October Meeting *Bradley Dichter*

To kick off a school year, LIMac members in attendance were schooled by me, our resident technical advisor on Apple's latest operating system for recent model Macs, *OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion*. I was well prepared and I printed copies of my notes and handed them out so everyone could follow along. While eight pages were prepared, due to my answering myriad questions and getting sidetracked, about half were actually covered during the session, which started late. The presentation was subtitled *What's Hot and What's Not*, but in my usual detailed operating system presentation style, it was very detailed. 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*. I went over every *System Preferences* panel, with assorted snide comments about how *Lion* and *Mountain Lion* are progressing the Mac user interface towards that of the iPad and promoting *iOS* to be a peer with the Mac, as opposed to an accessory.

Looking over the notes, we can see there may be more than just one more meeting's worth if we are going to cover all the new features of the operating system, as the bulk of the next four prepared pages are still just the *System Preferences*. It's like a short book. An expurgated *Missing Manual* if you will. 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 compatibilty 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. ⌖

November Meeting *Bradley Dichter*

NOVEMBER 9 MEETING

Since we only covered, in September, the first four pages of the prepared eight of my detailed *Mountain Lion* presentation, for November we will continue the indepth coverage of the new *System Preferences* and hopefully cover some of the updated Apple included apps, showing the new featueres, 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* and 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 compatibilty 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 and 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. Hopefully you'll be better prepared for it after this meeting. ⌖

Bradley's Tech Session

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▶ **I have a USB connected 2 TB Western Digital hard drive. Intel iMac. *Time Machine* was backing up to a 1.5 TB partition and there was nothing valuable on the 500 GB partition. It stopped backing up for some reason and I tried to erase the 1.5 GB partition, but it wouldn't allow it, first saying there were errors but I got the spinning beach ball and it wouldn't unmount the volume. Is there some other utility besides *Disk Utility* I can try?**

■ *Disk Utility* will work as long as you first turn off *Time Machine* in the *System Preferences - Time Machine* so that it will release the volume. If the drive is messed up, just erasing that partition may not be enough, the boot blocks and partition map may be bad. Use the Partition tab and change from current scheme and go to 2 partitions and check the partition type to make sure it's right and really reset the drive. If you suspect bad blocks, then *Disk Utility* can, with the single pass security option, find and map out bad blocks, but frankly, it's unreliable for this task. I'd suggest *Drive Genius* or *TechTool Pro* for a so-called surface scan. Also since it is a WD drive, they have had a series of firmware updates. I'd check to see if your drive needs one at *http://support.wdc.com/product/download.asp?wdc_lang=en*.

It's also possible that *Spotlight* is still indexing the drive, so you may want to drag the Time Machine destination volume into the list in the Privacy tab of the *Spotlight* System Preference to exclude it from being indexed. It may take a short while for it actually stop. *Drive Genius* from Prosoft offers an Initialize option under the More category. In cases like this, I suggest trying to start up the Mac in Safe Boot mode by holding down the shift key at startup. This tends to disable hidden processes that could keep a volume online. Sometimes the trick is to not have the drive connected at startup. One last thing, when Apple introduced *OS X 10.7.5* on Sept 19th, they screwed up *Time Machine* and everyone's backup stopped working. They fixed that with the recent (Oct 4th) *10.7.5 Supplimental Update*.

▶ **If this drive fails tests like a bunch of bad blocks, what do you recommend as a replacement?**

■ I've never much cared for WD external hard drives, too much of a checkered past to endorse them. That said, several of my clients have them because they were cheap and available at the local Staples. What I do recommend at the local retail is the G-Technology drives. This company is owned by Hitachi, the brand of drives I prefer. Apple sells many of their drives including their new 4 or 8 TB Thunderbolt G-RAID drives, but you can get their 2 TB G-DRIVE. If you can go mail order for a replacement 2 TB drive, I like the OWC Mercury Elite Pro.

▶ **I tried installing *Mountain Lion* on my Spring 2012 Mac, but it crashed at startup. I did everything right. Is this**

President's Message

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For this month's General Meeting, Bradley will give Part II of his presentation on Mountain Lion. Check out our website's Announcement page to read his notes on this operating system, reading the notes will help you follow his live presentation. Soon we will all be using it . . . it's the future integration of the Mac with the IOS for the iPad and iPhone.

This is also my opportunity to give a heads-up on our December General Meeting where we'll have a presentation on gift ideas for the holidays, plus info on our annual Holiday Party. As part of our General Meeting, which will be on December 14th, we will have a special and very exciting prize that everyone will be interested in, Apple's newest introduction, the "iPad mimi".

Hope to see you in November and December for a great end of year series of meetings. Let's keep the momentum going so the end of the year ends on a strong note and the new year begins with powerful enthusiasm making the new year the best ever.

See you soon. Bill.

how it's supposed to be with Macs now?

