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What is MacDirectory?

MacDirectory is a free community classifieds Web site servicing the needs of Apple Macintosh users worldwide. We offer a convenient, fast and easy way for Macintosh users to connect, share and trade things such as products, services, events, jobs, personals and more. We also offer Apple news, product reviews, editors' recommendations, support services, and video and picture postings.

The name "MacDirectory" was chosen because it represents our mission -- a single Web site where Macintosh users can find anything related to the Apple Macintosh market.



How did it all start?

MacDirectory was introduced in 1997 in New York City, as a print publication which we continue to publish today. MacDirectory magazine features the latest product

reviews, company profiles, buyers guides, exclusive interviews, Macintosh resources and innovative photography. You can check out for yourself some of our [recent editions](#).

How about MacDirectory.com?

MacDirectory.com has been around for many

years but has been re-introduced in 2009 offering new features and services. Thousands of Macintosh users worldwide have success using our Web site each day. You can read some of our [success stories](#), or if you like, [write to us](#) and share your story as well.



Do I have to pay to post content in MacDirectory?

No. MacDirectory is a free classified Web site for anyone. We do request that you [register](#) in order to post content.

Registration is free, simple and quick. By registering you will also be able to connect to other Apple users with similar interests.

How does MacDirectory.com compare with other Mac sites?

We are the first classified Web site for Apple Macintosh users making us the premier destination for anyone looking for anything related to Apple. We also interview important Apple users in a variety of

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NEED HELP?

This is a list of RIAG Consultants. We may not be able to answer all your questions but hopefully we will be able to direct you to a knowledgeable source.

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This is a volunteer service. Please be reasonable as far as calling times are concerned and try to have all the pertinent data at hand before you call. Before calling, have your computer running so we can quickly answer your questions. If you would like your name listed, please call the editor.

Editor's Note

You'll notice that I've changed the format of the newsletter somewhat. This will be an ongoing process, and I'd appreciate any suggestions, criticisms or just comments on how it looks. No big announcements from Apple this month, but the earning statement was again impressive!

Note the new date for this month's meeting! We will be at Mark's house on the 24th for some iPhoto tips and tricks.

John

Club Calendar

Monthly Meeting Oct 24, Saturday
At Mark's house TIME: at 2 PM. The new iPhoto options and other photo editing software.
Map on page 4.

Monthly Meeting Nov 21, Saturday
At Mark's house TIME: at 2 PM. Backing up your treasured files.

Monthly Meeting Oct 24, Saturday
At Mark's house TIME: at 2 PM. Create your own web pages and our holiday party.

The montly meetings take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Mark Rafferty's home in Smithfield, RI.

Please let us know what meetings you would like to see.

RIAG Board

The RIAG Board of Directors will meet occasionally at a time and place to be determined. When meetings are scheduled, the membership is invited to attend.

**October President's Report:**

Our October meeting is all about iPhoto. This program has been around for a while but has gotten little respect. The newest version has a lot more to offer. It's editing abilities are still not on a par with the likes of PhotoShop Elements, but the improvements are significant.

At the meeting we will take a look at some of the tricks you can do with iPhoto, and compare it to some of the other editing programs on the Mac. We will cover a few common photo errors and how to fix them. I'll also have some tips for holiday picture taking.

If you have some photos you want to play with, bring them on a CD/DVD or a memory stick. Or, just bring your camera (and computer cord if possible). If you have an old damaged photo print, bring that along. Bring a friend too, it should be a fun meeting!

In November we will talk about backups. Both backup drives and programs. A good sized drive can now be had for less than \$150. No more excuses for backing up those family photos! Another topic at this meeting will be computer stocking stuffers. We don't usually have a November meeting, but this year the third Saturday is a week before Thanksgiving.

In December Reinaldo Perez will show us how easy it is to create a web page! This can be a lot of fun and can serve as a way for a family to stay in touch. He is going to demo three easy to use programs: iWeb, DreamWeaver, and RapidWeaver. We will also have our holiday party at this meeting! So, bring some party stuff if you can, but please bring yourself anyway!!

See you then.

Mark



Potential problem in Snow Leopard

There seems to be a small “bug” in Snow Leopard:

If you log into the Guest account the system may delete all your personal user files.

A temporary fix from PC Mag: "To avoid this bug, it is recommended to disable the Guest account on all Macs that run the Snow Leopard OS until Apple comes up with a fix. Alternatively, if you need to continue using guest accounts on your Mac, you can disable and then re-enable the feature, as reports claim this eliminates the problem."

Some users have reported not being able to recover their lost files even using data recovery tools! As always a good backup is your best defense.

Mark



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fields in order to provide our users in-depth insights on current trends.

MacDirectory writers have interviewed Al Gore, Nicholas Kristof, Grandmaster Flash, Jeffrey Sachs, Noam Chomsky, Sarah Jessica Parker, Harry Connick Jr., Claudia Schiffer, Steve Wozniak, and many more interesting Apple users.



