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CALENDAR

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Pascal
Note 1

Wed Feb 3
7:30pm

Minnesota Federal
9th Ave S Hopkins

Regular *Pascal* Special
Interest Group Meeting.

Genealogy
Note 4

Sat Feb 6

Lexington Library
1080 University
St. Paul

Genealogical Computing
Special Interest Group
Regular meeting.

Nibble
"Subscribers"
Note 6

Wed Feb 10
7:30pm

Home of Ann Bell
8325 39th Ave N.
New Hope

Status/Swap/Discussion

REGULAR
MINI'APP'LES
Note 2

WEDNESDAY
FEB 17th
7:30pm

**PENN
COMMUNITY
CENTER**
84th & Penn
Bloomington.
Just S of 494 & W of 35W
Free parking
on premises.
Map inside

Copyright Software Law
Panel discussion by
Software legal experts:
Hank Hanson (Honeywell)
& Bob Angus (CDC)
+ *Demo of Okidata*
Microline 80 Printer.
+ *Twin City Connection*
Computerized Want ads;
Fred Weiner will talk
about the Want Ads of the
future.
Rescheduled from January!

St. Paul
Branch
MINI'APP'LES
Note 3

Tues Feb 23
7pm-10pm

Minnesota Federal
White Bear Lake
Shopping Center

General meeting

Pascal
Note 1

Wed Mar 3
7:30pm

Minnesota Federal
9th Ave S Hopkins

Regular *Pascal* Special
Interest Group Meeting.

Board Meeting
Note 5

Wed Mar 10th
7:30 pm

Nokomis Community Ctr
Minnehaha Parkway

Nomination of officers
& potential Board members

REGULAR
MINI'APP'LES
Note 2

WEDNESDAY
MAR 17th
7:30pm

**UNIVERSITY
MINNESOTA
ST. PAUL
CAMPUS**
Near State Fair
Room B45 Bldg 412
Map next issue

Tentative engagement
Mountain Hardware reps
to demo Mountain products

IAC Annual

May 14th-
-16th

Boston MA

Annual Meeting &
AppleFest

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INFORMATION

This is the Newsletter of Mini'app'les, the Minnesota Apple Computer Users' Group, Inc., a non-profit organization.

Questions

Please direct questions to appropriate board member or any officer. Technical questions should be directed to one of the Technical Advisers listed here.

Membership

Applications for membership should be directed to the Membership Co-ordinator.

\$12 buys membership for one year. Members receive a subscription to this newsletter and all club benefits.

DOMs

The 3 most recent DOMs (Diskettes of the Month) are available at meetings for \$5/disk or any DOM may be ordered by mail for \$7.50/disk. Contact Software Sales coord'r.

Newsletter Contributions

Please send contributions directly to the Newsletter Editor. Hard copy binary or text files (ASCII coded) are preferred, but any form will be gratefully accepted. Deadline for publication is the 3rd Wednesday of the month preceding the month in which the item might be included. An article will be printed when space permits if, in the opinion of the Newsletter Editor, it constitutes suitable material for publication.

Advertising rates

Rates are as follows:
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DOM #11*by Ken Slingsby*

The Disk Of the Month for February contains a tutorial in basic computer usage. More specifically, it is an Applesoft tutorial, however most of the concepts would apply to almost any computer. This is just the thing to make a new user more comfortable with the Apple.

The tutorial is quite lengthy and takes up almost all of the space on the DOM. I ended up making a "weighted" flip of the coin to choose from other contributions to complete the DOM. The programs on this disk are:

APPLE TUTORIAL

The Apple Tutorial is from the IAC disk #11. The program was developed by Diarmuid McCarthy at the Dublin College of Marketing & Design. (It only works on a green display!) Mr McCarthy requested that the software be made available to anyone who wants it and that no-one should make a profit from the sale of that software. That's the true spirit of Public domain. You may of course copy it and distribute it to anyone who wants it.

The program is not intended to be a stand-alone Computer Aided Education (CAE) device, however it is nearly that as far as Applesoft is concerned. There are none of the usual questions found in the CAE material. There is a wealth of information contained in the tutorial.

While the tutorial was written with the new user in mind, there could be help for nearly everyone who uses it. I speak from experience!

It is recommended that you (or someone knowledgeable) copy the tutorial on a new disk and have the tutorial only on the new disk. To do this, initialize a new disk. Use FID to transfer the tutorial and its supporting files to that disk. There are seven files involved. Then use Master Create to rename the hello program on the new disk "APPLE TUTORIAL". This will make the tutorial the standalone package it was designed to be.

TAX AID

If you like many of us are pondering over the New Year's Greetings from the Feds and the State, this program may be of benefit to you.

NOTE: Mr. S. J. Fine wrote a tax program for us sometime ago that did the whole job for the Form 1040.

Unfortunately, the tax tables have changed since then but then the program is not that hard to modify. See DOM #2, Jan. 1981.

This program from Mr. Fine is to be used if you have interest income that is not taxable on the Minnesota State return. The program is self prompting and easy to follow if you can do your own taxes.

An interesting programming feature of this program (and the above mentioned TAX 79 for that manner) is the READAT routine. This will allow you to specify the line number of the DATA statement you wish to READ rather than having to read all preceding data statements first. This program contains inbedded machine language. It would be wise to load it then save it before it is run. If you need to modify TAX AID, please contact Mr. Fine.

READAT INFORMATION

This is additional information concerning the use of the READAT routine. The first portion of the program is a demo of the routine, showing how the routine can READ from any DATA statement rather than forcing the programmer to sequentially READ all prior data statements to get to the one of interest. The second portion of the information program is a text file reader. The text file READAT.TEXT contains more details in the operation of the READAT routine.

To save space on this disk I had to combine two of Mr Fine's contributions into one file. Therefore the lines numbered less than 10000 are the demo of the READAT routine. Lines numbered 10000 and greater are the text reader program.

LOGO

This picture file is being tried as a logo for the DOM. If you have any comments, please forward them to me. The LOGO was created by Tim Pfaff.

