HAPPY HOLIDAYS

November Meeting *Bernie Flicker*

What can I do with the iPhone other than make and receive phone calls?

Why do they call it a smart phone? What can I do with the iPod touch?

At our November meeting, three of LIMacs own, **Bradley Dichter, George Canellis,** and **Richard Hickerson,** showed us why smart is an understatement. They demonstrated their favorite applications that made the *iPhone* and *iPod* touch a must have.

Bradley introduced us to the App Store part of Apple's iTunes Store, the source.

Let's take a look at a few of Bradley's many selections:

• **AIR SHARING:** View your documents on the go. Mount your *iPhone* or *iPod* touch as a wireless drive on any Mac, Windows, or Linux computer with Wi-Fi. Drag and Drop files between your iPhone and iPod touch and your computer. Create folders and carry PDF manuals, Excel or Word files with you. Only $6.99.

December Meeting *Rick Matteson*

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December is Holiday Party time and one part of this year's extravaganza is going to be a bit different. The evening will begin with our two Q&A sessions, Bradley's in the main room and the MacBasics' across the hall. Here comes the "different" part. We'll do an on-screen and live "Holiday Gift Guide" to get you thinking about what to get that gadget-geek and/or Mac-person in your life. The "on-screen" portion of the show will present some URLs where you can see gift lists compiled by others and some photos of and information on the suggestions made by our members and board. We will also try to have some actual physical products on display. If you're stumped for what to get that Macophile, we may just provide some answers.

Following the informal presentation, it'll be time to celebrate the holiday season! Bring some goodies to share with your LIMac friends during the festivities and don't forget to save a little room for our surprise cake.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Elections for officers of LIMac will be held at the *December 12th* general meeting. The slate consists of positions for:

Bill Medlow
President

George Canellis
Vice President

Donald Hennessy
Treasurer

Bernie Flicker
Secretary

In addition, any individual who has been a member in good standing for at least one year may be placed in nomination at the November meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at that time. Nominees will then have the opportunity to give a 3 minute speech.

For questions or more information, download the LIMac By-laws at http://www.limac.org/LIMac_By-Laws_Feb_06.pdf and see Article IX starting on page 6.

Bradley's Tech Session

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▶ **I have a MacBook Pro which I back up via Time Machine to a USB 2.0 Western Digital My Passport Elite portable 250GB hard drive. It worked fine for 9 months and then the backup failed. The drive no longer shows up on the desktop anymore and Disk Utility saw it but failed to fix it. Is there a more reliable brand? Someone suggested G-Technology. (I have bought other things from OWC and have been happy with their stuff.)**

■ I see some 5400 rpm G-Drive mini models at the Apple store and they now have a 3 year warranty for their G-Drive mini Combo which offers FireWire 400 as well as USB 2.0. I've been recommending the Other World Computing's Mercury On-The-Go Pro models which tend to be cheaper, offer more speed and capacity and connection options and still reliable with 3 year warranties. The FireWire interface requires less CPU interaction and is generally faster and supplies more power than USB can, which is required for the higher capacity drives. The MacBook Pro has a FireWire 800 interface which is faster yet and OWC has a triple interface model with 7200 rpm drive for top performance. At $154.99 and you can add Prosoft *Drive Genius 2* for just $30 more. The triple interface 250GB 7200rpm G-Drive mini is $259.00, so it's not much of a bargain. If you choose to be desk-bound for backup, the desktop Mercury Elite-AL Pro models use 3.5″ hard drives and a AC adapter, but these drives are designed to last longer than mobile 2.5″ drives. The triple interface 250GB 7200 rpm model is $128.99.

▶ **Do you know of any program that can compare two images and show you the differences or a program that can show you the differences in a text file?**

■ I see *AKS Image Comparer* for just $14 and a few other programs that compare images, but these are Windows XP only programs. There is a Mac OS X program *Differences Examiner* for text files made by AlphaOmega Software. It's only $18.83 at the current exchange rate with the euro. See http://alpha-omega.software.free.fr/differencesexaminer/Differences%20 Examiner.html You could always open both images in Adobe

