

EAMUG

ENGLEWOOD AREA MACINTOSH USERS GROUP

public meeting
February 4th
1:30 PM at the
Elsie Quirk Library

Our Program for the February 4 meeting:

- 1:00 - 2:00 Mac 101/Q and A Mary Lou Dobson
- 2:00 - 2:40 *The Broken Computer* Dennis Ricke
- 2:40 - 3:00 Break/socializing
- 3:00 - 3:45 Using *Facebook* Amy Watson
- 3:45 - 3:55 Did You Know? Mike Volpe
- 3:55 - 4:00 Door Prize Drawing



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President's Message February 2010

Fifty-two people attended the meeting in January. *iCal* presented by Mary Lou Dobson was the first demonstration following Mac 101. Rachel Nellis presented a continuation of the topic "Creating a Newsletter in *Pages*" which she had started in a previous month. She even handed out an outline of what she covered to those present. Members have since requested that she continue to do more.

At the board meeting the following day we had about 15 people present, three of whom were interested members. At that meeting, it was agreed upon that if we have no beginners/newcomers present at the general meeting, we will have a Q&A session instead. Send in your *Qs* so that we can prepare the *As*.

Many thanks to member Dennis Ricke, our new EAMUG librarian, for having created and uploaded a webpage containing information about our EAMUG library. Why not avail yourself of one of the perks of being an EAMUG member? Below are details paraphrased from an email received from Dennis.

- Links to full reviews and summaries of the books for each graphic.
- Instructions for checking out a book.
- Email links next to each title so members can easily send out a request.
- Some basic instructions and time lines for checkout.
- <http://mysite.verizon.net/dricke712/EAMUGLibrary.htm>

Dennis Ricke also uploaded a .pdf of his presentation for February. See the article, Page 5, this issue.

One Question that was sent in just before the general meeting was from charter member Billy Patton who is interested in knowing if any of the members have tried *Google's* free *Chrome* as an Internet Browser and what the opinion of it was. Can you help him with Answers? Here's a quick link to [Email your opinions to EAMUG](#)

Alternate browsers are *Safari* and *Firefox* as well as *Camino* and *Opera*. There are others—those mentioned are more well-known.

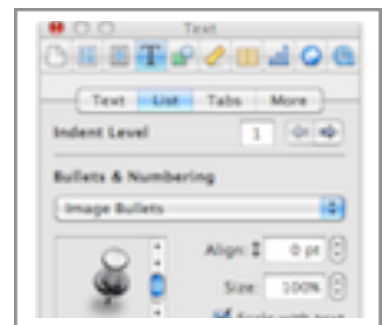
Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on February 4. The program will have member Dennis Ricke presenting ways to help yourself with a *Broken Computer* and member Amy Watson showing us how we can have fun and find people on *Facebook*.

Members Bill and Lori Smith went on a cruise in January, 2010. Here is part of an email I recently received from them: 'Our cruise was great in spite of a little rain here and there. We were the first ship to arrive in Haiti with relief and supplies plus the over \$50,000 collected from passengers on board.'

—*Mary Lou Dobson*

Those Little Pushpins In the President's Message

I really think they are clever. I wonder if you like them. I discovered them in the *Apple iWork '09* application, *Pages*. They are in the Inspector under Text > List > Bullets and Numbering > Image Bullets > in the scroll box. I wonder if they can be altered.



Are Search Engines Reliable?

Someone recently sent me an email and I replied to the sender, who did not originate it, that the information in it was highly questionable. She then asked me if *Google* was reliable because of the email she had received and forwarded to me, about a prominent person. The original email included the words, **I checked this on a Google search and found it to be correct!**

I like to be accurate about a subject before I forward an email, so I did a *Google* search and saw that yes, there were about 237,000 results for that search. Not all of the information in those results agreed! "It was not correct!" I emailed her back with the following information as I believe it:

Google is not an expert, *Google* is *only* a Search Engine. As far as that goes it is reliable in that it will bring up lots of results for whatever you type in. *Google* is *not* an authority. Some inexperienced web users believe that if information has been found with *Google*, that it is factual. It is only information!

The results/pages/sites that *Google*, *Yahoo*, *Bing*, *dogpile* (yes, *dogpile*) or other search engines bring up are only as reliable as the sources of those pages, and their authors.

