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Happy Holidays... UKMUG Style!

by Sue Beal

The December meeting was our annual non-denominational holiday celebration, complete with a holiday potluck supper, lighted tree, stocking stuffers, holiday music, decorations, and even an "ugly sweater" contest! UKMUGgers did not disappoint; we had a good crowd of almost 30 people, dressed festively for the occasion, toting food to share, taking home gifts and prizes.

Karen came up with a social activity this year, in place of a presentation or trivia game for our entertainment. She and I debated for weeks about whether you guys would like it or think it was lame! Well, the verdict is in, and everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely, to our great relief!

What we did was to make everyone sign in and wear a name tag. Then we made up

questionnaires for each person, so they had to ask 3 people 3 questions each. We tried to set it up so people who didn't know each other had to meet. It was pure bedlam for a while, but people really did enjoy meeting new people and having a scripted way to introduce themselves. We got a lot of positive feedback.

And, now we have a pile of questionnaires filled in with info about our members, their first Apple experiences, their favorite speakers and topics, what they'd like to see covered at UKMUG, and what they want Santa to bring them from the Apple Store. We promise to email Santa on that last one!

So, check out the photos, and have a great holiday season and a happy new year! 

The contenders in the Ugly Sweater contest (A dignity-free event).

The four winners (on the left) got prize ribbons and iTunes gift cards.

Karen Beal (looking Bow-dacious!)

John Hammerstrom in the most outrageously bright and fun sweater ever seen at an UKMUG meeting.

Lindi Mallison came as an "identity thief" with nametags from everyone we know stuck all over her... while she hid her own identity with sunglasses and a hat.

Wavy Davy Adamusko was also looking bow-dacious and festive, with an Apple twist.

Mary Anne Roper and Joanne Thomas had holiday sweaters, but they both looked so nice, you could hardly call them ugly sweaters!

And I'm wearing a "crown" I fashioned from Apple logo decals, snowflake bobbers and feathers, to look queenly, festive and ridiculous!



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.

Don't Miss!
UKMUG's Film Festival
Just one more month to sign up!

OUR NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, January 8

**7pm at Key Largo Library
Community Room
MM 101.4 Oceanside**

iOS: A Super Computer in Your Hand

with Johnni "Appleseed" Fazio

Come and learn all about the capabilities of that gadget in your hand! Johnni is an energetic, knowledgeable and fascinating speaker, and no matter how much you think you know... he'll surprise you!



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 the future, Podcasting. Johnni created The Wizardcast group of Podcasting Professionals and he runs the Miami Podcast Meetup group.



When Alexandra Espy (center) came to her first UKMUG meeting; she didn't know it was going to be a party! We told her we always dress up and bring dinner (why not?). She made some friends and got some questions answered. Welcome, Alex!



Steve Steinbock and Video Dave Kay played with their Apple toys early in the evening. Video Dave took all the good pictures of the party you see here. (Thanks, Dave!) I took over 100 pictures, and as usual, most of them weren't very good!!



John Hammerstrom and Diane Marshall went all out for the contest (which was Diane's idea).



We enjoyed a family style meal. Everyone brought such yummy dishes to share!



Under our tree were stocking stuffers from Santa, for everyone.



The questionnaire activity had everyone up, talking and mixing.



We had time to visit with friends, old and new.



John's sweater, from the back!!



IMPORTANT CLUB NEWS

from Karen and Sue Beal

We decided recently, after 20 years of running UKMUG, to retire from it.

We all know, things have a period of usefulness and UKMUG filled the gap from a handful of Apple users to an empire of users – from it being difficult to learn from manuals to the age of YouTube classes, Apple Stores and Google.

We are exhausted from the effort, and we feel we've given all we can give. We know you have appreciated our efforts, and everyone we have told has had nothing but kind words for us.

We will miss the group, the presentations, the friendships, and the quirky culture of UKMUG. We will miss you! We thank each and every one reading this for your participation, your emails, and your support.

