



SAAUCery

May 2016

May Meetings:

Friday 6th May @ 7:30pm



(doors open @ 7:00pm)

On Friday, Gary Davies will show us some design software he has found useful.

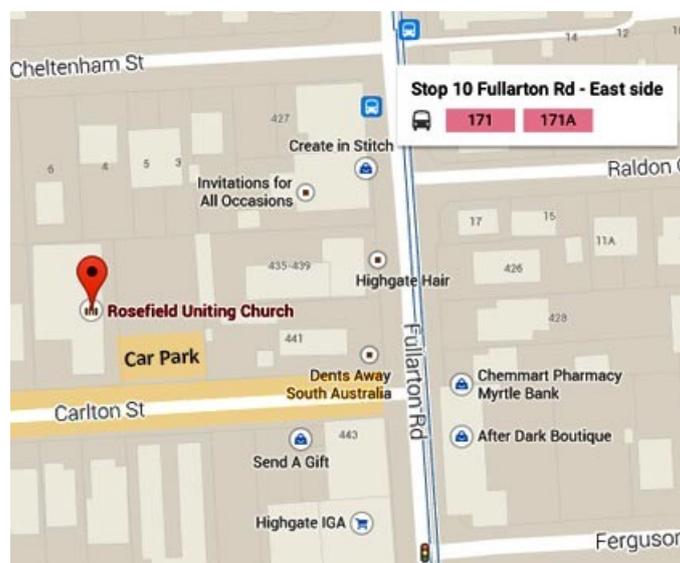
For Gary, a previous user of the Adobe Suite of Apps, Gary found that new Mac hardware made his old versions incompatible and the subscription licensing of the new versions too expensive for hobby use.

He found Printworks by Blight to be a reasonable alternative to InDesign for DTP at an affordable price.

Gary will also show us some other capable Apps which are far less costly than the professional software he once used at work.

We hope you can make it to our meeting.

& Wednesday 11th @ 2:00pm



Meetings at Rosefield UC 2 Carlton Street Highgate – off Fullarton Rd between Fisher Street & Cross Road

Street View <<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-34.960106,138.624922,3a,90y,357.08h,90.59t/data=!3m4!1e1!3m2!1sbqkyXXNQ39xIB7LKVM0QyQ!2e0!6m1!1e1>>

From our President

Isn't it amazing how many new things there are to learn - the other day I read scientists have developed an artificial spine which will change quadraplegics' lives. A priest recently baptised a baby and spoke of the child being amongst the congregation for the next one hundred years. During the Tang Dynasty the Chinese believed they had invented everything, sat back on their laurels and were finally overthrown. We can never think there is nothing left to achieve. It is good to be part of the changes taking place around us and to be open to new ideas.

Technology and communications are now so important in our lives and we are continually being challenged by the new. SAAUC provides a platform for members to share and learn from each other in a friendly atmosphere. We are able to be discerning, pick out the areas which interest us more than others, but be on the lookout for the new which we never could have imagined 100/50/20/10 years ago. Our member Gary Davies will be giving us a presentation next Friday, 6th May, on Printworks and Image Tricks, Art Text, which I expect will give me a lot of new ideas - hope to see you there.

Regards

Marie



MacBook Update

<http://www.apple.com/au/macbook/>



The lightest Mac laptop now has faster “Skylake” Core M chips which include the faster Intel HD Graphics 515 graphics processor, capable of dual screen operation.

A new colour, Rose Gold, (metallic pink) has been added to the range, otherwise, the new appears identical to the previous models.

If you are looking to buy one of these when there are discounts, check that you are buying a new model.

Options are few, 256 GB Flash Drive \$1,999 or 256GB Flash Drive, \$2,449, both have 8GB RAM, If buying from Apple you can order a faster CPU for an extra \$240.

Apple Support

<https://support.apple.com/en-au>

The support pages have been redesigned and apparently make finding help easier, see what you think.

WWDC June 13–17, 2016

<http://www.macrumors.com/roundup/wwdc/>



Unfortunately, bookings have closed, however you saved US\$1,599 plus airfares, accommodation and meals by not attending.

