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December Meeting *Scott Randell*

At the December meeting, before beginning our annual holiday party, a few members presented some gift ideas. First up was Geoff Broadhurst. Geoff was the most ambitious of all, showing 5 different gift ideas all relating to technology. He showed all of the following listed below:

Cordies "Keep Cables On The Table" from Quirky. It's a heavily weighted base rubber object that has slots for USB/Firewire/Thunderbolt/etc. cables, and keeps them from falling off the back of the computer table into the "dark hard-to-reach." (Available at MicroCenter.) This sounds great to me, I may even buy it for myself. See <http://www.quirky.com/products/84-Cordies-Cable-Organizers> You can buy it locally at MicroCenter in Westbury: <http://www.microcenter.com/product/363490/Cordies-Cable-Organizers-Blue> in more colors than available curiously enough direct from Quirky.

He also showed a similar item, CableDrop from Bluelounge. These however are for individual cables and are peel & stick. See <http://www.bluelounge.com/products/cabledrop/> and locally at Walmart: <http://www.walmart.com/ip/Bluelounge-CableDrop-Muted/16904128>.

At RadioShack, he found a zippered earbud case. It works well to preserve earbud cords from being chewed up in pockets or bags. You can find it here: <http://www.radioshack.com/product/index.jsp?productId=16484206>.

Geoff then showed a JBL Micro Wireless portable speaker \$59.99 at Best Buy. Also the Moleskine Pocket Notebook Set Ruled for Evernote with Click Roller Pen (\$34.95 at the Apple Store).

Using this notebook, and the Click Roller Pen, you can capture ideas and sketches, then let the Evernote mobile app bring

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January Meeting *Bradley Dichter*



Since we only covered, in September 2012, the first four pages of the prepared eight of Bradley's detailed *Mountain Lion* presentation, for January we will continue the in-depth coverage of the new *System Preferences* and hopefully cover some of the updated Apple included apps, showing the new features, some of which started with *Lion*. The presentation was subtitled What's Hot and What's Not, but with the premise that many users are still running *Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard* because I advised against installing *Lion*, I wanted to show what's different, which would include features first introduced with *Lion*. The point I hope the members got was to showcase the new features, perhaps better than you might get at an Apple Store, where the staff is very busy. We've covered in the past the downside to upgrading to *Lion* and *Mountain Lion*, in that you may lose compatibility with older applications and peripherals, a major downside. This presentation's purpose was to show the upside too, so you can make an informed decision about whether to upgrade or not. There are an ever increasing number of applications that require *Lion* or *Mountain Lion*, like the current *iPhoto* or *Apple Remote Desktop* available on the *Mac App Store* for example. *ScreenRecycler 1.39 beta 2* and *Dragon Dictate 3* and *Dragon Express 1.1* require *Lion* or better, so it seems to be tipping in *Mountain Lion's* favor if your Mac can upgrade to it. ↗

Bradley's Tech Session



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► **I'm now using a new Mac Pro with the latest iPhoto. I want to use the pictures with my old Power Mac G5, which is running an older version of iPhoto which cannot open the more modern format iPhoto Library file. What can I do?**

■ It depends on what you may want to do, but if you turn on, in *iPhoto's* preferences, under Sharing, Share my photos, you should be able to see all the photos in your networked older *iPhoto* on the G5. You can then pull over the desired photos or leave them on the Mac Pro to save space and avoid having a differently modified photo on one Mac versus another. I've read a comment this works from *iPhoto 9.x* from *iPhoto '11* back to at least *iPhoto '06*.

That's assuming your two Macs are networked together. If they are not, you would have to export the images, make note of the number of items shown at the bottom-left is the correct total, select the File Export option, select Kind Original or Current and for File Name, select either Use filename or the more useful 'Use title' if you have spent time titling your various pictures. When you click the Export button, you will get the standard Save As... dialog box. You will need an external hard drive to hold the pictures, and create a new folder to contain them. Unmount and disconnect the drive and connect it to the old G5 and import these pictures into it's *iPhoto* library. Assuming it's Advanced preferences is set, for Importing: to Copy

items to the *iPhoto* Library, you can then delete the copies on the external drive.

