

SMUG NEWS

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AT SMUG AUGUST 8 MEETING —MORE TIGER TALK—

*Tiger—all you ever wanted to know
and were not afraid to ask.*

Bob Weder from the Apple store has arranged to have a top notched Mac genius Evan McNulty to be the presenter for our Aug meeting

He will cover the basics now that David Pogue has wet our appetites with all his tips and tricks.

Bring all those nagging questions and get the answers at this meeting.

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SMUG SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING —FIREFOX—

Blake Ross will be the presenter for Firefox. See SMUG's web site for more info .

<http://www.pa-smug.org/>

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July Meeting Report:



Owen Saxton and Shareware

Owen fielded the Shareware segment at our regular July meeting in the Redwood Room. Several nifty items deserve to be singled out for additional attention. *Graphic Converter* version X 5.5.2 is most amazing. It converts any graphic file to any other desired graphic file format. If you don't get this one you don't have full graphics capability. *MacTracker X* 3.0.1 gives you the technical skinny on every Mac ever made including printers and scanners plus Mac OS versions. *PopChar X* 2.2.1 has its own window and (replaces) Key Caps. It is a more fully functional implementation. *Text Wrangler* 2.0 is a free download text editor useful for programmers, and as a Unix and server administrator's tool. Don't forget to check out the shareware writeups in each month's SMUG newsletter for some real good stuff. // db

David Pogue's July Tiger Talk Seminar



Robert Brown, Marsee Henon, David Pogue & Theresa Pulido

David's Tiger Talk Was a Big Hit at SLAC

We'd like to thank A32, DVMUG, MiMUG, NCMUG, Planet MUG, SMUG, and SVMUG for hosting our visit from David Pogue on Wednesday, July 20 in Palo Alto at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC). We had a fantastic time. David spoke for two hours continuously. Special thanks to Robert Brown of A32 for coordinating all the MUG groups, and to Owen Saxton of SMUG and SLAC for arranging the fabulous Panosfsky Auditorium, as well as to Frank Smith of SMUG for being our MC for the evening. If you get a chance, check out these photos from Don Nelson of DVMUG on Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/wdn2/sets/625173/>

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smug August 8 Meeting Schedule 6:30 - 9:00

6:30 - 6:45	Q & A
6:45 - 7:15	Shareware - David Aston
7:15 - 7:45	Election
7:45 - 8:00	Break
8:00 - 9:00	Mac Genius Evan McNulty from the Apple Store will be demonstrating Tiger.
9:00	Raffle

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All About Spotlight—David Pogue's Podcast

We're excited to have our first David Pogue podcast online. Listen to David's secret Tiger tips for Spotlight super searches and learn how to use spotlight to help access your data faster, streamline searches, and even launch applications faster.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2005/01/22/tigerpodcast.html>

*** Special Apple User Group Discount ends August 31 for "Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Tiger Edition"

Save 35% when you use discount code **UGMACX** to purchase "Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Tiger Edition" directly from O'Reilly. Order online <http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/macxmntiger> or by phone 800-998-9938. (This offer is valid only in the US.)

—Marsee Henon O'Reilly books

High-Lights of the David Pogue Seminar



David Pogue originally started out as a guest speaker at User Group Meetings. After writing his first book he discovered that he could get paid for giving presentations at such meetings—ah! then all was quite happiness. Last year he sold the book writing business to O'Reilly (but he still writes five books a year) and his life is now more balanced than ever. Initial printing of Mac OSX Tiger

View from the rear of the auditorium Edition was 70,000 copies (14 truckloads of paper coming down from Canada direct to the press with no room to store it). And for some reason there are always 850 pages to each edition.

The Best of Tiger — "Spotlight" (Command space). This is a 20 slot search engine that you can open up to a window to show more files, plus lots of other capabilities. *Note:* David was amazed and thrilled when he found out he was sitting in same auditorium as Steve Wozniak at the Original Homebrew Club. —**"Dashboard"** (This is very similar to the old DAs—Desk Accessories). Contains separate Dictionary/ Clock/Calculator/EnglishTranslator/Stickers/Phone Book /Unit Converter/Weather/World Clock/Maps/Games/ Sunlit Earth/

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SMUG SUMMER 2005 CD-ROM

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Utilities

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* New or updated since the previous CDOQ



Shareware News August Demo Items

Demo by David Aston



Xkeys 1.1.1

Xkeys allows you to launch applications and open files and folders just by pressing a function key. Function keys can have submenus, duplicating the functionality of Fkey Expander. It can also be put on standby with a keystroke.

