

QCMUG Meeting Minutes February 19, 2008

Norm Kelinson Room- Bettendorf Public Library

Attendance: There were 19 members and 3 guests present. Members: Ray Albright, Dean Arney, Cari Biamonte, Buster Blocker, Bill Burns, Keith Claussen, Robert Custer, Brian Dobbins, Joyce Erickson, Wilma Hauser, Jim Holifield, Rosanne Krubsack, Dave Ochs, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, Kathy Schroeder. Cynthia Weinberger.

Business Meeting

New business:

Don has a trial copy of iWorks 08 if anyone is interested. He reported that CASI is still in the process of setting up their computer lab.

Treasures Report:

The balance is \$1,025.25. The treasurer received \$80 at tonight's meeting for two membership renewals and two new members.

February meeting program :

Scanners

Presented by Don Patridge

There are different types of scanners:

- Flatbed
- Sheetfeed
- Slide
- Drum (old)

Scanner Actives:

- Papers
- Newspapers
- Documents
- Magazines
- Line Artwork
- 3-D Items

- Photos
- Negatives
- Photographic Slides
- Photo Restoration
- Faxing

What Scanner is Best?

- Determine possible needs
- Research the cost of machines
- Compare cost of owning to commercial machine services

When you purchase your scanner (Info from Mac 101 Connecting your Scanner)

- Install the software drivers
- Install the scanning software
- Restart your computer
- Connect scanner to correct port
- Turn on the scanner

Check for new drivers online from the manufacture's website. You may not need all the third party applications bundled with your scanner. iLife and iWork may be all you want or need.

Setting your Scanner to Scan

- READ INSTRUCTIONS!
- Insert item to be scanned in scanner
- Open scanning application-Click-Preview
- Crop area you want to scan
- Select Image Type from menu

(Scanners and scanning software differ from model to model. These are basics for manual scanning. Images: Color Photo, Negatives, Color Documents, or Text/Line Art)

- Choose destination where it will be used
- Choose resolution for your scan
- Enter the size dimensions for the image
- Use any image adjustment controls to enhance the image
- Click Scan

Tips for getting great scans:

- When scanning items from a magazine, newspaper, or book, select the descreen option.
- Beware of setting a scan to use our scanner's interpolated resolution.
- Wipe your scanner bed clean before using

- If you plan to print a film or slide scan, be sure to scale up the size and resolution accordingly.
- If you have OCR use it to scan text documents. Then edit in TextEdit.
- (If your document is wrinkled, iron it flat if using OCR. Use the BEST copy you can get.)

Don also gave a brief demonstration on using his Cannon LIDE 500F Scanner. He opened the CanoScan toolbox application. The following are the procedures when using the main window of the Toolbox.

- To print out the scanned image directly click the Copy Button
- To adjust print settings of the scanned image and print click the Print Button
- To send the scanned image as an e-mail attachment click the Mail Button
- To convert the scanned image to text click the OCR Button
- To create a PDF-format file for the scanned image click on the PDF Button
- To organize and edit the scanned image as an image file click on the Scan-1 and Scan-2 Buttons

There was a general discussion during the presentation about the VueScan program. Several members have used this program and it seems to work with older scanners. Information about this software can be found at <http://www.hamrick.com/>

Thank you Don for an informative presentation.

There were no open forum questions and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary

QCMUG Meeting Minutes March 18, 2008

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Attendance: There were 20 members and 2 guests present. Members: Ray Albright, Dean Arney, Dale Arnold, Cari Biamonte, Buster Blocker, Keith Claussen, Brian Dobbins, Joyce Erickson, Jim Hall, Wilma Hauser, Zachery Hostens, David Neese, Brett Neese, Don Patridge, Bill Rankin, Duke Roth, Don Schaefer, Kathy Schroeder. Gerald VanLoon, Cynthia Wieland

Business Meeting

New Business:

Don announced that the club will have a booth at the St. Ambrose Technology Fair on Wednesday, March 19 from 10 to 4. (Sorry for the late notice) There will be some mini sessions. We will be placed next to the Apple representatives. Don, Brian (for CPR), and Kathy will be helping. Any other volunteers would be appreciated.

There are still books available for members to review.

We will be getting a copy of Circus Ponies software for the club computer and one to raffle off to the membership. (<http://www.circusponies.com/>)

There will be no treasurer report for this meeting because Dave is out of town. The web site for QCMug is still not working and Don will continue to look for options.

Don talked about the Take Control website that has ebooks that can be purchased and downloaded for Mac users. He had downloaded Take control of Apple Mail in Tiger, Take Control of Spam in Apple Mail, and Take Control of Troubleshooting the Mac. <http://www.takecontrolbooks.com/>

We have set up the following upcoming programs:

April--Robert Custer will present astronomy and covering photographic slides to digital images.

May --Duke Roth will demonstrate how to use your Mac while on vacation.

June --Apple Mail, set up and how to bring in mail from other pop accounts.

July --Brian Dobbins will present how to set up a home network.

August--Open forum sharing situation where members show something they use and "cannot do without" on their Macs.

September, October, November are open if anyone has any ideas or suggestions.

Program for March:

Introduction to Pixelmator

Presented by Keith Claussen

"Image Editing for the rest of Us"

- It supports on OSX (10.4 or higher)
- Unique user interface
- It runs from the graphics chip rather than the PowerPC chip

Keith opened the program and demonstrated how it works. After opening an image he used the layers palette and showed the different selection tools available. The tool you are using gets larger so you can look at the palette and see what you have selected. The crop tool has a grid to help with placement. Layers can be reordered and duplicated. There are many filters and effects to use and the results can be seen in real time. You can easily add a layer (image) from the isight camera.

Pixelmator supports over 100 different image formats. You can open and save in PSD, TIFF, JPEG, PNG, PDF, RAW etc., It does not support vector based graphics. Pixelmator has a photo browser. It will look at what is on your hard drive and in the iphoto library.

The cost of the program is \$59, compared to Aperture for \$199 and Lightroom at \$299

It used 100 MB of RAM.

It does support the Walcom tablet.

You can download the program for a 30 day free trial.

For more information and support go to <http://www.pixelmator.com/>

Keith did a super job demonstrating things that be done with Pixelmator some of which did not appear in the minutes. (A visual presentation doesn't translate well to the written word).

Open Forum

Q. How do you clean out the inside dust from an Apple II computer?

A. Use the "canned air".

The next meeting will be April 15, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Schroeder, QCMug secretary