may want to give ti try.

RATING : 8 of 10

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When I was first approached by SkyVu Pictures, Inc. and asked if I would be interested in reviewing the game. How could I refuse with such a concept?

"Oliver, the star of the game and upcoming film, is stuck behind enemy lines and has to survive unending waves of pink adorable Pink Bears wishing to HUG HIM TO DEATH! Armed with his trusted rifle and a whole lot of attitude, Oliver blasts away armies of cute huggable bears and earns powerful weapons along the way."

Blow the heads off of teddy bears!?! Count me in!

THE JUICE

You are stranded, due to a breakdown of your carriage, behind enemy lines. Here are you are attacked by never-ending waves of teddy bears, whose goal is to dismantle your bunker and hug you to death.

As you successfully graduate to each consecutive level, you are rewarded with extra weapons added your arsenal. And, of course the waves of bears increase in number.

THE PULP

The graphics are OK, nothing spectacular. And the action always takes place in the same location, so my interest grew thin rather quickly. But the game did performed as advertised and displayed no hiccups.

THE RIND

Funny as a concept, I didn't find it compelling as a game.

SUMMARY

First, I have congratulate SkyVu on their business model. Selling an app the



Freshly Squeezed Hard(?)ware Review

Touch Me, Touch Me, Touch Me

By Frank Petrie

Product: ProTouch

Author: iSkin

<http://www.iskin.com/pro-touch_apple_keyboard/>

Requirements:

MacBook/Pro/Air, Aluminum wired/Wireless keyboard, Aluminum wired (with numerical keypad)

Price: \$24.99, \$34.99

Test Rig: 13" MacBook Pro

Keyboards. Dirty fingers covered with lunch grease, skin oils and heat-seeking cats can really turn them into a real mess over time. Enter ProTouch by iSkin.

"The all-new line of ProTouch® Keyboard Protectors for Apple Wired and Wireless Keyboards deliver the most advanced combination of style and protection ever. Form-fitting silicone works full-time to keep your keyboard safe from everyday hazards that could lead to permanent damage, while built-in Microban®* protection provides continuous cleaning action, inhibiting the growth of damaging microbes, such as bacteria, that can cause stains, odors and product deterioration."

Is it worth it? Let's see.

THE JUICE

The various skins come in several stylish colors and patterns. Basically, from a visual prospective, you now have some options to skin your laptop's interior, as you would your laptop's exterior. All skins are form fitted and lay on the keyboards quite nicely.

ProTouch skins can also help you from ending up with grungy keys. Take that Kentucky Fried Chicken!

THE PULP

It takes a little while to get to used to the new feel of the keys, but that took me maybe a couple of hours to get past. You have to make sure that the skin lays flat on the keyboard or some of your typing strokes might not register. I was also pleas-

antly surprised to find that the pattern of the Skin that I chose did not in any way make it harder to hunt and peck. Despite the one problem that I did find bothersome (see below).

THE RIND

If you have an illuminated keyboard, you wouldn't know it with a TouchPro on it. It's entirely obscured.

A small thing, but I also would like to be able to download a matching desktop (if one's on the site, I couldn't find it) so I'd have a theme.

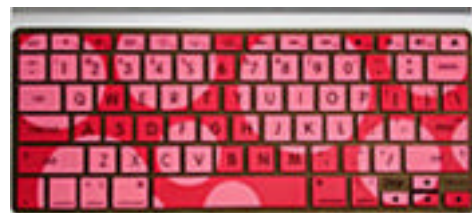
SUMMARY

If you're looking to prevent the "PepsiSyndrome," this should do the trick. As far as disease prevention, I have never caught anything off of a keyboard but I suppose that it couldn't hurt.

So, now that the world has seen your statement on the outside of your laptop, you can now make one on the inside or your laptop's or your iMac's keyboard.

"I am best avoided."

RATING : 8 of 10



Last Meeting + Report

Take Control Offers Three New Ebooks!