President's Message

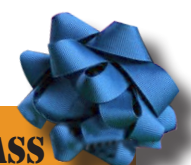**Bill Medlow**
President
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Next year will be a landmark year for LIMac. It is our twenty-fifth anniversary. Visit the *LIMac History* page on our web site to see where we have been. We are very proud of our heritage and look forward to a bright future together with the Mac as it too evolves.
   It is all the members that have contributed over the past years that has made this possible. That includes all the members that have asked questions and those that added their experiences. It's nice when it works and I would also like to point out that it is a lot of hard work of a great team. I want to thank the LIMac Board of Directors, which includes Geoff Brodhurst (MacBasics SIG Leader), George Canellis (*Vice President*), Al Choy, Brad Dichter (*Web Master & Technical Advisor*), Bernie Flicker (*Board Secretary*), Don Hennessy (*Membership Chairman and Treasurer*), Richard Hickerson, Rick Matteson (*Program Director*), Scott Randel , Brian Revere (*DTP Photoshop SIG Leader)* and Al Zygier (*FORUM Editor*). I should note that these titles do not cover what all our Board members do and volunteer for on a monthly basis, such as the very successful special mass mailings or titles they have held over the past years. It is a pleasure working with people who try so hard to make everything we do at LIMac so great. Everything that is LIMac is a tribute to them. You should come to a Board meeting to see them in action.
   Our December meeting will have a Q&A and Presentation as well as our Holiday Party, so don't forget to bring your family, your favorite nosh and your smile.
Thank you - Happy Holidays & Happy New Year. ▶
Bill Medlow
President

Holiday Pics from 2007, lets make this coming party the best ever!

Richard Hickerson
Bernie Flicker
Bill Medlow
Albert Zygier
Bradley Dichter
Brian Revere
Rick Matteson
George Canellis
Al Choy
Scott Randell
Geoff Broadhurst
Donald Hennessy

The Board of Directors want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season!

Welcome to our Party!

Best Food in town!

Diets were suspended for the party!

Holiday Gift Ideas

An iTunes gift card makes a great stocking stuffer. It's not just for music, it's good for movie purchases and rentals, and iPod games and iPhone/iPod touch apps. An iPod shuffle would fit too. $49 or $69 for 1 or 2GB. A nice case or protective film is also nice, cheap and small. Of course you can make a gift of a paid membership to our user group. Maybe a kit of iKlear (Apple Polish Kit) screen and computer cleaner and microfiber cloth to maintain the computer, with a can of compressed air to keep the innards clean. $29.95 A new memory card for their digital camera or a blank tape for their digital camcorder would be nice if you know the type in use. Also small package. A gift certificate for buy.com or amazon.com works for a wide range of goodies. Impressive by weight, a pack of blank quality Verbatim CD-R or DVD-R discs would be useful to most users. If you get a spindle pack, then some jewel cases or a carry case would be good. Some people prefer the full size jewel cases, as they can have a label on the edge, which the slim types lack. I just bought a 50 pack of double jewel cases from Neato.com They also make a CD label or jewel case insert kit $24.95 that works as a gift too. You can get a month's subscription to lynda.com training videos for just $25.

If the budget is better, than consider a Apple Store One-to-One membership for a year's worth of private lessons. An external FireWire 400 hard drive, say a cheaper OWC Neptune series 250GB HD is $92.99 or 320GB is $99.95 If you buy a copy of Micromat TechTool Pro for $83 that may save the day some day when things go bad, and can keep things running smoothly. If you buy now, you get version 4.6.2 and just around Christmas, they will ship out the free upgrade to version 5.
*Bradley Dichter*
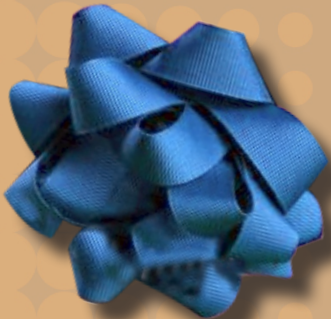
Bradley's Tech Session

Photoshop, copy and paste one onto a new layer, make it somewhat transparent and look for the differences yourself. Perhaps not as good, but worth a try.

▶ **I can't drag and drop between documents in the iWork '08 suite. I can't drag an object from a Pages document window to a Keynote window. Is there a setting I can fix? I can drag from the Finder in.**

■ You can drag an image from one to another, but a graphic object you draw nor a selection of text cannot be dragged window to window. You can copy and paste though, so that has the same results. There is no setting that affects this, it's a limitation of the programs. So what's wrong with command-c, command-v ?