We aren't going to ask for or accept any dues this year, and we are going to shut it down after our March meeting. That's assuming no one steps up to take over... if there is anyone out there willing and able to take over, please come forward.

We are thinking, after liquidating our assets and settling our expenses, we'd give any funds leftover to the Friends of the Library for the use of the room.

Allan Miller put it best, "So long, and thanks for all the fish!" (You have to be a Douglas Adams fan to get it, but it's perfect.)



Lindi made it clear that her Apple-using friends are not nearly as subject to identity theft as some others...



Mary Anne was lovely in her festive sweater!



What can we say about Wavy Davy except that he sure went all out! That tee shirt needed some color, didn't it?



Jack came cloaked as the "Computer Guy." We're glad he could join the party!



Mary Anne Clothier had the most Keys-y holiday outfit!



Ellen and Richard Swadley.



Dr. Tom McClain (*he's a vet!*)



Barry Carter and Kathy Miller



Peggy and Joe Allard.



Joanne and Graham Thomas.



Linda Lee Salwart.



The shirt says "This is my UKMUG non-denominational Holiday Ugly Sweater."



Erica Makar and Kathy Miller.



Richard Hawkins.



Betty and Claude Bullock.



Emilie Stewart's subtle holiday tee had a surprise on the back!



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It's Time to Submit Your Movie!

by Diane Marshall

There are countless stories in the hearts and minds of UKMUG's diverse members—year round residents and snow birds, photographers and pilots, school teachers and graphic artists, bankers and social workers, fire fighters and sales clerks, moms and dads, sisters and brothers. We want to see all of your stories (okay, well, maybe not ALL of them, but a lot of them) at the UKMUG Film Festival on February 12, 2015.

It's going to be fun! Think about it. Hardly a day goes by without a friend or family member sending us a video of something in their garden, yard, their kids or grandkids playing, their dogs doing funny tricks, their vacation to the Caribbean. They make us smile, feel

good, feel sad and inspire us. Now is your chance to make your own video and make your fellow UKMUGers laugh, cry and applaud.

Inspiration? Here are some ideas. For my own inspiration—and to prove that YES, anyone can make a movie for the UKMUG film festival—I went to the YouTube.com and GoPro.com websites and searched for common words: caterpillar, puppy, Key Largo and music. Though the words were common, they all conjured up emotions—yucky, joy, nostalgia and good times, respectively—before I even watched the first video.

Under the word caterpillar, there was a video called the “Caterpillar Sting Test.” It is just under two minutes

long, quite interesting and absolutely something my little brother might have tried. “Caterpillar Sting Test” could be submitted in the Documentary/Educational category or the Horror/Sci-Fi/Animation category, depending on your point of view. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCj7Rn51S6E>

When I searched the words Key Largo, there were lots of videos, including this one, called “Top 5 Things to Do in Key Largo.” If you have lived here a month, you could have made this video. It would be suitable for our Film Festival's Travel category. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt58ChU7unQ>

GoPro.com is another great site for inspiration. When I entered the word puppies, I wasted, I mean spent, an hour watching video after video and whimpering with delight. I decided on this heart-warming video, “Duncan the Dog,” for my example. It could be entered in our Animal category. <https://gopro.com/channel/lifes-moments/duncan-the-dog>


For my final search, I chose the word music. There were lots of great choices, but this GoPro video, “David Finlayson's Trombone Silliness,” was the best of both the Humor and Music categories. <https://gopro.com/channel/music/david-finlaysons-trombone-silliness>

Your Mac, iPad and iPhone already come with some great tools—a camera and iMovie—that will help you to get started. Search online for “how to make a movie with iMovie” to find numerous instructional videos and slideshows. Or ask your kids or grandkids for help!

We hope you will share your story. Tell us your story in 6 minutes or less. Be adventurous! Add a title, film credits and background music. Format it as video or in a slideshow. Submit your entry as a QuickTime video file burned onto a disc. If you need help with that, let us know.