The ability of function keys to launch things is a feature of OS 9 that has been dropped in Mac OS X for some reason. Xkeys brings it back and combines it with the functionality of the Fkey Expander.

Requires OS X 10.3.2+. Free.



Net Monitor 3.9.3

Net Monitor graphs a histogram of network activity of local and remote computers in a floating window, the Dock, the Menu Bar or in a regular window.

Features:

- Net Monitor is highly customizable.
- Traffic log, including html reports.
- Stopwatch.
- Net Monitor includes special features for PPP interfaces, like connect/disconnect & auto reconnect
- 7 Graph types, 5 Scaling options, Auto Scaling mode, 4 Scrolling directions, Transparency & Grid.
- Textual display of throughput, interval data through & total data through.
- Updates dynamically in sync with network configuration & Location.
- Automatically monitors primary network.

Requires OS X 10.2.5+. \$10.



Widget Master 1.2.1

Widget Master allows your widgets to be easily managed.

Features include:

- Add, remove, disable, enable user and system widgets for Dashboard and Konfabulator with just a click of a button.
- Move user installed widgets to the System's Widgets folder for all users of your machine to access.
- One click access to user and system Widgets folders
- Activate Dashboard from within Widget Master
- A growing collection of websites where you can get more widgets

- Compatible with new permissions of widget folders introduced with Mac OS 10.4.1. Some actions may require an administrator's username and password.
- Compiled with new Universal Binary for compatibility with Intel based Macs as well as the current PowerPC Mac.

Requires OS X 10.4+. Free.



WORLDview Widget 1.3

WORLDview Widget shows you maps of all countries in the world. It gives you also the continent, capital, coordinates, the national flag and photos. Dashboard widget for Tiger only.

Requires OS X 10.4+.Free.



AirPort Radar 1.0.2

AirPort Radar is a Dashboard widget that helps you quickly scan the area for local AirPort wireless networks.

Features include:

- Signal Strength at a Glance: Visual signal meters tell you the strength of the AirPort signal for an easy-to-read radar screen.
- Sortable Network List: Click on a category to sort the list of networks by that category. Click on the radio waves symbol to sort by signal strength.
- Connect to Open Networks: By simply clicking on the name you can connect to any network that is not password protected.
- Remember Lost Networks: When a network falls "below radar" it won't disappear from your radar screen right away. This is particularly useful when a network is right on the threshold - with AirPort Radar it won't jump on and off the radar screen, it will just turn grey temporarily while it is too weak to connect to. You can choose how many scans a lost network stays on-screen with the "Scan Memory" setting on the back side of the widget.
- Auto-Resizing for Various List Lengths: The AirPort Radar widget will automatically resize itself to accommodate longer or shorter lists of wireless networks.

Requires OS X 10.4+. Free.



iCal Events 2.1.2

Face the day! Always know what's next in your schedule using iCal Events. iCal Events displays upcoming events from multiple calendars in a beautiful, resizable widget for Dashboard. You can see up to two weeks of upcoming events in the same widget.

Requires OS X 10.4 +. Free.



Frozen-Bubble 1.0.0e

Frozen Bubble is a popular free puzzle game (especially in Linux platform). User controls a small cannon, shooting bubbles and tries to hit other bubbles so to create groups of 3 or more bubbles of the same color. Whenever this is accomplished these bubbles go away. The purpose of the game is to eliminate all bubbles from stage.

Requires OS X 10.3+. Free.



Movie Screen Saver 1.5

This is software designed to utilize moving pictures such as home video, flash animation, advertisement, and cinema movies as a screen saver. The play list function enables to play several movies in order. The play list is friendly and convenient for users. Also, the 'Random Position' and 'Bounce' function enables to play movies randomly and perform an interesting and dynamic screen saver.

Requires OS X 10.2+. \$12.



SafariSpeed 1.3r3

SafariSpeed allows you to easily remove the page loading delay that was built in to Safari. This delay prevents pages from being displayed until a set amount of time passes. By removing this delay, SafariSpeed will allow pages to be displayed as fast as your connection or cache can deliver them.

SafariSpeed also allows you to disable favorite icons - the small pictures displayed next to bookmarks and in your address bar. As you visit websites, Safari "collects" these little icons and stores them. Over time, as this "collection" grows, Safari's habit of searching through all of these icons for the correct one can slow down your browsing. These icons also eat unnecessary disk space.