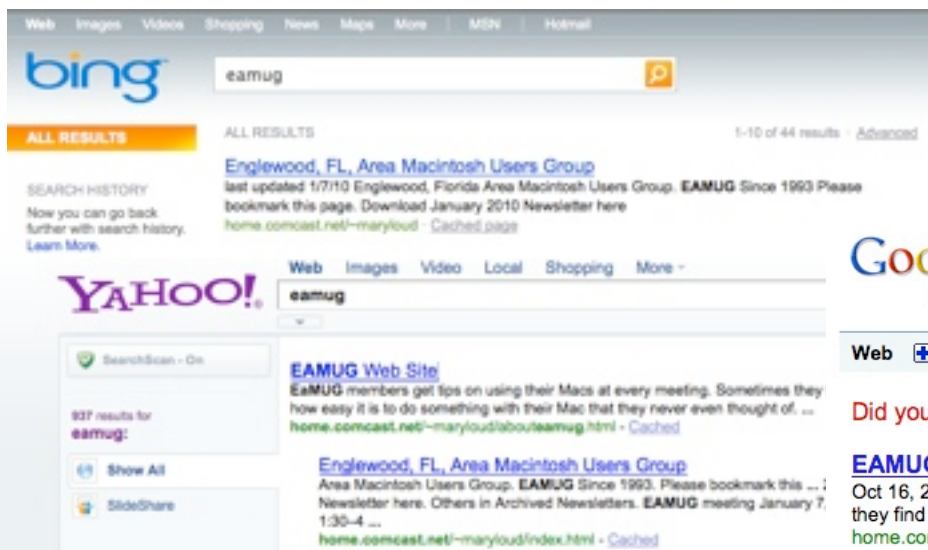
For instance, I could put up webpages that that include this information: 'Mary Lou is a chair.' Or the comment: 'Windsor is the name of a kind of chair.' Or 'Mary Lou writes articles.' When someone would search for 'Mary Lou is a chair' (without the quotation marks) all those pages would appear in the results, as well as many others. We all know that the item searched for is untrue, however *Google* would find references to it or part of it. It would find all the pages with *Mary Lou* in them, all the ones that have the word *chair* in them, and probably many results for all those pages that have *is* in them. Some of those cited would be opinion not fact. I did a *Google* search for 'Mary Lou is a chair' and came up with 1,130,000 Results.

People who have or create websites and webpages populate the text or the source text with many words relevant to the subject so *Google* will be sure to find the pages and include them in the results. That's one of the ways the results are ranked. Just because a result is first in the listing doesn't mean it is the best, or most factual. That is part of what is called Search Engine Optimization or SEO. Some of those words might only have minimal relevance to the topic. Often the top ones are paid advertisements. (Usually having a pale, colored background.)

Using a search engine is much like going to a superfast library catalog. There are some books in the public library that are not entirely factual or not factual at all. The library doesn't screen them for accuracy or truth. Nor does *Google* or other search engines.

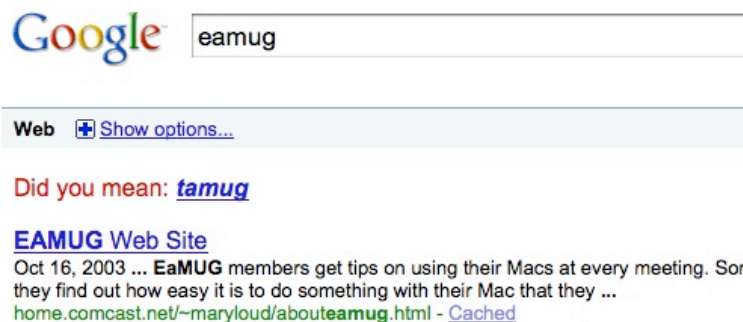
—*Mary Lou Dobson*

Who do you ask? *All other things being equal, search engines differ a bit in their results.*



On 1/26/2010 I asked the big 3 about eamug. As you can see, Bing was right on target, Yahoo next and Google also had the info, but was a bit dated.