Films will be screened on February 12, 2015, at the UKMUG meeting. Judging will take place right after the screening. Awards will be given for the best in each of six genres as well as for Best in Show.

Help make the first UKMUG Film Festival a success by submitting your “film.” Deadline is January 16, 2015. Mail it to Sue at UKMUG, 219 Second St., Key Largo, FL 33037, or give it to Sue, Karen, Diane or John at a meeting.

For more info you can email Diane at: gleeboarddpm@bellsouth.net 

“Lights, Cameras, Action!”



Calling all filmmakers (and wannabes)!

UKMUG wants your movie for the

1st UKMUG Film Festival

**Screenings and judging held at the
February 12, 2015 meeting**

**Awards given for best films in six genres:
Documentary, Horror/SciFi, Humor, Travel, Animal and Music
as well as Best of Festival**

**Enter your six-minute film/slide show
Deadline to receive entries: January 16th, 2015**

Sample films from Diablo Valley Macintosh User Group's festival
The Coronation of Spring by Robert Rothgery
www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqgJ9v2AiyA&

The Ring of Fire by Peter Weiler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fE4-FDKU8UU&feature=youtu.be>

Why Alaska by Philip Neff (2009 winner in Travel Genre)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtDj9aCsDzA&>

Safari Serengeti by Lynn Curtis
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TN1k62ax-LE>

Entry form provided in this newsletter (back of this page).

Video Release Form 2015 UKMUG Film Festival

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Title of Video/Slideshow: _____

Running Time: _____

OPEN CALL FOR ENTRIES • Select a Genre of Entry to continue

Select Genre:

Documentary ____ Horror/Sci-Fi/Animation ____ Humor ____

Travel ____ Animal ____ Music ____

Display Format (choose one)

____Standard 4:3

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Brief Description:



Preferred length of your video or slide show as film is *6 minutes or less*. Content should be appropriate for all audiences. Submit your entry as a *QuickTime video file* burned on a CD-R or DVD-R disc. (Please do not submit as a DVD or Video-DVD.) Awards will be given for the best in each genre as well as for Best in Show.

To participate in the Film Fest, please check the appropriate boxes below and sign and date this form. To enter, turn in your video entry, a digital photo of yourself (for the Film Fest program) and this form. Entries may be given to Sue, Karen, Diane or John at UKMUG meetings or mailed to Sue at UKMUG, 219 Second St., Key Largo, FL 33037. Deadline to receive entries: **January 16th, 2015.**

____ My video/slide show may be shown February 12, 2015, at UKMUG meeting, Key Largo Library.

____ I have not used copyrighted material without permission.

____ I include my photo for the 2015 UKMUG Film Festival brochure.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Need help getting books onto your iPad?

from Karen Beal

The third Wednesday of each month during season is Digital Day at the Library starting in December. Bryant will help iPad and other tablet users with downloading books and movies. [MU](#)

I got my Christmas wish!

by Sue Beal

Last month we ran a cartoon of a little boy asking Santa for better battery life out of his iPhone. I had been suffering horrible, unacceptable battery life in my iPod Touch (closest thing I have to an iPhone) ever since I upgraded to iOS7. I tried every tip I could find online and nothing helped.

Well, I finally upgraded to iOS8, and my battery is miraculously back to where



it was pre-iOS7. What a relief! I wasn't ready to trade in my generation 5 device for a new one yet!

So... now you have another reason to try the upgrade! [MU](#)

Why aren't there more viruses for Macs?

submitted by Graham Thomas, written by James McIninch on <http://www.quora.com/>

There are a number of reasons. There are technical reasons why OS X is a slightly harder target than Windows. People also mistakenly believe that it's an issue of opportunity (fewer OS X installs).

However, by far the biggest reason is that the majority of malware is produced by "script kiddies" that do little more than make modifications to a few existing archetypical malware templates using point-and-click development kits designed for Windows. Why Windows in particular? Because it's the oldest, and because it predominates in areas of Eastern Europe and Asia where most malware is written. As the oldest OS, the internals are best understood, and Microsoft's devotion to backwards compatibility stretches out how long various vectors for attack can be exploited (even if you need to tweak them periodically).