Requires OS X 10.3+ and Safari 1.2+. Free.



CLIX 1.7a

CLIX ('command line interface for OS X') is a Cocoa application which makes it easier to harness the power of Unix. The CLIX package includes a starter database file with over 500 system commands for investigating your system status, for cleaning out junk files, for getting at esoteric secret settings in your most used applications - and more. And most importantly, CLIX is infinitely extensible: you can add to it at any time, in any way you please - add new commands, new command categories, new command database files, and so on. And unlike other systems, CLIX is 100% 'WYSISYG' (what you see is

what you get): it's exactly the command lines you would use at a terminal if you were so inclined. So sometime you might remember a command or two and try it on your own. CLIX comes with commands for viewing all your system logs, for cleaning out browser caches, for pruning and fixing 'plist' preference files, for spelunking in root's back yard, for ridding your system of all kinds of junk, for seeing what your virtual memory is up to, what your Netinfo database manager is up to, and on and on. CLIX also has its own newsletter and command exchange for in-depth discussion of Unix and the CLIX commands.

Requires OS X 10.2+. Free.

--- IMPORTANT READ-ME ---

Security and You

To pass through the security gate on **August 8** you will need:

- **To be on our list of members**
If your membership has lapsed, send me an email by Saturday, **August 6**
- **aquaman47@mac.com**, to tell me you plan to attend
- **(Of course, err, um, don't forget to pay your dues at the meeting)**

AND !!! Be prepared to show a photo ID at the gate.

All guests are welcome as always, but you or they must email me by **August 8** so they can be on the list of attendees to be submitted to SLAC security.

Thanks for your cooperation.-*Frank Smith*

ANOTHER PLACE TO RECYCLE OLD COMPUTERS

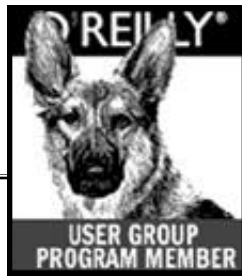
Did you hear that Goodwill Industries announced just this morning that they will now accept all used computer hardware? They have set up with various recycling groups that will process the equipment properly, then give whatever proceeds result back to Goodwill.

This suddenly makes it much easier for anyone to properly dispose of old computer hardware, since there are Goodwill stores just about everywhere (at least here in California). Also, they take them free, so there is no need to pay a recycler as is required at most other places.

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**Message from
Lorrie Bleiler/SMUG/editor**

I will be the rep for the O'Reilly User Group Program. Here are some of the benefits that Marsee Henon of O'Reilly books has to offer SMUG members.

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Feel free to list your group on our User Group Wiki: <http://wiki.oreillynet.com/usergroups/index.cgi>

In addition, we regularly donate books and other promotional items for raffles or auctions to help your group raise money, or for meeting door prizes—just let me know if you're in need of something. (Allow at least three weeks for shipping.) Please feel free to request our catalogs anytime.

Some of our authors are able to speak at group meetings. Let us know if you are interested by adding your name to our User Group Wiki page and we'll do

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what we can to help arrange speakers:
<http://wiki.oreillynet.com/usergroups/index.cgi?UGsLookingForSpeakers>.

As the SMUG editor and O'Reilly rep I will post the O'Reilly newsletter on our SMUG web site, also any events that they will be having.

Any questions please e-mail me at
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Highlights of the David Pogue Seminar--Continued from page 2

- “NPR” Radio/Airline real time “Flight Tracker covering location, speed and altitude of flight.
- “Safari” (Privacy browser: Leaves no trace of search or search contests).
- “Mac OSX E-mail trick” Send messages (Fill clears screen) find file/drag/let go. Have to use “Automator” script.
- “Daves Faves” (Some “nasty” items/tricks).
- “Function Keys” (Can be reassigned in system prefs.) and there was more, much more.

David even ended his presentation, as usual, with a round of self-authored songs using a SLAC piano. My favorites were “Jim Bill Gates and I write the code”; and his Apple “EVITA” was also great. He concluded his songs with “Apple iPod Mini” and “Virus too/ Spyware goo” (which was a parody on Dell computers & off-shoring of customer ‘service’).