IAC ADDRESS CHANGE

Note change:

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Santa Clara
CA 95050

BBS and Cheap Communications

by Minneapolis PMS SYSOP

Last time I wrote an article for the newsletter I was worried that the bulletin board system I had set up would not catch on. That was almost two years ago. I believe that I can now safely say that it has caught on. January will mark the two year anniversary for the system. In those two years the system has accommodated over 21,000 callers. The growth rate for this system and systems across the country has been phenomenal. Usage has increased everywhere. This is evidenced by the increasing number of systems both locally and across the country. Two years ago there was only one bulletin board system in the Twin Cities area. Today there are over nine (The numbers for these systems can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). The number of systems nationally has increased also. Recently a publication which reports on bulletin board systems reported a 139% increase in the number of verified systems from 5/12/81 to 11/3/81.

I suspect that the growth rate of bulletin board systems is comparable to the number of users who have telecommunication capabilities. For this reason I wasn't surprised to learn that 43% of the people who responded to the equipment survey had modems. Many of the new users that I have talked to report that they had no idea that there were such systems operating.

Each of the systems has its own personality and special areas of interest. If you call systems outside of the Twin Cities area you will find this to be especially true. A list of long distance systems is available on PMS. This list is the 'D' command. It may be searched by entering 'D:SEARCH' where SEARCH is what you are looking for. If you desired a list of all systems in the 612 area code then you would enter 'D;(612)'. The open parenthesis is necessary so that systems with 612 in the number would not be retrieved.

Those of you who call outside the Twin Cities area know this can be expensive, especially if you do a lot of calling. There are however ways to reduce this expense. There are three companies which offer alternatives to Ma Bell. Each of these companies has

several types of services available to the small consumer for long distance communication. All you need is a touch tone phone. Calls are placed by dialing a local number and then entering the number you wish to call plus your account number. From there its all automatic and you get connected with the number you dialed just as if you had dialed through the telephone company. These services don't reach to every city in the country but they do cover all the large ones.

Here are the companies:

Southern Pacific Communications Co.
(SPRINT) Burlingame Ca. 425-692-5600
local: 333-2336

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. (ITT-CITY CALL) New York City
telephone: 800-221-7267

MCI Telecommunications Corp.
Washington D.C. 202-872-1600
local: 544-8177

The prices for these services vary depending on when you call and what type of service you select. Each of these companies offers two types of services. A business service which can be used 24 hours a day and a residential service which can be used after business hours (generally after 5:00 P.M.). The residential service offers quite a savings over the business service. The charges for the residential SPRINT and MCI services are similar. Each charges a \$5 monthly fee plus an average of \$.13 a minute per call. I understand that ITT charges are a little higher per call. If you make a lot of long distance calls these services can help save on your long distance phone bill.

For those of you who haven't called a bulletin board give it a try. It may be addictive.

For the new caller to PMS there is one time saver that you may not be aware of. This is the ability to flag messages during a scan 'S' or quickscan 'Q' by entering 'R' right after the message header appears. The flagged messages can then be retrieved with the '*' command.

Good luck and happy BBS'ing.

APPLE VS MAIL ORDER

by Dan Buchler

In case anyone hasn't heard, there's a battle in progress in California: Apple versus the Mail Order houses. In late November Apple sent out a letter to 1000 dealers requesting that they sign an agreement not to sell by mail. Part of the agreement says: "Dealer and Apple recognize that because of the special, technical nature of Apple products, customers purchasing them can be properly served only if they have the benefit of pre- and post-sale education orientation and support, specifically including in-person contact with the selling dealer, in order that each customer's needs may be properly assessed and the features, benefits, operation and applications of the Apple products being purchased may be demonstrated and fully explained to them by knowledgeable sales personnel."

Aside from the fact that you need an Apple to find the end of the sentence, this agreement in effect would put the mail-order Apple dealers out of business! Accordingly, 6 Apple mail-order dealers who together do over \$20 million of Apple business per year successfully requested a temporary restraining order preventing Apple from putting the new agreement into effect.

The rumour in the industry is that Computerland threatened to stop selling Apples unless Apple did something about the Mail-order houses who they, Computerland, felt were cutting prices too much and making it non-profitable to sell Apples. The big local dealers have for a long time complained about low prices, maintaining that they could not provide the services expected and remain competitive.

Now, from this writer's own point of view, I would love to see the major dealers providing a service such as intimated by Apple's 'agreement'. But, unfortunately, with certain exceptions, the dealers have not provided the services stated even when they have sold at list price. The dealers have concentrated on the business users where the return on time invested was higher. The hobbyist have not gotten the support.

Again, in all fairness to the dealers, the sort of support needed by the hobbyist tends to be much more technical than that needed by the business user for whom only a detailed knowledge of

certain types of application software packages is required. The hobbyists come from many more directions and it is difficult for the dealer to provide staff with the necessary training, background and experience. The Apple clubs have filled that void in many instances.

It is for these reasons that I personally support the Mail-order houses in their 'battle' with Apple. It should be noted that I have usually advised persons to buy from their local dealers mostly because of the hardware maintenance and warranty support which is often necessary due to infant mortality problems. There's no way a mail-order house can provide that service. I want to emphasize that there are some dealers who do support the hobbyist. But there are other dealers who try to provide a support service but are just not equipped to do it properly. And, there are a few dealers who don't try at all!

Concluding, if Apple were to succeed in this battle, prices would be forced up and we might not see any improvement in support, just less sales of Apples!

THANK YOU

by Dan Buchler

Dave Jaskulke, of Blumberg Photo Sound, and assistants gave a fascinating demonstration of the Arion 2c Computer Compatible Dissolver. The dissolver is a box to which you hook from 1 to 4 slide projectors and a audio cassette or tape recorder. It then controls the timing of the slides, fading and dissolving of the pictures, and synchronization of the sound.

This sounds sort of un-interesting to the layman. The point is that with two slide projectors, the most fantastic and modern presentation can be put together, that approaches a well edited movie in effect. The Apple is used to edit the show which, without the support of the dissolver could not be done manually.

