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## EclipseWebinars.com 5 Years of Service

For the past five years, it's been my pleasure to be a part of the team at EclipseWebinars.com. This service was started by John Everhart and features myself, Michael Starkman, and Jeremy Thorne as presenters. We're the guys up front, but we depend on support from John and from Scott Friend and Dave Stanley. They're the tech crew and also the ones answering questions that come in during the live presentations. After each class, the presenters spend a couple of days editing the recording to remove pauses or false starts and also to add callouts and other visuals. Then the recorded version is available for all who have attended and for those who preferred a delayed viewing.

I've learned a lot from interacting with the Eclipse Webinars audience during the last five years. The webinars are definitely more lively and informative because of the great questions that we get in the chat space. However, **on June 11th we made a bit of history with our "Connection Magic and Bridge Mobile" webinar. That was our first team-taught webinar, and Connection Magic made it both appropriate and necessary. We tossed the screen back and forth, alternating between Keith presenting from Houston and Michael presenting from Philadelphia. Sometimes Keith was writing while Michael was editing from a thousand miles away;** at other times the role was reversed. That would not have been possible five years ago, or even one year ago.

If you've not discovered the webinars, now's a good time. **Until August 31st, you can save 25% on all webinars open for registration.** Just go to [EclipseWebinars.com](http://EclipseWebinars.com) and use the Discount code SUMMER2013. Of course, you can obtain NCRA continuing education units from each of the webinars. After five years of service, there are a few dozen topics that have been offered, with much more on the way. Great information that you can absorb in the comfort of your home or office, without the trouble or expense of travel.

## Snugg iPad Keyboard and TP-Link Mini-Router



As Bridge Mobile comes out for iPads and other tablet devices, here are some great little **Bluetooth keyboards for the iPad and iPad Mini**. Also, quite reasonably priced (less than \$50 at Amazon).



You've probably seen the little rubbery covers that can be attached to an iPad. When you lift up the cover, the iPad screen lights up. You can fold the cover back so that it supports the screen for reading.

What Snugg makes is **an iPad cover, but not rubbery. One side is aluminum; the other is a typing keyboard**. When you attach it to the iPad, the aluminum serves as the top side of your iPad.



The keyboard for the iPad Mini is small, but it's a real keyboard instead of a touch screen. In addition, you can place the iPad either vertically or horizontally. Plus, the cover adds very little to the thickness or weight of your tablet.

The keyboard has a built-in battery which is recharged through a small USB cable that you plug into your computer or your iPad charger.

More gadgets for you. Wouldn't it be nice to have an **ultra-portable wireless router, super-small, no extra cords to carry, that you could use to offer Connection Magic for Bridge Mobile? The new TP-Link TL-WR706N should do the trick.**

It's about the size of a night light. It has a built-in plug that folds away to make it extra easy to pack. Despite its small size, it supports the 802.11b/g/n protocols. Small but fast.

This is a newly released product, but new units were already available on eBay for less than \$30. Including shipping, it was still less than \$40.



## Keith's Total Eclipse 6 Seminars in September

On **September 21st in Dallas** and again on **September 28th in Houston**, Keith Vincent will be offering **a small-group seminar devoted to Version 6 of Total Eclipse**. It's a great way to learn how to use Connection Magic, Shared Editing, Bridge Mobile, and other great new Eclipse features.

The day is set up in two parts. The **morning**

**and afternoon focus on the transition to Total Eclipse 6**, and they offer .7 CEU. The **evening is about automatic indexing** and offers .3 CEU. Eligible for NCRA credit, this seminar completely fulfills the Texas reporter's need for 10 hours of continuing education (including rules/ethics).

Space is limited, so be sure to register early. **For more info, please visit [KVincent.com](http://KVincent.com).**

## Bridge Mobile – Keith Vincent

In preparation for the 2013 convention of the National Court Reporters Association, I recently spent a week in Florida, working with the Advantage Software folks on Eclipse, the Passport Touch, and Bridge Mobile.

As you might expect, “Mobile” refers to the **ability to show your realtime transcription on devices like the iPad, iPod, iPhone, and various Android or Windows phones or tablets. Bridge Mobile will also work on your computer’s browser in a Windows, Mac, or Linux environment.**

