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## November Meeting *Scott Randell*

Our November presenter was Deborah Shadovitz (she likes to be called Deb). She is a speaker, instructor, consultant, event producer, and radio person — specializing in Mac, Internet, and Web. The focus of her presentation was **Tech for Traveling**.

I was most impressed, by the first product she showed, the **Micro-Vision Showwx+**, a tiny portable projector that uses laser technology. The image from this projector does not require focusing when you change distance from the screen (this is the advantage of laser technology). It is 0.55 inches thick, 2.36 inches wide, and weighs a mere 4.3 ounces. It produces a bright clear image, but the room lights should be off, or at least dimmed. You can output to it from any portable device, including a notebook computer (this requires an extra adapter cost of \$50.00) The hardware resolution is 848 x 480 and 15 lumens. Go to <http://www.microvision.com/showwxplus/> for more details. The cost of this device is \$319.00. If you have to make presentations, (*Keynote* or *PowerPoint*), and don't want to take a chance on being supplied (or not supplied) with a quality projector, it is well worth the price.



The next product she showed was the **Wi-Drive** (Kingston Technology - 16 GB \$109.00 or 32 GB \$129.00).

This portable SSD (with the free *Wi-Drive app* available on the App Store) allows you to store movies, and broadcast them so that anyone

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## December Meeting *Rick Matteson*

Happy Holidays LIMac-ers! It's time for our Annual Holiday Party again. This year's festivities will start out with Brad's Q&A session, then we'll have a short presentation by LIMac board members showing a few game and entertainment apps for both the Mac and iPad that might make suitable gifts for the Apple users on your holiday shopping lists. After the presentation and announcements we'll hold our raffle, and then finally get down to some serious partying.

Come bearing a party snack, some kind of finger food or even a healthful, home made recipe. And remember, no glass containers or alcohol, please. LIMac will provide the plates, cups and utensil. We will also have soda, coffee and tea available.

So join us for some great info, good snacks and, most of all, a fun evening with all your Mac friends. See you at the party!



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in range can view them on their i-Device. Its broadcast station is built in, so available Wi-Fi is not necessary. [http://www.kingston.com/flash/wi\\_drive.aspx](http://www.kingston.com/flash/wi_drive.aspx)

Next Deb discussed cables, card readers, and power. Basically, she suggested bringing one of each type of cable you might need. In addition if you ever need to transfer photos, or get a photo taken by another person, a USB card reader is a must. She also suggested the following:

RadTech's ProCable Shortz Dock Extender. This is the little item that allows you to put iPhone 4s that are in a case into a dock. O.1oz \$19.95

<http://www.radtech.us/Products/procable-shortz-30pin-dock-extender.aspx>

To output to any audio device, carry a ProCable Shortz 3.5mm stereo audio extender. \$7.95

<http://www.radtech.us/Products/CablesiPod.aspx#ProCableShortz>

To make sure you can always charge your devices Deb recommended the following chargers:

RadTech ACpower Dual USB Charger 1.3oz, \$14.95

<http://www.radtech.us/Products/acpower-dual-usb-charger.aspx>

RadTech's dual socket USB charger so you can charge 2 USB devices at once. 120 or 240V. Supplies 500mA so not for the iPad nor 1st-3rd generation iPod. \$9.95

#### **Mobius Solar Case for iPhone**

Solar panel (or USB) charges the 1800 mAh lithium ion battery pack on the back of

the case. One hour of solar charging provides an additional 25 minutes of talk time. 3.4 oz Around \$80

[http://etoncorp.com/product\\_card/?p\\_Product\\_DbId=1758836](http://etoncorp.com/product_card/?p_Product_DbId=1758836)

Energizer's USB travel charger for AA and AAA batteries.

<http://www.energizer.com/chargers/> -> choose AAA and USB to see it.

#### **Here are Deb's suggestions for storage and backup:**

*iPassword* — for secure storage or all passwords, credit card numbers, other important info. There are versions that sync with mobile devices too.

<https://agilebits.com/onepassword>

Dolly Drive — for Time Machine backup via the internet, incremental clones to a local drive, and soon to have more features.

I've just started to test this. I will use this for my current taking-on-the-road MacBook Air.

<http://www.dollydrive.com>

Cloud Storage — I have my old, normal 15" MacBook Pro files safely stored online at Pixelgate's Cloud Storage.

