

SCUM Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2010

The meeting was chaired by Pete Vanderbilt.

Jack Fisher, Treasurer, reported that we have approximately \$3600 on hand.

We also have one new member.

Pete reminded everyone that the SCUM meeting in July will be on July 12th because of the Independence Day holiday.

Geoff reported that the wireless system is working with a newly installed Airport Extreme, and he would like to hear of any new problems. The password to sign on is available from any of the senior members of the group.

May Speakers

Joe Kimble presented a Keynote Thank You Roast to Dan Bellack entitled "Let There Be Love"; it was very well done and well received by all -- even Dan! Congratulations, Dan!

Paul Laustsen, who works at the US Geological Survey, and is a Mac enthusiast, was the guest speaker with a very well prepared Keynote presentation and demo entitled "Connecting a Mac Mini to Your TV". The presentation is a documentation of his experience with setting up a system at his home, and was full of good information; very favorable comments on his Apple Bluetooth keyboard (especially battery life), comments on HULU free movies, and Boxee movies plus computer access. He had a handout but there was a shortage of them. Both the handout and the presentation are on the site. Go to the "Previous Presentations" page under "Other Stuff" in the lefthand side bar of the site

There was also some discussion about the minimum speed of the internet link; DSL will probably not work with downloading movies, and probably a minimum would be 3 MB/sec, especially if it is a HD movie.

Paul also mentioned a good source, PowerMax.com of Oregon, for buying Apple as well as selling used Apple.

Dan also mentioned that most of the cables and adapters related to connecting Paul's setup are significantly cheaper from sources other than Apple.

SCUM 411:

Q. Problem with eMails (Google mail) with a large number of photos; they must be individually opened, which is a time consuming job.

A: most agreed that by using Apple Mail the problem does not exist. Also, set it up with IMAP.

Q. Problem with eMail addresses; as the address is typed it autofills with an old address whereas the new address is also shown but not selected.

A: On the Menu bar of Apple Mail, go to Window/Previous Recipients and delete the old address.

Q. Problem with Comcast ISP; they switched from McAfee to Norton security. Is it necessary to use it, with the Mac OS?

A: General consensus is that it is not necessary to have any additional security beyond that which is in the Mac OS. Additional comment is that it slows down the internet connection.

Q. Is there justification in paying \$99 per year for Mobile Me?

A: Dan has an account and he thinks that it is worthwhile, what with all of the goodies such as 20 GB of storage, personal web site, picture gallery, eMail addresses, synching multiple computers.

I guess that if all you want is storage, and you accept the risk of on-site storage as opposed to storage in a remote cloud, then you can probably do better by buying an extra drive. But if you want the other stuff, then consider it. He likes it!

And now for the fanfare: a different projector, borrowed from City Hall, was used for the presentation and it was bright, and sharp, and great, and ... We still do not know whether the problem with the old projector could be fixed with a new (\$350) lamp, but for \$800 we could get a projector like the one we borrowed.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Offenbach