



December 14, 2019 PMUG General Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Prescott Mac User Group (PMUG) was held on Saturday December 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 119.

Call to Order: The PMUG President, John Carter, presided over the meeting. There were 38 people in attendance. New members joining PMUG were: George and Elicia Bianco, Larry Urish, Jerry Bengtson, and Richard Missile.

Business Meeting: The November PMUG meeting minutes and the November PMUG financial report were approved. The closing financial balance for November was \$2,547.02.

John Carter invited members to the monthly MAC brunch on December 18 at Prescott Junction restaurant.

There were no short topics.

Main Topics:

Art Gorski and Jim Romaine gave presentations on the new Apple hardware, specifically Apple Watch 5, iPhone(s) 11, iPad(s), and the recent MAC offerings.

Art Gorski began with a review of Apple Watch 5. There are a few new features, but it's not a major upgrade. Apple will no longer sell Apple Watch 4, presumably because there are few differences between the 4 and the 5. For those who want to get a lower priced Apple Watch, the Apple Watch 3 is now available for the low price of \$199 (or less on Black Friday or other sales, respectively). Apple Watch 5 prices range from \$399 to more than \$1,200 for luxury editions.

Art reviewed the iPhone 11, 11 Pro, and 11 Pro Max. These iPhones that replace last year's XR, XS, and XS Max, respectively, and are sized similarly. All have faster processors, better cameras, better speakers, tougher glass, and longer lasting batteries. The iPhone 11, 11 Pro, and 11 Pro Max have a new spatial awareness chip, not yet used by the software (stay tuned). The iPhone 11 is the low-price model starting at \$699 (minus any trade-in). The 11 Pro starts at \$999 (minus any trade-in) and the Pro Max starts at \$1,099 (minus trade-in). Both the Pro and Pro Max have 3 cameras.

Art's Apple Watch and iPhone presentations are available on the PMUG website under the meeting information tab.

We broke for our social time.

Jim Romaine reviewed the new MACs and iPads. The newest Macs are the:

MacBook Pro 16 inch – a very powerful, upgradeable notebook (laptop) that comes with 16 GB of RAM and 1 TB of SSD (solid state) storage. It also has a Touch Bar, an Intel iCore i9 processor with eight cores, for very high processing capability. The starting price for this model is \$2799. It is available directly from the Apple Store or from other retailers, such as Best Buy. Apple allows you to trade in an existing Apple product and apply its value to the price of a new Apple device.

The Mac Pro is a super powerful, very high-end computer intended for professionals in the field of music, photography, videography, etc. It has very great expandability depending on the needs of the end user. The starting cost of this model is \$5999.

There is a new companion to the Mac Pro, a very high-end display, the Mac Pro XDR monitor. It is a 32-inch model with exceptional resolution, again for professionals. It has a starting price of \$4999.

The newest iPad is:

The iPad model with a 10.2-inch display size. In the Apple iPad model lineup, it fits in between the iPad Mini and the iPad Air. It comes standard with 32 GB of flash storage and has a starting price of \$329, which is the lowest price of any entry level iPad in the Apple lineup. The latest iPad model supports the Smart Keyboard, which is a combination keyboard and case. This iPad also supports the Apple Pencil, generation one. This model is available from the Apple Store, and from other Apple retailers, such as Best Buy and Walmart.

Jim's presentation was a narration based on information available on the Apple website. Additional specifics can be gotten at www.apple.com.

Next Month's main topic: Creating a presentation with Apple to be presented by Frank Croft.

Door Prizes: Winners were: Frank Croft and JoAnn Moon (Take Control books), John Carter (Staples), and Bob Eldred (iTunes).

Adjourned at 12 noon.
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