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Comic Life On Tap For April Meeting

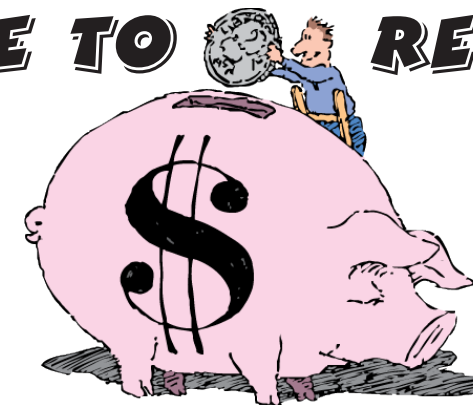


Would you like to create comics on your Mac? Come to our April meeting to see how Kay Ladd does it with Plasq's [Comic Life](#). Plus, we'll wrap our heads around the following discussion question posed by President Steve Katz: "If you were able to buy only one Mac or iOS device, which would it be and why?" Get comical and philosophical with CAMP in equal measure at 7:00 p.m., April 13, Senior Room, [Buker Community Center](#), Augusta.

Apple Business Team

Did you know that there is an Apple Business Team in residence at the Maine Mall Apple Store in South Portland? The contact person is Jason M. Henry, who is reachable at mainemallbusiness@apple.com or (207) 771-9403. The business team finds solutions to support local business, answers technical questions, provides hardware/software support, and offers tiered business discounts ranging from 2-15%. Mr. Henry noted that it doesn't take long to reach the first level, but emphasized that team members do not work on commission. The store holds business-oriented workshops 8:00-9:00 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Topics for March were iPad in Business, Social Media For Your Business, and Apps Showcase.

TIME TO RENEW!



All CAMP memberships expire annually on April 30, which means that the day of reckoning is now at hand. During the past year CAMP incurred some significant expenses. We committed to paying \$20 per month for our meeting space at Buker Community Center, which is ongoing. We also spent \$700 for a projector. But membership dues remain unchanged at \$20 per year. And when I say "unchanged," I mean unchanged since CAMP was founded in 1993. To keep CAMP going strong—or just plain going—please give your \$20 annual dues payment to membership director Mike Knight at the April meeting, or mail a check to Mike at 483 Marston Road, Gardiner, ME 04345.

Kitchen Computers Then and Now

“Then” wasn’t all that long ago—June 2009, to be exact. The hotrod at left is a 2000 vintage iMac which was top of the line in its day. First used by my son and then handed down to my wife, it served in its third role with distinction until kicking the bucket about a year later.

We tried several other approaches, but none of them were nearly as convenient as the late lamented iMac. We missed checking the weather, catching up on email, browsing the web and listening to internet radio from our kitchen counter. Finally, last month we bit the bullet and bought a new Mac Mini. It hunkers down beneath a NewerTech plexiglass riser from Other World Computing, on top of which sits a 20” Acer monitor from Staples that we had on hand. The \$20 Altec Lansing USB-powered speakers, also from Staples, are a good match for this setting. The Apple wireless keyboard and mouse were recycled from other Macs. So I once again benefit from all the tasty recipes my wife throws up on the screen—and occasionally, a few of my own! ☺