Dave gave an excellent demonstration of what the system could do and then showed how a show could be edited using the Apple. The presentation was enhanced by use of a Video projection system for the Apple output.

Al Peterman demonstrated the line of plotters which he carries.

We wish to thank Dave Jaskulke, Blumberg Photo Sound and Al Peterman for an entertaining evening.

SOFTCARD

SoftCard* is a complete hardware/software system for the Apple II or II Plus that adds an important new software dimension to your Apple—the ability to run software written for the CP/M operating system. The SoftCard system is comprised of the SoftCard circuit board, the CP/M operating system and Microsoft BASIC, supported by extensive utility software and complete documentation. With the SoftCard circuit board installed and CP/M running, your Apple has the ability to utilize many powerful software packages that are not available to the Apple in regular Apple DOS mode. These packages include programming languages such as Microsoft's BASIC-80 and COBOL-80; well-respected word processing and data base software packages; and a host of proven business applications. And SoftCard doesn't affect use of your Apple

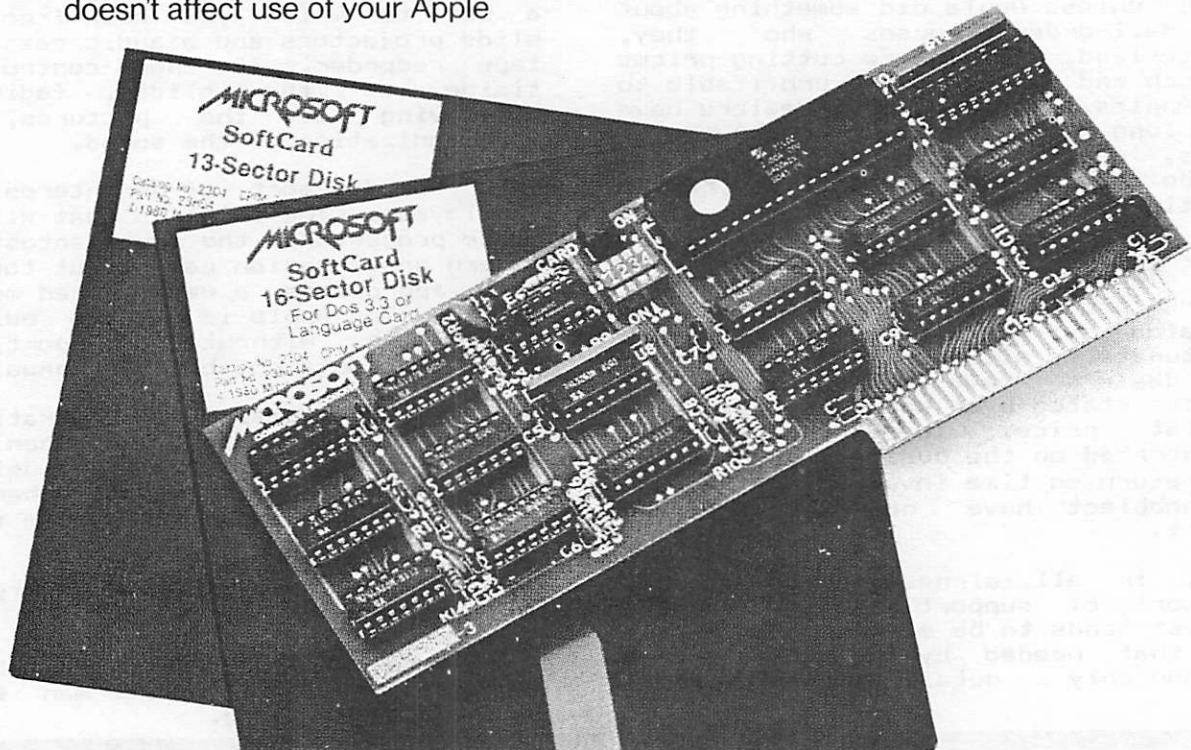
in normal Apple DOS mode. Every SoftCard package includes:

SoftCard Circuit Board—Contains a Z-80* microprocessor, making it possible for the Apple to run CP/M.

CP/M Operating System—The software key to all the languages and sophisticated applications software you want for your Apple.

Microsoft BASIC-80—Ideal for developing sophisticated BASIC programs. BASIC-80 has many special features including 16-digit precision, PRINT USING, built-in I/O statements, CALL, CHAIN and COMMON and more. Provided with lo-res graphics on 13-sector disk; with both lo and hi-res graphics on 16-sector disk.

Six Utility Programs—Provide complete support of CP/M on the Apple. **Instruction and Reference Manuals.** SoftCard requires 48K RAM and one disk drive.



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FEBRUARY'S FEATURE:

Microsoft Softcard (CP/M for the Apple)	\$315.00
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BMC Green monitor (BM12E)	\$165.00
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NEW PRODUCTS

by Dan Buchler

I had intended to bring you this column less frequently than monthly, but the proliferation of new items is such that I am compelled to write it all down immediately!

320K RAMDISK

Axlon, Inc., Sunnyvale, Ca, demonstrated their RAM storage unit at the Comdex, 81 show in Las Vegas. This is a self contained unit with its own case about the size of a disk drive. It contains 40 64k bit ICs for a total of 320k bytes of storage. It has its own power supply which also powers the interface card that plugs into an Apple bus slot. A self charging battery powered backup supply lasts for 3 hours so you can unplug the RAMDISK, replug in and then boot from it. (see below)

Axlon provides disk emulation software which makes the unit look like two standard floppies. Beyond the 2 disk emulation, there is still 32k left over.

The Axlon rub is their price; \$1400. They did send out a notice offering to sell one to each Apple club or representative thereof for \$950. Anyone interested?

