



**QCMUG Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2009
Bettendorf Public Library**

Attendance

A total of 21 members and two guests were present at the meeting. Don Patridge, Jim Hall, Keith Claussen, Dave Ochs, Ray Albright, Dale Arnold, Dean Arney, Sue Berger, Cari Biamonte, Tom Brooks, Bill Burns, Stan Furlong, Wilma Hauser, Jim Holifield, Phyllis James, Rosanne Krubsack, Arnold Olson, Bill Rankin, John Schenk, Kathy Schroeder, and Cynthia Weinberger. Our guests were Fred Bolda and Caryl Eickstaedt.

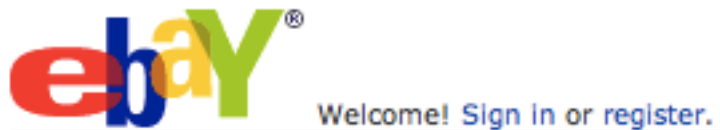
Business Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,862.47 and 34 paid members.
- October's meeting will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church.
- Jim Hall is looking for a Mac (running OS X 10.4 Tiger, if possible) as a donation to a refugee family. They are from Congo and have several children, all living in Rock Island currently.
- Some members are looking for a date to make a road trip to Goodwill Reboot & Iowa Surplus in Iowa City.

Program

eBay by Connie Patridge

www.ebay.com



The homepage features sign in and register links, secure setup. Keep record of your password in a safe place. Click sign in to get the login box (shown on the following page).

The site map link - 1 way of navigating the site.

my ebay - summary, watching, etc...

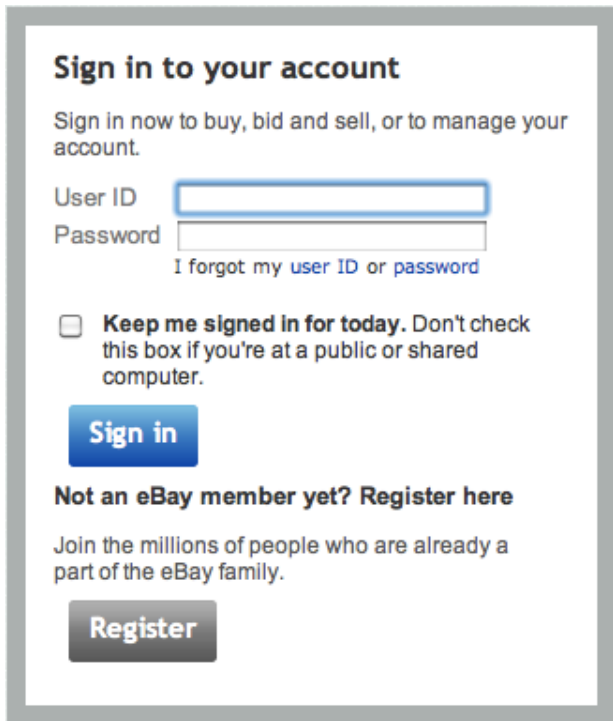
Buy, sell, community, help!

Connie has a collection of about 4,600 decorative tins.

search terms, setting category. sort of like playing taboo, using hint words to find things. misspellings are gold!

summary nav - reminders, watch list - sorting. ebay bucks. Can also add notes to items you are bidding or watching.

Check the seller out - rating, selling,



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Summary

- Buy**
 - All Buying
 - Bids/Offer(0)
 - Won/Purchased(2)
 - Didn't Win(0)
 - Deleted
- Lists**
 - All Lists
 - Watch List & Other Lists
 - Saved searches(0)
 - Saved sellers(2)
- Sell**
 - All Selling
 - Scheduled
 - Active
 - Sold
 - Unsold
 - Shipping Labels
 - Deleted

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eBay Buyer Protection
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Summary

Buying Reminders [Edit](#)
(Last 31 days)
★ I need to leave feedback for 2 items.

Selling Reminders [Edit](#)
(Last 31 days)
There are currently no Selling Reminders to display.

Watch List (1) [Edit](#)
All (1) Active (0) Ended (1)
Sort by Time left: ending soonest

	Bids	Price	Shipping	Time left	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> HP dv9628 Laptop/Turion 64 x2 1.9 GHz/17"LCD/P&R/Case tiptoplaptops (732 ★) 99.6%	10	\$106.00	\$13.00	Ended	Visit seller's store More actions

feedback.

