

QCMUG Meeting Notes: June 21, 2005

Silvis Junior High, Computer Lab

Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 19 in attendance at the June 21st meeting (who signed in). There were 15 members, 2 who identified themselves as guests, and two who did not indicate whether members or guests. The members in attendance were: Phyllis James, Jim Holifield, Jim Hall, Bill Roe, Don Schaefer, Dean Arney, John Schenk, Faye Waterman, Robert Custer, Anne Dresselhaus, Linda Kreiling, Karl Kreiling, Wilma Hauser and Don Patridge. Guests were: Gabriel Moore and Mike Hughes (who was presenting the program), and Anne Colville and Inez(??) Colville (who did not identify themselves as either members or guests).

Business Meeting: The meeting was called to order by President Don Patridge @ 6:40 PM. President Patridge referred to his May presentation on AppleWorks, and mentioned some additional AWKs information sheets he made available. He also mentioned that a couple of copies of the CD, containing the AWKs information, were available for \$5 each. He also listed some specific websites QCMUG members could go to, some with no costs and some with charges. At the "Atomic Learning" site, there are many tutorials available for AppleWorks and other applications as well. Access there requires a membership fee, but has the password and account number so we can use it without charge. Just send him an email and he will send you the information. He said he had also sent everyone on the QCMUG List a copy of the instructions for the use of the AWKs CD, which members could still access and print out (assuming they haven't erased that e-mail).

He announced that the July meeting program would be by Don Schaefer and he asked Don to describe the program. Don said the program would be "From Digital Images to DVDs - How to make Slideshows", and it would involve a number of the iLife applications, working together. In addition, it will include a demonstration of how iPhoto and Adobe Photoshop Elements can share image editing work, using images in the iPhoto Library.

Don Patridge then offered 2 games free, providing the member had a fast enough (800 MHz) machine. He then introduced officers and explained some of the problems he has been having with the website, and asked again for anyone to help him with the QCMUG website. He also asked all members to update their e-mail addresses on a sheet that was handed around. He also mentioned that QCMUG members can get a 20% discount on O'Reilly books, such as the "Missing Manual..." series.

Treasurer Dean Arney mentioned that the next meeting will be back at the Library. Don Schaefer showed samples of a more substantial type of jewel boxes (DiscSavers), and compared them with the standard thin jewel boxes - the cost of the stronger jewel boxes is comparable or less.

Don Patridge mentioned several other discoveries he has made, including a site that has information which shows you how to turn your old Mac into a music juke box. He then asked for any other old or new business, and got no response, so introduced our program presenter, Michael Hughes.

PROGRAM

Mac OS 10.4, or Tiger

Michael Hughes, Presenter

Before beginning the presentation, Mike pointed out numerous pieces of apparatus that members could pick up, without charge, from tables in the center of the lab. These were all items that will be going to the recyclers if not picked up by members tonight. This included some old printers, scanners, a monitor, CD drive and one old Mac - none were guaranteed to work. He recommended a book by Robin Williams, from Peachpit Learning Series, which is on Tiger (OS 10.4). Mike said his presentation was a "canned Apple presentation" which would hit on spotlight, dashboard, widgets, Safari and all basic aspects of Tiger. He had also loaded an experimental

Tiger image onto all the ~ 20 iMacs in the lab, which also had web access, so it would be possible for QCMUG members to play with Tiger during the presentation, including downloading widgets. Mike described Tiger as the 5th major revision of OS 10, released in April, Unix based. He said that OS 10 grew out of NEXT, which was brought to Apple when Steve Jobs returned. The price is basically \$129, but may be available for less. It will run on an iMac if it has FireWire, and it will be easier to load if it has a DVD drive, since it is about 4 GB in size. While it claims to be usable with 256 Meg of RAM, Mike said not to try it with less than 512 Meg of RAM, and more is better. AppleCare is not available for those who install Tiger on a machine with too little RAM. G3, G4 and G5 processors are necessary. He said that Windows users will find tiles interchangeable. Mike said that in his opinion, Spotlight is the most important new aspect of Tiger, since it permits searching everything on your computer, better than Find and Sherlock. It will even find content of files, including metadata (the kind information recorded by cameras on digital image files which records focal length, lens opening, shutter speeds etc.). It is fully integrated for everything on your Mac, including your mailboxes. He said that Mail is also considerably improved, now appearing as individual files.

Mike's presentation was very thorough, and included technical information (appropriate for developers) as well as those functions of interest to average Mac users. He tried to introduce as many of the different aspects of the new OS as possible, so everyone could be better informed about the capabilities of OS 10.4, Tiger.

Open Forum: The questions were primarily answered during the presentation, so there were no specific questions after the presentation, though many stayed and played with the Tigers on the computer in front of them. One advantage of meeting in Silvis Junior High School computer lab was the fact that a computer was available in front of every member throughout the meeting. This was effective because Mike had caused the necessary software to be installed on all the computers, so the presentation could be a combination of demonstration (by projection) and first hand experience.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer, QCMUG Secretary 2004-2005