Axlon claims that a BLOAD of a 32 sector 8k HIRES picture takes 1/6th of a second. However, Dave Alpert, Northern Illinois Apple U.G. president reports that he saw it loading 8k picture blocks at one per second That is still 9 times faster than Floppy-DOS. In last month's, I reported that the Legend Disk emulator working with their 64k board speeded up I/O by a factor of 3 over that of Floppy-DOS. The question I would like to hear answered is why is the Axlon 3 or more times faster than the Legend, or is it? Now read on for more on bulk RAM storage:-----

SORRENTO APP-L-CACHE

Sorrento Valley Associates (SVA), San Diego, CA have a 64k card, which sounds similar to the Legend except that it is expandable and it costs more (\$495). Expansion to 256k bytes is achieved by plugging in a 192k byte card that cables to the 64k card. The expansion card costs \$1295, or the two together \$1595 which is a higher cost/bit than for the Axlon RAMDISK. All of these new cards use the 64k bit ICs, the price of which is steadily decreasing!

SVA offer a disk emulator that emulates one super large floppy. They claim an

emulator/floppy-DOS speed improvement of 3 times.

The SVA must plug into slot 0. The Legend will plug into any slot. Of course the Legend, the SVA and maybe the Axlon can be used instead of a Language card. But read on, there are more memory cards:---

MICROBUFFER II

Practical Peripherals, Westlake Village, Ca. have a variation on the memory expansion board. Its a parallel printed interface card with 16k bytes (expandable to 32k bytes) on board. Also included is extensive firmware which as well as performing HIRES screen dumps will do same while another program is running (presumably interrupt driven). The specs do not say whether or not you can address the memory directly which would allow one to use it as an expansion card too. Price is \$259 for 16k version, \$299 for 32k version plus an additional \$69 to get the background dump capability.

Please note that a very simple software routine can be written to use the language card or any expansion card as a print buffer. I wrote one in 1 hour the other day, and I am a real slow programmer! Of course the routine has to be BLOADED and the linkages set up, so its not as convenient as the Microbuffer II.

DSI 16K

From Kleinofen Computer, Dusseldorf, W. Germany comes another combination. A buffered printer interface and Z-80 board. Contains Z-80, 16k Ram, Centronics compatible interface (same as used by Epson and others). Since the Z-80 drives the RAM, you can drive the printer from the Z-80/ 16K memory combination independently of the Apple 6502. You can also use it as a Z-80 board to run CP/M etc. Price is \$310 + \$7 shipping.

SYNERGY-CARD

From Spies Laboratory, Lawndale, CA comes another combination which could save you money. For \$195 (list) you get a base card with 16k RAM thats essentially similar to the other 16k 'language' type cards. The difference is that you can add several features by simply plugging them into the base card.

For \$59 you get a Centronics type parallel printer interface with Firmware that will accept the same HIRES dump commands that are available on the Orange-Micro card. If you want to

interface to an Epson, you need a cable which costs \$30. A PR#8 invokes the appropriate linkages. Also included with the parallel interface are an RS232 serial port and 2 interval timers. The serial interface will talk at up to 9600 baud to serial printers or modems such as an acoustic coupler, but you will probably have to buy another cable for \$20. A PR#9 turns on the software. (Watch out, the board might not work with the Hayes Smartmodem!) If you have added the Parallel interface, for another \$49 you can have a clock/calendar card with battery backup which is compatible with the Mountain Hardware clock-card. IN#10 reads the clock.

Now, having spent \$363, for another \$39 you can buy a BSR X-10 Ultrasonic interface (which will allow you to do some of the things Mike Birnbaum demonstrated in Nov). A PR#12 accesses the BSR.

So, you blow \$402 (list), say \$360 at discount, on a fully loaded Synergy-Card. Using approximate discount prices, if you needed all of those features, one card has replaced a 16k Ram card (\$140), a Grappler type printer interface (\$140), a serial interface (\$100), a clock card (\$100), a BSR interface (\$70); about \$550 total (saving \$190), and you have also saved several slots and attendant power drain. Before you jump, make sure you really need all that stuff!

METACARD

Metamorphic Systems of Boulder Colorado has a plug in board with an Intel 8088 Microprocessor and an additional 64k bytes expandable to an additional 128k bytes for 192k bytes total. The 64k system sells for \$980.

With an 8080 (which is what's in the new IBM system) you can run CP/M-86 (which is supplied with the card). They also offer as an option the IBM operating system and Pascal.

DTACK GROUNDED 68000

When it comes to add-on processor boards, don't forget about the DTACK GROUNDED 68000 (see Jan newsletter) which is really more powerful than the 8088. We hope to be able to review the actual DTACK hardware within the next few months. They have already shipped their first Apple compatible boards.

LOGO

Terrapin, Inc., Cambridge, Mass. offer the Logo language that was developed at

MIT. The price is \$150. Backup disks cost \$15. System requires a 64k Apple!

Editor's Note:

An article describing LOGO was planned for this month, but we ran out of space. It will probably appear in next month's newsletter.

MINUTES

JAN BOARD MEETING

January 13, 1982

by Ron Androff, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 by our president. October board minutes were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

5/18/81 Balance \$ 1933.30

Statement 6/81 thru 12/81:

ITEM	INCOME	EXPENSE
DOMS	\$ 3,981.00	\$ 3,336.98
MEMBERSHIP	6,209.00	
NEWSLETTER/MAIL		3,324.81
APPLE ORCHARD	344.00	425.40
MECC	624.30	304.47
MISC	27.00	976.90

1/13/82 Balance

4750.04

The club is incorporating as Minnesota Computer Users Group with a trade name of Mini'app'les. Completion is pending the filing of approved bylaws. Cost less attorney fees approximately \$36.00.

Motion to accept the amendments made to the bylaws and present those amendments to the membership for approval. PASSED

Moved we charge \$5.00 for DOMs with \$2.50 for mailing; effective February 17 (meeting night). PASSED This increase was approved as a measure to ease our cash flow problems caused by disk purchases for DOMs.

GOTO 12: REM Minutes Continued

EPSON MX-80/100 COMPARISON

by Dan Buchler

I have been asked several times about the merits of buying an MX-100 over the MX-80. The obvious answer is that the 100 is simply a 'wide' 80. Well thats not really true. The following attempts to detail the differences.