Check out our [site map](#) if you would like to see everything MacDirectory offers.

Is MacDirectory looking to hire anyone?

Yes, we are always looking for great talent. If you have a talent and would like to contribute to MacDirectory, submit your [resume online](#). If

you are a professional, looking to promote specific service, go ahead and upload your ad in our [services for hire](#) section (free). All resumes are reviewed weekly by our team.



Mac 911 Recovering an erased hard drive

by Christopher Breen, Macworld.com

Reader William Eschenfeldt shouldn't-a, hadn't-a, oughn't-a done something with Disk Utility that he now regrets. He writes:

I recently bought a new iMac. While copying files from multiple external hard drives to the new machine I accidentally erased one of the drives before it was copied (using Disk Utility). Nothing has been written to it since it was erased. Do you have a suggestion for the best software for recovering the files? Most were backed up in one form or another but it would be much easier if I could recover them all from the original drive.

If you didn't choose one of the secure erase options (which will overwrite your data with junk, making it much harder to recover the data), you have a decent shot at getting your data back. The tool I use for such situations is Prosoft Engineering's \$99 Data Rescue II. Unlike some other utilities that demand you install them on a drive before the bad thing happens, Data Rescue II is for after the effluent has forcefully made contact with the rotating blades.

It can be run from its bootable DVD, but you can avoid booting from this disc by installing a copy on your startup drive (which, of course, shouldn't be the disk you accidentally erased). Before you invest your buck-under-a-C-note for it, download the free demo. Run the demo and it will display all the files it can find. It will additionally recover one of them that's 5MB or less, thus demonstrating that it works. If you're happy with what it finds, pungle up the dough and give it a go.

I purposely erased a FireWire drive to test Data Rescue II and while its quick scan option didn't turn up much, its deleted files scan produced much better results, although quite a few files had lost their original name. It took a long time to do this—around three hours for a 120GB hard drive. If the drive you're working with is this size or larger, you might consider starting the job at night and letting your Mac chew on it while you sleep. It should be done by the time you visit your Mac in the morning.

Data Rescue II is certainly not the only tool for this kind of thing, it's just the one I've had experience with and good results from.



Check out this web site. I was trying to find a way to open Safari links in new tabs and a Google search led me to the TUAW. I found a Terminal setting that should set the default in Safari to open a new Tab.

The Unofficial Apple Weblog (TUAW) is your source for tips, reviews, news, analysis and opinion on everything Apple. Founded in 2004, TUAW is part of the AOL Tech network, which includes [Switched](#), [Engadget](#) and [Download Squad](#).

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25 Items the iPhone Has Rendered Useless

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We had no doubt iPhone would be the best smartphone we ever used, but we never could have imagined just how many ways it would take over our lives. From tools we'll never need again to places we won't be going back to, iPhone's versatility never ceases to amaze us--

and we're not just talking about pocket fishermen, paperbacks and newspapers. [Want to avoid sleeping on the couch after a fight with your better half? There's an app for that.](#)

When we got our first iPhone, we had an inkling it would be the last cellphone we'd ever buy, but we never thought it would be the last iPod, too. But iPhone is so good at being "a widescreen iPod with touch controls," we can't find a reason to drop any



more money on another music player, even if it might offer higher capacity or an extra bell or whistle. And based on last quarter's sales figures, we're not alone.

It might not have the TI-83 geek chic, but we sure wish we had iPhone's handy horizontal scientific calculator for our sine, cosine and tangent needs back in high school trig class: It fits in our pocket and doesn't need solar power. Oh and if the bundled Calculator app isn't enough for you, there are ton of calculator apps in the App Store.



Mac 911 Printing mailing labels

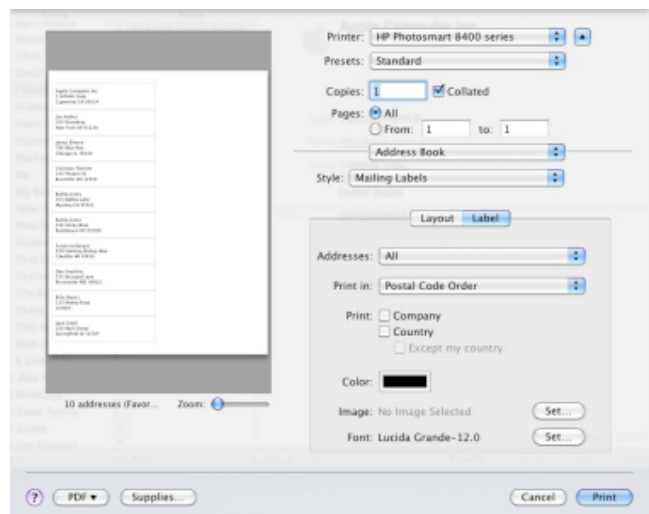
by [Christopher Breen](#), [Macworld.com](#)

Reader Evelyn Cromwell asks a question that I try to answer every couple of years. She writes:

Having been an Appleworks user since 1987 I'm lost without it. I now have iWork and Bento 2, but am unable to print out labels. Is there some other software available to print mailing labels with my iMac using Snow Leopard?

