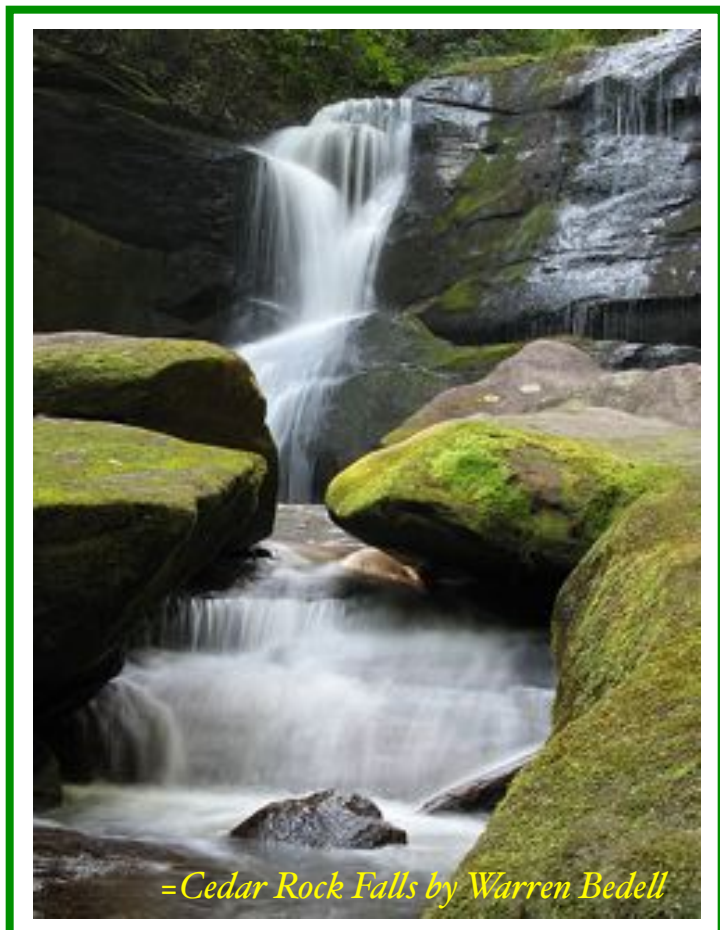


# TMUG NEWS

## Sounds Fishy to Me... (a.k.a. Cat Gap Trail)

Well, what does one expect when they head to the Fish Hatchery, which is part of the Pisgah Wildlife Education Center? In addition to the fishes in all stages of growth in vast outdoor troughs, there are easy-to-moderate trails, and better yet, payoffs for a HOT August day: dramatic and surprisingly cool refreshing waterfalls.

Our group left the rather empty parking lot making a short trek early in the morning up a small incline



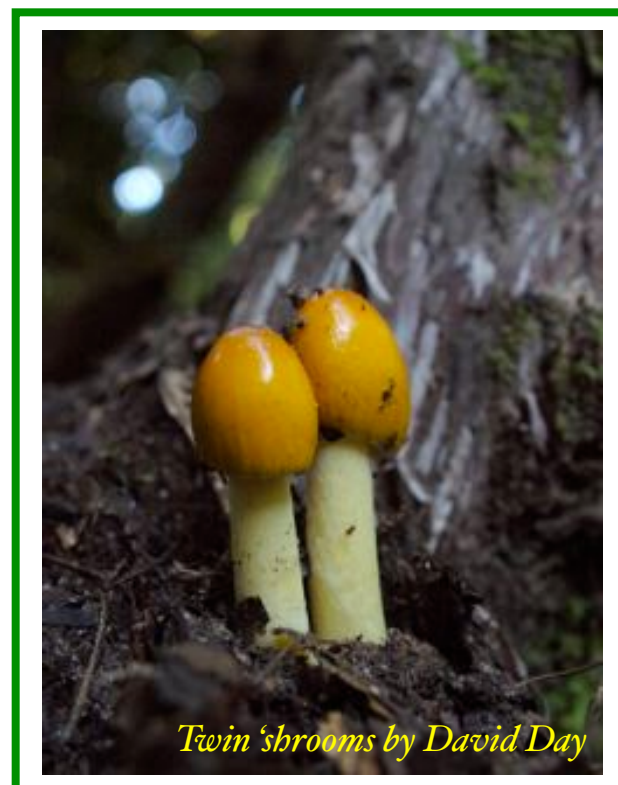
into the forest of the John Rock area, heading to the lesser known Cedar Rock Falls, not far off the well trod, usual slash marked, Cat Gap Trail. (Hint, turn left at the yellow leaf.)

