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September Meeting Scott Randell

This month's presentation featured our own Bradley Dichter, delivering the important information announced at the September 10th Apple event. He also added information to clarify the benefits of some of the new features.

Bradley first discussed the appearance. It looks better to some, and worse to others. Still, that is what we have now and you can't revert back to iOS 6. The new features are what is really important. After all, beauty (especially in technical devices,) is indeed only skin deep. The most notable (to quote Bradley, and I agree) is the new Control Center. A swipe up, is all it takes to reveal it. On the upper portion, it provides shortcuts for: Airplane mode, WiFi on/off toggle, Bluetooth toggle, Do Not disturb toggle, Portrait Orientation Lock toggle, and a slider for screen brightness. On the bottom portion of the sheet, is the currently playing song's progress, title etc and a volume slider. Below, are buttons for; AirDrop (Off/Contacts Only/Everyone), where available AirPlay on with or without mirroring, flashlight, timer, calculator, and camera shortcuts. This is quite handy. The iOS 7 new multitasking is really a big improvement. As before, you press the home button twice, but now you get preview screens of what is going on in each open app. To quit an app, merely swipe up the preview, not the icon.

Brad showed that both the *Photo* App and *AirDrop*, have been greatly improved. The *Photo* App now has better grouping by place and time, and introduces the concepts of Collections and Moments. *AirDrop*, is new to iOS, but it does not interoperate with AirDrop for OS X. Another great new feature, is *iTunes Radio*, it is like *Pandora*, where you can create a station with your favorite artists. The more you listen, the more personalized your stations become. It has default channels, like Sirius XM.

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October Meeting Rick Matteson



In October we'll continue our look at iOS apps with the iPad and photography, or more precisely, iOS and photography. iPhones and iPads, both full size and mini, have cameras which have replaced many a pocket or point-and-shoot camera these days. This month Geoff Broadhurst and Rick Matteson will introduce you to a few of their favorite camera and photo editing apps including

ProCam XL, Photogene, iPhoto, Diptic and Over.

As usual the meeting will begin with our two Q&A sessions followed by announcements. Next will be the main presentation and the meeting will conclude with our ever popular raffle. This month the MacBasics SIG is in the rotation, so there will not be an iOS SIG.



Bradley's Tech Session



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- ► I have *Pages* on my iPad. Whenever I start it up it shuts itself off?
- How anti-social of it? I would remove the app which not only gets rid of the app but any preference or cached files associated with it. Then go to the *App Store* app and download from the Purchased section a replacement. Turn off the iPad and back on. That should resolve the issue.
- ▶ When I connect my iPad to my Mac, I can see, in *iTunes*, how much space is taken up my various categories, e.g. Audio, Video, Photos, Apps, etc. Is there a way to get a breakdown of how much space is being taken up by each program?
- Yes. On the iPad, click on *Settings*, then General and then Usage. Wait a bit for it to scan your device. Under the first category Storage, it will show XX GB Available and YY GB Used and then icons for each app, like Music is ZZ GB and Mail is AA, Videos is BB, then Photos & Camera followed by your 3rd party apps sorted by space used in reverse order (the largest at the top). You probably will have to tap the Show all Apps (in blue) line to reveal all the apps. If you tap on any entry, you will get a details page showing the Documents & Data portion of the application's total. Below that is the red Delete App button. Tap that to get a confirmation dialog where you can Cancel or in fact delete the application and all of it's documents and data and thus free up some space. You can also

probably free up a substantial amount of space by going to the Phone app, tap Voicemail, scroll all the way to the bottom which will show Deleted Messages and a count. Tap that and then the Clear All button to really delete your old voicemail messages. There is a commercial Mac app called PhoneCleanPro for OS X 10.7 or newer and there is a free version as well. Curiously enough, I tried 3.0b5 and it seems to work on Mac OS X 10.6.8. Works with iOS 7 or older. Anyway, it backs up and cleans away 30+ types of junk and cache files, which could improve performance or at least free up enough space to in fact upgrade to iOS 7. More than one person has sought my advise on freeing up space in order to upgrade to iOS 7. Of course now there is a further upgrade to 7.0.2. iOS 7 needs 3.1 GB of space on your device to download and install, but when all is settled, it takes up about 752 MB which is about the same as iOS 6 took up.

