

SCUM Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2009

Meeting was chaired by Peter Vanderbilt.

Dan Bellack announced that he had convinced his daughter, Hailey Delmas, to join the group. Congrats!

Jack Fisher reported that there is \$2,904 in the treasury.

As a result of a major effort by Geoff and others, the lab has been streamlined to make space for a Wii game system in the lab. There now are nine MacMinis in the lab, with Snow Leopard on the Instructor position. All of the older Macs are gone! Dan Bellack gave a brief description of the Wii system and it is available to all; just ask for details at the Reception Desk. You will need Controllers when you use it, and they are also available at the desk.

Next month Dan will be making a presentation of the Address Book.

After much discussion a motion was made and passed to have a regular December meeting. Well, almost regular, because we will be having sweets and goodies, with Edd Dundas taking care of the arrangements.

iCal Presentation: Fred Offenbach gave a presentation on iCal, which is an app included with OSX. Dan Bellack filled in a few details that Fred missed.

Approximately eight of the audience have been using it; hopefully, the number will grow as a result of the presentation. Fred also brought in his Mighty Mouse for those who still have the old type to look at.

TIP of the day: Command-Tab shows all active programs; repeat the Tab key to progress thru and make another program active. Somewhat like moving to the dock and selecting the program.

SCUM 411:

Emptying memory discussion from last meeting; emptying the Trash does empty all trash cans in all drives that are connected and turned on, including flash drives. Some programs have a separate trash can.

Safari update: Opening a site that is often visited does not guarantee getting a current window, since it might go into the cache. To guarantee a fresh look, click on the refresh button.

Screen shots: Shift-Command-4 will give you a cursor for defining a screen shot which can then be printed. Snow Leopard does not seem to have an equivalent to what Leopard had in a similar function.

Shift-Command-3 will make a full window shot, and if the space bar is pressed a camera appears -- place the camera over a page to photo just that page.

Erasing old drive before giving away or selling your Mac: Secure erasing a drive in a computer: only sure, certain, absolute way is to remove it and crush it.

Trouble with using financial site (such as Schwab) resources: Try using Firefox rather than AOL. It's Free!

Meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Fred Offenbach (filling in for Betty Torrez)