



Meetings: No January Meeting

Friday 3rd February @ 7:30pm

(doors open @ 7:00pm)

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From our President

' Last night I saw the film La La Land - a light hearted film and yet very thought provoking. Should we struggle to achieve our dreams and believe in the future or give up and settle for safety. Are we living in La La Land if we think everything will always turn out perfect. The answer is probably that we do what we can and be true to oneself in the way we live our lives. The end of this year comes with a sigh of relief it is over but now 2017 looms offering challenges to all of us. Time to wipe the slate clean and to 'think different', some new ways of looking at how we function.'

Happy New Year to all

Marie

Rob's bit.

“Boldly going where no-one has gone before”

(See header) Realistically, every day is like that, we can not know the future in advance, we have to go there moment by moment. Our club faces the unknown in 2017 and we need to make good plans and decisions along the way to “Make SAAUC Great Again”, not that it is not great for members who find value in belonging but we do need to attract more members as has been discussed many times.

To attract new members, our meetings and services need to meet the needs of Apple Users in a friendly way, we would like to have some more “expert” presenters who can show us how to make the most of hardware and software and perhaps teach us about new things we have never thought about. Suggestions welcome.

To boldly go ahead, SAAUC needs your help, share your needs and ideas, volunteer to lead a SIG or meeting presentation, help with the meeting prep and clean-up, catering etc., share your knowledge at meetings or via the groups email. (Thanks to all who are doing this already.) BRING ALONG YOUR FRIENDS, family or neighbours. Most clubs grow best by word of mouth and personal invitations.

Apple products are more popular than ever, help via Apple Store and the internet is also easier than ever but there is still plenty of need for personal, hands-on help that SAAUC members can provide to each other and the wider community.

If you want our club to become better in 2017 than it was in 2016, let us all work together to “MAKE IT SO”.

Mike's Musings



A Millard Miscellany

(This is going into an edition of SAAUCery for January, when the Club takes a break from meetings, Editor Rob works hard to produce an edition even though he could take the month off ... and it's short days before Christmas as I write this so this offering will just be a collection of a few "shortish" pieces.)

Un Piano "Barre Touche":

Thou hast obtained for thyself one of Apple's new MacBook Pros "with Touch Bar"? If thou hast, hasten thee to the "Mac Store of Apps" and acquire for thyself a copy of the Touch Bar Piano app. Then delve into the Page de Web at <http://www.macrumors.com/2016/12/09/macbook-pro-piano-touch-bar/> to apprise thyself at greater length of this wondrous item. And ensure for thyself that thou clicketh on the triangle-on-its-side to hear what wondrous sounds can be produced by this app. Finally, I commend thee to lower thyself—well, go down to the bottom of the scroll—and read the comments; they offer several morceaux amusants.

Constructing a "New" Mac:

I've had my iMac since 2009. In that time, I've just "built on" whatever was on the hard drive, which means installing the next version of OS X over the previous one, adding and deleting apps along with gigabytes of data. It's how many houses are renovated, I think. But after such a length of time you find the way the house is now laid out has become a little less "workable"—you can't move around in it the way you could when it was first built. So you knock it down and built anew. That's what I'm doping to my iMac. It's on El Capitan 10.11.6, and it's not "treacle" slow, but just seems to be a little lethargic compared to the recent past. So I'm in the middle of a complete rebuild. I have an used volume on my internal hard drive, so have "zeroed out" erased that, and installed a fresh copy of OS X El Capitan (10.11.6)—my machine is one model too old to take Sierra! I went down the list of installed apps, marked several that I did not want (or were just useless!), then made sure I had installation media or access to re-downloads for all those I wanted to carry forward. At one week before Christmas I have installed nearly all the apps I want; there are just a few more to do. Then I'll copy over all my data.

Then, I went to install my copy of Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac in the new environment. (This works on my present set-up, and it worked on my wife's White MacBook.) I started the Installer, entered Product Key ... then it stopped. It said something about not being able to install because "it cannot find anything to install":-). Yet, this is the same CD I've use for years! This is not a big problem, as I don't use MS Office, but it is certainly quite a mystery as to why it come up with that message. (Pages and Numbers work well enough for me.)

I have a Magic TrackPad (not the new model). I've always been able to drag a selection with three fingers on the Pad—but initially this was not working on the new installation. I had forgotten that

enable this particular action it is not in the regular Trackpad System Preference, but under Trackpad Options in the Accessibility Preference!

Next issue I hope to report on whether I notice any “improvement” or not.

“Where are my Photos?”:

If you use Apple’s Photos app on your Mac, you may have encountered this situation: you import some images into Photos, but when you go looking for them in Photos’ Library, you can’t find them! What gives??

Well, there is one line in Photos’ Preferences under General which must be checked”, Importing: [] Copy items to the Photos Library, to have those imported images show up in the Library. Quite maddening if you don’t know about it...

And ... “One.More.Thing™®©”:

This from the Apples BC newsletter of May, 2012:

Steve Jobs Didn’t Care For “Siri”:

OK, he liked the product—a lot; just not the name when Apple acquired the company that developed it. The name stayed because Jobs could not come up with what he thought was a better option.

