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## The wonders of Dropbox and other cloud storage options

by Sue Beal

In April we welcomed back Jim Allen from Gold Coast Mac on the captioned topic. Jim is an attorney, and uses cloud storage every day to share documents with coworkers and clients, so he was well versed in the subject.

Something I learned right away: while iCloud (Apple's brand of cloud storage) is great for sharing with others using iCloud, it's not as capable when everyone in the group is not Apple friendly, which is the case at Jim's office. (If the document isn't created with an Apple product, then others can't edit it in iCloud.) Good to know!

Just so we're set on the basics, we're talking about cloud storage. What that means is that you have documents stored "in the cloud" (on the internet) that can be accessed from a variety of devices (phone, tablet, computer) by a specific group of people. Each device has an app that allows it to tie into the cloud storage area, and the owner grants access (it's not public).

Dropbox is a popular brand of cloud storage which provides universal access from PC and Mac. It's free, for up to 15 GB of storage, and there are options to pay for more if you need it. You can get bonus amounts of storage if you get your friends to sign up. If you are a GMAIL user, your email storage space counts in



JIM ALLEN gets the prize for using the most devices in a single presentation! He brought his PC laptop, plus iPad and iPhone, and demo'd all of them at various points in the evening! (Actually, Jim's iPad wouldn't connect, so we thank Video Dave for allowing us to use his for the demo.)



that total. Businesses and individuals pay differing rates.

So, once you've installed the Dropbox app, all you do is open it up and you see the area where you keep your files. You can drag and drop folders and files into this area, and they'll be uploaded to the cloud (allow time for this, uploading can be slow). Then you can choose a folder and share the link to it

with a friend or colleague, allowing them access. Easy! Just click "share" and put in their email. They'll get a notification with a link. You can set it up so only that one folder is shared with that person or group; your other folders remain protected and private.

Should Dropbox be a paperless filing system or your main copy of those documents? No! Jim does not trust it as the sole copy of anything important. Once you've given others access, they can change or

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OUR NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

7pm at Key Largo Library  
Community Room  
MM 101.4 Oceanside

**Podcasting:**

**What it can do for you!**

with Johnni "Appleseed" Fazio



Based in Miami, Johnni Fazio runs <http://shop.fazioweb.com/> - getting people up and running with their websites, email accounts and more. With a background in Audio/Video production, the former Apple Inc. employee of 6 years is now channeling his energy on the broadcast format of future, Podcasting. Johnni created The Wizardcast group of Podcasting Professionals to produce podcasts for those with content needing the technical aspect. He also runs the Miami Podcast Meetup group.

Overview:

- What is podcasting
- Who is using it
- How can it benefit you
- Creating and marketing your Podcast
- Tools of the trade
- Q&A

**Beginners: Come at 6:30 for Beginner's Circle - bring your questions and get help.**

### Coming in June:

#### An Evening with Tom:

Twenty years of Apple in Keys - with the legendary Tom Mulhall!

Apple products match the Keys way of life so well! Tom knows the industry and knows the Keys better than anyone.

Tom will share his unique story and views... his story starts 1976 when he met Mel Fisher and Steve Jobs in the same year! Bring all your questions for a great Q&A session with the master!!

## Cloud Storage

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delete your documents. So always keep a copy in another place on your computer for backup, and if you are allowing others to update, refresh it periodically. (There is an undelete option in Dropbox, which can come in handy!)

Jim also cautioned that extremely sensitive/confidential documents should not be put out into cyberspace. There's just too much risk that someone could gain access.

### Google Drive

This is another brand of cloud storage. What distinguishes Google Drive is that it's cheaper, and it provides apps for editing documents online. You and your colleagues can work on Word documents, spreadsheets, forms, drawings and more. The security on Dropbox and Google Drive are equivalent. In Google Docs, you can share at the document level, as opposed to the folder level in Dropbox.

Google Drive excels at searching as well. Not only can it find a word in text, like Dropbox, but check out this photo, which we found on Video Dave's iPad. If you search on "legendary" this photo comes up!



### Other cloud services

Microsoft offers its own version, but in order to edit documents on it you have to use their software, which is a \$90 annual commitment. Amazon Drive is another option in the marketplace but it's getting lost in the crush.