► **Why do I have copies of SOME of my sent messages in my Draft mailbox?**

■ Are you sure there is a copy in both places? You may have closed the window instead of clicking the send button and not realized it. That would have moved the message to the drafts folder. Also if your Mac is offline or the mail server at the moment you clicked send, it would try to send and end up in the drafts folder, but it shouldn't be in both. Finding a message being composed in the drafts folder is not entirely a new feature in *Mountain Lion*, as *Mail* auto-saves an unsent message, but only from a IMAP account. In *Mountain Lion*, *Mail* auto-saves for all type of accounts. This problem has popped up for a few users since *Mac OS X 10.4.x Tiger*. If you close the window, without sending it, or you eventually do send it, it *should* delete the draft message. Go to Mail menu, select Preferences..., look under Accounts, click on your IMAP account, click on Advanced tab, and change the option for 'Keep copies of messages for offline viewing:' to the choice that reads "Only messages I've read." You will get a warning about the change. If you have more than one account where you are having this problem, do the same for each. This problem tends to occur for large attachments as things tend to time out. You could try first to select Rebuild from the Mailbox menu. I've read from user reports that deleting the "com.apple.mail.

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President's Message



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Well, the world didn't end on December 21, 2012 as predicted by the Mayans. . . and that means that, hopefully, I will have the pleasure of presiding over the LIMac group for another year. Another year where we challenge ourselves to be stronger than ever. Challenge is good because it brings about enthusiasm, and from that often times comes change.

As Bob Dylan sang I feel a change comin' on.....Some changes will be for the better and some not. PSEEG Long Island, LL was awarded a 10 year contract to manage LIPA (yay). Unfortunately, taxes are rising. The tech market is moving quickly as are people. We aren't called the human race for nothing. We're always racing for new tech advances and are going vertical because the only way is up...up. Will Apple respond to consumer interest in mini laptops? Will those affected by Sandy get the assistance they need to rebuild and move forward? Is there something we can do to help those in need or less fortunate than us? Challenge and move forward. I feel a change comin' on.

I look forward to ringing in and celebrating a wonderful New Year with my loved ones. I know each and every one of you are feeling the same. Let's make this a positive year both personally and professionally. Begin 2013 with a smile and keep that smile going each and every day.

*Happy New Year to you and your families.
Bill Medlow and family*

plist" file found in ~/Library/Preferences solves this problem. Just a reminder that, for *Lion* and *Mountain Lion* users, it's hidden, so you have to, in the *Finder*, hold down the option key, and select Library from the Go menu. Then you can open the Preferences folder.

► **I have a 2009 MacBook Pro and I want to put in a SSD and use a OWC Data Doubler kit to take out the optical drive and move the HDD (or a higher capacity one) into the optical drive bay. I'm still running Leopard. Can I have a second operating system like Mountain Lion on that hard drive? Do I have to restart to switch?**

■ You certainly can if you wish. The HDD can be partitioned and you can clone your *Leopard* installation or install cleanly *Leopard*. Apple is once again offering *Snow Leopard* on the Apple Store which you can install and then upgrade from there again to *Mountain Lion*. Normally what I do with a SSD/HDD system like this, is to have the System and Applications on the SSD and move the home folder to the HDD. You can do that twice if you partition the SSD for the two operating systems and have the two home folders on the HDD, as long as they are in separate folders assuming you use the same short name for the user account for both systems. You would have to restart after switching the preference in the *Startup Disk System Preference* panel. If you have *VMware Fusion 5*, you could install an older or newer operating system as a virtual machine and run both at the same time. Legally, you could stay at *Mac OS X 10.6.8* and install *Mountain*

