

MLMUG December 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

By Mark Bazrod, Secretary

The December MLMUG meeting at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli was our traditional swap meet, holiday buffet, the MLMUG Institute (short presentations by MLMUG members), and the election of officers. It started about 9:00 AM and Tony DiPiano, our then President, opened the formal part of the meeting about 10:15 AM. There were 42 attendees.

Tony introduced Linda McNeil who presented the slate of candidates for 2015. The officers unanimously elected for 2015 were:

Maria Arguello, President
Susan Czarnecki, Vice President
Elliott Cobin, Treasurer
Mark Bazrod, Secretary
Jo Cobin, Member-at-Large

Maria Arguello introduced the MLMUG Institute speakers.

Mark Wassmanskorf first discussed compact iPhone stands. He uses the Joby Grip Tight Mount which holds any smartphone and attaches to any standard tripod. It's available at REI and costs about \$20.

The goHorizontal iPhone app allows you to rotate a picture to horizontal even though the camera was slanted.

The Lapse It iPhone and iPad app from Interactive Universe permits time lapse and stop motion video. Free and \$2.

He likes the Doris Day font which looks like script from 1940s - 1960s magazines. Also the Sprang EcoFont Sans fonts which are script like and save ink. The letter touch each other.

Lastly, he showed us Niteize's QuiKStand, a tiny foldable stand to hold iPhones and iPad minis. 3.4" x 2.0" x 0.2". Amazing. It fits in your wallet.



John Krause showed us a number of apps and devices. He told us that recent studies have indicated that 90% of photos taken in the US were taken with an iPhone.

The Flux app makes the color of your computer's display adapt to the time of day, warm at night and like sunlight during the day.

Aptx bluetooth is considered by many to be a better bluetooth codec. Used in many products. Best way to stream audio to a speaker system.

Launchport. An iPad holder and induction charger.

Askdaveytaylor.com. Answers to many questions. Many videos.

HP ElitePad 1000 G2 10.1" Tablet/computer with Windows 8.1. Expansion jacket with enclosed battery gives up to 30 hours use time.

Wolverine SNaP 14MP slide & negative scanner. Convert old slides to digital.

Simple.TV. Attach antenna and stream TV shows to mobile devices and TV sets, bypassing Comcast and Verizon. \$200+

VPN Tunnel Bear. Software which allows you to send and receive information from the Internet without anyone knowing where you're located. Up to 500 MBs of data per month on the free plan.



Community Audio in Chestnut Hill. Audio experts. Great products.

Mark Bazrod discussed ways to get a less expensive iPad. There are many models which range in price from \$129 for a refurbished iPad 1 to \$829 for the iPad Air 2 with 128 GB of storage and cellular data antenna.

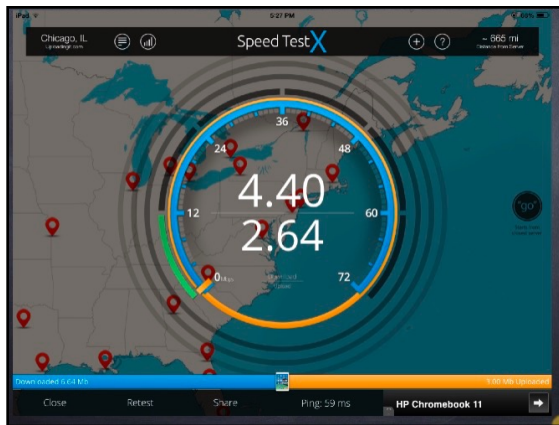
He set forth a decision process, including deciding beforehand how much to spend, whether to buy a refurbished iPad, and whether to buy an older generation. You can buy refurbished iPads from Apple and Gazelle. Both provide a one-year warranty, a new battery and a new case.

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Feature	iPad Mini	iPad Mini 2	iPad Mini 3	iPad Air	iPad Air 2
Lowest Price	\$249	\$299	\$399	\$399	\$499
Highest Price	\$379	\$479	\$729	\$579	\$829
Gazelle Refurb	\$189	\$219	\$209	\$289	
Apple Refurb	More models, including iPad 2, 3 and 4 and iPad mini.				

Bob Barton showed us many interesting mobile apps. Highlights of his presentation were:

1. Appsgonefree. A daily list of 5 or 6 apps.
2. Speed Test X. Bob's favorite speed checker for an iDevice. Speed is measured in megabits per second.



3. Calendarium. Gives sunset and sunrise times. And other info for the date.
4. AppBundle2. 250 little apps. Looks very interesting.
5. Pottery. A virtual pottery wheel - if you have time.
6. 100 balls. An addictive game.
7. BBC News. International news. Bob likes the layout.
8. Ping. Little sayings - 1 or 2 per day.
9. Gocomics. For you comic lovers.

10. 500px. Great photos from around the world.

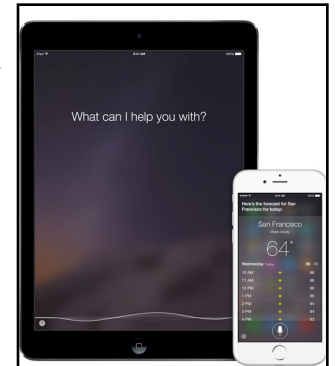
11. Aquarium. A virtual fish tank, reminiscent of old screensavers.

12. Curious. Lots of how tos.

Summary. There area multitude of apps available for free or a nominal charge. If you buy an app, you can use it on other devices using the same Apple iD. Apple keeps a record of what you_bought.

Maria Arguello gave us tips on Siri and dictation on an iPhone. **Maria says the challenge is to make Siri a habit. And also dictation!** I thoroughly agree. Highlights of her presentation were:

1. Make Siri wait until you are finished speaking. Continue to hold down the Home button until you are finished speaking and she will very politely wait her turn.
2. Launch settings for a specific app. Say "Open Safari Settings".
3. Open an app. Say "Open Safari".
4. Let Siri search your emails or notes. Say "Find email about newsletter graphics".
5. Look at Youtube and Google for Siri tips.
6. Dictation tips. Remember that you have to dictate punctuation, such as period, exclamation point, caps, etc.



The meeting ended around noon.