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Calendar of Events

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2	3	4	Mac Main Meeting 5 Bloomington Educational Center 90th St & Portland Ave. So. 7:00 p.m. Rooms 210-211 Subject: Game Night and Suggestions for Christmas Speaker: Mike Carlson: 866-3441 Melvyn Magree: 559-1108	6
Apple II GS and Apple II Main Meeting Highland Park Library, Ford Parkway, St. Paul, 7:00 p.m. Subject: Games, Games, Games Tom Ostertag: 488-9979	Apple II DTP SIG Murry Jr High St. Paul, 7:00 p.m. Bill Warner: 938-1334 Topic: Springboard Publisher	11	Emini'app'les Board Meeting Lexington Branch Library University & Lexington Aves. St. Paul, MN, 7:00 p.m. David Laden: 488-6774	13
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Notes:

The deadline for articles is the 1st of the preceding month. (If you want your article in February's newsletter we must have your copy by the 1st of January.) We accept advertising and want ads until the 10th of the month.

Coordinators, please call Dick Aura (941-1198) by the 10th to have your meeting listed correctly.

SIG - Special Interest Group

CIG - Community Interest Group

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JANUARY 1992

	Mac Main Meeting	Thur., Jan. 2	Loca	tion to be announced.		Notes 4 & 6		
	Board Meeting	Thur., Jan. 9		igton Branch Library, S	t Paul	Note 1, Members welcome		
	Apple II & GS Main Meeting	Mon., Jan. 13		and Branch Library, St		Note 1, Well	Dela Welcollie	
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	MacCAD/E SIG	Tues., Jan. 21		Age Computers 5909				
	Microsoft® Works™ SIG Tues., Jan. 21		Highland Park Branch Library, St. Paul			Note 13		
	Mac Desktop Publishing SIG Wed., Jan. 23		No meeting this month. Enjoy the Holidays.					
	Macintosh Programmer SIG	Tues., Jan.23	Murray Jr. High, 2200 Buford, St. Paul			Note 18		
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Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone call away. Please: only call if you are a Member, own the software in question and during appropriate times.

<u>Macintosh</u>	Key	QuickBasic	5, 6	ProTERM	1, 23, 25	Mousetalk	15
Adobe Illustrator	21, 24	Telecommunications	19	Quicken	25	PaintWorks Plus/Gold	•
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St. Paul Public Library, Lexington Branch, May 9, 1991

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Secretary Report



by Greg Carlson Meeting was called to order by Dave Laden, chair, at 7:13 p.m. on May 9, 1991 at the Lexington Branch of the St. Paul Library.

Board Members Present: David Laden, Randy L. Dop, Richard Peterson, Steve George, Tom Lufkin, Rand Sibet, Mike Casey, Barney Barker, James Fulwood, Dick Aura.

Member excused: Bill Warner. Absent: Tom Schaff, and James Hadden.

Agenda Item 2.1 President's Report introduced agenda with attached President's Report and meeting focus.

Agenda Item 2.2 Vice-President's Report: Tom Lufkin will discuss important activities under Old Business, specifically "Strictly Business Computer Show."

Agenda Item 2.3 Secretary's Report: Randy Dop mailed the last quarter's DOM coupons making us current through the last newsletter. Reviewed the calendar of events.

Agenda Item 2.4 Treasurer's Report by David Laden. Treasurer's report submitted and details reviewed. Discussed future expectations for treasurer's and financial reports. Randy completed the budget specifications sheet. Discussed history of the resolution of the problems with the IRS. Discussed status of certificates of deposit.

Agenda Item 2.5 Membership Director's Report: 779 newsletters were mailed. There were 100 newsletters sent through the newsletter exchanges and to advertisers.

Agenda Item 2.6 Executive Committee Report: The main MAC meeting is still in need of a permanent home. Details of May 7, 1991 Executive Committee meeting were discussed.

