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The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

For those of you who haven't heard yet, this is the end of the three-year cycle for the iMac computers. The new iMacs have been ordered and will soon be in place. (The PC cycle is next year.)

In June the drawing for those interested in buying one of the current iMacs will be held. The OS on the current iMacs is Snow Leopard, and software that will not run on the new Lion OS will be left on the computers. If the software is compatible with Lion, it will be taken off and transferred to the new computers. Watch for information that will be sent out to all Let's Compute members.

Speaking of membership: please remember that June ends the membership year for 2010-2011. Quite a few of you have already returned your check and renewal slip. If you haven't yet, you might want to get that taken care of so you can have your new card by the end of this month – if not sooner. I was asked once how one can tell just by looking if a card is current or not; it's pretty obvious – the color is different each year!

If you weren't in attendance at the June general meeting, you missed an excellent presentation

by Shelia Harbet on Rogue software. As a PowerPoint slide was shown Shelia spoke about it, explaining that it was an example from an actual computer screen. I know I feel better prepared for the new challenge that computer troublemakers are sending our way, and others probably feel the same. Thanks, Shelia.

Please note that the lab will be closed during the Fourth of July week - 7/3 to 7/9.

Also, on days when Open Lab has no monitor the lab will be closed.

LAB CLOSED
MONITOR NOT
AVAILABLE

A sign will be on outside of the door as a reminder as to why there is no Open Lab that day.

The next General Meeting will be in September. Have a good summer and find a cool place to rediscover a favorite author and read a good book; it's a nice change from reading a computer screen!

And here's my favorite quote for the month: "One thing you cannot recycle is wasted time."

Run-Away Printer??

If the printer seems to have a life of its own spewing out pages, here's what to do.

- **Press The RED Button on the front of the printer**

You may have to do this again if another job starts to print.

OR

- **Pull out the paper drawer. No paper - no printing**

Then Press the RED button on the front of the printer to cancel the job.

DO NOT TURN OFF THE PRINTER.

LOTTERY DRAWING FOR SALE OF USED iMACS

If you are interested in entering the drawing to purchase one of the used iMacs in the lab, you must fill out the application and return it by June 17, 2011. The drawing will take place on June 20, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.

The application and complete instructions have been emailed to all members. You may also pick up the complete information on the iMacs, guidelines for the sale and an application for the drawing by visiting the computer lab during open lab hours.

Mei Chiang is in charge of the sale of the iMacs.



Mac SIG

By Len Heller

MacSig was held on May 20 in the Lab and a sparse but interested group heard from three presenters: Lyn Morse, Kent McDonald and Shirley Allan.

Lyn Morse and Kent McDonald had some important announcements to make regarding the purchase of new iMac computers for Let's Compute. Orders will be placed shortly for nine new iMacs. The new operating system, (OS 7) "Lion" is expected to be available in June, and Kent believes if the new iMacs do not have Lion already installed (Lion is factory installed sometime in June or later), it will be provided free by Apple for 90 days after purchase, as they have done in the past.

After the new iMacs are installed in the lab, the old iMac computers will then be readied for new owners. They will sold to current club members via a drawing. Kent McDonald has been monitoring used computer prices on eBay for the past few weeks and estimates that we will sell them for somewhat less than the going price of similar iMac models. He gave a rough estimate around \$700.00. More details will be forthcoming by Email soon. Kent went into some of the complexities involved in preparing for the sale of our old iMacs: Clearing out apps whose license the Club holds that he will put on the new computers and making sure that the old computers are up and running to the current standards. He

also spoke about the problems involved in notifying people they have won the lottery, only to find out that they had changed their minds about purchasing.

Shirley Allan then responded to a question about malicious malware that has recently cropped up on the Internet. Be careful if you run into some very elegant ads promising to "clean various viruses from your computer", tain't so! Don't mess with it, don't even try to delete it, just quit your browser. Some of this malware is so sophisticated that if you do hit "Delete or Remove", it will actually interpret that as an OK, and now you have been infected! "Just quit your browser!" These are all Trojans and it takes an affirmative action on your part to get infected. She showed a list of those that have been identified and said that there are a couple of web sites that give good instructions about how to remove them (if you inadvertently clicked on an OK or Remove). The Trojans place items in more places than just your Applications File. She will send the information to anyone that asks for it.

