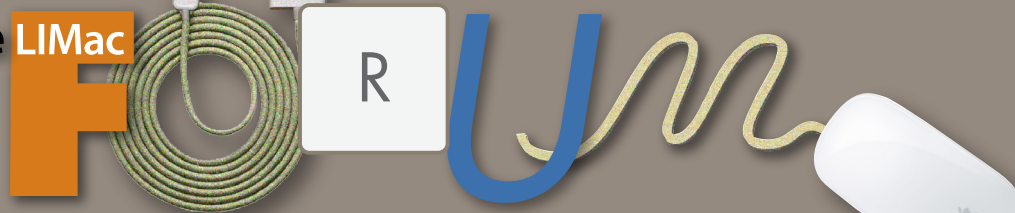


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## August Meeting *Scott Randell*



For our August meeting, we had not one, but two presentations. The first presentation was by our Guru, and Webmaster, Bradley Dichter, on LIMac's Bulletin Board, and the second by Gary Book, on LIMac's Facebook page.

The LIMac Bulletin Board is really a great resource that most of us do not really take advantage of. If you want to get the most out of the Bulletin Board, you must register. Brad took us through the steps for registration.

On the LIMac Home page go and click on the Bulletin Board link (Fig. 1), or go to the pull down menu. Members --> Bulletin Board (Fig. 2)

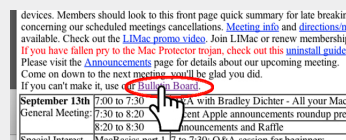


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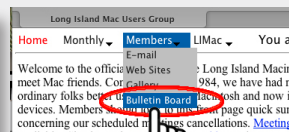


Fig. 2

On the Bulletin Board page click register (Fig. 3)



Fig. 3

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## September Meeting *Rick Matteson*



Rumors are never very far removed from computer industry press coverage of Apple, so this month we'll take a look at which rumors from Apple's rumored September 10th Special Event turned out to be true. Here's some of what's in the wind: introduction of iOS 7; iCloud updates; iPhone 5S and iPhone 5C (a less expensive, possibly color-cased version); a new "thinner" iPad; an iPad mini HD... We'll just have to wait and see. What ever happens, Bradley will be on top of the situation and will tell all.

As usual the meeting will begin with our two Q&A sessions followed by announcements. Next will be the main presentation and the main meeting will conclude with our ever popular raffle. The iOS SIG will meet following the general meeting, but the MacBasics SIG will not meet this month. (We're launching an alternate-month-SIG-schedule at the September meeting [and that's no rumor] to allow all LIMac members to participate in as many segments of our meeting schedule as possible.)

So, to catch up on what's real in the rumor mill, check out the new SIG schedule and just hang out with your Mac/Apple buddies mark your calendar and be sure not to miss this meeting. I know I'll be there...hope to see you too! 🖱️

## Bradley's Tech Session



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► **I just bought a new 27" iMac to replace my older 24" iMac that had FireWire connections. The new iMac has no FireWire ports. I have a old 1 TB hard drive I had all my files on and a small OWC drive connected to that. I see that Apple makes a Thunderbolt to FireWire adapter. This drive has FireWire 800 ports. Can I use this to connect my drive?**

■ Absolutely, that is what it was made for. You can daisy chain FireWire drives together and drive them through this adapter. In fact if you have a (FireWire) bus powered mobile single drive, it **should** work through this adapter as Thunderbolt supplies power in a similar fashion as FireWire ports did.

While native Thunderbolt devices can draw up to 10W, with this adapter, it offers only in fact only 7W of power to FireWire connected devices, a bit less than the available 10W of power spelled out in power class 7 of the FireWire specification.

(Did you know some Macs supplied power over FireWire even when they are powered off? See HT367) The available 7W may not be enough for some bus powered drives, particularly a G-RAID mini or similar twin drive unit. You would have to use the perhaps optional AC adapter or some offered a USB derived power connection to make up the difference. It probably would be a problem getting the detailed specifications of the current/power draw for a particular model mobile

drive. I checked with OWC and they didn't know. The normal AC powered desktop models aren't a problem.

If you didn't need the other Thunderbolt port, you can buy a second adapter and connect the 2nd drive to the other TB port for better speed, rather than sharing the bandwidth of one FireWire channel. While this is not quite related, the adapter cannot work the other way around, connecting a Thunderbolt hard drive to a Mac with a FireWire port.

► **I'm looking for a multi-function color laser printer for home? What do you recommend?**

■ I've recommended Xerox color laser printers, like the Phaser 6600/DN and they have the WorkCentre 6605/DN which adds the ADF/glass on the top. Printing and copying is fine except the scanning software is not good. If you have a dedicated Epson scanner, I'd keep it. These printers have 1200 dpi "enhanced" image quality and the glossy toner makes the images pop. It boasts true Adobe Postscript level 3. Single pass color at 36 page per minute rating is quite fast. At under \$1000 even for the 6605/DN, these are much better than a comparable HP Color Laserjet. I know someone with a Brother MFC-9970CDW which is considerably cheaper. It has smaller paper capacity and not Adobe Postscript but it also does faxing. It uses the Presto!

