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Announcement



Second Annual Macstock Conference: July 16 – 17 in Woodstock IL

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Macstock Conference & Expo 2016 is an event for folks who use and love Apple products. But Macstock is a different sort of Apple-related event. It's smaller. It's grassroots. And it's entirely about the Apple community!

Building on the success of the first Macstock in 2015, Macstock 2016 will once again feature speakers from throughout the Mac and iOS-using community including: Don McAllister, Allison Sheridan, Chuck Joiner, Adam Christianson, Victor Cajiao, Wally Cherwinski, Tim Robertson, Guy Serle, Julie Kuehl, Tom Piper and more!

For a limited time, when you use the special coupon code AUGB50OFF at macstock2016.com, you will save \$50 off the regular ticket price of \$149!

Your ticket to Macstock gives you access to a full weekend of activities including:

- 2 Day Admission to Macstock 2016
- All Macstock Speaker Sessions
- Speaker Roundtable Session
- Deeper Dive Sessions (limited seating)
- Lunch on Saturday
- Dinner at the Midwest Mac BBQ Saturday Evening
- Continental Breakfast on Sunday
- A Macstock 2016 T-Shirt
- Main Stage Giveaways and More!



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Macstock

There will be a Macintosh convention on July 16 and 17 in Woodstock, IL. Instead of trying re-typing the announcement, I have included a screen cap it. If you cannot read it, the URL of the announcement the I saw is "www.appleusergroupresources.com". It is not a bargain, but they do seem to give quite a bit for the money.

This is going to be mostly tech news because Apple has been very quiet.

Security remains a hot issue. States, California among them, are starting to pass laws banning devices that the manufacturer cannot unlock.

When I talk to people about this they say that they have nothing to hide and that their lives would bore "snoopers". The requirement that police get search warrants was not put in the Constitution to use up a glut of ink.

Many of us graduated from college between 1965 and 1975. Please remember what happened to even "insignificant" people who said something that irritated the powers that be. We have seen what can happen when police feel that they operate under no restraints. Also, if someone decides they don't like you they can twist something innocent into something entirely different.

Financial

Apple Stock has fallen below \$100 per share for the first time in many years. Tim Cook keeps saying that China is Apple's

future so when China stumbles, Apple stumbles with it.

The Super Bowl was held in San Francisco. Silicon Valley is part of the region and many IT companies, Apple included, are doing the municipal booster thing. Apple is not asking for a mention from anyone and is not letting its trademark be used. The way Apple tells it, they should make the NFL pay *them*.

Hardware

The big news here is the iPhone 7. It is predicted to be waterproof, but in order to do this the 3.5mm earphone plug will have to go because it needs a hole in the phone that water can use to enter the phone. There has been a lot of emphasis on Bluetooth earphones, but what about the remote microphone that dangles from Apples' earbuds? Since I first wrote this it is becoming more 'certain' that the iPhone 7 will not have a place to plug a hearing device - headphones, earbuds, etc, into. It would use Bluetooth instead.

Also rumored are flush fitting camera lenses - yes, lenses. The second is rumored to be for close ups.

There are rumors about an iPad three, but they are very non-specific. Sales of the iPad are very low - with the MacBook Airs on one side and larger telephones on the other the iPad is being squeezed out. Your editor is thinking that his new phone will be a "+" model. There are few iPad specific apps and if text is large enough to read, that should do it. I use my iPad much more than my phone, but consolidation seems to be in order. Oh, one more thing the new iPad is rumored to have four speakers for stereo.

New screen protector service

In partnership with Belkin, Apple is launching a service at Apple Stores whereby screen protectors can be installed on iPhones. They are using a gadget that takes the fuss out of the process. Apple Stores did this one time, but stopped because doing it by hand was such a horrible process it was using too much Genius time. Now, using Belkin's gadget, this has been much improved.

Apple is also launching a new upgrade program that will include damaged iPhones, as a larger discount, of course.

"Streaming" Apple TV

Remember when all TV was streaming? In some backward households it still is. Anyway it may be coming to the Apple TV through the side door - "Channels, an app for watching live television through the new Apple TV, has received a substantial update with timeshifting support. The app works in conjunction with SiliconDust HDHomeRun networked TV tuners. Users plug an antenna into the tuner, then connect the tuner to a Wi-Fi router. This setup allows for streaming live channels to other devices around the house, using companion apps such as Channels for Apple TV." (Jared Newman, Macworld)

The iPhone 6s and 6s+ do not update the battery charge level indicator properly. A fix is being sought.

