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### June Meeting Scott Randell

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At the June meeting, Dave Marra gave his usual "knock your socks off" presentation. Dave never disappoints, and June's presentation more than lived up to our expectations. The majority of his presentation was on iPad 2, and the many new apps that have been created for it.

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### First Dave shared the following iPad information with us:

- It is the fastest selling device ever. Twenty-five million iPads have been sold in 14 months.
- Voice Over (which is like text to speech), can read back content on the iPad in over 40 languages. This is the only device that will do this, and therefore the only tablet that can be used by blind people.
- The new A5 chip is twice as fast as the previous A4 chip, and has up to 9× the graphics power. In spite of the extra power, the A5 chip is very energy efficient, so you can expect up to 10 hours on a charge.
- 85% of Fortune 100 companies are using iPads.
- iPads can connect to any wireless protocol.
- There are 425,000 apps in the App Store, and they cover all areas of interest. 90,000 of these are iPad optimized.

Dave then talked about the new (IPS) In-plane Switching display technology. This is what gives the iPad 2 a wide viewing angle and rich colors. Dave also showed, that with the appropriate (HDMI or VGA) adapter, anything on the screen can be mirrored to



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### July Meeting Rick Matteson



Summer is here and July and August mean a reduced LIMac schedule with no SIGs, but that doesn't mean a reduced or less important general meeting. July's main presenttion will focus on PDFpen from Smile, a small software company we've come to know and love. We all see PDF (Portable Document Format) files everywhere and sometimes we need to modify them in

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With *PDFpen* you can: make corrections in original PDF text; sign a PDF contract; edit a scanned original; remove sensitive information from a PDF (new in PDFpen 5); merge pages from several PDF files together; cut a PDF document down in size; repurpose PDF content; and apply a custom stamp to your PDF documents. Pretty impressive, huh? Watch Scott Randell's presentation this month to learn how to do these essential tasks.

We will hold both our Q&A sessions (Bradley's and the MacBasics) and our ever-popular raffle will follow the main presentation, but remember, no SIGs. It will be a great meeting nonetheless. See you there!



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### MacBasics SIG

## **Bradley's Tech Session**



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► I took some HD video

with my still camera, which was imported into *iPhoto*, and then brought into *iMovie HD*. Playback on my MacBookPro is not smooth sometimes. How can I fix it?

■ I'd first check if it can playback in some other program like *QuickTime Player* or *VLC*, to see if it's the video file itself or the abilities of your Mac or if the problem is within iMovie HD. Not every still camera shoots at a broadcast normal 29.97 frames per second, commonly expressed as 30 fps. Also you could get poor playback if something else is running in the background or on batteries, as the CPU will use a slower setting. Also you may be using integrated graphics instead of discrete graphics. On our user group MacBook Pro, I installed the free *afxCardStatus* to help switch GPU for better performance. Otherwise this could be set in Automatic graphics switching option in the Energy Saver System Preference panel. While iMovie HD version 6.0.4 is universal binary, the newer iMovie 9.0.2 should play HD video better. If your hard drive is running out of space, the fragmented movie is likely to stutter and drop frames. Also check with Activity *Monitor* for any process using more than a couple of percentage points. Have you not restarted in a while? A memory leak could be forcing you to use virtual memory. Try switching to thousands of colors instead of millions. That's usually fine for video and uses about 1/2 of the video RAM. Did you leave file or Internet sharing on? They will slow things down too.

