

Apple Bytes

March Meeting

Thursday March 15 – 7:00 PM – Room
209 Centennial Hall at Lynchburg College

Scanning for Everyone! Also, Selecting a new monitor.

Scanners and digital cameras have popped up in just about everyone's hands, but getting good results turns out to be a bit more complicated than the scanner makers would have you believe. And what about those documents bigger than your scanner will allow? Can you really get useable scans of film from a desktop flatbed scanner? And what resolutions should you use for various purposes? These questions will be answered at the March 15th meeting.

In addition, your President (no, not George, the other one) recently bought a new monitor. If you are considering the purchase of such a beast, learn what this long-time CRT user with critical color needs did when it came time to get an LCD. We'll talk resolutions, contrast ratios, and inches, not to mention color fidelity and calibration.

In addition, we'll have the usual question and answer session, along with a chance to meet and greet fellow Mac users. Join us, won't you?

Backup Your Stuff!

Well, it's happened again: we've run into another poor soul with a crashed hard drive and no backups. This time around the news that a hard drive had destroyed itself was greeted by incredulity. After all, this was a MAC hard drive, who could possibly believe THEY would fail. Well, boys and girls, hard drives have moving parts, and those wear out eventually, no matter who made them, or rather who put their name on them after they were made by somebody else.

Our intrepid Mac user's losses included their checkbook register (in Quicken), a ton of vacation and family photos and of course, an iTunes library painstakingly built up from vinyl as well as a mess of purchased tracks from iTunes Store. When told the hard drive was toast, and that only DriveSavers could recover anything, at a probable cost of several thousand dollars, the news was not taken well. What is really sad is that for the cost of an external hard drive, say \$150 or so, they could have been assured their files would be safe, and had they thrown in a \$25 shareware synch program, those files would have been absolutely up to date. Add to that the fact their computer would only have been down the few minutes it takes to boot from that external drive, instead of several days, . . . Please do yourself a BIG favor: mind your backups.

Centennial Hall Directions

Centennial is located between the campus library and the chapel, with parking behind and beside. To drive there most directly, you will probably want to use the LC main gate as a reference. This is located off Lakeside Drive, and however you get there, **DON'T turn into the main gate.**

There is a traffic light on Lakeside about 50 yards from the LC drive, and if you reach the LC drive first, continue to the traffic light and turn right there instead.

If you are on lakeside and reach the traffic light BEFORE you get to LC's drive, turn left at the light. If you reach the light from Old Forest Road instead of Lakeside Drive, go straight at the light.

All these will run you alongside one of LC's athletic fields, and you will want to turn right at the first opportunity. That street goes uphill behind the college chapel, and if you turn right again when forced to do so, just after passing the back of the chapel, you'll find yourself headed for one of the parking lots between the chapel and Centennial with the latter on your left. You can also park behind the chapel, although there is a little bit of hill to climb, and there is a small parking lot across the street behind Centennial Hall. If worse comes to worst, it is also possible to park on the far side of the library, on down the street behind Centennial Hall. Room 209 is at the very end of Centennial Hall next to the chapel.