This trivium comes from Dag Kittlaus, who co-founded the original Siri company. “I worked with a lady named Siri in Norway and wanted to name my daughter Siri and the domain was available,” Kittlaus explained. “And also consumer companies need to focus on the fact that the name is easy to spell, easy to say.” (Apparently, “Siri” is Norwegian for “beautiful woman who leads you to victory”.) The product first appeared as a free offering at the iPhone App Store.

Mike Millard



OWC Thunderbolt3 Dock.

Anyone who has bought a new MacBook Pro, might find this useful.

Last Month, Mike looked at the various types of connectors and what was available to enable users to avoid multiple converter/adaptor devices and still use their older back-up drives and the like when using a new Mac with only USB-C or Thunderbolt3 ports.

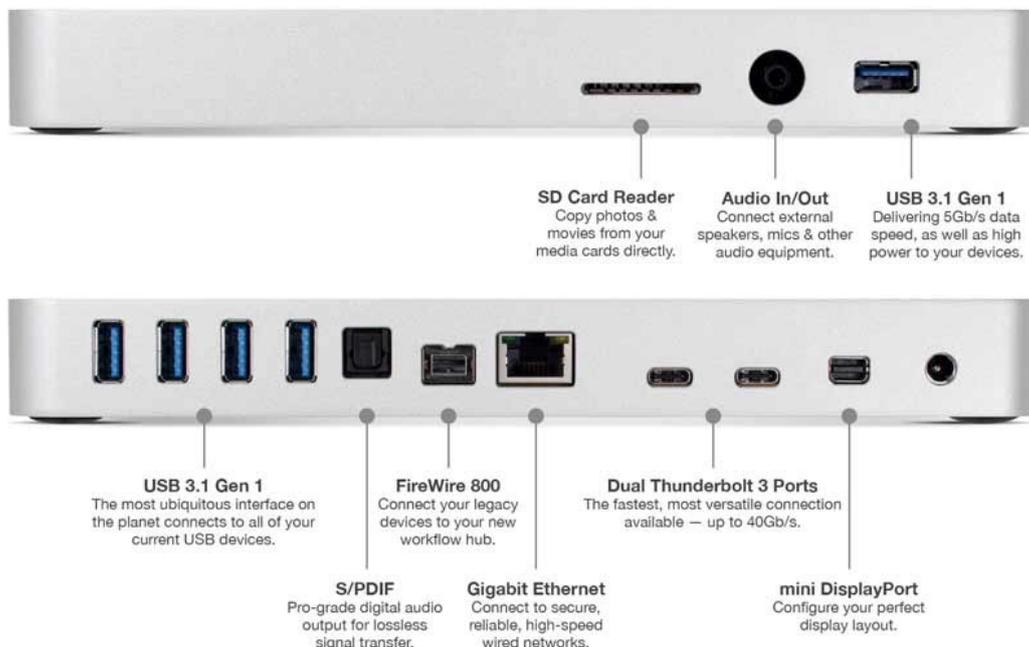
While the MacBook features the USB Type-C (3.1) connector, it does not have Thunderbolt3 so this dock is not for MacBook use.

This Dock will be available in March but you can pre-order now for \$399.99:

<https://www.macfixit.com.au/owc-13-port-thunderbolt-3-dock-28034/>

There are alternatives available with less Ports that might suit your needs.

Rob



Apple News & Rumours

As always, there is news, opinion and rumour about Apple and it's products. See the following links, or just search for Apple News & Rumours.

<<http://www.apple.com/au/pr/>> <<https://9to5mac.com/>> <<http://appleinsider.com/>> <<http://www.macrumors.com/>> <<http://www.cultofmac.com/>>

MacBook Pro Battery life

In December, there was a test done on the new MacBook Pros that contradicted Apple's claims about battery life.

<<http://www.consumerreports.org/laptops/macbook-pros-fail-to-earn-consumer-reports-recommendation/>>

Apple's response is that they would like to talk to the reviewers to find out more about the tests and results. They stress that their claims are based on their own extensive testing prior to manufacture and release.

iPhone manufacturing in the US?

Last issue it was reported that Donald Trump was trying to persuade Apple (and other companies) to bring their manufacturing back to the US.

9 to 5 Mac <<https://9to5mac.com/>> has reported that Foxconn now have 10 fully automated plants and will soon have many more producing iPhones and the like at very competitive prices. This will make changing manufacturers even more difficult and less likely.

Opinion about Apple

<<http://tech.firstpost.com/news-analysis/apple-launch-rumours-ipad-pro-iphone-x-with-oled-display-and-new-macbook-pro-expected-in-2017-355152.html>>

Campus 2 – Latest Videos

Christmas Day 2016, also very Hi-res ariel view <<http://www.macrumors.com/>>

Text overlay points out features <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FZb7dHjM8I>

Something Extra! – Enjoy

Steve Jobs Returns to Apple (1997)

<<https://youtu.be/lwDoLj8ppQE>> (45 Minutes)

Mind Blowing Drones of Today – Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErsXjQByw_I>



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