



March 13, 2021 PMUG General Meeting Minutes

A Zoom virtual meeting of the Prescott Mac User Group (PMUG) was held on Saturday March 13, 2021.

1. Call to order: PMUG President, John Carter, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There were 36 participants: 30 members and 6 guests (Bernice Goh, Dianne PunKay (Mike Johnston's guest), Mike Skapik, Kenn Walker, David Whitby, Chase Wickstrom (Pam's daughter)
3. Happy March 2021 Birthday to the following PMUG members:

Jim Romaine, Jerry Bengston, Craig Wright, Dave Rothgery, Duane Neiner, Denis Thomas, Jude Conroy, JoAnn Moon

Business Meeting:

4. The February 2021 PMUG general meeting minutes were approved.
5. Committee reports

Sharon Walsh gave the financial report. The checkbook balance was \$3,370.50 as of the end of February 2021. \$185 in dues were received since the last meeting and there were expenditures of \$60 for Staples gift cards. The financial report was approved.

Sharon Walsh reported that the current membership includes 80 members from 64 households. Members were reminded to send the information requested on the membership application to Sharon Walsh and John Acquavella.

Members were informed that Take Control Books is having a weekend sale in honor of pi day (3/14). All books will be on sale at a discount of 31.4% through March 15 at 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time.

6. Upcoming PMUG Zoom meetings include:

PMUG SIG: March 22, 1 PM to 3 PM, Zoom meeting. Frank Croft will talk about DSLRs

Mac Brunch will be held online at 10 a.m. on March 24. A Zoom link will be emailed to all members

7. New Business

PMUG general meetings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future.

8. Short Topic

John Acquavella reviewed the epidemiology of Covid-19 and the results from the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine clinical trials. His presentation available on the PMUG website.

9. Main Presentations

Frank Croft and John Carter presented on maintaining your MAC. They each took portions of that topic and discussed different techniques and applications for doing this. Their presentations can be found on the PMUG website.

Frank discussed automatic MAC OS maintenance scripts that run overnight (if your MAC is not in sleep mode) and MAC cleanup apps, specifically CleanMyMac X and Onyx. These apps can execute maintenance scripts and help you clean out unnecessary cache files, old DMGs (app installation files), and large, old files no longer in use, thereby freeing up disk space. Frank urged caution when you are deleting files.

John Carter covered KeyChain access as his preference for a password manager, though admittedly it is really only useful if Safari is your only browser. If you switch between browsers, then you need something like the free version of 1Password, Dashlane, or Bitwarden (which, unfortunately, come with “pesterware” to get you to upgrade to the paid version). He also discussed apps for protecting your computer against viruses. Sophos Home Free leads the pack in all the tests for efficacy in protecting against viruses, and it is free without any ads. It also contains protection against malware. The paid version has one additional protection against getting your computer locked up by a hacker. All the other features in the paid version are aimed at small businesses where multiple computers and multiple users are active on the Internet.

10. Next PMUG general meeting date and topics: The next PMUG general meeting will be on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10 AM. The short topic will be iPad/iPhone cursor presented by John Carter. The main topic will be Security from Alpha to Omega presented by Frank Croft and Jim Romaine.

11. Door prizes were as follows: Dinah Stecki (Staples gift card), Daurel Carhart (Take Control Book), and John Acquavella (OLLI gift certificate).

Adjourned at 12:00 PM
Submitted by John Acquavella
PMUG Secretary
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