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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Which One is Steve Jobs?



## MACAPALOOZA EVENT

On April Fool's Day, Bobby Morrison, the Apple representative at CompUSA in Greenville, held a gala extravaganza at the store for Mac users in the area.

From our KeyMac club, Al Kishbaugh and Gladys Calhoun attended along with their spouses—well, Joan actually went shopping elsewhere and Walt found the refreshments and took a few pictures. Al and Gladys were really "into" the event, as they both were dressed as Steve Jobs and were entrants in the Steve look-alike contest (see picture).

Bobby played interesting movie clips about Apple, past and present, on various computer screens and showed some early versions of Apple computers, such as the Newton educational device and the well-known and used Macintosh SE computer. Balloons, refreshments, discounts at CompUSA plus interesting "shop talk" made for a fun drop-by event. Thanks, Bobby.

There are too many things to do here!

Thanks to Gladys and Al for participating in Bobby's event. I wanted to go, but bluegrass by the Lowe's at the KK Club that evening got my commitment first.

With so much competing for your time, we want to make our monthly programs meaningful and worthwhile. Help! Please tell us your interests. We really do need your input.

Thanks for participating.

Gene

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

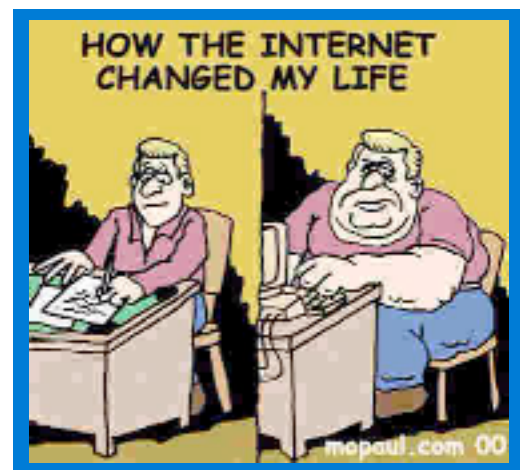
**April 18:** The monthly meeting of the KeyMac Club will be held from 10:00-12:00 noon. Jacob Miller from Adamant Technology will be the guest speaker. Jacob will explain the specialized small programs in the Utilities Folder of OS X. Many of these programs will be of interest to all members. One valuable one is an easy way to transfer all files from an old computer to a new replacement.

## Macintosh Training Classes

Jack Leitch and Gene Madill will continue their classes for Mac computer users from 9:00-12:00 noon in the Cherokee Room of the Keowee Key Activity Center. Please call or email Jack to register: 944.6255 or [phyjac@mindspring.com](mailto:phyjac@mindspring.com).

**April 20**      **Apple Works**

**May 25**        **Mail and Internet**



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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance March 7, 2006	\$1355.05
Withdrawals: iLife , coffee & snacks	156.19
Deposit dues and iLife payback	151.00
Interest	.60
Balance April 7, 2006	\$1350.46

**IN THE NEWS**

In the April 3rd *Wall Street Journal*: "Japan's Aozora Bank Ltd. is planning to do something once unheard of in the business world: switch nearly all of its 2,300 desktop personal computers to Apple Computer Inc.'s Macintosh computers." They are doing it because Mac OS X "has made the machines more stable and functional for many business users."

Apple just announced a piece of software called Boot Camp that enables Intel-based Macs to run Windows XP. You can see a brief summary below of the announcement. For more details go to:

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/bootcamp/>

In the Money Section of USA Today (April 13) is an article on Boot Camp and its use with Intel-based Macs. One of the quotes from the article "Boot Camp works so well it reminds me why I prefer Tiger to XP in the first place."

View the article at this website:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/usatoday/20060413/tc\\_usatoday/marriageofwindowsmacsisbliss](http://news.yahoo.com/s/usatoday/20060413/tc_usatoday/marriageofwindowsmacsisbliss) □

**FOR SALE**

**iMac G4 (flat screen, gooseneck)  
4 years old, works fine. 800mhz, 768 MB Ram,  
60 GB hard drive, can read and burn CD's  
and DVD's. OS 10.3.9 and lots of software  
Any reasonable offer. Mike Wall, 944.7504**

