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## Meeting Calendar

This information was compiled as this newsletter was being assembled and is subject to change. As always, confirm the meeting date, time, and location with the meeting leader or the Mini'app'les website: [www.miniapples.org](http://www.miniapples.org).

Meeting Calendar – February 2014			
Wednesday	Mar 12	7:00 pm	TC Lightroom User Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mini'app'les Meeting</b>
Thursday	Mar 20	7:00 am	Mac Consultants SIG
Thursday	Mar 27	7:00 pm	FileMaker Pro SIG

Meeting Locations and Leaders		
Meeting	Location	Leader
TC Lightroom User Group*	Concordia University, Library Tech Center, Room 214, 1282 Concordia Ave, St. Paul ( <a href="#">map</a> )	Jeanne Rubbo
<b>Mini'app'les Meeting</b>	Hack Factory, 3119 E. 26th St, Mpls ( <a href="#">map</a> )	Tim Drenk, 952-479-0891
Mac Consultants SIG	Good Day Cafe, 5410 Wayzata Blvd., Golden Valley ( <a href="#">map</a> )	Bob Demeules, 763-559-1124
FileMaker Pro SIG	9201 Penn Ave S. Bloomington	Steve Wilmes, 651-458-1513

\* This SIG is NOT sponsored by Mini'app'les; the listing is provided as a service to members.

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## Mini'app'les Annual Meeting

By [Tim Drenk](#)

The annual Mini'app'les meeting was held at the Washburn Library's meeting room ([map](#)) on Saturday, February 15th at 1:00 pm. Thanks to those that attended and braved the heavy snow and cold weather.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of the introduction of the Mac, we talked about different members' first Macintosh computer and other memories from the first years of Macintosh computing.

We had a contest to see who can bring in the oldest Mac related item in three categories. The first was for oldest Macintosh computer. Dave Lundin brought in a Macintosh 128k. The second was for the oldest Macintosh software on factory media. Joel Gerdeen brought in Multiplan, developed by Microsoft. The third was for the oldest Macintosh periphery or accessory. Tom Ostertag brought in a Mac Cracker Tool, a long torx screw driver to remove the case on a the first few Macintosh computers. Each received a \$25 Apple gift card. Using an iOS app, NameSelector, Randy Hilden was selected as our lucky winner of an AppleTV.

The current board of directors are were all willing to remain in their positions and were nominated for their current roles on the board. There were no other nominees.

The meeting concluded with a number of Apple branded door prizes given out, courtesy of Sandy Foderick.

Thank you to all those the participated in this years annual meeting.

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## February Mini'app'les Meeting

By [Tim Drenk](#)

This month we had a full meeting of questions and answers. We talked about some of the latest security concerns and best practices. We look at a few iOS apps like Deliver Status and The Room Two. And we talked about some Mac apps like Bartender which lets you organize your menu bar items, by hiding them, rearranging them, or moving them to Bartender's Bar.

Next month at 6:30 P.M., members of the board and other knowledgeable people will be available if you have specific questions you would like answered. We will do our best to address your question and help you troubleshoot the issue.

At 7:00 P.M., we will look at the new Keynote, Numbers, and Pages. With the new versions, many features have changed from previous version. We will look at what those new features and how best to use them.

If there is a topic that you are interested in learning more about, please contact me ([timdrenk@miniapples.org](mailto:timdrenk@miniapples.org)) or Jeff ([jeff@purpleshark.com](mailto:jeff@purpleshark.com)).

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## Special Offers from the Apple User Group Advisory Board

The Apple User Group Advisory Board provides user group members with discounts on a variety of software, books, magazines, and other items related to the Mac. Go to their website below and use the password ugcoolbuys (valid through March 15) to see the current offers. As requested by the Apple User Group Advisory Board, please do not make links or password publicly available.

<http://appleusergroupresources.com/special-offers-with-codes/>

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## A Few Interesting Articles

by [Tim Drenk](#)

Here are some interesting articles I came across in the last few weeks:

- Five things you should know about iOS security by Macworld Staff

Security is an extra-hot topic these days, as all sorts of government agencies short on letters but long on budgets keep getting accused of spying on their own citizens, and debates rage on whether what look like accidental bugs may actually turn out to be quite intentional.