■ I'd have to say you did not do everything right. You may have downloaded and installed *Mountain Lion*, but that is not everything, despite what the *App Store* may want you to believe. I've covered this many times before, your Mac is most likely a collection of third party software besides the operating system and it's very likely not everything was perfect even before you upgraded the operating system. I would have checked for permissions problems and directory damage first with *Disk Utility*, but it's too late for that step. I'd first try to boot with command-r held down to startup with the new Recovery HD partition and use it's *Disk Utility* to 'Repair Disk' to check for and repair and directory damage. Hopefully you have none or if you have some it can fix it. Then reboot but hold down the shift key at startup to boot as Safe Boot mode. See *http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1564* This will do another disk check but will also temporarily kill your non-Apple kernel extensions and launch agents and launch daemons. This is were you are likely to have the machine crash at startup because of incompatible software. If it does boot to the *Finder* under Safe Mode, then open /Library/LaunchAgents and also /Library/LaunchDaemons and also ~/Library/LaunchAgents to remove anything older than this year as a suspect. To get to the home folder's Library, hold down the option key and select Library from the Finder's Go menu. Check your System Preferences in the Other category, there may be incompatible panes there. Check your Users & Groups panel - Login Items for stuff you assigned to open at startup for more suspects. Move all your desktop icons into a new folder, which could also be a culprit if you have Show Icon Preview turned on for the Desktop. In fact, if you have another user, try logging in as that, to help test if the problem is system-wide or user specific. You may not be able to get on the Internet in Safe Mode, so getting the needed updates can be a problem. The preparation for a system update should have been done before you install, not after. I've used *System Profiler*, now *System Information* to check for PPC and leftover Classic applications. Click on Applications under Software and sort the list by kind, which is a column heading most likely beyond the normal window width. You can rearrange the order of the columns and their widths, like you can in the Finder, except it won't stay that way. If you have a lot of applications, it could take a good while to scan for all your applications. Also check with *Font Book* for duplicate or damaged fonts. I like to use the free *OnyX* to clear assorted caches, but you would have needed the correct one for *Mountain Lion* as it is specific to each generation of the operating system. I find it helpful to run Console from the Utilities folder and check for any error messages about some extension or framework or whatever to see what it causing problems. So what does work with *Mountain Lion*? You can check here first: *http://roaringapps.com/apps:table*. Not the final word, but a good start. You could also check *http://download.cnet.com/new-mac-software/* and turn on the Narrow Results by Operating system Mac OS X 10.8 only checkbox made visible by clicking the See all link. Currently shows 1962 choices that are compatible. Apple would probably suggest, if the Mac won't boot, is to start off the recovery partition, erase the main partition, reinstall over the Internet the OS X 10.8 so the machine will boot again and then selectively restore your files from Time Machine backup.

It's a big project upgrading to a new system, especially if you don't have compatible software to install. I've been saving a lot of *AppleWorks* files as *Microsoft Word* .doc files and *Microsoft Excel* .xls files. The databases are trickier. Basically the suggestion is to save the DB file as Text with a .tsv file name extension and then import that into *Bento 4*. Why Bento? It's only $49. If your databases were not form based, and only tabular, you may import into *MS Excel* or Apple's *Numbers*. Apple's *Pages* can directly open a WP type AppleWorks file and *Numbers* a SS type file. Of course I see plenty of old files without any filename extension, so it's a guessing game what kind of file this was. Before Mac OS X 10.6, the Mac kept track of a file's type code which could be matched to a application's resources, regardless of the filename, including or not including a trailing filename extension. Now only the filename extension matters when determining what application will open a file. Files without a filename extension are just considered to be Unix Executable Files and they could be emails or pictures or text.

▶ Is there any way to play web based games that require Flash on a iPad?.

■ You need another web browser besides Safari. I've used the *Puffin Web Browser 2.3.2*, the not free $2.99 version. It uses remote Flash execution and works fairly well on my iPhone. On the iPad it should be even better for the games which tend to take up screen real estate. There are a handful of other browser apps that claim to support Flash, but the user reviews are worse than Puffin's. There is also a free version with a short Flash trial period.

▶ I tried to help a friend with a early white MacBook running *Snow Leopard*. He didn't have a copy of *iPhoto* on it and he wanted to take the photos off his iPhone. I tried an old *iPhoto 2* and it said it was incompatible and an old *iLife* and it was also incompatible. I even tried to download off the App Store and that also said it was incompatible. What can I do?

