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## January Meeting *Scott Randell*

This January we were treated to a presentation by Ed Sullivan. OK I know what your are thinking, but this is not the Ed Sullivan from the "Really Big Shooooo..." He actually prefers to be called Eddie Sullivan, which is on his card. Eddie works for ims PRO A/V <http://imsproav.com/>. This company does just what its name indicates; professional audio and video. Listed below, are just some of the things this company offers, the complete list is more extensive.

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- Digital Audio & Video Editing Workstations

Eddie is quite knowledgable as both a musician, and as a recording technician. He is a Logic Certified Professional, and is also well acquainted with the majority of the other hardware and software options, for both audio, and video recording.

Eddie began his presentation by explaining what hardware and software are needed to create an audio recording. On the hard-

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## February Meeting *Bradley Dichter*

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*iCloud*. It's all we've been talking about since it was introduced as an option for iOS 5 for iPhones and iPads. It also puts a Mac running *Mac OS X 10.7.x Lion* as a peer to the iPad, instead of it's traditional position at the center of the digital lifestyle. Armed with your Apple ID, if you have updated (via *iTunes 10.5.x*) your existing iPhone 3GS or newer, or a iPod touch 4th generation or newer, or your iPad 1 or 2, you can use the *iCloud* free service to back up your iOS device to Apple's iCloud servers. While it's slower than a USB 2.0 connection to your Mac, maybe you don't have a personal computer, just iOS devices. More likely you do have a Mac and both a iPhone and a shiny new iPad and you've started running into the 3 way sync problem where you want the calendar and contacts synced regardless of which device you are using at the moment, say in front of your Lion running Mac or running an errand with just your iPhone. iCloud can help you there. As long as you don't pull all your hair out in frustration with Lion not running anymore with your outdated software on your Mac you got just three years ago. Not to mention cursing the ghost of Steve Jobs, when Lion won't actually do the iCloud sync on a reliable basis. So, is there a cloud for us Mac users creating documents and not ready to give in to the iOS army? Of course and one of the most popular is *Dropbox* and it even works with PowerPC Macs still running *Tiger*. You can include a Windows machine and your iOS devices too. We'll take a look at this application too. ↖

ware side, you need your Mac (of course), and some type of interface; audio or MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface), to get the music (or sound) into your computer. He showed interfaces from \$99.95 for a ¼ inch guitar cable to USB, or a \$99.95 USB keyboard controller, to ones that costs thousands, and everything in between. You can also use a USB microphone to record your voice, and anything else (such as guitar or acoustic piano) in range of the microphone. Using the microphone, you can record voice, and accompaniment simultaneously on one track. He also mentioned drum controllers, so you can create your own beats, using the drum sounds provided by the application you are using.

On the software side, you already have a pretty powerful recording program on your Mac. If you have not already guessed, it is *GarageBand*. Using one of the basic interfaces above, and *GarageBand*, you can record your music and/or voice. *GarageBand* also lets you add tracks to your original recording. Your Mac also has the ability to do professional level recording. This requires some advanced hardware, and software such as; a *Pro Tools* setup, which includes hardware and software, or Apple's *Logic Pro 9* <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/logic-pro/>

<http://www.motu.com/> or Apogee <http://www.apogeedigital.com/index.php>.

Eddie then showed how to add or replace audio in a home video. This can also be done in *GarageBand*. You can not only add audio, but replace poor quality audio in a movie you've taken using your iPhone, iPod touch, or any other camcorder that records in a format which can be imported into *iMovie*. Once you add or replace the basic audio track, you can give your movie extra pizzazz, by adding sound effects such as; applause, bells, sirens etc.

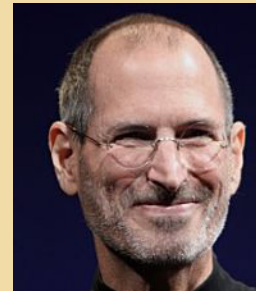
Then Eddie discussed some of the finer points of recording. He then answered the many questions asked by the audience. I would like to point out, that his presentation was diverse enough to be of interest to both musicians, and non-musicians. You all should know that *ims Pro A/V* is also an Apple Dealer, as well as a dealer for audio and MIDI interfaces (and their related software.) They have products for both the professional, and non-professional. We all really enjoyed Eddie's presentation and hope to have him back soon. 🐭

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## Apple iPad 3 with Siri expected to launch on Steve Jobs' birthday

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Apple sources are saying that the iPad3 is expected to be the company's first major release of 2012, and its first shipment could go over 4 million units.

