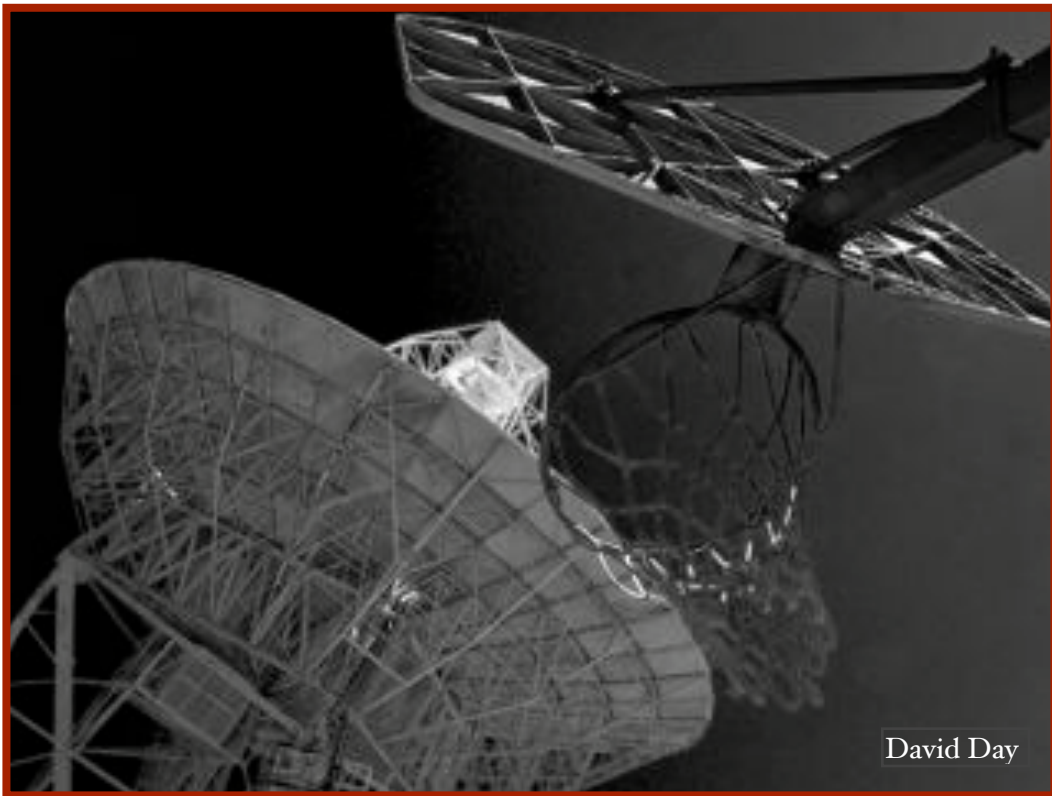


TMUG NEWS

PSIG went to PARI! What the heck is PARI?

Imagine a long and winding road, leading out of nowhere into virtually into somewhere less. In other words, start at Rosman, head north and take a left on Macedonia Church Road, into the gated existence of what once was a super secret installation for the Defense Department.

Now, the hundreds of acres serve ostensibly as Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI), a teaching, learning, and research astrological center for students, teachers, and scientists to conduct peaks into the heavens, quasars, black holes, or other things that go bump in the Twilight Zone.



David Day

Our PSIG enthusiasts toured the facility, took some great shots of huge, creaky, old satellite dishes, that occasionally get zapped by lightening that pays frequent visits to this remote secured location. We hope to return in the spring for some promised wildlife as well as wildflowers. Who knows, we may even snap the image of Rod Serling in the building's labyrinthian underbelly of what once was quite possibly the X-Files real secret location.