Lion as a guest operating system. If your Mac is already running *Mountain Lion*, you could run *Leopard Server* or *Snow Leopard Server* as a guest OS. Note that these have to be the server version, not the usual client version you probably have been using. As Apple not longer sells these, it will be a bit of challenge to get a hold of a legal serialized copy at this time. Previously I used an earlier version of *VMware Fusion* and a virtualized copy of *Mac OS X 10.4 Tiger* running under *Mac OS X 10.6*. It stopped working when I updated *VMware Fusion*. *Parallels Desktop 8 for Mac* also allows you to virtualize *Lion* or *Mountain Lion* as well as *Leopard Server* or *Snow Leopard server*. *Parallels* will allow you to copy and paste graphics between the host and the guest OS, while *VMware* is limited to text on the clipboard.

► **The reason I want to upgrade is I keep getting upgrade warnings from things like Google Chrome?**

■ The latest *Chrome* just needs *Mac OS X 10.6*, it doesn't need *Mountain Lion*. Same thing for *Firefox 17*, *Mac OS X 10.6* is OK. On the other hand, the currently available copy of *Pages* from the *Mac App Store* requires *OS X 10.7.4* and *iPhoto* needs *OS X 10.7.5* and *QuickBooks 2013* also needs *Lion*, so if you have a need to stay current, you can't stay with *Snow Leopard*, at least not full time. ↴

them to your iPhone, iPad, or Mac. Sounds like a great tool. Here it is: http://store.apple.com/us/edu/328537/browse/home/shop_ipad/ipad_accessories/app_enabled#m.manufacturer=moleskine

Next, yours truly was up. I showed (well sort of) some iPhone cases. Being that our projector was not working that night, I could only talk about them. Luckily, one of the members attending had one of the cases I was talking about, so at least I could show that one. One of the cases I showed was the OtterBox Defender (\$59.90), and the other one was the OtterBox Commuter (\$34.95). You can see these, and find out more about them, by pointing your web browser to: <http://www.otterbox.com>. One thing I pointed out is that no case will guarantee that your iPhone or other device will not be damaged. Their warranties only cover the case.

Rick Matteson then showed a new keyboard attachment for the iPad. This keyboard is called The Brydge (pronounced bridge). The Brydge is actually a keyboard that you attach your iPad to, rather than a keyboard you at-

tach to your iPad. It virtually turns your iPad into a small (and light) notebook. The keyboard has full size keys to make typing easier. You can order it in aluminum or polycarbonate. Two models also come with built in speakers that are much better quality than the iPad speaker. They are priced from \$150.00 to \$220.00. For more information go to <http://thebrydge.com/>.

Lastly, our president Bill Medlow, talked about Audible Books. Audible is a part of Amazon. How it works is this; you pick a plan starting at \$7.49 per month for one book each month. You can listen to these books on your iPhone, iPod touch, or almost any device you have. You can choose from more than 100,000 titles. If you are an avid reader, (a book per month or more) this turns out to be less expensive than buying the books on CD, and ripping them to *iTunes* so you can play them on your device. To find out more about Audible go to: <http://www.audible.com/>.

All attending were quite responsive to these presentations. Many thanks to all our presenters. ↴



User Group Offers



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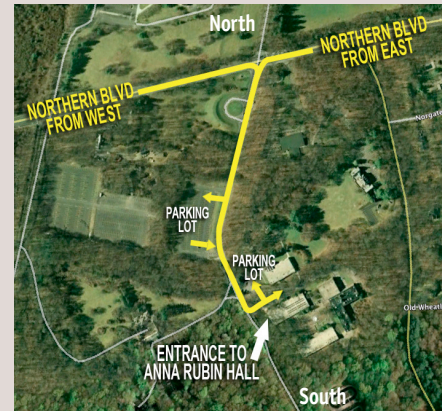
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For more detailed information about this location go to limac.org

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 known topic.

Mac Basics SIG: Basic terminology, Mac Graphic User Interface, System Preferences and iCal

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