

EAMUG

November 2, 2017



At our Meeting

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- 1:50 Q & A for Beginners
- 2:15 Security issues *(check out the link on page 5)* Ron Siegrist
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Regular meeting this Thursday, November 2nd - 1:30pm - and I won't be there due to a prior commitment. Will be in Ocala, mingling with the "Horse Set". They're not really the "Horse Set"; they're a bunch of fellow retirees, former YMCA Directors; we get together 5 or six times a year; and this is one of those times. NOT TO WORRY — Mike Volpe is in charge and will run the meeting and he's been practicing with the club computer.

We have a guest speaker - Ron Siegrist - with a timely presentation on security - all kinds of security measures that each of us should consider.

Mike Volpe is scheduled for a presentation on features overlooked in cameras for iOS.

Next month's meeting is not fully planned but because its December 7th (and December is sort of a party month because of the holidays) we'll have some fun too:

Apple Trivia - (there's no way you can study for this)

Refreshments - Mike will tell us what is needed

Elections - NO punch cards will be used, only raised hands

And we will have an "educational" presentation (the Board will decide next week, Dec. 14th)

Now some important BUSINESS:

Have you paid your dues yet? \$12 ind.; \$18 family - See Lou Bessen

We NEED a photographer to take pictures that might be used in the papers.

We NEED an Assistant Recording Secretary to write up Minutes of Board meetings - until Carolyn Rosenfeld returns from Canada

We NEED to have **YOU** agree to take on a club office by agreeing to have your name put in nomination at THIS MEETING;

elections will be in December

Note: Some of our current officers have been in their position for far too long and are getting tired - some have told me they'd like to try something else - lets let them try something else

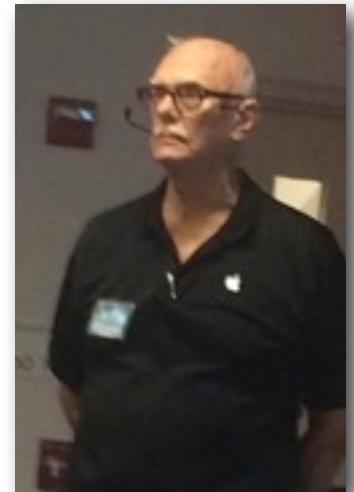
Enough for now - have a good time at the meeting.

Carl Gaites

President

EAMUG Cover QUESTION:

can you guess where this apple store is located?

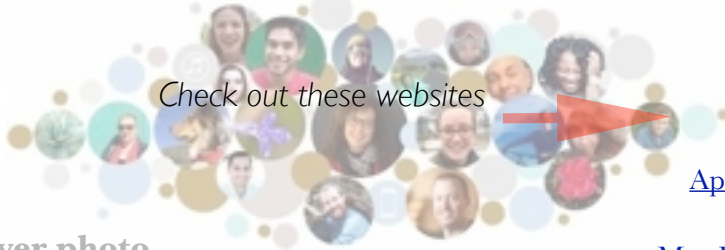




Help for Beginners/Newcomers



On line **information** is ready for You



Check out these websites

[Official Apple Support Communities](#)

[iWorkCommunity](#) | [Templates Exchange](#)

[AppleCentral Forums](#) | [Forums powered by UBB.threads™](#)

Cover photo...

Apple store interior

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

Wow what a Deal ! Friends, info, Support, sea side parties, and member raffle

Questions? e-Mail: bessen@verizon.net

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EAMUG Dues - Join or Renewal Individual \$12/Family \$18

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.

**new DSIG location this
month**



Bring your device!



DSIG
Devices & Laptops
Don't Miss It!!

Thursday, November 9, 2017

2:00–4:00 PM

at the **Jackaranda** Library.

New features of iOS 11.0.3
Anything you want to share
How to do stuff

Device Special Interest Group (DSIG) October meeting 2017



Do you have an iPhone, iPad or MacBook? Do you know that we have a Device Special Interest Group (DSIG) that meets every **second Thursday of the month**, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Elsie Quirk Library? Did you miss the October meeting? Well, if you did, you missed a fun and informative session! Carl Schwartz, our very experienced and knowledgeable facilitator, started us off with general interest topics. We then gathered into two smaller groups with Carl helping those who brought their MacBooks and Katrina Meyer offering tips and information for those with their iPhones and iPads. We also looked at the pros and cons of updating our devices to iOS 11. Since many bugs and problems have been reported to Apple, several of us decided to wait to update our devices. So far, iOS 11.0.3 looks more stable, indicating the bugs have been "exterminated"!

So mark you calendar now to attend the DSIG on Nov. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your devices and any questions you may have and get ready to learn and have some fun! See you there!

Submitted by Katrina Meyer

SIG what you missed

11 of us were present at the Elsie Quirk Library* on the 2nd floor at 2:00 PM

Carl demoed how to hold a iPhone... depends on the model
cup hand to reflect sound from speaker and mike.
Place top on center of ear so you don't ear dial

On the iPhone I also showed how to use (flick up) the Control Center to go to flashlight, airplane mode (low battery use), timer, calculator, camera and that...
you may add controls by...

