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Small Dog makes a big splash at UKMUG!

by Sue Beal



Taylor Amon and Riane Tyler were our sojourners from Key West for the January meeting. They arrived full of energy, information, and passion for what they do and who they work for; Small Dog Electronics in Key West. We thoroughly enjoyed our evening with them. Thanks, guys!



We kicked off the year with a great update on both of Apple's new operating systems - iOS7 for the hand-held devices, and Mavericks for the computers. We also got an into to the brand new Mac Pro computer, the one aimed at power-intensive (usually professional) users.

But before we got into all that, Taylor and Riane introduced us to Small Dog Electronics; what they do, their mission and philosophy. See page 3 for a great summary of that company information from their printed material.

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About UKMUG

UKMUG meets at the Key Largo Library Community Room on the second Thursday of each month. Speakers begin at 7pm. and may go as late as 9pm.

Your support is needed... we had more expenses in 2013 than usual and our coffers are depleted. If you can, please make a dues donation now!

Voluntary annual dues are collected in Jan-Feb-Mar: \$25. See page 2.



OUR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014

**7pm at Key Largo Library
Community Room
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iPhoto and iCloud

Tips and tricks along with how to store/access a ton of photos as you travel!

by JOE KUKELLA

Joe is one of our favorite speakers, and he's coming up from Key West!

While he is in the Upper Keys on Thursday the 13th, Joe will be booking appointments for personal training visits. If you're interested in having him stop by your home or business for an hour or so to cover any Mac OS, iOS (iPhone and iPad), or Adobe product (Creative Suite, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) questions you have, drop him a note at joe@kukella.com and he'll get back to you. He can also add you to his mailing list so you get advance notice on his future visits to the Upper Keys!

A Mac user since 1988, Joe's work as a designer and educator gives him a unique perspective on technology, how people use it, and how to explain it to others. He's an Assistant Online Program Director for the Graphic and Web Design Dept. at Art Institute of Pittsburgh's Online Division, and he hosts workshops and training services in Key West focused on Macs, iPhones, and iPads for individuals and small groups. He spent five years with Macintosh Systems Solutions serving as the Service and Education Coordinator.

Beginners: Come at 6:30 and bring your Mac and your questions. There will be some experienced users there to help for the half-hour before the formal presentation starts! Experienced users: please come and help!

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OSX Mavericks

Mavericks is Apple's newest OS; it's about 2 months old. There are a couple minor updates out which have smoothed it out a bit. What's new?

Finder Tabs: with the keystroke Command-T you get new tabs in your Finder windows.... sort of like what you're used to in Safari. There's also a little plus sign in the window frame on the upper right that will create a new tab for you. Tabs are a nice way to keep a lot of windows organized without cluttering your desktop.

Read more in this article by Jason Snell: <http://www.macworld.com/article/2043164/hands-on-with-os-x-mavericks-finder-tabs-and-tagging.html>

Extend Your Display: It started in OS 10.6... you can mirror what's on your computer screen with your TV screen. That means any internet content can be played on your TV. Now, with Mavericks AirPlay works as an extended display; all wireless. More info: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH_hmv5OE6o

Recent updates to Apple TV include more content: Bloomberg, ABC programming and more.

Apple Maps Integrated: Apple Maps got a bad rep when it first came out, but it

has improved. One of the cool things you can do is set up a map for an upcoming trip on the computer, then transfer it to your handheld device wirelessly... and go. It's integrated with iCal and the Address Book, and includes turn-by-turn directions.

For more information, check out this article by Christopher Breen: <http://www.macworld.com/article/2061157/why-apple-included-maps-in-mavericks.html>

Mavericks is Power Efficient: The new Intel Core processor (the Haswell Chip) is very power efficient. Under Mavericks, they're running at about half the power they used to, so your battery lasts longer and your computer stays cooler.

Improved Memory Management: Mavericks has improved ways to manage memory, so you don't have to buy as much. It calls it Memory Compression.

Macworld explains both of these in detail: <http://www.macworld.com/article/2057226/get-to-know-os-x-mavericks-under-the-hood.html>

App Nap Feature: This one also saves battery life. When multiple apps are open, the OS only gives power to the one in front, putting the others to sleep. Apple explains: <http://www.apple.com/osx/advanced-technologies/>

Also note - you can disable this on an app-by-app basis if it doesn't suit your style.



IT'S DUES TIME

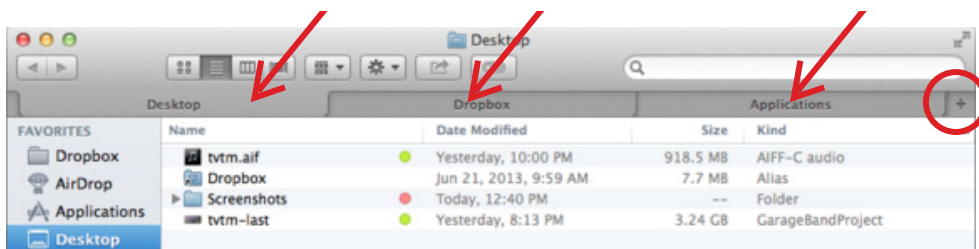
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Harold Pinder once asked me, "What do I get for my dues?" I answered that paying dues gets you nothing you can't already get for free! Then he asked, "**What does the group get for my dues?**" What a great question! With your dues, UKMUG:

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- donates to the Library for the room
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- pays for duplicating the newsletter and flyers to advertise meetings
- purchases the occasional movie or software for demonstration or raffle
- purchases some of our holiday gifts
- reimburses travel expenses for speakers

So I guess the short answer is, with your support, we can keep everything going and provide a better experience for all. **UKMUG**



A window with Tabs in Mavericks.



