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MacBits

iPhoto 2: The Missing Manual

Jamie Cox Reviews a New Book from O'Reilly

iPhoto 2: The Missing Manual
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O'Reilly & Associates, Inc.
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iPhoto 2: The Missing
Manual has three
authors, David
Pogue,
Joseph Schorr,
and Derrick
Story. Between
them they have
quite a bit of pho-
tography experience
as well as Macintosh
expertise. It shows in
the book, which has
some valuable photogra-
phy tips, as well as solid
information about using
iPhoto 2.

I initially
wasn't too
excited to
review this book, since I
am an experienced Mac user,
and had been using iPhoto for

THE MISSING MANUAL

The book that should have been in the box

THE BRILLIANCE OF DIGITAL PHOTOS ON THE MACINTOSH

A MacMAD Book Review

a while, and have been taking
photos for years, both on film
and digitally. I supposed that
this book would be entirely a
review of what I already knew.
I was surprised to find that
although the material
is understandable by a
beginner, there are
quite a few valuable
tips for the
Macintosh veteran.
The book cov-
ers much more
than the iPhoto
program itself.
It provides
help with the
entire process, including
choosing a camera, taking
good pictures, getting them
into iPhoto, and on to
exporting the
finished pic-
tures to vari-
ous media. There
are even tips on iDVD, making
QuickTime movies, and under-
water photography!

My favorite tips from the
book include:

CAMERA EQUIPMENT: A USB
memory card reader is a useful
accessory. It lets you access
your photos without running
down your camera's battery. It
also lets you import photos
from other people's cameras
which may not be compatible
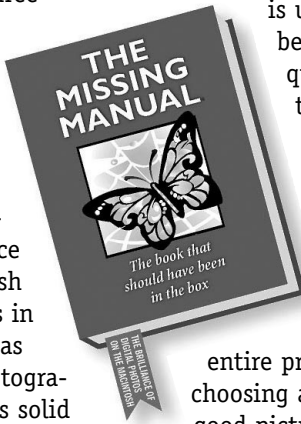with iPhoto, or when they
don't have the USB cable.

PHOTOGRAPHY: An external
flash gets rid of redeye at the
source. Moving the flash just a
few inches away from the cam-

era lens eliminates redeye in
your photos. (I have recently
learned this by personal expe-
rience.)

USING IPHOTO: Albums
enhance the power of iPhoto.
You can rearrange the order of
photos in an album, which you
can't do in the library. Most of

iPhoto's more powerful fea-
tures only work with photos in
an album. Photos in more than
one iPhoto album are not
duplicated on your hard disk.
If you're not using albums,
you're not getting the most
out of iPhoto.

Do You Want to E-Mail Your Photos?

by Jim Staal

Be sure you're ready to share holiday photos! Problems
sending or receiving photos by email usually result from
the size of the file being emailed. If a photo will be
viewed on screen only, the photo size (height by width) and
resolution can be set to result in a fairly small file. Unless some-
one wants to print the photo, a very low resolution, such as 72
dpi (dots per inch), can be used.

What's Happening In MacMAD: **Mac Goodies and MUG**
by Jim Staal, President

Do you have your Holiday gift list written yet? Mine will
have lots of Mac goodies like an iSight camera, an FM
transmitter for my iPod, better speakers for my G4, and on
and on. I like to give my family lots to select from. The Apple
web site and the magazines have good articles on lists of good-
ies to jump start your list. I hope that your family appreciates
your Mac fanaticism.

We had a lot of fun exploring Panther at the last meeting.
Since then I have been learning a lot more about the features. I
have talked to several others who have upgraded. Personally, I
am having a tough time deciding whether the best part is the
increased speed, the new Preview capabilities (and speed),
Exposé or a combination of several of the other changes.

This past year has seen a lot of great Mac hardware and soft-
ware releases, including the G5, iBooks with G4 chips (the club's
new machine is one of those), and most all of the software
upgrading to OS X and taking better advantage of the features.
Next year starts off with the anniversary of the "Big Brother"
commercial and continues our club's 20th anniversary celebra-
tion.