You will still be able to watch the keynote free on-line, live or at your leisure afterwards.

As many Apple news sites show, there are expectations and rumours galore, some of them have merit.

Any Mac without a 6th Gen Skylake CPU is now well behind the industry norm.

The Pro range is overdue for upgrade too, Thunderbolt 3 is now only found on “the Dark side” even though it was Apple who worked with intel to make Thunderbolt possible.

USB 3.1 (aka Type C) is likely to find it’s way onto more Mac’s as it is also the Thunderbolt 3 connector. RAM and Flash Memory has dropped in price substantially over the last few years so one would hope for price drops or bigger drives for the same prices.

As for iPhone Phones (see article further down) speculation about features and design abound.

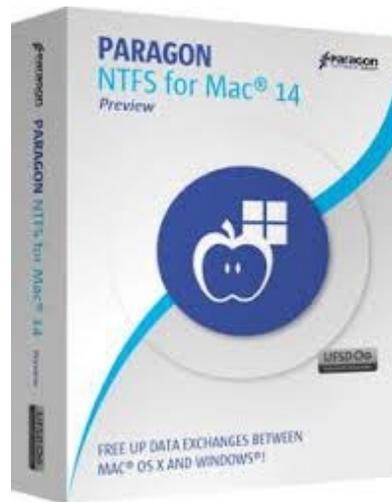
It is the 10th Anniversary of the iPhone so some expect something really special to be announced.

As Mike mentions, the next version of the OS for Mac is likely to be called MacOS again. It will be interesting to see where Apple see the Mac after declaring at the last event that the iPadPro is the future of personal computing. The alliance with IBM to make the iPad more useful for business use may be explained and demonstrated with a new version of iOS. As always, Apple will excite some and baffle others with their new releases.

While the event graphics mimic an old computer screen, the font used is new, said by many to be San Francisco Mono, a clear font for watch screens and the like.

Paragon Software's NTFS for Mac 14

www.paragon-software.com US\$19.99



If you are OS agnostic like me (I believe in using both Mac and PC!) or if you want to use or share large files Mac with Windows devices, you'll no doubt have come up against this annoying issue: Mac will natively read NTFS formatted Hard drives, but won't write to them. Windows hasn't traditionally read Mac formatted hard drive natively at all. This makes for a frustrating experience when sharing large files with others – if you save it on a Mac-formatted drive, you can't plug it in to a Windows machine, if you format a drive in FAT32 (which most USB flash drives are formatted in which do allow both Mac and PC compatibility) you are restricted to 4GB as the largest file size – which is generally OK – but not if you're sharing a disc image which may exceed this size. NTFS is also faster and more reliable. So... what's the solution?

With cloud services such as iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive OneDrive and NAS (Network Attached Storage) devices on home networks, we can share files far more easily than in the past. However, it's still limited to your data speed – and it's not going to be faster than plugging in a USB 3.0 hard drive and transferring 110GB of data...

Paragon software have a brilliant solution that one would think Apple would have licensed themselves – it's that good! It's a system plugin called NTFS for Mac OS X (currently version 14 – which is required if you upgrade to El Capitan due to a few under-the-hood changes made by Apple.) I've used version 12 for several years on my Mac Mini and found it invaluable. I've just installed it on my 2015 13" MacBook Pro and it was a smooth install with no issues – it does require a restart. A 10 day trial version is available for download from Paragon Software (www.paragon-software.com) with various stand-alone, bundled and multi-license options, starting at US\$19.99 for a single license digital download.

Paragon also offer a Windows equivalent – HFS+ for Windows, which allows a Windows machine to read HFS+ (Mac formatted) Hard drives – though I haven't found this necessary due to using NTFS for Mac – though (see below) may be of use with Macs running Bootcamp for cross-compatibility with the Mac-formatted partition.