Kyle Long & hubby Paul Parker.



Elise Henline and her UKMUG tee shirt.



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We watched the intro at the January meeting, but you can see it here if you missed it: <http://www.apple.com/mac-pro/>

This brand new (just came out in January) professional-level Mac is packed with power and innovative features of all kinds, including its taurus-like case design. Built around a cool-running thermal core, it boasts the new Thunderbolt port, replacing conventional data and display connectors. (It can connect up to 16 displays!) At 10GB/sec it runs blazingly fast.

The machine boots in 5-8 seconds instead of the usual 45 seconds.

The new Mac Pro starts at \$2,500, so it's not for everyone. But if you think it might be for you, check it out! **MI**

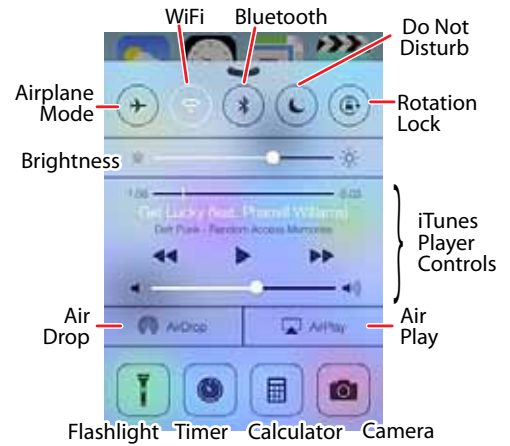
Small Dog on iOS7

After the Mac Pro film clip, Taylor and Riane moved on to iOS7, noting the new features. With the club's new Lightning-to-Projector cable, we were able to see the features in action on Taylor's iPhone.

Control Center: Swipe up from the bottom of the screen, whether it's locked or unlocked, to reveal the new Control Center. Once you've tweaked your settings, swipe down to put it away.

Type Too Light? The new iOS7 uses a very fine, light typeface, and some find this hard to see. To make it bolder, go under Settings > Accessibility and change it.

Siri Upgraded: Now Siri is better than ever. You see waveforms that give you feedback; you know she's listening. You can also change Siri's voice and have some fun with it. (Under Settings > Siri.) If Siri is not loud enough for you, you can add a bluetooth speaker.



The new Control Center saves several steps in accessing frequently-used features. So handy!

iTunes Radio: In iOS7 iTunes Radio was updated. Now it's more like Pandora, with build-your-own radio stations. It's free, and if you have Apple TV, it's on there too.

Parallax: This is the feature that makes things on the screen move when your device moves. If it makes you queasy, turn it off in Settings > General > Accessibility > Reduce Motion.

What else is new? The screen colors are brighter... and now folders hold more items to make organizing all those apps easier.

iCloud, Storage and Space: We had a few questions about iCloud, where stuff actually is stored, and how make more space on your handheld device. To see your storage use, go to Settings > General > About. If you need space in a hurry, you can delete little-used Apps. If you want them back you can always download them again or restore them from your computer.

If you're hazy on iCloud basics, try this article: <http://ipod.about.com/od/glossary/a/Icloud-Frequently-Asked-Questions.htm>

AirDrop: AirDrop is a very cool new way to share stuff with people close by. If both your devices are on the same WiFi network, you both turn on AirDrop. Then you go to whatever it is you want to share - a photo, or a contact - touch the "share" button and you'll see the other person's AirDrop come up as an option. Easy! Sort of like the "Bump" app without all that messy touching!

More info: http://howto.cnet.com/8301-11310_39-57602505-285/getting-to-know-airdrop-on-ios-7/

Thank you Taylor & Riane, we enjoyed the evening and look forward to having you back in the future! **MI**



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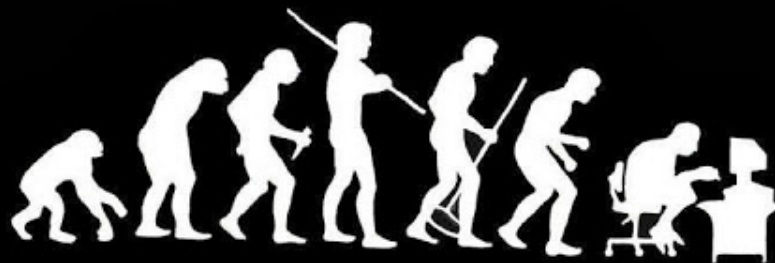
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A Short Animated History of the GIF

submitted by Karen Beal

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Thank you John & Bernie Cooper!

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