Shirley also was asked to speak about iWork. She is happy about the new way to purchase iWork. You don't have to buy the complete suite; you can now pick and choose which apps you are interested in through the App Store, where each suite is priced individually at \$19.99. In her opinion, the two best things about the iWork Suite is that it is easier than Microsoft Office since each app in the suite uses predominately the same tool bars etc., so if you learn one you learn all. The second is that you can open an MS Word doc, Ex-

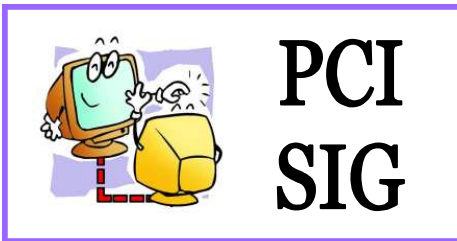
cel and Power Point with Pages, Numbers and Keynote respectively. She said that the reverse is true also. You can create a document in Pages and export it as Word, a Numbers spread sheet and export it as Excel even though you do not have Office on your computer.

Lyn Morse, of course, spoke about iPhoto and many of its complexities. She addressed how to find and classify your photos. I was particularly impressed by how she downloads her photos to the Desktop rather than iPhoto directly. This way she can put groups of pictures into their own separate folders and then move those folders into iPhoto! Pretty neat! Huh? Lyn also provided a four page handout "iPhoto Keyboard Shortcuts". If you missed the meeting, you can download this info from: <http://www.apple.com/support/iphoto/shortcuts/> and another one she said was handy called "My Mac Cheat Sheet" :<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT2471>

**See you in
September**



At Mac SIG



The May 10 meeting saw 17 members in attendance.

Terry Kay started off with introductions all around. There was a discussion about emails coming from unknown addresses. It is important that you do not click on, or copy, links from unknown sources. They can carry viruses or take you to scam sites. Microsoft Security Essentials can be downloaded free from Microsoft. Everyone should have this, or equivalent an anti-virus program, on their computers.

There was a question about bargains offered for some software on line. It is important to know the businesses you deal with or share your credit info with.

Terry wants to start a Wiki site for the history of Sun City before too much of it is forgotten. See <http://scpdwiki.wikispaces.com/> for a start on this project.

Messages to The List (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCPD/>) can include for sale items again. The experiment of a new group specifically for Sale items was not successful.

Offers of storage space in the "Cloud" for your data are popping up in many places. It is possible that their servers may fail. (Amazon's cloud storage recently failed).

Drop Box is an example of a free provider. Carbonite also offers data storage in addition to backup, but has an annual fee, so Drop Box may be more cost effective. The Cloud can be useful for sharing large files that are blocked

if sent via Email.

Changes to printer commands can be made for an individual print job by opening properties in the print window.

Kent McDonald told us that Microsoft bought Skype today, May 10, for \$8.5 billion. Calling a regular phone rather than another computer using Skype has very low fees of one or two cents per minute. Skype has a critical update (5.1.0.935) available for Mac users, to plug a security vulnerability. Version 5 is available now for PCs, and Skype will work best on the newer version. Magic Jack can enable calling from your computer and can be moved from one computer to another. Each smart device has its own fees and plans.

A rogue program (or scareware) is affecting both PCs and Macs. Watch out for something called Mac Defender, Mac Security or Mac Protection. It may resemble a message from Microsoft. It is infecting both PCs and Macs. It is similar to some older scams and takes you intermittently to porn pages. It is still getting around all of the anti-virus programs. The top link in Google search results is carrying the virus and delivers it to you when you click on the site. Don't approve installing anything by any of these names, even if it appears to be from Microsoft.

McAfee Site Advisor is a free utility and may help to identify sites that you don't want to visit. Bleepingcomputer.com is a site that lists many of the current active viruses and has some instructions for their removal. Malwarebytes Antimalware from malwarebytes.org can help remove these problems. There is

a \$25 one-time charge for the better version. There is no Mac Version.

Kerry Greene demonstrated Advanced System Care from IObit.com. It is a free utility to help keep the computer clean and smooth running. Cnet provides the download service. Smart RAM will help free up RAM that has been leaked by some programs as they close. He displayed many features and provided a handout for those who want to follow up on their own computers. There is an upgraded version that offers more tools.

Check for updates by clicking on the More button on the home page.

Smart Defrag 2 is an excellent free tool that does a better job than the program that comes with your computer. This is also from IObit. You should try to keep at least 10%-15% free space on the hard drive so it can operate properly. **This SIG is going on Summer Break and will continue to meet in September. See you all then.**

Print Shop 23

What are those Quick Start Layouts?

Print Shop 23 has a great many designs all laid out and ready to use. But they never seem to be exactly right for what you want to do.

In this class we will change styles, text, colors and graphics to make a layout perfect for your own special use.

This is not a beginner class. You should have some experience using the program.

Look for the sign up sheet in Book 4 for the class at 1 PM on June 22.