General specifications:

	MX-80	MX-100
Paper feed	Tractor (MX-80 F/T has platen or you can buy add on platen)	Tractor & Platen
Print Sizes & positions		
@10 chars/in	80	136
condensed	132	233
enlarged	40	68
enl/condensed	66	116
Block graphics	64chars	None
Variations on Roman character set	By switch selection only & only WITHOUT Grafrtax option.	Software Control

Japanese Katakana	As above	None
<i>Italic Characters</i>	All print modes but only with grafrtax option.	None
Dot graphics (With grafrtax option)		Standard
Across page--		
Regular	480 dots	816 dots
Dual density	960 dots	1632 dots
Print speed	80cps	80cps
@10 chars/in		
Print modes	Regular Emphasized Double Strike	Regular Emphasized
Char matrix----		
Regular	9*5	9*5
Expanded	9*10	9*10
Inter-character spacing---		
Regular	1 dot plus	1 dot plus
Expanded	2 dots plus	2 dots plus

Firmware specifications:

GOTO 11

APPLE 8-BIT 8-CHANNEL A/D SYSTEM

- 8-BIT RESOLUTION
- ON BOARD MEMORY-
(Just peek at data)
- FAST CONVERSION -
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564	ADKINS, S. STEVE	55337		6	CARTER, BRUCE A.	55420	612-854-6962
509	ADOMEIT, BRUCE L.	55113	612-483-6387	274	CARTER, RICHARD	58075	701-642-8953
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132	MC FERRAN, JAMES S.	55454		397	PUTRICH, DAVID	55423	612-866-9473
71	MC LEAN, GARY	55124	612-432-3046	257	QUALEY, TERRY	55110	612-777-6915
310	MC MONIGAL, SUE	55427		134	QUIMBY, CHARLIE	55407	612-822-1661
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302	MIELENS, PAUL M.	55116	612-459-6291	110	RICH, KEN	55403	612-377-4682
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91	MILLER, ART	55118	612-457-6461	476	RICHARDSON, LORNE	55410	612-922-7498
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Capabilities common to MX-80 and MX-100

Hex Asc Ctl Feature
Code Code Code **Note 1 below
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No preceding escape character----

07	7	Ctl G	Bell - 1 second buzzer
09	9	Ctl I	Horizontal Tab
0A	10	Ctl J	Line feed
0B	11	Ctl K	Vertical Tab
0C	12	Ctl L	Form Feed
0D	13	Ctl M	Carriage Return
0E	14	Ctl N	Enlarged on
0F	15	Ctl O	Condensed on
11	17	Ctl Q	Select printer
12	18	Ctl R	Condensed off
13	19	Ctl S	De-select printer
14	20	Ctl T	Enlarged off

Escape character precedes all codes.

30	48	Esc 0	Select 8 lines/inch
32	50	Esc 2	Select 6 lines/inch
38	56	Esc 8	Deselect end paper det
39	57	Esc 9	Select end paper det't
41n	65n	Esc A n	Set line spacing n/72"
42n..66n..	Esc B n..0		Set vertical tabs
43n	67n	Esc C n	Set form length n line (Note 2)
44n..68n..	Esc D n..0		Set horizontal tab (Note 3)
45	69	Esc E	Emphasized print on
46	70	Esc F	Emphasized print off
4Bnm	75nm	Esc K	Normal density graphic
4Cnm	76nm	Esc L	Dual density graphics

Note 1 n means additional single char follows ASCII code. nm is 2 byte count of graphic chars following.
Note 2 MX-80 255 lines max
MX-100 127 lines max
Note 3 MX-80 16 tabs max
MX-100 12 tabs max

Features specific to the MX-100

4E	78	Esc N	Set for skip over perforation at bottom of page
4F	79	Esc O	Turn off skip over perf
51n	81n	Esc Q	Set column width (This is similar to the "CTL I 80 N" provided by most Apple interface cards)
52n	82n	Esc R	Selects 1 of 8 char set variations for 8 languages. n=0 USA English n=1 French n=2 German n=3 UK English n=4 Danish n=5 Swedish n=6 Italian n=7 Spanish

Note that an MX-80 without Graftrax provides similar capability via switches. Allows setting of form length in inches instead of <c/r>s. This is particularly useful when using Graphics as MX-80 loses track of top of form.

Features specific to the MX-80 with Graftrax option installed.
(All codes must be preceded by Escape)

43 On	Esc '0'n		
31n	49	Esc 1	Set line spacing 7/72"
33n	51n	Esc 3n	Set line space n/216" (1/3rd dot vertical spacing. Req'd for precision graphics such as writer's HIGHER PRINT)
34	52	Esc 4	Italics On
35	53	Esc 5	Italics Off
3A	58	Esc :	Block graphics mode on
3B	59	Esc ;	Block graphics mode off
3C	60	Esc <	Home Print head
3D	61	Esc =	Clear Most Signif't bit
3E	62	Esc >	Set Most signific't bit This allows block graphics with unmodified Epson interface card.
3Fn	63n	Esc ?n	Redefine Escape codes
40	64	Esc @	Reset printer
47	71	Esc G	Double strike on
48	72	Esc H	Double strike off
4Anm	74nm	Esc Jnm	High speed dual density graphics (of dubious use!!)
50	80	Esc P	Condensed on (can do same thing with Ctl O)
51	81	Esc Q	Condensed Off (can do same thing with Ctl R)
53	83	Esc S	Expanded on (can do same thing with Ctl N)
54	84	Esc T	Expanded off (can do same thing with Ctl T)

Summarizing

You can see that there are several things that the MX-80 with Graftrax option can do which the MX-100 cannot. In fact the following are things that the MX-80 without Graftrax can do which the MX-100 cannot:

- Double Strike print mode. In general the Emphasized mode will satisfy most people.
- Block graphics (selected with high order bit on)
- Japanese Katakana characters

Whether or not specific features are important to you, depends on your particular needs.