Settings > Control center > Customize Controls
I added voice memo and Low power mode

I also demoed how to navigate and set up features on a new iBook computer

*Remember this month (**November**) only, we meet at the **Jackaranda Library**

Submitted by Carl Schwartz

Apple **news** from <https://9to5mac.com/>

Suggested Apple models to **buy or avoid** from <http://www.businessinsider.com/apple-mac-computers-you-should-buy-and-which-to-avoid-2017-7/#macbook-air-1>

by Angela Taylor

1. Here's why you should never charge your phone in your car:

<https://flipboard.com/@flipboard/-heres-why-you-should-never-charge-your-/f-a5ab020e21%2Fbusinessinsider.com>

2. Latest news on Equifax:

<https://twocents.lifehacker.com/the-latest-news-on-the-equifax-hack-updating-1812224799>

3. You must put a freeze on at Innovis and Chex Systems also besides the famous 3 credit bureaus !!

<https://www.innovis.com/>

https://www.chexsystems.com/web/chexsystems/consumerdebit/page/securityfreeze/information!/ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLMnMz0vMAfljo8ziDRxdHA1Ngg183AP83QwcXX39LIJDfYwMvM30w1EV-HuEGAEVuPq4Gxt5G7oHmuhHkaQfTYGBOWX6gQrA-nEARwN9L1QL0NzvaggKAaMiX2ffdP2ogsSSDN3MvLR8_QhPIFmUCw4loBOiCBmCXwEolPD6ExQMhDxSkBsaGIHlkxbsmekIAE6xunk!/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/


4. **A Huge Hole in Wi-Fi Security Leaves Just About Everyone at Risk:** This could be the Armageddon of the Internet. It's no overstatement to say the crap could be about to hit the Wi-Fi fan.

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2017/10/what-you-should-know-about-the-crack-wifi-security-weakness/>

5. Install this program for each browser you use called Https Everywhere, found here – this secures your browser communications:

<https://www.eff.org/https-everywhere>



Here is a link from  about a product related to security issues (our first presentation by Ron) : <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20171030005127/en/LegalShields-IDShield-Identity-Theft-Solution-Leads-Industry>

-your editor

Some small tips on how to tell if the reviews on Amazon are fake or not.

- **Similar keywords in multiple reviews:** Companies brief these fake-review-writers with a short [product](#) description and what they want to hear. This comes with some keywords or phrases that the manufacturer wants. If many reviews repeat such phrases, you know what to discount.
- **Reviews that are too positive without being specific:** Nothing is perfect, but some reviews talk up a product with big adjectives and action words. Don't trust these.
- **Lots of reviews in a short time frame:** If an item has a large number of reviews in the space of a few days, that's a deal-breaker.

How To Fight Back:

Two apps do a good job of flagging fake reviews. ReviewMeta is the older of the two, while [Fakespot uses a few new techniques](#). But largely, both work well to get rid of the obvious fakes.

Add the link of the Amazon product in the space on [ReviewMeta](#) or [Fakespot](#). The smart algorithms will analyze all the reviews, and tell you which ones you can trust and which one you can't.

Ignore the star ratings. Instead of concentrating on the 5 star reviews read the 3 star ones. Those will usually tell you both the pros and cons of the item, giving you a fairer picture.

Stop thinking "verified purchase" is a good way to evaluate a review. Companies that sell fake reviews in bulk have gotten smarter. The new deals include a commission from the manufacturer to actually buy the products so that the fake review gets a "Verified Purchase" tag. Which means you can't blindly trust such reviews, you still need to analyze it.

In some ways, [Amazon](#) itself is to blame for this. It hasn't helped this cause with initiatives like [the Amazon Vine Reviewer program](#). To increase reviews, Amazon pays people to buy the product or offers extreme discounts.



So as they say, "Buyer Beware" or "Caveat Emptor".

Complete article can be found at:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/spot-fake-reviews-amazon/>

*thanks to **Dennis Ricke** who edited down an excellent article on the dangers of trusting Amazon reviews*



A major change in the **MacOS 10.13 High Sierra** is the switch to Apple's new Apple File system, or APFS. This was covered pretty heavily in the announcements earlier this year but many of us might have let it slip our minds. With any luck, you'll barely notice the change, just as almost no one did earlier this year when Apple updated millions of iOS devices to APFS with iOS 10.3. But let's unpack what APFS is, why you should care, and what gotchas you might encounter.

A file system is a mechanism for storing files on a hard disk or SSD- it keeps track of where on the drive the pieces that make up each file are located, along with metadata about each file, such as its name, size, creation and modification dates, and so on. You see all this information in the Finder, but since the file system is a level below the Finder, you won't have to learn anything new when Apple starts using APFS.

Why is Apple making this switch? In 1985, Apple first developed the Hierarchical File System (HFS) for Mac, later replacing it with HFS+ in 1998. Although HFS+, now called Mac OS Extended in Disk Utility, has received numerous updates in the last two decades, it wasn't designed to deal with terabyte-sized drives, solid-state drives based on flash storage, full-disk encryption, or supercomputer-class Macs.

