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### May Meeting Scott Randell

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After Bradley's Q & A session, we took time to experiment with both Skype and iChat. The intent was, to determine if we could possibly use one of these for a future meeting featuring a presenter at a remote location. First Bradley tried hooking up an Airport base station to the NYIT Ethernet port. For whatever reason, that would not function. Next, he tried using a direct Ethernet cable to the MacBook Pro to achieve a Skype session with Al Zygier. This was successful. We spoke to Al, and he walked around his home showing us his surroundings. The Connection Doctor (from the Video menu) in *iChat*, showed that the NYIT Wi-Fi was not fast enough to provide sufficient bandwidth for this purpose. While Bradley was not able to get the old Airport base station to work, he felt a new wireless router might. For the purpose of a presentation done by a remote presenter projected on our screen, Brad determine that the wired connection would work well. However, Brad conveyed to me; "if we wanted to demo Skype or FaceTime on the iPad, then we need a wireless solution." A dual-band Apple Airport Express is compact and dual band 802.11b/g/n and would allow us to also demonstrate, if needed, the Apple Airport Utility. As an added note, at the LIMac Board Meeting, we decided using an external video camera and microphone, would be a better solution than to rely on the MacBook Pro's internal devices for these group remote via *iChat/Skype* presentations to the group. We could have an interactive presentation, without the need for members to use their own devices. We will convey more information on this after we research the possibilities.

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### June Meeting Rick Matteson



It's June and that means another "Dave Marra Experience" is here! Dave's presentation, "Making Music and Editing Photos on iPad," will surely educate and entertain. Dave will demonstrate music apps for creating your very own magnum opus and show us how to organize and edit photos right on the iPad. Which apps? Well, you've

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gotta be there to see which ones.

If you've ever seen a Dave Marra presentation you know it's

f u 11 of energy, information and, often, some surprises. Well, this one's not going to disappoint! Dave is primed and ready to roll!

> As usual when the "Dave Marra Experience" is on the menu, there will be no SIGs, but we will hold the Q&A sessions and raffle. So mark your calendar and be sure to attend this meeting. 🕅

### **Bradley's Tech Session**



Bradley Dichter Technical Advisor bdichter@optonline.net

▶ I have a 2008 Mac-Book Pro (pre-unibody) and I had the mother-

board replaced because of the graphics chip problems. Before the replacement, the strip above the keyboard would get hot, but not over the hard drive. Now it runs nice and cool. In fact I can't tell if my fans are running at all. I checked with the macupdate.com web page and found the *smcFanControl*. Is it any good and does it come with a temperature indicator? I have a noisy cooling fan under the computer.

■ I've installed it on other laptops to keep them cool, and yes it will show a temperature reading in the menubar. Not sure which sensor it uses for the temperature reading. For more comprehensive reading on fan speeds and temperatures, I'd suggest either Marcel Bresink's free Temperature Monitor v4.95, which is a subset of the other choice, his \$10.62 Hardware Monitor v4.95. On my Mac Pro, there are dozens of sensors for CPUs, memory modules, hard drive's temperatures as well a slew of voltage and amperage usage readings. There are fan speeds along with rated max and minumum ratings for the fan speeds. *Temperature Monitor* lacks the fan speeds and power readings, so to answer the exact concern for the fan speeds, Hardware Monitor's really the only good choice of the two. Of course the heat you felt was exactly were the heat sink is, between the 2 fans, at the back near the top row of keys,

and now a proper GPUt is behaving fine and not overheating. If you desire more constant monitoring in a discrete but visible and real-time way, I'd go with Bjango's iStat Menus 3. It can show a wide array of information in the menu bar, including a fan speed, and the same menu extra, has a pulldown menu off all the other sensors like Hardware Monitor. It's a bit more expensive at \$16, but I use it everyday to keep an eye on my CPU 1 heatsink temperature and network performance history. It also offers minimum fan speed speed controls. I can control independantly each of 6 different fans in my Mac Pro 2009. There is only two in your MacBook Pro. The external cooling fan is probably why you never hear the internal fans, as the computer is rarely taxed enough to heat up enough to overcome the generally cool conditions offered by the supplimental fan, which cools the whole underside, including the hard drive and optical drive which are under the palm rests. The CPU and GPU are on the underside of the logic board, in contact with the heat sink, which has air blowing through it and out the vents in back by the hinge with the display portion. The fans normally spin faster in anticipation when the CPU load gets high. You can hear that sometimes under normal operation.

