



## President's Corner by N.C. Sizemore

We had a great party Tuesday evening. I give a big thank you to Sally and her committee and Brian, and Earl and everyone who came early to set up and stayed late to clean up. I'm really impressed with the new facility. I hope you are also.

As good as our user group is, we need your help to keep up the quality. We need your input on what you like and dislike and what you are interested in and what you may be willing to present. Phil Davis mentioned the survey that is on our website that about 25% of our members have filled out thus far. We need to get that up to more like 75%. Please visit the website's survey page and complete the questionnaire. Even though we would like for you to volunteer to present something, it is not required to complete the survey. Just tell us what you are interested in and that will be a big help. You do not even need to start from scratch. There is a list of items to indicate level of interest and a spot to suggest other items. It is brief and it will only take a few minutes of your time.

There are a lot of rumors swirling around Apple now about a soon to be released tablet computer. At least that is what the rumors say. Maybe in the spring. Apple is supposedly negotiating contracts with magazines and book

publishers to provide content tailored for the tablet. It is supposed to look like an oversized iPhone (bigger screen). It will be interesting to see what develops. *Ed. note— see page three for more information and a great link to visit.*

The January meeting will be another of our periodic question and answer sessions where members can get answers to problems that they are having, or find information about new software and hardware. This is an opportunity for members to share their expertise with others when they have the answers. Bring your questions to the meeting, but it will help if you please send questions in advance to the webmaster (ocalamug@gmail.com) so we will be able to research the answer instead of just pulling it out of our heads! You will get better answers and we will look less ignorant!

One last thought, bring a friend to each meeting. That is how we grow! ■





*OMUG Parties On With Warm Conversation, Delicious Food & Holiday Spirit Aplenty....*



## Beware of Holiday Phishing

With the heavy shopping season in full swing, beware – the crooks are out to get you! Here is some of the latest phishing news including:

- New Phishing Scam Targets Mac Users
- Cyber-scams can ruin holiday spirit
- Facebook phishing scam
- We're not the only ones who got our Twitter hacked
- Picking the Right Security Software
- Porn plus Facebook can lead to embarrassment
- New Phishing E-mail Drops Trojan
- Palestinian Arrested for Allegedly Masterminding Phishing Scam
- Mac Users Equally Prone to Phishing Attacks as Other OS Users
- Man Arrested for Runescape Account Theft

— and more... *for the full story, click the link below* ■

<http://www.safenetting.com/2009/11/29/holiday-phishing-update/>

## MORE Gmail STORAGE FOR LESS — by Elvin Lee, Software Engineer

*For you gmail and Picasa users.* When Gmail launched five years ago, it came with a gigabyte of storage space. A gigabyte doesn't seem like very much any more, and now every Gmail account comes with more than seven gigs of space (and growing). Still, some people manage to use up all of this (that's a lot of email...), so for over two years we've offered the option to purchase even more storage. This extra storage acts as an overflow that you only start using when you reach the limit of your free storage, and is shared for use between Gmail and Picasa Web Albums. Picasa has always come with a gigabyte of free storage to share photos, but people need even more storage as they start taking more pictures and moving full resolution backups of their photo collection into the cloud.

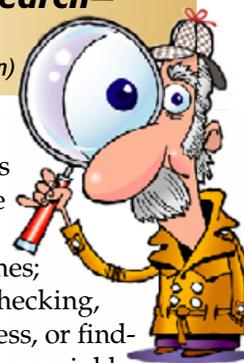
While storage costs have been dropping naturally, we've also been working hard to improve our infrastructure to reduce costs even further. Today, we're dramatically lowering our prices to make extra storage more affordable. You can now buy 20 GB for only \$5 a year, twice as much storage for a quarter of the old price, and enough space for more than 10,000 full resolution pictures taken with a five megapixel camera. And if you need more than 20 GB, you can purchase up to 16 terabytes!