Agenda Item 2.7 Publications Committee Report. Helped need with newsletters. Seek 5 volunteers. Need assistance with layout. The MailSource will be replaced.

Agenda Item 2.8: Software Director Report. No report this month.

Agenda Item 2.9 Resource Director Report. Apple II guides have been received.

Agenda Item 2.10 Interest Group Director Report. No report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 3.1: Evaluation of General Membership Meeting. Meetings included: Ten members have reserved tables at this time. SWAP meet Advertisements have been placed in the Computer User, and the Tribune.

Agenda Item 3.2 Insurance Policy/Evaluation: Dave Laden will be meeting with the insurance agent before the June Board meeting. A representative will be present at the June meting.

Agenda Item 3.3 Newsletter Editor

Agenda Item 3.4 Strictly Business 1000 copies of flyer have been distributed. We have a good location.

Agenda Item 3.5 Voice Mail discussed and plans are in process.

Agenda Item 3.6 Election Committee Report discussed by President Laden. Motion, second, and vote to approve passed.

All items carried forward from previous board will be considered at next regularly scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 4.1: Board accepted the resignation of Brian Lynch as Publications Director.

Agenda Item 4.2 Retiring Board members were thanked for their service.

Agenda Item 4.3 Name Tags: Randy Dop will arrange for name tags for new officers.

Agenda Item 4.4 Business Cards: At the June Board Meeting, an order for business cards for board members will be discussed and an order placed.

Agenda Item 4.5 Letter Stationery: Letterhead needs to be reordered.

Agenda Item 4.6 Board of Directors Directory will be developed under President Laden's supervision.

Agenda Item 4.7 Committee assignments and appointment of staff were discussed and more details of assignments will be made at the June Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 4.8 Formation of a Nominating Committee was discussed.

Agenda Item 4.9: President Laden discussed the development of a Survey/Questionnaire and encouraged input into its design.

Agenda Item 4.10: Amateur Fair will be held on July 12 through 13.

Agenda Item 4.11 Location of future board meetings was discussed. Decision was to continue meeting at the Lexington

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Apple II Meeting Notes

Apple II Main Meeting Minutes



by Thomas Ostertag

It was Beginner's Night for the October Apple II Main Meeting and we had lots of beginners and lots of non beginners there. Tom Lufkin, a real Apple II beginner was also in attendance... Announcements and introductions as usual with a few comments from Les Anderson on the eDOM collection thrown in for good measure. The program was then turned over to Earl Benser, the Club's Beginner's Consultant, who did an excellent job of talking about Apple History, Apple Politics, where the Apple II is headed; and then fielded all kinds of diverse questions. We thank him again for a very entertaining evening. One thing, though, never ask to see his basement. It sounds as if he has at least one of every product that was made by and for Apple stored there for posterity...

After Earl's talk, Les presented some of the eDOM's and other people stood around and talked. When the Librarian warned us that we had 5 minutes, Eric Knopp quickly finished the Fun Beyond game and we packed up.

The meeting reconvened (as usual...) at Baker's Square where the magnetic fields of chance were quickly tested thus polarizing our conversation.

After much more discussion of hard drives, slot 3 clock cards, OLD AppleWriter Manuals, the Swap Meet, etc., I left the remainder of the group to request another glass of Coke and to watch the sun rise. The thought that they should go home finally dawned on them...

Sorry that the November minutes are slightly late. I left for Chicago on Tuesday and didn't get the chance to get these posted.

Well, to be honest, there was still a lot of snow on the ground and Ford Parkway was rather slippery, but a whole bunch of people showed up for the meeting, including a number of first timers. We had a lively introduction and Question and Answer Session along with a short description of some of the latest

eDOMs from Les Anderson. The program was ProSel and Copy II Plus used as program selectors for large storage devices. Applications were set up to show how each program handled the menu. Somewhat unlimited for ProSel and 12 for Copy II Plus. Also some of the other utilities on both programs were demonstrated. The librarian sent us home at 8:45 and since I was going to Chicago and hadn't packed yet ... I skipped the social hour at Baker's Square and went home.

