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# TMUG NEWS

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*Coming soon-*

*The First TMUG Calendar*



For the greater majority of this year, several members of the Photography Special Interest Group, (PSIG), have been busy photographing the beautifully varied metalworks sculptures that populate different areas of downtown Brevard, and have completed their task.

Under the direction of the project manager and curator, **Ron Rutherford**, all the digital images taken by the participants of the fourteen diverse and interesting critters had been compiled by Ron, then reviewed and judged by a stellar panel of PSIG's most professional and knowledgeable photographers: **Warren Bedell**, **Ron Mayhew**, and **Jeff Miller**. A generous thank-you to our judges, giving selflessly of their time and expertise.

Those chosen images are now in a professionally formatted calendar, using Apple's iPhoto'08, from the iLife application. Full color with large photographs, this calendar is suitable for any location, business or home. This is the perfect gift, (one size fits all), a first edition TMUG memorabilia, great for friends and family, not to mention yourself.

More details coming very soon to place your orders-don't miss out on this very special and unique piece of TMUG and Brevard cultural scene. Plan to order early and often! Apple pricing is \$20-\$22 depending on quantity.

None sold in stores, on late night TV, or Amazon-a TMUG exclusive! Quantities limited to pre-orders sold. Don't let this once-in-a-year opportunity slip through your hands, be the envy of the PC crowd, a calendar you'll be proud to showcase and enjoy.

Think of the opportunity for eBay in several years with your cherished copy. Buy early and often, so you don't become one of those bidding for the copy someone is willing to auction for megabucks. You deserve the best-TMUG, PSIG, the sculpture artists of Brevard, and Apple now offer it to you. Soon. Very soon.

*By LiB Shore, Editor-in-chief*

# iThink - by the Etowah kid

Do ever have the need for a FireWire cable? Most of us at some time or another will need to connect an external hard drive that wasn't supplied with a FireWire cable or even connect two Macs together to transfer data when installing a new Mac or some other reason. I've come across a vendor, TriangleCables.com, that offers excellent quality and outstanding prices for FireWire cables. You can also purchase cables locally from vendors such as Radio Shack or Walmart. The prices will, most likely be, considerably higher than that at TriangleCables.com

A ten-foot 6-pin-to-6-pin Firewire would be used to connect external hard drives to your 400 MHz FireWire port or to connect two Macs together. <<http://www.trianglecables.com/10footfirii32.html>>

Another excellent quality, albeit expensive, choice for FireWire cables are those made by Belkin. <[http://catalog.belkin.com/IWCatProductPage.process?Product\\_Id=62338](http://catalog.belkin.com/IWCatProductPage.process?Product_Id=62338)> (15-foot).

**Caution:** There are several configurations for FireWire cables. Make sure the one you need is the one you order!

YMMV\* Compare the prices! My experience with Triangle Cables service and delivery times have been excellent!  
 (\*Geektalk for Your Mileage May Vary)

I'm sure a few are wondering what the heck is FireWire. There are four main types of computer cables, FireWire is but one of them.

### Common types of Mac (and PC too) computer cables 101

Many types of computer cables have been in use over the years to connect computers to other devices or other computers. Some thingies (that's technical talk for electronic devices) that can be connected via the various wires and connectors are:

- Other computers - including PCs
- External Hard Drives
- Digital Cameras
- Scanners
- Printers
- Modems
- Hubs (they allow more cables to be attached to external devices)

The links below that summarize each type (complete with photographs):

● FireWire <<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/firewire.htm>>  
 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FireWire>>

● USB <<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/usb.htm>>  
 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USB>>

● Ethernet <<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/ethernet.htm>>  
 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethernet>>

● RJ-11 <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RJ-11>>



iThink is including a Web Links (URLs) from a past issues of MacWorld. For some reason never explained - probably due to cost - these gems were discontinued earlier this year. This month's URL is:  
 <<http://cd.macworld.com/2006/09/mouse-text>>

Once again, the cartoon is from T. McCracken (reproduced with permission)  
 <<http://www.pioneertelephonecoop.com/~mchumor/>>

# MacMembers...profiles

## Paul Jaques

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

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

As my wife, Margaret, and I have outdoor interests, a temperate four-season climate was a priority, with a small town living environment, opportunities for cultural, educational, music, and art activities in a friendly safe environment were vital. Having moved six times, including an international move, we have it all in Brevard. What a gem.

I saw Frank Pearsall's *Transylvania Times* article seeking interested parties to start a Mac user group and realized that I was not the only Mac enthusiast in Transylvania County. Then when the digital camera group surfaced, I thought, this cannot be true!

#### *What paid the bills?*

My first job in 1963, following military service, was in marketing and sales, traveling throughout England, Scandinavia, and Europe.

In 1977 the American market presented a great opportunity to relocate to Pittsburgh, where I worked for 26 years until the corporation was sold. Fortunately, I then had the opportunity to join a German engineering company in Wisconsin.



It is said, "If you ever find a career that you love, you will never work another day in your life". I was one of the lucky ones.

