



## *February 2010 meeting*

ClubMac held its February meeting in Merrion Cricket Club on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

### **Training**

Tom Martin updated the attendance on the two training proposals circulated before Christmas. There was interest in the entry-level training provided during the Autumn and, following a discussion on this issue, the Committee undertook to locate a new trainer.

There was not, unfortunately, enough members interested in the second training proposal, the Digital Creator course proposed by club member, Séamus Cannon of the Blackrock Education Centre. The Committee will examine whether we can pursue this option for interested members at a later date.

### **Technical Q&A**

Questions dealt with under the guidance of ClubMac member, Peter O'Reilly, included:

- why an attempt to send a picture from a mobile to a Mac using Mail sent only the header;
- why a 10 year-old laser printer was failing to print a pdf file in OS 9.2;
- why a new modem was failing to send a pdf file to a printer;
- why access to pictures posted on a friend's FaceBook was denied on a second viewing attempt;
- iTunes — why was a restriction message being received;
- why, after setting up a computer and peripherals as before following a move to another room, Time Machine failed to register on the desktop;
- why items sent from an iPhone came into iCal in duplicate;
- problems when accessing a printer through AirPort;
- problems with two user accounts when both have administrator status.

### **Guest presentation**

Pieter Oonk, working on development of iPhone applications within the Appsie team of Dublin-based software solutions company Leprecian Limited, said the team's aim was to assist clients with bright ideas for iPhone applications to bring them to fruition by providing the necessary conception, design and construction skills followed by navigation through the complexities of acceptance by the App Store. A visit to <http://www.iphoneapps.ie> would show the range of apps thus produced by the company. A demonstration was given of Logle (<http://www.loogle.com>) a social networking app with a mapping tool that could be used by an iPhone to pinpoint where friends were meeting.

Other apps of note were: A Very Jedward Christmas (posting Jedward e-cards to friends from your iPhone), Netlog (your entire friends' network in your pocket) and JLS (download the pop group's tracks to your iPhone).

**iAppsie**     <http://www.iphoneapps.ie>

**Locle**        <http://www.locle.com>

### **Presentation — Vinyl to digital**

John Maguire, ClubMac member, took the audience through the hardware necessary for transport from vinyl to digital. First necessity: a solid and stable table or other support given the sensitivity of the turntable stylus to untoward vibration. Next, an LP turntable and amplifier for vinyl output. Lastly, a connecting cable with two phono (or RCA) plugs at one end for insertion in the amplifier's line-out jacks and a 1/8 inch stereo miniplug at the other for insertion into the Mac audio-input port. For an older Mac without the latter a USB turntable could be used.

Tom MacMahon, Committee member, demonstrated the next step: using the Amadeus Pro application, a powerful multi-track audio editor, to tweak your imported tracks to perfection minus hiss and crackle.

**Amadeus Pro**     <http://www.hairersoft.com/AmadeusPro/AmadeusPro.html>

### **What's new**

Brian Greene, Committee member, drew attention to:

- the new iPad, in WiFi and 3G versions, due for launch in March/April;
- RTE apps for the iPhone;
- OS 3.1 update for the iPhone
- a firmware update for the 27" iMac;
- iTunes update to 9.0.3;
- a number of bug fixes.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of ClubMac will take place on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 in Merrion Cricket Club.