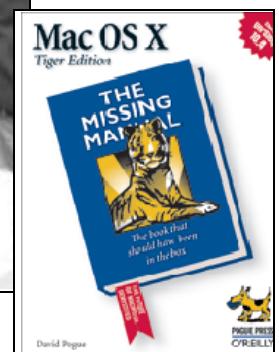
David also wrote “Hard Times” novel in 1993 (was Publishers Book of the Year). And lastly, he has an “extensive” list of macros that he uses all the time in correspondence and E-mails. (Yes, he really does know how to save time on the computer—amazing.

What a wonderful presentation, 200 people attending, and I wondered to myself—when does this guy ever find time to sleep.

*Dell Bleiler/
SMUG member*



David Pogue signing his book



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Calendar of Events

Monday, August 8

General Meeting:

Redwood Room bldg.. 48
Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC),
2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

Shareware Team meeting at Owen Saxton's house,

1442 San Marcos Circle, Mt. View.
Meeting starts at 7:15 pm.
(See page 2 for Owen's phone number and E-mail address)

Thursday, August 22

Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm at the Coffee House (next to the old Printer's Inc.) on California St.

Friday, August 23

DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted by email to bleiler@pa-smug.com

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We thought the above calendars would be helpful for those people who don't have E-mail. This is the projection for the upcoming meeting dates.

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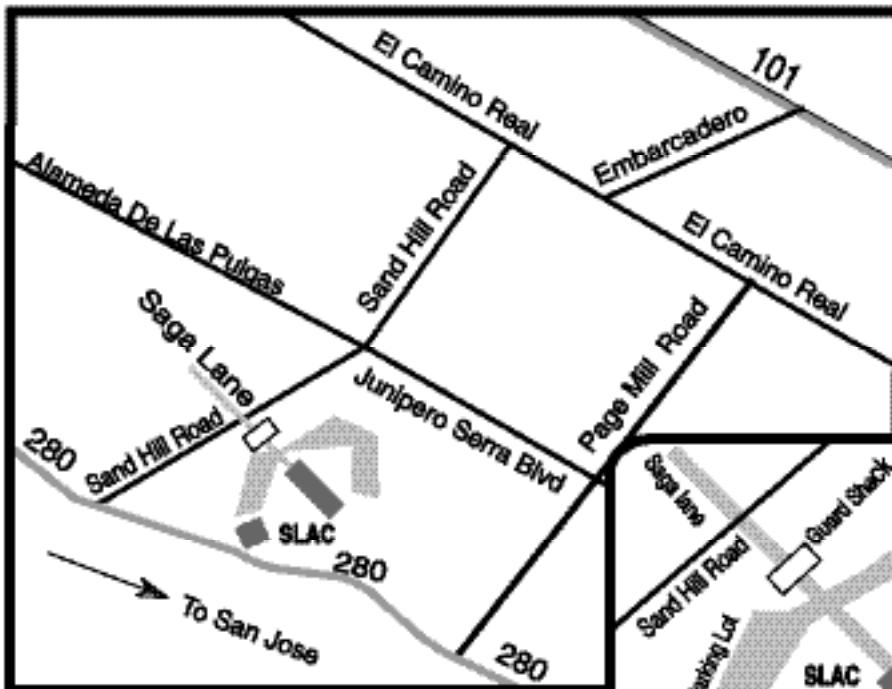
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NEXT REGULAR MEETING•
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• This a reminder that the regular SMUG meetings are at the Bldg. 48 Redwood room.

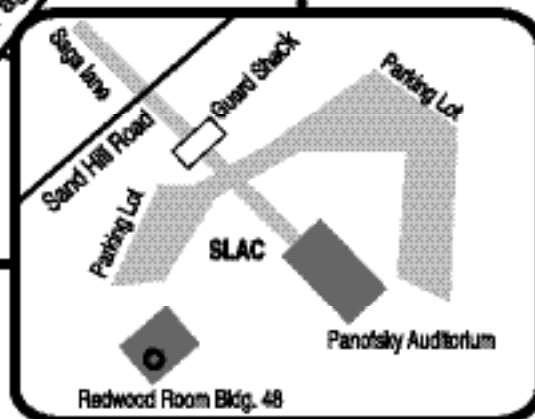


The Meetings are generally held on the **First Monday*** of the Month

Redwood Room Building 48
Stanford Linear Accelerator (SLAC)
2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

* Some exceptions on holidays

** Check for conflict bookings



DIRECTIONS:

When you pass the Guard shack you take a right and park in the parking lot to the right. Bldg. 48 and the Redwood room is across from the parking lot. Any questions ask the guard.