



South Bay Apple MUG Macintosh

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A Monthly CUPFUL for South Bay Apple Mac User Group Members

Here's a quick wrap-up of news items from December 2023 to October 2024:

- Our **December 13, 2023** Holiday Party was well attended - good food and good times!
- The Proposed 2024 Slate of Officers was approved following email voting on **December 1, 2023**.
- Margaret Wehbi, our Membership Chair, sent out a questionnaire to our SBAMUG email group on **3/10/24** and is still awaiting more responses. Many emails bounced back to her. **If you did not receive her emailed questionnaire, here are actions to take:**
 - ◆ Have you changed your email recently? If so, please remember to update your email for the everybody@sbamug.com email group.
 - ◆ If you have not changed your email lately and usually receive the group emails, please send an email to the Membership Chair at membership@sbamug.com to let Margaret know and confirm your correct email.
- The **August 28, 2024** Summer Picnic was fun. We met at Polliwog Park in Manhattan Beach again this year and had the usual fare - hot dogs cooked on the grill, potato salad, fruit, cookies. The usual suspects showed up; we missed a few members who had come previously.
- We have held our meetings online via Zoom on the last Wednesday of each month (except for our in-person August picnic) and we are disappointed that so few of you are joining the monthly Zoom meetings. Phil Goodman, with LAPUG, has spoken to us twice this year and his presentations have been chock-full of information!

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- Reminder - There won't be a November meeting.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us for our first 2025 SBAMUG Meeting!

**Wednesday, January 29
@ 7:00pm**

Q & A session at 7:00pm

Main presentation at 7:45pm

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

See you there!



Welcome to the SBAMUG!

(South Bay Apple Mac User Group)

Members, friends and colleagues are invited to attend our monthly meetings, usually held the last Wednesday of the month. No meeting in November. Annual membership entitles you to receive this online monthly newsletter, and more benefits (see website). Visit sbamug.com to join the Club. *Annual membership fee of \$35 waived in 2025.*

SBAMUG Virtual Meeting Format:

7:00-7:45 p.m. Question & Answer Session
Everyone welcome, beginners encouraged!

7:45-8:45pm Announcements & Presentation

Membership Information & Questions:

Leave a message at 310-544-9665 if you have questions or need more information about Club membership, dues, and benefits

It's EASY To Renew!

When the Club begins collecting dues again, look for your renewal reminder in your email. You may pay online or mail your payment. More information about this

Club Officers & Other Volunteers:

President: Jim Pernal

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Kent McDonald

Secretary: Nancie Silver

Directors at Large: Dave Nathanson,
Arnold Silver, Joan King

PD Disk Editor: Jim Pernal

Membership: Margaret Wehbi

Member Development: Nancie Silver
(publicity). Jim Pernal (website updates)

Programming: Kent McDonald

Server Director: Dave Nathanson

Newsletter: Nancie Silver

Other Meetings of Interest:

- Tuesday (6 days after last Wednesday) - SBAMUG Core Group, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Leave a message at 310-544-9665 if you need the zoom invite for the Core Group meeting.

- 3rd Thursday every other month - InDesign User Group, 7:00 p.m. at various locations in LA area, laidug.com

- Last Saturday each month - Northrop Grumman - Ham Radio & Computer Swap Meet, 7:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at SE corner of Marine/Aviation Blvd, Redondo Beach (visit w6trw.com to see if swap meet is cancelled due to Covid)

- Los Angeles Portable Users Group: Mac OS X, iPhone, iPod, MacBook, etc. at lapug.org/

- Also: <http://www.apple.com/usergroups/>

Basic Club Information:

Virtual Meetings: Online via Zoom

Phone: (310) 544-9665

Mailing Address: 28110 Ridgeforest Court
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Email: info@sbamug.com

Website: <http://www.sbamug.com>

December Annual Vote

The Club is seeking to fill the following positions:

- * Vice President
- * Publicity Chair
- * Newsletter Editor

Please consider volunteering!
We encourage club members to contribute new ideas about meeting topics, club events, and the future direction of the club.

