

SCUM Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Peter Vanderbilt.

Three visitors introduced themselves.

Dan Bellack presented a description of the library, and gave a tour of the resources on the web site, then gave a number of reasons why members should be using it more. Briefly, check out the library pages on this site, then get in touch with Librarian Cliff Ford. It is a good place to check out a book before you buy it!

April Speakers

Dan Bellack and Bob Pardini jointly made a presentation "How to Get the Most out of your TV", with Dan detailing his home system using TIVO, and Bob describing his Comcast system. Lots of info, good presentation, and lots of discussion. The Keynote presentation by Dan should be on this site under previous presentations, with a direct link at the bottom of the home page.

Vocabulary For The Day

RIPPING: copying of a file (typically a movie on a DVD) onto a hard disk.

STREAMING: the simultaneous downloading of a video file and watching the first portions of the file while the remainder is still being downloaded. Depending on the speed of the ISP the video may/may not pause while more of the video is 'streamed'.

SCUM 411:

The general consensus of ink cartridge suppliers is to use PrintPal.com, rather than Ink4Art.com.

Jerry MacKay stated that he had thousands of images that had been saved in the Documents folder, all of them being from received email messages. Because of the number of them, it was annoying and non-productive since he did not want them. It turns out that he is using Comcast mail, rather than Apple Mail. In Comcast mail preferences/Email tab, the default is set to 'download images automatically in HTML Email'. I guess that these are being put into Jerry's document folder -- a bummer for sure.

So what is HTML Email? Well, HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is an interactive email message, usually containing links to web pages. I would guess that Jerry's wife must be receiving lots of email junk with images!

Joe Kimball suggested that the projector might be replaced; the problem will be considered by the board. No motion was made.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Offenbach