

QCMUG Meeting Notes: October 18, 2005

Norm Kelinson Room - Bettendorf Public Library

Business Meeting:

Attendance: There were 15 members in attendance at this meeting, and no one signed in as a guest. In attendance at the September 20th meeting were: Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Buster Blocker, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Jim Hall, Jim Holifield, Donald Patridge, Bill Roe, Duke Roth, Donald Schaefer, Kathy Schroeder, Terry Weigel, Collin Carney and Jerry Gregg. (It appears that Colin and Jerry are new members to QCMUG.)

Business Meeting:

Old Business: Don Patridge called the meeting to order at about 6:40 PM and introduced the QCMUG officers: Donald Patridge, President and Web Master; Jim Hall, Vice President; Don Schaefer, Secretary and Dean Arney, Treasurer.

List, QCMUG Web Site, and Minutes: Members use of the List, accessing the QCMUG web site and actually reading the Minutes were discussed. President Patridge agreed to contact Internet Revealed to obtain data on use, or lack of use, of these items. Don Schaefer helped describe the need for this information in deciding about how thorough future Minutes would need to be, and how much members actually used services available at QCMUG.org.

Minutes: All Minutes have been thorough, containing URLs of use, discussion content, as well as information requested and exchanged in Open Forum. If the Minutes are not used (only 2 members said they had read the previous month's Minutes), the time cost/benefit ratio suggests that future Minutes may be limited to (1) a short summary of topics included and (2) a record of topics actually brought to a vote. Jim Hall moved that our web site should have counters available, so we could know what use is made of the site. There was no second and no vote. Further discussion took place.

Treasurer's Report: Dean Arney reported that QCMUG now has **43 members**, and that the balance in the treasury is now **\$1233.55**, which includes the cost of the replacement lamp for Robert Custer's projector (being used for all our meetings). Robert Custer has been given the replacement lamp - the cost was \$163 + shipping, and was obtained from eCost, through a specific sales representative recommended by Don Schaefer.

From this point on, these Minutes will follow a shortened format.

New Business:

New Program ideas - discussion.

Computers and parts to be given away by QCMUG, now including PC mice - discussion.

Don Patridge - listed references & some free items, including a PS Elements 3 introduction CD.

Don Schaefer - recommended two new "Missing Manual" books on iLife and iWorks.

Updates - such as an auto update of Photoshop Elements III, can be a problem - shut it down.

Questions raised on the List - discussion.

MapQuest vs Google Maps - discussion.

Magazine - Jim Holifield recommended a computer magazine from England - expensiveness/good.

Free equipment - Jim Hall offered a variety of items - if not taken, items to be discarded.

Introduction to Program:

Don Patridge explained tonight's program plans, where he devised a contest to encourage people to bring hints or demonstrations to win certificates to Whitey's ice cream. He had gotten almost no responses. Don Schaefer had (after the closing date and time for the contest) offered to do a "back-up" demonstration, if there weren't enough entries. Don Patridge first asked for volunteer tips or demos, before calling on Don, and got a number of responses.

PROGRAM

“Hints, Tips & Demonstrations”

Demonstration: Turn off/on the automatic updates for Apple software: by Brian Dobbins.

Demonstration: The new “Mighty Mouse” was demonstrated by Brian Dobbins.

Demonstration: How to select download of photos to other than iPhoto: by Don Schaefer

Hint: Don Patridge suggested that “Grab”, in the Utilities folder, provides special controls.

Hint: Don Schaefer recommended photographic techniques to use in recording and archiving old photos, charts, paintings etc., using non-direct flash techniques.

Demonstration: Don brought examples, showing how to correct original age related defects in the original by using image editing, such as Photoshop Elements.

Demonstration: Don Schaefer demonstrated how to make copies of DVDs, and handed out instructions for use of the Disc Utility application in the Utilities Folder of OS 10.2 or OS 10.3.

Demonstration: Duke Roth showed how to record live voice using GarageBand, and then transfer the result to iTunes.

Hint: Don Patridge recommended indexing the hard drives, in order to make the “Find” function more efficient. There was some comment that with Tiger, indexing is no longer needed.

Open forum Questions: The open forum questions were incorporated into the various hints and demonstrations, so a separate Open Forum was not held at this meeting. Don Patridge mentioned that a program was needed for the November meeting, as well as nominations for each of the QCMUG officer positions.

The President adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Don Schaefer, QCMUG Secretary 2004-2005