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iLife '06 - First Look



Apple® announced iLife® '06 at Macworld SF, the most significant upgrade to Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications ever. iLife '06 features iPhoto® 6 with blazing performance, new printed books, calendars and cards, and Apple's innovative new Photocasting™ for sharing photos over the Internet; iMovie® HD 6 with new motion themes for adding spectacular production value to your movies; iDVD® 6 for authoring custom DVDs for today's widescreen TVs; and GarageBand™ 3, now the complete solution for creating professional-quality Podcasts. iLife '06 also introduces iWeb™, a new iLife application that makes it super-easy to create amazing websites with photos, blogs and Podcasts and publish them on .Mac for viewing by anyone on the Internet with just a single click.

"This is the most exciting iLife upgrade ever," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Apple pioneered applications to serve our emerging digital lifestyle and then consolidated them into the iLife suite. With this major upgrade to iLife, we're leaping even further ahead of anything available for the PC."

iLife '06 introduces iWeb, the easiest way to create professional-looking web pages, online photo albums, blogs and Podcasts in minutes. Apple-designed templates help create stunning websites and the iLife media browser makes adding photos, movies, music or playlists as simple as drag and drop. Powerful editing tools make it easy to customize websites without having to know HTML. iWeb works seamlessly with other iLife '06 applications as a complete solution for creating photo albums, blogs and Podcasts that can be published to the Internet with one click using .Mac.

iPhoto 6 offers blazing performance, support for up to 250,000 photos and introduces Photocasting, an innovative new way to share photos directly from within iPhoto via .Mac to friends and family. Photocasting is like Podcasting for photos where anyone can subscribe to a published photo album and automatically receive full quality photos directly within iPhoto 6 or on a PC. Pictures automatically update when the owner adds, edits or deletes a photo

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within the published album. Photos can be viewed on Apple's stunning displays with new full-screen edit and compare mode without menus or windows to distract from the image. Up to eight photos can be compared simultaneously and adjusted with a one-click image enhancements and effects panel. Professional-quality books, calendars and greeting cards are created easily by adding photos to Apple-designed themes.



iMovie HD 6 introduces revolutionary new Apple-designed motion themes that let users add Hollywood-style production value to their movies in minutes. Effects can be previewed without waiting with new real-time Core Video effects, while cinematic titling gives users flexibility to create incredible text effects. New audio enhancement tools and sound effects make movies sound as good as they look. Multiple projects can now be opened at once in iMovie HD 6 and clips can be moved among projects. iMovie HD is the easiest way to make a video Podcast which can be published with iWeb for the whole world to experience.



iDVD 6 allows users to take content shot with the latest HDV and widescreen DV cameras and author custom DVDs with widescreen menus, movies and high resolution slideshows that fill every inch of the newest widescreen TVs. iDVD 6 features 10 new Apple-designed menu themes in both widescreen (16:9) and standard (4:3) formats. iDVD 6 themes include new autofill drop zones to make customizing menus even easier. In addition, iDVD 6 can burn using compatible third-party DVD burners. iDVD 6 also includes new Magic iDVD, the easiest way ever to make a DVD. With just a few clicks, users select a theme and choose their movies and photos, Magic iDVD then automatically creates a complete DVD that's ready to burn.

In addition to being the best way to make music on a computer, GarageBand 3 is now also a complete solution for creating

professional quality Podcasts. Voices can easily be recorded using the built-in expertise of an audio engineer and Podcasts can be enhanced with radio-style sound effects and music jingles, chapter artwork and URL links. Talk show Podcasts are created easily by interviewing one or more guests simultaneously in iChat AV and recording directly into GarageBand 3. Podcasts can be posted for the world to enjoy on .Mac and submitted to iTunes® using iWeb. In addition, a new video track makes it easy to create music to score iMovie projects.

Pricing & Availability

iLife '06 is now available for a suggested retail price of \$79 (US) through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers. The iLife '06 suite of applications will be included with all new Macs. iTunes version 6.0.2 is currently available as a free download at www.apple.com. .Mac is available as a subscription-based service for \$99.95 (US) per year for individuals and \$179.95 (US) for a Family Pack which includes one master account and five sub accounts. Anyone can sign up for a free, 60-day .Mac trial from www.mac.com.

System Requirements

iLife '06 requires Mac OS X version 10.3.9 or version 10.4.3 or later (Mac OS X version 10.4.4 recommended), a Macintosh® computer with a PowerPC G4, PowerPC G5, or Intel® Core™ processor (733 MHz or faster for iDVD), 256MB of RAM (512MB recommended), iTunes 6.0.2 and QuickTime® 7.0.4 (included), a DVD drive for installation, and 10GB of available disk space. HD video requires a 1 GHz G4 or faster processor and 512MB of RAM. Burning DVDs requires an Apple SuperDrive™ or compatible third-party DVD burner. iPhoto print services are available in the US, Canada, Japan, and select European countries. A .Mac account is required for iPhoto Photocast publishing and recommended for iWeb. Mac OS X version 10.4.4 is required for iMovie themes, iPhoto Photocasts, and iChat AV recording in GarageBand.