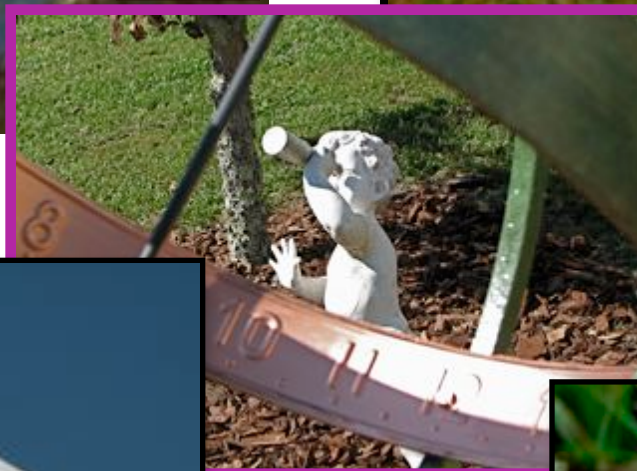
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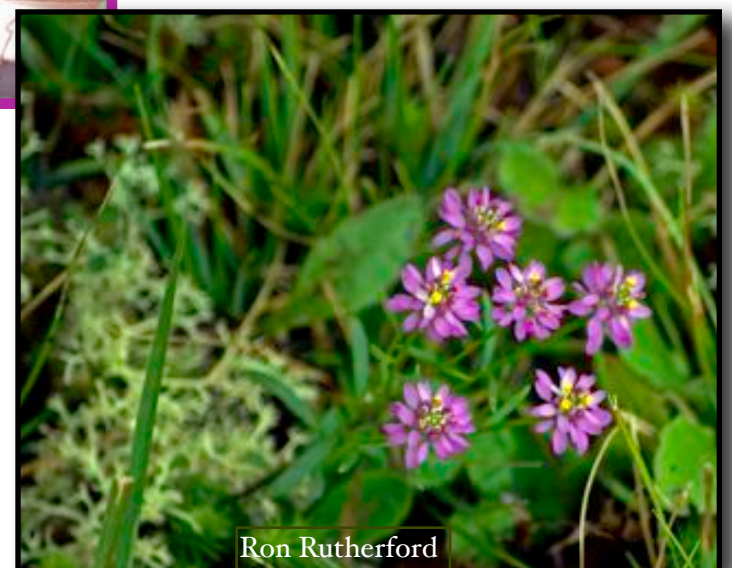
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iThink - by the Etowah kid

Best wishes to all for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2008. May your year be filled with new Apple "toys" and completely free of crashes and freezes on your Mac. (I'd like to wish the same for PC-users, but, I realize that's not realistic. (;op)

I'd like to start off the New Year with two wonderful sources I've discovered for **FREE, FREE, FREE, FREE** music. You do not select individual musical selections, but rather a musical theme. Then the music just plays and plays. Hopefully, some will see fit to contribute to these Web sites. They do not require payment, but if no one contributes, two things happen: they have no source of income or encouragement and secondly, and perhaps more important, potential sponsors see no evidence of loyal listeners. Even if you don't contribute, the music is there for the listening - but not for downloading.

📍<<http://www.pandora.com>>

This site is my favorite since they now have all types of music. Initially, their selection was rather limited; no so any more. This site does require registration but I've found no evidence of abuse of my registration information. If you are reluctant to register this gives me the opportunity to recommend that people establish some **FREE** (there's that wonderful word again!) email accounts.

Some information about free email accounts can be found here: <<http://www.fepg.net/emailtypes.html>>

And listings for free email:

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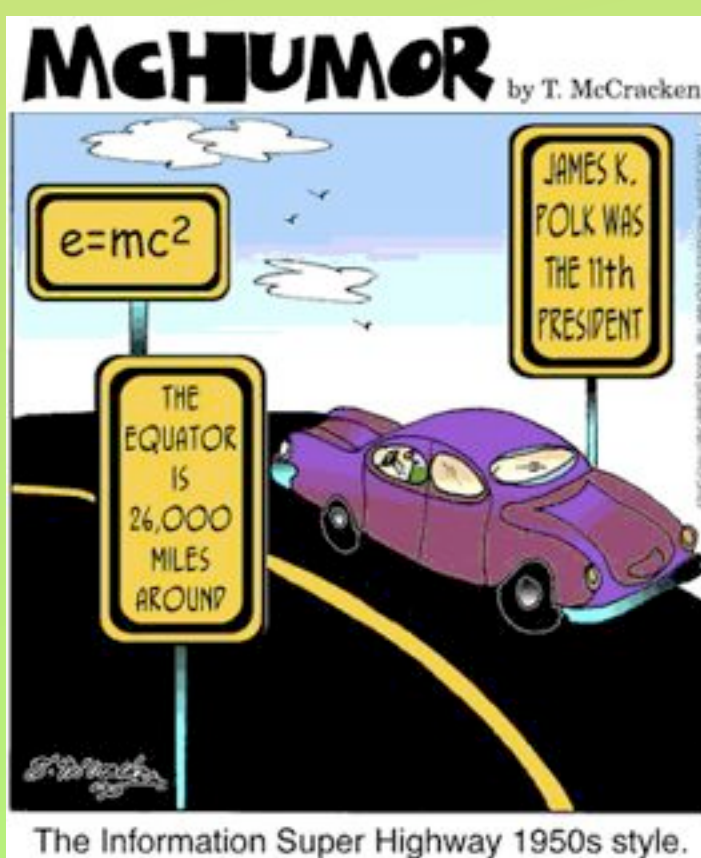
I have not checked all of this listing by any means so I can't say how many are or are not compatible with Macintosh or specific browsers. I can say that I do have accounts with yahoo!, gmail.com, hotmail.com and mail.com for what that's worth.