June Schedule of Classes

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	Book	TEACHER
Thur	June 2	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 Advanced: Images	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	June 4		Open Lab 10:0 to Noon			
Mon	June 6	2-3:20	Quicken Basic PC	PC	8	Dave Rosenthal
		3:30-5:00	Quicken Basic Mac	Mac	8	Dave Rosenthal
Wed.	June 8	1 – 2:30	Organizing Stuff on your Mac	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	June 9	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 -Basic 1/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	June 11		Open Lab 10:0 to Noon			
Tues	June 14	1 – 2:30	TextEdit	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		7:00	PCI SIG			Lab
Wed	June 15	1 – 2:30	Safari to the Internet	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		3-5:00	Camera to Computer	Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Thur	June 16	9:00	Board Meeting			Idyllwild Rm
		3 – 4:30	Word 2007 -Basic 2/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	June 17	8-10:00	iPhoto	Mac	1	Lyn Morse
		1:00	PrintShop 23: Customizing Quick Start Layouts	PC	4	Arlene Faber
Sat	June 18		Open Lab 10:0 to Noon			
Mon	June 20	1-5:00	iMovie/iDVD	Mac	1	Lyn Morse
Tues	June 21	1 – 2:30	Beginning Pages: Word Processing	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Wed	June 22	1 – 2:30	Beginning Pages: Page Layout	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	June 23	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 -Basic 3/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	June 25		Open Lab 10:0 to Noon			
Wed	June 29	1 – 2:30	Page Layout Tools: Landscape	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thur	June 30	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 -Basic 4/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert

Mac



Operating System



PC

Mac Classes

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Beginning Pages:		
Page Layout	June 22	1:00
Word Processing	June 21	1:00
Camera to Computer	June 15	3:00
iMovie/iDVD	June 20	1:00
iPhoto	June 17	8:00
Organizing Stuff on your Mac	June 8	1:00
Page Layout Tools: Landscape	June 29	1:00
Quicken Basic Mac	June 27	3:30
Safari to the Internet	June 15	1:00
TextEdit	June 14	1:00

PC Class

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
PrintShop 23: Customizing Quick Start Layouts	June 17	1:00
Quicken Basic PC	June 27	2:00
Word 2007		
Advanced: Images	June 2	3:00
Basic 1/4	June 9	3:00
Basic 2/4	June 16	3:00
Basic 3/4	June 23	3:00
Basic 4/4	June 30	3:00

June Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

Date	Day	10-12:00	12:00-12:50
1-Jun	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
2-Jun	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
3-Jun	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
4-Jun	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
6-Jun	Mon	C. Chu	C. Chu
7-Jun	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
8-Jun	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
9-Jun	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
10-Jun	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
11-Jun	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
13-Jun	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
14-Jun	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
15-Jun	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
16-Jun	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
17-Jun	Fri	B. Tagliarano	S. Shiffman
18-Jun	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
20-Jun	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
21-Jun	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
22-Jun	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
23-Jun	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
24-Jun	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
25-Jun	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
27-Jun	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
28-Jun	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
29-Jun	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
30-Jun	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert

Mac Problems

By Shirley Allan

With Apple's retail sales up 90% in the last quarter, problems began to surface as hackers took note and began to write malware for the Macs. So far several **Trojan Horses** have emerged, and you need to be aware of them.



Each one takes an affirmative action on YOUR part to infect your Mac computer. In other words, you must take an action (click) to "Download", "OK," or "Remove" (yes, Remove is an **action** to infect) in order to activate this malware.

As of this writing, the Trojans are: MACDefender, MacSecurity, Mac Protector, MacKeeper911, Apple Security Center and Apple Web Security. Are all fake anti-virus programs targeting the Mac. All carry a Trojan Horse that may allow a hacker remote access to your computer system to perform spamming, retrieve data (passwords or credit card info), download or upload files, install software, modify or delete files, watch your screen actions, crash your computer or watch your keystrokes.

If you see one of these, immediately QUIT your browser. If you are using Safari as your browser, go to Safari>Preferences>General and be sure that "Open Safe Files After Downloading" is NOT checked. If it is checked and you mistakenly click where you shouldn't, the Trojan will automatically be loaded into your computer.

June General Club Information

Meeting Schedule



BOARD MEETING June 169:00 AM

No General Meetings in June, July or August

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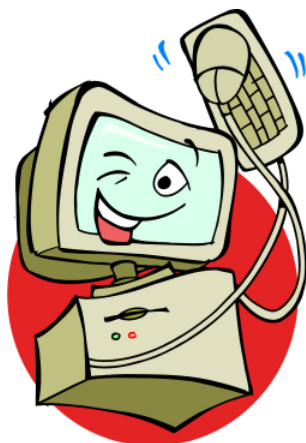
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 Herb Cook Bob Osborn Charlie Voelker
 Bill Crowley Leonette Rowe

Contact Moe Sullivan to become a Lab Monitor

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