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October Meeting *Scott Randell*

At the October's meeting, by popular demand (obtained from our survey) the topic was photography apps for iOS. This presentation featured the combined efforts of long time members (and board members) Rick Matteson and Geoff Broadhurst.

First, Geoff showed apps that make use of the iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch camera. He started with the built in *Camera* App. This App provides straight forward picture taking, with no real manual adjustments available. It does however, automatically adjust the focus and flash. Next, he demoed a more full featured App called; *ProCam XL* (\$1.99 on iTunes, however, as of this writing, they are offering a 50% discount, bringing the cost down to \$0.99). The following features, are just some of what you get for this low price:

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Next, Rick showed how to get photos from your camera to

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November Meeting *Rick Matteson*

Cheetah, Puma, Jaguar, Panther, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Lion, Mountain Lion; they're all history. The era of the Big Cat is over. It's all about California now. Cupertino's latest iteration of the Macintosh operating system, now simply called *OS X 10.9 Mavericks*, has rolled in.

What does *Mavericks*, have that the big cats didn't? (*iBooks, Maps, Finder tabs, a new look in Calendar; improved Keychains, now in iCloud; and more*) What's missing from *Mavericks*? (rumored Siri integration among others?) Our own Bradley Dichter, Tech Wizard Extraordinaire, will discuss and demonstrate those questions and more at this month's general meeting.

As always, the meeting opens with our two Q&A sessions (Bradley's, in the main room, and the MacBasics, across the hall). Then, if it's November, it must be election time, so that's next. Following the balloting are announcements and the raffle drawing. The evening closes with a session of the iOS SIG. ↗



Bradley's Tech Session



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► I have Pages on my iPad. Whenever I start it up, it shuts itself off.

■ How anti-social of it? I would remove the app which not only gets rid of the app, but any preference or cached files associated with it. Then go to the *App Store* app and download from the Purchased section as a replacement. Turn off the iPad and back on. That should resolve the issue.

► When I connect my iPad to my Mac, I can see, in iTunes, how much space is taken up my various categories, e.g. Audio, Video, Photos, Apps, etc. Is there a way to get a breakdown of how much space is being taken up by each program?

■ Yes. On the iPad, click on *Settings*, then *General* and then *Usage*. Wait a bit for it to scan your device. Under the first category *Storage*, it will show XX GB Available and YY GB Used and then icons for each app, like Music is ZZ GB and Mail is AA, Videos is BB, then Photos & Camera followed by your 3rd party apps sorted by space used in reverse order (the largest at the top). You probably will have to tap the Show all Apps (in blue) line to reveal all the apps. If you tap on any entry, you will get a details page showing the Documents & Data portion of the application's total. Below that is the red Delete App button. Tap that to get a confirmation dialog where you can Cancel or in fact delete the application and all of it's documents and data and thus free up some space. You can also

probably free up a substantial amount of space by going to the Phone app, tap Voicemail, scroll all the way to the bottom which will show Deleted Messages and a count. Tap that and then the Clear All button to really delete your old voicemail messages. There is a commercial Mac app called *PhoneCleanPro* for OS X 10.7 or newer and there is a free version as well. Curiously enough, I tried 3.0b5 and it seems to work on Mac OS X 10.6.8. Works with iOS 7 or older. Anyway, it backs up and cleans away 30+ types of junk and cache files, which could improve performance or at least free up enough space to in fact upgrade to iOS 7. More than one person has sought my advise on freeing up space in order to upgrade to iOS 7. Of course now there is a further upgrade to 7.0.2. iOS 7 needs 3.1 GB of space on your device to download and install, but when all is settled, it takes up about 752 MB which is about the same as iOS 6 took up.

► I have a lot of messages on my iPhone and it seems I need to delete them to free up space, but I want to copy them to the Mac first. Many have attached images I want to keep as well. What program can do that?

■ The program I've used is *PhoneView* from Ecamm Network, LLC. It shows you a list of message senders and basically the normally balloon view of your

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President's Message



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LIMac is a group that is always moving forward. This month Bradley will present MAVERICKS and he will tell you what you need to know about it. In December we will have another great meeting and holiday party with a great raffle prize. To start off next year, we are putting together a music SIG to put it all together. Scott Randell came up with a great idea. He will talk about it in November and December and we shall see that this could be enlightening, educational and fun. See you soon... Bill

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conversation, with the photos in there. You click the little Copy From iPhone icon in the toolbar and it saves the whole thing as a PDF file pretty much exactly as you saw it on the Mac. You have an option to extract the media items as separate files. I'd say that's ideal for most users, but you can also save as a text file or a tab or comma separated file for importing into a database. If you select more than one message conversation or sender, it combines all that into one file, not separate files for each unless you change the preferences. A client tried the similar *DiskAid* from DigiDNA, but it did not extract the media and saved as plain text.

► **How does the iPad mini's camera resolution compare to the iPhone 4's camera? Is there a chance they will upgrade that with a future model?**

■ The old iPhone 4 had a 5 megapixel iSight camera in back, with a 3.85 mm sensor size or 1.75 µm per pixel and a f/2.8 aperture lens. It was backside-illuminated and had the LED flash. The iPad mini's camera is better, with a f/2.4 aperture, but without any flash. The same 5 element lens is used, with the hybrid IR filter. If not for the pixel count, it's quality is actually closer to the iPhone 5's. In fact the new iPod touch 5th generation uses this same camera. It's expected that the updated iPad mini expected before the end of the year, will get the 8 megapixel camera from the iPhone 5. Maybe even the larger aperture variety that the iPhone 5s now enjoys. I tend to think not, as the iPad

line has always had worse iSight cameras than the concurrent iPhone series. It may also not get a LED flash.