But I digress. Here's the other site that has popular music only from the 50's or later and does not require registration:

📍<<http://www.tropicalglen.com/>>

A tip: Download and install additional browsers such as Firefox or Camino in addition to Safari. Use one of these browsers to play the music while you do your normal surfing with your browser of choice. You can minimize the music browser window by clicking on the yellow button in the upper left of that browser window.

...and to help celebrate the New Year while you listen to music from the 50's:



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<<http://tinyurl.com/2pjpmo>>

MacMembers...profiles

Joe Shore

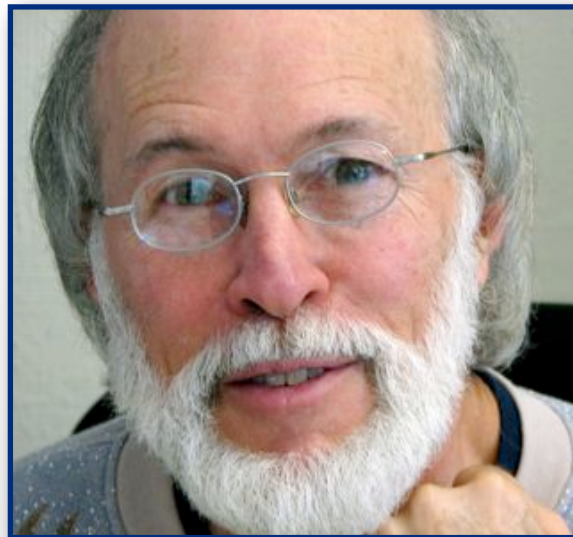
Just a few questions...

What brought you to Brevard and TMUG?

In 1998 my wife LiB planned our 25th wedding anniversary celebration at the Grove Park Inn, during dinner she causally asked me if I would ever consider retiring to any place other than Florida. Little did I know, that my answer of yes would result in an immediate three year search for a retirement home in the Asheville area. January 25, 2005, three days after I retired, we were heading north in VW Beetles with 6 cats, a crazy bird, toward our to our home in Horse Shoe.

What paid the bills?

My working career began as a Certified Public Accountant with the Fort Lauderdale office of Grant Thornton International, where I spent 16 years working with local governments and non profit organizations. When I decided it was time for a change, I left public accounting and spent the next 18 years serving two local governments. At the Village of Royal Palm Beach it was my honor



to serve as Finance Director and Village Manager for 7 years.

I finished my career at the City of Lighthouse Point as it's Finance Director for the next 11 years.

Main interests, other than Mac?

Prior to retiring and moving to this area, I had very little time to do anything other than work. Now that I've retired, I still find myself with a deficiency of time. LiB and I enjoy hiking and participating in all the outdoor and cultural activities that Western North Carolina has to offer. Biltmore Estate, Flat Rock Theatre, Pisgah National Forest, DuPont State Park are just a few of our favorites.

I also enjoy woodworking, doubt I will ever run out of home

improvement projects. Currently I'm modifying our basement from one large room into separate workshop, game room, and storage areas.

What do you wish everyone knew about you, or not?

Having never played a musical instrument, I took a six week introductory guitar course, enjoyed it and decided to continue teaching myself. A year later, with my own a guitar, I'm still learning and can even play a few tunes.

Upcoming changes or special events in your life?

LiB planned our 25th Anniversary and has advised me that it is my responsibility to plan the 50th. Any suggestions? I only have 15 years to get the plans right.

Parting thoughts?

I am happy that I listened to my wife when she suggested that I retire at 55. Life is great in Western North Carolina with so many things to see and enjoy. ☺

Thanks, Joe!

Upcoming TMUG Meetings:

Next General Meeting

January 12, 2008

10:00 AM

Topic: Personal Financial software for the MAC

Mac Basic 101

January 12, 2008

8:40 AM

Topic: Software Update How, why, and when

HELP !



Wish the MAC meetings would focus on YOUR favorite/ puzzling/new application or software?

