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March Meeting *Scott Randell*

For the March meeting, Bradley completed his summary of what is new in *Mountain Lion*. Starting with the *Finder*, I will cover only the more significant changes in OS X 10.8.x and it's Apps. For the complete summary you can download Bradley's PDF at: http://limac.org/Mountain_Lion_New_Apps.pdf

Finder and General GUI: The Dock indicator for in-use applications has changed. It is actually much harder to see now. The separator is simpler and has simpler functions (this one you have to see). One very positive change, is now you can scroll long file names in icon view. There is no grow box in the lower right corner (this change actually came with *Lion*, but for those still using *Snow Leopard*, it is good to know). Now to resize a window, you can drag any edge or any corner.

In Pre-*Lion* versions of the OS, you could show and hide the sidebar and toolbar by clicking a button on the upper right, that looked something like a lozenge. This button is no longer there. To hide the toolbar you can go to the View menu, or use the keyboard shortcut command-option-t. Curiously, you can hide the sidebar and keep the toolbar, but you can't keep the sidebar and hide the toolbar. In addition, two new features are the share button and the arrange button. The **Share button** allows you to share your document via; 'E-mail', 'Message' or 'AirDrop.' (To use AirDrop both machines must be AirDrop capable.) The **Arrange button** gives some new alternatives to arranging your files in a window. In the sidebar, the familiar disclosure triangle is no longer available, instead, a show or hide button will appear when you hover your cursor over a group. You can (new in *Mountain Lion*) drag to rearrange groups, as well as entries within a group. The **All My Files**, available in the sidebar of *Lion* and *Mountain Lion*, is of questionable use,

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April Meeting *Rick Matteson*



This month friend of LIMac, Jean MacDonald of Smile will be showing off all the features of the new *PDFpen* version 6.0.1 which allows seamless PDF editing on Mac, iPad and iPhone. Thanks to iCloud and Dropbox, you edit your PDFs wherever you are with *PDFpen for iPad* and *PDFpen for iPhone*. Sign documents, make changes, fix typos, and fill out an application -- while you're on the go.



Jean MacDonald is the partner in charge of marketing at Smile, which develops productivity software for Mac, iPhone and iPad, including *TextExpander* and *PDFpen*. She has been a speaker at Macworld Expo and Blogworld/New Media Expo, and likes sharing her expertise on marketing in the Apple ecosphere. She lives in Portland, Oregon, where she is launching App Camp For Girls, an app development summer camp to encourage girls to get into the field.

In keeping with our regular agenda, the meeting will begin with the two Q&A sessions; Bradley's in the main room and the MacBasics across the hall. Jean's presentation of *PDFpen* is up next, followed by announcements and our raffle. Then the SIGs (iOS and MacBasics) will meet until we close out the evening at about ten o'clock. You're going to want to see all the new features of *PDFpen*, and find out what's going on with iOS and MacBasics, so make sure you attend this meeting. I'll be there. Hope to see you too! 🐘

Bradley's Tech Session



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► **I'm making a playbill in Microsoft Word. Can it be laid out like it would be printed. I have to use Word as that's what others use.**

■ The process is called page imposition for a simple book that is saddle stitched or perfect bound from pages that are twice the size of your document pages. You could use the \$19.95 *BookletCreator*. First save your Word document as a PDF and let it reorder the pages. You can then have this reordered document printed on both sides of the paper. This very basic program does not take into account page creep due to the thickness of the paper. For a 4 page book, it's not a big deal, for more pages, you need a better tool. The \$29 *BookMaker* from Devalpi Software, <http://www.devalipi.com/moreinfo.htm> or the \$35 *Cheap Impostor* (<http://www.cheapimpostor.com/>) are the way to go for personal 2up book printing. If you were sending the playbill to a professional shop for printing, they probably have some page imposition software, perhaps *Quite Imposing Plus* which is an *Adobe Acrobat Pro* plug-in. \$899 FYI. I would have done this job in *Adobe InDesign* which has built-in booklet printing. Pages does not.

► **Can I convert a Pages file into a InDesign file?**

■ No. If you copy and paste text, it would lose any formatting. You are better off exporting as a Word file and importing

that into *InDesign*. You could save the file as a PDF and import that, which would preserve the formatting, but it would not be editable.