MINI' APP' LES Education

by Chase Allen

D. C. Hayes has come out with a new modem called the Smartmodem. This modem does all the regular stuff and then some more. I will try to give you a brief on the principal features of the modem and also the criteria I see for making the choice between the more familiar Micromodem II, and the Smartmodem.

First, the most significant difference is the structure. The Micromodem was a self contained peripheral board, which excepting software gave you everything. The Smartmodem comes as an external box which still requires a board to connect to the Apple. Probably this is the principal reason Hayes took this path, as the Smartmodem will interface with anything using a serial interface of the RS-232 variety. No, not any serial interface board, just the serial interface protocol. It turns out, after trying three (Apple serial interface card, CCS 7710A, and finally the Apple Communications Interface card) that the best match appears to be the Apple Comm card. It has the advantage that Apple software (BASIC, and Pascal) understands the card well enough to talk directly, using the BIOS. This is a plus over the Micromodem, for which you had to tailor the BIOS.

Secondly, the Smartmodem can dial in Touch-Tone or Pulse dial modes, and under program control, you switch back and forth. Also, the Smartmodem has a speaker which can let you listen to the interface, often a help in debugging, and determining where you are. Incidentally, these feature were the critical factors which I sought when I switched from the Micromodem. I have a program which interfaces with Twin City Federal Bill Payment Program, and the cues from the sytem are via voice synthesizer, and require responses from me in Touch-Tone.

Finally, in my estimation, the Smartmodem is quite a bit easier to program. It has two states - Command and On-line. In command mode, commands take the form of an ASCII string such as "AT DT 123-4567;". This command string (which comes out of Pascal as: WRITELN(REMOUT,'AT DT 123-4567;'), is interpreted as ATTENTION!...Dial-in touchtone- 123-4567 and return to command state without transmitting a

carrier. Obviously, I am not intending to use the normal data transmission state in this example (dropping the semi-colon will put the modem through the receive-originate carrier sequence, and leave me in on-line state, ready to transmit-receive).

The most complicated sequence in the Smartmodem is returning to command state (necessary to terminate a session). In this sequence, one must program a one second quiet space (no data out - incoming is ok!), followed by a sequence of three plus signs (ASCII 43), followed by another one second "guard space". The modem will obediently say "ok" and start interpreting characters as commands. Oh yes, there are modem responses to commands, carrier detect, loss of carrier, and errors, as well as other state responses that are a little tricky, timing-wise to interpret.

All in all I am quite pleased with the Smart-modem, and am finding that I can modify most of the Micromodem packages to work. Generally, it is a case of simplification, as the Smartmodem does most of the work for you without affecting Apple timing. By that I am referring to the fact that the Micromodem does all its wonderous things on your time, whereas the Smartmodem does it on its own.

I heard that old programmers never die.....they just get nibbled away!

Minutes: CONTINUED from page 9

Moved that the club policy concerning sales of hardware and software be: The club will endeavor to locate sources for bulk purchases of computer equipment and supplies as a service to its members. Those providing this service will attempt to make clear to members the amount of service available to the purchaser at a given price. The club will not, however, certify persons as "dealers" for the club, nor publish prices except comparatively or through paid advertising. PASSED

Moved that we have an audit of our financial books to close out the year. PASSED

We listened to a fifteen minute tape from Jim Hassler our representative at I.A.C. The tape was a response to a letter by Dan Buchler to Jim Hessler.

Meeting was ajourned at 12:30

MOUNTAIN MUSIC

A Different Review
by Dan Buchler

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Mountain Computer recently reduced the price of their Music System from \$545 to \$395. I had wanted a music system ever since I had seen a demonstration of the first ALF system in March of 1979. I was ready to buy an ALF system when Mountain announced their Music system. Then I was put off by the price. But, with the two Music Synthesizer system manufacturers (alphaSyntauri - Reference 1 and Passport Designs) committing themselves to the Mountain hardware, and the arrival of a price reduction, I finally decided to buy.

Now, if you want to see a detailed discussion on what the Music system does, read Reference 2. In there the hardware and software are described in considerable detail. I will not attempt to duplicate what the reference says but just summarize the capabilities of the system and then offer my own critique.

The mountain system consists of:

- 2 boards coupled together
- 1 light pen
- 2 double-sided disks of software
- 1 manual in 3 ring-binder

The music system provides-

- 16 voices
- stereo output (max of 8 voices/
channel)
- A music editor to enter the scores. There are 3 ways to enter music. A light pen in combination with various Hires screens, or the paddles in combination with the screens or via the keyboard. Combinations of the 3 methods, depending on what you are doing, prove most effective. The editor creates 'source files' (called COMP files) which are COMPiled by the Music Player.
- A Music Merger program to combine together pieces of scores entered by the editor. The amount of music which can be accomodated by the editor is very restrictive, so the merger gets used alot.
- A music player program which will COMPile the COMP files into PLAY files, load previously defined instrument definitions, and play the music.
- An Instrument Definition program which allows you to define your own instruments. The definition of an instrument consists of three parts:
 - * The definition of the waveform.
 - * the definition of the envelope.
 - * A frequency history of the attack.

The technique used by Mountain is very sophisticated. The waveform is defined by 256 bytes, each byte representing (in 8 bits obviously) the amplitude of the waveform over one complete cycle. Each of the 16 voices may be thus defined. Because historically, the analysis of waveforms has depended on a representation of that waveform by its harmonic content, the instrument definition requires that you specify the waveform in terms of the relative amplitudes of the first 24 harmonics. The program then does a Fourier transform from the frequency domain to the time domain. (Excuse the technical jargon!) Incidentally, theres nothing to stop you providing a waveform derived from some outside source and converted to a 256 byte representation. Most of the competitive systems depend on a fixed waveform which is either square, sawtooth, sine or combinations of those. Incidentally most electronic organs and sythesizers use analog filtering techniques to vary the waveform.

The envelope is defined by specifying the shape of the attack (up to 16 co-ordinate pairs may be used), the time of attack and decay and the type of decay (log or linear).