Suggestions welcome & encouraged-drop a line to davidday@mac.com or LiB at gnu2yew@earthlink

Upcoming TMUG Meetings:

Photography SIG

January 05, 2007

NEW TIME 10:00 AM

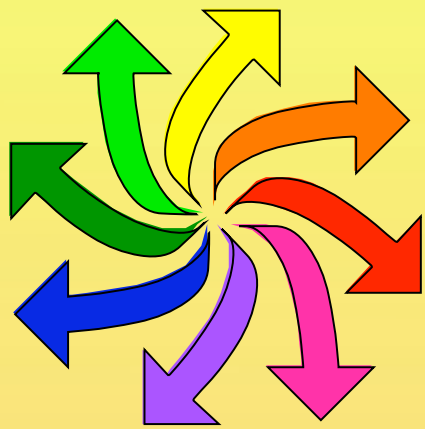
Topic:

"A Photo Montage" by **Warren Bedell & David Day**

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Basic Mac 101

Time to Change?

It's a New Year, and Leopard with a update 10.5.1 finally here, are you interested? No? Have you changed your clocks recently? Know what a hassle that ALWAYS is, what else has changed in your life? Is there something over which YOU made the conscious decision to change, to alter your behavior drop an old habit, resolve to improve a skill-you know the stuff of which New Year's resolutions are made (and seldom kept).

The new OS, Leopard, from Apple is like that-a new way to do Mac, and like all changes it means giving up the tried, true, and comfortable. It means accepting a mental challenge to alter patterns, try new keystrokes, zippy new applications, view the world through an altered lens, and re-discover how much fun Mac can be. Sort of rearranging the furniture, adding some new pieces and finally throwing out the tattered, re-tired LazyBoy (not the human kind).

Invariably, while intimidating at first, and like like a new car model has to work out the kinks, the new OS will improve your use of Mac in all areas, offer new opportunities for communicating and, as Mac always does, new ways for your personality to shine through, to be as unique as you'd like to be, at least techno-wise.

But alas, unless change is a part of your daily life, or at least daily thinking, accepting the Mac status quo can become too powerful a anti-motivator: you may prefer living in the past, and the longer you live there, the harder it is to change. So what OS do you have now? Don't know? Take a look in the upper left corner corner, click on the Apple: "about this Mac". If it doesn't say 10.4. (Tiger) you're an epoch behind. 10.3? Panther 10.2? Jaguar? 10.1.

I created a sign for an organization that was change-challenged, it read: "*Change is good, otherwise we'd all still be tadpoles.*" They didn't get it, and despite my urgings, refused to change their ineffective and ineffectual methods. Think about it, Basic Mac 101 is all about learning and change. Join us for the journey, especially if you're a tadpole.

LiB Shore, Basic Mac 101 coordinator

My 2¢:

A Path Well Trod

Why must I learn the same lessons over and over again? Why do I keep outsmarting myself? Is it just me or do we all do it?

My latest escapade involved my new 24" iMac Aluminum. Early in October, I decided to purchase a new computer. I buy computers from the Online Apple Store. No, I don't get the lowest price but, I tell myself, if something goes wrong, Apple will take care of it...no question.

I placed my order for my new iMac and dogged the tracking site like a kid at Christmas. I knew every stop that sucker made between China and my front door. Finally, it arrived!

I very carefully unpacked the box and checked the materials list to see that everything was there. It was...just as I would expect from Apple. I had previously moved my old eMac to a table in the guest room to make room for MY NEW iMac. I set the machine up, plugged in the keyboard and mouse and plugged in the power cord. With bated breath, I hit the start button. Hooray!! It works!

Oh my gosh! Look at the size and clarity of all those Welcomes in every conceivable language. How beautiful that screen is. Let me try a screen saver. Hmm, Arabesque looks interesting. I'll try that. How beautif... Why did everything STOP!

I had read about those "freezes" that were topic one on MacFixIt. Surely MY machine didn't have that problem? I'll just restart and try again.

Every time I tried Arabesque, my beautiful machine froze. The same

with Cover Flow and Time Machine. Those cheats from Apple have done me in! They are supposed to fix this any day now. When the fix came, it didn't work for me. Darn!!

To make a long story shorter, I worked around this problem for a month. Finally, I was so mad at Apple that I was ready to do battle. I called AppleCare and told the tech my problem. She immediately told me to take the iMac to Irradiance Technologies and they would fix it. I did; they did; and I finally had my wonderful new iMac in its full splendor.

Why didn't I call AppleCare when I first saw the problem? Wasn't that why I had bought from the Online Apple Store? Wasn't it because I KNEW that Apple would take care of any problem? Will I never learn to quit second guessing myself? Apparently not.

Ron Rutherford, guest columnist.