► **When I use Apple's Mail in Mountain Lion and I change the preferences, it doesn't change the font when I compose a new message. What am I doing wrong?**

■ In *Mail*, Preferences... go to the Fonts & Colors panel, Message font pop-up changes the default for new documents, not old documents in the Inbox.

If you want more control, assuming that in the Composing panel you have as Message Format: Rich Text, you can then click on the Format button in the toolbar only found in the compose window or hit command-t to bring up the floating Fonts window where you can make changes on a character-by-character basis. If you have a plain text compose window, the default font will still show as specified. If you try to use any tool in the Format bar or make a change in the Fonts window, you will get a prompt asking to confirm you want to change this message to Rich Text.

► **I thought the iPhone 4S was the sweet spot in the iPhone pricing line up at \$99 with a 2 year contract. What's your opinion now?**

■ While the new iPhone 5c has that same price point, I really wouldn't recommend it for most of my clients. The big picture is you will be committing to at least \$1440 for the cheapest individual voice plan and data plan and no texting plan for the next two years. That's \$60/month, not counting taxes. With my

unlimited data plan with AT&T, my bill is close to \$82/month or \$1965 for the 2-yr contract. So if you spend another \$100 or \$200 for a phone, it's insignificant. Might as well get the twice as fast iPhone 5s and enjoy that benefit and the others I covered at the last meeting, for the next two years.

► **Can I run Adobe CS6 on my Mac that has Mac OS X 10.6.7?**

■ Technically no, you need to install the minor update to 10.6.8 first. It shouldn't mess up anything if you follow these instructions. Rather than using *Software Update* to get the small 10.6.8 delta update, I'd suggest you get the larger combo update v.1.1 to replace more of your potentially messed up operating system. Use *Disk Utility* to repair permissions first. I'd then run *Software Update* to get the assorted further updates you now qualify for, like the latest java update which *Creative Suite* requires. You can, in

fact, leave the previous edition on your Mac if you have enough disk space. If you are running low on space, you can run the uninstaller found in your /Applications/Utilities/Adobe Installers/ folder. At this point, I don't know if Adobe still offers CS6 and the latest *Creative Cloud* release needs OS X 10.7. Of course you may need other things to be upgraded to now work with CS6 as well as your older CS. Like Extensis *Suitcase Fusion* for example. Perhaps some new *Photoshop* plug-ins if you have those. Depending on the number of related programs, it could be a bit involved to update those. Don't forget to run the *Adobe Application Manager* to get the latest Adobe updates. If you install *Acrobat Pro*, it has it's independent upgrade method. Just select Check for Updates... from the Help menu. Early CS6 suites came with *Acrobat Pro 9*, but later ones came with *Acrobat Pro X* and now they have *Acrobat Pro XI* 11.0.04. ↗



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your iOS device. You can of course, import them into iPhoto on your Mac, and then to your iOS device via a USB cable. Rick showed us some other options. First choose one of the available connection adapters see: <http://store.apple.com/us/ipad/ipad-accessories/cables-docks#!>. Then, depending on the type of iOS device you have, and its connector, you can transfer photos from your SD card, or directly from your camera, to your iOS device.

The presentation continued with Geoff showing *Photogene* (\$0.99), one of the iOS photo editing apps. This app does an amazing number of things considering the price. A few of its features are listed below.

- Full featured photo editor: crop, straighten, color adjustments (including histogram and curves), sharpen and denoise, retouch tools and more.
- Export or upload several photos at once. *Photogene* supports a wide selection of export destinations, including Flickr, Dropbox, Facebook, Twitter, Picasa, FTP and e-mail.
- Special effects: center focus, tilt-shift, vignette, frames, reflection, text boxes and much more.
- Collage maker: combine several photos into one piece of art using a variety of templates.

To view all of *Photogene's* features point your browser to:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/photogene-4/id363448251?mt=8>

Rick then showed *iPhoto* for iOS. It is \$4.99 in the iTunes Store. This app, from Apple, has a very large number of features, so it is well worth the price. See a few of them in the following list.

- Use simple gestures to quickly sort through dozens or even hundreds of photos
- Automatically find similar photos, so you can quickly make comparisons
- View multiple photos side-by-side to help you choose your best images

Multi-Touch editing

- Simply touch and drag on the parts of the image you want to change
- Use the face-aware Crop tool to keep your friends and family in the picture whenever you change the aspect ratio
- All image adjustments are completely non-destructive and can be modified at any time
- Straighten your pictures with a tap using automatic horizon detection

There are far too many to list here, so go to:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/iphoto/id497786065?mt=8>,

and see all of the great features this app offers.

Lastly, Rick demonstrated an interesting app call *Diptic*. This app enables you to make beautiful photo collages. It provides 179 different collage templates, and also allows you to create your own. You can also add borders, and captions to each photo. In addition it allows you to share your creations on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter etc. . You can learn more about *Diptic* here:

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Kudos to Geoff and Rick on a great presentation. If held the interest of those in attendance, and provided a lot of information on iOS photo apps. 🐁



General meeting time schedule:

Meetings are held at

The **New York Institute of Technology**,
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For more detailed information about this location go to limac.org

Meetings start promptly at 7:00 P.M.

Bradley's Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

MacBasics Q&A: 7:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Scott is going to be our guest speaker and present information on Contacts for the MacBasic SIG

Featured Presentation: 7:30 – 8:20 P.M.

followed by announcements and raffle drawings.

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