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August Meeting *Scott Randell*

The subject of August's meeting was "Protecting Your Intellectual Property." Wikipedia defines Intellectual Property as "distinct types of creations of the mind." These, by law, include: "musical, literary, and artistic works; discoveries and inventions; and words, phrases, symbols, and designs." Our presenters educated us in the various ways we can prevent others from using, and profiting from our work.

Our first presenter was our own Rick Matteson. He first showed some simple (but only moderately effective) methods such as; covering the image or document with copyright information, or reducing the image resolution, so it is not acceptable for printing. Rick explained that these methods are deterrents which will discourage the average person from using your work. He continued by showing software which is more effective. The first application he showed was *Impression* from Blue Crowbar Software *http://www.bluecrowbar.com*. It is an *iPhoto* plugin ($15.00) that lets you add a watermark to an individual or a batch of images. You must create the watermark in advance in any application, even *TextEdit*. The plugin then exports the image(s) as a new event. The image is completely flattened, so the watermark cannot be easily removed with *Photoshop*, or *Illustrator*.

Next Rick showed *iWatermark* (a stand alone application $20.00) by Plum Amazing. This application allows you to create and add a watermark to an image, as well as using a watermark created with another application. *http://www.plumamazing.com/mac/iwatermark*
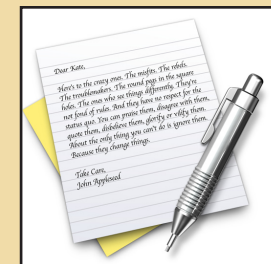
Next Rick introduced Jared Gordon, a professional photographer and new member. Jared talked about the copyright laws and how to copyright your work. He told the audience to always make sure that your work is copy-written through the government. He

September Meeting *Bradley Dichter*

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Mac 101 continued: Word and Image Editing basics. You've probably never actually explored the full capabilities of your Mac, just dived right in and learned only the most basic functions. Apple's One-To-One classes leave large gaps in a user's understanding. This month, our Technical Advisor Bradley Dichter will continue a series of comprehensive tutorials on the Mac, this month concentrating on text editing and word processing basics, followed by a brief introduction to images. Moving around your text and window and selecting parts is most basic, but some folks do it inefficently. We will talk about paragraph justification and fonts, spelling and copy and paste. Then we will talk about images and some basic image formats and using *Preview* and a little *iPhoto*. We won't be going indepth into *iPhoto* or *Photoshop* yet. Having a thorough understanding of your Mac will make you more efficient, which may be more important than having a faster computer. There will be many more concepts and applications to explain as we build on this understanding for future meetings. Become a power user with us!

Bradley's Tech Session

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▶ **I'm running Snow Leopard, Mac OS X 10.6.3 on a 24″ iMac.** *Adobe Acrobat* **8.2.1 wants to update to 8.2.3? It comes up with a dialog box asking me if I want other programs to use PDF printer. There is a checkbox you can't uncheck. Anyway it freezes trying to update so I have to force quit the updater. The other dialog box stays on screen and I have to restart the computer the get rid of it. Why can't I uncheck the option and update?**

■ The PDF printer function and the actual creation of PDF files of *Acrobat 8* does not work with *Mac OS 10.6*. Adobe clearly says *Acrobat 8* should be used only up to 10.5.8. The old Adobe PDF 8.0 printer driver that used to work under *Leopard* won't work under *Snow Leopard*. If you find the old 8.2.1 is OK for your uses and you don't mind the security problems that version had, just turn off the preference for checking for updates. The recommended option is, you will have to upgrade to *Acrobat Pro 9* and update that to version 9.3.3 in order to still work properly with *Snow Leopard*. I've said it several times before, if you don't do your homework first, before you upgrade to *Snow Leopard*, you will have trouble and now require expensive 3rd party software upgrades to be compatible. If *Acrobat Pro 8* was part of a *Creative Suite 3* bundle, the other CS3 applications don't work quite right in *Snow Leopard* either. Until you get the new generation software, try the interme-diate *Acrobat 8.2.2* updater. Complicating things is Adobe transitioned to the new *Reader Updater* from the *Adobe Update Manager*. You probably turned off the default Display PDF in Browser option and the automatic repair feature tripped up on this condition. You would have to turn this preference back on, at least tem-porarily, to avoid the problem. With Safari in 32-bit mode, (not it's default) it should show PDFs with the Acrobat toolbar and functionality. Maybe you didn't know that and played with Acrobat's settings.