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## President's Message



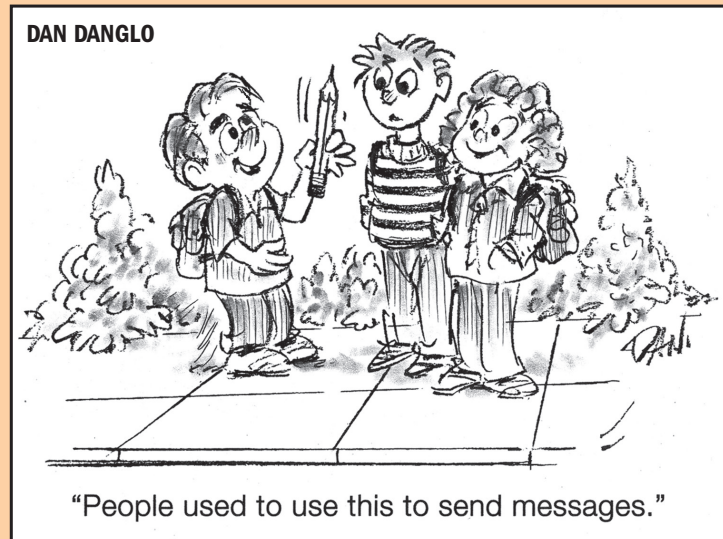
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*We all look forward to better days ahead. That is probably why we bought a Macintosh or any Apple product. There are so many ways we like Apple products and why we enjoy sharing those ideas every month.*

*Coming up on September 10th 2013, Apple will introduce product up-dates, software up dates and best of all LIMac will get to present these updates directly to you at our next meeting on September 20th.*

*We will let you in on this useful information to determine if it make sense for you and how this can work for you. Don't miss this.*

*See you soon... Bill*



*Note: Our old friend and esteemed cartoonist Dan has been laid up in rehab with a fractured hip so we had to re-publish an old cartoon of his. I know we all wish him a speedy recovery.*

*PageManager* scan software which is also sub-par, but he was used to it. If you are looking for something cheaper and more compact for home, Xerox has the WorkCentre 6015/Ni. It's slower, no duplex and it comes with only a starter toner set for 500 copies, half filled. If you are looking for smaller and cheaper still, then you'll have to look at a inkjet model. The recently discontinued Epson Artisan 837 is a great all-in-one inkjet with 6 color duplex Airprint capable printing. Best part for some is the full *Epson Scan* software.

► **I'm running Apple's Mail under OS X 10.8.4 in Classic view and the blinking insertion point vertical line disappears if I switch from composing a message and switch to another running application. I'm using DragThing's option to "Hide other applications when switching." How can I fix this?**

■ You can't and it's been a long standing bug with *Mountain Lion*. The free work around is a quick command-N to compose a new message and then command-W to close that window. That should leave you back where you were with a blinking insertion point. You should also be able to try command-tilde (⌘~) twice to switch from the compose window back to the Message Viewer and back. May not work 100% of the time if you have more than two windows open. I've seen an application of the macro program *iKey* which saves one keystroke. It needed a 0.1 second delay between to allow for *Mail* to catchup. There's always the option to not hide Mail. Try the yellow dot in the title bar to collapse the window to the Dock instead.

► **I just came across a reference to the Philips Hue color changing LED lights than can be controlled from your iPhone. I understand it's \$200 for the controller and three lights. Can you hook them up to your sound system?**

■ That is the Philips Hue Personal Wireless Lighting Starter Pack. The hue bridge lets you control up to 50 bulbs. It's \$60 for each additional bulb. These are approximately the same size as ordinary A-19 style E26 medium base bulbs. The bulbs can produce a maximum of 600 lumens at 4000K white point or 550 lumens at a 6500K daylight white point. That doesn't make it very bright, about what a 45W incandescent bulb would produce. They do take a couple of seconds to startup from a command. The bridge gets wired into your network. You can control them from anywhere you have Internet access. They use the ZigBee Light Link protocol of which there are a lot of networkable devices. Besides their own *Hue* version 1.1 App, there is the *MagicHue* App. by Peter Breiting and *Ambify* by Kai Aras. That's probably what you saw. It works with your music library on your iOS device which includes AirPlay which, with your AppleTV, can connect to your stereo system. Check out these examples from their web site.

► **I get periodic e-mails from Macworld magazine, and a recent one was about a way to tweak the RAM when it gets cluttered on the inside, so the machine works better. I didn't understand it.**

■ What happens when you run your Mac, the memory becomes fragmented. You start up program A and then B, and then

you quit A to free up more memory for program C, but C wants a contiguous block of memory. Now some memory got allocated but it's inactive at the moment. So this program, probably *Memory Clean* will purge that inactive memory and thus free up more free memory for your next program launch. This will allow the program to run, sacrificing the capability of the remaining programs. This program needs OS X 10.7 or newer to run in the first place, so your obsolete machines can't run it. 10 years ago we used *RAM Doubler* from Connectix before they went out of business. *Mac OS 8* and *OS 9* applications back then had memory allocations set

in the *Finder*'s Get Info window for the application. It also suffered from memory fragmentation. OS X introduced a more dynamic model, but you could still have memory leaks. Restarting would clear all that. Still virtual memory is available up to your available disk space, but some operations won't accept virtual memory. *RAM Doubler* combined memory compression as well as virtual memory. The forthcoming OS X 10.9 *Mavericks* brings back memory compression to modern Intel based Macs. Good news for MacBook Air models with only 2GB of RAM. I hear that battery life is much better too under *Mavericks*. ↵