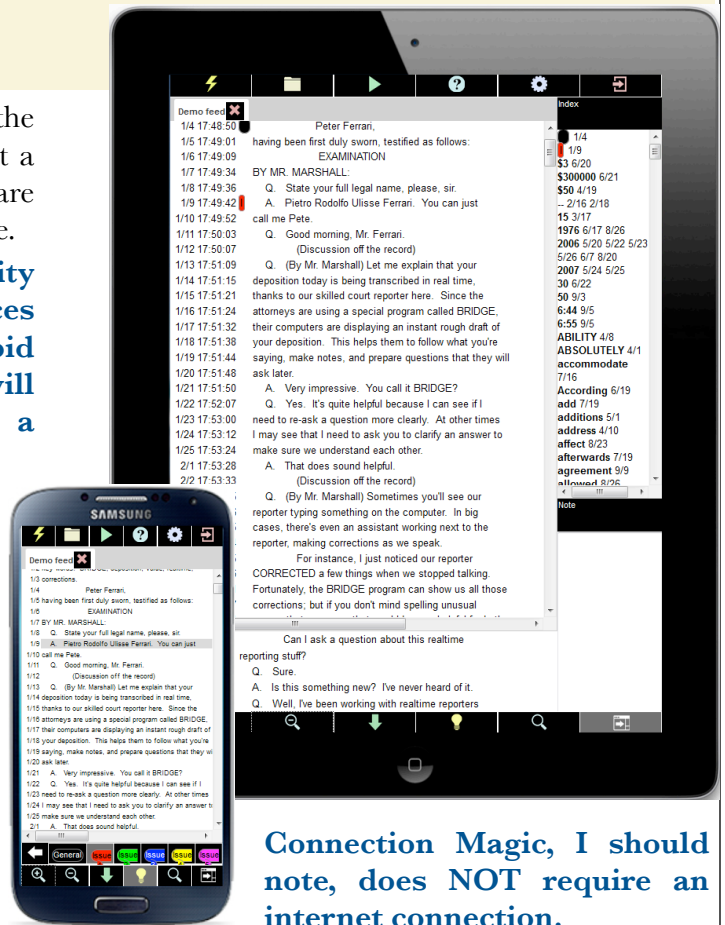
**ANY vs. ONLY.** What “Mobile” also means is that it’s **designed to work with any CAT software, not only Eclipse.** Obviously we hope it will be used with Eclipse or a program that supports the Bridge refresh protocol; but it can also work with the standard CaseView protocol.

Speaking of the Bridge refresh protocol, I need to update my reporting about the programs that support it. **On the sending side, Stenovations’ DigitalCAT has come on board. On the receiving side, West Case Notebook has implemented support for the Bridge refresh protocol, as has LiveDeposition.**

As far as features go, Bridge Mobile will offer the ease of use and excellence of display that have made the free PC version of Bridge so popular; plus a lot more. For example, there’s now **realtime word indexing, as well as the ability to have multiple documents open at the same time.** The PC version was intended as an easy way to work with a single document, but Bridge Mobile takes it to the next level.

From the screenshots I’ve included here, you can see that **the interface looks different from that of the familiar PC version. That’s because it has to work on touch screens, too.** Thus, there are large icons that work on a touch screen but that can also be accessed with a mouse on a regular computer screen.

So how do you set up to use Bridge Mobile? A Total Eclipse 6 user just goes to the “Realtime” section of User Settings, selects Bridge protocol and “Connection Magic”. That also works if you have clients using the PC version of Bridge via Connection Magic. No worrying about com ports or baud rates. Super easy. A non-Eclipse user will have a utility program that lets a com port talk to the Connection Magic server.



**Connection Magic, I should note, does NOT require an internet connection.**

**Connection Magic Local is a portable version of the Connection Magic server.**

It’s perfect for folks who either do not have an internet connection available or who simply do not want to use the internet in this regard. Thus, I can plug in a portable wireless router that is not connected to the internet. It creates a little ad hoc network. I connect my computer to that network. I launch Connection Magic Local. I then run Total Eclipse 6, which will say “LAN connected.” I can then have my clients connect to that same network and run Bridge Mobile. Also, I could have a nearby scopist use Eclipse Shared Editing via Connection Magic Local.

With Bridge Mobile on the scene, what will happen to the free version of Bridge for PC? It’s become Bridge 3 and will remain free. It will support Connection Magic, but no additional new features. Going forward, all new features will be added in Bridge Mobile.

Questions? Watch EclipseWebinars.com for details on a webinar that I’ll be offering in the near future.

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## Passport Touch

The 2013 NCRA convention will also present the Passport Touch by Advantage Technology. “Touch” refers to the keyboard’s great feel and to the writer’s touch screen. A scroll wheel and function buttons can also be used, as you prefer.

### Innovative features include the Re-Writer.

Because it has 32 gigabytes of memory (and supports 32GB microSD cards and 32GB USB drives), it can store every detail of your keystrokes. You could then re-adjust your key settings and have your steno reinterpreted in light of your new key settings.

The Passport Touch also includes **a crystal-clear hideaway screen, a built-in microphone, and built-in Visualizer movies** to make the interface not just beautiful but extra easy to use.



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