OS X represents about 2% of computers worldwide, but in the US, it represents something like 20% of the laptop market. and 15% of the desktop market - which is not small. Further, it's more widely used in non-corporate settings (e.g., no corporate security measures), and very nearly all the users have no anti-malware software installed. As a target base, they're figuratively

ripe for the picking -- yet there remains very little malware for OS X. Why? Technically, OS X has better separation between user and privileged access; and the OS X equivalent of the registry (plist and config files) have a more restricted set of functions that makes them more difficult to exploit. OS X tags downloaded content and won't execute it without explicit consent (and it informs the user where it was downloaded from), etc. To a certain extent too, though, there's a cost barrier to entry in developing for OS X in that you need OS X to develop for it, and you need to become acquainted with an entirely different software architecture - even modern Windows virus writers don't want to put the time and effort into that, they just tweak what already exists.

Mostly, however, for years malware has had decreasing value to those that write it. The rising prevalence of firewalls, NATs, anti-malware, more cautious computing, less embedding of code in documents, a move to using mobile platforms to access network resources, etc. means for a far more frustrating time for most malware writers - especially if targeting sites in North America and Europe. Instead, the value today is in cracking into servers, mail gateways, etc. [MU](#)

Attn: Comcast users!

from Lt. Alvarez at the Sheriff's Office

This is important info if you use Comcast in the Keys! This was sent in to Lt. Nancy Alvarez and she shares with us:

Nancy I wanted to let you know about this because you have done a great job of keeping everyone informed.

Several weeks ago I noticed that out of town cars were coming into our neighborhood and stopping along the streets. I knew that in the past this would happen because these drivers were trolling for free Internet wifi, but this practice had almost stopped since all of our neighbors had secured their wireless routers so that no one could log on without a password.

These new arrivals got me to thinking that maybe someone had left access open to their wifi system, so I went and checked. I discovered a new wifi feed labeled "Xfinity Wifi Hotspot", and much to my shock, this feed was coming from the new router which I had recently been given as an upgrade from Comcast! I started checking and found out that **Comcast had started providing free access to the public from home routers for anyone who had a Comcast account.**

This is really scary, supposedly the users of this service on the same router cannot access the personal data of the homeowner but this is questionable. Not only is it a security issue but it is inconceivable to me that Comcast would allow third parties to access a home router without the homeowner's permission. Especially in view of the fact that the customer is paying to provide this service to people they may not be aware are using it.

I discovered that you can log on to your Comcast account and disable this service. I would encourage everyone who is using Comcast Internet service to check their systems and do this at once. Not only to eliminate the possibility of a security breach, but to discourage unwanted traffic in residential neighborhoods.

I found out today Comcast is already being sued over this issue, which is a national problem: <http://www.sfgate.com/business/article/Comcast-sued-for-turning-home-Wi-Fi-routers-into-5943750.php>

Here are the steps to disable this service: <http://www.tomsguide.com/us/how-to-disable-xfinity-wifi-news-19036.html> [MU](#)

How to Opt Out of OS X Pre-Release Software Updates

from Tek-review.com,
submitted by Graham Thomas

In addition to the usual pre-release developer previews, Apple this summer launched the OS X Yosemite Public Beta, giving non-developers access to early builds of the company's latest desktop operating system. Now that Yosemite is final, however, both developers and beta testers alike may wish to get off the pre-release train and settle into the more stable public builds. Here's how to leave the OS X Yosemite beta and developer program and stop seeing preview builds of Yosemite in Software Update.

After updating to the final public builds of OS X Yosemite, those running beta or pre-release versions of the operating system will continue to see updates for pre-release versions of the next point update (i.e., the beta build of OS X 10.10.2) in the Mac App Store's Software Update section. You can simply ignore these updates if you wish, but if you want to get rid of them and stick with final builds only, you'll need to tell OS X to remove your Mac from the OS X pre-release seed.

