

Welcome to MacsZoom

- MacsWest Officer Slate for 2021

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The following members have volunteered:

- Chairperson - Nick Gruin
- Co-Vice-Chairpersons - Marcine Fennel and Donna Foster
- Treasurer - Sue Vasconcellos
- Secretary - Clyde Johnson

MacWest's candidates for our 2021 offices will also be listed in our October 11th newsletter and on our website along with encouragement for any other interested parties to also run. VOTING will occur during our November 6th Zoom General Meeting either by a show of hands or by email if there are multiple candidates for specific offices. New officers take their positions as of January 1, 2021

You should also all know (please hold you applause till the end) that:

- Our own David Morin has volunteered for the position of President of Computers West
- Sun Vasconcellos will be training to become Treasurer of Computers West
- Our own Deb Fisher has volunteered for the position of Secretary of Computers West

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- What's new from Apple??

Apple Event



iPhones for Sure Rumor says 4 new ones

All the reports I've seen seem to agree that all new iPhones will support 5G. It's mm wave vs. sub-6 GHz 5G that's being debated with some reports saying that only the 12 Pro Max would come with mm wave, while the other iPhone 12s supporting just sub-6 GHz 5G.

What else??

Should I upgrade my Mac to macOS Big Sur?

By Mike Bombich - Developer of “Carbon Copy Cloner”

Major system upgrades are often disruptive, so we have always recommended a very conservative approach to applying them. **Consider the following:**

- Is the upgrade required for my Mac?
- Will this upgrade improve the performance of my Mac, or degrade performance?
- Does the upgrade provide some functionality that will make me more productive, or otherwise greatly increase my enjoyment of using my Mac?
- Does the upgrade fix a problem that is preventing me from effectively using my Mac?
- What software will no longer work after applying the upgrade?
- If the upgrade turns out poorly and you have to downgrade, you certainly may downgrade using a CCC backup from an earlier OS. These sorts of procedures require time and effort, though, so you should weigh that potential hassle against the potential gain of the OS upgrade. (... [N.G.] your Time Machine backup may not work)

Lastly, we recommend that any users that rely heavily upon the availability of their Mac for work or other productivity consider waiting for several OS updates before making the upgrade. The early releases are exciting, but that excitement involves risk. Early adopters will find some shortcomings and bugs which will be resolved in minor OS updates.

Security researcher offers warning about Apple's T2 chip and an unfixable vulnerability that could offer root (complete) access to your device

Quick Facts:

This is true. If your device has a T2 chip, and most newer devices do (except for iMac) someone with specialized software and a physical connection to your Apple device can gain access to your files. (Good news for law enforcement, not so good for everyone else)

Note the need for a PHYSICAL CONNECTION. This can happen in travel situations, but it still would be VERY DIFFICULT

For those concerned, don't allow anyone whom you don't trust to plug anything into your device.