

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2006

Simple Cell Phones, Smart Cell Phones, Very Smart Cell Phones, PDAs

.... and Mysterious Wireless Devices

This meeting is about getting a lot more from portable technology. If you are reading this, you probably own some kind of cell phone and/or some version of a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA). In a few short years these items have truly become ubiquitous and eminently practical.

Jeff Hawkins invented the Palm Pilot in 1992; the Treo smart phone was released in May of 2002. Palm refers to the Treos as "communicators" because they do so much more than "plain-vanilla" phones. They combine a pager, a PDA, and a cell phone in an elegant package.

Help in Choosing and Using

Whatever device you have, the chances are you will leave this meeting saying, "I didn't know it could do that!" Or perhaps you are just wondering if it is worth upgrading or buying your first wireless gadget. There are a lot of choices, and it can be very confusing indeed. Well, this meeting will help you choose and use the best tool to get the job done. [That is the magic of NYPC: chances are someone else has explored what you need to learn.]

At this meeting we'll

- Project various cell phones and PDAs onto the big screen
- Compare and explain features
- Ask and answer questions such as:
 - ▶ Do you want the smallest thinnest phone, with basic features, and what do you need to give up in this format?
 - ▶ Would you prefer a separate big-screen PDA and a very small phone?
 - ▶ Will you download and listen to music or Pod Casts?
 - ▶ Do you want everything in one box?
 - ▶ Do you need email on the go, or will you never use this?

- ▶ Are you on a tight budget and will a free phone make you happy?
- ▶ Do you need a phone just for emergencies?

Features for Business

Perhaps you are a business user with heavy-duty needs such as email, SMS, photos. When you travel to other countries you need to stay in contact, and you need high security on your data transmission. Do you need VPN, GSM, CDMA, SMS, dual band, quad band, PDA, or screen reader?

Whatever device you have, the chances are you will leave this meeting saying, "I didn't know it could do that!"

Do you have a clue as to what these terms mean, or do you even need to know anything about them?

Our Presenters

Our two presenters, Ted Cohn and Jose Marinez, will guide us through this realm of truly useful technology. Ted (at right) is the co-chair of our Palm SIG and the chairman of the wireless SIG, which has been concentrating on the Treos.



Ted's first computer was a Palm Pilot, and his second computer was another Palm to back up the first one.

Jose is a consultant who makes various wireless components work as they should for individuals and companies worldwide.

I was an early adopter and my first Palm Pilot was so primitive that it had to be upgraded so I could beam to another unit. I have always been enchanted with

more....

Inside NYPC



Volume 13 issue 3
March 2006

General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, March 16th, 2006
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Networking in cafeteria
Q&A/Random Access
6:45pm Presentation
- Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9 to 14th St ; L to 6th Ave
(check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Hotline:** 212-643-NYPC

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public. To check on the NYPC General Meeting or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, go to our website, <http://www.nypc.org>.

Continued from page 1

the elegance of Palm's design philosophy. The Palm programmers referred to this as "the Zen of Palm."

Learn More at an NYPC Class

Ted and I will be teaching NYPC Treo courses. Mine, on March 23rd, is titled the "Zen of Treo." Most people can start making calls as soon as a new Treo is charged, but many will miss the ease of doing so much more. The Treo has the best logic of any phone/PDA that I have seen. It is a joy to use.

Ted, the Grand Master of the small format, will take you into internet radio, web surfing, advanced text messaging, watching videos, and Bluetooth add-ons.

Ted's course, on March 30th, is called "Treo Nirvana: Beyond the Phone."

Then, for a very thorough view of cell phone possibilities, Ted and Jose will teach a three-session course on "Mastering Cell Phones," starting March 27th. This will be a logical extension of tonight's topics. There is a lot of really intriguing, useful stuff to know about cell phones.

Tonight's Q&A alone is worth the price of admission, which after all is free. What a bargain! Dick Tracy and Mr. Spock would be pleased—and you will be too. *By Bill Ginsberg, Shameless Treo Evangelist, wzg128@aol.com*



But I thought Ted was wireless!



NYPC Officers

President

*Leftonred Atanycorner
pres@nypc.org*

Vice-President

*Robert Behm
vp@nypc.org*

Corresponding Secretary

*Mary Fanelli
csnypc@att.net*

Membership Secretary

*Kathy Petruzzi
members@nypc.org*

Treasurer

*Mary Ginsburg
treasurer@nypceducation.org*

Other NYPC Board Members & Volunteers

**Past President/
Volunteer Coordinator**

*Len Ginsburg
leonardginsburg@earthlink.net*

Program Chair

*William Ginsberg
wzg128@aol.com*

Publications

*Inside NYPC - Kathy Petruzzi
Kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com*

Webmaster

*Leftonred Atanycorner
nypc@nypc.org*

Education

*Marge Earthlife
Fred Kahn
Chair@nypceducation.org*

Marketing

*Murray Strelitz
212-691-7788
Mstrelitz@nyc.rr.com*

Hotline Sysop

*Stan Silver
ssilver@nyc.rr.com*

SIG Chair Representatives

*Laura Balsam(Photoshop)
laura@hookbuilt.com*

*Dario Castellanos (Linux)
jdcnyc@compuserve.com*

*Ashod Kassabian (Streaming
Media)
streaming@earthlink.net*

*Melody Reed (Web Design)
Webdesign@melodyreed.com*

This newsletter produced in Ventura. Design by Allison Moore/Database recipes by Robert Leuze.