NTFS for Mac offers seamless OS X integration with NTFS formatted drives now writable the same as any Mac formatted drive. However, some Mac-specific apps (such as Time Machine for backups) still require a Mac-formatted hard drive. I've found this an essential purchase if you work or share with Windows machines, run Bootcamp on your Mac and want to share files with the Windows partition, or other users and require large file transfers.

Matthew Fazakerley

Editor's note: If you are using OS X 10.6 to 10.10, a free version is available from Paragon. Matthew works with IT support in schools using iPads, Mac & Windows.



**From
West
Vancouver
BC**



About The “New Mike” Photo

For the last 35 years I have been facially hirsute, as the photo in SAAUCery has shown. But now I must go “bald-faced” by necessity. Editor Rob’s short reference in the April SAAUCery was—mostly(*)—right.

Late last year I had an operation to remove cancerous tissue from my left cheek; this was followed by five weeks of radiation therapy to that cheek. One significant outcome is that hair will no longer grow on my left cheek. Thus, I’ve had to take up shaving—again, after thirty-five years! I was clean-shaven until just before I got married in early 1979. I have two brothers-in-law both with beards. My wife Jane said one day: “Why don’t you try growing a beard, too?”. So I did, and liked not having to shave every morning.

(*) I had radiation, but no chemo

Quelques Petits Morceaux

(Some Little Morsels)

“Bye, Bye” OS X?

The name of the operating systems used on Apple’s iDevices, Watch and TV are, respectively, iOS, watchOS and tvOS. Note the spelling. But on the Mac it is still (officially) OS X.

But a couple of months ago rumours surfaced about the name MacOS being seen in text for upcoming system software. (To “experienced” Mac users this may be familiar as how Macintosh operating system software was named before Mac OS X came along.) If MacOS is going to be the new way of designating the Macintosh OS, it will likely be announced at Apple’s World Wide Developers’ Conference (WWDC) in June.

The Capacity of the New 9.7-inch iPad Pro:

Apple offers iDevices in about three capacities. For ages each one was double the one before—i.e., X GB, 2X GB, 4X GB. But a couple of years ago they dropped the 2X model, so we’ve had 16 GB, 64 GB and 128 GB models. The rationale seemed to be that a 16 GB model would suit someone who wanted something small. The bigger capacities would be for people who had quite a bit of stuff to load onto the device, and to ensure sufficient capacity to handle “fatter” versions of iOS; for these people, a 16 GB model would be “just not enough!”.

The new 9.7-inch iPad Pro follows this pattern, but starts with 32, rather than 16, GB. There is no 64 GB model. For moderate users, 32 GB will probably suffice for a good while. But the price jump to the 128 GB model is pretty big; that’s why in this case I think a 64 GB model would make sense. We’ll have to see if Apple fills that gap at any time.

Apple’s Financial Report of April 26th:

For the first time since 2003 Apple experienced a decline in both revenue and profit in the quarter ending in late March. And to all the “phanboyz” and many (allegedly) respected financial types, this has to mean that Apple is “failing”, “on a downward slide”, “Will the world ever be the same?”.

It seems to me that Apple is the only company that gets this reaction. There are loads of companies whose revenues and profits are up one season, down the next ... and no-one gets their brain in a knot over it:-).

People can be strange, can’t they?

Mike Millard

Apple & China & Shares

China closed Apple's on-line book and film stores on April 26th due to foreign ownership laws, Apple hope to find a way around this but it has led to uncertainty about Apple's sales growth and revenue in their second largest and potentially largest market.

<<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-36110425>>

One investor, Carl Ichan, who owned around 53 Million shares, decided that he was not prepared to keep his money in Apple and sold making about \$2Billion profit. <<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-36166867>> Naturally, share prices fell further.

Correct Apple Product descriptions

"You should never pluralise Apple product names." – I think Phil Schiller had his tongue firmly in his cheek!