### Dropbox is innovating

Dropbox has a new app called Carousel for sharing photos:




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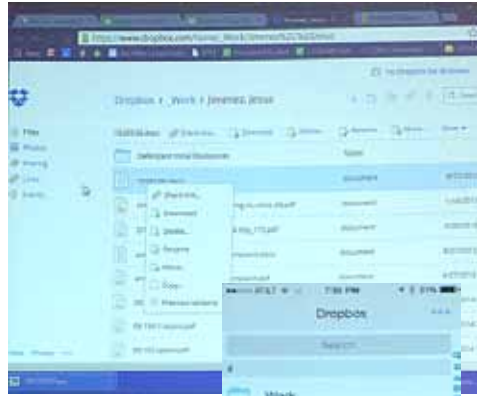
*A Review:*

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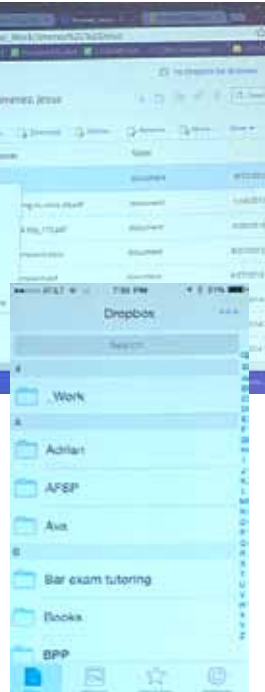
Dropbox just announced Project Harmony which will allow simultaneous real-time collaboration. They're going after Google Docs for position in the marketplace.

Dropbox is expanding their focus world wide, and they're investing in growth and development.

In the second part of the program, Jim demonstrated access to Dropbox from the iPad and iPhone. 



Dropbox viewed from the internet (above) and the iPhone (right).



*We thank Jim Allen for a very informative evening!*

### DROPBOX LINKS

[www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com) for individuals.

For businesses:

[www.dropbox.com/business](http://www.dropbox.com/business)

Review and article:

Top 10 Best Cloud Storage Options:

<http://online-data-backup-review.toptenreviews.com/dropbox-review.html>

### 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.

Beginners can come at 6:30 with questions, and we encourage others to come and help.

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



Video Dave in harmonious balance between TaiChi practitioners Jeanne and Amber.



Joleen Barrett and Kathy Miller.



Mary Anne Roper & Judi Walker. Great smiles!



John Thomas and Erica Makar.



## AppTalk

We couldn't have Jim Allen in the house and not talk about apps! Here are a few that were mentioned:

His current fav is **NYT NOW** - for New York Times subscribers. A faster way to get caught up on the news, NYT Now includes the top stories, handpicked and summarized by the editors. Available for iPhone and on NYTimes.com.

**Battery** is a good app for diagnostics and tips for better battery life on your iPhone. He says, "get the one with the orange battery icon."

**Wifi Finder** downloads a database that can be searched in your device to find a wifi near you, (paid and free) so you can get back online!

For scanning Jim likes **Genius Scan**, and many in the crowd agreed. It allows you to use your iPhone as a scanner. You can store, email or text the scanned document. Keep important papers with you at all times. **Scanner Pro** is also good.

**Milebug** is still Jim's favorite for tracking mileage and travel expenses. Track your miles, display/calculate it on a map view, generate and email mileage tracker reports, and save off your data safely.

**Waze** is also good - it's the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app. Share real-time traffic and road info, saving fellow users time and gas money on their daily commute.

**FL511** is "Florida's Source For Traffic Info." This free app gives you instant traffic info, and documents accidents and construction. It even has a Twitter feed, and Spanish option.

**My Fitness Pal** is a cool app Jim uses. It keeps track of calories and workouts, monitors your fitness level, and even scans product codes on food packages to help you make healthy choices, breaking down carbs, fats, proteins and calories. 99 cents.

**Healthgrades** helps you find a doctor, view background information, or write a doctor review.

**Epocrates** lets you lookup prescription and OTC drugs and dosages, and shows you what the pills should look like. It can provide instructions, pricing, reminders and lab information, plus info on drug interaction, EHR, EMR, disease, medical dictionary, ICD9 Codes, Medicare info and more. **MU**



George and Brenda Mazur, newcomers, were part of the demonstration during the evening.



John Cain and John Hammerstrom enjoy an iPhone moment before the meeting.



Dave and Chris Clark joined us for the first time, too. Welcome!



John Cooper helps Janet Tingle with an iPad question before the meeting.

## AirDrop

One of the many things we learned from Jim Allen was AirDrop. We did a live experiment!

Sending a photo or a document to someone via text or email is fine. But if that someone is right next to you, a text or an email suddenly feels like too many steps. Enter AirDrop for iOS 7. It lets you quickly and easily share photos, videos, contacts — and anything else from any app with a Share button. Just tap Share, then select the person you want to share with. AirDrop does the rest using Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. No setup required. And transfers are encrypted, so what you share is secure.

