

# QCMUG MINUTES

January 16, 2006

Norm Kelinson Room - Bettendorf Public Library

## Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 14 members and 1 guest present. Members: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Buster Blocker, Robert Custer, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Phyllis James, Don Patridge, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, Faye Waterman, Cynthia Weinberger.

Old Business: President Don Patridge called the meeting to order. He introduced the officers, handed out copies of the Mac Cheat Sheet, reminded members of discounts available from Mac Connect and Mac World, and reported that Mac Addict is changing to Mac Life with a subscription cost of \$19.95 for one year and \$34.95 for two years. (Secretary's note: I checked the prices on the web site.)

Treasures Report: Dean reported that the balance had not changed since last month.

New Business: Don mentioned he was trying to find a time for the officers to meet at the Fairmont Branch of the Davenport Public Library. He pointed out articles with information on how to sync 2 iPods and the freeware application PiXel Check, which will assist you in visually inspecting your LCD flat-panel display for bad pixels. This can be downloaded from versiontracker.com. Don Schaefer asked a question about transferring the iTunes library from one computer to another. The answer involved making an archive of the iTunes folder, mounting it, and using a Firewire connection. Don also mentioned that Brandon Newendorf will be returning to the area this summer and may be available to present new information.

Program: See Program notes at end of minutes

## Open Forum:

There were several questions from members.

**Q** "Can I upgrade to current OS 10.4 from 9.2 in one step or must I upgrade through all previous versions?"

**A** The general consensus was yes, although you may need to upgrade the firmware. The Apple web site will provide information. You may also need to add memory.

**Q** "Running Linksys server with iMac hard wired to the server and the Dell laptop is wireless. The laptop works without interruption. The iMac gets time out by the ISP. Suggestions?"

**A** Suggestions included trashing certain preferences on the iMac and that the timing out may be coming from the ISP. (Note: This is a place where the answer was given so quickly that the secretary missed part of it. She also didn't understand all the technical points! Sorry!)

**Q** "I downloaded the Pages upgrade and it asks for the password to install it. What password is needed?"

**A** Members gave several suggestions. First, if the person has not set up different users on the computer, there may be no password necessary. It is possible that if the member just leaves the password blank and clicks on return, the upgrade will install. Member was also encouraged to talk to person who helped set up the computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

## January QCMug Program

“Google-Not just a Browser Anymore”

Presented by Don Patridge

Using a Keynote slideshow, Don demonstrated to members the many number of features in Google, most of which are available for Mac users. He noted that Mac support is improving. The features were introduced by categories :

Search,

Explore and Innovate,

Communicate, Show, & Share

Go Mobile

Make Your computer Work

The Google products in Search there are:

Alerts-get e-mail updates on topics of interest, Blog Search-find blogs on topics of interest to you, Book Search- search the text of books, Catalogs-search for mail-order catalogs, Checkout-complete your online purchases through Google, Desktop -Windows only,, Directory -search by topics, Earth-explore the world, Finance-business news, Froogle -online shopping, Image search-find images on the web, Google Maps-get maps and directions, Google News-search news stories, Google Patent-search US patents, Scholar-search education (scholarly) papers, Toolbar-add a search box to your browser (not Safari), Video-search TV and videos, Web Search-search the internet.

Explore and Innovate:

Code-for people who want to work with open source code.

Co-op- Create your own search.

Labs-Explore what Google is creating.

Communicate, Show & Share

Blogger-share your life online.

Calendar-organize and share events. This can sync with iCal.

Docs and Spreadsheets-create and share online

G-Mail-an e-mail account that can also be used for storage

Groups-create a mailing list or discussion group

Picasa-Sharing photos

Sketch-Up- create 3D drawings. There is a free version and a pro version available for a fee.

Talk-IM and phone module

Translate-will translate web sites into other languages

Go Mobile

Maps-get maps and directions on your phone

Mobile-Use Google on your cell phone

Text Messaging

Make Your Computer Work Better

Pack and Web Accelerator --PC. (Will they work with Intel Macs?)