



May 9, 2020 PMUG General Meeting Minutes

A Zoom virtual meeting of the Prescott Mac User Group (PMUG) was held on Saturday May 9, 2020.

Call to order: PMUG President, John Carter, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and presided over the meeting. There were 35 people in attendance.

Business Meeting:

The April 2020 minutes were approved.

John Carter repeated the announcement that the annual picnic has been cancelled due to covid-19 related restrictions.

There were no Committee Reports.

Upcoming Zoom meetings for SIG topics include:

May 11, 10 AM to noon – John Carter - Photo editing and organization

June 22, 1 to 3 PM – John Carter - iMovie

There were no new business items raised.

Short Topic: Photos Tips and Tricks

John Carter presented on tips and tricks when editing photos. A more extensive treatment of the topic is scheduled as the main topic for a SIG meeting on May 11 (referenced above). His presentation can be found on the PMUG website.

We took a coffee break

Main Topic: Browsers & Browser Extensions

John Acquavella presented on browsers and browser extensions. He reviewed the evolving capabilities of the most popular browsers (esp., Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Microsoft Edge) and the most popular browser extensions. A very important caution is to only obtain browser extensions from reliable sources because there are malicious extensions out there. Fortunately, Safari extensions are only available through the Apple App store or through the Safari extensions gallery and have been checked out by Apple to exclude any with malicious content. A copy of the presentation is available on the PMUG website.

A number of helpful comments were submitted by Richard Cox via the Zoom

chat function and are included in Appendix 1.

Next Month's date and main topic: Next month's PMUG meeting will be on June 13 at 10 AM via Zoom. The main topic will be iCloud – Improve your MacOS & iOS Work (Frank Croft) and the short topic will be iCloud storage (John Carter). A Zoom registration email will be sent to PMUG members. There will not be a PMUG meeting in July.

Door prizes: Prizes were given for those identifying the most browser extension profiles of PMUG board members as part of the main topic presentation. Winners were: Jim Romaine (4 correct, iTunes), Sondra Bradshaw (3 correct, Staples), Jackie DeSa (2 correct, Take Control book), and Debra Neff (2 correct, Take Control book).

Adjourned at 12 noon.

Submitted by John Acquavella

PMUG Recording Secretary

May 11, 2020

Appendix 1 – Comments Submitted During the Meeting on Browsers and Extensions

1. The Brave browser = Google Chrome without the snooping and thus less resource use. All chrome extensions work.
2. There is a tab saver extension for Safari (\$2). It is a very useful way to save tabs as links for later review and use.
3. Cookie manager (sweet pea productions) offers fine grained cookie control semi-automatically.
4. Windscribe is a fast and secure VPN with 10 GB free per month and \$2/month unlimited data if desired.
5. Startpage is a free privacy search engine that is better than duckduckgo (gives google results w/o snooping).
6. Wipr (\$2) is an excellent content blocker for MAC and iOS.