The frequency history allows one to specify a departure from the fundamental frequency of the wave during the attack time. That departure is specified in percent.

As stated above, if you want to know more about what it is, read the Byte article, see a demonstration or call Chuck Boody or myself!

Now to the critique aspect of this article.

Most of the criticism I had read in referenced article and from knowlewdgable persons such as Chuck Boody revolved around a Music purists point of view. For example, the Mountain system can't do 'triplets'. Well, to my untrained ear, I could substitute a slightly different beat, and I would'nt be able to tell the difference. Anyway, I would'nt know where to find a triplet! They also criticise the fact that the Mountain system uses a stretched tuning scale. Again, I could'nt tell the difference except that perhaps it might make it a little harder to tune a real accompanment on such an instrument as a Trumpet.

GOTO 16: REM Mountain Music Cont

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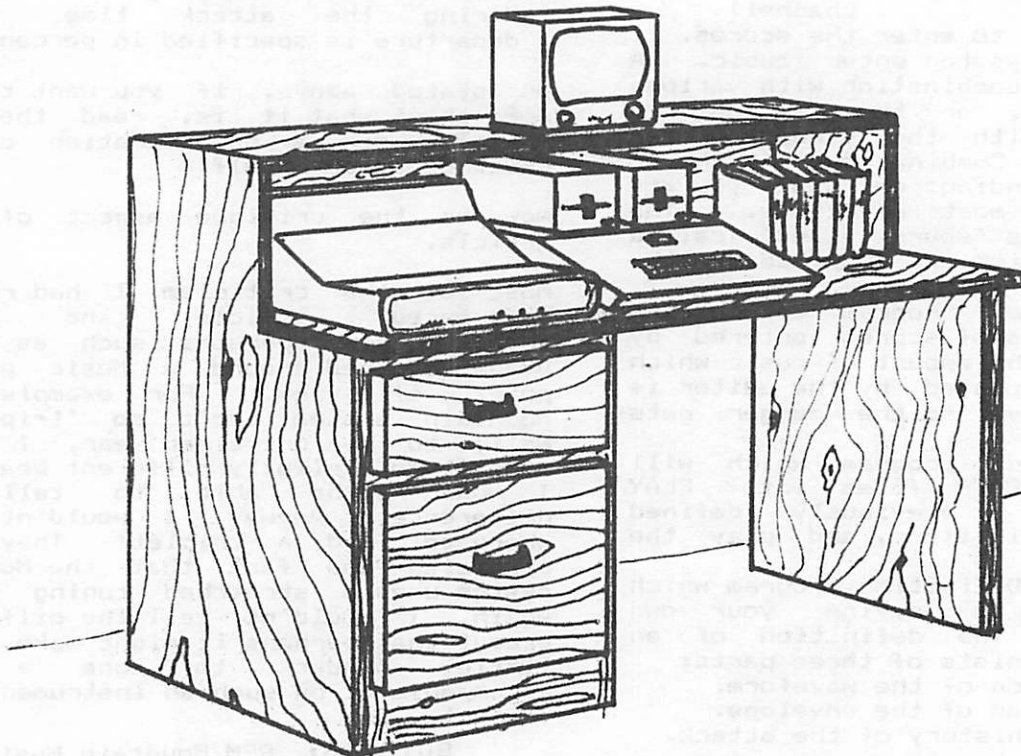
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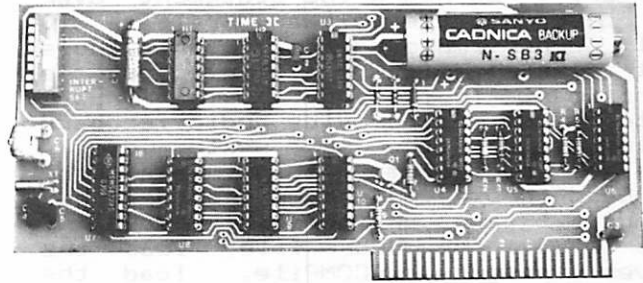
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However, I had heard the statement over and over that the software (release 2.0 still needed improvements). What does that mean. Well Moore pointed out one significant deficiency. The Music editor does not provide audio feedback during entry (The ALF system does). This is a problem to me not because of the need for instantaneous feedback, but because it takes an incredible amount of time to save the COMP file, load the player program, COMPile, load the instrument definition and then finally hear it. That's like 2 to 4 minutes or more. By the time you get there, you forget what you were going to listen for!

One reason for the long time is that to go from one subsystem (Editor, Merger, player) the system performs an automatic reboot (PR#6) and brings up the main menu. Then, after selecting the subsystem, it loads 100+ sectors of disk for each subsystem. One of the new large 64k, 256K, 320K RAM systems emulating a disk would help here.

Another problem that's annoying is that with one drive, one does a lot of disk swapping during the course of entering music. Just about every operation requires loading of overlays. The Mountain philosophy is to keep the data disks separate from the program disks. If you have only one drive, try the system first in that configuration so you know what you face!

To me there are currently two major capability deficiencies: These are:

For any one part of Music, only one instrument may be defined. For example, it would be very desirable to enter a phrase using let's say a saxophone, then to repeat it as a trumpet. You can't do that. Because of the way parts are defined, you would have to enter from scratch two separate parts, each hooked to its own instrument. Further, even though only one of those two parts is playing at a time, the voices required to define the instrument must come out of your total available 16 voices. On the surface that doesn't sound too bad, but complex instrument definition, because of limitations in accuracy of the 256 * 8 bits sampling, may require 2 or 3 voices. (The BRASS supplied by Mountain uses 3 and the PIANO supplied by MOUNTAIN is divided into PIANOHI, PANMED and PIANLOW each of which use several voices. So you see voices are in great demand!

Another thing about parts, evident from above, is that once you define a part,

you can't reassign it as a different part, i.e. you can't have a first part as a Trumpet and later use it as a part 3 for a Trombone.