DAN DANGLO

"Honey, I caught the guy who's been hacking into our computer."
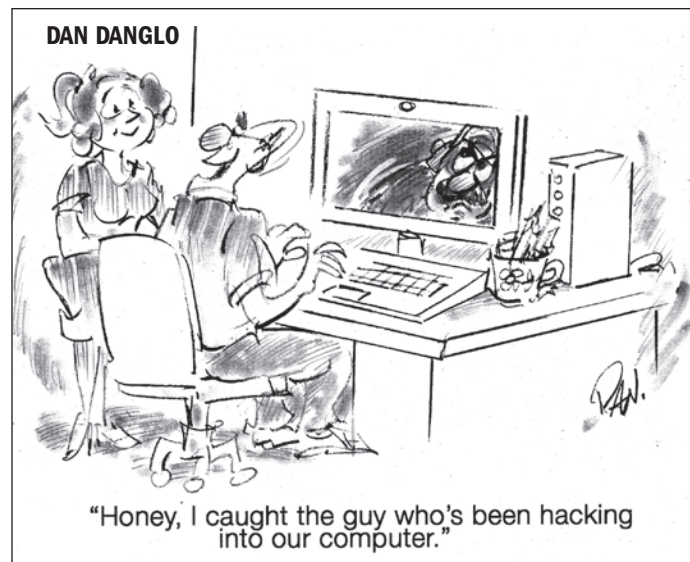
User Group News

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The following is just a small sampling of the vendor offers available to LIMac members.

Griffin Technology is one of the largest providers of accessories for the Macintosh and iPhone & iPod. Take advantage of an exclusive 15% off of all of Griffin's fine products… including the amazing Evolve, wireless sound system for your iPod. Visit: *http://www.griffintechnology.com* and use the code This code is valid through **December 31, 2008**.

iStockphoto is the world's leading royalty-free stock destination with more than 3.5 million stock photos, vector illustrations, video footage and Flash files. Add style to your next creative project with iStock. Buy stock or sell stock - or both. Apple user group members get 20% off your first purchase of 50 credits (iStock's currency) or more. Find your inspiration on iStock: *www.istockphoto.com/* This offer is valid through **February 28, 2009**.

PocketMac makes a variety of productivity tools for PDA and Mac connectivity including syncing your Mac with BlackBerry, Windows Mobile devices, and iPhones. In addition, with PocketMac *iCalScreenSaver*, you can showcase your iCal appointments in a beautiful screensave, or *RingtoneStudio* for iPhone, which makes the creation of iPhone ringtones incredibly easy. User group members receive a 40% discount from anything on PocketMac's website. Enhance your life: *http://www.pocketmac.com* Coupon Code: This offer is valid until **February 28, 2009**.

Targus has announced a new family of products designed from the ground up to deliver a complete suite of Mac-exclusive solutions. These products include a Wireless Mouse, Bluetooth Laser Mouse, Bluetooth Presenter, USB Hub, Chill Mat, File Share Cable and Privacy Screens. This stuff is a cool way to complement any MacBook. Targus is offering an exclusive discount of

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20% to the Apple User Group community when you order from Targus for Mac. Prices range from $49.99 to $79.99. Start the buzz at: *http://targus.com/us/accessories_formac.asp* Promotion code: This offer is valid until **February 28, 2009**.

Making files is easy, but finding them is not so easy. Ironic Software's *Leap*, a tags-based file manager, and *Yep*, a PDF manager, help you find and track your files. Using tags and a very visual approach to file management, these products make it easy to see what you're looking for. To show their support for Apple user groups, Ironic Software is offering a 50% discount when you purchase their products. Find and manage your information: *http://www.ironicsoftware.com* Coupon code: This offer is valid through **February 28, 2009**.

Digital Union's RT1 combines high-resolution video conferencing with the most complete set of collaborative tools available. You can create, annotate or edit files with remote participants, all in real-time, from anywhere in the world with a high-speed Internet connection. Everything takes place simultaneously in a single window. Digital Union provides unlimited access to RT1 for individual users for $99/month. Apple user group members can test it free for 14 days, then pay only $49/month for unlimited access through January 31, 2010. Begin the registration process at: *http://www.digitalunioncorp.com/software-download/* Promo code at bottom of registration: This offer is valid through **February 28, 2009**.

Jumsoft creates and markets high-quality professional user-friendly applications for Mac OS X. Jumsoft has turned their attention to Apple's Keynote and decided to add new and interesting features. Jumsoft is offering a 35% discount on all its iWeb themes for the Apple user groups. Each theme for iWeb regularly sells for $9.99. Bundles of ten iWeb themes, ten iWeb Sport themes, and five iWeb Education themes regularly sell for $69.99, $49.99, and $29.99, respectively. Get these designs cheaper: *http://www.jumsoft.com/products/* Coupon code: This offer is valid through **February 28, 2009**.

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Storyist is a powerful story development tool for novelists and screenwriters. It provides a word processor with page layout view and support for headers, footers and style sheets to produce submission-ready manuscripts and scripts; a storyboard with customizable story sheets to track your plot, characters, and settings; and a project manager with fast, project-wide search capabilities to keep your writing organized and accessible. Regularly $59, Apple user group members can purchase Storyist at a special price of $45 by visiting the website and clicking on "Store" to enter the discount code. Visit for more information and purchase: *http://www.storyist.com* Discount Code: This offer is valid through **December 31, 2008**.