▶ **I have an Intel iMac which cannot con-nect to the Internet. Now I get a dialog box that says "Connecting..." and then it says it can't detect a dial tone. It normally connects via Airport. I tried locking the system preference panel but it didn't help.**

■ I'd say your Internet connection was down, and you clicked on the wrong choice in the *Network Diagnostics* or *Network Setup Assistant*. Your Mac has no modem in it to detect a dial tone with, and of course no phone cable to connect to a live phone jack. I would go into the system Preferences - Network and create a new location. You do that by clicking on the Location pop-up menu and selecting Edit Locations... and then clicking on the plus sign at the bottom of the list box. You can call this new location wireless or whatever. The name Airport could be confused with the network interface. Click OK and then highlight your other network interfaces like Ethernet, FireWire and Bluetooth
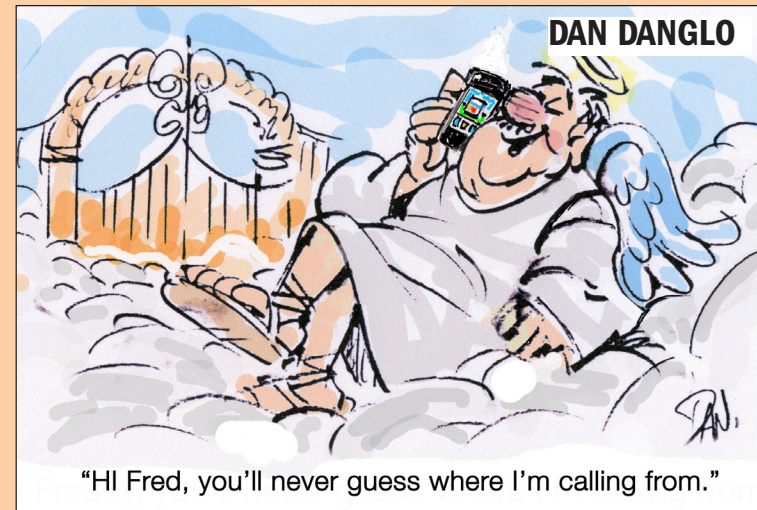
President's Message

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For LIMac the summer is over and our Special Interest Groups are back to our usual meetings where we will have a Q&A with Brad and a Q&A with our MacBasics Special Interest Group, both starting at 7 PM. These will be followed by our feature presentation at 7:30 PM and our raffle at 8:30 PM / 9:00 PM. For those that want some special information on MacBasics or Desktop Publishing / Photoshop. These Special Interest Groups will start immediately after the raffle. The MacBasics SIG will cover predescribed basic subjects to help anyone that is switching over from the PC, that is new to the Mac or just wants to cover some of the Mac's basic subjects in a smaller controlled setting. The Desktop Publishing / Photoshop SIG will cover Photoshop Elements with real time demonstrations.

This months feature presentation will have Bradley showing how everyone can be more efficient with the editing of text and their integration with images on the computer. The emphasis will be on being faster and more efficient. Brad is looking to enhanse the skill level of all our members.

This is what LIMac is all about. Not just a group of people getting together once a month but a group of friends helping each other.

Bill

DAN DANGLO

"HI Fred, you'll never guess where I'm calling from."

and click the minus sign at the bottom of that list box to remove these choices. Then make sure your wireless network's name or SSID is selected under Network Name and then click Apply. You should see the arcs of the Airport menu extra in black after it renegotiates and connects with your wireless router. You should be OK after that. Sometimes after waking from sleep, the Mac could take an extra long time to reconnect via Airport. Airport is also subject to interference from 2.4 GHz cordless phones in the area, whether they are in active use or not. For desktop model Macs, I try to avoid using Airport because of it's unreliable connections. For those instances where it is impractical to run a ethernet cable from the router to a Mac, I've had pretty good success with Netgear's line of Powerline bridge kits. You can get a set (Netgear XEB1004) of 85 Mbps capable units for about $90 at your local Staples location or elsewhere. They don't like most power strips, so they need to go directly into a wall outlet or at most a plain extension cord. This model actually supports 4 different network devices at the remote location. Microcenter sells for the same price the simplier version, the XETB1001 which supports just one remote network device. Locking just means someone needs a password to change the setting. It doesn't prevent you from loosing a signal or changing settings outside of the Network Preference Panel.

