



CWAUG Meeting Notes February, March and April 2007

Our February demonstration consisted of eye TV Hybrid by Elgato. If you were searching for a Tivo type usb interface for a Mac with 10.4 operating system, the product works well. The TV digital tuner with a internet TV guide, for setting up a show to record up to two weeks earlier comes with the small hardware package. An evaluation of five apples out of five by most mugs (Macintosh users groups) have been given. What surprised CWAUG members attending was the reception and clarity of HD broadcasts with rabbit ear antenna. And don't forget there is a RCA composite plugs for audio video mpeg recordings.

Print Explosion Deluxe also has received the same rating. The Print Shop type program by Nova Development has been around for many years. The user interface has constantly been improved and upgraded for Macintosh users. Thirteen thousand templates and over 100,000 graphics are included on the DVD which takes at least twenty to thirty minutes to load. Ram and OS requirements stated are at least 256 MB however 512 to 1GB ram are recommended as well as OS 10.3.9 and higher. For those of us that like to import iPhoto pics into the many greeting cards, posters and labels of every size and type, the PPC and Intel Mac software program does this extremely well.

There were requests for the iTunes demonstration for March so Jeff replied by giving us a thorough run down on the latest upgraded iTunes 7.1 software as well as using the ipod. Almost every feature was explained including the many menu commands. Jeff utilizes many music searches, TV shows, audio books, ipod games, and podcasts. Since the excellent presentation was given, many members will be using iTunes more often for specified entertainment content.

We started a new monthly feature since our April meeting. Members requested a Mac basic class one half hour prior to the meeting. We tried the informative basic instruction at 6:00PM and had a nice turn out. The board of officers welcome the many suggestions presented by the members and will institute them on approval. Sylvia will now have membership cards available for members showing dues dates. These also can be used for the monthly raffle drawings for proper identification.

Until the next meeting, happy mac computing.

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