

THE

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Thank You

Frank Smith

All TarMac members appreciate the many hours and great talents that Frank has brought to us through the

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SINCE WE CANNOT POSSIBLY CONTINUE THIS PUBLICATION AT THE LEVEL FRANK DEVELOPED, WE WILL REPLACE IT WITH THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND WILL *EMAIL IT TO ALL MEMBERS*

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL AND ONLY NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS ON MAY 8 AND 15

My name is Bob Coe, and I have taken on this activity because I want to see a more active membership and some relief for the same members who have worked so hard to carry this program forward. At the same time I can feel better about my contribution to the effort and, incidentally, learn to use PAGES.

We now have a membership (mailing list) of about 280 addresses, and the average attendance at each of our meetings is about 35!

It would appear that many don't know what goes on at the meetings, so let's see what they are all about. But first take a look at the TarMac website.

This is the first page of our web site:

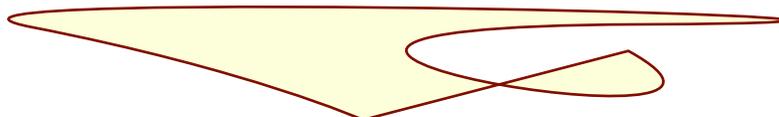
The screenshot shows the homepage of the TarMac website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with several buttons: an Apple logo, "TarMac Home", "Announcmnts", "Links", "Software", "Search Engine", and "Weather". A red circle with the number "1" is placed over the "TarMac File Archive" link in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features the "TarMac" logo in large blue letters with a green leaf above the "a". Underneath the logo is the text "Tidewater Area Macintosh Users Group" and "Apple User Group". A blue tagline reads "The foremost Users Group in Southeastern Virginia." To the right of the logo is a "What's New" button, with a red circle and the number "3" next to it. Below the logo and tagline is a weather widget for Virginia Beach, VA, showing a temperature of 79°F, "Partly Cloudy" at 4:37 PM, and a "Click for Forecast" link. To the right of the weather widget, it displays the local time in Hampton Roads, VA, USA as "16:39:11 EDT" and the date "May 4, 2008". A red circle with the number "2" is placed over the top right corner of the weather widget. At the bottom of the page is a search bar with the text "Search the TarMac site with Google" and a "Google Search" button.

The numbered circles indicate areas that can be clicked for further information.

If you scroll down from this page ON THE WEB SITE, you will find more information such as lists of the Executive Committee, Officers, as well as the directions to the meeting site, the meeting days and times, schedule of and subject of future meetings, and much more !

click below: and review the web site

["http://homepage.mac.com/tidewatermug/"](http://homepage.mac.com/tidewatermug/):



You probably noted from the web site that there are two meetings each month. The first meeting (on the 2nd Thursday of each month) is in an informal, open forum, sharing format with a short presentation. The second meeting (on the next or 3rd Thursday) includes a more complete discussion on a subject of general interest. The schedule on the web site lists the subjects of these meetings, and you will receive this email every month before the first meeting with more detail.

The meetings are held at the Open Door Chapel at 3177 Virginia Beach Blvd., VA and more detailed directions are available from our website. At 6:PM, before the official meetings begin, Tom Davis or another knowledgeable board member will be there to help you with any problems or questions. Please feel free to take advantage of this opportunity- no matter how trivial you think your situation is.

This Month's Meetings:

MAY 8

The iPhone: It is worth every penny to this user

Have you wondered if the iPhone is worth it? Will it give you anything more than what you have now?

My answer to both those questions is yes. The iPhone is one of those products that you do not even know what you will get from it, or how you will use it until you actually have one.

It changes everything.

It changed how I use the phone, the web, texting, email and pictures. My use of the iPhone is like night and day compared to how I used my previous phone. I am at the point of realization that I can never go back.

Do you remember when you got your first computer, some of those same questions may have been on your mind, but after awhile, you knew you could never be without one. I first used a "Fat" Mac in a school I worked in, then a friend who rented a room had an SE. We used the machines to type letters, keep the checkbook, and other rudimentary things (pre-internet days). But when Mark moved out, we went out the next weekend and bought a Mac Classic. We had to, we were driven to.

If my phone died, or was lost, or stolen.... I would be at the Apple Store the next day.

Yes I know, I am hooked.

So, this week we will look at how I have been overcome by the iPhone. How I have found great daily uses for it, and how, maybe, just maybe, you will see something new about the iPhone that you never imagined before.

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May 15

Back-up, Back-up, Back-up Back-up, Back-up

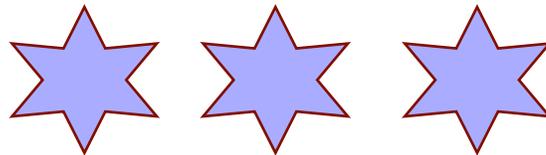
What is all this stuff about backing up?

Are we being told to put our Mac's in reverse or what? If you do not currently backup your computer now you will learn the what all the noise about backing up is when your hard drive fails, your computer is damaged, lost or stolen

At the meeting on Thursday May 15th we are going to have a panel discussion about the importance of backing up your hard drive, what to back up, various back up strategies and software to make the job easy depending on your needs.

Almost everyone has heard the expression "if you haven't had a hard drive crash yet you will" and the unsaid part is that it will happen at the worst time. How can you protect yourself from the problems caused by a hard drive crash or any of the other calamities mentioned earlier, come to the meeting on the 15th and find out how to protect yourself and find a back up strategy that works for you.

If any of you have figured out how to get your computer to run in reverse just let Steve Jobs know as we can be sure that he will find a way to make money from it.



A NEW APPROACH TO ENCOURAGE A MORE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

The first step in activating our membership is to determine what we want.

I'm sure we have all had our share of surveys or questionnaires but you can be sure this will not be in vain.

I am asking each of you to take whatever time is necessary and send me an eMail with your ideas about what we should be accomplishing and how this can be done. Please tell of your previous impressions of the meetings (good or not so). If you have not been attending, tell why not. I promise that any identifying information - name, address, etc.-will not be made available to anyone but me, and I really really mean it!

Please send your thoughts to "tarmacnews@cox.net

Help out by responding as soon as you can.

I look forward to lots of mail