There is and it's an application you're likely very familiar with: Address Book. Though it's not a highly visible feature, Address Book supports label printing. You print labels this way:

1. Create a group in Address Book with an appropriate name—My Holiday Labels, for example—and move into it those addresses for which you'd like labels.
2. Choose File -> Print.



3. In the sheet that appears, choose Mailing Labels from the Style pop-up menu.
4. Click the Layout button and from the Page pop-up menu below, choose the kind of label you intend to use—Avery Standard, for instance.
5. From the pop-up menu to the right, choose the specific label “model” you’ll use—5161, for example.
6. Click Print and you’re done.



More from TUAW:

[Dissecting the top 5 Apple myths](#)

by [Dave Caolo](#) ([RSS feed](#)) on Oct 16th, 2009



One of my favorite podcasts is Stuff You Should Know [[iTunes link](#)]. Hosts [Josh](#) and [Chuck](#) (call him "Chuckers") are smart, funny and professional.* There's an article on the show's companion site this week [that explores 5 myths about Apple](#). I encourage you to go and read it, but here are some highlights.

"Apple is going out of business." If we had a dollar, nay, a penny for every time we heard that, we'd all be eating caviar in the South of France. While the funeral dirge may have been warranted in the '90s when Gil was building beige boxes, things have been going swimmingly since Steve returned with the iMac in tow.

That doesn't stop pundits from making claims of Apple's demise, however. But they're greatly exaggerated.

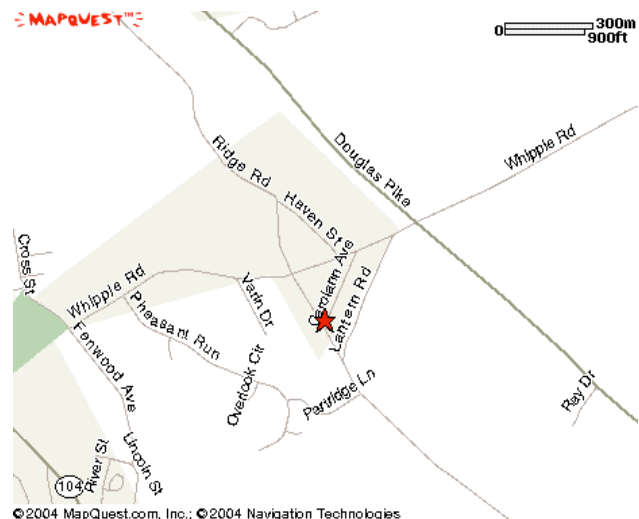
Myth number four on their list is that Apple can't survive without Steve Jobs. This has been a hot topic since [Steve took medical leave](#) and opinions are [as numerous as stars in the galaxy](#). Our take in a nutshell: Apple will be just fine without Steve.

We won't spoil the rest of the list for you, so [go ahead and check it out](#).



Meeting Directions:

[Directions to Mark Rafferty's House.](#)

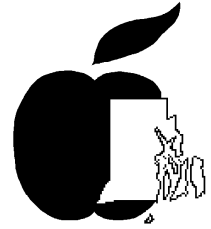


From 295, take the route 7 exit south to Whipple Road, turn right and take the 2nd left onto Carol Ann Drive.

From 95, take the route 146 exit and then take the Twin River Rd exit, turn right on Twin River Rd and go 1 mile to Route 7 (Douglas Pike). Turn right and go up to Whipple Road, turn left and then take the 2nd left onto Carol Ann Drive.



Membership Application
RHODE ISLAND APPLE GROUP
PO Box 387
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Please fill out the information below and send it with a check for \$30 (\$20 for one year's membership and a one time fee for initiation of \$10) to the above address or bring it to any meeting. (Please Print)

Name: _____

Address 1: (Home) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Address 2: (Business/School) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephones: (_____) _____ - _____ (Home) (_____) _____ - _____ (Business)

Would you like your () Home or () Business/School # on the Membership list?

In an effort to better serve our members, we would like to know a few things about you and your computer system. This part is, of course, OPTIONAL but the information will help us better serve you.

Occupation: _____ (Optional)

I use my computer in: (Home), (Business), (School), Other _____ Circle all items that apply)

Briefly describe your computer system (present and planned). Please include any modem, hard drives, or major pieces of software, you have.

Computer _____

Printer: _____ Hard Drive: _____

Modem: _____ Other: _____

• Is your computer used primarily for business, entertainment, science, education, or other applications?

• What are some of the things (help, software, etc.) that you want or expect to get out of this group?

• Is there anything you would be willing to contribute to the club. This might include: Demonstrations of Software or Hardware, newsletter articles, programs, and teaching others.

How did you hear about the club?

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		7:00 PM RIAG Board of Directors meeting				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						2:00 PM RIAG Main meeting at Mark's house
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		7:00 PM RIAG Board of Directors meeting				

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