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iPod FM Radio Remote

(Member written by Art Payne)

Apple® announced a handy new device at Macworld SF called the iPod® Radio Remote which combines the convenience of a wired remote control with new FM radio capabilities for the iPod nano and fifth generation iPod. The iPod Radio Remote is a convenient way for music lovers to skip tracks and adjust the volume of their iPod even when it's in a pocket or backpack, and listen to FM radio stations while displaying station and song information on their iPod screen.



"The iPod Radio Remote combines two great features in one elegant product," said Greg Joswiak, Apple's vice president of Worldwide iPod Product Marketing. "The iPod Radio Remote is both the best remote control and the best FM radio listening experience for iPod."



I was just thinking about buying a cheap FM radio so I could listen to other various radio stations while out of town at Macworld. iPods are one of the greatest inventions since Sliced Bread but listening to the same music over and over and over again can become quite boring after a while. When I heard Steve announce the iPod FM Remote, I thought that is just what I need. I visited the San Francisco Apple Store everyday to try and buy one. Apparently they only got 12 in the day after the announcement and 4 in later that week.

I figured I would have a better chance of snagging one back here in Detroit but both Apple Stores are out of stock with no expected delivery date. The wait time for ordering one online is 2-3 weeks. Seems that Apple would have anticipated the demand and had enough in production to meet demand especially since Steve Jobs made the "...available TODAY!" announcement at the Keynote. I finally decided to wait and buy one from Eric at CompUSA as my own little personal boycott against the Apple Retail Stores.

The iPod Radio Remote includes a pair of Apple headphones with a shorter cable, perfectly complementing the iPod Radio Remote and will begin shipping immediately (NOT) for \$49 (US) at the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers.



Local MWSF Predictions

(Member written by Art Payne)

The weekend before Macworld Expo, I decided to ask a few movers, shakers and Mac affectionados for their predictions for the upcoming Expo. Most of these replies came in over the weekend before the Expo. The correct predictions are highlighted in **BOLD** type and those that were somewhat correct or on the right path get *Underlined and Italics*.

Michigan Apple's Chris Thompson, who usually does our predictions prior to the Keynote by way of Video tape predicted *iLife '06 with iWeb (blogging tools)*, extra space on .Mac for blogging, Larger iPod nanos, larger shuffles, *iWork '06* and a little demo of 10.5 too.

Keith Burby, Michigan Apple Community Relations Director said, Steve Jobs will NOT say, "One more thing..." (wrong), the *iWork package* will include a new spreadsheet program and a wild guess here, but the iTunes music store will start selling movies (nope).

iLife Community Discussions

Our discussion boards are filled with Mac experts. Ask a question, answer a question, or simply read what other users have to say.

- [GarageBand](#)
- [iPhoto](#)
- [iMovie](#)
- [iDVD](#)
- [iTunes](#)
- [iWeb](#)

Web Screenshot from Apple's Website on 1/06/06

Additional Resources

- [iLife '06 Features](#)
- [Mac OS X Support](#)

Michelle K. of the Flint Apple Club and local eBay power seller played it safe and predicted **Steve WILL wear a black turtle-neck**, along with some *Intel discussion* and a new mac mini.

Shawn Platkus, area Mac code programmer predicted something called **iLife**

'06 with something called iWeb (maybe after seeing proof of Apple's "slip up" on the Macrumors site?).

Shawn K, a local web designer predicted Intel Media Mini Mac (wrong) and was hoping for a new iPod Shuffle, *iLife '06* with hopefully Front Row built in, and a Intel based media center computer (**new Intel iMac???**).

Finally Eric Blomberg, our favorite Apple Rep at CompUSA stated: "Let me get this straight... you want an Apple employee NOT ONLY to comment on future products but to put it in writing?" as he mentioned something about a Non Disclosure Agreement and losing his job...



Zoo Tycoon 2 for Mac

(Member Written by Kimberly Hartmus)

Zoo Tycoon 2 for Mac

Suggested Retail: \$39.99

Macsoft

<http://www.macsoftgames.com/products/zt2/zt2.html>

"The best Christmas present ever!"



I would say this at my aunt's house the day after Christmas. I was holding the Zoo Tycoon 2 box, which I carried around the house for at least three days. The best new features in this game are the map mode, the guest mode, and camera mode. In map mode, you see a map of your zoo. You are able to view your exhibits, and food places.