► **I have an Excel 2008 question. Someone sends me a file in that format. When I go to copy and paste a series of dates into another Excel spreadsheet, the dates change by a day and 4 years. What is going on?**

■ At the meeting we thought it was just an issue with formatting the information properly as a date and not just "normal," but after coming home and googling the problem, I think I know what the problem is. I'm guessing the person sending you the information is using a Windows machine. See *Excel* internally saves dates as a number of days since 1904 on a Mac, but on a PC, it's based on 1900. The extra day is because of a leap year is in there. Now when you open a file from a PC, the Mac realizes this and shows you the correct information. The problem is when you copy and paste or link between two workbooks, one PC based and one Mac based, this happens. There is a fix for this problem. In *Excel 2008's* preferences, look at the 2nd row, first column, for Calculation and turn off the setting for Use the 1904 date system, so that your *Excel* will now use the PC default system of 1900. If that messes up your

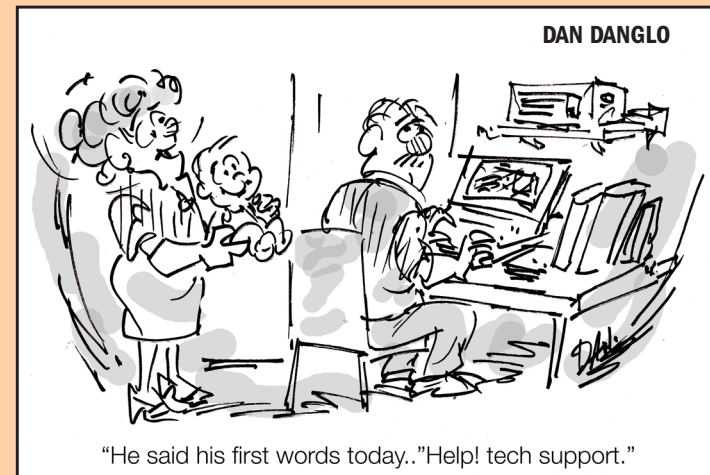
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President's Message



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Apple created the iPod, iPhone and iPad in the last decade and now the competition is catching up. Is Apple ready and geared up to make another breakthrough? I hope so and I think that we will expect nothing else. Who knows what that surprise will be and the anticipation is killing me. We have some really great presentations coming up between Smile, in April and another great presentation from Apple in June with Dave Marra. See you soon and have a great month.
Bill Medlow



own spreadsheets, there is another way to deal with the problem. Instead of the usual paste, you can do a Paste Special... from the Edit menu. There is no defined keyboard shortcut. The trick is to look at the Operation section and select Subtract if you are pasting special from a Windows workbook with 1900 date system into a Mac created workbook using the 1904 date system. If you are pasting back the other way, from Mac to Windows created file, then you choose Add. You may want to review this web page in the future: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/180162> It's possible the person sending you the file is in fact using a Mac, but changed their preferences (perhaps unaware of this) to not use the 1904 date system and thus their documents act like Windows files. (As it turns out, this file was from a Windows' Excel, and now we've learned one more thing about Excel.)

► **I'm running Lion now on my three Macs. Is there a compelling reason to upgrade to Mountain Lion?**

■ I'd say you might as well. You've already cut out the old PowerPC applications and Save As... Most programs and drivers that work in OS X 10.7.5 Lion also work in Mountain Lion with the exception of various utilities like *Cocktail*, *Deeper* and *Onyx* that have specific versions for specific generations of the Mac OS. Useful new stuff like *Dragon Dictate 3* and Oracle *Java 7* work in Lion as well as *Mountain Lion*, and you gain a few new tricks with *Time Machine* and the iCloud tabs in *Safari*, so I'd definitely suggest upgrading if your hardware allows. For example, Adobe CS5, CS5.5 and CS6 work in OS X 10.8 just as they did in 10.7. CS5 had some minor issues when 10.7 came out which were addressed in Adobe updates. Assuming you have already done every update, moving to 10.8 won't change that. ↗

Computer Stories from Life

Friend: "You know that antivirus program you installed on my computer for me? It keeps popping up some sort of message about a trojan or something while I'm surfing on the internet. It doesn't seem to be doing anything about it because I keep getting the message, so I uninstalled the antivirus program. And now I don't get that message any more."

especially if you have a large number of files.

There are a couple of new features in **Spotlight**.

1. You can search for files based on the website they were downloaded from.
2. You can direct your search with a keyword such as: kind: font Helvetica, and only the actual font files will be revealed.

Apple Included Applications

The **App Store** now has the new job to include what used to be *System Update*. Just click on the Updates icon in the toolbar and it will show you all the updates you need. You can update all, or choose the ones you wish to update.

Some apps have changed names. *iCal* is now **Calendar**, and *Address Book* is now **Contacts**. Both of these feature the new skeuomorphic design. That means something designed to look like the real item. Some people like this, and others couldn't care less. Basically the only new feature in **Calendar** is internet syncing to your iPad or iPhone. **Contacts**, works pretty much the same as *Address Book*.

