

EAMUG

February 2, 2017



At our Meeting

1:30	Pledge and Announcements
1:45 - 2:15	Q and A
2:15 - 2:35	Breaking in a new Computer by Mike Volpe
2:35 - 3:00	Apple Ambassador report by Angela Taylor
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 3:40	Ancestry by Gail Griffiths (& team)
3:40 - 3:50	Raffle
	4:00 Lights Off



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Groundhog Day - February 2nd - 1:30pm - our next meeting. As a northerner NJ - PA - MD I used to look forward to Groundhog Day ... To me it meant that winter is on the wain - that spring will soon be here. I didn't care if the the animal saw his shadow or not ... I simply knew spring would soon be here. Actually, I should have been paying attention to December 21st ... the first day of winter ... that's when the earth tips back and the days start getting longer.

Our next meeting is February 2nd and we'll be breaking in the clubs 'new' computer (actually its a refurbished 2016 model). And we asked Mike Volpe to make a presentation about it. We know that everyone has already set up their computer at home, but think, how many years ago did you do it? Could you do it again if you bought a new one? Or would you call in a friend to lead you through it? For me, I'd spend a day reading what ever printed stuff came with the computer. Then I'd check for any Apple tutorials on setting up the new machine. Then once I did it I would realize that I'd already forgotten the passwords for the Administrator and the whatever other thing I had to remember!

We expect to have a report from Angela Taylor on the Ambassador program. Several Many-A whole lotta years ago the program did offer substantial discounts on items of interest to us Mac Users. Angela will fill us in on what's available now.

At the January meeting several members expressed an interest in looking at Ancestry software for the Mac and how one uses it. A few years ago I bought Family Tree Maker (was on sale). It came with a book (I shoulda read it but who has the time?). Tried to start in. Gave up (no time). And it's been sitting in my bookcase accumulating dust. I guess I simply needed motivation, MOTIVATION with a capital letters! One of our members, Gail Griffiths, will be telling us all about it. I'm looking forward to it.

Carl

Carl Gaites
CEO - Chief Envisioning Officer

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

a memory was something that you lost with age
an application was for employment
a program was a TV show
a cursor used profanity
a keyboard was a piano
a web was a spider's home
a virus was the flu
a CD was a bank account
a hard drive was a long trip on the road
a mouse pad was where a mouse lived
and if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy
...you just hoped nobody found out.



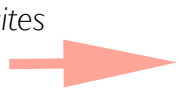
Help for Beginners/Newcomers



On line **information** is ready for You

Apple's help site has its links on the left side [Apple - Support - Mac Basics](#)

Check out these websites



[Mac Rumors: Apple Mac iOS Rumors and News You Care About](#)

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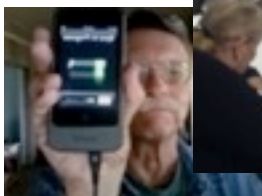
Dues can be paid by check or cash to the Treasurer,
Louis Bessen, at the User Group meeting
(in an envelope, please) or by mail to:

Louis Bessen, Treasurer
2221 Bal Harbour Drive
Venice, FL 34293

EAMUG Library for Members!

David Pascal is our 2017 EAMUG Librarian.

Checkout period is for one month or till the next meeting.
All books will be **available at the meeting**. The books
are currently being stored in the meeting room closet
and are readily accessible at meetings.



Bring your **device!**

SIG

**Devices & Laptops
Don't Miss It!!**

Thursday, February 9, 2017

2-4 PM

at the Elsie Quirk Library.

New Mac malware discovered using antique code to spy on users

1 By [Ryan Whitwam](#) on January 19, 2017 at 2:45 pm

The stronger OS X (now [macOS](#)) security model and lower market share used to mean it was of no interest to malware creators. It's still not exactly a major target, but running a Mac without antivirus protection is getting increasingly risky. Case in point: A new piece of malware has been discovered, but it's not technically all that new. The "Fruitfly" malware is believed to have been circulating since late 2014, and it can spy on everything you do on the computer.