Next month, 9 December, Fred Evans (or John Hyde) will demonstrate some of the new or most exotic games that have been written for the Apple II. Also on 27 January, the Hyper-Card SIG is inviting IIGS owners to their meeting to talk about Hypercard transfers, etc. Stay tuned for that announcement.

All for now... See you on the 9th for some fun...

Tom &

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Branch of the St. Paul Library system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agenda Item 5.1: Next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, June 13, 1991

Agenda Item 5.2 Items for next meeting's agenda were discussed and Dave Laden recorded this information.

Agenda Item 5.3 Adjournment by acclamation.

Bits and Bytes



from

A.C.E.S

submitted by Rand Sibet

The Apple Computer Enjoyment Society is a not-for-profit users group which has been helping Apple owners since 1979. The club has five chapters which extend from W. Palm Beach to Miami. We welcome all Apple and Apple clone owners who have a desire to learn more about their computers and to interact with fellow Apple owners. Information about our meetings can be obtained from our voice line, 1-800-640-0237.

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submitted by Rand Sibet #

Selling the Dream

Selling the Dream by Guy Kawasaki



reviewed by Melvyn D. Magree I don't know why I'm writing a review of Guy Kawasaki's Selling the Dream. A perfectly good review is in the August issue of MacUser. That review captures the flavor and essence of the book. Who wrote the review? Who else but the master of promoting himself by poking fun at himself, Guy Kawasaki!

Many people wrongly assume The Macintosh Way is about the Macintosh computer. It is really about producing quality products. Kawasaki summarizes it as "Doing the Right Thing the Right Way."

Many people will probably assume that Selling the Dream is about selling computer software. It is not just that. Selling the Dream is about promoting your cause, be it a product like a computer program or a new car model or a non-profit cause like the National Audubon Society or SeniorNet. Selling the Dream is about getting other people to take on your cause as their own and in turn sell it to others. The cause doesn't even have to be public, it can be within a large company, getting people in many departments to accept and support your idea for a product, service, or internal improvement.

To be effective a cause must:

- Embody a vision
- Make people better
- · Generate big effects
- Catalyze selfless action
- Polarize people

A vision is an idea that is not perceived by most people. A cause puts the vision into a form that other people accept.

A cause makes "people feel or perform better." A clean environment makes people feel better; a well-designed product helps them do their work better.

A cause generates change by either affecting many people or affecting most people in a group. A new computer affects the way people work, a neighborhood group gets people involved in improving where they live.

A cause leads people to do things without tangible rewards. The Peace Corp got people to give up comfortable lives to help people in other parts of the world.

In other words, a cause is something to change the world. If not the whole world, at least some little part of it.

Kawasaki challenges the reader to think about his assumptions regarding his cause, he goads the reader into action to achieve his goals, he lays out some guidelines to achieve these goals, and he does it with many real-life examples, a good dose of humor and self-effacement.

You will find yourself chuckling a lot, but at the same time constantly thinking, "How can I use these ideas myself? To get the boss to accept my project? To get more volunteers into the church or club? To sell thousands of my new whiz-bang program?"

If you have a cause, buy this book.

If you don't have a cause, buy this book. It may just stimulate you to take one on!

- Mel €

Issues in Computing



submitted by Tom Gates

Telephone/Pager Scam

A recent telephone scam was identified by employees of a Dallas, Texas business that carry pagers. Those carrying the pagers had received a message to call a (212) 540-xxxx number located in New York. When the call was made there was no answer, but the 540 exchange acts like a 900 number and \$55 is charged to the telephone bill.

Nothing of this type has yet been reported in the Twin Cities area. However, should you happen upon a circumstance as mentioned, you should contact the local phone company and/or your employer and give them the information.

