

# AI summary of GAMUG meeting March 10, 2026

## Quick recap

The meeting focused on Apple product updates and features, with Glen presenting various topics including new Apple products, CarPlay customization, iPhone camera modes, and AI-generated images using ChatGPT. Ronald shared details about recent Apple product releases, including the iPhone 17E, iPad Air, MacBook Air and Pro models, and Studio Displays. The group discussed pricing and specifications of the new products, with Glen expressing concern about the high cost of the M5 Max MacBook Pro. Charlie and others commented on Apple's focus on iPhone sales versus Mac products. The conversation ended with a discussion about the potential impact of future leadership changes at Apple on product innovation, particularly regarding Mac products.

## Next steps

- [Glen: Look up and report back on the resolution and printability of images generated by ChatGPT \(as requested by Francis during the meeting\).](#)
- [Glen: Send Ronald the link to the MacMost Spotlight video for inclusion with the meeting materials.](#)

## Summary

### Technical Issues and Connectivity Troubleshooting

Glen discussed technical issues with his Zoom background and camera light, which he was unable to resolve despite updating Zoom and trying various settings. He also experienced connectivity problems with a low download speed of 300 megabits, which he attributed to potential network congestion in his home. John suggested that remapping the Wi-Fi in Glen's house might improve the signal strength, and Glen mentioned he would use a program called Wi-Fi Explorer to map the signal. They briefly discussed their preferences for using computers over mobile devices for web browsing, with Glen expressing a preference for his computer over his phone for tasks like surfing the web.

### Mac Antivirus Software Discussion

The group discussed antivirus software for Macs, with Glen recommending CleanMyMac at \$39.99 per year for its malware protection, optimization features, and automatic updates. Ronald and others shared their experiences with Malwarebytes, noting it's effective for cleaning up malware but may not prevent infections as well as paid versions. Francis raised concerns about Mac security, prompting a discussion about the increasing need for antivirus software as Macs become more popular targets. The conversation concluded with Charlie sharing his experience with LifeLock for financial security and the general challenges of staying protected in the current digital environment.

### Internet Service Provider Discussion

The group discussed various internet service providers and their costs, with Glen recommending i3 Broadband for reliable service. They also addressed issues with Zoom video backgrounds, with Glen sharing a solution involving the Mac OS system settings. John expressed frustration with Spectrum's increasing internet prices, while Dave shared his experience with a T-Mobile hub for internet access. The conversation ended with no additional questions from the group.

## **Apple Updates and New Features**

Glen presented updates on Apple's upcoming macOS Tahoe 26.4, which will be the last version to support Intel Macs, and introduced new features like iPhone-style battery charging limits. He discussed the upcoming Apple TV+ series "Star City" as a companion to "For All Mankind," and highlighted Apple's integration of Apple Maps with Formula 1 racing coverage. Finally, Glen demonstrated how to create a caricature using ChatGPT, which none of the attendees had seen before.

## **ChatGPT Image Generation Demonstration**

Glen demonstrated various uses of ChatGPT for image generation, including creating caricatures, blending photos, adding details to existing images, and transforming photos into claymation, LEGO-style characters, and puppets. He explained that the quality of the generated images depends on the amount of detail in the prompts and the limitations of free versus paid ChatGPT access. Glen also shared examples from a Mashable article, including a trading card for his dog with fictional abilities and a photo of him and his son playing instruments that was seamlessly combined into one image.

## **ChatGPT Creative Prompts Demonstration**

Glen demonstrated various creative uses of ChatGPT, including turning pets into humans, creating action figures, and transforming usernames into images. He showcased examples of these prompts, such as turning a fish into a human and himself into a G.I. Joe astronaut. Glen also explored turning himself into famous artwork, such as the Mona Lisa, and discussed the process of refining prompts to achieve desired results. Francis asked about the resolution of downloaded images, and Glen agreed to investigate further after the presentation.

## **AI Tools and Technology Insights**

Glen discussed his experience with AI tools, highlighting the limitations of free models and the benefits of subscribing to enhance capabilities. He shared insights into copyright issues surrounding AI-generated content, noting the current ambiguity and the need for future legislation. Glen also demonstrated how to customize text responses on an Apple Watch and shared tips for personalizing CarPlay settings on an iPhone, though he noted that few participants use CarPlay.

## **iOS and CarPlay Features Demo**

Glen demonstrated several iOS and CarPlay features, including how to customize CarPlay appearance, use Apple Maps for parking location tracking, share ETAs, and enable voice control. He explained iPhone camera modes, including portrait mode adjustments, panorama capabilities in both horizontal and vertical orientations, and macro mode for close-up photography. The conversation ended with Ronald suggesting they move on to discuss Siri updates, Spotlight, and new Apple products in the next session.

## **Apple Product Release Discussion**

The group discussed the latest Apple product releases, including the iPhone 17E, iPad Air, MacBook Air, MacBook Pro, and MacBook Neo. Ronald presented features and pricing for each model, highlighting improvements in storage, RAM, and battery life. Glen expressed curiosity about the E-model phones and shared his experience with the iPad Pro, considering a potential upgrade to the iPad Air. The discussion concluded with Glen noting the high cost of the M5 Max MacBook Pro, which he found surprising given his recent experience with the M1 MacBook Pro.

## **Apple Product and Spotlight Updates**

The group discussed Apple's recent product announcements, including the MacBook Neo, Studio Displays, and updates to the Mac operating system. They explored the new features of Spotlight, a powerful search tool on macOS, which now includes capabilities such as file management, quick actions, and clipboard history. Glen shared a video tutorial on Spotlight's enhanced functionalities, highlighting its potential to improve productivity. The conversation ended with plans to share resources and reconvene next month.