### Share one to one. Or one to many.

With AirDrop, you can share with a specific person or multiple people. Just tap the Share icon, select who you want to share with, and let AirDrop do its thing.



### Make yourself available. Or not.

You're automatically visible in AirDrop to your contacts running iOS 7. But you can also make yourself visible to anyone nearby using iOS 7 or to no one at all. One tap in Control Center is all it takes.

### File received.

Recipients can choose to save whatever you send. When they do, the content is saved right where it should be — a photo in Photos, a pass in Passbook, a contact in Contacts, and so on. **MU**



### AirDrop.

Make sure Bluetooth is on and turn on AirDrop - you can do both via the Control Center popup in iOS7. Doing this makes you visible to others around you.

(Caution: leaving Bluetooth on eats up battery life!!)



## The new MacPro: not for everyone.

by Emilie Stewart

Emilie recently reviewed the new top-of-the-line desktop Mac on Amazon:

### Substantial improvement over model 2010 Mac Pro, but at what cost?

I've been a Mac user since 1986. My most recent Mac Pro was the late 2010, Quad Core, which never gave me any issues. I had been waiting for the late 2013 Mac Pro to become available and find it difficult to believe it was on back order 5-6 weeks everywhere EXCEPT on Amazon!

Other reviews can discuss the technical aspects. My biggest issue with the new Mac Pro is the new price tier. I opted for the "base" model at \$2994. I believe my previous Mac Pro (purchased April 2012) was \$2199. I always max out the RAM memory. With the previous Mac Pro, I had only to purchase additional memory. With the 2013 Mac Pro, the size in each slot must be consistent. Therefore, instead of purchasing one 16GB, in addition to the existing 3x 4GB, it was necessary to remove all the 4GB modules and replace with the 16GB module. In my case, I opted to go with 4x 16GB for a total of 64GB memory. This was an additional \$750 investment.

It does NOT come with a keyboard or mouse. If you are migrating from another Mac, you can use your old ones. Otherwise, you are faced with another approximate \$125. No CD/DVD disc player/burner. If you need one and buy Apple's, that's another \$75. If you have software on discs that you want to install, your only other option is create a .dmg on your older computer and move it (via wifi or a USB thumb drive) to the 2013 Mac Pro to install.

Now that I am finished with the installs and actually using the Mac Pro, I am very pleased with how quiet it is, even when



doing multiple tasks (Photoshop, Word, iWeb, iTunes video in the background) and how FAST it is. There also does not seem to be the heat generated as with the previous model. Overall, there is no comparison with the previous model.

Esthetically, the outside finish is a black chrome. In most photos, it looks painted black. It has such a small footprint. I was tempted to leave it on my desktop! All the cords and the power button are in the same area. I'd prefer not to look at the cords when turning it off and on, so I placed it back under my desk. It is convenient that the button illuminates when my hand nears it.

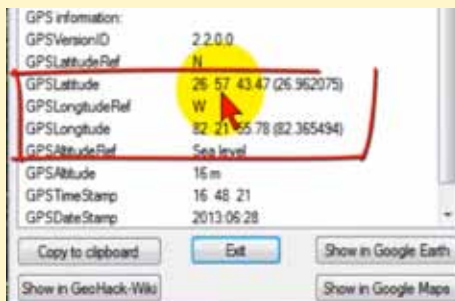
A Mac Pro isn't for everyone. It is a hefty investment. If you do email and surf the web, then you are better off with a MBA or an iMac. If you intend to do heavy graphics applications, the 2013 Mac Pro is worth the extra money.

Later, Emilie confided: "installing the memory was a bitch!" and she wrote, "Now that it is 12 days old, I can tell you a bit more about my new MacPro. Love how quiet it is and that it doesn't have any heat build up like the previous. With the 64gb ram, Photoshop is lightning fast. That's the only app where I notice a speed difference. Boot-up is immediate, unlike the previous generation. I used the FireWire on the previous and as this has neither FireWire nor a DVD drive, I have had to improvise on multiple occasions. Was it worth spending the \$3700? Probably not. [M]"

### Before you share your iPhone photos online... by John Cooper

If you are a smart phone camera buff and you post your photos on Facebook or other sharing sites, then take this lesson on personal security. Spend 4 minutes and learn this amazing info:

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/xvZF-yP ceU?feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/embed/xvZF-yP ceU?feature=player_detailpage)



### Andy Warhol's Lost Computer Art Found on 30-Year-Old Floppy Disks

submitted by Karen Beal

<http://www.openculture.com/2014/04/andy-warhols-lost-computer-art-found-on-30-year-old-floppy-disks.html>





# What can Podcasting do for you?

compiled by Karen Beal

**Musicians?** You have a band or a group of local bands and you want to reach people with your music. Even if you just begin by streaming your first CD, that's a start. Lace in announcements of upcoming shows and CD releases. People can podcast you as they travel down the Keys, pick up some local culture and music and find out where you're playing..