Bradley Dichter doing his Bulletin Board presentation

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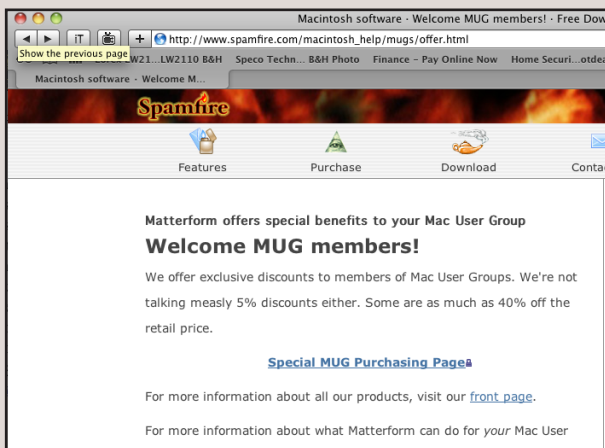
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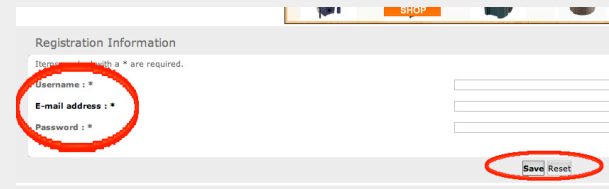


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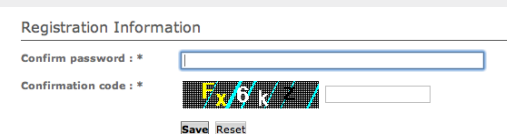


Fig. 5

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You can post questions that will be answered by someone. Anyone on the Bulletin Board forum may respond. Many times Brad will respond with an answer you can trust, but others may answer as well. You can also look at what other members have asked or are asking, and the responses to those questions. You may be surprised that others have the same question you have. You can also advertise something you have to sell, such as a printer, scanner or computer. If you are looking for something you need you

can find some bargains in the for sale area. Click on the "Select a forum" pull down menu (lower right) to jump to the forum of your choice. Clicking on the member list, shows all of the LIMac members on the Bulletin Board. Click any of them to send a message. Members may also send you a message. If you want to be notified by e-mail that you have a message, make sure that you allow this in your profile -->preferences. Register (if you haven't already) and explore the Bulletin Board.

Next, one of our most active members; Gary Book, did a presentation on using Facebook, and particularly LIMac's Facebook page. Gary discussed the different ways people use Facebook. He stressed that you don't have to be the type of user who posts everything they do all day long. Gary pointed out, that he uses it as a way of gathering information available on the Internet. You can involve yourself in groups of users who have the same interests you do. You can also post article for others to read. In addition, you can look for particular topics that are of interest to you, and see what others are saying about them.

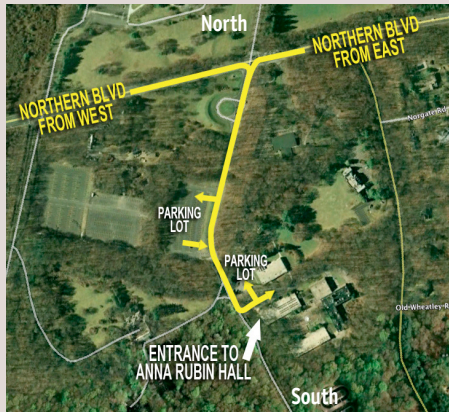
As usual, Bradley's presentation was interesting and informative. LIMac also thanks Gary Book for pitching in and sharing with the group. It is always great when one of our members participates by doing a presentation. That is one of the things that makes LIMac great.



Gary Book doing his FaceBook presentation

**A reminder to all members**

**Due to the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur on September 13<sup>th</sup> our meeting is rescheduled to September 20<sup>th</sup>**



**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](http://limac.org)

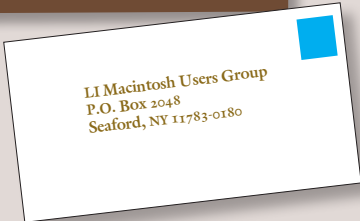
Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.  
**Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.**  
followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

- MacBasics SIG: Q&A session only**
- ▶ In bad weather, call (516) 686-7789.
  - ▶ The next LIMac board meeting will be at the Plainedge Library, (516) 735-4133, on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. For more detailed information about this location go to [limac.org](http://limac.org)

**Renewal**  
Membership renewal for 2013 takes place from now 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.  
Make your **\$36** check out to LIMac and bring it to the next meeting, or mail to LIMac, Post Office Box 2048, Seaford NY 11783-0180

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