The new **Reminders** app is pretty much like a to-do list maker. The reminder feature could have been done previously with *iCal* (**Calendar**). You can use this to send any sort of to do list to a family member, or coworker. The feature of this that is cool is the location based reminder. While not useful for your desktop Mac, it can be useful for a mobile device or notebook computer. You can use it to set up a reminder to activate when you leave or arrive at a specific location.

Mail (to quote Bradley) "is probably the program you will use more than any other." The default interface is like that used on the iPad. Some may like that, but if you don't, a quick trip to Preferences-Viewing, will restore it to a more classic layout. The preview pane is now on the right instead of the bottom. This is appropriate for today's wide screen displays. There was discussion, which Bradley agreed with, that it is best (to avoid unwanted spam) to keep the preview pane closed.

The only other application I would like to discuss in this article is **TextEdit**. Most of us use this a lot to get something down quickly. It opens very fast so you can get your text down, and if needed move it to another application later. Its new behavior at startup is to open the previously worked on document instead of a blank one. Its default saving location is now iCloud. You can go to <http://www.cultofmac.com/187553/change-from-icloud-as-default-save-location-in-text-edit-mountain-lion-os-x-tips/> and get a terminal command to change the default behavior.

As usual, Bradley gave a great, informative, and very complete presentation. I really learned a lot and so did all in attendance. Again if you want the complete summary of this click on the link in the first paragraph and download the PDF. Many thanks to Bradley for a great presentation. ↗

User Group Offers



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Review

Swift Publisher from BeLight Software



I have spent the last few days experimenting with *Swift Publisher* from BeLight Software. I have found that this inexpensive publishing program is a joy to work with. The interface resembles Apple's *Pages* so most of you will find it very familiar and friendly. With this application you can create: newsletters, calendars, signs, post cards, and even menus. When creating a newsletter or another document that uses columns, you can link text boxes so that text will flow from one text box (usually columns) into another. You can also easily add images and photos. *Swift Publisher* comes with 1000+ images. Included in them are both photos and clip art. The quality of the images is quite good. You can also import images from your *iPhoto* or *Aperture* library. If you have other image files such as your own collection of clip art or something you created yourself, you can insert those as well. The built in image editing tools are far beyond what I expected for such an affordable product. You can adjust color, size, brightness, transparency, add various effects, and much more. Wrapping text around an image involves only selecting the object and clicking the wrap text checkbox.

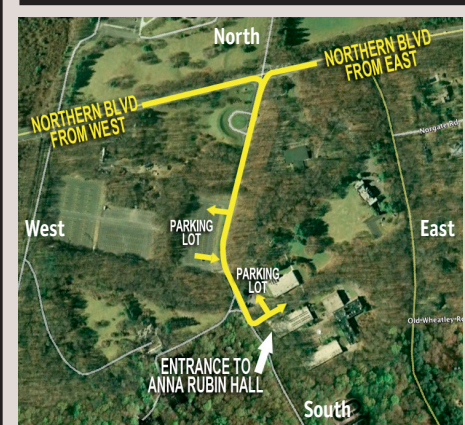
In addition to the things you can do

with this program alone, you can get the extras pack (\$10.00 additional or \$15.00 if purchased later) which includes 40,000+ images and 100 fonts. You can also purchase *Art Text* (which I will be reviewing in next month's *Forum*). This application allows you to create things such as 3-D, and metallic looking text. You can then import (by linking) into *Swift Publisher*.

One of the other things that impresses me is the video tutorial built into the application. They are narrated screen-casts that show precisely how perform various tasks. These are excellently done. If you are still not sure you can download the demo from their download page (<http://www.belightssoft.com/download/download.php>). All of the functions are available in the demo except you can not print without a watermark. So, there is nothing to stop you from giving it a try.

All this is very reasonably priced. *Swift Publisher* alone is \$29.95 on the BeLight website

(<http://www.belightssoft.com/buy/swift-publisher.php>), and till May 1st, they are running a special through the *Mac App Store* of \$19.95. The App Store version actually has a plus as it supports iCloud while the version purchased through their website does not. If your purchase the App Store version you can still purchase the \$15.00 extras pack from their website. *Swift Publisher* is a great value for anyone who want do desktop publishing projects does not need the power of something like *Adobe InDesign*. ↵



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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 known topic.

Mac Basics SIG: This month the MacBasics SIG will be covering Apple's Address Book, which has been replaced by Contacts in Mountain Lion. Scott Randell is giving this presentation which can be broken down as follows:

1. An introduction to Address Book
2. Importing an address from an e-mail message into Address Book
3. Making contact groups
4. Importing contacts from another application or a tab delimited text file (if time permits)

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▶ The next LIMac board meeting will be at the Plainedge Library, (516) 735-4133, on Wednesday, April 17th, at 7:30 P.M. For more detailed information about this location go to limac.org

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