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May Meeting Scott Randell

800,000 apps total, 300,000 for the iPad, 50 billion apps downloaded, the numbers are mind blowing with no end in sight. Heck, PowerBall's drawing was only \$590 million, small change to Apple. No one, not even Gary Book, can keep up with the variety of apps available, let alone decide which ones are the best. Where does one turn for up-to the minute advice?

At the May meeting, LIMac members got some answers and direction. A wide variety of apps were demonstrated by several of the members. The first, iExit can help take some of the guesswork out of road-trip pit stops by identifying restau-



rants, gas stations, hotels, and other services at each exit. It displays the information as color-coded pins as you approach an exit. You can limit the search by rest area and business category (food, gas, lodging, etc.) or by specific brand (Mobil, McDonald's, Dunkin' Donuts) or company name (Costco,

Home Depot, Bass Pro). If you are using an iPhone, one touch on a blue pin (gas) will place a call to the service. On iPads, one touch displays the company name (Hess) & distance (1.45 miles) from your present location. A second touch zooms-in and provides phone number, directions and other options. The map detail and integration are first rate. Search by State provides a great planning tool. Of course, iExit capabilities are best appreciated while moving, so the static demo just gave the members a hint of the time and frustration you might save on your next vacation.

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June Meeting Rick Matteson



June will be "bustin' out all over" and Dave Marra will make his twelfth visit to LIMac for our Annual Dave Marra Experience. For those new to LIMac or anyone living under a rock for the past decade, Dave Marra is an Apple Senior Systems Engineer who has "conducted thousands of technology presentations, keynote addresses and workshops for schools, Mac

and PC user groups, businesses and other professional organizations across the United States and Canada. Certified as both an Apple Certified Technical Coordinator and an Apple Certified Systems Administrator, his specialty areas include digital multimedia, internet technologies, accessibility



and Mac/PC integration. For more information about Dave, please visit his web site at www.marrathon.com."

This year's Marra-palooza will include as much as Dave can legally tell us about what happened at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference, which ends on the day of his

visit. WWDC is where software developers "get an in-depth look at what's next in iOS and OS X, and learn how to take [their] apps to the next level...connect with Apple engineers and fellow developers for an incredible week of inspiration." A bit of lofty prose by Apple, but it is the conference that spawns a plethora of rumors and with luck Dave will be able to pass on some good tidbits that are not just rumor.

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Bradley's Tech Session



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I have a question about creating a note on the iPad or iPhone not

syncing with the Mac. Any ideas?

■ Three come to mind: A) You have a different Apple ID setup on the iOS device from the computer so they aren't talking in the first place. B) In iTunes, when you connect the iPhone/iPad and it shows up in the sidebar, you can click on it and then the Info tab and see the options to sync Contacts and Calendars and Mail Accounts. you also have the 'Other' group where you can choose to sync Bookmarks and Notes. Perhaps you are not syncing notes. I would expect, if you are running under OS X 10.7 or newer, it would show there that "Your notes are being synced with your iPhone over the air from iCloud. Over-the-air sync settings can be changed on your iPhone." Which brings me to C) On the iPhone, click on Settings, then iCloud and you will see a series of switches to turn on or off Mail, Contacts etc. and Notes. Perhaps the Notes option is turned off. This screen, by the way, shows which Apple ID, labeled as "Account" is associated with the iPhone. which should be the same as shown in the iCloud system preference panel and in the iTunes store and for that matter, the Mac App Store. FYI, Mountain Lion has a separate Notes application. Snow Leopard or Lion used Mail to display notes synced from iOS. You can use the Accounts preferences - Mailbox Behaviors to show notes in the inbox or separately under

- ▶ I used an Apple Lightning to VGA Adapter to connect my iPad mini to a projector.? I didn't get an audio. How do I get that as well?
- On Apple's web page, it says under System Requirements, that it doesn't support audio output. That makes perfectly good sense as VGA is a video only connection as it always was. The iPad mini is a 1024 by 768 device which is known as XGA resolution. Hopefully your projector is as well. Lower resolution projectors may not work with this adapter Assuming the projector's audio output is acceptable, then a long enough cable with appropriate connection(s) at that end and a 3.5-mm stereo phone plug for the headphone jack of the iPad mini should take care of the sound. The projector may have a monophonic RCA jack or two if it has stereo speakers or 3.5-mm phone jack for audio input. If the projector has a HDMI input, then you could have used one cable for both audio and video, with the correct Apple adapter. Very often the speaker(s) in the projector are not loud enough to fill the room, like in our case, so we take the audio output from the projector and patch that into our PA speaker. You could use a pair of powered desktop speakers like you might use with a computer. You could even choose Bluetooth (wireless) speakers. An interesting fact is because VGA connections don't support HDCP like a good HDMI connection does, you

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President's Message



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I played a small part in the May 2013 app presentation for LIMac and it was fun. No

jeering, just fun. Although when I did not jump on the 2 of clubs right away, they let me know it. The five minutes went so fast, I felt like I just started but the members were very supportive

I encourage everyone to give it a shot whether it be for a simple app or a program of some type. Take the opportunity to speak to Rick Matteson, our Program Director and take note that he is full of encouragement.



"I assure you that you didn't catch your virus from your computer."

the heading of reminders.

can't use this adapter to watch movies or TV shows purchased from the iTunes store on your projector thus connected.

▶ What are your thoughts on the new *Adobe Creative Cloud*? I'm sure it benefits Adobe and not so much home users.

