Mouse Times

Macworld is Over :-(

The dust has settled. Apple announced some great new products, a Macintosh commercial is playing on TV for the first time in years, and their stock has reached a 52-week high price (85.59).

The new Macintoshes are an intel-based iMac (available now) that is 2-3 times faster than the old iMac G5, and the new Macbook Pro, shipping in February, looks like a PowerBook, but it is intel-based, comes with a built-in iSight camera, a remote control, and is 4-5 times faster than the old PowerBook G4.

The new Macs sport the new Intel Core-Duo chip, which is actually two CPUs on one chip. So the new Macs are dual-processor, and therefore even more powerful.

Other products announced were iLife '06 (including iWeb, a web site authoring tool), and iWorks '06, which includes Pages and Keynote. The new Mac models come with the new software installed.

If you missed the Keynote Address, go to the Apple web site and see the Quicktime webcast.

SBMUG January Meeting: January 19

At SBMUG's January meeting the Mac Mechanic, Mike Bishop, will talk about Apple's new products. SBMUG reporters Harold Adams and Brian Carlin will talk about the show and getting in to the Keynote presentation to see Steve Jobs.

A new slate of board members shall be elected at January's meeting. January's raffle prize will be a very small 60 GB hard drive (7200 rpm) that Harold and Brian found in the Macworld Exhibit hall. This drive is ideal for backups or video/photo projects.

At the next meeting, please thank departing board member Dirk Reynolds for serving two years as SBMUG Program Chairman.

Recent meetings

December: SBMUG members brought their Macs to the meeting, and members helped each other solve their problems and learn more about their hardware and software. Everyone had a great time and we plan to do this again soon.

November: Program Chairman Dirk Reynolds introduced the new features of Filemaker Pro 8.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The **Beginners'** Special Interest Group is open to members and non-members alike. Headed by Dale Lowdermilk, the group meets the first Monday of each month from 7-8:30 at the Goleta Public Library. Contact dale@sbmug.org.

The **iLife** SIG meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 pm at the Goleta Library. Apple's iLife '06 package includes iPhoto, iMovie HD, iDVD, GarageBand, and iWeb. Contact Harold Adams at harold@sbmug.org.

Jeffery Morse, who is a certified Final Cut Pro instructor, has organized an e-mail list and special interest group for **Final Cut Pro**, Apple's Professional video editing software. E-mail jefferymorse@mac.com or visit www.sbfinalcut.org to sign up.

SBMUG Meeting Schedule		
(at Goleta Library)		
Date	*Time*	*Presentation*
January 19	6 PM	Macworld

Computers for Families

If you would like to help refurbish older Macs so they may be used by Santa Barbara County Schools' Computers for Families, please contact Dale Lowdermilk, 805–969–6217. Details of the Computers for Families program can be found at www.sbcff.org

Visit the SBMUG web site

Webmaster Robert Winokur does a good job of keeping up–to–date news, photos, and information at the SBMUG web site, http://www.sbmug.org. Recent issues of the Mouse Times are archived there as PDF files.

Many members have changed their e–mail addresses and forgot to tell us. You will find a membership form in a link from our home page. Fill it out and send it in, even just to confirm your e–mail address.

Mouse Times (this document!)

This newsletter is a good reminder for general meetings, but If you prefer to read the Mouse Times online and don't need a printed copy (saves postage!), then please e–mail Brian Carlin at brian@sbmug.org.

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