### • What wireless router would you recommend?

■ My experience shows D-Link brand routers last pretty long as well as Apple's. I have the DIR-825 Dual Band router. It has fast wired throughput and supports 802.11n clients at 5GHz not slowed down by 802.11g clients at 2.4GHz and the switch supports gigabit connections for top local file sharing speed. At \$130, it's considerably cheaper than Apple's \$180 model, which does have some advantages, like USB printer or drive sharing and can use Apple's Airport Utility. More than a few folks are put off by the webbased control interface of the non-Apple models. The status lights are more informative than Apple's single light. The models with multiple antennas outperform the simpler ones with just one. MIMO technology helps keep the signal robust in all directions. See *http://www.apple*. com/airportextreme/features/frequency. *html* I've heard good things about the new Linksys E4200 at \$160 which has a full 3x3 MIMO antenna array inside. Just remember that WiFi signals decrease in signal strength by 25% every time they pass through a typical wood and wallboard wall. The higher speed 5GHz range has a shorter range than the crowded 2.4GHz range. 2.4GHz cordless phone base stations will interfere. A chain or a grid of Apple Airport Expresses forming a WDS (Wireless Distribution System) where you have multiple base stations forming one Bradley's Tech Session continued on Page 3

### **President's Message**



Bill Medlow President archbill@optonline.net

LIMac is always looking to do something different. We strive to bring you new and clearer information than you can get elsewhere. We also want to make our meetings more social and more fun. Dave Marra's presentation, as usual, was great! We also had a super raffle and the winner, Ray Nieves

won an AppleTV. Every month we want to bring you information that makes you a faster and more efficient Mac user. We will have informative and fun meetings this summer, but I want to give you a head's up on our September meeting. Not because it will be Canon digital cameras, which will be great. Not because we will have a great raffle prize, but because it will be "Bring a Firend Night." Start by picking a target friend and build up your persuasion on them now, no excuses. If they sign up, you'll get \$12 off your next year's dues. See you then!

Bill



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unified wireless network like cell phone towers do, (overlapping spheres of good signal strength) works rather well for large homes, but extending the network with Powerline bridges is more effective and secure. See <u>http://www.netgear.com/ home/products/powerline-and-coax/default.</u> *aspx* Check out the XAVNB2001 kit that offers a remote WiFi-N access point via Powerline. Great for the iPad out in the garage.

### When I have my Mac and my PC on at the same time, one knocks the other one off. Why is that and how can I prevent it?

The only way for a computer to do that to another, is if both computers are configured with static IP addresses rather than sequential ones assigned to them by the DHCP server in their router. You may very well want static IP addresses for file sharing, but you have to make sure each device is assigned a unique address. Somehow you assigned the same IP address to both computers. You can have a mix of DHCP assigned devices and static devices. The adhoc way would be to assign a static address, such as 192.168.1.80 to the first computer and then 192.168.1.81 to the next. If the DHCP is handing out numbers to connected devices starting at 192.168.1.1 for itself and 192.168.1.2 for the first computer or printer, you would need 79 network devices before there would be a problem. Ideally you would re-configure the DHCP to a smaller range to avoid even the possibility of a conflict. You have 254 numbers to pick from. I was thinking, after reviewing the recording of your question, maybe you meant not get-

ting knocked off the Internet, but knocked off some application or service common to both computers. Say you installed Microsoft Office Business Edition on both computers, using the same serial number. Besides being a violation of the end user license agreement, the programs will scan the local network for a running copy with the same serial number. This is part of the copy protection scheme, common to many applications. The first computer running the program will stay and the second one will get shut down with a warning dialog box that may not be clear about the true nature of the problem. Even old versions of AOL's software would do something like this, as it didn't allow you to sign in to your account from two different computers at the same time.

### ▶ I saw some Optoma brand pico projectors at the Apple store. I was thinking of using them for presentations with the iPad. What do you think of that brand? Well we use a Optoma projector, not a pico type. It's now discontinued, the TX1080. Replaced by the EH1020 (\$965 or more and 10.7 pounds). It's resolution of 1920 x 1080 is more than enough for the XGA resolution of the iPad 2. Neither of the Optoma PKA21 or PKA31 they sell have the full resolution to clearly show off the iPad 2. You could check out the \$554 Pico Genie M100 1.1 pounds or the \$312 AAXA M2, both at 110 lumens (LED light source) and HDMI input. That's not much light, depending on the screen/audience size and how dark you can get the room. Maybe in complete darkness to a few people. Our former projector had 2000 lumens. Optoma does make the ultra portable 2.4 pounds EX330 with XGA DLP