■ This pay as you go monthly plan tends to hurt users who don't upgrade often. It surely hurts anyone accustomed to using a pirated copy. The terms can be beneficial for some people. If you figure just Photoshop, Adobe upgrades to a new generation about every 18 months and it costs about \$200 to upgrade. That figures to \$11.11 each month. You can install Creative Cloud applications on two computers, which is a little more flexible than the Creative Suite perpetual license was. This could be a Mac and a PC at the same time. Creative Suite allowed a Mac software version to be installed on a Mac desktop and a Mac laptop. Presumably not running at the same time. Creative Suite 6 will continue to work on whatever operating system you have it on now, but it won't be updated forever and the next operating system after Mountain Lion could very well break it. The membership prices quoted now may not stick forever and it may cost more a year from now to subscribe. The applications, still installed on your computer as before, still save files to your local hard drive, as before, it's all a new activation or validation scheme. Assuming your system supports the older version of Adobe software, you can run them as well, purhaps falling back to them if you cancel your CC membership. You have to be online to download the

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users as the Mac version is still at Office 2011 for Mac. For now. Maybe this might signal good news for Pixelmator 2.2 Blueberry and QuarkXPress or Swift Publisher or Pages and maybe Intaglio. So here's the bottom line, assuming you find something valuable about the new versions and you had a license for CS6, it's pretty good if you have been updating with each release. Otherwise it's more expensive and likely to get worse so in a year from now. So install a trial version and see for yourselves. I think most folks would have been happy with the feature set of Photoshop, InDesign and Illustrator from 4 generations ago and would have stayed there if the software was compatible with the latest Apple operating system. Lets hope CS6 holds out for years.

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The second part of Dave's presentation is titled, "iWork for Mac and iPad - Impressive Documents, Presentations and Spreadsheets!" Dave says, "Discover how easy and fun word processing, spreadsheets and presentations can be with iWork. The iWork productivity suite includes Pages, Numbers and Keynote for both Mac and iPad, so you can create a document on one device and edit it on another. Also discover iCloud, to store your music, photos, documents, and more and wirelessly push them to all your devices. Explore iWork today!"

There will be no SIGs at this month's meeting, but both Bradley and the MacBasics guys will hold Q&A sessions in the usual meeting rooms before Dave's presentation. As usual, we will hold our ever popular raffle at the close of the evening, with some great prizes. I don't need to tell you that this will be a super meeting, so make sure to plan to attend..

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Other iExit features include the ability to set distance to exit alarms, select favorites and filter the categories to keep the map display un-cluttered. At 99 cents, it's a bargain. There is a free "lite" version and it was featured in the March issue of Consumer Reports along with another road app, iWreck, which falls into the "it's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it" category. Have it handy to capture photos, draw a diagram, access contact info if you have an accident. It's free for the iPhone and I hope you never need it.

Summer's coming, be ready, test and explore these travel apps now for peace of mind on your next trip.

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Next Geoff introduced Slow Downer (\$14.99), a musthave-it for musicians aspiring to play at Carnegie Hall. It allows you to slow

down or speed up the tempo of music without affecting the pitch, create "loops" and vary pitch up to plus or minus 12 semitones. By adjusting tempo and and looping parts of the song, you can practice parts of a piece until you become proficient. It's stable, easy to navigate and compatible with all iTunes music. In short, it's a whole new way to practice and it's sure to make your getting to Carnegie Hall a bit faster.

Once you're there, where to eat? Urbanspoon (free) takes the guess work out of selecting and locating restaurants. It shows you where you are and nearby eateries. You can limit options by type of cuisine (from Afghan to Wine Bar) to



price range (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$, \$\$\$). For the adventurous, use the slot machine display to lock one parameter (e.g. the town) and "spin" the type of cuisine and price range. The blue "push pins" on the map are clickable and provide details such as menu, reviews, etc. Use it to compare places you know or discover new places. If you weren't hungry when you started, you'll work up an appetite in no time.

SCOtutorials (free to \$6.99)) - "SCO" short for Screen Casts Online is a collection of video tutorials to help you understand the features of your new iPad. The videos run from under one to over four minutes in length. They're informative and interesting. Animations of the iPad screen, with yellow dots signifying where the presenter is touching the screen, and red arrows to show sliding direction help to make presentations crystal clear. The iPad version is free, but there are a dozen other "SCO" apps available, some free but all worth while.

Rick, a "hobby hiker" and LI Greenbelt Trail Conference member, likes to know where and how long he has hiked.



GPS Kit Free does all that and more. The Dashboard section records start time, elapsed time, distance, average speed, eleva-

tion, steps and calories. It also provides graphs of speed and altitude. The app also has controls for operating your iPod, importing of tracks and waypoints functions.

By now everyone at the meeting had worked-up an appetite from all the hiking so Rick's next apps were about dim sum, the "appetizer" course of a Chi-



nese meal or a light lunch. Yum Yum Dim Sum and Yum Cha each provide the gourmand with an illustrated database of many versions of

dim sum. Both provide pictures of the selection, the English name and Mandarin PinYin pronunciation, the Chinese characters and, best of all, audio of the pronunciation. Yum Cha is searchable by English or Chinese name, calorie range, food type, ingredients, whereas Yum Yum Dim Sum only lists selections by Chinese or English name, food category, or preparation. After the meeting, Bill asked Rick why he presented two restaurant apps and Rick explained that one hour after he installed the first app, he was still hungry and had to install the second app to be satisfied.

Thanks to Brad's expertise and attention to detail, the video and audio equipment all worked without a problem. The time flew by for both the audience and members and from the questions asked by members, the presentations were well-received. If you have a favorite app that would like more info on or would like to present, mention it to Bill at the next meeting. Finally, thanks to the demo team - Bill, David, Rich, Geoff and Rick.

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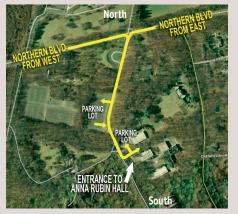
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Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 - 7:30 P.M.

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