Notify Jim Pernal, Club President, at jhpernal@dslextreme.com if you are interested in any of these positions.

Proposed Slate of Club Officers & Other Volunteers:

President: Jim Pernal

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Kent McDonald

Secretary: Dennis Bosch

Directors at Large: Dave Nathanson, Arnold Silver, Joan King

PD Disk Editor: Jim Pernal

Membership: Margaret Wehbi

Member Development: Jim Pernal - website updates; Publicity - Vacant

Programming: Kent McDonald

Server Director: Dave Nathanson

Newsletter Editor: Vacant

Remember To Vote...

On December 1, a BALLOT for the annual election of the SBAMUG Slate of Officers will be sent by email to everybodysbamug.com.

Please respond to the email with a YES or NO vote for the Slate of Officers.

Thank you!

SBAMUG January 2024 Shareware

Brave 120.1.61.109: Another alternate web browser. Built in ad and tracking blocker. Free. Mac OS 10.15+
<https://brave.com>

iStat Menus 6.73: Monitor your system from your menubar. CPU/Disks/Network/Internal temps/fans/Bluetooth, etc. This version has improved support for M3 macs. Mac OS 10.13+ \$11.99
<https://bjango.com/mac/istatmenus/>

Macracker 7.12.13: Database of all Mac, iPad, iPhone and accessories. Updated for new models. Free. Mac OS10.12+
<https://macracker.ca>

NAPS2 7.2.2: Scan documents to PDF. Optical Character Recognition. Free Mac OS 10.15+
<https://www.naps2.com>

Pacifist 4.1.0: Install individual file from .pkg installers. Sonoma support. Mac OS 110.14.6 \$20.00
<https://www.charlessoft.com>

Pine Player 4.0.1: Music Player that play most all digital audio formats. Playlists. 10.11+ Free. Mac App store

Stellarium 23.4: Desktop planetarium of the live sky above you. Performance improvements for Macs claimed in this version. Mac OS 11+
<https://github.com/Stellarium/stellarium/releases>

Jim Pernal, PD Editor

SBAMUG February 2024 Shareware

Carbon Copy Cloner 6.1.9: Latest update to the file copying and backup program.

\$49.99 Mac OS 10.15+

<https://bombich.com>

DiagramPainter 2.0.2: Stand alone desktop diagram maker. Makes flowcharts, org charts, etc. Exports png, jpg, bmp, and pdf formats.

\$39.00 Mac OS 10.9+

<https://www.ambiera.com/diagrampainter/>

MediaHuman Audio Converter 2.2.3: Simplified audio file conversion. Extracts sound files from video. Can split files.

Free. Mac OS 10.12+

<https://www.mediahuman.com/audio-converter/>

Second Clock 1.0.0: Adds a second clock in a different time zone to your menu bar. Free.

Mac OS 14.2+
<https://sindresorhus.com/second-clock>

SubTotal 1.5.24: Create PDF invoices, estimates, and quotes Mac OS 12+
\$9.99 Mac App Store

Taxatio 1.3.0: Taxatio is an income tax calculator made specifically for self-employed sole proprietors based in the US. Estimates taxes. Standard/ Itemized deductions.

Mac OS 14+ \$6.00

<https://www.hexedbits.com/taxatio/>

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SBAMUG March 2024 Shareware

CM Batch JPEG Rotator 3.2.2.3.296: Utility to solve the rotated JPEGs when you email friends on non-Mac platforms. Performs lossless rotation. \$2.99 Mac OS 10.14+
<https://www.completemagic.com/apps/cm-batch-jpeg-rotator/>

GraphicConverter 12.1: Graphics editor with powerful features. New features and bug fixes as usual. \$39.95 Mac OS 10.13+
<https://www.lemkesoft.de/en/products/graphicconverter/>

MacFamilyTree 10.2.3: Genealogy program. Improvements in this version when migrating from older versions. Mac OS 10.15+ \$69.99
<https://www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree>