**MORE HOT TIPS**

**Tech Tails, Small Dog Electronics  
Newsletter**

**Take Control of Maintaining Your Mac**

The latest eBook from the staff over at Tidbits is Take Control of Maintaining Your Mac. Regular maintenance is the best way to avoid nasty problems and to ensure that Macs run at peak performance, but it's hard to know what to do and when to do it, and even harder to fit maintenance tasks into a busy schedule. Bestselling ebook author Joe Kissell has now applied his commonsense approach to the task of maintaining a Mac. Readers will find out how to start on the right foot; what to do daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly; and how to prepare for Mac OS X updates. Joe's suggestions are based on hard-won experience, so he explains how to monitor a Mac's health to detect problems before they cause trouble, tells readers where to turn if trouble does raise its ugly head, and debunks commonly suggested panaceas that seldom actually help. Of course, opinions vary on the merits of some of these tasks, so the ebook contains conversations with experts about what they do in particular situations. The ebook even includes a one-page checklist, suitable for posting, as a reminder of what to do when. Take Control of Maintaining Your Mac costs \$10, and is available in a \$5-off discounted bundle with Take Control of Mac OS X Backups for \$15.

Each Take Control ebook comes with a \$5-off coupon from Small Dog Electronics, including this latest book.

We have a list of all the Take Control Books here: <http://www.smalldog.com/takecontrol.html> □

## Being Smart about S.M.A.R.T.

By Christopher Breen ([mac911@macworld.com](mailto:mac911@macworld.com))

Just how smart is S.M.A.R.T. Disk Utility? Within Disk Utility, what is S.M.A.R.T. status detailing?

1. What does this mean if my S.M.A.R.T. status is "failing?"
2. Is there anything I can do to fix this "failing" S.M.A.R.T. status?

S.M.A.R.T. (or Self-Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Technology) is an open standard for monitoring and reporting a supported hard disk's health and happiness. Such a supported drive checks the performance of its workings—motors, media, heads, and electronics—and compares that performance to a set of thresholds burned into the drive's little brain.

S.M.A.R.T. makes its judgments based on predictive factors, for example, if the flying height of the head is starting to diminish or the number of remapped sectors exceeds a certain number. When S.M.A.R.T. sees this kind of trend, it sends up a flare in the form of a warning that can be read by software such as Apple's Disk Utility. (You'll see this status message at the bottom of the Disk Utility window when you select a supported hard drive.)

If you see anything other than "Verified" in the status area, back up your drive right now and don't rely on it. You can check the integrity of the drive with a tool such as Micromat's TechTool Pro or ProSoft Engineering's Drive Genius to get a better idea of what's going on.

Those in the know suggest that you contact the drive's manufacturer to learn what you can do about the drive. If it's under warranty, the manufacturer will often replace the drive when a S.M.A.R.T. error crops up.

The S.M.A.R.T. status message is akin to the pain reflex; it's not the kind of thing you want to cover up or ignore. It's there to let you know that something unhealthy may be happening. Distressing as it may be to see it, it's there for your own good.

If you'd like to be alerted to S.M.A.R.T. errors without having to open Disk Utility, download a copy of A. Julian Mayer's free SMARTReporter. This handy utility places a hard drive icon in the Mac's menu bar that glows green if the drive's doing well, gray if its status is unknown, or red if it's failing. It can also pop-up an alert, launch an application, or send an email message if one of your drives starts to fail.

## iLife '06: Don't move iLife support files from installed locations

When installing iLife '06, you can specify custom paths for themes, instruments and other related items as part of the custom install options. However, if you specify custom install locations during installation, but later move themes, loops or instruments, you are no longer able to locate these items in the iLife application.

If you rename the hard disk or another folder in the path to the theme, instrument or loop files, the same thing occurs.

### Products Affected

IDVD GarageBand iMovie HD

### Solution:

If you have renamed the hard disk, or one of the folders in the path to the item you are missing, try changing the name of the disk or folder back to the original name. Alternatively, check the preferences of the application you are using to see if you can add the new path as a place to check for themes or instruments. You may also want to try moving the items to one of the default search paths for the associated application:

### iDVD Themes

/Library/ApplicationSupport/iDVD/Themes/

### iMovie Themes

/Library/Application Support/iMovie/Themes/

**GarageBand Demo Songs** /Library/Application Support/GarageBand/

**GarageBand Instruments** /Library/Application Support/GarageBand/Instrument Library/

**GarageBand Loops** /Library/Audio/Apple/Apple Loops/Apple Loops for GarageBand

## INDEX OF JOURNAL ARTICLES

Your editors are getting their feet wet in the world of indexing by preparing the attached index of articles that appeared in the *KeyMac Journal* from September 2004 to date. The tentative plan is to update the index three times a year, emailing it to members in a document separate from the *Journal*. It has been a challenging venture, and your editors welcome comments and suggestions for improvement relating to format, category selection, cross referencing, etc.

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