So if you're running out of space in your overflowing inbox, or want to keep full resolution copies of thousands of photos, visit [www.google.com/accounts/PurchaseStorage](http://www.google.com/accounts/PurchaseStorage) (**Click here to go to site**) to see all the plans and to buy more storage. ■

**Reminder:**  
**The January Meeting of OMUG is scheduled for**  
**Tuesday, the 12th at St. George Anglican Cathedral Parish Hall**  
**with a 7:00 PM start time!**

## Free People Search—

*from a web article by*  
*Bob Rankin (no relation)*



There are a myriad of methods to search for people online. Some sites suit stealthy searches; like background checking, public records access, or finding out if any of your neighbors are convicted felons. Others will return a phone number, street address. And of course there are sites that speak to the most basic of human desires: the need to connect with others.

### People Finders: Name, Address and Phone Number

Let's look at some free tools to ferret out information about others. One of the more popular methods is using Google to search. It has become a well-known phenomenon that people will often "google" the names of their dates, perspective employers, employees, tenants or neighbors. Googling an individual's name (or even a phone number) can yield a host of (sometimes surprising) information about a person. Google yourself every once in a while to see what turns up, especially in the News and Images categories.

**WhitePages.com** is another free search tool. WhitePage does what those thick, antiquated phone books do, only better. You can do both yellow page (business) and white page (people) searches here, and you can search for individuals by last name, first name, and geographic location.

Yahoo has a **free people search tool** that lets you input information about a person like name, address and email. WhitePages.com offers the ability to do a reverse address & reverse phone number searches.



## People Search Cont'd.

Other free search sites **Pipl** and **ZoomInfo** search a variety of sources -- social media, business info, public records and aggregate the results.

There are sites available for more specific purposes, such as genealogical research. Ancestry.com allows you to create a profile to search for individuals with whom one may be related. With **Ancestry.com**, users can compile "family trees" -- information about relatives garnered from immigration, military and other government records on the living and deceased. A free trial period is offered.

**Read the full article here.** ■

## Failing Hard Drive?— from Lifehacker

When your computer suddenly fails to boot up or starts randomly deciding it can't find certain files, the first thing you'll do is hope for, or confirm, is a recent backup. If it looks like mechanical failure is the cause, and you need just a bit more data off that drive before it's gone for good, try removing the drive and sticking it in the freezer until it's good and cold. Then let it reach room temperature again and give it another try. This passed-around tech geek tip works, as a last resort, because when worn-out mechanical parts fail to connect and align properly, contracting them with cold, then allowing them to expand again, can sometimes restore things to barely-working order just long enough to give you a little more time before the funeral. ■

## The Rumor Mill— submitted by Tom Branen

*Many think it is guaranteed we will see some sort of Apple tablet in the form of a large screen iPod touch (8-10" screen). Maybe as soon as Spring 2010.*

The tech sites have been talking about this for a long time. The interesting thing is how magazines like **Time** and **Sports Illustrated** are already preparing these magazines for digital format. So they know something is coming... soon.

Watch the video below to see how Apple will change the way we read magazines.

Now the question.. Will this device change/modify publishing? Are you ready to view a digital wedding album with video and photos? What about a senior album? Could a photographer sell a digital proof book from a tablet device? There could be some very interesting things happen in photography and other industries, changing the way they do business.

Think about it— a digital album of a session, that includes video and stills... maybe a final digital album product with video including parents and friends? You could go on and on..... view the concept:

**See the video of SI's digital magazine here.** ■

## Quote of the month

*"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph"—  
Shirley Temple*

## A Rolltop In Your Future? — Here is something for your Christmas Wish List 2019

**Imagine a computer and more, rolled up and slung over a shoulder.**

- it unrolls and the core becomes its power source—
- it flexes up as a laptop—
- it lays flat to form a tablet—
- it can be raised up and with tilt out leg it functions as a wide screen HDTV—

*What a concept.....*

**click here to see the video** ■



# A primer on iPods

Notes made from a talk by Apple Representative, Michael Hageloh

Ever wonder just why Apple makes so many devices with the iPod name. Well, aside from the obvious desire to make money, they are providing customers an excellent range of choices based on the customer's personal needs and preferences. Each model has a niche, from the most simple, most compact to units that can literally function as a great pocket computer.