In guest mode, you get to walk around your zoo as if you were a guest. Also, on guest mode, you can play zookeeper. You are able to clean up poop, groom your animals, and refill your food, and water dishes.



In camera mode, you're able to remember your Kodak moments. As cool things happen, you take pictures, and build a photo album.



Something that can get annoying is that your animals can escape from their cages. I highly suggest that you do not purchase flamingos or crocodiles. The flamingos will fly out of their cage, and the crocodiles will just end up on the pathway.



You may think this game is all about animals, but you are wrong. You, as the owner of the zoo, need to care for your guests. They need places to eat too, you know. You may buy a restaurant, stands, or carts, to help your guests. They also, need places to rest, and use the bathroom.

You can also put in places, near your animals, where your guests can donate money, these are called donation boxes. As your zoo becomes more popular, you get a rating, 1-5 stars.



Is your favorite Christmas present as cool as Zoo Tycoon 2?

Zoo Tycoon 2 is available at the Apple Store, Twelve Oaks or Somerset, CompUSA or at www.apple.com.

System Requirements: G4 800MHz or faster processor, OSX v. 10.2.8 or higher, 256MB RAM, and a 32MB video card.



Board Meeting Minutes

(Submitted by Tony Moore - Secretary)

In attendance: Ron Hartmus - President; Anthony Moore - Secretary; Art Payne - Vendor Relations; Barb Quincey - Director-at-Large; Russ Ferbitz - Membership Director; Keith Burby - Community Relations; Dave Birdsong - Vice-President; Chris Thompson - Publications Director;

Absent: David Wood - Treasurer

Called to Order: 7:35

Membership Report: 61 Members; 2 Honorary; 1 Temp; 0 New; 4 Expiring; 2 renewed; 0 Drop; Russ paid our PO Box for the next 6 mos. & the cost to the Hall to have the Cable guy fix their connection was \$25 which will be reimbursed by the group because the cause was attributed to our router.

Treasurer Report: In Arizona

Art mentioned that Postage had been raised and instead of buying new Stamps for the last mailing, he used extras from his own personal supply and hoped the Board would still approve the amount without an actual receipt.

Keith and Art will coordinate to turn in the ink cartridges that have been collected to see if we get any money for them.

There was discussion about Carl's handouts and e-mails for the Green Apple Sig. Russ will talk to him and come up with a compromise about how these are handled.

Tony will do a demo of the forum on our website at the next meeting.

Art received a demo pack from Microsoft and 2 copies of Microsoft Office 2004 for giveaways. Ron said he would do the demo and use Microsoft's demo pack.

Art will make sure links to the Applegram PDF go out to everybody via e-mail.

Board nominations are in February and elections are in March. Any interested members are encouraged to run.

Art is going to eliminate the Member Help section of the Applegram because nobody uses it. There will however be the e-mail address to the Board, the phone line, and our on-line forum, which may be used by members with questions.

Tony expressed that he'd really like to see something done to help members know each other's names. We see each other often enough to feel like we know each other but not often enough to get or remember peoples names oftentimes. We will have nametags for a couple of meetings and we'd like to put up a Members section on the website with a picture and name. Any members that have privacy concerns need not participate.

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Hunting for a New Mouse

(Submitted by Tony Moore - Secretary)

For the last couple of years I've had a Kensington Studio Mouse. I've been happy with this Mouse and do recommend it if you are interested in using one. It's main downside and the reason I was looking to replace it is that it has white rubbery sides that are nice and help you to have a good grip on the mouse, however, over time this rubber accumulates that stained look from natural skin oils. And the stain would not come out with anything I tried. Also, it has a sensor scrolling touchpad instead of the usual scroll wheel. It does not work as well as the wheel but it does work and is kind of cool in a geeky way. On the plus side the mouse looks very nice with a Mac, the 2 left and right button have very good feel and sure clicks, it has an extra third button below the scrolling pad, and the rubbery sides make for a great grip.



So I was in the market for a new mouse and was tempted to get the same mouse but I kind of wanted something new. And then I remembered, The Mouse! I've always wanted that one. The Mouse, by MacMice is styled after Apples infamous Pro Mouse but has two buttons made from the entire shell and a scroll wheel. I found it on the Internet for only \$20. Great! Unfortunately it wasn't quite so great. It looks great and goes great with a Mac, but it's clear shell for some reason has some play in it when you lift up, which makes it feel... well... loose. Plus the buttons like Apples mouse uses the whole shell more or less to make the click. This looseness made it very difficult to click, hold, and lift which is important for general mouse use and imperative for me to play World of Warcraft. What happens is that when you click and lift, the shell lifts instead of the whole mouse, which causes you to unclick or lift off the click. So my mouse hunt was still on.