*Main interests, other than Mac?*  
I golf, volunteer at SCORE; hike, do digital photography, enjoy woodworking, gardening with my wife, and writing my memoirs.

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

I believe that I treat people, as I would wish to be treated and never ask anyone to do something that I am not prepared to do myself.

I am proud of my heritage and would like to be remembered as being dependable and trustworthy.

And regret not bonding with my son in his teen years.

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

Visiting Wisconsin to see my son, daughter-in-law, two grandsons, and eldest sister. Early October we're going to England to see my other sister, Margaret's mother and revisit some old haunts from my childhood.

#### *Parting thoughts?*

Thoroughly enjoy my varied, full life. Feel blessed to have found Brevard, new friends, and the Mac group which is very important to me.

I feel somewhat inadequate and challenged with the pace of technology, and no doubt will be looking for lots of help in the next twelve to eighteen months when I would like to go all digital and wireless! 🍏

### **Upcoming TMUG Meetings:**

#### **Next General Meeting**

October 13, 2007

10:00 AM

**Topics:** "Skype, VOIP and more" - **Ed Coye**

Preview! The TMUG Calendar

#### **Mac Basic 101**

October 13, 2007

8:40 AM

**Topic:** "When Good Computers Do Bad"

### **LEOPARD is Coming!**



**Photo courtesy of Jo Ann Crebbin**

### **Upcoming TMUG Meetings:**

#### **Photography SIG**

October 06, 2007

9:00 AM

#### **Topics:**

"iPhoto & iMovie-creating a slide presentation"  
TMUG Calendar Preview

#### **Everything TMUG:**

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

Location: [MAP](#)



# Basic Mac 101

## *Wish you had this key?*

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all you had to do to fix a problem with your balky software (like Pages!), miserable internet connection, or another vexing hardware problem was to hit this little red button? Then, as if by magic, all your issues (at least with the computer) would be fixed, back on the right track. Mac (and you) would be running smoothly again. DREAM WORLD! Sorry, no chance, at least right now, but there is hope for all you weary, lost Mac souls.

At this month's upcoming Basic Mac 101 meeting we'll have close to that magic button, ways to fix the unfixable (maybe), tricks and techniques that perhaps you were not aware that can solve those little annoyances, big problems, clueless glitches, or the ever popular "now what?" that threaten to drive you insane, at least for that moment.

Doesn't matter if you are brand new to the computer world or new to the wonderful world of Mac, there is always something new to learn, some tidbit or kernel of knowledge to have in your toolbag for instant repairs, sort of like Mac Duct Tape. We'll explore some of the more common ways to extricate yourself from these unwelcome surprises, ways to put *YOU* back in the driver's seat, take control of your mouse, and live happily ever after. Well, not quite, but, we'll have fun in the process so you'll have that Mac Duct Tape ready and waiting. Forewarned is forearmed (or something like that.)

SO, make a note in iCal (unless you already subscribe to the TMUG calendar) for October, 13, at 8:40 am, a hour or so before the regular TMUG meeting. Grab a cup of whatever from Quotations, meet some like minded MacFolk, and enjoy learning something new.

*LiB Shore, Basic Mac 101 coordinator*

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

After a couple of years (has it been THAT long?), we're running low on presentation topics for meetings. I've often asked for suggestions from the group, and get a few from time to time, but normally folks just want to be "entertained". So, as long as Apple continues to announce killer products on a reasonable schedule and keeps the media hype going, Ed and I will have something to talk about (tempered sarcasm here)...

Well, this is NOT in the best interest of the group, in my opinion. LiB Shore is doing a fine job with the Mac 101 idea, covering "how-to" topics in each meeting....no arm waving, no socio-political pontification, no rants about future trends...just good, use-

able information that helps new Mac users understand and use their computers. The group grows every month and there is a fertile atmosphere of learning.

So, because the General Meeting is aimed at ALL Mac users, and reaches an audience of many levels of expertise, how best to choose topics? At the Photography Special Interest Group this month (Saturday, 10/6) we're gonna try something new - I've asked a member with a specific problem to allow us to work through her dilemma in "public", using her real-world data (in this case video clips) and Apple's software.

Rather than a "canned" training session that presents what I (or any presenter) thinks is important about the topic, we'll delve into the tools with a goal of helping solve a problem. This is what we called a "Case Study" in graduate school, I think. Anyway, it can be an effective teaching tool, so I'd like to give it a

try. We'll be using iPhoto, iMovie and iDVD for this first one.

If you have a project that is stymied by a lack of understanding or training, one that you feel might create a good illustrative session for others to follow, please mention it to Ed or me at a meeting, visit the TMUG Forum and start a topic about it, or send me an email at "[president@transylvaniamug.org](mailto:president@transylvaniamug.org)"

At meetings we normally slog through several hours on a Saturday morning and it is critical that our members get something valuable in return for their time and interest; I hope this approach will help "fill-in" content for meetings when Apple's marketing juggernaut is waiting for the Next Big Thing, and provide members a satisfying learning experience.

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