MacTracker 7.12.14: I demo-ed this in the February beginner's meeting. Data on all of Apple's products. Keep track of your machines support status.
Free Mac OS 10.12+
<https://mactracker.ca>

MindNode 2023.3.2: Mind mapping app. Wikipedia quote: "Concept mapping and mind mapping software is used to create diagrams of relationships between concepts, ideas, or other pieces of information." Has iCloud sharing. Mac OS 13+
Limited free features. \$24.99/year for full features. Mac App Store

Money 8.0.8: Finance application. Says it has access to over 50,000 financial institutions. Income and expense tracking, multiple accounts, budget and savings goal tracking, etc. Mac OS 13+
\$50.00 annual subscription for >100 transactions. Mac App store

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SBAMUG April 2024 Shareware

Affinity Designer 2.4.1: Vector graphic design software. Has layers, alignment guides, and raster tools. \$69.99 Mac OS 10.15+

<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/designer/>

Calcline 4.5.2: Powerful math calculation in a small strip window. Does Algebra solving, handles trig and log functions. New features and bug fixes as usual. \$4.99 Mac OS 13+ Mac App store

CheckBook 2.7.29: Manage personal checking accounts. Balances, cash flow, and search. Schedule periodic transactions. Lots of import options. Mac OS 10.11+ \$14.95

<https://www.splasm.com/checkbook/>

Easy Data Transform 1.46.5: Easily merge, split, reshape, and reformat data. Handles Excel, CSV, XML, text etc. \$99.00 Mac OS 10.13+

<https://www.easydatatransform.com>

Stats 2.10.4 : Monitor your Mac OS system. CPU usage, Sensor data, Disk and memory utilization, battery level, etc. Mac OS 10.15+

Free <https://github.com/exelban/stats>

Note: scroll down the page and follow instructions to download and install

VueScan 9.8.29: Scanner software. Great program to use if your scanner vendor has stopped support for newer Mac OS versions. Mac OS 10.10+ \$39.96

<https://www.hamrick.com>

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SBAMUG May 2024 Shareware

Just five items this month, as I did not find too many programs I thought would be useful for our group. For example, there were lots of programmer tools and utilities that would not be of interest to most of our group.

Affinity Publisher 2.4.2: Publishing software for page layout and design. Has columns, master pages, handles many image files, etc. \$69.99 Mac OS 10.15+

<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/publisher/>

Fission 2.8.5: Audio editor program. Crop and trim audio, join or split files. Works on MP3, AAC, Apple Lossless, and AIFF formats \$35.00 Mac OS 11+

<https://www.roqueamoeba.com/fission/>

imazingv3: IOS device manager for the Mac. New version has new interface, and Vision Pro support. Does data transfer, backups, and gets full status of your iOS device Mac OS 10.11+

\$39.95 for single device, more devices for additional charge.

<https://imazing.com/v3>

NAPS2 7.4.2: Free and open source scanning software. Works with most scanners. Has OCR. Mac OS 10.15+

<https://www.naps2.com>

WorkingHours 2.10.21: Work hours tracker and timesheet. Cloud sync. IOS version available. Export to Excel, CSV, or PDF invoice.

Mac OS 12+ \$9.99 plus some in app purchases. <https://workinghoursapp.com>

Jim Pernal PD Editor

Wishing You A Healthy And Happy Holiday Season!

SBAMUG Pizza Party at Lamppost Pizza!

Join us IN PERSON on **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00pm** at Lamppost Pizza in Torrance for our annual December pizza party. The Club will provide pizza, water and soft drinks, and dessert. ***Come for the pizza, stay for the fun. Bring a guest if you want...the more, the merrier!***

Wear an ugly holiday sweater just for fun!

Lamppost Pizza is located at 2955 Rolling Hills Road, Torrance, CA 90505 (near the Ralph's Market at the corner of Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd.)

RSVP to everybody@sbamug.com or just show up!