



November 13, 2021 PMUG General Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to order: PMUG President, John Carter, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There were 26 participants, all members.
3. Happy November 2021 Birthday to the following PMUG members: Chase Wickstrom, David Haine, Oke Carhart, Michael Dougherty, Kathy Stemm, Susan Peterson, Linda Cecil, Robert Johnson, and Patti Gulley.
4. Business Meeting:

- The October 9, 2021 PMUG general meeting minutes were approved.
- Reports

Financial report: The checkbook balance as of the end of September 2021 was \$3,233. Expenses since the last meeting totaled \$11 for 1 Take Control book door prize. There was no income in October.

Membership report: Current membership includes 92 members and 71 households.

- Old business - Jim Romaine discussed the arrangements for the PMUG Christmas dinner scheduled for December 16 at the Bonfire restaurant in Chino Valley. The cost for dinner will be \$45 per person plus tax and gratuity. The PMUG coffers will pay \$5 per person along with the tax and the gratuity bringing the actual cost for members to \$40 per person. The menu for the event is excellent. The event will start at 4PM. Appetizers and dinner will be available starting at 4:30. Signup by the end of November, please. Send checks to Sharon Walsh with an indication of your choice(s) for the dinner entrée(s). Important: make sure the checks are made out payable to PMUG so Sharon can deposit them into our account.
- General PMUG meetings will continue to be held online for the foreseeable future. Special topic SIGs will continue to meet via Zoom indefinitely.

5. Upcoming PMUG Zoom meetings include:

- Special Topics SIG: Monday, November 22, from 1 to 3 PM via Zoom. Frank Croft will be teaching on Apple Watch series 7 and WatchOS 8. A registration notice has been sent out.
- Meet, Eat, and Talk Apple (META SIG or Mac Brunch) will not be held in November because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

6. Short Topic – Hallmark Card Studio - Jim Romaine reviewed basic card making using the Hallmark Card Studio app. He recommended using 48 lb paper with a matte finish for better printing results. The app can be downloaded at hallmarksoftware.com for ~ \$40.
7. Long Topic – MacOS Monterey and new Mac hardware - Frank Croft reviewed several capabilities of the new Apple operating system Monterey MacOS, released on October 25. These capabilities include: expanded Facetime, redesigned Safari, universal control, focus, and other capabilities. He also reviewed the capabilities of the new MacBook Pros with the M1 Pro and M1 Max chips. These second generation M1 chips have greatly increased performance and extended battery life. The new MacBooks sport an improved camera (1080 p HD), improved liquid retina display, better quality microphones (3), and improved speakers (esp. base performance and spatial audio). Thankfully, the new MacBooks have brought back the MagSafe power port and include 3 Thunderbolt 4 ports, a SDXC card reader, an HDMI port, and a 3.5 mm headphone jack. Lastly, gone is the touch bar in favor of function keys. Horray! Frank's presentation is available on the PMUG website.
8. Next PMUG general meeting: The next PMUG general meeting will be on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10 AM by Zoom. The short topic will be the new iPhone/iPad (by Carter & Croft). The long topic will be iOS 15 in detail (also Carter & Croft).
9. The door prize winners were as follows: Staples gift card (Mary Ann Clark), Take Control book (Ski Cahall), and OLLI \$10 voucher (Sharon Walsh).

Adjourned at 12:00 PM
Submitted by John Acquavella
PMUG Secretary
November 20, 2021