The braver, and more nimble footed amongst us trailed and puddle-jumped out into Cedar Rock Creek to take full advantage of the early soft light that highlighted the massive creek rocks and diminutive waterfall.

While a couple of the us found the mossy cleavage of the mountain chasm more interesting, and firmer footed, as the dewdrops glistened in morning's glow, typical of summer. Imagination and rocks mixed well. (See the "mountain monster" at our website.)



Evidence of this summer's drought persisted, and only a few mushrooms were spied, the overwhelming



abundance of the forest flora seemed sufficient for summer. Too bad the mosquitoes didn't take a hint to find a meal elsewhere away from our exposed limbs.

It was another good opportunity to meet others and try new techniques, ideas, angles, etc. Each time one goes to even the most familiar places, everything old is all new again, photographically speaking.



Want to see more of Cedar Rock Falls? The TMUG gallery at: <http://tinyurl.com/24mr6p> Even better join us, snap some great pictures, get some exercise, and maybe see things with a new perspective.

*By LiB Shore, Editor-in-chief*

# iThink - by the Etowah kid

Want to know how to put ten pounds of...cookies in a five pound bag? (This is not a trick question) OK, it's not cookies, nor is it a physical bag.

Many have us have experienced the problem of trying to send a lengthy URL (Web address) in an email. Long URLs can get distorted or corrupted when sent in an email. Use of tinyURL eliminates that problem. If you'd like, you can ignore all the fancy stuff below the initial information and just paste your long URL in the box on the tinyURL web page. I've been using this web page for several years now and couldn't do my daily work without it! <<http://www.tinyurl.com>>

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HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU TYPED AWAY, NOT LOOKING UP, ONLY TO DISCOVER WHEN FINALLY DO LOOK AT THE SCREEN THAT YOU HAD INADVERTENTLY PRESSED THE CAPS LOCK KEY a while back and a great deal of your text is in ALL CAPS? An easy remedy for this: go to the Apple in the upper left corner of your Desktop and then System Preferences... > Keyboard & Mouse > Keyboard > Modifier Keys > On the pulldown menu for Caps Lock change selection to No Action.

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Those of you who read *Consumer Reports* know that they never recommend buy an extended warranty...except for a Macintosh Computer! They go on to say it is not that Macs are more unreliable than other computers - in fact, they are some of the most reliable computers you can buy. I also recommend that all who buy a new Macintosh computer purchase AppleCare.

Why? Not only does this extend the 90-day warranty to a total of three years, but - and I find this perhaps the most valuable part of AppleCare - it allows you to obtain telephone support for three years from the date of purchase. This coverage includes asking questions of a non-serious nature (sounds better than saying trivial or silly, doesn't it?) and well as ones that are related to big problems.

Of course, if a power supply, motherboard or a LCD screen fails in the three-years, the AppleCare immediately pays for itself many times over. Or, you can get telephone support anytime (answers only), without AppleCare, - at a cost of \$49.95 per call.

And one fact of which many people are not aware: You do NOT have to buy AppleCare from Apple! In fact, if you shop around you will find that buying it elsewhere can save you quite a few bucks. Use any of these sites to check cost: <<http://www.pricegrabber.com>>, <<http://www.amazon.com>> (yes, amazon.com!), <<http://bizrate.com>> or one of the many other price search web site to find the best price.

Remember you are not buying something physical, so any authorized merchant from whom you buy the AppleCare maintenance agreement is as good as any other. In one quick search for an iMac AppleCare, I found a \$40 price spread!

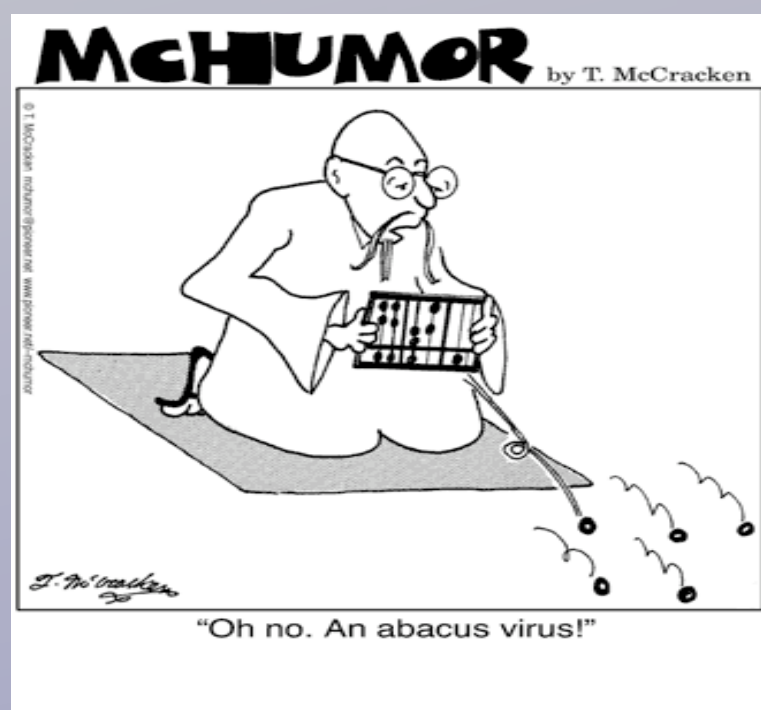
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As promised in last month's iThink, I will be including from the past issues of *MacWorld* web-links (URLs) which are no longer published. Here is this month's URL.<<http://cd.macworld.com/2006/08/pizza-driver>>

