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## President's Message

Does your wish list include a new Mac, iPod, iPhone or an iTouch iPod—omigosh will they ever run out of these "i" names?

There is always the fear that some retailer is going to stick you, but in the case of Apple products these days it seems most everyone holds the line on list price, and Apple is fanatical about controlling their retailers. Some retailers throw in an incentive like extra memory, or discounts on peripherals. That often leaves service, delivery, and sales tax.

Sometimes you get all three benefits—I've spent a lot of computer dollars at Small Dog in Vermont (<http://www.smalldog.com> 1-800-511-6227) where the service is beyond compare for me, no sales tax on items shipped to SC, and occasionally no shipping charges. Apple is offering free shipping, money off on a printer, and 90 days with no interest, but you pay sales tax. If you go to the Atlanta store, you have great service, no shipping, but higher rate sales tax. At Comp USA in Greenville, you carry it home and you will get great sales advice from Bobby Morrison (his days off are Wednesday & Thursday), you pay sales tax—but the rest of the store leaves a lot to be desired.

In January (there is no KeyMac meeting in November nor December) we will be hosting an Apple retailer and top-notch service provider from Asheville, Irradiance Technologies. Wayne and I had occasion to go up and visit these guys recently and were quite impressed with their Service Department and their Mac knowledge. If you are interested, give them a call at 828-670-7900. For sure, their record with the AppleCare folks is great, but we haven't had exposure to their sales side yet. Let me know if you talk to them.

See you Tuesday, and at the Christmas Party—be sure to bring your significant other to that one.

*Gene*



## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**October 16:** Alan Houtzer will explain how KKPOA is set up, how networking is used, and how Macs are involved and integrated with Windows System. Also Chuck Polosky, a Keowee Key resident, who served as Apple's Regional Sales Manager for the Southeast from 1982 through the mid 1990's will tell us how Apple at that time.

**November:** No Meeting—Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 11: Christmas Cocktail Party**

## OS X DISCUSSION GROUP

*Informal gatherings where members help members*

**November 6:** 10 a.m. to noon

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**Matt's Tip of the Week**  
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**Tech Tails**  
**Oct. 2, 2007**

We all know that you can use the forward and back buttons in Safari to go back or forward in time. You can also click and hold the back or forward buttons to see a list of all the sites you've accessed, instead of going to the history menu. Similarly, you can apple-click the title of the window to see a full list of sites you've been to in that window. Cooler still is that you can see the full path of any Finder window by apple-clicking the window's title. □

**Looking Forward to Leopard**  
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Mac OS X Leopard is just around the corner and I sure am excited to start using it. It'll include over 300 new features and some brand new applications.

**1. iCal**—I spend a fair amount of my computing time in iCal. Not only do I manage my personal calendars but also my departments calendar. While iCal will continue to run and work the same as it does in Tiger there's one major feature that I'm really looking forward to—shared calendars. Shared calendars means that when someone has something to add to the calendar, they can do so. Then if a week later it gets cancelled, I can remove it or someone with the right permissions can do so. Essentially everyone has access to change and modify these shared calendars. My semi-solution to getting this type of task done was to put the few people who accessed the calendar on a .Mac account. Then they could just make any changes and it would sync to everyone else. Obviously this isn't the best solution because maybe you only want some people to read or view the calendar while others can make changes and edit the calendar. Fortunately the iCal service that'll be built into OS X Leopard and Leopard Server will address that and allow you to set specific permissions for different people per calendar.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance: September 12, 2007	\$1569.52
Deposits:	
Raffle money August	74.00
Raffle money September	54.00
Interest:	.59
Balance: October 9, 2007	\$1698.11

(Raffle money to date is \$282.00)



iCal may not be a huge application for some but I really can't wait. Sharing calendars is definitely going to be a welcomed feature.

**2. Apple Mail**—Another place I spend a good amount of time is Apple Mail. The new Apple Mail program is not going to be a place where you can send, receive and sort your emails anymore. Yes, it will be able to do those standard things just as Mail in OS X Tiger. It will now be much more integrated with iCal. It'll allow you to access and add to your to-do list much easier. For example, if my girlfriend emails me and asks me to pick something up for dinner on the way home from work, I can quite easily add that to my list of to-dos. You can also make a simple note of it. You can also use the notes feature for taking notes in general, then you can access them anywhere you have access to your email! Notes can also include graphics and attachments.

