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## Next Up: iCloud, Dropbox and Dropbox Alternatives

That's a lot of atmosphere to cover, to be sure. And who better to do it than Sue Westlake! iCloud and Dropbox are a potent combination that define cloud computing for many Mac users. See Sue put it all together for you at our next monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 14 in the Senior Room in Buker Community Center, 22 Armory Street, Augusta.

## It Wasn't Just Me

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At the February 8 CAMP meeting yours truly delivered an excoriating rant against the Lion (OS 10.7) versions of iCal and Address Book. In iCal, I badly missed the lefthand sidebar in prior versions which contained the calendar list and mini-month display. In Address Book, I found the move from a three-paned view to a two-paned view very confusing to work with. Well, Apple apparently stopped to smell the silicon. A large number of news sources have reported that OS 10.8, Mountain Lion, will roll back these (boneheaded) changes.

## Wireless Router Configuration

There is an excellent [Apple support article](#) which explains various wireless router configuration settings, discusses available options, and makes recommendations for reliability, speed and compatibility. In addition to the clear explanations, the most noteworthy feature of the article is its focus on equipment manufactured by companies other than Apple. This is a must-read for anyone without a technical background who manages a home wireless network.

## Head in the Cloud(s)

I recently bit the bullet and migrated from MobileMe to iCloud. No surprises, gaffes or gotchas on either my account

or my wife's account or on any Mac or iOS device in the house. Our PowerMac G5, which my wife sometimes uses, runs Leopard and is too old to run Lion and iCloud. However, it was very easy using [these instructions](#) to configure Leopard Mail to sync both ways with iCloud Mail. Unfortunately, the same is not true of Address Book. Address Book in pre-Lion versions of Mac OS cannot sync with iCloud Address Book.

Of course, even on a Leopard Mac your synced contacts are available at [www.icloud.com](http://www.icloud.com). And while mousing around in iCloud I discovered that Apple has \*finally\* resolved one of my biggest beefs with MobileMe. Specifically, in the mail module of MobileMe it was impossible to send an email to a

contact group you had created in Address Book on a Mac. Although MobileMe Mail could look up individual contacts in its addressee field, it was blind to groups.

Thankfully, this is no longer the case in iCloud Mail. Start typing the name of a contact group in the addressee field of a new message, and the group name appears in the lookahead list of possible matches. In the adjoining screenshot, I typed “camp” in the address field of a new message in iCloud mail. “Camp Directors” and “Camp Members” appeared in the dropdown list of possible matches. I selected “CAMP Members,” whereupon iCloud Mail duly inserted the names of the group members in the address field. Yay, Apple!

#### Exit Strategies

Apple’s keyboard shortcuts for restart, shutdown and sleep are tremendous timesavers—if you can keep them all straight. The following table applies to Lion and appears in this [Apple support article](#).

| ACTION   | SHORTCUT   |
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| Put the computer to sleep                                | Command (⌘)–Option–Media Eject key (⏏)   |
| Turn off the computer                                    | Power button   |
| Force the computer to shut down                          | Hold down the Power button   |
| Force the computer to restart                            | Command (⌘)-Control-Power button   |
| Put all displays to sleep                                | Shift-Control-Media Eject key (⏏)  |
| Open a dialog that lets you sleep, restart, or shut down | Control-Media Eject key (⏏)<br>Click a button in the dialog, or press S to sleep, R to restart, Return to shut down, or Esc to cancel. |