There has been a call for legislation that would require any blind charge numbers to notify you at the beginning of the call as to the charge and give you an appropriate time to hang up and not be billed for the extra charge. But until something of this type is put into widespread use, you may want to be careful about keeping track of suspicious pager calls.

Info from Dallas/Fort Worth area bulletin board submitted by Tom Gates *****

Floppy Disk Myths

from A.C.E.S.



By Arch Mirrielees

The major part of the following came from an article written by Steve Boswell of Appleholics Anonymous in 1987. Since many users have come into the flock since that time, it seems appropriate to send out the messages again.

THE ONE SIDED MYTH

Did you know that you can safely use BOTH sides of 5.25 inch floppies?

Is your disk box filled with disks that have notches on only one side?

The answer lies with the following simple logic. Apple disk drives read one side of a disk, and IBM compatibles read from the other. Since the manufacturer does not know the equipment the user will have, BOTH sides are made to the same high quality level.

All you need to do to use the "flip" side of a 5.25 inch disk is to notch the other edge, turn it over, format it, and GO!

REGARDING NOTCHING: Brutes use a simple hole puncher, being careful to match the existing notch on distance from the top, length of notch and the depth in from the edge. We "pros" buy inexpensive disk notchers at the local computer goodie store which have a built in guide and, when used properly, guarantee a perfect notch.

NOTE: I have NEVER heard of anyone having problems with using both sides!

THE NAME BRAND MYTH

Occasionally a batch of diskettes of a particular brand from some well known manufacturer will be flawed and produce much user grief. However, there is a lot of incentive for manufacturers who want to stay in business to prevent this from happening and most are successful. Once the diskettes pass the surface criterion tests if they are properly shipped and handled - they are essentially equally good, regardless of name brands or claims to the contrary. Almost all diskette failure is due to handling problems. Failure rates of factory-shipped diskettes are about 12 per 1000 on the average, with little variation between brands and no variation with price.

The myth here is that paying more for a name brand buys tangible benefit. In fact, many generic brand diskettes are available, often made by the same brand-name manufacturers but without the name brand label glued onto it. It is the label really worth the extra cost to you? There is also a question of whether a manufacturer will stand behind its guarantee. Apple Avocation Alliance recently reported that Verbatim refused to honor its diskette guarantee and criticized the Apple organization for selling Verbatims 'too cheaply.'

PROPER CARE AND HANDLING

Most diskette failure is caused by improper care and handling, rather than anything under the control of the manufacturer. Of course, diskettes must be kept away from magnetic fields, such as those emitted by some TVs and certain other electronic devices. They must be kept clean and dry, and the importance of NEVER writing on a diskette label with an object that can apply pressure to the magnetic surface below cannot be over-emphasized.

Perhaps the single most common cause of random diskette failure not caused by the disk drives is binding in the cardboard jackets. This is why you are advised to store diskettes vertically and avoid the temptation to stack them horizontally. Anything that applies pressure to the jackets (including crowded storage of diskettes, horizontally or vertically) can cause binding which prevents the diskette from spinning at full speed continuously while in use which causes intermittent failures

Also, be aware that there is a magnet on the cover of Image-Writer II printers. So, don't set the cover down on a disk - or place a disk on the top of the printer cover.

THE CLEANING KIT MYTH

Buy a cleaning kit for your disk drive. Clean the read/write head at least once a week.' Before I knew any better I bought just such a head cleaning kit. At the time I wondered at the important notice on the box, which I quote in part: 'Neither seller nor manufacturer shall be liable for any injury or loss or damage arising out of the use of the product. Before using, user shall determine the suitability of the product for his intended use, and user assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection...' I assumed, as most people must, that this was legal mumbo-jumbo to protect the manufacturer from frivolous lawsuits by incompetent users. After all, the product was being widely sold for the purpose of cleaning disk drive heads, and that was surely a desirable end. Wrong again!! I began to have one diskette failure after another and it was several months before I realized the correlation with use of the head cleaner.