—*Carl Schwartz*



EAMUG Web Site
Jan 5, 2009 ... One of the great perks of belonging to the **EAMUG** is its Librarian borrowable materials listed here. Keep coming to this page to see ... home.comcast.net/~maryloud/eamuglibrary.html - Cached

Computer Tutor, Too, Tips for February 2010

eMail me a question to [maryloud at mac.com](mailto:maryloud@mac.com) especially to have it answered at the meeting. I don't put in the @ online anymore because there are *bots* on the web which look for that kind of thing and then send Spam. I would need you to put the @ in place of the word 'at.' Since I made it a link, just click on it. This will be happening in more places as people learn about the purpose of putting it that way.

Font Size

While in *TextEdit* I opened the Fonts window and saw a little slider to the right side of the numbers. By selecting your text and using the slider you can change the size without having to guess at the number you want.

Print to PDF

If you are working in any *Apple* application, just go to File > Print > PDF > Save as PDF, then open it and print it on paper if you wish. If you are working in Windows on your Mac, and want to print a PDF from *Word*, click the Save icon at the top left in *Word*. The Save As window will open. At the bottom of the window, name the file. In the Save As Type box, click the down arrow. Select PDF. Click Save. It doesn't actually print the PDF from your printer. To do that, you have to open the PDF and then print it.

No Support? No Problem

Some of my clients are concerned that *Apple* is no longer supporting some applications (like *AppleWorks*). That only means that *Apple* doesn't answer questions, problems, etc., about it. And that it might not work with the code in a future system. It doesn't mean it doesn't work now. (I use *AppleWorks* often with Snow Leopard, as well as Leopard. You don't have to switch to any other application. I just copied my *AppleWorks* folder from my older computer to my new one.

Back Up

If you haven't yet backed up your Hard Drive this year, it would be a good idea to either do it right now, or make an appointment with yourself to do it in the next 24–48 hours. Especially if you have never had a hard drive fail. They say that everyone with a computer will have a hard drive crash (fail) in their lifetime.

Scary—That's Why You Back Up

One of our members recently tried to start up her iMac and what she got was a black screen. She didn't know if the hard drive had failed. Unfortunately, there was a disk in the CD/DVD drive which would not eject, so some of the solutions to the problem were not available (like starting up from the *Snow Leopard* (her current system) installation disk or using some kind of utility like *TechTool Pro* which is on a CD). Target Disk Mode may work in this instance but she does not have another Mac.

Update: After spending some of her time trying to solve the problem herself, the member decided to not wait and she went to Sarasota to *Computer Advantage*. There in a few minutes the tech discovered that the RAM (Memory) chips were not properly seated. That means they weren't tight in the chip holder.) He reseated the RAM and everything was fine!! The iMac started right up. The RAM had been upgraded by the member herself after watching how it was done on YouTube. It hadn't completely clicked in. It's surprising that the inability to boot up had not occurred within the two months since she installed the RAM upgrade. The happy (satisfied) member headed home with the thought of backing up her whole hard drive since next time she might not be so fortunate.

—*Mary Lou Dobson*

Recently I took over being the Librarian for EAMUG and started to sort through the materials we had for checkout. I have created a website for you to see the books, read some information about them, and made it easy for you to request that I to bring one to you at our meetings.

The website address is: <http://mysite.verizon.net/dricke712/EAMUGLibrary.htm>

AUTHOR	TITLE	SUMMARY	NUMBER
Landau	Mac OS X Help Line	Tiger On the spot technical help when you need it.	1 Email Request Link

So if you would like a book you will find an email link next to each title just send me a note and I'll try to remember to bring it to our next meeting.

Checkout period is for one month or until the next meeting. If we have a huge amount of folks that request a book I might ask you to return it to me so I can move it along a little quicker.



Darn, It's Broke!

by [Dennis Ricke, the Apple Fanatic](#)

This month I will be doing a presentation on fixing your computer when it goes belly up. I uploaded a pdf of my presentation and you can look it over before the meeting. Since this can be a little complicated, a little advance time with the presentation might help you get more out of it. The site is:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/dricke712/broke.pdf>

Bring questions!

—*Dennis Ricke*

Our February **12th SIG** will be **Photography on a Mac** with Rachel Nellis.

Topic to be announced at the general meeting 2/4/2010



Annual EAMUG 2010 Dues are now due - Individual \$12 or Family \$18.

ATTENTION OCTOGENARIANS! The EAMUG Board offers Complimentary Membership status exempt from 2010 dues for those who have reached the age of 80 and have been a member of EAMUG for at least one year.