<http://pixelgate.net/cloudstorage.jsf>

*ExpanDrive* — I can access my files via any FTP app, such as *CyberDuck*, which is free. However, *ExpanDrive 2* is a more Mac like friendly way to access them in order to view files, to copy them down to my Air, or to upload new/changed files to the cloud.

*ExpanDrive* has a 30 day trial and costs \$39.95 but I have a special 50% off code for 30 of you. Just enter the code — IPHZG-B5JS7A6IES6 — when you buy it online at <https://secure.expandrive.com/Store>. <http://www.expandrive.com>

Deb also showed an SSD drive in a USB enclosure, which provides excellent light weight and fast portable storage.

[http://www.verbatim.com/prod/solid-state-drives/solid-state-drives-\(ssd\)/store-n-go-usb-3.0-external-ssd-sku-97437/](http://www.verbatim.com/prod/solid-state-drives/solid-state-drives-(ssd)/store-n-go-usb-3.0-external-ssd-sku-97437/)

Cheaper but larger is the one from OWC: <http://eshop.macsales.com/item/OWC/MSU3SSD120GB/> but for just a bit more than the Iomega, I'd suggest this one with double the capacity:

<http://eshop.macsales.com/item/OWC/YSSD-MP240/>

To keep your tech equipment safe and dry, she showed some excellent protective and waterproof cases. They are listed below.

For the iPhone 4 only — LifeProof waterproof/dirtproof/shockproof/snowproof iPhone 4 case. \$79.99 No heavier than any other typical case

<http://www.lifeproof.com/>

For all equipment — Sea To Summit Dry Sacks.

The fabric is waterproof to 33' but the folding top

can let water in when submerged. I am double-bagging, plus adding floatation between the two bags.

All Dry Sacks: <http://www.seatosummit.com/products/cat/3>

My Lightweight Dry Sack: <http://www.seatosummit.com/products/display/15>

SmartSleeves, The Protective Phone Cover — For rainy days, handy protection from rain as you continue to use your phone. Three sizes, packs of 5 or 6 for about \$5/bag.

<http://smartsleeves.com/>

Lastly, she told us to make sure we always have a flashlight wherever we go. While not exactly computer related, it is an important piece of travel equipment. She showed the Energizer® Solar™ Carabiner Crank Light sold at Target. Target's may not be the solar model. The red one is weatherproof, but not solar. The solar model is orange.

<http://www.energizer.com/products/flashlights/outdoor-lights/Pages/solar.aspx>

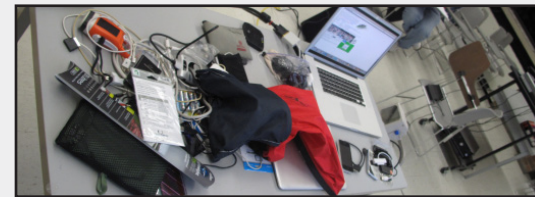
or

<http://www.energizerlightingproducts.com/product-lines/energizer-solar/Pages/SOLCKCCBP.aspx>

We want to thank Deb for her visit. All of the attending members really enjoyed her presentation.

If you want to Learn more about Deb (Deborah Shadovitz), point your browser to:

<http://www.shadovitz.com/>



## Bradley's Tech Session



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► **I heard online that they will have Photoshop online for download. The article implied that Adobe was going to be going away from boxed software and offering just online downloads. Have you heard anything about that?**

■ Adobe does currently offer their two lightweight applications, *Adobe Photoshop Elements 10 Editor* and *Premier Elements 10 Editor* for \$79.99 each from the Apple App Store. They also offer the free *Adobe Carousel* app for their subscription service (\$5.99/month after the first free month). Considering the relatively small file size of these packages and the fact that the Mac mini and MacBook Air lack an optical drive and more and more of the computer using population have broadband, it makes sense to offer these products. On the other hand, the *Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Master Collection* is 6.6GB and that would take quite a while to download if your connection is only DSL. A program like Apple's *Aperture* is about 600MB and is on the App Store. Apple offers *Final Cut Pro X* at 2.1GB, so they at least figure that's doable. *Photoshop Elements 10* is a 2.14GB download, and it's 1.98GB for *Premiere Elements 10*, but another 3.41GB for the content direct from Adobe. It's pretty likely the other professional Adobe software could be offered via the App Store. Microsoft doesn't offer *Office 2011* via the App Store. Adobe has their own online store