▶ I was working in *iCal* and up pops a message of "The server responded with an error. The server could not recognize your password for account …" Where do I go to check? I'm not aware of any calendar server I use.

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### **President's Message**



Bill Medlow President archbill@optonline.net

I, like many of you, have been reading biographies on the life of Steve Jobs. Over and over, authors talk

about Steve's vision and innovation. His successes are of legend, but I often wonder what we at LIMac can do to follow his type of thinking. Please talk it up and get back to me . . . answer this guesiton: How can LIMac inspire others to be more innovative? If we can bring just a bit of Steve Jobs into our organization, we will succeed as a group and hopefully, inspire others to join. See you soon.

Bill



### Bradley's Tech Session continued from Page 2

■ iCal menu - Preferences... Accounts icon. You will some acount listed on the left column, perhaps a gmail acount listed as a CalDAV type, but it could be a MobileMe or Yahoo or some other type. It should show the password there as a series of bullets. Delete the account with the minus sign at the bottom of the Accounts list if you don't in fact synchronization or edit the password. That password was stored in your login keychain, so you may have to delete the www.google.com 'Internet password' kind of item with the use of the Keychain Access application in your Utilities sub-folder. (Don't confuse this entry with possible other entries for imap.gmail.com or pop.gmail.com or smtp.gmail.com which are all e-mail related, not calendar related.

▶ I use the *Calendar* function on the iPod touch and iPad. When you put in a normal event, say Saturday at 1:30PM, it works perfectly. For a event that repeats monthly you can set it for something basically static like the 11th of the month, but not the 2nd Friday of the month. Is there some secret way? Don't program this type of complex repeating events on your iOS device, but instead do it on your Mac OS X device, with *iCal.* If programmed in iCal, the events will stick on the synchronized calendars on your iOS devices. Remember that the Calendar app on iOS, which includes the otherwise snazzier version for the iPad, is still in it's infancy, like a Mac SE/30, compared to the 128K Macintosh. The iPhone shipped in June 29, 2007 and Apple's Calendar has not gained this function yet in nearly 5 years. In 5 years, Apple shopped six generations of System Software and Max. RAM went from

a eigth to 32 MB. Apple's iOS software is just not that good, at least not yet. *iCal* also supports attachments to a event, which is not supported under iOS. Now of course you could do a search on the App Store and find something like Week Calendar by UtiliTap which does support this type of event definition and other useful functions. Perhaps it's worth \$1.99 to try. Just like the original Mac came with MacWrite, Microsoft came out with Word, which had other features Apple's software lacked. So when Apple's software turns up lacking, go shopping. By the way, Microsoft took 6 years to come up with Word 5, considered the best version of all time. Well OK, give them another year for version 5.1. Point is, you can either wait for Apple or shop the App Store. You'll find a wealth of options. I suppose you can suggest an enhancement to Calendar and the iPad here: http://www. apple.com/feedback/ipad.html As iOS and the apps get better and the iPad and iPhone get better, and Apple de-emphasizes the Mac more and more, it would be reasonable to assume Calendar will be better in the future. Luckily you are not limited to Apple's offerings in many functions.

# ▶ I have the iPod running *iOS 4.1* and the new iPad is running 5.1. Can I, and if so, how do I transfer everything to the iPod?