Read more: <http://www.tekrevue.com/tip/opt-out-os-x-pre-release-updates/> **MT**

Connect your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and Mac using Continuity

from Apple's website
submitted by Graham Thomas

Continuity lets you seamlessly move between your iPhone, iPad, and Mac, or use them together.

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Read all about it with step-by-step instructions here: <http://support.apple.com/en-us/HT6337>



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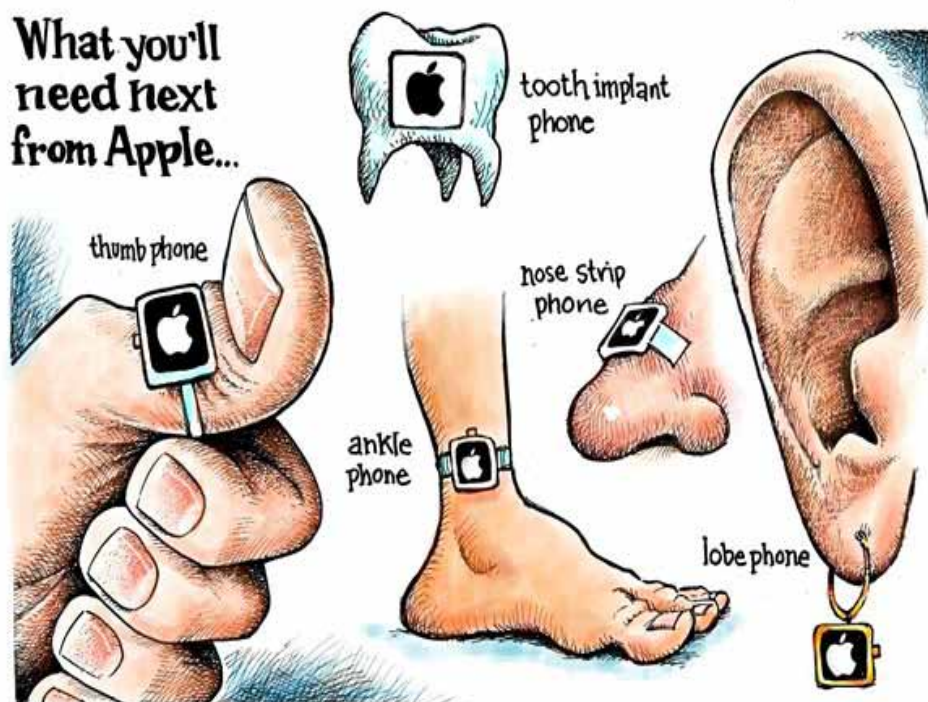
from Tek-review.com,
submitted by Graham Thomas

With new Handoff and Continuity features in OS X Yosemite and iOS 8, Apple has merged the functionality and user experience of its desktop and mobile devices to a greater extent than ever before. As explained by Apple SVP Craig Federighi during WWDC 2014, a major benefit of this initiative is that users can access some of the key functionality of one

Apple device from another device without having to physically touch the first device. For example, your iPhone is in your bag on the other side of the room, but you can receive and make cellular phone calls from your Mac without having to get up and go retrieve the iPhone. Read more: <http://www.tekrevue.com/tip/instant-hotspot-iphone-signal-and-battery/> **MT**

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Gail Bachelor wrote: I purchased the Windows 8.1 full version to upgrade my MacPro (divided hard drive) because I needed some financial software designed by geeks who don't do Mac. Turns out that I had to buy a whole new desktop to get the speed and space required, so now I have the unregistered software in the box, along with the Office Depot receipt. Because I wrote my name on the product card, I can't return it.

Is anyone in UKMUG interested in it for a 25% discount? I paid \$128.99 after taxes, but would be really happy to get \$100 back.

Contact Gail at: geckokl@earthlink.net

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