

QCMUG Meeting Notes: April 19, 2005

Bettendorf Public Library, Norm Kelinson Room**

**** This room was not available to QCMUG tonight - another group was using it**

Prologue: *QCMUG has been functioning without a secretary during 2005, because the secretary (Don Schaefer) has had family medical problems that have required his time. Because of significant improvement, he can now resume his duties, and Minutes will be published each month. President Don Patridge has produced Minutes for January and February, in addition to carrying out the duties of QCMUG president.*

Meeting location information: *Upon arrival, QCMUG members found the Norm Kelinson room occupied by another group. This is the 4th time that QCMUG has had to meet elsewhere in the library because this room had been scheduled for QCMUG and another group. In October (2004) the room was needed for a group using the ICN (Iowa Cable Network) setup, available only in that room. It was not clear how the duplicate scheduling resulted the other times, including this (April 19, 2005) meeting. Officers Don Patridge, Jim Hall and Dean Arney tried to resolve the situation with the library clerk on duty, and to ensure that QCMUG actually has this room reserved for the rest of this year. The library clerk found us a room on the first floor, scheduled for another group (which did not show up), so it was possible to hold this meeting and have the program presented.*

Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 18 in attendance at the April 19 meeting, 16 members and 2 guests. The members in attendance were: Don Schaefer, Linda Kreiling, Karl Kreiling, Dave Ochs, John Schenk, Robert Rinehart, Dean Arney, Brian Dobbins, Buster Blocker, Jim Hall, Tom Boyd, Jim Holifield, Lois Harker, Duke Roth, Robert Custer and Don Patridge. Nonmembers present were Bill Roe and Brandon Darling. (Brandon Darling was in attendance to present part of tonight's program.)

Business: The meeting was called to order by President Don Patridge @ 6:40 PM. but members had to set up equipment and chairs before the meeting and program could begin. The room had a drop down projection screen and necessary electrical outlets, so (with club owned computer, extension cables and projector), the new location worked out well, once the presenter, Don Patridge and Bob Custer set up everything in this new location. President Patridge asked about guests or new members, and Treasurer Dean Arney reported that there have been two new members join during this last month.

The meeting room situation was discussed briefly, and Vice-President Jim Hall moved that a letter be written requesting a clarification of the situation. Jim's motion was not seconded, and no vote was called for. Dean Arney indicated that if a letter was needed, that he would write it. President Don Patridge asked that Dean Arney write a letter to the library expressing our appreciation for the extra efforts of the lady on duty, which made it possible to hold this meeting. Secretary, Don Schaefer requested that this letter include a request for written verification of the dates actually reserved for QCMUG meetings for the rest of 2005, so this situation will not occur again. Our understanding was that the Norm Kelinson room has been

reserved for every third Tuesday for this meeting, but no written verification was apparently given Dean Arney. Don Patridge asked for any old business, and none was suggested. He then asked for any new business, and none was suggested.

President Don Patridge introduced the first presenter, Brandon Darling, who was filling in for Mike Hughes (Integrated Resource Design Group). Brandon is a colleague of Mike Hughes at this firm.

PROGRAM

“The New Mini-Mac” by Brandon Darling

Brandon displayed a new Mini-Mac and discussed its basic construction, its ports, hard drive and memory. He then demonstrated how to safely open the Mini-Mac, so audience members could see the interior, as well as exchanging memory chips. With only one RAM slot, it is necessary to remove the standard 256 K stick before upgrading to more memory, which the owner can safely do by following Brandon’s instructions. The basic tool needed was a normal width putty knife (preferably “sharpened” a bit by rubbing the cutting edges with sandpaper). Brandon explained that inserting the putty knife along an edge may look dangerous, but the Mini-Mac has no electrical contacts along the edge, and there are obstructions inside that limit the amount the putty knife can be inserted. Brandon demonstrated how to remove and replace the RAM, and then reassemble the case.

“OS 10 Shareware and Freeware” by Don Patridge

Don Patridge had prepared a list of 18 Freeware and 12 Shareware programs that he had located in various Mac magazines - such as MacWorld, Mac Addict and Mac Home - where they had been recommended. Don went through each of these programs, explaining what each would do and indicating which version of Mac OS 10 were most appropriate for each. Don supplied all members with a list of all the programs he described. He did so by use of AppleWorks links, which most members (even those using AppleWorks for some time) had never used. Using the complete list as an Index, he created links and anchors such that clicking on an item in the index would cause an immediate jump to the section of his AppleWorks document where that program was described.

Open Forum: Following the two parts of the program, the opportunity to ask questions resulted in some discussion of how best to copy audio/music CDs owned by the person making the copy. Jim Holifield said that Toast could easily make such copies. It was also mentioned that some CDs are encrypted so they cannot be copied directly, and there is no way to tell when this is the case, other than a failure in the copying attempt. Ways to work around this included playing the music and then recording the sound into the computer, which can then be copied to a CD. Another suggestion involved use of one or more of the Shareware programs Don Patridge had presented (such as Audio Hijack). So long as the copies are

being made only for use of the owner of the original disc, the opinion was expressed that this was also completely legal.

Dave Ochs asked about how to eliminate the problem (when recording classical music) where pauses between segments result in treatment as separate pieces of music. It was not clear whether Dave got an answer to this question.

Next Meeting Announcement: President Patridge announced that the program at the May meeting will be in relation to AppleWorks - he said that a number of people had expressed an interest in this topic. Don Patridge will present this program. He asked that members let him know about any specific areas they would like included.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer (Interim) QCMUG Secretary