The sad truth is that the cleaning fluid used with the kit is a

strong solvent. The recommended method of application results in the pressure pad getting soaked with solvent. If you then use a diskette in the drive the magnetic surface on the other side of the diskette is scoured by the solvent and is actually dissolved in the process! The damage can be so extensive that it may no longer be possible to initialize the damaged surface. Of course, if I had not been using my diskette two-sided, I might not have discovered the problem. But, I now know that head cleaning usually needs to be done at intervals of one to four years, not weeks. Also, it is easily done with alcohol applied directly to the head without damage to either pressure pad or diskettes.

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Membership Report



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Think About This!

Issues of Membership



submitted by Jacqueline Miller

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx Kxys. I'vx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. Trux, thxrx arx forty-two kxys functioning wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makes the diffxrxncx. Somxtimxs, it sxxms to mx that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxrnot all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrly. You might say, "Wxll, I'm only onx pxrson. It won't makx much diffxrxncx." But you sxx, thx organization, to bx xfficixnt, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxry pxrson. Thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr, and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson and nxxdxd vxry much."

Shareware? Freeware?

From A.C.E.S.



by Stan Feller

As new commercial software becomes more difficult to find, shareware and/or freeware will get to be more and more of a factor in what will be available for the Apple II users. Just what are these two forms of software, anyway, and how do we get them?

Neither one is copy protected, as a matter of fact the authors urge that the software be copied and distributed freely. Shareware is truly the "try before you buy" type of product. You are asked to try out the software in your own computer environment; if it pleases you and is useful for your particular needs, the authors generally ask you to send them a fee of their choosing, usually below \$40, often well below that figure. In return, the authors may offer to send you the latest documentation and any updates that are available. Some will even offer technical support after receipt of the fee. With these terms, it is pretty obvious that the authors don't hope to get rich on their labors of love.

Availability of subject matter for shareware runs the gamut from games to serious business uses, with a huge in-between. CAD (computer aided design) programs are available, as well as databases, games, word processors, utilities, telecommunication and a host of other applications, limited only by the ingenuity out there and the need out here.

Freeware, on the other hand, is issued by the author to be used freely with no obligation to send a fee of any kind. In some cases they are copyrighted so that duplication and distribution can be done on a no-fee basis, but they cannot be sold or be included in a commercial program. However, many commercial programs have spun off a great number of freeware offshoots. An excellent example of this type of freeware are the many graphics meant to be run under PrintShop and not subject to any legal obligations on the authors' or user's parts. The commercial golf game of Mean 18 has also spawned many freeware course layouts, again free from any limitations, as have songs for music programs like DiversiTune. Paint programs also abound in the freeware marketplace. An enormous selection of font disks have been made available in the freeware field, many of which will run under UltraFonts and PrintShop. AppleWorks has spawned a fantastic number of freeware and shareware "add-ons", ranging from simple word processor form letters and lists to intricate spreadsheet templates, with all gradations in between.

Some programs have gone from commercial to Shareware (DB Master comes to mind) while others have gone the opposite route (ShareConvert is one of them, and Beagle Bros has released many of their commercial hits of the past into the freeware world). In the utility field, the standard for file compacting has come to be ShrinkIt, and it is entirely free. The author has constantly sought to upgrade his initial program, and is continuing to do so. Almost all downloadable programs on the ACES bulletin board use this method of archiving and, yes, it offers the program itself for downloading as well. Yet the author's update of ShrinkIt GS is a shareware program.

Public domain programs have a little different status in the computing field. In most cases, the authors have given complete free reign to their creations, with no copyrights and retaining no rights to them at all. Both copying and making changes are encouraged and sometimes the author even asks for feedback for possible future revisions. What a terrific bargain that is, yes, but very often public domain offerings are full of bugs. This does encourage users to investigate the makeup of disks and attempt to correct and modify some of these programs.