Last month Cesar won the raffle. It was an eBook.

By Maria Arguello

Below are the most recently released Take Control Ebooks. The links will provide you with a discount.

Please support vendors that support Mac User Groups. Three New Ebooks! Users & Accounts, Sharing Files, and Syncing Data

Take Control is pleased to announce the release of three new ebooks: two providing new info about Snow Leopard and one filling in important details for Leopard on the way to a Snow Leopard edition.

Take Control of Users & Accounts in Snow Leopard

In this revised edition, Kirk McElhearn helps you understand and manage all the accounts on your Mac, which is important for troubleshooting, even if you are the only user. It explains everything you need to know about accounts, including the Guest account; setting up Fast User Switching; using accounts for troubleshooting; and setting up parental controls to limit or what software can be run, what content can be accessed, when, and by whom. You'll especially like this ebook if accounts have boggled you in the past, and the ebook's parental controls advice will help you set up a Mac for a child (or anyone for whom you provide technical assistance, such as an older relative or technologically challenged spouse). The 102-page ebook is available for \$7 (thanks to the 30% MUG discount) via the link below.

<<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/snow-leopard-users?pt=TCMUG&cp=CPN90219MUG>>

Take Control of Sharing Files in Snow Leopard

Next in line is Glenn Fleishman, whose updated ebook helps you share files among users on multiple computers. This ebook explains the nitty-gritty details you need to know to configure file sharing to be fast, effective, and secure. You'll learn how to select and configure the right hardware and software for your needs and budget, consider the pros and cons of different file-sharing options, find setup steps for each of the core Mac OS X file-sharing services - AFP, SMB, and FTP (with tips to help you avoid problems and security risks), get the details on setting up login accounts, and learn how to log in to Mac file servers from a variety of major operating systems. The ebook discusses the new Snow Leopard Wake on Demand feature and

the quirky Snow Leopard firewall, as well as how to share media from iPhoto '09 and iTunes 9. The 109-page ebook is available for \$7 (thanks to the 30% MUG discount) via the link below.

<<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/snow-leopard-sharing?pt=TCMUG&cp=CPN90219MUG>>

Take Control of Syncing Data in Leopard

Though it may seem odd to update a Leopard book now, we were amazed at how much work was necessary to bring Michael Cohen's "Take Control of Syncing Data in Leopard" up to date. The ebook now covers iPhone OS 3, Google's ongoing calendar and contact improvements, and iTunes 9. So, if you own Leopard and can't make heads or tails of syncing your data to whatever device you want it synced to (another Mac, an iPhone, a Palm, an Apple TV, a general mobile phone, etc.), this ebook should have you covered. Note that by "data," we mean calendar events and contacts, as well as media synced in iTunes such as podcasts and videos, but not something more general like all the files in your Documents folder. The ebook has some notes about Snow Leopard changes, and Michael is working on the Snow Leopard manuscript even as you read this. If you'd like this new 167-page Leopard edition, you can purchase it for \$7 (thanks to the 30% MUG discount) from the link below - we'll be giving a free update to the Snow Leopard edition to anyone who who has bought the Leopard edition since Apple released Snow Leopard in late August.

<<http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/leopard-syncing?pt=TCMUG&cp=CPN90219MUG>>



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Membership Application

- Regular (\$20)
- Student/Collegiate (\$10)
- Family (\$25)
- GCC Student (Free)
- Senior (\$15)
- Renewal (\$___)

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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