and offer today downloadable copies of their software individual titles and suites. Microsoft also offers a download purchase with optional actual DVD for an additional \$12.99. Most smaller apps have been download-only for years with the exception being bootable disk repair and defragment utilities. Even Apple is going disc-less with the included Restore partition aspect of a *Mac OS X Lion* installation. Since introducing the App Store, Apple has scaled back the number of boxed software titles offered at the retail Apple Stores. They take up valuable space and detract from the App Store Apple would rather push. The other physical delivery option would be on a USB flash drive, but that is a time intensive procedure to copy the data onto one. Apple offers *Mac OS X 10.7 Lion* on a \$69 USB flash drive, but they like to call it a Thumb Drive, perhaps to avoid confusion with Adobe Flash. DVD-ROM or CD-ROM discs can be stamped out enmass very quickly.

► **What about the plan to offer rentals of Adobe Software?**

■ That is available now. As of the April 2011 introduction of the Creative Suite 5.5 generation, you can now subscribe. See <http://www.adobe.com/products/creativesuite/cssubscription.html> for the options and per month costs. The license for the subscribed version is similar to the normal purchased license in that it allows for a primary and a secondary computer installation as long as no simultaneous use. So you have a work and home or desktop and laptop uses. Basically these are

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## President's Message



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*Here we are at the end of an era. Over the last 27 years the Macintosh has changed operating systems to keep up with changing needs and with the advent of the iPhone, iPad and OS-s, I see an integration of a whole new computer age. With this, the iPad will grow to be the next level of computer, allowing users the opportunity to integrate almost everything they now do but on an iPad. The iPad with over 500,000 apps will give users every opportunity to do things their way by keeping the apps as simple as each individual might want, right down to coordinating schedules, data, music, books, technical information with each personal computer, iPad and iPhone.*

*This coming year LIMac will be featuring a new Special Interest Group (SIG) that will be as interesting as our feature presentations. In January we will discuss iCloud, the iOS & apps, what they mean and how they differ. Starting in February this SIG will compare apps on a particular topic with other meaningful comparisons. We are looking to share information, not a tutorial but a short view of how different apps are set up and their appeal. We want to get you started in the right direction.*

*Steve Jobs may not be with us physically, but he will be with us in spirit for a very long time in the changes that are still coming.*

*Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.*

*Bill Medlow & family*

not rent-to-own plans, but they do offer a choice of month-to-month or cheaper per month one year plan. Could be useful for the occasional work, perhaps to fulfill a contract or to outfit a seasonal worker with required software. Considering the big upfront costs in buying a major suite and the frequency that they upgrade to new generations, it may in fact be cheaper and perhaps an accountant/tax preparer might tell you it's cheaper to do things this way. The subscription pricing does not have a discount if you own a license for a previous generation, unlike the purchase.

► **Occasionally Apple's Mail will ask me for my e-mail password. I tried Keychain First Aid in Keychain Access but this still happens every so often. How can I fix it?**

■ You were close in using *Keychain Access* and the First Aid routine, but that wasn't enough. You need to delete the keychain entry, even though it may look OK if you inspect it. The keychain entry gets corrupted every so often and in fact the whole login keychain gets messed up and has to be deleted and recreated. I hope you remembered all your passwords. It might be a good idea to write them all down in a TextEdit file in case of future corruption.

► **I have Lion on my laptop and Snow Leopard on my desktop. On the Lion machine, if I double-click on a file it opens it twice. I know it wants to re-open any file that was open when the program quit. I thought I turned that off.**

■ You may have turned that off, but the setting is not persistent across a log out or restart, so it got turned on again. Also only Lion optimized applications know

about the restore function. Use command-option-q to quit and discard the open window list instead of the usual command-q. Try using *Lion Tweaks* from Fredrik Wiker to turn off this feature on a application-by-application basis. I also found this *Terminal* hack at <http://ikluge.com/2011/08/24/getting-rid-of-lions-application-restore/> I read somewhere suggesting making your ~/Library/Saved Application State/ folder Read Only in the Finder's Get Info window after using the Go to Folder... menu item from the Go menu as the ~/Library folder is normally hidden in *Lion*. I didn't see anything like a script you can run at login, just log-out tricks.