Rumor has it that Apple will not introduce a free, smaller, iPhone 6 this time around. Instead, it will introduce a iPhone 5CS, which is a 4 inch phone with some extra features.

Software (Predictions)

Mac OSX 10.11.3 and iOS 9.3 are supposed to be big updates with NightShift coming to both - science has discovered that blue light frequencies just before bedtime upsets our circadian rhythm and causes sleeplessness. NightShift will dim the blue frequencies based on local time, so as not to keep people awake late at night. This is available right now in an app for the Mac called Flux, which does what night shift will do. There was an iOS version of flux, but it has been removed from the Apple Store - no doubt because Apple will soon be coming out with its own version. (You will know when flux thinks that it is bedtime because the screen turns orange.)

iOS 9.3 will also have upgraded security focusing on adding optional passwords to apps such as Notes. There will also be improved Podcast and Health apps.

iOS 9.3 will also have several school-centric and CarPlay upgrades.

(Big) Hardware

Apple has acquired domain names having to do with Apple Car, Auto, etc. Since the last newsletter it has been mentioned that Apple is thinking in terms of an SUV.

Elon Musk has begun a war of words over the "Titan". He says that Apple is not going to drop a project for which it has hired 1,000 engineers, according to him far to many from Tesla. He says he is not worried - 'If they can't cut it at Tesla, Apple can have as many as they want.' Of course if I was one of the engineers in question, that remark would inspire me to do my very best work. He said later that

he was sure that the car would be a good one. Poor guy - getting completion from Apple in Cars and Jeff Bezos in space.

Volkswagon has recently entered the self-driving car 'race'. They predict that theirs will be on the market by 2030. I predict that if that happens they will have missed the boat. Google is talking about modular cars, which is close to what I foresee. You can do that with electrics.

Apple's car may have hit a snag - the head of the project has left the company, there is a hiring freeze in Project Titan, and Johnny Ive is reported to be less than happy with something related to the project.

Security

These are the 25 worst passwords of 2015

Some people will never learn.

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Here's Splashdata's complete list of the 25 worst passwords for 2015, with their ranking from 2014 in brackets:

- 1 123456 (Unchanged)
- 2 password (Unchanged)
- 3 12345678 (Up 1)
- 4 qwerty (Up 1)
- 5 12345 (Down 2)
- 6 123456789 (Unchanged)
- 7 football (Up 3)
- 8 1234 (Down 1)
- 9 1234567 (Up 2)
- 10 baseball (Down 2)
- 11 welcome (New)
- 12 1234567890 (New)
- 13 abc123 (Up 1)

- 14 111111 (Up 1)
- 15 1qaz2wsx (New)
- 16 dragon (Down 7)
- 17 master (Up 2)
- 18 monkey (Down 6)
- 19 letmein (Down 6)
- 20 login (New)
- 21 princess (New)
- 22 qwertyuiop (New)
- 23 solo (New)
- 24 passw0rd (New)
- 25 starwars (New)

Save yourself

There's no doubt about it, managing passwords is a pain, but they're the best security measure available right now. [Tech companies are working to change that](#), but at the moment there's no getting around the need for good, strong passwords.

The best thing to do is create long, random passwords that are hard to guess. Your passwords should use a combination of letters (including different cases), numbers, and symbols if possible. Also make sure you use a unique password for every major account you have including banking, email, Paypal, social networks, and any website that has your credit card data, such as Amazon.

If you have trouble remembering those new passwords then use a password manager such as KeePass, LastPass, Dashlane, or SplashID.

You should also use multi-factor authentication whenever it's offered to keep your accounts extra safe. That way if you ever lose control of your password malicious hackers won't be able to break into your account without the numeric code generated on your smartphone.

Most major services support multi-factor authentication, including [Amazon](#), Facebook, Gmail, Microsoft, and Twitter. Keeping your accounts secure isn't simple, but if you stick to the basics it's not that hard—and sticking to best practices will save you from headaches should your account credentials end up in the hands of hackers.