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And finally, to end this column on a lighthearted note:

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# MacMembers...profiles

## Bill McCallister

### *Just a few questions...*

#### *What brought you to Brevard and TMUG?*

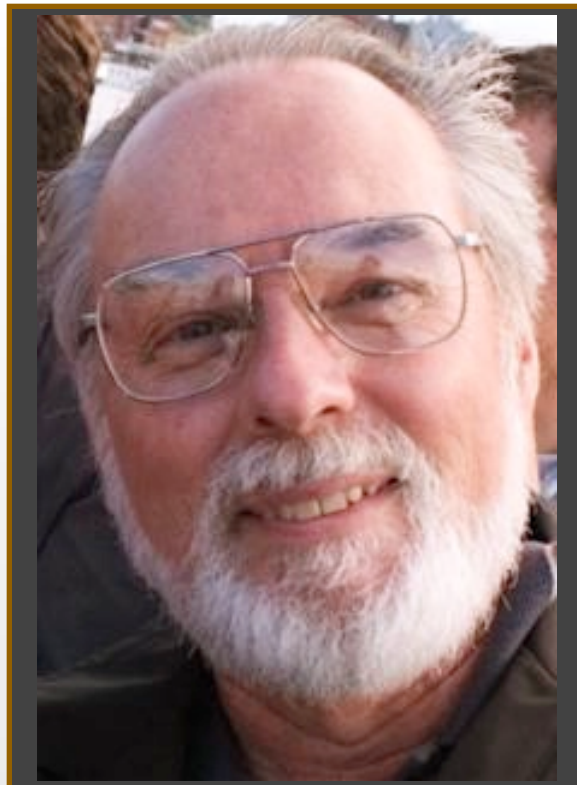
I wanted to live in the woods, near the photographic subjects I love, and knew the North Carolina mountains from my post-college days. Brevard is my wife, Terry's home town, so that's what got us here.

I have been a Mac fanatic since the original Mac II, partly because I could build a 24 bit per pixel graphics card for it and make real pictures. I heard about TMUG by word-of-mouth, and was hooked on my first visit.

#### *What paid the bills?*

Most recently, nineteen years at Lockheed, doing cockpit display architecture, graphics generation design and architectural design for aircraft computers. This was my dream job, the one you don't dare hope for. It was an honor to be there.

The other significant job was being a photographer for *The Charlotte Observer* for eleven years. When I left in 1978, I was the longest surviving photographer they ever had. We were given a lot of freedom and had very photo-savvy editors.



Those were the black and white days, Nikon Fs, Leica M3s and TRI-X.

#### *Main interests, other than Mac?*

I build and fly model airplanes, and I am very deeply into photography. I had a long dry spell after *The Observer*, and gradually regained interest when the digital darkroom became practical. Gradually, I realized that the things I always wanted to do with wet photography could be done with a computer, scanner, and printer.

I was hooked on photography again and have done some image

processing research in the last few years. Continuing that outside the university setting is great fun.

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

I used to be painfully shy and never said an unnecessary word. My turnaround in personality is a little mysterious to me, and it's not completely under control.

#### *Upcoming changes or special events in your life?*

As I am writing this, my son called to say "it's a boy"!

#### *Parting thoughts?*

I want very much to share the knowledge gained over the years. Others did it for me, and I want to pass it on. Fortunately, I'm able to do photography my own way, building on experience and other parts of my life.