According to 9to5Mac, reports say Apple wants to launch the iPad 3 on the anniversary of Steve Jobs' birthday, Feb. 24. And Asian contract manufacturers are asking employees to work overtime during the Lunar New Year holiday to meet the deadline.

Bloomberg's sources say the iPad 3 will go on sale in March, and will have a high-definition screen, a quicker processor and be compatible with long-term evolution. According to etnews.com, Samsung Electronics and LG Display will be providing display panels for the iPad 3, because Sharp couldn't meet its initial supply. Reports said iPad 3 production began at the beginning of January, with some Chinese factories operating 24 hours.

Apple is said to be bringing LTE to the iPad 3 ahead of the iPhone because of its bigger battery. Northern Voices reported that it will have an A6 quad core processor, Siri, and improved camera systems. The screen is expected to be 1536 x 2048 pixels, with 330-dpi Retina.

Apple usually showcases its new products to the press on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and releases them on a Friday or Saturday. If the reports of February 24 were accurate, the iPad 3 would likely be unveiled in a couple of weeks. According to PC Mag, iPad 2 was first introduced on Wednesday, March 2 of last year, and was in stores Friday, March 11. The original iPad was unveiled on Wednesday, Jan. 27 and reached the stores on Saturday, April 3.

Apple has released items on Jobs' birthday in the past. The Thunderbolt MacBook Pros were released in 2011, and a re-designed Safari 4 beta came out in 2009.

## Bradley's Tech Session



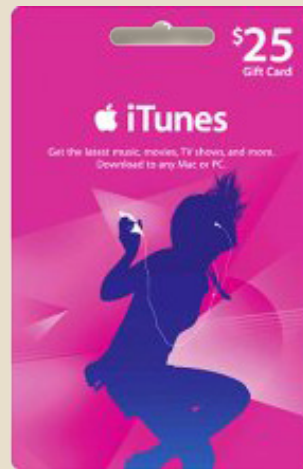
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► **I have a eMac (G4) and I get the startup tone and I get a window saying: "To continue booting, type 'mac-boot' and press return"? How do I fix this?**

■ Just reset the PRAM by holding down the command-option-p-r 4-key combination. If that doesn't fix the booting into the Open Firmware screen, instead of mac-boot, type reset-nvram and press return. It will come back one last time. This time, type set-defaults, hit return then type reset-all and hit return. The Mac should restart on it's own and boot up normally. You'll need to reselect the startup disk and other normally persistant System Preferences or OS 9 Control Panel settings. It's quite likely you need to replace the 3.6V lithium battery. It's a Tadiran TL-5101. RadioShack has the replacement TL5902; catalog # 23-937 for \$20.99 but they can be found elsewhere much cheaper. For replacement instructions, see <http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3005>. Someone once reported this was caused by a bad power button. If after the reset procedure and replacement battery doesn't fix the problem, it has to be a hardware failure. You could try different RAM modules. Of course the machine is 7 to 10 years old. All kinds of things can fail.

► **I was given an iPad to use, so I set up a Apple ID, but when I wanted to download a free app in iTunes, it wanted a credit card, but I didn't want to do that. Is there a way around that?**

■ To be honest, I didn't know the answer to this until I googled it. I thought you had to be 18 to get a credit card, as that is the age to legally sign contracts. That's still true, but minors can get a card on their parents account. I certainly never did. Maybe this option wasn't there in old version of iTunes when I first set it up on my Mac, before there were apps. I found this article: <http://support.apple.com/kb/ht2534> So basically you create the account, but you can specify None as the Credit Card and rely on iTunes Gift Cards for any none-free apps. ↩



## President's Message



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*Following our February presentation and our raffle we will have a very exciting special interest group meeting in the main room. It will be developed around the new operating system running the iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with interface with the apps on the Mac. What will make this special is that this will be a round table discussion where everyone will be part of the presentation, showing what they have or just asking questions. No falling asleep at this one!*

