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Change in Meeting Time

Beginning this month, our short directors meetings will start at 6:30 p.m., with the general membership meeting starting immediately thereafter. The goal is to finish at about 8:30 p.m. instead of 9:00. So, plan on arriving at 6:30 if you are a director and roughly 6:45 if you are not. Of course, all members are welcome to attend directors meetings if they wish.

November Meeting Program

Kathy Ahearn is on a mind-meld of sorts. After demonstrating Inspiration earlier this year, she is now shifting her attention to Scapple, a mind mapping product from Literature & Latte. Explore your mind by joining us on November 13, 6:45 p.m. at Buker Community Center, Room 11, 22 Armory Street, Augusta.



Mavericks Has Landed!

Surf's up, bros! Mavericks is here. And the price is most certainly right.

While most of Mavericks' features were announced last June, Apple kept mum on how much it would cost. You could have knocked me over with a feather when I heard during the keynote that Apple is giving it away for free. Compare that to Microsoft, whose operating systems cost a very pretty penny.

Much has been written about the benefits of the new OS, including all the under-the-hood tweaks to memory usage, battery life and CPU performance that may not be immediately apparent. Here are two of are my favorite Mavericks features:

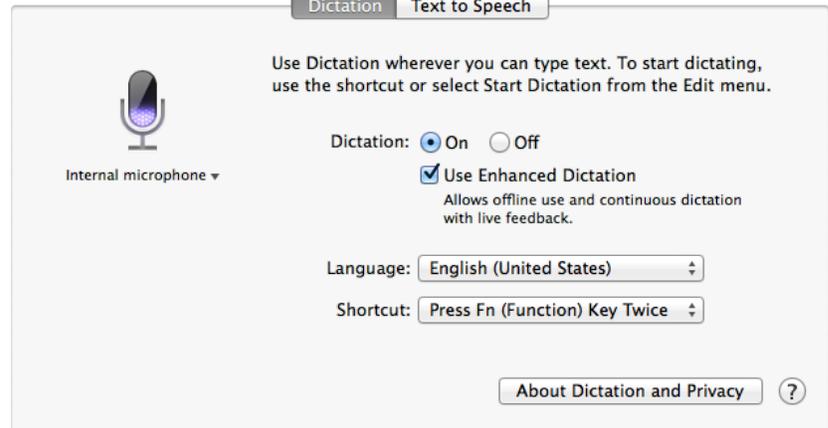
Apple Giveth, and Apple Taketh

Alas, not all is sweetness and light in Mavericks-land. Amidst all the new capabilities of Mavericks and its accompanying software upgrades I've discovered two disconcerting rollbacks. From what I've read in on line forums, you'll undoubtedly discover more yourself

In Safari 6.0 did you enjoy the cover flow view of your browsing history in the top sites window? Well, kiss it goodbye in Safari 7.0. No more flicking your finger(s) across a trackpad or magic mouse to watch thumbnails of your previously-viewed web pages go whizzing by.

The most bothersome feature-suck I've come across, however, is in Pages 5.0, the successor to Pages '09. (Note: All the iWork updates are free to owners of their 2009 predecessors.) For some reason Apple eliminated the ability to link text boxes. For ordinary word processing documents this is no big deal, as text boxes are usually small items such as callouts, captions, etc. But in page layout documents, text boxes are crucial. All articles that span more than one page are a series of long, linked text boxes. If your newsletter will contain more than one multi-page article, forget about creating it in the new Pages. Other than this one limitation, Pages 5.0 is pretty nice. The newsletter you're reading now is based on one of Apple's new Pages templates. ☀

Enhanced Dictation



Dictation has now been brought from the internet into the operating system. When you tick the Use Enhanced Dictation checkbox in the Dictation & Speech preference pane (or just start dictating in any supported application), you will be prompted to download the speech library direct to your hard drive. Because speech is no longer processed on Apple's servers, you no longer need to speak in 30-second chunks, and your words appear on screen as you type.

New Bookmarks Layout in Safari



Part of the enhanced sidebar, bookmarks now display in a vertical nested list format that is much easier to work with than the former dual

pane layout, and no longer truncate the web page you were looking at when you open the sidebar.

Everyone, of course, will have their own favorite Mavericks rips. What are yours? ☀