

QCMUG Meeting Notes: August 16, 2005

Norm Kelinson Room - Bettendorf Public Library

Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 17 in attendance at the August 16th meeting. Attendance was taken on the new attendance form designed by Don Patridge - this form lists all members' names, their e-mail addresses, and the date when their membership is to be renewed. All guests are asked to sign in where space is provided. There were **14 members** and **3 guests** in attendance at this meeting. **Members were:** Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Tom Brooks, Robert Custer, Jim Hall, Donald Patridge, Bill Roe, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder and Faye Waterman. **Guests present were:** Gabriel Moore, Jerry Neff and Tom Pritz.

Business Meeting: Don Patridge called the meeting to order at about 6:40 PM, and called everyone's attention to the display he had been running on the screen. He had prepared an introduction to the QCMUG officers by including their names and photos, and then running a Keynote presentation before the meeting began, and he pointed out that this was with the newer version of Keynote related to iWorks, which also has Pages associated with it. Don suggested that we might have a demonstration of iWorks, and especially Pages, at a future meeting. Any volunteers?? Don also said he had tried to obtain a "Mighty Mouse", the new Apple mouse, for a demonstration. Member Kathy Schroeder said she has obtained the new mouse, so her reaction to it will be of interest to members.

Program Problems: Don announced that the program scheduled for this meeting could not be held, since Brian Dobbins (who was to do the presentation) found that his business obligations will have him in Clinton at this time - Don just found out about this a day before the meeting.

Website and Internet Problems: The shutting down of our website, and stopping of internet services was due to a misunderstanding regarding payment for this service. No notice was received, and there were complications resulting from the fact that the site was in the name of a former employee at Internet Revealed (no longer there), so neither the Treasurer nor the President of QCMUG were notified of the payment deadline. The problem has now been corrected by payment with Don Patridge's credit card - a bill will be sent and funds paid out of QCMUG treasury, and the domain will be in our club's name.

New Business: Don mentioned that there have been more new members sign up than the loss of old members. No new business was suggested. A question about the program planned originally was answered, and it was explained that Brian Dobbins will be doing the intended program for the next month's meeting. Dean Arney asked that members and guests be sure to check the spelling of their name and correctness of their e-mail address (on the attendance sheet) and make corrections. Guests were also encouraged to join QCMUG.

Treasurer's Report: Dean Arney said that the bank has now changed the reporting date so he gets the information the day after each meeting, so he did not have the latest report from the bank. However, without including a couple of checks written tonight, new membership and one CD sold, the balance is \$1434.03.

Tutorial Sites and password: This information was given out last month, and some of the materials are on the website and available for download (such as the Appleworks information), but the password cannot be published - members: contact Don Patridge or Sue Berger about this information.

PROGRAM

"Helpful Hints Presented, Using Keynote 2!"

Presenter: Donald Patridge

Don started his presentation by referring to a service of Google which is not well known. He stated

that the **map service from Google** is better than any other map service, including MapQuest. He said the maps are more detailed and more up to date than other services. Type in: <http://maps.google.com/> and do some of the samples, or type in your own address. Don compared this map service with that of the AAA on line and stated his opinion that AAA was poor by comparison, in fact was the worst online map service he checked. Don demonstrated his point about google maps by using his own address and pointing out that very recent changes in streets were included in the display by maps.google. The default view is the "map" view, and the zoom range is very broad, and goes from a close-up look that approximates one block, on out to a view of the continents. By clicking on the "satellite" button, you see an almost clear photograph of the area, and clicking on the "hybrid" button, the names of streets are added to the photo view. (We checked with our own address and saw our own house, driveway, neighbors driveways, clearly identifiable - try it with your own address.)

He demonstrated how to get items related to the Mac, by using www.google.com/mac/. In going to take a look at the new "Mighty Mouse" Don mentioned that we may have one at the next meeting to demonstrate. Member Kathy Schroeder said she has received one but hasn't had time yet to check it out.

Don next demonstrated the calculator function built into the Google site by typing a numerical problem into the search window and getting the answer. If you try this, click on the "more about calculator" link and you will get specific instructions relating to more advanced use of calculator, book search, currency conversions, definitions, phone book, travel, weather and many other more advanced uses of google, listed in the "Google Help Center".

For those new to the Mac, or needing some specific help, Don called attention to Mac 101 at <http://www.apple.com/support/mac101/>. The "grand tour" of the Mac interface now includes Tiger. There are explanations, with pictures, for setting up the Mac, hooking up, getting started, my Mac needs help and at <http://macs.about.com/cs/tutorialsbasic/> there are tutorials that are very basic, including how to install software. Don mentioned the plug-ins available for browsers to read ..pdf files. For the older Mac OSs, Adobe Acrobat Reader (a free program) can be downloaded. For those with OS 10.x, Preview (supplied with the OS) will usually open ..pdf files, and Adobe Acrobat Reader may not be necessary at all. The Minutes are furnished to Don Patridge in ..pdf form as well as AWKs 6, for placing on the website - Don has been making the Minutes available for download in ..pdf format. (The ..pdf format is non-editable, since it is no longer a text or word processing format.)

Don illustrated a source for widgets, which also indicated the OS for which they would function. These apparently include some that are games (Don mentioned "Battleship", which he said is very hard to beat), and some widgets are geographical region related.

Explains about widgets and downloading of Konfabulator: <http://widgets.yahoo.com/>

Download site: <http://www.widgetgallery.com/> & combining Yahoo.com & Konfabulator:

<http://www.seochat.com/c/a/Search-Engine-News/Yahoo-Assimilates-Konfabulator/>

Open Forum Questions: There was some discussion of problems that can be solved by repairing Disk Permissions and it was recommended that this be done on a somewhat regular bases - certainly once per month or more often. Don mentioned that at the U. of I. surplus store, they had G4 towers for sale for \$350 and less, with monitors for just over \$100. The question was asked about Keynote vs PowerPoint, and Don said that Keynote was easier, and that with almost no time he was able to set up tonight's program. He did some quick demonstrations of methods he used to prepare tonight's program. Don explained that Keynote 2 and Page come as a part of iWork.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer, QCMUG Secretary 2004-2005