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Dues can be paid by check or cash to the Treasurer, Curt Lundeen, at the

User Group meeting (in an envelope, please) or by **mail** to: Curt Lundeen, Treasurer
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Make checks out to: **Curt Lundeen, Treasurer** (NOT TO "EAMUG").

You may also give the check to Lou Bessen, Assistant Treasurer, (made out to **Curt Lundeen, Treasurer**).
If you are a new member, please include your application form.

Florida MUG o' the Month

Southwest Florida Macintosh User Group

files.me.com/fnelson2/of1ud8

*A great nearby Mac Group
whose newsletter that I enjoy
viewing each month...*

—Carl

Open Source Mac

A simple list of free, open-source software for Mac OS X.



<http://www.opensourcemac.org/>

As some of you may know, I am an open source software enthusiast. I ran across this website which puts a lot of the useful open-source Apple Macintosh Applications in one neat place. The Icons represent the ones I use, only a small part of the neat free and useful applications that are available at this site.

—Carl Schwartz

Open Source Software — software whose source code is published and made available to the public, enabling anyone to copy, modify and redistribute the source code without paying royalties or fees. Open source code evolves through community cooperation. *from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*



EAMUG Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2010

The EAMUG Board meeting was held at the Elks Club with the following board members present: Mary Lou Dobson, Dale Watson, Mike Volpe, Georgia Britton, Jo Crebbin, Bill Kiefer, Curt Lundeen, Christina Anglin, Carl Schwartz, Dianne Roberto, Carolyn Rosenfeld and Dennis Ricke. Visiting EAMUG members were Roger Peters, Jo Arndt, and Liz Vaughn.

Curt Lundeen gave the Treasurer's report.

Georgia Britton, reported that we currently have 132 members. Eighteen are honorary members. We had 52 present at the January meeting. We currently have 47 paid up members for 2010.

Old business:

Mike Volpe asked for feedback about the January meeting. The sound system performed well except for some static. Not setting up tables for those with laptops provided more room for chairs for members. This will continue until further notice. Meeting dates have been confirmed. The first Thursday of each month is in place until May. Mike also informed us that date contracts are renewable in May.

Dale Watson gave an update on the free-for-members March Social. He will check with Glenn Freeman to ensure that the date is March 18, 2010. It was decided to have a barbecue buffet catered by Englewood restaurant, *Food is Love*, with members contributing salads, desserts and snacks. The club will provide ice, water, soft drinks, table-settings and door prizes. *Food is Love* will provide a choice of pulled pork or barbecued chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, and cornbread. Dale will have signup sheets for those attending, for those who want to contribute food items and those who want to sign up for to assist with setting up and cleanup. Further discussion at the February meeting.

Carl Schwartz offered to donate a new lighter carrying case for the EAMUG computer. Thanks, Carl.

Mary Lou suggested we include a section with checkboxes on the membership form, so that joining members can indicate in which ways they would like participate. It could include choices such as: Newsletter, Web Site, Special Events, Setting Up, Telephoning, Putting the Sign in the Lobby, etc.

Mary Lou suggested we continue to encourage members to submit questions by email for the Q and A sessions. It will allow for more complete answers. We will give priority to those advance questions.

New business:

Our lightweight sign was missing in the library lobby for the January meeting. We need someone to place it and return it at the end of the meeting. It was suggested that this job be combined with taking care of lights and doors. Perhaps a new position as Operations Manager is needed.

Mary Lou felt strongly that our Newcomer's page in the newsletter be kept about the same each month. Should this be a recurring item? There was discussion about using our web site which could be regularly updated. Dennis Ricke will research possible options.

Carl mentioned that submissions to the newsletter must be sent to him earlier. Ideally, he would like them two weeks before the next meeting.

It was decided that if there are no Beginner questions, the time slot will allow Q & A from all members.

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We decided to put Dennis Ricke's demo on the web site and include it in the newsletter.

In future presentations, we may want to focus on what an application's features are rather than just how to use it. We discussed whether to confine presentations to free apps that come with an *Apple* computer, or those specially purchased such as *Bento*, *iWork*, *iLife* and others.

The *iPhoto* SIG for January 8th was excellent and very well attended. It was followed up by an exciting photo shoot at the Fishery and Boca Grande.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Anglin, Secretary



We welcome visitors at our meeting

1:30 PM Elsie Quirk Library 2/4/2010



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