This leads to another gripe. During Instrument Definition, you are able to hear the effects of small changes in any part of the definition process. And, they nicely allow you to transpose the music you are using during definition up or down by up to 48 semitones (4 octaves). You can listen to the definition using a scale provided or load a short PLAYfile of your own. Unfortunately you can't save the transposition (In ALF you can). This to me is a real pain. I am not an accomplished Musician, and was planning to use the system to create accompaniments for my son who plays the Trumpet, a b-flat instrument. The only way to do that is to use actual music correctly transposed, or to make the transposition as you enter the piece which can be difficult.

The system as delivered provides a score Printing capability that only works with the Apple Silentye. If you own a Silentye that's fine, but it isn't the most common printer around here!

Lastly, I would like to comment briefly on the ease of defining instruments. The tools provided are really very good. My problem is that I wanted to emulate that Trumpet of my son. To emulate a real instrument is very difficult. Mountain provides with the system very nice sounding instruments as follows:

ORGAN	WOODWIND
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The problem is that, in a complex instrument like a Trumpet, the envelope of each harmonic is slightly different (Ref 3). To obtain a 'perfect instrument' would require the definition of several instruments each of which would play the same part. One could not combine them as one instrument because the Mountain system assumes one attack time and decay time/shape for each instrument. To do exactly as above gets one in to trouble with parts as described earlier. However, the Mountain system assumes a compromise in that the attack envelope is separately specifiable for each waveshape so one could combine those harmonics that have similar attacks under one attack envelope. I haven't had time to see how effective that really is.

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- 4) Inform members of present projects, needs and hardware/software.

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Why buy the Mountain system at \$395 list versus the ALF or even cheaper systems based on the General Instrument Music chip? The ALF software is undoubtedly better in that it is easier to use. That's not to say that the Mountain system through enhancements will not improve. Then there's the compatibility with the 2 Music Synthesizer manufacturers. That's a plus for the Mountain system. The last reason and perhaps the most important is the ability of the Mountain system to synthesize anything. The ability to synthesize virtually any waveform (in theory anyway), to emulate complex attack envelopes (ALF assumes a linear attack) plus the 16 voices gives it a definite advantage over the competition. Despite its shortcomings, the package is a very well designed system which tries to minimize operational errors.

Meanwhile, I am thinking of investing \$500 or \$600 to upgrade to a Passport Design system in which the software is reputedly better. Hope to bring you a review of that.

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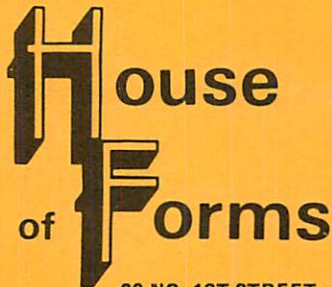
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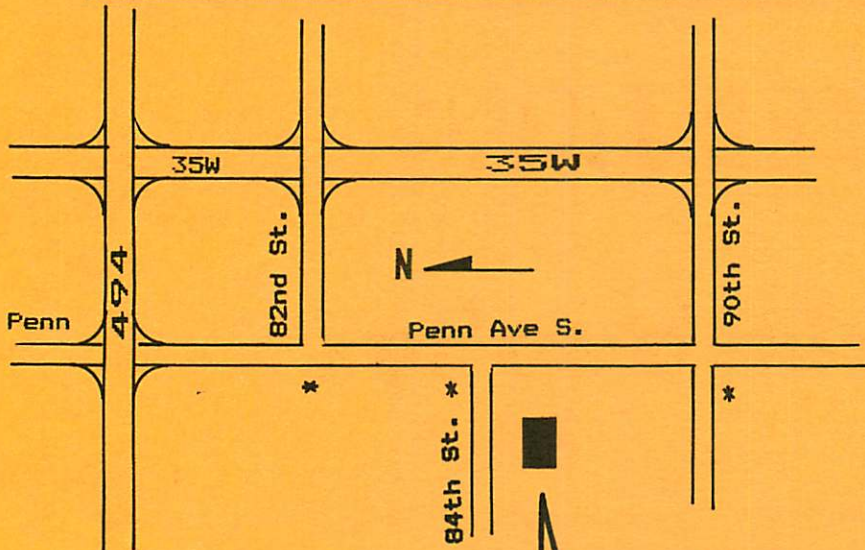


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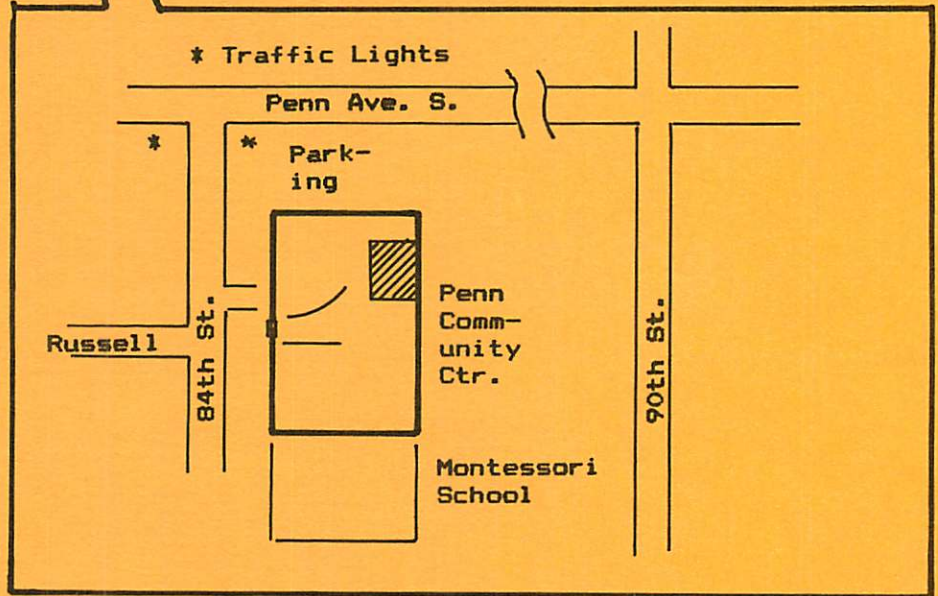
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