Security firm Malwarebytes only heard about the malware recently from an IT administrator who discovered unusual internet traffic from one of the machines under his care. The investigation by Malwarebytes revealed this is some pretty serious [malware](#).

According to Malwarebytes, when Fruitfly is deployed on a system, it begins taking screenshots of the user's activities. It's also able to covertly activate the webcam to get a look at what's happening near the computer. Researchers who have looked into the malware report that it may even have the ability to take over control of the system.

Interestingly, Fruitfly has some components that are [clearly Linux-based and pre-date OS X](#). For example, it's using the libjpeg tool to create jpeg files, which was last updated in 1998. The system calls it uses are similarly antique. With some tweaking, Malwarebytes was able to get it running on a Linux system. Researchers believe it may be derived from some piece of previously unidentified Linux malware. It's possible the use of old code and archaic system calls could be a method to evade detection. It's even been patched with specific fixes for OS X Yosemite, indicating it has been around since at least 2014.

Fruitfly has been added to the Malwarebytes database, but only a few other security firms have updated their Mac clients with the signature. So far, Kaspersky, McAfee, Sophos, and Symantec have added support for detecting and removing Fruitfly. It is believed the prevalence of this [malware](#) is quite low, and no one knows for sure how it is being spread. That could indicate a very focused attack, and there's some evidence to indicate that it's being targeted at biomedical companies in particular. It may be custom designed to steal trade secrets.

Malwarebytes has provided Apple with the details of Fruitfly, but there's been no public statement from Cupertino yet. Apple has, however, created an update to macOS that blocks Fruitfly. If you are running a completely updated version of macOS, you should be protected from this threat soon. You probably aren't in danger from Fruitfly, but it's just another reminder that the internet is a dangerous place, no matter what operating system you use.

Read the source: <https://www.extremetech.com/computing/243060-new-mac-malware-discovered-using-antique-code-spy-users>

EAMUG board met at Stefanos with Carl Gaites (President & Programs), Carolyn Rosenfeld (Secretary), Carl Schwartz (Newsletter and SIG), Lou Bessen (Treasurer), Glenn Freeman, Mike Volpe (Vice-President and Sgt@ Arms), David Pascal (Library and WebMaster, Angela Taylor (Apple Ambassador), and Beth Griffiths (member) present. Meeting began at 12:00.

There were 16 members and 2 guest present at the last meeting.

We have 18 paid members, 1 family (2 persons) and 13 honorary members for 2017.

Newsletter was good. We have two articles for the next newsletter from (1)Angela Taylor on an Apple Ambassador report, and (2) from Beth Griffiths (& team) about Genealogy.

NEW BUSINESS:

We once again discussed buying a new laptop for the club. Mike Volpe presented his findings on the ones he recommended that we consider . It was decided that Carl Gaites our President would purchase a new laptop with Sierra operating system. Also we are looking at purchasing a refurbished one from Apple. Several of the Board members have done this in the past with very good results and a more reasonable price. Lou Besson has investigated and will request permission to put our posters in the school in Venice offering Apple classes for adults. Carl Gaites will see if he can put an announcement in the paper that includes pictures of our meeting and the Sig meeting. Glenn Freeman is sending David Pascal the link to our Facebook page for the website so that members will be able to post things easily.

Program for February 2, 2017.

On our **EAMUG** cover page

General Meeting February 2, 2017 at 1:30 at Elsie Quirk Library

Board Meeting February 9, 2017 at 11:30 at Stefanos.

SIG February 9, 2017at 2:00 at Elsie Quirk Library

Future Meetings

General Meeting on March 2, 2017.

Board Meeting on March 9, 2017.

SIG Meeting on March 9, 2017.

Picnic Possibly April 20, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Rosenfeld Secretary



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Board Meetings on 2nd Thursday at 11:30
SIG Meetings on 2nd Thursday at 2:00



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<http://eamug.org/Maps.html>

After arriving on the website, just click on **view larger map**, and then click on **Directions** and enter in your street address.

Thanks to our webmaster, David, and Google Maps