The *Brain Fitness Program for Mac* is brain health software that can help you think faster, focus better and remember more. Proven effective in published studies, the program is designed to speed up and sharpen the brain's ability to take in sounds that are heard, process and remember them. Known as auditory processing, this brain function is a critical part of a person's overall brain fitness. Regularly priced at $395 for the one-user version, or $495 for two-users, user group members can receive a 25% discount on both. Order online:

Interesting site for beginners from one of our members Martin Vogel

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulKgxjS8VhI&feature=related

GoodSearch
YOU SEARCH WE GIVE™

Hi
I hope you and your families had a great Thanksgiving.

We have much to be thankful for and we want to send thanks to George for spearheading our involvement with *GoodSearch*.

Today, the day after Thanksgiving, LIMac received a $191.56 check from GoodSearch.

Now that is something to be thankful for.

Please continue to use GoodShop when making those on-line purchases.

Thanks again to George.

Bill

Membership renewal for 2009 takes place from October onwards. A bonus discount was passed by the Board of Directors a few years ago: Bring in a new dues-paying member and get a **$12**, discount off your membership renewal. Bring in three new members and your renewal is free!

Bringing in a new member also includes getting a past member back into the group.

Make your **$36** check out to LIMac and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to LIMac, Post Office Box 2048, Seaford NY 11783-0180

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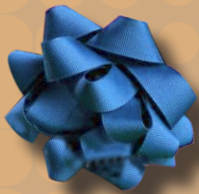
For a year's membership Send your $36 check to:

LI Macintosh Users Group,
P.O. Box 2048
Seaford, NY 11783-0180

November Meeting

• **REMOTE:** Control the music on your computer or Apple TV from your iPhone or iPod touch.

• **LOOPT:** Connects you with the world around you. Find where your friends are and what they're doing. Supported by over 100 mobile devices across multiple carriers.

• **SHAZAM:** Identify any song on radio, TV, of film. Simply hold the iPhone to the source and within seconds it will identify the song, artist, and track. Free.

• **MOVIES:** Watch trailers and get local show times on your phone.

• **SAY WHO:** Voice Dialing on your iPhone. Simply say the name or phone number.

George Canellis showed us some of his favorites for the iPhone:

• **INSTAMAPPER GPS TRACKER:** Free real time GPS tracking service. Use it to track an iPhone online, share your location with friends, and record tracks for later analysis. Track your phone on Google maps on the internet.

• **ZENBE:** Work with to-do lists or anything you can think of. Share the lists with other iPhone users or over the web. Share a shopping list with family or a to-do list with co-workers.

• **AROUND ME:** Quickly identifies your position and allows you to choose the nearest Gas station, Bank, Restaurant, and many more. You can choose to see the listing on a map.

• **AOL RADIO:** Listen to music from over 150 CBS radio stations across the US. Also listen to News Reports from NY stations such as 1010 WINS.

• **MIDOMI:** Sing it, say it, type it, or grab it. Access 17 million song samples and artists just by singing or humming a few bars. You can even search by saying their name. Try it.

Richard Hickerson talked about how the iPod touch influences his daily life. The Calendar and the To-Do list help organize his activities. Wi-Fi on his iPod for obtaining maps is very necessary when he travels. Videos take the boredom out of occasional waiting time. Podcasts up-date him on many topics. A favorite is Ken Ray's daily news about Mac issues. Available on MacOSKen.

Richard sums up the value of his iPod with, "It organizes my life, it entertains me, and it educates me." Many thanks to Bradley, George, and Richard for their presentation. Thanks also to Al Zygier for projecting close-up video of the action on the large screen. ▲