Using a tool like 1Password is a great idea, but most if not all of us have been using computers for decades and have passwords, mostly on web sites that are all over the map. That is a large “installed base” to deal with. I guess the idea would be when a child gets their first computer, iPassword, or the like, is installed on it.

Biometrics may be closer than people think. Osco on Halsted in Homewood has “registers” that use a form of security that works like Touch ID. There his hope.

Did you know?

You can ask Siri to “Play the sound of ...”

BE VERY CAREFUL IF YOU TRY THIS

List follows

farts
sand trombone
chipmunk laugh
applause
crowd booing
footsteps
a heartbeat
laser
bees buzzing
space computer (? Mrs Rodenberry? aka Majel Barret)

shattered glass
pain
the ocean
space
silence

BE VERY CAREFUL IF YOU TRY THIS!!

I tried this and Siri did not seem to know what I was talking about. She went to a Web site called FX and started playing sounds. There is no notice of what app she is using and it does not automatically show up on the screen.

Speaking of shutting things off ...
How to cancel subscriptions in iOS

Tap Settings

iTunes and App Store

enter Apple ID

tap View Apple ID (you will probably be asked to sign in.)

Subscriptions

Manage

Tap the subscription you want to manage

Use the option you want

The subscription will stop the next time it comes up for renewal

“More than 100 models to choose from. Every major automobile manufacturer currently offers models that support CarPlay or is planning to introduce them. Check this list for the latest information.*

Audi

- 2017 Q7
- 2017 A4

Buick

- 2016 LaCrosse
- 2016 Regal

Cadillac

- 2016 ATS
- 2016 ATS Coupe
- 2016 ATS-V
- 2016 ELR
- 2016 CTS
- 2016 CTS-V
- 2016 XTS
- 2016 Escalade
- 2016 Escalade ESV
- 2016 CT6

Chevrolet

- 2016 Spark
- 2016 Cruze
- 2016 Malibu
- 2016 Camaro
- 2016 Camaro Convertible
- 2016 Silverado
- 2016 Silverado HD
- 2016 Impala
- 2016 Volt
- 2016 Corvette
- 2016 Corvette Convertible
- 2016 Colorado
- 2016 Tahoe
- 2016 Suburban

Citroën

- 2016 C3
- 2016 C4
- 2016 C5
- 2016 Berlingo Multispace

DS

- 2016 DS 3
- 2016 DS 3 Cabrio
- 2016 DS 4
- 2016 DS 5

Ferrari

- 2016 California T
- 2016 488 Spider
- 2016 488 GTB
- 2016 F12 Berlinetta
- 2016 F12 tdf
- 2016 FF

Ford

- 2017 Ford Escape

GMC

- 2016 Canyon
- 2016 Yukon
- 2016 Yukon XL
- 2016 Sierra

Honda

- 2016 Accord
- 2016 Civic
- 2017 NSX

Hyundai

- 2016 Sonata
- 2017 Elantra

Mercedes

- 2016 A-Class
- 2016 B-Class
- 2016 GLE-Class
- 2016 CLA-Class
- 2016 CLS-Class
- 2016 E-Class Coupe
- 2016 E-Class Cabriolet
- 2016 GLA-Class

Mitsubishi

- 2016 Pajero
- 2017 Mirage

Opel

- 2016 Adam
- 2016 KARL
- 2016 Corsa
- 2016 Astra
- 2016 Insignia

Porsche

2016 911
2017 Macan

Peugeot

2016 208
2016 Partner Teepe

Seat

2016 Ibiza
2016 Leon
2016 Toledo
2016 Alhambra

Škoda

2016 Superb
2016 Fabia
2016 Rapid
2016 Octavia
2016 Yeti

Suzuki

2016 Baleno
2016 Vitara
2016 SX4 S-CROSS
2016 Ciaz

Volkswagen

2016 Jetta
2016 Passat
2016 CC
2016 Beetle
2016 Beetle Cabrio
2016 Golf
2016 GTI
2016 Golf R
2016 e-Golf
2016 Tiguan
2016 Golf SportWagen
2016 Fox
2016 Polo
2016 Scirocco
2016 Sharan
2016 Spacefox
2016 Touran
2016 Lamando

Volvo

2016 XC90
2017 S90”