In the midst of all the ruckus, Apple has updated its iOS Security whitepaper, a longstanding document outlining the thought processes and technologies that go into keeping its mobile platform as secure as possible. Here are just a few of the most interesting tidbits from this latest revision.

[\(Continue reading at macworld.com\)](#)

- Opinion: How will Apple maintain usability on a larger iPhone? by Electronista Staff

A larger iPhone 6 could bring Apple challenges for general usability

If the rumor mill is to be given any credence, Apple will be releasing an iPhone with a larger display, possibly between 4.5 and 4.8-inches, along with a larger 5.5-inch or 6-inch 'phablet' later this year. Although Apple has been content to run its own race historically, the rise in popularity of large Android smartphones, and the expectations of Wall Street, almost demands that Apple offers an iPhone that appeals to users who prefer larger displays. In fact, it would be more of surprise come the unveiling of the 'iPhone 6' if Apple were to release only another 4-inch device. Until now, Apple's seeming

reluctance to embrace a larger iPhone has revolved around one-handed usability and what it considers to be unacceptable trade-offs that compromise the user experience. If Apple does indeed launch an iPhone with a larger display, how will it maintain the usability of an iPhone with a larger display?

[\(Continue reading at electronista.com\)](#)

- That NBC story 100% fraudulent by Robert Graham

On February 4th, NBC News ran a story claiming that if you bring your mobile phone or laptop to the Sochi Olympics, it'll immediately be hacked the moment you turn it on. The story was fabricated. The technical details relate to going to the Olympics in cyberspace (visiting websites), not going to there in person and using their local WiFi.

The story shows Richard Engel "getting hacked" while in a cafe in Russia. It is wrong in every salient detail.

[\(Continue reading at erratasec.com\)](#)

- How One Scammer Manipulated Apple's Top Charts to Earn Tens of Thousands Daily Using a \$10 GameSalad Template by Sarah Perez

Something fishy has been going on with Apple's App Store top charts. No, I'm not talking about "Flappy Bird" (well, maybe that too), but rather how on earth two different developers used a \$10 GameSalad template to send their respective apps — one free, and one paid — into the App Store's top charts. And more importantly, how did that paid app keep climbing the charts, earning a developer who's clearly a well-known scammer, a lot of money?

Industry insiders noticed this was happening earlier this month, though word

has spread further as the apps climbed higher and higher in the charts.

[\(Continue reading at techcrunch.com\)](#)

- Apple touts secure design of iOS as Google chief admits Android is best target for malicious hackers by Daniel Eran Dilger

Speaking at Mobile World Conference, Google's new Android chief Sundar Pichai admitted that security plays second fiddle to "freedom" in the design and implementation of Google's mobile operation system, exposing Android users to an overwhelming, disproportionate share of malware vulnerabilities.

Last month, a report by Cisco detailed that 99 percent of mobile malware targets Android, echoing the "staggering rate" of malware growth observed last summer by Juniper Networks in a report that noted that "77 percent of Android's threats could be largely eliminated today if all Android devices had the latest OS. Currently only 4 percent do."

When asked about Android's malware problems, Pichai (the Chrome OS executive who replaced Andy Rubin as the head of Google's Android development early last year) answered by saying that Android is not really "designed to be safe" but rather to provide "freedom."

[\(Continue reading at appleinsider.com\)](#)

- 1981 document shows why mouse pointer is tilted and not straight

When the graphical user interface was later developed by Xerox, however, the team found that the vertical pointer was almost impossible to see due to the low resolution displays in use at the time.

Rather than make the pointer larger, the decision was made to turn it 45 degrees, making it easy to see. Despite the high

resolution displays we have today, the concept has managed to stick for 33 years.

[\(Continue reading at 8bitfuture.com\)](#)

- 3 Free iOS Apps That Will Smarten You Up by Vern Seward

There are some really smart people out there. I mean walking encyclopedias, calculus czars, history hercules. These folks can perform feats of mental might that make us mere mortals appear meaningless, minute, or merely minor.