Where can one get these great freebies? Your user group is the best single source for this type of material. ACES, for instance, maintains a huge library of the three kinds of software. The only charge is for duplication and cost of the media alone. Most all user groups maintain libraries for this purpose. They are available in both 5.25" and 3.5" forms, in GS only and others for all the IIs. Other great sources are the bulletin boards both club sponsored and the commercial ones like America-On-Line and Genie. These two boards have special Apple sections for downloading, possibly others do as well. Again, the ACES bulletin board has many sub-boards devoted to freeware and shareware downloads. There are also many commercial organizations in the field who distribute freeware and public domain material for little more than the cost of duplication and media, generally in the \$3 to \$3.50 range. The Big Red Computer Club and NAUG come to mind in this

If we honor and support this unique method of software distribution, we can expect a continuing source of high-quality software at little or no cost. Any computer programmer who feels that he or she has a good and unique type of original material, will find the world of shareware and/or freeware is open to them. Go for it!

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LaserWriter IIf and IIg

Hardware Reviews



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The 300 dot-per-inch Apple LaserWriter IIf and Ilg makes use of Apple's proprietary FinePrint technology to smooth jagged edges that are frequently found in documents created by laser printers. The units are expandable and can be upgraded with Apple's PhotoGrade capabilities by increasing RAM to 5 megabytes to facilitate printing of documents that include high-quality scanned images and graphics. PhotoGrade allows printing of images with more than 65 levels of gray. To meet the needs of networked user groups, the LaserWriter IIf and IIg come with built-in LocalTalk networking capabilities for use with an AppleTalk network system. These printers are also designed for possible simultaneous connection with multiple kinds of networks and computers.

There's no need to manually reconfigure the printers to receive data through a particular port. These new LaserWriters will print documents up to two times faster than with the LaserWriter

IINTX due to the incorporation of a high-speed controller and Adobe's PostScript Level 2 software. This generation of PostScript language improves printing speed, adds new capabilities, and is fully compatible with existing applications and drivers.

The LaserWriter IIg has built-in Ethernet features for easy connection to high-speed EtherTalk networks. The unit can be connected simultaneously to Ethernet, LocalTalk, and other serial interfaces. The IIg is also compatible with the Hewlett Packard LaserJet IIP (PCL 4+) emulation software.

LaserWriter IIf Printer	3599.00
LaserWriter IIg Printer	4599.00
LaserWriter IIf Controller Board	1549.00
LaserWriter IIg Controller Board	2549.00

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Apple One Scanner

The Apple OneScanner is a flatbed scanner that makes use of Ofoto scanning software from Light Source, Inc. Ofoto allows users to choose between automatically scanning by single clicking the mouse and manual user control of each aspect of the scanning process.

The OneScanner provides for gray-scale scanning with 256 levels for photographic-quality black-and-white images. Quality is enhanced through highquality rotation and scaling algorithms. System 7 Balloon Help can be used to find out about OneScanner features while working by merely pointing the feature on the screen. This unit comes with scaling tools for choosing the exact size of images to be scanned. Image rotation and manipulation can be performed with no loss of quality.

With the OneScanner, images can be obtained through any printer—from the Apple StyleWriter to professional imagesetters. HyperScan 2.0 software is included, allowing for incorporation of high-quality scanned images into HyperCard 2.0 stacks.

This unit is compatible with all Macintosh computers and with

most Macintosh applications, including word processing, presentation, graphics, database, and page layout program. The OneScanner is compatible with PICT, TIFF, EPS, and MacPaint file formats.

Apple OneScanner w/Accessory Kit 1299.00

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ATM Notice!

Adobe Type Manager is available to all Mac owners for \$7.50 which includes 4 Garamond fonts. Call 800-521-1976, extension 4400. Credit Cards are fine or they will tell you where to send your check.