Another included feature is RSS feeds right in the mail application. I'm going to really enjoy this because I often send interesting and fun stories that pop up in my RSS feeds to friends. What better and quicker way to do that than to have the stories right in Mail itself. I won't have to move between applications; I can simply open up a new message window, plug in the contents of the story and hit send, done. It'll be a smoother work flow.

**3. Better parental controls**—While I'm not a parent myself, I am someone who likes to limit my own computer time. I currently use Mac Minder which does a great job for most of it. In Mac OS X Leopard, parental controls will have much better features, and on Mac Minder's web site they acknowledge that and say that it won't even install it on a Leopard system because you'll get a much better offering from the built-in controls.

It really doesn't matter to me which application I use to get the job done, but if the Leopard application works better and does the job, then great!

Leopard's parental controls will include a lot of features that I don't need but it will include the basic feature that lets you set how long the computer can be used for. I usually set mine to 3 hours maximum per day. For parents who really want to take advantage of all the features it also includes the ability to block certain web sites, allow only specific people to chat with your child, log what your child does and specify a time when your child can or cannot use the computer.

There are a few other features, but the one I am most excited about is the time limiting feature. Something that Mac Minder couldn't do was to track whether or not the screen saver was on. Sometimes I was away from the computer for an hour and unfortunately Mac Minder counted that time as my using the computer. I am hoping Leopard won't count when my screen saver is on as my using the computer.

Another thing that I enjoyed about Mac Minder that I hope Leopard lets you do is that you have to type in another password set by Mac Minder in addition to the system administrator password to make any changes to Mac Minder. I have a feeling Leopard won't include that feature though.

**4. iChat**—Email and iChat are probably my primary means of communication with people, but I don't think I picked iChat because it's going to make me any more productive. I mostly picked it because it has a couple of new and cool features.

You're now allowed multiple logins, so I can now login both my .Mac account and my AOL Instant Messenger account at the same time. It also has tabbed chats (although I am not too fond of how they have it set up) and some new features when you're video chatting. I think it'll be kind of neat to share Keynote presentations and iPhoto slideshows with people over iChat.

**5. Time Machine**—While I currently back up each of my servers every night using a command line utility (rsync) I only back up my Desktops every month (sometimes less) and my Notebooks every 4-5 months, if that. It's definitely not a good plan. I usually use Apple's Backup application which has worked great for me, but I get new computers so often that I rarely remember to set it up each time.

Time Machine is going to make the process of backing up simple. For example you can plug in an external hard drive and Time Machine will ask you if you want to use that hard drive as your backup drive (it actually reminds me of how the Newton did that when you inserted a flash card). You can also use the Time Machine preference pane in the System Preferences to configure it.

Now instead of having to set up Backup every time I format my system or get a new computer, I can just plug in an external hard drive and Time Machine will do the rest.

I'll probably continue to use the rsync utility on my Xserve but all my client workstation machines will definitely be using Time Machine.

Conclusion—These are only 5 of the new changes in OS X Leopard and I only touched the surface of some of the new features to be included in the above applications. There's supposed to be over 300 new innovations in OS X Leopard, so I'm really excited. How about you, what are you looking forward to in OS X Leopard? □

#### EDITORS' NOTE:

*With this issue of the KeyMac Journal, after three years of editing it together, we are retiring from this responsibility. Working on the Journal was sometimes a challenge, but we have learned much through the process and appreciate the help we have received from the membership.*

*Thank you for your suggestions and encouragement. And a huge thank-you to those who contributed articles. Wayne Walker will be stepping up to assume the role of Editor. He has vast experience in the area of graphic design, as well as computer related fields, and has interesting new ideas for the appearance and content of the Journal. We very much look forward to his taking it in a new direction and to a new level, beneficial to all of us.*

*Joan and Gladys* □