I'm comfortable with my intelligence (or lack thereof), but whenever I encounter these mental giants, I am at once awed, envious, and humbled.

Awed by the absolute wonder that is the human brain and its ability to perform at levels that just don't seem human at all.

[\(Continue reading at macobserver.com\)](#)

## Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone call or an email away. Please

call only during the appropriate times, and **only if you are a current Mini'app'les member** and own the software in question.

Apple II / IIGS Software & Hardware.....	NV
AppleWorks / ClarisWorks .....	2, 3
Classic Macs .....	NV
Cross-Platform File Transfer .....	1, 2
FileMaker Pro .....	NV
iMacs .....	NV
Intel-Based Macs .....	NV
iPhoto.....	1, 2
iMovie.....	NV
iWork.....	1, 3
Mac OS Classic .....	2

Mac OS X.....	NV
Microsoft Excel .....	4
Microsoft Word.....	1, 4
Networks.....	NV
New Users.....	NV
PhotoShop .....	NV
QuarkXPress.....	4
Quicken.....	NV
QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro .....	NV
VectorWorks .....	NV

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D = Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E = Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

W = Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

NV = No Volunteer

Please call at reasonable hours and ask if it is a convenient time for helping you. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our forums. We appreciate your cooperation.

**Mini'app'les needs more volunteers for Members Helping Members** — If you are willing to be a Members Helping Members volunteer, please send an email message to Membership Director Randy Hilden with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software and hardware areas you are willing to support.

## Mini'app'les Membership Application and Renewal Form

Membership cost is \$15.00 for one year. To pay electronically using PayPal, visit the Mini'app'les [website](#).

If you prefer to pay by check, use the form below. Please make your check payable to "Mini'app'les."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if mailed to): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ID # (if renewal): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your email address will NOT be sold, shared, or distributed. It will be used only for official Mini'app'les business such as distribution of the newsletter and membership renewal reminders.*

\_\_\_\_ Check if this is a change of address notice

\_\_\_\_ Check if you want to volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Check if you want to be added to "Members Helping Members"

\_\_\_\_ Check if you were referred by a club member (if so, please give member's name)

Please mail this application and your payment to:

Mini'app'les

PO Box 27712

Minneapolis, MN 55427

Thank you for your support!

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### Benefits of Mini'app'les Membership

- Access to our Members Helping Members network of professional and advanced users of Apple technologies. These members volunteer their time to help other members with software, hardware, and other Apple related issues.
- A variety of Mac Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that meet each month.
- Multi-SIG meetings and workshops to help members with computer problems. You can bring your equipment to these events and receive support from knowledgeable Mac users to help diagnose your problem(s).
- Participation in drawings for computer hardware, software, and other computer related materials.
- Discounts from vendors and manufacturers. Refer to the on-line forums for current offers.

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the Minnesota apple computer users' group, inc.

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**Questions** — Members with technical questions should refer to the Members Helping Members section or bring their questions to an appropriate SIG meeting. Please direct other questions to an appropriate board member.

**Dealers** — Mini'app'les does not endorse specific dealers. The club promotes distribution of information that may help members identify best buys and service. The club itself does not participate in bulk purchases of media, software, hardware, and publications. Members may organize such activities on behalf of other members.

**Submissions** — We welcome contributions from our members. Perhaps you're using new software that you just can't live without. Maybe you have a new piece of hardware that you find extremely useful and of high quality. On the other hand, you might be struggling with problematic software or hardware. Why not share your experience with other members by writing a product review? Doing so may steer others towards quality products or help them avoid the problems you may be having.

Submissions must be received by the 15th day of each month to be included in the next month's newsletter. Please send contributions directly to our post office box (Mini'app'les, PO Box 27712, Minneapolis, MN 55427), or email them to [info@miniapples.org](mailto:info@miniapples.org).

The deadline for material for the next newsletter is the fifteenth of the month. An article will be printed when space permits and, if in the opinion of the Newsletter Editor or Publications Director, it constitutes material suitable for publication.

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