They all have something very critical in common. They all function with iTunes, the Apple application for managing your media assets. It is on every Mac and every iPod or iPhone device. It is where your downloaded music, your music copied from CDs, your podcasts, movie downloads, TV/Radio program downloads, playlists and more all reside in neat catalog style. It is like a nerve center that not only keeps track of everything but lets you add and delete items, move items, categorize, make playlists or it will give you random play. The iTunes store is something else altogether. That's where you go to get your free or for-purchase downloads to play on your computer or iPod.

**At right is a brief comparison of each model in the Apple lineup—**

## iPod shuffle:

The simplest, smallest, thinnest most wearable unit. Its size resembles a "Flash" drive.



- no screen • "shuffle" play music, play music in-order, and stop, are the controls
- two models— 2GB (\$59 list) and 4GB (\$79 list). The 2GB model will hold approx. 1000 tunes. In real world numbers, that translates to 3000 average minutes of content.

## iPod Nano:



Built-in HD video camera with audio capture.

- audio announces song in headset
- FM radio
- voice memo that can sync and transfer to your computer
- built-in pedometer
- 2.2-inch display
- two models— 8GB (\$149 list) and 16 GB (\$179 list). The 8 GB model has 24-hours of audio or 5 hours of video capacity.

## iPod classic:



## iPod touch:

A great iPod but with a big screen.

- a great pocket computer
- a great portable game player
- read e-books
- runs all the familiar apps but does not make or receive phone calls
- browse the internet over a wireless connection
- cost is \$199 list to \$399 list.



## iPhone 3GS:

The same size but slightly thicker than an iPod touch



- does everything the iPod touch does
- voice memo that can sync and transfer to your computer
- built-in 3 megapixel video/still camera
- connect to the internet anywhere via provider network or use a wireless connection
- call to, or receive calls worldwide.
- starts at \$199 plus wireless contract.

The "full size" take-everything-everywhere iPod workhorse.

- With 160GB of storage, iPod classic can hold up to 40,000 songs, 200 hours of video, or 25,000 photos. That's more than enough room for a day's – or a lifetime's – worth of entertainment.
- cost is \$249 list. ■



**MacBooks for USF Athletes**— NCAA athletes at the University of South Florida (USF) will be equipped with Apple laptops in a first-of-its-kind partnership with Apple, according to Tampa Bay Online. USF Athletics Director Doug Woolard said the goal is to create an "anytime, anywhere learning environment" where students can view assignments, lectures and other material on a bus, in an airport, anywhere they are. Further, Apple Higher Education group spokesman, Michael Hageloh added that although athletics was not one of the computer maker's markets, Woolard "successfully took our 30-plus years of learning experience and applied it to a new community." Hageloh concluded saying the deal "a national game-changing moment led by USF." ■

## OCALA MACINTOSH USER GROUP – MEETING MINUTES

**OMUG MEETING MINUTES November 23, 2009– Minutes will appear in the January issue**

### OMUG TREASURER’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2009

Account Balance 11/1/09		\$1665.07
Income 11/23/09 Meeting:	50/50 Raffle.....	\$ 45.00
	2009–2010 Memberships .....	<u>30.00</u> .....+75.00
Expenses	50/50 Raffle Prizes.....	50.00
	Refreshments.....	22.67
	Speaker, Ruth Williams .....	30.00
	Equipment (Airport Extreme).....	137.39
	Donation (Salvation Army) .....	<u>175.00</u> .....-415.06
Account Balance 11/30/09		<u>\$1325.01</u>

*Respectfully submitted by Judy Rankin for Clint Jones, Treasurer*

#### OMUG Meeting Information–

The Ocala Mac User Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the following location to the southeast of Ocala:

**St. George Anglican Cathedral–**  
Parish Hall  
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See [www.ocalamug.org](http://www.ocalamug.org) for a map to the location.

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON

“What is Christmas?  
It is tenderness for the past,  
courage for the present,  
hope for the future.  
It is a fervent wish that every cup  
may overflow with blessings rich  
and eternal, and that every path  
may lead to peace.”  
– Agnes M. Pharo –