■ I assume the iPod touch is a first or second generation as they can't run *iOS 5*. Doesn't really matter. You don't transfer from device to device unless you are using iCloud, which the old *iOS* doesn't support. As the Mac has been syching to the older iPod touch, it has all your apps and music etc. Generally most of your music and photos and videos came from the Mac in the first place. So when you connect the iPad for the first time, it will want to svnc from the same source selection of apps and media. If you allow it, it will sync everything available on your Mac, just like the iPod. You can of course change the settings and synch a different set of apps, different mix of *iPhoto* albums and events, and different *iTunes* playlists. This flexibility is important as you download iPad specific apps, which won't work on the iPod touch. Also with the larger screen, you'll get higher resolution copies of your *iPhoto* images. So while you won't be copying from iPod to iPad, you'll get the same effect by going through the Mac. In fact, you could have both the iPad and iPhone connected at once, see them both in the *iTunes* sidebar and compare what apps are each.

Back to the issue of the unification of Mac OS X and iOS, it certainly seems that the Mac OS X is getting more like iOS. Don't you see that as a good thing? No. iPad sales in 2011 exceeded the entire history of Mac sales since 1984. Back then, it was one personal computer for many people and then it became over time one computer per person. While it's true that Mac's have gained market share, and sales have been better than ever, the truth is iPad sales have been at the expense of Windows machines and netbooks in particular. Apple has been talking for a while now about the post PC era and they don't just mean Windows machines. They mean now traditional desktop Mac OS X and Windows 7 machines. Desktop Mac sales have been dropping the most

and Apple will drop whatever products no longer make Apple sufficient money. The xServe was first and the Mac Pro hasn't had a update since 2010 and the case design has not really been changed since 2003's Power Mac G5. iMacs and Mac mini's will be phased out next, as laptops are the best Apple sellers among the OS X family. Hard to believe for all those content creators. Even Microsoft is following Apple's lead, integrating mobile phone features with their future Windows 8. You can see the future paradigm is many computing devices per person. Now that doesn't exclude a desktop workstation, but sales still point to a laptop, not so much a Mac Pro classic tower. Apple dropped the word "Computer" from their corporate name, underlining the fact that they have expanded past computers. Metamorphosis is a process. For a while there, people were expecting Apple to go out of business when they sold just Macs. Now they sell iPads and iPhones and they are the biggest company in the world. Duh! How much more evidence of the trend of a dying Mac world do you need? A slow death or transition if you prefer that term, but unless demand by content creators increases in the form of Mac Pro and iMac purchases, they will be phased out. With Mac OS X spending a majority of it's progression towards iOS, the Mac is looking less attractive for serious uses. Look for yourself at *http://www.apple*. com/macosx/mountain-lion/features.html. Tell me which feature will make the Mac better at running Adobe Creative Suite 6 or MS Office 2011 or FileMaker Pro 12 or handle email or calendar events better.

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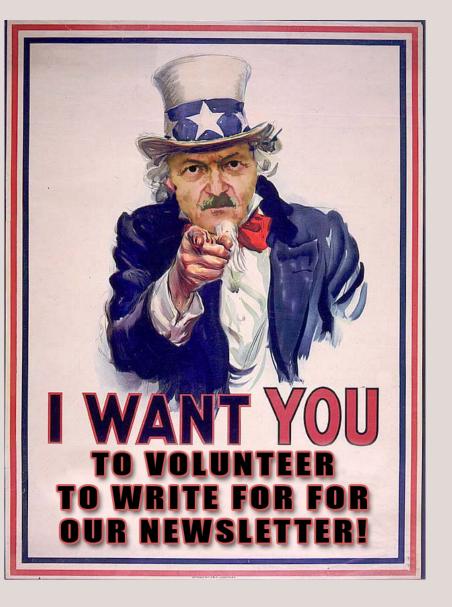
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Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M. Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 - 7:30 P.M. Featured Presentation: 7:30 - 8:20 P.M. followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

After general meeting iOS SIG: No IOS SIG for this meeting Mac Basics SIG: No Mac Basics SIG this meeting.

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