<<http://www.cnet.com/news/apple-says-youre-saying-its-product-names-all-wrong/>>

The future of flight

Solar Powered Aircraft

<http://www.solarimpulse.com/>

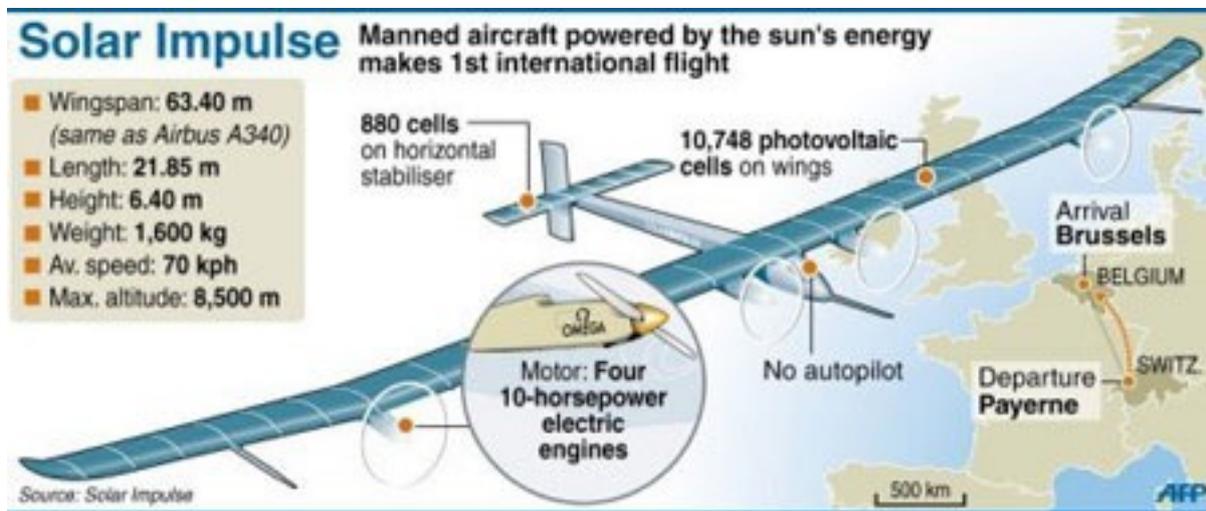
<https://www.rt.com/usa/340780-solar-pulse-plane-california/>

<http://robbreport.com/aviation/solar-powered-airplane-resumes-its-around-world-flight>

A Swiss group with international sponsors has produced an solar-electric powered aircraft and are attempting an around the world trip.

So far they have travelled about half way including the longest stretch between landings by flying across the Pacific to the US of A.





While this is still experimental and the craft is very large relative to its one pilot payload, it was thought to be an impossible dream, the builders have spent over 12 years of development to prove the skeptics wrong. They see this as a catalyst for further development which will lead to cleaner and greener air travel and other solar-electric applications.

See also: <<http://www.solar-flight.com/home/>>

Airbus Plug-in electric plane <<http://robbreport.com/aviation/jet-maker-airbus-announces-plug-all-electric-airplane>>

Electric flying car/multicopter <<http://www.volocopter.com/index.php/en/>>

The return of the rigid Airship

<http://aeroscraft.com/aeroscraft/4575666071>

The successful first test flight of this radical airship has been seen on TV. (Rise of the Machine, documentary series)

At least 10 years of work has gone into this prototype enabled by a grant from NASA.

It employs many new technologies including the frame design, compressed Helium/air buoyancy systems, steering mechanism and hovercraft based landing pads.

This prototype (66 tonne payload) is the basis for larger commercial cargo craft that could transport large items across the globe, to and from locations without an airport.



Igor Pasternak, president and CEO of blimp maker Worldwide Aeros Corp., stands in front of his latest invention, the Aeroscraft, at the Tustin blimp hangar.

There are rivals to this company who also see airships as a viable transport option, commercial cargo and sightseeing, military and even personal craft. New finds of Helium have added to the interest in this technology.

April 29, 2016 <<http://arstechnica.com/business/2016/04/airlander-10-largest-aircraft-airship-details-test-flight/>>

<<http://www.mining.com/breakthrough-aircraft-to-transform-mining-economics/>>

<<http://www.hybridairship.net/>>



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