I like aesthetics especially with my nice Mac and I, also, like the cool glow that some mice give off. Well I found a great mouse by Creative called the FreePoint Electra. It's size and design is somewhat similar to Kensington's Studio Mouse. But instead of having rubbery sides for a sure grip the top of the mouse is somewhat wider than the bottom of the mouse, which, also, makes for a great grip. Plus the mouse glows a cool electric blue. Kind of like the blue you see on Mac OS X's default desktop screen. But unlike Apple's mouse which glows red mostly when you move it (thus much of the glow being obstructed by your hand) this mouse glows blue constantly and the scroll



Review: World Class Poker

(Member written by Ellen Hechler)

World Class POKER with T.J. Cloutier
Masque Publishing
MSRP: \$24.99

<http://www.masque.com/>

Seems that the big craze now is playing Poker. This 2 CD game set is filled with in-game expert play recommendations, loads of scenario tips, and numerous quiz questions with thoroughly explained answers, all from the world's Winningest poker player, T.J. Cloutier.



The Game is filled with a wide selection of choices for all the different kinds of Poker. The game allowed you to enter your own name as a Player and choose the level you wanted to compete in. The tyhpes of Poker offered include: No Limit Texas Hold 'Em, Limit Texas Hold 'Em, Limit Omaha Hold Em, Limit Seven Card Stud, Limit Five Card Draw.



Each game offers a choice of how much you wanted to bet. You can be very conservative and bet small, or you can start out with large stakes. The game proceeds and you can bet, raise and re-raise. There are eight players total. The only hand you can see is your own. The computer helps you as a player with helpful hints, if you want to use them. The video recommends when to play and sometimes when to fold.

I found this game (and all of the variations of the types) fun to play and easy to follow. The only drawback I found is when you decided to fold early in the game, the computer still finished the hand as if 7 others were playing. This was boring, but is useful if you are just learning to play Poker so you can see how the game plays out.

Overall, the games were entertaining, and when you get started, it is really hard to stop. I looked forward to playing and the computer kept track of my winnings. The Game also gives all the statistics of each game you played, and your overall betting.



Board Meeting Minutes

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The door prize for February's meeting will be a copy of iLife '06.

Tony needs the next 2 Board Meetings to start at 7:45. Everybody was ok with that.

February General Meeting – iLife '06 with emphasis on iPhoto and iMovie; forum demo

Advance Meeting – iLife '06 with emphasis on iDVD and iWeb

March General Meeting: MS Office

Advanced Meeting: Advanced MS Office

April General Meeting: iLife and Music

Advanced Meeting: Podcasting and Garageband

Adjourned 8:36



Hunting for a New Mouse

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wheel, also, lights up a different shade of this blue. The mouse is very light and slides with ease. The click are sure and confident and the scroll wheel has a nice feel, too. Some people like scroll wheels that click, some people like wheels that just roll. This one is a compromise in that has a slight, light click to the wheel that is very nice.



Creative's mouse is listed as Mac compatible at their website however the box only reflects Windows. Obviously it works just fine with a Mac. I highly recommend it. And, it's only about \$20.



Election Nominations

The Michigan Apple will be holding nominations for Elections for the 2006 Board Of Directors at our February Meeting. If you or someone you know would make a good candidate for a Board Position please feel free to nominate them (or yourself).

If you need more info about the Board and the available positions please visit:

<http://themichiganapple.com/elections/>



Membership Report

Renewals

Anthony Moore
Deanna Sperka

Memberships Expiring

Eric Blomberg
Robert Rolando
Elaine Tokarski
David Wood

Birthdays

Kathryn Dawson
Avi Drissman
Hugh Nelson
Francis Siu



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Phone: 248-232-7865

<http://www.themichiganapple.com/forum/>



Colophon

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Michigan Apple Calendar of Events

February General Meeting (2/09/06)

Topics include:

iLife '06

Elections Nominations

Using the Online Forum

March General Meeting (03/09/06)

Topics include:

Microsoft Office

Board Elections

For SIG Meeting Topics
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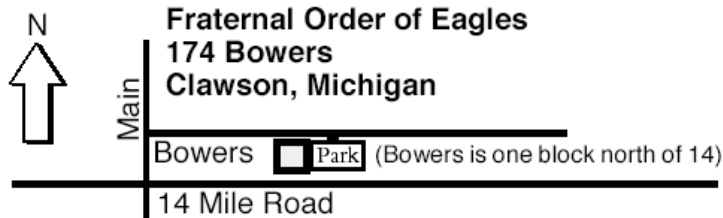
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Times & Location

- **General Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Advanced User SIG: Thursday, Feb. 16th, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI
- **Green Apple SIG: Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 2006**
6:30PM, Panera Bread, Southfield Rd. Lathrup Vil. MI
- **Board Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 2006**
7:30PM, at the Eagles Lodge, Clawson, MI



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