and 2200 lumens, but it's \$800. Keep in mind, even a XGA projector at 1024 x 768 will only have enough resolution to show a iPad in landscape mode, which matches the projector's wider than tall orientation. Our HD projector at 1080 pixels high, can show the iPad when it's turned vertically. As you may have noticed before in our presentations and Dave Marra's, there is a horizontal line glitch near the top, but it works and works perfectly on the landscape mode. Buying a projector involves more than, "Can I connect the Mac or iPad 2 to it?", it involves questions of image clarity in the form of resolution, image size and brightness, as a projector of a given resolution can project an image that will decrease in brightness the larger you make it. The perceived brightness and viewing angle depends also on the surface you project onto. If your image is unreadable because of too low of actual resolution, not just scaled down from XGA, or too dim to be seen clearly, the audience will just ignore it and your presentation will be rejected. Be professional and get the proper stuff.

# Should I get the iPhone 3GS or the iPhone 4 for \$150 more?

Considering the cost for two years of a combined voice and data plan, the extra up-front cost of the iPhone 4 is insignificant. While the forthcoming *iOS 5* may support the two year old design of the iPhone 3GS for almost every new feature, just lacking the image editing in the *Photos* app, and it's clear that the older processor and graphics system won't be supported beyond this point, while the iPhone 4 should have another year or more life left in it, in term of future software support. For now, there are plenty of advantage.

tages for the newer model. The quadruple resolution Retina display and FaceTime with the 5 megapixel rear-facing camera and LED flash blows away the older phone. Not to mention the addition of the front camera. The better speed of the 2.4GHz 802.11n makes a difference. The longer battery life is a strong advantage. There are iPhone 4 optimized apps that take advantage of the better phone. The double the memory on the iPhone 4 is probably worth it. I've used up over 11GB on my iPhone 4 32GB model. One of the biggest advantage is the Verizon option not available on the iPhone 3GS. So overall, unless you are really strapped for money only now and not in the future, I'd go for a iPhone 4 model.

As for the AT&T versus Verizon question, that depends on first the signal strength at home and second on where you tend to go with your phone. AT&T could be better or Verizon could be better. I have a client with both iPhone 4 models, and reports better call quality with Verizon and less dropped calls in the areas he goes, but some places the Verizon phone has none or one bar and the AT&T one has better strength, and he can make a call with that. So he'd say pick Verizon if you can only have one iPhone, but other people could tell you Verizon coverage sucks in this place or that. Everyone is likely to have a different experience. Ask neighbors and co-workers. You should be able to poll some Verizon and some AT&T users. Don't limit your polling to just iPhone users. The Verizon 3G data network is slower than the AT&T one and it does not allow you to talk and check your email or a web site at the same time. These may not be important to you, depending

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a projector, or external display. He then showed various examples of Multi-Touch Technology. For example, he showed how a three-finger double tap will magnify everything on your screen. Dave also demonstrated digital mapping using two apps. One was *Digital Compass*, which comes with the iPad 2, and the other was *Star Walk* which is a \$4.99 app. *Digital Compass* works in conjunction with *Maps*. *Star Walk*, is really cool because you can see the actual stars, or landscape, that is in the direction your iPad 2 is pointing. He also showed the iBookstore and its many features.

Dave then showed three of his favorite iPad apps. First was *iMovie for iPad*. With this you can edit the movie taken with your iPad 2 camera, and export it, or post it to YouTube. Next he showed *GarageBand for iPad*. It has 75 builtin, velocity sensitive instruments, it is capable of multitrack recording, and has 250 built-in loops. You can also plug in your own, real instrument, using something like iRig (*http://www.ikmultimedia. com/irig/features/*). Best of all, you can export files created on the iPad 2, so you can continue working on them on your Mac. All of this for just \$4.99. Lastly, he spoke about, and demonstrated the free *Photoshop Express for iOS*. With this you can do some basic editing on photos taken with your iOS device, or photos you have imported to your device.

