

SCUM Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2010

The meeting was called presided over by Dan Bellack.

Jack Fisher reported 24 in attendance, with two guests: Pat Harnett and Linda Fitch. He also reported \$2368 on hand.

Fred Offenbach reminded the group that the Photoshop Elements Group -- PEG -- will be meeting, as usual, on the third Wednesday of the month, and invited everyone to attend.

Dan urged all to consider attending the MCE 2010 (Macintosh Computer Expo) in Petaluma this year. For details, click on the link on page 1 of this site; be sure to check out the speaker list. Also, for those of us who might be AppleWorks diehards the NCMUG is the place to go for help. And it is all for free. The fly-in-the-ointment is the transportation; there are no plans for a car pool at this time, but if you are interested in carpooling, send an email to Fred, Secretary, at frednver@comcast.net.

SCUM 411:

1. Linda Fitch has had a **problem with playing a video** on disk. To begin with, you must know whether the disk is a DVD or a CD. If you have a newer computer, and it has Tiger or later, it will have Quick Time Player or DVD Player installed in the Applications folder. Don't know what type of disk it is? Select it, and Command-I to get the info box. BUT Hey, the OS is smart and it recognizes the different disks and will open the appropriate application automatically. That was demonstrated at the meeting, but Linda had more problems; here is the report from one of our volunteer house-callers by the name of Dan:

“Linda has an old G4 desktop running 10.5.6. Her main problem was an inability to open MPEG and AVI files on a CD. We managed to open the MPEG movies with the help of Flip4Mac. The AVI files will require a different download which there was no time to complete She also is having an ongoing problem with error messages on Firefox. She discovered after my visit that the problem was in the physical connection to the DSL modem.”

Bottom line is that SCUM provides plenty of resources -- just ask!! Don't know what MPEG, AVI, Firefox, or Flip4Mac means? Just Google it!

2. **Tabs and Safari** (and others):

If you are using Safari and you want to visit two or more sites simultaneously -- like comparing product specs from Sony and Panasonic -- the ancient method would be to look at Sony site, then the Panasonic site, then back to the Sony site, and so on. Remember? Now we use Tabs, and open both sites in a different tab which shows at the top of the window. No real limit on the number of tabs. To make a new Tab, File/Tab, or use Command-T.

3. **Cookies and Cache:**

Do they slow down the computer? Not really, what with the newer computer having lots of memory. They do speed up access to web sites (cache) and filling out forms and purchase history/orders (cookies). You can delete them if you wish, but it just means that you will have to do more typing in the future. One warning re the use of the cache: it may be archive info, and you should refresh the page with the squiggle arrow in the url box if you must have the latest version of the page for certain.

In Safari, to delete the entire cache, Safari/Empty Cache...

July Speaker

The remainder of the meeting was a presentation by Dan Bellack on the iPad: Fad, Flop, or Fantastic. Thanks, Dan, for the excellent presentation. (See website for PDF copy. Find it in the left hand column under Other Stuff? Previous Presentations.

Respectfully submitted by:

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