Our MUG (Mac User Group) continues to grow. Thanks for
your hard work and interest in the Mac.

I'm looking forward to seeing more and more of you at the
meetings. Look for more interesting programs coming up! Bring
a SUV load of Mac friends.

Next 3rd Tuesday Program

Tuesday, January 20, 2004
NO DECEMBER PROGRAM
Melbourne Public Library, 7pm
TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED
Watch our website for details.

Happy Holidays!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS: Bring your Christmas
Mac to 1st Wednesday Help, Jan. 7th!
Eau Gallie Public Library, 7pm

www.macmad.org

Missing Manual... *continued from front*

ONLINE: Be sure to visit www.missing-manuals.com and click on "Missing CD-ROMs" for an excellent index of downloadable free and shareware utilities for iPhoto and more.

Overall, this book is an excellent reference to digital photography with iPhoto 2. You will find useful tips on almost every page. This is the type of book where you can pick it up to read about a particular topic you are working on at the time. I recommend *iPhoto 2: The Missing Manual* for any user of iPhoto.

Email Your Photos *continued from front*

Printing from this resolution will result in a somewhat grainy picture. Increasing to 150 dpi is generally adequate for at-home printing. Higher resolution is required for fine printing. A 4x6 photo at 72-150 dpi will provide a good screen image or print without creating an overly large file.

Many cameras have an e-mail setting that can be used if you are taking a photo that will be shared via email. Otherwise, the photo program the you use on your Mac (e.g., iPhoto or Photoshop) will provide the capability. In iPhoto, there is a one-buton capability to properly size the photo. Select the photo, press the button, and a dialog appears that gives you the ability to select the photo size and shows you the estimated file size. Most other photo handling software provide similar capabilities, although some require you to separately select the photo size and the resolution.

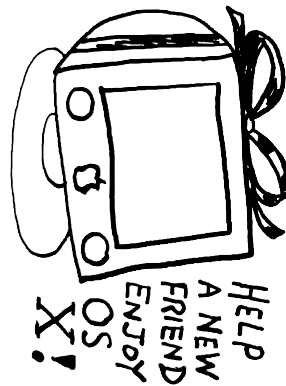## THE MINUTES
About Last Meeting, Nov. 18, 2003
by Kee

President Jim Staal opened the November 18th meeting of MacMAD by presenting the club's newly acquired G4 800MHz iBook, equipped with an AirPort Card, to the twenty-two assembled members and a guest. This was deemed a tremendous improvement over the bulky, heavy iMac that someone once had to lug from meeting to meeting.

Prior to the scheduled program, Jim reported he had been fielding various offers of the donation of older pieces of Mac equipment. He asked for consideration of methods of handling such offers where it might benefit the club coffers and reputation. He also asked the membership to assist in acquiring advertising for MacBits, indicating that hot prospects were needed.

Jim Staal then presented the main program, demonstrating the recently released Panther, OS X v10.3, on the new iBook. He worked his way through the new features and then explained the improvements made to preexisting applications. One of the main enhancements was the increase of speed for many of the functions. There was also enough time to play around with iChat and to announce that the Christmas Party would be on the Wednesday meeting date, December 3, 2003, at the House of Joe, 1220 W. New Haven Ave, West Melbourne. The coffee house is equipped with wireless internet and members were encouraged to bring compatible equipment. Coffees and snacks available. There will be no Tuesday meeting in December. Have a Happy Holiday.

INFORMAL HELP SESSION • GOT A PROBLEM? BRING IT!
FIRST WEDNESDAYS AT EAU GALLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7PM
See you there, Wednesday, January 7th, 2004

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM • HOW TO'S
3RD TUESDAYS AT MELBOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY, 7PM
See you there, Tuesday, January 20th, 2004

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Your MUG wishes you a
Happy Holiday
and a Mac New Year!

HELP A NEW FRIEND ENJOY OS X!