



**QCMUG Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2009
Bettendorf Public Library**

Attendance

A total of 14 members & one guest were present at the meeting. Members included Don Patridge, Jim Hall, Keith Claussen, Dave Ochs, Sue Berger, Dale Arnold, Bill Burns, Lee Claussen, Brian Dobbins, Jim Holifield, Arnold Olson, Bill Rankin, John Schenk, and Jerry VanLoon. Guests were Teri Taylor.

Business Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
- The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1892.47
- There is still an outstanding bill for the Mini DisplayPort adapter provided by Brian Dobbins (Mac Man consulting).
- The December meeting will be at the Bettendorf Library and is our annual white elephant holiday party.
- Results for the 2010 officer elections were Don Patridge (President), Brian Dobbins (Vice President), Dave Ochs (Treasurer), Sue Berger (Public Relations), and Keith Claussen (Secretary).

Program

MobileMe presented by Don Patridge.

Overview - MobileMe is for mail, contacts, calendar, photos, and files. How to keep things in sync across several different devices? MobileMe is how! Works on a Mac, iPhone, or even a PC (Windows). It's a service that stores the data in the cloud (offsite on a server accessible via Internet). It keeps your email, contacts, and calendars in sync automatically. You can also share photos, files, find a lost iPhone, push email, and files on your iDisk, all for one annual fee. Email uses the @me.com address (replaces @mac.com). There is no additional hardware to buy outside of your current Mac(s), "i" devices, or PC. It can cross sync the data between all three platforms! Web access online at: www.me.com.

Email to MobileMe (can also fetch mail from other POP email accounts) is pushed to all synced devices, then will push back your changes - read, fwd, delete, etc. Works the same for contacts - changes on iPhone / iPod Touch are pushed to your Mac / PC instantly. Calendar items and appointments also sync in automatic fashion. It's all done wirelessly and no manual syncing or docks needed!

The service works with Apple Mail, Address Book, and iCal. PC uses Outlook 2003 and 2007. All of the content is also accessible online at www.me.com - mail, contacts, calendar, gallery and files. Any changes made on me.com are pushed out to all your synced devices and computers.

Photo gallery - share print quality photos, share / upload images from an iPhone, and you can allow the images to be download. There are several different modes / color schemes to choose from. Visitors don't need to sign up for anything or install additional software. The photo feed (RSS Feed) can be opened and viewed with an Apple TV on a TV, without touching your computer. (same goes for iPhone and iPod Touch).

Videos are available and posted the same way, even from the iPhone 3GS. Galleries (Photo & Video) can be managed on me.com from anywhere.

iDisk - access files from anywhere, share, and upload. Sharing files via email allows you to set a password, expire date, and include a direct link. There is an iDisk app for iPhone. View files in many formats, portrait or landscape, and mark files to share.

Find my iPhone - help find a lost / stolen iPhone. The phone can play a locator sound to help find it, if it's local, and displays a message on the screen to someone that may have already found it. All else fails, wipe it! Remote wipe clears the iPhone of all personal data, media, and files. It doesn't work though when it's powered off or set to airplane mode. Me.com has a map which shows a location based off of the GPS information from the phone. If a remote wipe is triggered, you get an email message as a warning. The phone can be restored with iTunes from a recent backup.

Works with iWeb (part of iLife) as you build and host your own website.

Back to my Mac - connect to a Mac remotely, access files, share screen, secure file transfers.

MSRP: \$99 single or \$149 for family, so check Amazon.com or eBay for deals. <http://www.apple.com/mobileme/pricing/>. It's a code that you are purchasing, works the same way .mac did before (.mac codes will still work!).

System Requirements:

Compatible devices - iPhone, iPod touch, Mac, or PC.

For iPhone or iPod touch - OS 3.1.3 or later

For Mac - Mac OS X Snow Leopard v10.6.3 or later, or Mac OS X Leopard v10.5.8; Safari 4 or later, or Firefox 3.6 or later.

For PC - Windows 7, Windows Vista, Windows XP; Safari 4 or later, Firefox 3.6 or later, or Internet Explorer 8; iTunes 9.2 or later; MobileMe Control Panel for Windows v1.6 or later; Microsoft Outlook 2007 or later recommended. Broadband Internet access required. Some features require iLife '08 or later. MobileMe is available to persons age 13 and older.

Setup on Mac is from the MobileMe preference pane from System Preferences.

Open Forum

There wasn't any open forum issues presented to the group.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:50 p.m.

Next Month's Meeting:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 15. This will our annual While Elephant Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Claussen, QCMUG Secretary

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