- ▶ I have *a lot* of messages on my iPhone and it seems I need to delete them to free up space, but I want to copy them to the Mac first. Many have attached images I want to keep as well. What program can do that?
- The program I've used is *PhoneView* from Ecamm Network, LLC. It shows you a list of message senders and basically the normally balloon view of your

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President's Message



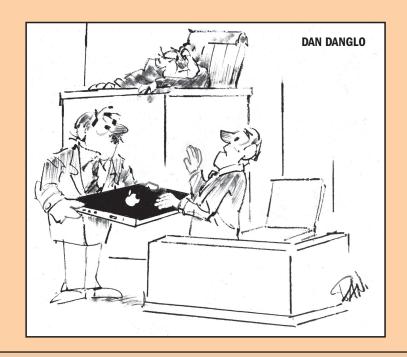
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We only had a few weeks since the last meeting and time has been moving faster than ever.

The new iPhones are more sophisticated than ever. We have special aluminum from the other side of the world and colored plastic that you can get with fun plastic covers. The emphasis was on the iOS4 system that makes this even more impressive.

Unfortunately, we are still waiting for more updates before years end. All you hear about are phones and tablets by others. You know the Apple products will be better, but when will they arrive?

See you soon ... Bill



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conversation, with the photos in there. You click the little Copy From iPhone icon in the toolbar and it saves the whole thing as a PDF file pretty much exactly as you saw it on the Mac. You have an option to extract the media items as separate files. I'd say that's ideal for most users, but you can also save as a text file or a tab or comma separated file for importing into a database. If you select more than one message conversation or sender, it combines all that into one file, not separate files for each unless you change the preferences. A client tried the similar DiskAid from DigiDNA, but it did not extract the media and saved as plain text.

- ► How does the iPad mini's camera resolution compare to the iPhone 4's camera? Is there a change they will upgrade that with a future model?
- The old iPhone 4 had a 5 megapixel iSight camera in back, with a 3.85 mm sensor size or 1.75 µm per pixel and a f/2.8 aperture lens. It was backsideilluminated and had the LED flash. The iPad mini's camera is better, with a f/2.4 aperture, but without any flash. The same 5 element lens is used, with the hybrid IR filter. If not for the pixel count, it's quality is actually closer to the iPhone 5's. In fact the new iPod touch 5th generation uses this same camera. It's expected that the updated iPad mini expected before the end of the year, will get the 8 megapixel camera from the iPhone 5. Maybe even the larger aperture variety that the iPhone 5s now enjoys. I tend to think not, as the iPad

line has always had worse iSight cameras than the concurrent iPhone series. It may also not get a LED flash.

- ▶ When I use Apple's *Mail* in *Mountain Lion* and I change the preferences, it doesn't change the font when I compose a new message. What am I doing wrong?
- In *Mail*, Preferences... go to the Fonts & Colors panel, Message font pop-up changes the default for new documents, not old documents in the Inbox.

If you want more control, assuming that in the Composing panel you have as Message Format: Rich Text, you can then click on the Format button in the toolbar only found in the compose window or hit command-t to bring up the floating Fonts window where you can make changes on a character-by-character basis. If you have a plain text compose window, the default font will still show as specified. If you try to use any tool in the Format bar or make a change in the Fonts window, you will get a prompt asking to confirm you want to change this message to Rich Text.

- ► I thought the iPhone 4S was the sweet spot in the iPhone pricing line up at \$99 with a 2 year contract. What's your opinion now?
- While the new iPhone 5c has that same price point, I really wouldn't recommend it for most of my clients. The big picture is you will be commiting to at least \$1440 for the cheapest individual voice plan and data plan and no texting plan for the next two years. That's \$60/month, not counting taxes. With my

unlimited data plan with AT&T, my bill is close to \$82/month or \$1965 for the 2-yr contract. So if you spend another \$100 or \$200 for a phone, it's insignificant. Might as well get the twice as fast iPhone 5s and enjoy that benefit and the others I covered at the last meeting, for the next two years.