For registered owners of ATM, the latest version (2.0.3, I believe) can be had by calling 800-833-6687. It's free but if you want the font, call the other number and pay the fee.

Something's Not Quite Right

Opinion



by Phil Shapiro Something's not quite right in the publishing world today. You'd think that in this Information Age more people would be writing books than ever before, that small new publishing companies would be springing up to bring promising new authors to market, that a new Renaissance would be blooming in the world of books, the arts, and culture in general. Not so.

It's as difficult as ever, today, to bring a new book to market. No established publishing company will consider a manuscript that is delivered "over the transom" (unsolicited). The only way to approach a publishing company is through a book agent, and finding the right book agent is enough to discourage all but the most intrepid new authors.

Furthermore, even if the larger publishing houses did take time to consider a book by a previously unpublished author, and even if they found the ideas or story fresh and original, they'd decline to market it unless they could sell sufficiently large quantities of the book to make a substantial profit.

The publishing of books has become big business. Books are no longer treated as precious vessels of ideas, but rather as any other common commodity. Wheat. Pork. Books. Shampoo. Deodorant.

Book lovers cringe at the thought that the business of books has been reduced to the buying and selling of a crass commodity. Books are no mere commodity. They're one of the most precious things we own. A well-written book is the essence of human spirit, captured in tangible form for all the world to enjoy.

The commercialization of the

book, and the sorry state of today's publishing industry, is well-chronicled in a 1989 book titled, "Beyond the Bestseller: A Literary Agent Takes You Inside the Book Business," by Richard Curtis. Written by a successful literary agent with over 25 years experience in the business, the book speaks with some candor about the flawed process which modern publishing houses use to publish books.

In the final chapter, "Toward Reform," Curtis crystallizes his comments:

"The publishing industry is critically ailing, and no one, from the creator of the written word to the consumer, is untouched. The signs are everywhere, some statistically demonstrable, others less tangible but manifest to anyone who has been in the business long enough to watch it evolve. Some of the more commonly voiced ones are:

- * The conglomeration of trade and paperback book publish-
- * The bureaucratization of editorial decision-making.
- * The "blockbuster mentality" and the increased dependence of publishers on big-name authors.
- * The insecurity and instability caused by the buying and selling of publishing companies.
- * The growth of bookstore chains, with their emphasis on current best-sellers.
- * The narrowing of publishers' profit margins.
- * The high prices of both hardcover and paperback books.
- * The diminution of new and

experimental literature.

- * The soaring rate of books returned unsold to publishers.
- The drop in advances and royalties paid to most authors.
- * The increasing delays on settlement of advances and royalties with authors.
- * The decline of professional standards of line editing.
- * The failure of publishing to keep dedicated editors.
- * The influx of business administrators into publishing, and their influence on editorial policies.
- * The assertion by authors and agents that publishers are cheating them out of royalties

Obviously, there is no single comprehensive explanation of what has gone wrong, nor any all-embracing solution. Still, it is surprising that authors, agents, publishers, booksellers, and other book people, highly intelligent individuals all, should continue applying patches and poultices to the symptoms when it is clear that the dimensions of the problem call for a thorough reevaluation of the way things are done in the publishing industry."

But while the publishing world looks more dismal than ever, there is hope on the horizon. It's entirely possible that new technologies will arise that will undermine the monopoly the big New York City publishing houses have on the distribution of books. Such technologies could take one of two forms: print and non-print.

If you're talking non-print pub-

lishing, you're talking about the electronic book. A device he size and shape of a regular book, with a sharp monochrome screen. Reading material would be distributed on some sort of magnetic or optical medium. Cartridges, it would seem, would be the favored distribution form.

You plug the cartridge into the device, choose the font size you'd like to read in (and perhaps the typeface as well). The device would then display the text at a user-controllable rate of display, automatically clearing the screen once the text reached the bottom of the display. The rate of display would be controlled by a rotatable dial that would serve as a sort of "gas pedal" for the device.