▶ **Something weird happened to my e-mail and I can't send out any mails or reply to anything. I called Cablevision Tech Support and they couldn't help after a** **couple of hours. Help!?**

■ Sometimes the preferences for *Mail* or *Entourage* gets pretty screwed up behind the scenes and while things look OK they aren't. Most often this is a case of a damaged keychain entries for your POP and SMTP mail server passwords, but sometimes you have to get a bit more agressive in your cleanup. You have to delete your email account and rebuild it. This won't delete your existing actual mail, but for a minute there will be no account to file it under. This could suck big time if you have several mail accounts. I'd go into the Utilities folder, start up *Keychain Access*, type in mail.optonline in the search field, double-click on your latest entries and reveal the existing password as most folks forget their e-mail password as the computer has been remembering it for you, for years. Then go back to Mail - Preferences - Accounts. You may want to write down the info you see or take a screen shot and delete your mail account and then add a replacement with the same info. You may find that optimum online now prefers for the outgoing SMTP server to use Password authentication with your mail user name and password. It also likes to use port 587 which you can specify. ▸

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George Canellis
User Group Ambassador & Vice President

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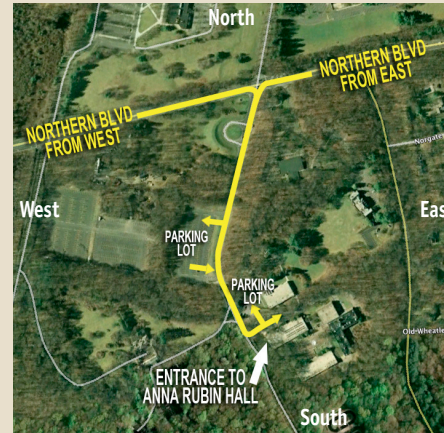also talked about using *Aperture's* built in water marking.

Our final presenter was Brian Revere, our *Photoshop* SIG leader. Brian as most of you know is a professional graphic designer. He showed two ways of adding watermarks without the help of a specialized application. One is to add the watermark in *Photoshop* (*Photoshop Elements* will do), flatten the image, and save as a new file. With this done the watermark cannot be easily removed. If you don't have *Photoshop* (or *Elements*) you can do this by opening the photo in *Pages*, create the watermark by using a text box, and then take a screenshot of it (command + shift + 4). The result will be a one layer image with the watermark, and again, it's very hard to edit this out.

Much thanks to our presenters for donating their time an expertise. This was a very interesting, and informative presentation. This illustrates the talent we have within our group. ▸

LIMac PowerBook Auction

At this August's meeting we had an added special event. LIMac auctioned off the Aluminum PowerBook G4 which was the computer we were formally using for our presentations. The bidding started off at $100.00 and was slow for a while. Our Treasurer Donald Hennessy served as the auctioneer. He had to do a little coaxing to speed up the bidding, but it worked well. Within minutes the bidding speeded up to a lively pace. The bids increased at $10.00 and $20.00 increments finally ending with $310.00 bid by our winner Don VanHolt. I am sure he will be putting this PowerBook to good use. ▸

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Meetings are held at
The **New York Institute of Technology**,
Building 300 (Anna Rubin Hall),
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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.
Beginner Q&A meetings
Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.
followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

Mac Basics
Finder *Quick* Review:
  Basic Finder terminology, Navigating the Finder Simple
  Finder operations
A look at System Preferences
  Just what's in there?, Customizing your preferences
Some basic software included with the Mac:
  TextEdit.app
Member survey
  What do you want to see in the MacBasics SIG?

I know it sounds like a lot, but some parts will go very quickly

and others may take a while. Not everything needs to be accomplished at the September meeting. Those topics that require more time can be covered at subsequent meetings.

▸ In bad weather, call (516) 686-7789.

▸ The next LIMac board meeting will be at the Plainedge Library, (516) 735-4133, on Wednesday, September 15th, at 7:45 P.M. For more detailed information about this location go to *limac.org*

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