**School?** You are a school and you want to provide students and parents with information about current activities as well as closings and other information. Students can take advantage of the experience and an opportunity to practice being a DJ on a real broadcast service.

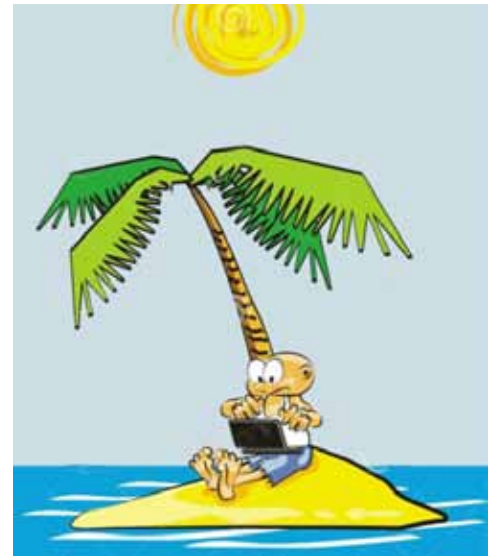
**Income source?** You are a college student and want to make extra money by programming to the students at your college with music along with announcements about upcoming activities, commercials from the local bookstores, bars and restaurants. Or a

dive center podcasting weather conditions, dive safety messages and commercials from local businesses. Or home schooling or child care information?

**Share a passion?** You collect a particular type of audio, music, or other type of recording and want to share them with the world. Maybe our national, state and county parks are your passion - share information on what is new, what is available and how to get there. Kayaking your thing? Books or poetry? Talk about your unique viewpoint in your Podcast!

**Feed your political side?** You want to spread the word about a party, political candidate or political agenda using recordings of candidate speeches or your own recorded analysis and commentary.

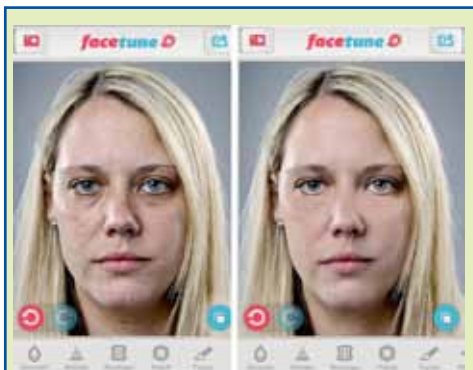
**Promote your business or organization?** You have a business and want to promote it. For instance: if you sell boat parts, you might consider a stream with



"Podcastaway"

updated boating news, maintenance information and weather conditions.

Have a concert series, lecture series or other get-together with other organizations Keys-wide. Dive Museum speakers, Delicate Balance, Ocean Life Series - just to mention three events a month just in the Upper Keys area. [MJI](#)



## FaceTune Turns Your iPad Into A Portrait Retouching Powerhouse

submitted by Karen Beal

Karen writes, "Looks like a couple dollars well spent to me!"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfYFKwIoC34&list=UUTdwOpyk\\_sPZEuzYfi35b\\_NQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfYFKwIoC34&list=UUTdwOpyk_sPZEuzYfi35b_NQ)

Watch the video demo of this new app. Facetune for iPad, an app that improves any portrait photo easily. Rather than spend months learning the subtleties of Photoshop, FaceTune offers several effects to whiten teeth, smooth skin, remove blemishes and more to turn your photo into a glamor shot.



## James Lyne: Everyday cybercrime and what you can do about it

submitted by Karen Beal

Interesting, thought provoking, and well done, as are most TED talks:

<http://tinyurl.com/mygvemo>



## Deleting old e-Books

submitted by Bernie & John Cooper

Q: I'm an avid reader and have purchased hundreds of e-books. I like being able to store all of my past purchases in the cloud, but my library is filled with titles that I'll never read again. Is there a way to put these books in the trash? I can't imagine how difficult my library will be to browse in five or 10 years.

A: You can delete Kindle books from your online library, but only using a Web browser. To do so, go to the "Your Account" page on Amazon's website, then click "View Your Kindle Orders." Next to the offending title, click "Actions" then "Delete from Library." Repeat as necessary.

If you've purchased books through iTunes to read in iBooks: Launch iTunes on your computer, sign in to the iTunes

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Betsy Philipps looks on as Judi Walker presents Sue with a syncing issue in iCloud.



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**Did you see that picture of you, taken at the last meeting?**

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