Can I run *Adobe CS6* on my Mac that has *Mac OS X 10.6.7?*

Technically no, you need to install the minor update to 10.6.8 first. It shouldn't mess up anything if you follow these instructions. Rather than using Software Update to get the small 10.6.8 delta update, I'd suggest you get the larger combo update v.1.1 to replace more of your potentially messed up operating system. Use Disk Utility to repair permissions first. I'd then run Software Update to get the assorted further updates you now qualify for, like the latest java update which Creative Suite requires. You can, in

fact, leave the previous edition on your Mac if you have enough disk space. If you are running low on space, you can run the uninstaller found in your /Applications/ Utilities/Adobe Installers/ folder. At this point, I don't know if Adobe still offers CS6 and the latest Creative Cloud release needs OS X 10.7. Of course you may need other things to be upgraded to now work with CS6 as well as your older CS. Like Extensis Suitcase Fusion for example. Perhaps some new *Photoshop* plug-ins if you have those. Depending on the number of related programs, it could be a bit involved to update those. Don't forget to run the Adobe Application Manager to get the latest Adobe updates. If you install Acrobat Pro, it has it's independent upgrade method. Just select Check for Updates... from the Help menu. Early CS6 suites came with Acrobat Pro 9, but later ones came with Acrobat Pro X and now they have *Acrobat Pro XI* 11.0.04.



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You can search by artist and song to get customized lists. It's also like Genius Mix results from *iTunes*, except this would be music you don't have (yet).

Another new feature is scheduled automatic updates. You can enable this feature in the *Settings* App under the heading of iTunes and App Store. It will only install the updates during power-efficient times;

like when your device is on, and connected to Wi-Fi. This will help conserve battery charge.

Bradley went on to show the new mobile *Safari*. It features the new unified URL/search field, Like *Safari* 6 on the Mac and a new tabbed view which supports more tabs than before. The URL/search field, buttons. and bars are hidden until you scroll to reveal them. He went on to inform us that *Siri* is no longer beta, and the new iOS has been re-engineered for 64-bit; kernel, libraries and drivers. This is to take advantage of the new 64-bit chip in the iPhone 5s. The new *Siri* features the following:

- New Look
- More natural sounding female or male voice
- Now searches Wikipedia, Twitter & Bing
- New persistence on-screen
- Can be used to return voice calls and play voicemail
- Dictate an email and send it
- Can control iTunes Radio
- Note, still not available on the old iPhone 4

Next, Bradley went on to talk about the new hardware. He first described the flagship phone, the iPhone 5s. It features the new 64-bit A7 chip with desktop class architecture. It is 2 times faster than the iPhone 5, or 40 times faster than the iPhone I. No smartphone competitor has a 64-bit chip, and they are not expected to have one until late 2014. It also features the new M7 co-processor. This co-processor measures motion data, and will be useful for health and fitness related apps. The new system will also provide better battery life during LTE browsing. The new iSight camera, features a larger sensor, and a new burst mode feature. The video side has a new Slo-mo feature, and you can now take a still picture while recording video. Bradley also discussed security, and the new fingerprint ID system.

Next up, was the new iPhone 5c. Some say it stands for cheaper, which it is, but a more accurate description would be cost effective. The "c" actually refers to color. This is not a cheaply made product. It is less expensive, not because it is cheaply made, but because it is essentially last year's iPhone 5, repackaged with colored plastic exterior. Apple usually sells the previous year's model for the same price the 5c is selling for. From what I have read, it feels sturdy. Most of the interior of the iPhone 5c is just like the iPhone 5.

I can't cover everything Bradley discussed in his presentation in this article. As I always say, being there is better. He did a great job as usual, and our group is lucky to have such a knowledgable and professional tech advisor. If you want to find out more, and see visuals of all of this. point your browser to: http://www.apple.com/iphone





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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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Scott is going to going to be our guest speaker and present information on Contacts for the MacBasic SIG Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.

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