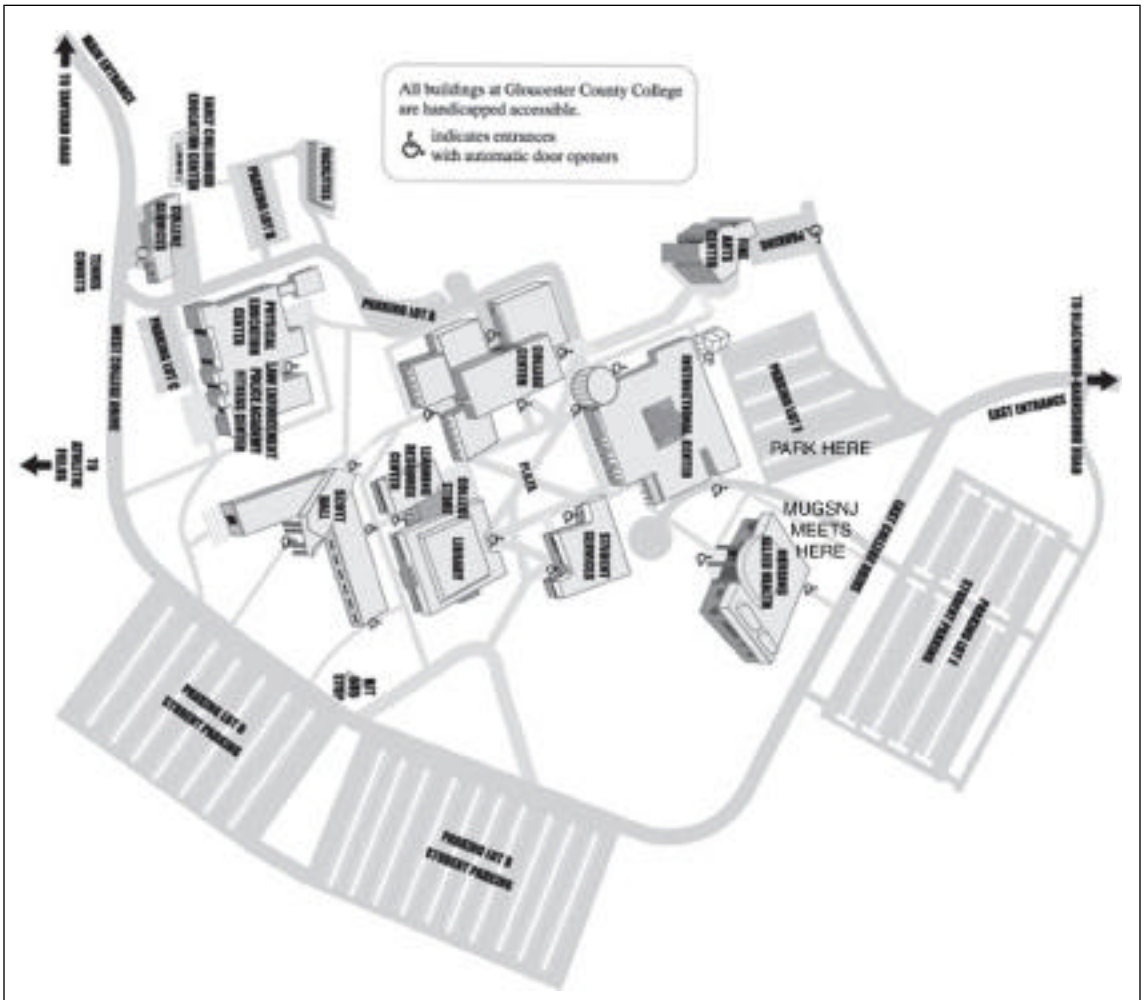
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- Hardware and software assistance
- Info on the latest software and upgrades
- "MUGSHOTS" newsletter available at meetings
- Notices of Macintosh events
- Special interest groups (SIGs)
- Meet great people!

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MUG General Meetings
are held in the
Auditorium, Room 500,
of the **Health Sciences**
Building at 7:30 pm on
the **last Wednesday of**
each month. In the
event the last
Wednesday precedes a
holiday, the meeting is
held a week earlier.
Executive Committee
Meetings are held on
the **first Wednesday at**
7:30 pm in the
Lounge adjacent to
Room 502.



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NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 18
HEALTH SCIENCES,
RM. 500**

BE THERE OR MISS OUT!