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WeatherCal

Do you look up weather forecasts on the web? Do you use iCal as your computer calendar? If you answered “yes” to both questions you may want to check out WeatherCal, a nifty little app from Bare Bones Software.

WeatherCal adds a preference pane that integrates information from the Weather Underground web site into iCal. In the preference pane, you enter the name or zip code of the locations whose forecasts you wish to see in iCal. Each location is added to iCal as a separate calendar, and each day’s forecast appears as a separate calendar event. In the screenshot below, you can see that I added forecasts for Windsor, ME.

According to Bare Bones, each calendar shows forecasts for the current day and the four following days. My experience is less consistent. The screenshot below shows forecasts for the current day (April 5) and the five following days. When I launch iCal, WeatherCal frequently shows the previous day’s forecast as well, until it gets its

April Meeting Program



President Steve Katz will make his long-awaited presentation debut showing us Circus Ponies Notebook 3.0. Notebook is a full-featured information manager that uses the familiar interface of a spiral-bound notebook, complete with pages, tabs and sections, to record, index, manage and share notes, to-dos, images, PDFs, web clippings, email clippings, movies and outlines. The meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m., April 15, 2009 in Room 117 (Mac lab), Gardiner Area High School, Gardiner, Maine.

Dues are due... All CAMP memberships expire annually on April 30. Annual dues remain unchanged at \$20. Please pay membership director Mike Knight or treasurer Joe Dee at the April meeting. If you can’t be there, mail your check to Joe at 34 Hayford, Street, Farmingdale, ME 04344. As CAMP is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, dues and donations are tax-deductible according to law.

bearings straight. These quirks aside, the mini-forecasts are tremendously useful. Each calendar event consists of an icon, a text snippet and hi/low temps. Double-clicking an event allows you to launch the Weather Underground web page to view the full forecast for the designated location. Tastes may differ, but I find Weather Underground to be far superior to the Weather Channel or National Weather Service sites. An added bonus is that your WeatherCal calendars sync via MobileMe to any other Mac, the MobileMe web app, or an iPhone or iPod Touch. At a cost of only \$10, WeatherCal is a bargain. A 30-day free trial is available. ☀

The screenshot shows the iCal application window. The title bar reads "iCal" and includes navigation buttons for "Day", "Week", and "Month", along with a search icon. The main area displays a calendar for April 2009. The left sidebar shows a list of calendars: "CALENDARS" (Home, Work, Windsor, ME), ".MAC" (calendar), and "SUBSCRIPTIONS" (Jewish Holidays, US Holidays, Birthdays). The calendar grid shows events for April 1st through 10th. Events include "RE Taxes Due" and "Register Subaru & Olds" on April 31st, "April Fool's Day" and "Pick up Olds BB" on April 1st, "Yoga" on April 2nd, "Chance of Rain, 52°/36°" on April 5th, "Rain, 50°/38°" on April 6th, "Rain Showers, 45°/31°" and "Dentist" on April 7th, "Chance of Rain, 43°/27°" and "CAMP Meeting" on April 8th, "Chance of Rain, 47°/29°" and "Yoga" on April 9th, and "Chance of Rain, 47°/29°" on April 10th.