■ [I didn't realize this at the time of the Q&A session:} The current release from the App Store needs *OS X 10.7.5*, while the original release of *iPhoto '11* needed *Mac OS X 10.6.3*. [Our MacBookPro is running OS X 10.8.2 so it seemed OK and I didn't notice the system requirements listed in the App Store.] There was an issue with the iLife '11 intallation DVD failing to install under *Mac OS X 10.6.8* if you did not install the *Apple Software Installer Update 1.0* that came out in March 2012. I imagine this needs to be installed first. I'd go to the Apple menu, select Software Update… and get all the other updates he's failed to download. Amazon.com still offers the *iLife '11 Install DVD* which includes the discontinued *iDVD* and *iWeb*. The last version for *Snow Leopard* is 9.2.3, which you can get here. If I recall correctly you have to upgrade to version 9.1 first. This question brings up the question of should one upgrade past *Snow Leopard*? The answer is increasingly in favor of upgrading as there are diminishing **available** choices for *Snow Leopard*. *Aperture* from the Mac App Store also needs 10.7.5 now. The cur-

rent release of *Final Cut Pro X 10.0.6* still can be installed on *Mac OS X 10.6.8*. Of course besides small incremental updates locking out *Snow Leopard* users, new software like *Dragon Dictate 3* require *Lion* or *Mountain Lion*. The trend will only get worse for Snow Leopard users. If your Mac cannot run Lion or newer, it's far worse as you have to buy a whole new Mac as well as new software and perhaps new peripherals to keep up. I see amazon.com sells open box Lion on the Apple USB Thumb Drive for $150 which is like twice what it used to cost.

▶ **The MacBook only has 512MB of RAM. I wouldn't think it needs much RAM.**

■ I wish you mentioned that earlier. *iPhoto 9.0* requires 1 GB of RAM at a minimum, so it's a hardware incompatability. The first generation MacBook 1,1 could be upgraded to 2GB and the later 2,1 could use 3GB. I'd suggest the 2GB kit for just $30.99 from OWC. It's easy to install the memory. Shut down, take out the battery, use a #0 Philips screwdriver to take out the three screws holding in the L shaped bracket in there, eject the two SO-DIMMs in there now and push in the new ones, put back the bracket and battery and you are good to go. The *App Store* purchase is still out, but with the *Software Installer Update* the *iLife '11* DVD and the free updates to 9.1 and 9.2.3 should work for the *iPhoto* and iPhone. Make sure you also have the updated *iTunes 10.7* and *Safari 5.1.7*. If you have iPhone videos too, you may need *QuickTime Player 7.6.6*. *iPhoto* may need considerably more than the 1 GB of RAM if you have several thousand photos.

Considering that Apple says you need 1 GB of RAM to run *Snow Leopard* in the first place, when you add iPhoto's needs on top of that, you can see where 2GB is strongly recommended. Considering that 2GB is the max for a first generation MacBook, you can see it's not a serious *iPhoto* platform. Since your friend somehow got *Snow Leopard* installed without 1GB of RAM, it's wonder it's working at all. In the future, pay attention to hardware requirements. Sometimes a program's requirements include a minimum graphics chip spec and/or video RAM and you may also see minimum screen resolution. And some folks get tripped up by disk space requirements.

▶ **I have an iPad, and while I know it's not intended to be a content creator, why can't I create folders for my documents like I can on the Mac?**

■ You can in fact create folders. Say you are in *Pages* and you tap on documents, you will be presented with a grid of your files on the iCloud. You can tap and hold and a file and drag that on top of another file to create a new folder. By default it's called "Folder" tap on the name Folder and you can rename it. Tap elsewhere to return to the grid of files and folders. The folder is just like you can do with apps. There is also a trick you can do on your mac. If you are running *Mountain Lion* hold down the option key and select Library from the Finder's Go menu. Then open the Mobile Documents folder. The window's title will change to iCloud. This is your local copy of your iCloud documents. If you are working in *Pages* on the iPad/iPhone, you should see a sub folder com-apple-

Pages. In there is a Documents folder. In there are all your iCloud *Pages* documents. You can create a folder in there and add .folder to the name, so for example, to put a bunch of flyers together, make a folder in there called flyers.folder and drag your documents in there. After a few seconds, iClould will sync to these changes which will then sync to the iPad so it will then see the folder for *Pages* documents. Create

more folders for *Pages* here and repeat for other apps with documents in the iCloud.

As for images in your Camera Roll or Photo Library or any other existing album, you can organize things there as well. Tap on Edit, select photos you want to group, they gray out and get little checks, then click the Add To button, then you can either add these to an existing album or create a new album with the selection. ▸

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"You forgot your owner's manual."

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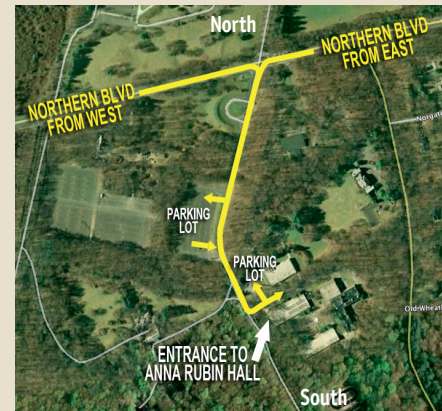
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Meetings start promptly at **7:00 P.M.**
Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.
MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.
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After general meeting
 iOS SIG: None this month.

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

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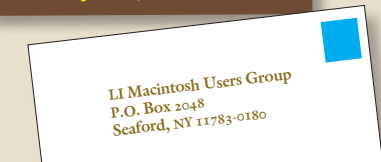
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