



April 13, 2019 General Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Prescott Mac User Group (PMUG) was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at Yavapai College, Building #4, Room 102.

President John Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Recording Secretary, Bobbie Pastor, was present at the meeting. We had 37 people in attendance.

The guests were made welcome. They were: Art Bridges, Jeff Anderson, Randy Wolf, Bill, and Beverly Markham.

John welcomed the new members since last month. They were: Joan Maloney and Stephen Ancowitz.

Business Meeting: We approved the General Meeting Minutes for the month of March.

John reviewed the Board Minutes of April 8. Bullet points being: The picnic and changes to the brochure.

John announced that he will be facilitating an OLLI 6 week course on the application Pages. Anyone interested needs to be a member of OLLI. See him for further information.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted.

John talked about the upcoming Annual (but not every year) PMUG Picnic. The date is July 13, Saturday, at the "Hilltop" ramada, between 11 - 2 pm. This is our regular day for our monthly meeting. The picnic will take the place of the meeting for July.

John went into details on options for implementation. Such as how the food is handled, parking, how the event is funded, etc.

The attending membership voted to have it catered, rather than a potluck.

John went over the details about changes to the brochure. We wanted heavier paper and glossy, more professional in appearance. Bobbie is going to check with Think4Ink first. Jeff has been doing a wonderful job printing our brochures as a courtesy. But we want to upgrade and we are certainly willing to pay him. However, Think4Ink is not really a printing business, and Jeff may not have the equipment we need. Bobbie will shop for other printing businesses as well.

Short Topics: Bobbie showed a The MacU.com video called: “Document Versions in macOS”.

When you work with documents in macOS, each time you save you are saving a new version of that document. You can revert to a previous version of that document.

This requires that you have a *Backup system* in place. Whether your network has a backup to the hub or you have a backup connection to your Desktop, or you have a backup drive plugged into your laptop, you must have an active backup drive in place.

Another tip from MacU, “Closing apps on iOS 12”. And the third video Bobbie showed from MacU was called “Group Notifications.”

There was a question from the audience about the Kindle Oasis. The member was interested in buying one and wanted to know if anyone at the meeting, owned one. John offered a suggestion to use the iPad with the Kindle application. Art suggested using thewirecutter.com website as a reference for buying products. He also said that thewirecutter.com rated the application “Kindle” as one of the best eBook readers.

We broke for Social Time.

Main Topic: Jim Romaine and Frank Croft gave us a presentation on Music and the devices that we use to enjoy it.

Jim talked about the different sources of music. You can have a Library of your own music. Maybe you have a bunch of digital recordings of favorite music, you can put them in a playlist in iTunes on your computer, iPhone or iPad.

In Streaming - you can subscribe to a streaming company (Pandora, Apple Music) and have them select music according to the genres you have listed.

Some of us might have some vinyl still! There is equipment that will transfer your vinyl to disc.

Steve Jobs started putting songs onto an iPod, as the genesis for the iPhone Music App, or iTunes as it became known. You could take your CD's and download them into iTunes and iTunes would organize them into groups.

Frank tracked back through the evolution of “listening to music through Apple”. “Ripping” or downloading a music CD to your computer, and then to your Phone and iPad was a revolutionary idea. Steve Jobs saw the need for people to be able to carry their music with them, where ever they go.

Frank showed us a little external 128 GB drive called iDiskk. You can play a lot of songs on there and not take up your hard drive space.

Jim uses Pandora and Amazon Prime to stream music over WiFi in his house. This is a paid music service. Many choices are available in Streaming. Jim considers Pandora probably the first choice if you are only going to support one service.

Both Jim and Frank talked about picking up an Airport Express and using that to stream from your speakers in your entertainment center. Or use the many Bluetooth speakers out there in the market where you can play music from any of your Apple devices.

Jim talked about AirPlay. That is Apple's Wireless Communication Protocol. You can listen to music on your computer. Home Pod is Apple's speaker. You can stream stations through Apple products. It is \$300 at BestBuy.

Frank talked about Sonos LINK and Bose speakers. They are a little expensive, but great quality.

Jim talked about the different headphones or earbuds available in the market. Beats headphones are rated one of the best. LINK BestBuy is a good place to see the many choices of speakers or headphones.

Jim and Frank took questions from the floor.

We had our **Door Prize** drawings: Staples card went to Micheal Gatson. The iTunes card was won by Jeff Anderson. The Take Control Book was scooped up by Jerry Grotzinger.

Next Month's Topic: Frank Croft will delve into the workings of the **Apple Watch**.

Adjourned at 12 noon

Submitted by,
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