



PMUG Meeting Minutes, Saturday May 13, 2023

Location: Yavapai College Campus; Library Building, Room 19-223 And by
Zoom

1. Call to order - Frank Croft called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the absence of John Acquavella, President. There were 17 members present in-person and 10 on Zoom. There was also one guest on Zoom.
2. Birthdays - The following birthdays were announced for the month of May: Dave Steinberg, Bruce Manziello, Ken Raisleger and Jackie deSa.
3. Recognitions & administrative matters - New updates released by Apple, including security releases, have, in some cases, caused systems to crash. There are rumors of a new virtual reality device possibly being announced at the WWDC developers conference on June 5, 2023. Since the college is closed for the months of June, July and August, all meetings during this period will be on Zoom.
4. Short topic – General security – Frank Croft & Jim Romaine - Frank and Jim discussed the necessity for strong security measures to protect all Apple devices, from iOS devices to Mac OS computers. There are many threats to devices, making it necessary to be vigilant about one's data and devices.
5. Social time – 10 min
6. Long topic – General security – Frank Croft & Jim Romaine - Frank and Jim continued their discussion of Apple device security measures that can be taken. The most important may be a strong password along with 2 factor authentication. There are three primary methods to protect your device: passwords, passphrases and passkeys. Passwords should be at least 12 characters, contain upper and lowercase letter, special characters and numbers. A length of 16 characters is even better. A passphrase is a phrase, such as: \$My_dog_is_named_Dusty#. Even the FBI recommends using passphrases instead of passwords. A passkey is a new method of device protection. On

iOS and Mac devices, it uses Keychain to store a passkey that is used to sign-in to a website or app on a user device. It is a much stronger method of protecting a device from hackers. Click on this link to learn how to use passkeys on your iPhone: <https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/sign-in-with-passkeys-iphf538ea8d0/ios>

7. Upcoming meetings

- SIG meeting on May 22 – Creating Graphics in Pages – Art Gorski
- Meta SIG Brunch on May 24 (notify Bobbie Pastor if you will attend)

8. Raffle: The winners are: Staples card-Jim Romaine; Take Control Book-Clare McCormick; OLLI coupon: Dave Rothgery

9. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

10. The next general meeting will be held on June 10 and will be by Zoom only.

Minutes submitted by:

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