I'm truly an interdisciplinary guy, which might help to explain the short teaching sessions I try to do occasionally with Dave at the Digital PSIG meetings. Many thanks to him. ☺

### **Upcoming TMUG Meetings:**

#### **Next General Meeting**

September 8, 2007

10:00 AM

**Topics:** "iMovie Changed My Life"  
**David Day**

"Messaging Options"  
**Ed Coye**

#### **Mac Basic 101**

September 08, 2007

8:40 AM

**Topic:** Holiday Letter using "Pages"

### **PartyTime Pics:**

Were you at Virginia MacDonald's TMUG's Mac Summer Soiree?



Check out more of the fun, people, and food at

<http://tinyurl.com/2yf4ma>

All photos courtesy of David Day

### **Upcoming TMUG Meetings:**

#### **Photography SIG**

September 01, 2007

9:00 AM

**Topic:** "Textures in Photoshop"  
by **Warren Bedell**

#### **Everything TMUG:**

Visit <http://www.transylvaniamug.org>

Location: [MAP](#)



# Basic Mac 101

## It's not about the computer!

When's the last time you thought actively about your computer? A little too philosophical at this time of day for you? Actually, I bet you may not have thought of how the world of computing has changed in say the last 10 years or so, but it has, without many of us even noticing. No longer is having a Mac about owning a computer, it's all about communication.

So why does Basic Mac 101 exist? To help you learn how to increase your effectiveness in communicating with your computer, to enhance your interactions with your family, neighborhood, work, friends, and increasingly the broader global community. No matter if these places are real or virtual, it's all about dialogue and sometimes, as Marshall McLuan wrote in 1967, "*The Medium is the Message*".

Recently, I helped an older cousin with her first ever purchase, and use, of a computer (Mac, of course!), and not until I used the words "communication tool" did she understand why a computer was, no matter what one's age, part of today's necessary elements to fully participate in one's understanding and involvement with the family of man. . . And, despite her slight computer fear, did not want to be out of the loop any longer.

Come on and join Mac Basic 101, as we pursue learning new, different, or perhaps better ways to communicate using all the many and varied tools Mac offers. This month we're going to peek at "Pages", perhaps formulating the ever popular Holiday Newsletter, without you putting pen to paper. Promises to be a fun time, regardless if you own, or not, Apple's iWork (which contains "Pages"). If you have used "AppleWorks", you just might be ready for this next publishing generation.

Make a note in iCal (unless you already subscribe to the TMUG calendar) for Saturday, Sept. 08, at 8:40 am, a hour or so before the regular TMUG meeting. And if it's still warm outside, a holiday letter might just make you cooler!

*LiB Shore, Basic Mac 101 coordinator*

## G'Day: A Few Words...

What a great time to be a MacAholic! As many of you are aware, I spend time (probably an inordinate amount) in Brevard's coffee shops, mainly the Brighter Day shop near Food Lion. I go there because I have some photos hanging in the shop, and it feels like "home". Anyway, I see many more Macs in use than I did just a couple of years ago. Students, retirees, working folks...all of 'em enjoying the brilliant tools Apple has produced, to enrich their life experiences.

This year has been particularly good for us: In June, Apple "joined" a classic battle with another major industry, that of the mobile phone manufacturers. The iPhone has transformed the expectations of the buying public in the

market for "smart phones"....which, in-and-of itself is archaic. Apple has changed the ball game SO greatly that calling it a "smart phone" doesn't seem to fully describe how this product promises to affect the state-of-the-art in mobile communication.

In the context of today's product offerings from Nokia, Moto and others, it is a "leap-frog" product. Take a minute and see what this AP article says <http://apnews.excite.com/article/20070824/D8R75PKG0.html>

Additionally, the most recent Apple product announcement included new iMacs, with an industrial design that is beautiful to look at and quite an engineering feat. I'm sure they'll sell lots of them - and the iLife software suite was updated, substantially. At the last meeting, I ranted about how I think the new version of iMovie could have as much impact on the way video is used and shared, as iTunes did for recorded music distribution. If you

think about the iPod/iTunes juggernaut and then consider how iMovie/iPhoto and the iPhone team up, the vision is quite clear: Steve Jobs wants to create another paradigm for how we share our lives, experiences and ideas. And, to do it in a way that uses the unique products and services that Apple sells. Reprise market dominance anyone?

My hope for TMUG is that we are able to help you use the current Mac tools (toys?) we own to the fullest, and be ready to benefit from new technology and services that are inevitably coming our way. And, in a larger context, that we as a group can give back to our community by employing what we learn to benefit others. Come join us for the ride!

Cya at the next meeting,

**David Day,**  
*illustrious head honcho of TMUG &  
Digital PSIG,,  
Managing editor TMUG NEWS;*