That's where APFS comes in. Being a modern file system, it's vastly faster than HFS+. For instance, have you ever used File > Get Info to see how much disk space a folder uses? For a folder containing thousands of files, it can take minutes before you see that number. But with APFS, calculating folder sizes becomes nearly instantaneous, as does duplicating a file that's gigabytes in size. Saving files should also be faster.

APFS is also more resistant to data loss or file corruption due to application crashes, and it keeps your data more secure with advanced backup and encryption capabilities. If you use FileVault to encrypt your drive, APFS will change the underlying encryption mechanism during the upgrade, but everything will look and work just as always has.

When you install High Sierra on a Mac with an SSD or Flash Storage, which includes all recent Mac Notebooks and many desktop Macs, your drive will be converted to APFS automatically. You cannot opt out of the conversions, and the installation will take a bit longer. However, if your Mac has a hard disk drive for Fusion Drive, it can't be converted to APFS at this time. (If you're not sure what sort of storage your Mac has, choose About This Mac from the Apple menu and click the Storage tab) This is one of those gotcha's I mentioned, there are others. However, most won't affect you. Here are some things to be aware of that you might notice.

---Mac's running OS X 10.11 El Capitan and earlier cannot mount or read volumes formatted as APFS. So don't format external hard disks or USB flash drives as APFS if you might need to use them with older Macs. However, Macs running High Sierra from APFS-formatted drives work fine with external hard disks still formatted as HFS+

---Although the High Sierra installed can convert a volume from HFS+ to APFS during installation, you cannot convert an APFS volume back to HFS+ without first erasing it. You'll have to back up any data on it, format as APFS and then restore the data.

---I recommend against using old disk repair and recovery software that hasn't been updated for High Sierra on an APFS-formatted volume.

---Apple's 'Boot Camp', which lets you run Windows on your Mac doesn't support read/write to APFS-formatted Mac Volumes

---Volumes formatted as APFS can't offer share points over the network using AFP and must instead use SMB or NFS.

Apart from the problem of APFS-formatted USB flash drives not being readable by older Macs most people shouldn't run into any problems with APFS. The changes are all under the hood and will just result in a faster Mac, a more reliable machine and one that is more secure. It's unlikely that most users will even notice these changes, so back up your Mac and install High Sierra! *Author: D. Ricke*

EAMUG Board of Directors Meeting on October 12, 2017

Members Present: Carl Gaites, Prez; Mike Volpe, Veep; Lou Beesen, Keeper of the Coffers; David Pascal, Librarian & Webmaster; Carl Schwartz, Newsletter editor; and Carol Bryan, Membership Chair. Guest Ron Siegrist from Legal Shield attended as a potential presenter on security options.

A substantial portion of the meeting included discussions with our guest preparing us for his presentation at the November 2nd Meeting, 2:15-3:00. After his departure we continued with our regular meeting.

Keeper of the Coffers Lou Beesen reported 46 EAMUG members. Attendance at the October meeting was 15 plus one guest. We did get a meeting notice in the SUN papers.

Carl Schwartz, Leader of our Special Interest Group (SIG) informed the Board that a conflict with the library's schedule will require his November 9th session to be held at the **Jacaranda Library** and the December 14th session to be a social event at his home. This will be discussed further with attendees and might be changed.

Mike Volpe agreed to upgrade the new computer. [Note: He did! but it wasn't easy... he might tell us how he had to do it.]

The Board was reminded that Nominations for Officers will be received at the November meeting with elections in December.

November meeting program will include:

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And that's pretty much the way it went,
Carl Gaites
Prez and temporary acting substitute Secretary

Future Meetings

General Meeting on	November 2, 2017	1:30 PM
Board Meeting on	November 9, 2017	11:30 AM
SIG Meeting on	November 9, 2017	2:00 PM

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General Meetings on 1st Thursday

Board Meetings on 2nd Thursday at 11:30

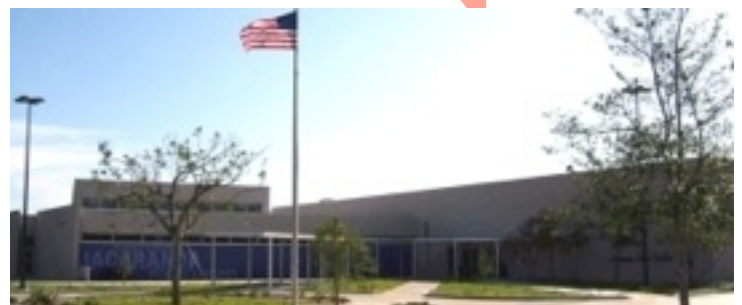
SIG Meetings on 2nd Thursday at 2:00

new **DSIG** location this month only: Nov 9, 2017

Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Library

4143 Woodmere Park Boulevard

Venice, Florida 34293-5238



*Our meeting location Thanks to our webmaster, David,
and Google Maps*

<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.