Look through all the comments / feedback.

Watching - track stuff even if you don't buy for evaluation

User names of bidders are hidden, but you can find them out by watching the feedback

The links clicked on are purple

Bids are often uneven values like \$25.42. That's how you usually win an item.

ebay uses paypal - Credit Card or bank account. If using an account, use one specifically for paypal use. Don't use a personal or joint account.

Fraud coverage is offered in case your item doesn't match, doesn't work, or never shows up.

Watch the shipping fees - free vs. charge, so add up for total cost.

You can also use programs like iSale (<http://www.equinix.com/us/products/isale/index.html>).

Start a new listing - search for a category, choose from a list. multiple categories are extra fee. input desc w/ keywords

SELL YOUR ITEM

1. SELECT A CATEGORY

2. CREATE YOUR LISTING

3. REVIEW YOUR LISTING

Select a category

Find a matching category

Enter a UPC, ISBN, or the name of your item.

For example: Transformers action figure

Categories

- Computers & Networking**
 - Computers & Networking > Apple Laptops & Notebooks

Lots of images are a plus! People like to see actual pictures of the item.

Listing text - make it easy to read, no color!

You typically have a list of items like your description listed to see how much they normally go for, so this will help you set the reserve or Buy It Now price so you ask a fair price.

Shipping calculator - size, weight, type, etc. You can offer free shipping or several options.

Save the listing and preview of typos. When posting the final copy, it could take a few hours to show in the search

Learning center - basics of ebay: <http://pages.ebay.com/education/>

Seller ed - resources for selling

Sniping programs are available to help you win items by bidding on them automatically.

Watch the time zones. Midnight on Sunday is a good time to end.

There are rules to know and the listed prohibited items cannot be sold.

Watch for phishing - asking for account info or passwords.

Notes about changes in my ebay. emails from them are in green

Ask questions of the seller to see if you get satisfactory answers.

Watch your fees, don't sell below fees or shipping cost (if offering free shipping)

Some places offer ebay classes. Several books are available as well (local store, Amazon.com, etc).

Guests / non-registered users can view any item for sale.

The screenshot displays the eBay listing creation interface, divided into two main sections: 'Bring your item to life with pictures' and 'Describe the item you're selling'.

Section 2: Bring your item to life with pictures

This section features a header with a yellow background and a large number '2'. Below the header, there is a main area with the instruction: "Click **Add a photo** and select the photo you want to upload." A help icon (?) is visible next to this instruction.

Below the instruction, there are four photo slots. The first slot is labeled "Your Gallery Picture" and contains a photo of a laptop. Below it is a button labeled "Remove photo (FREE)". The other three slots are empty and each has a button labeled "Add a photo" with a cost of "+ \$0.15" below it.

To the right of the photo slots is a "Tips" box. The text in the tips box reads: "Your first picture is on us and will appear on your listing and as your Gallery Picture. With Gallery Picture, a small version of your picture appears in search results. With Gallery Plus, buyers can also see larger pictures in search results. Each additional photo is \$0.15."

Below the photo slots, there is a checkbox option: " Gallery Plus: Display a large picture in search results-capture special details or different views for buyers. (\$0.35) (recommended) ?"

Section 3: Describe the item you're selling

This section features a header with a red background and a large number '3'. Below the header, there is a main area with the instruction: "Item condition -" followed by a dropdown menu and a help icon (?).

Below the instruction, there is a button labeled "Add important details about your item (recommended)".

Below the button, there is a text input field with a rich text editor toolbar. The toolbar includes options for font face (Arial), font size (2 (10 pt)), bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), bulleted list, numbered list, and link.

To the right of the text input field is a "Tips" box. The text in the tips box reads: "Help buyers find what they're looking for by providing detailed, easy-to-read information such as the following:" followed by a bulleted list: "• Color, size, and measurements. • Item condition details."

Open Forum

There was a question about buying a new printer. Don Patridge recommended his newest printer from Canon. Keith mentioned his Kodak does ok with their inexpensive inks. Jim Hall stated that you can get a monochrome laser printer at a great price, take your prints into a store when you need color.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:20 p.m.

Next Month's Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Claussen, QCMUG Secretary

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