► **What are the positive and negative aspects to loading Lion?**

■ If any of your system extensions or launch agents or launch daemons are not compatible and were not on the list Apple uses to automatically remove for compatibility reasons, then a very negative aspect, your Mac kernel panics or locks up on startup. A bit depends on how old your system and applications are now. If you have been keeping up to date and was running the latest *Snow Leopard* and everything else, it may not be so bad. If you have done your research in advance and found the list of software you have needed upgrades, not just free updates, then a negative aspect is the cost of the upgrades and the time it took to download and install those major upgrades and perhaps minor updates on top of that. The software upgrades could cost several thousand dollars per user. If you found out that some software was not available with a *Lion* compatible version and it was an

important program to you, perhaps *Adobe GoLive CS2*, *Aimersoft DVD Copy for Mac*, *AppleWorks*, *CanOpener 5*, *Canvas X*, the old *Eudora 6.2.4*, *MacLinkPlus Deluxe 16*, or *Quicken 2007*, *Readiris Pro 11*. Without *Rosetta* to support the legacy PowerPC coded applications, there are quite a few abandoned apps out there, not to mention older generations of apps and games. And also plug-ins for apps, like *Auto FX's AutoEye 2* or *Mystical Lighting 2*. I see lots of scanner and printer drivers that don't work with Mac OS X 10.7 for one reason or another. You had better check those out. Curiously enough, I have found the installer programs for some universal binary applications are still PowerPC, but for an upgrader, that's not a problem unless you have to re-install. Ok, so with the big compatibility aspects out of the way, their still remains some questions of stability, even after the 10.7.2 update. Then there are the new user interface functions you may not like. *Lion* makes your Mac more like a iPad. Apple has made a big deal about new gesture control, assuming you have a multi-touch trackpad or magic mouse. One of the biggest hassles Mac users have is the mouse scrolling action is reversed relative to what we are used to, now aligned like the iPad. Not everyone can intuit how to fix this in the *System Preferences*. There is now *Launchpad*, which is like the iPad's screen, but you don't have to use it. There is full screen mode for windows of *Lion* updated apps, but that's for folks who don't want to do more than one thing at a time. There is the previously mentioned Restore function which persists in re-opening everything you had open when you quit a program. You have less control under *Lion* and they even hide the Library folder in

the home folder. You can use the option key before using the Go menu to get to it. You can't save files at the root directory of the hard drive. They make it harder to open two windows in the Finder for dragging files around. What used to be a click away to switch a Finder window to the simpler view now is a View menu item or a command-key command-option-t. Even scroll bars and indicators in the dock have become optional. They took away Save As... from the File menu and now there is a versioning system. Perhaps a mixed bag there, but it's different from what we all are used to.

Let me think awhile about the positive aspects. I like the new About this Mac window, the new QuickLook, the new keep both option when saving or dragging in a file with the same name as an existing one. A feature borrowed from iOS is the function of holding down a key to get the accented variations. The character palette from before and *PopChar* are now obsolete. I like that you can customize the System Preferences application by hiding panes you don't use much. *Lion* supports the new iCloud function, but I guess I don't do what Apple thinks I should be doing with my iPhone so it's not of much use to me. I suppose if I had a family or a small business with users with their own iOS devices all under my Apple ID, the instant sync over the Internet might be great. The Migration Assistant now supports network migration from a Windows machine, so that's a plus. Still the bad outweighs the good for me and I don't use *Lion* on a regular basis. I have it on an internal hard drive, but not on my primary disk array. ↗

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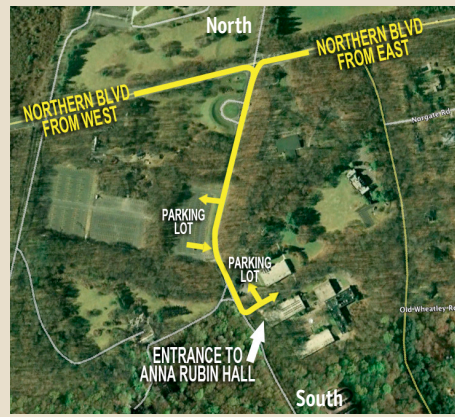
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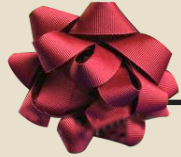
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- ▶ The next LIMac board meeting will be at the Plainedge Library, (516) 735-4133, on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. For more detailed information about this location go to [limac.org](http://limac.org)

## Renewal

Membership renewal for 2011 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!

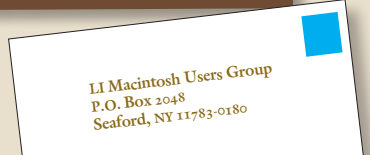
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Make your **\$36** check out to LIMac and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to



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