He concluded the actual presentation, by showing some iPad accessories, such as; cases, the camera connection kit, the Digital AV adapter, and the Dock to VGA adapter. After the formal part of the presentation, Dave showed some super demos of what can be done on the iPad.

To really get the full impact of his presentation, you had to see it live, so if you missed this one, be sure to catch the next one. As always, on behalf of all the LIMac members, I want to thank Dave for a really great entertaining and informative evening.



A new LIMac member



Ray Nieves won our AppleTV

### **User Group Offers**



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Dolly Drive backs up your entire Mac in the

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iPads are sleek, but this design also makes them difficult to hold. This has ended with the introduction of the Hand-eholder which is 100% made in the U.S.A. This simple, yet innovative, design lets you securely and comfortably hold your iPad; all while allowing for 360-degrees of rotation. There are also related handsfree options including stands, clamps and wall mounts. The Apple user group price for the Hand-e-holder is \$31.99, 20% below the regular price of \$39.99. A sixposition mini-stand is included for free. The Hand-e-holder leg strap kit is also available for only \$39.99, well below the regular price \$49.99. Coupon Code: User Group Offers continued on Page 5

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The Lion is coming in July!

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on your habits, but you should be aware of these issues. If the latest trend among iPad 2 with 3G buying is any indication, the AT&T version is outselling the Verizon version ten to one. That might be because the cheapest data plan is \$15 for a month for AT&T and \$20 for Verizon, but that does not apply to a iPhone. One very recent change for the non-Verizon iPhone 4 is that Apple is now selling a unlocked 16GB black or white model for \$649 (or \$749 for a 32GB unlocked model) that can be used with T-Mobile or other GSM service if you can get a micro-SIM card for it. Could be useful for the world traveler.

One last thought, the next generation iPhone, variously rumored to be called a iPhone 4S or iPhone 5, is expected in September 2011. Here it is mid June. Can you wait 3 months? Maybe if you are eligible for a subsidized price on a iPhone, you may want to go month-to-month, wait and buy the new one. It seems likely that the forthcoming iPhone will NOT have LTE, a so-called 4G technology that offers ten times the data speed as today's 3G. Verizon has LTE in Nassau and parts of Suffolk now. AT&T has nothing just yet. When Apple is ready for LTE, there will be one iPhone model that will work with either AT&T or Verizon, as they both will adopt this new standard.

# ▶ I have an iPad 2 that can't play any videos since trying to play one in particular. I went to the Apple Store and they tried powering it off and back on, which didn't help.

■ That's because it wants to go back to the last playing video. In *iTunes*, remove that movie from syncing with the iPad, resync the iPad, that should delete the problem movie and allow the iPod part to return to the menu of movies so you can play some other movie. I guess they didn't consider the possibility of a corrupted movie.

### ► I have repeated problems with YouTube videos but not any of the videos on Apple's web site. How can I resolve this?

Apple's videos are in QuickTime format and many of the YouTube videos are in Flash video format. I would suggest downloading and running the *Flash Uninstaller* and then install the latest version of Adobe *Flash Player Installer* and putting that it. That usually fixes the problem. I also suggest installing ClickToFlash to suppress unwanted Flash advertisements.



General meeting time schedule: Meetings are held at The New York Institute of Technology, Building 300 (Anna Rubin Hall), Old Westbury, Long Island. 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. Beginner Q&A meetings Photoshop SIG: After general meeting On Vacation Featured Presentation: 7:30 - 8:20 p.m. followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

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Membership renewal for 2011 takes place from October onwards. A bonus discount was passed by the Board of Directors a few years ago: Bring in a new dues-paying member and get a **\$12** discount off your membership renewal. Bring in three new members and your renewal is free!

Bringing in a new member also includes getting a past member back into the group.

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