*We encourage all to bring their iPad, iPhone, iPod touch or Mac to be part of the action. If you have something to share we will be able to hook your equipment up to the projector for all to see. We will also discuss what we want to do at future SIG meetings. This is making you part of the action, don't miss this opportunity.*





## User Group Offers



**George Canellis**  
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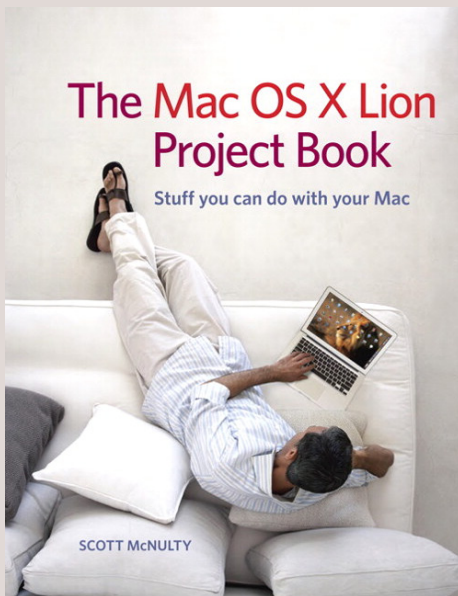
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## Mac OS X Lion Project Book, The

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This book, despite its title, isn't as much a book about Lion as it is a book about how to use a Mac with Lion to do certain neat projects. Most Mac users can figure out email and surfing the web, but what about taking your DVD collection and putting in on your Mac?

Before purchasing this book, read through the projects. Even if one of them interests you, the book will be a great value. If you aren't interested in any of this, then it's probably worth taking a pass. Projects are as follows

- 1) Organizing your files
- 2) Mastering Spotlight searches
- 3) Printing to save paper
- 4) Installing applications purchased at the Mac App store
- 5) Providing Remote Technical Support
- 6) Remote controlling a Mac in your home
- 7) Accessing your files remotely from another Mac
- 8) Using DropBox
- 9) Copying DVD content to your Mac
- 10) Basic photo editing and touch ups
- 11) Creating a slideshow

- 12) Using Rapid Weaver for a family website
- 13) RSS Feeds
- 14) Configuring TextExpander
- 15) Full screen mode to avoid distractions
- 16) Audio Podcasting
- 17) Setting up Time Machine alongside a cloning solution
- 18) Using your signature in a PDF

Each of these projects are short--just four of five pages. The book is easy to understand and the projects are fun and relevant. They assume a basic to intermediate knowledge of Lion. No explanations of files or how to click a mouse is included.

Since I knew how to do all of this or the things I didn't know didn't interest me, I didn't find the book that valuable. I learned this stuff the hard way through trial and error. However if someone asked me how to do any of these small projects, you bet I'll suggest this book.

New Mac users who simply want to feel more comfortable with their Mac and need some ideas of projects will find this book ideal. If I did Macintosh tutoring this would be a great companion manual.

Overall, a fun book for intermediate Mac users with relevant and interesting projects.

**Pros:** Excellent digest of fun projects to get to know Lion and your Mac better

**Cons:** Limited scope if you already know how to do these things or if they don't interest you.

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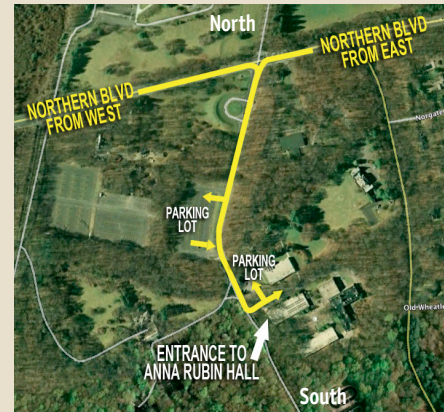
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Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.  
**Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 - 7:30 P.M.**  
**Featured Presentation: 7:30 - 8:20 P.M.**  
followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

**After general meeting**  
**iOS SIG:** Let's talk about iCloud

**Mac Basics SIG:** For February's MacBasic SIG, we will enter the world of graphics. That's photos, pictures, clip art and drawings. Some programs that Mac users have, but sometimes don't know how to access or use will be discussed; *Grab*, *QuickTime Player*, *DVD Player* and *iPhoto*. Even if you have used some or all of these, you may discover other useful features of these basic gems

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