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http://www.PositScience.com/ buy Coupon code:
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CopyPaste Pro is the number one essential utility for Mac OS X. It is the latest incarnation of the award winning, easy to use, multiple clipboard editing and display utility. See, edit and clip in your history of copies. Use the new Clip Browser to see all clipboards in an instant. Never lose a clip again. CopyPaste is a time saver/lifesaver for all Mac users, beginners thru advanced users. Usually $30, Apple User Group members can buy CopyPaste Pro for only $20. Get it now:
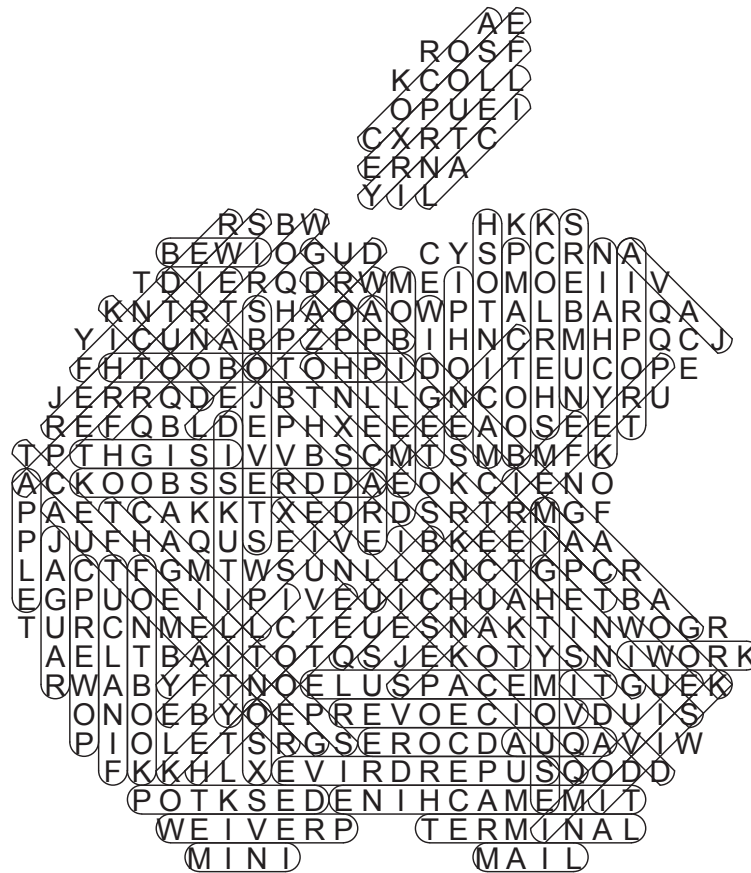*http://www.scriptsoftware.com/*copypaste Coupon code:
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"iPod: The Missing Manual, 7th Edition" by J.D. Biersdorfer and David Pogue is now available for pre-order. Now that Apple has rocked, O'Reilly is ready to roll. Get your hands on the book as soon as it's done. This special user group member price for the print book and bundle is $25.99, or use the online code to get 35% off the book or PDF version. Order from the O'Reilly Store online or by phone at 1-800-998-9938 (extra shipping costs outside US). ISBN 13: 9780596522124 See what the buzz is about:
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LIMac Word Search

Answers to last month's puzzle.

(Word search grid in the shape of an Apple logo)

ADDRESSBOOK
AIRPORT
APERTURE
APPLE
APPLECARE
APPLESCRIPT
AQUA
AUTOMATOR
BLUETOOTH
BOOTCAMP
CINEMADISPLAY
COCOA
DASHBOARD
DESKTOP
DISKUTILITY
DOCK
EXPOSE
FINALCUT
FINDER
FLURRY

FONTBOOK
FRONTROW
GARAGEBAND
GENIEEFFECT
GENIUS
GRAB
ICAL
ICHAT
IDISK
IDVD
ILIFE
IMAC
IMOVIE
INTEL
IPHONE
IPHOTO
IPOD
ISIGHT
ITUNES
IWEB

IWORK
JAGUAR
JAVA
KEYCHAIN
KEYNOTE
LEOPARD
LIMAC
MACBOOK
MACINTOSH
MAIL
MIGHTYMOUSE
MINI
MOBILEME
NUMBERS
ONEMORETHING
OSX
PHOTOBOOTH
POWERPC
PREFERENCES
PREVIEW

QUADCORE
QUICKSILVER
QUICKTIME
SHERLOCK
SPOTLIGHT
STACKS
STEVEJOBS
SUPERDRIVE
SWITCHER
TERMINAL
TIMECAPSULE
TIMEMACHINE
UNIX
VOICEOVER
WIDGET
WOZ

Hello MacMinute Reader/User,

Many of you have asked about the MacMinute Forums, and what will happen to them. MacTech has been hosting these forums for several months, and now, has expanded on them.

We've just launched a new "Special Offers and Deals" section where you can find some of the hottest deals in the Apple market. Deals are updated regularly, so check it out.

With nearly 400,000 posts, the MacTech Forums have a vibrant community there to discuss things with, ask questions or advice of, and more.

Even if you've seen these forums in the past, the new forums have so much more, and are so much capable, than prior instances of the forums.

And, while we've not made a public announcement, we'd like to give you a first look of all that the forums have to offer. So, go now to:

http://forums.mactech.com/

Register an account (or use your old account), and make a post.

Enjoy!

Neil Ticktin
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MacTech Magazine