Some devices might have hypertext capability built in. Other devices might have audio capability built in, where word pronunciation would be available at the touch of keystroke. Such extra features would be available at a premium cost, though. The basic electronic book would be manufactured at the lowest possible cost for the largest possible distribution.

New print publishing technologies are likely to continue along the lines of the desktop publishing revolution. What's needed is a dedicated "bookmaker" device that would accept a high density 3.5 inch floppy, and churn out a bound book in the output tray. Using text compression routines, over two megabytes of text can be squeezed onto a high density 3.5 inch floppy. Two megabytes worth of text is equivalent to about 250,000 words. (One page of typed text, 250 words, is equivalent to about 2K of memory.)

So most normal length books could quite comfortably fit onto one high density 3.5 inch floppy (using the text compression routines.) The dedicated bookmaker device could then churn out a book on demand.

The advantages offered by a dedicated bookmaker are enormous. Out-of-print books could be easily retrieved and distributed to those interested in reading them. Books could be sent inexpensively across country by air mail. (Or, a book could be transferred via modem to anyone interested in reading it.) A large part of publishing costs is the printing and physical distribution of the book. With the bookmaker device, the cost of distributing the book would plummet ten-fold.

The consumer could then decide whether to print the book out in hard copy, or to read the book on the electronic book device. Those without a personal bookmaker device in their homes would have access to such a device at a public library. (Such a device would be coin-operated, much like a photocopying machine.)

But most exciting would be the rise of energetic new book publishers who could take advantage of the economies of the new technology to distribute works by promising new authors, non-mainstream thinkers, and others who are currently excluded from the publishing enterprise.

Anyone with access to a disk drive could open up a publishing company. The resulting flood of new books would most certainly contain a lot of low quality material. But the advantages of the bookmaker and electronic book far outweigh the disadvantages of having to put up with reams of lower quality prose. The lower quality prose can simply be sifted through by book reviewers, who'd erect signposts pointing towards the truly worthy reading.

In terms of the bookmaker device, it would be best to have the device be constructed from the lowest cost electronic components that could still yield high quality print. So a lowcost printer along the lines of the Apple StyleWriter, with 360 dots per inch output, and very slow printing, would serve the purpose of a bookmaker device very well. The actual bookmaker would be a dedicated device, about the size of a current 3.5 inch drive, that would plug into a printer like the StyleWriter. For the printing of longer books, you would just leave the device on overnight.

Eventually newspaper and magazines would offer "bookmaker subscriptions" at a reduced rate than their regular "hard copy" subscriptions.

These monthly or daily publications would be delivered either on disk, or via modem. After all, it doesn't make sense to print a newspaper across town, and physically deliver it to your front doorstep, when for the same trouble they could deliver the information across town, and you could print it (or read it on screen) in your own home.

In some sense, the sorry state of today's publishing industry is a welcome impetus for the rise of a new industry based on the magneto-optic distribution of text. The primary beneficiary of such a new industry will be the book consumer, who'll have a far greater selection of books to read, at a far lower cost. A populist revolution in publishing is just around the corner. And just as surely as in Gutenberg's day, a new Renaissance will flourish amid all the creative and expressive arts.

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Meeting Report

Mac Programmer's SIG



by Steve Axdal

The October Mac Programmers meeting was held at its normal time of 7 p.m. on the <u>fourth Tuesday</u>, October 22 at Murray Jr. High. The next meetings will be November 26 and December 17, January hasn't been specified yet. It was decided that the December meeting would shift back a week in order to preserve domestic tranquility.

The meeting started with a description of the recently released Macs, the Portable Power Books (100, 140 and 170), the Classic II, and the Quadra's (700 and 900). The Power Books seem very attractive, though there was a lot of concern about the lack of floppy drives within the PowerBook 100.

The main portion of the meeting continued September's discussion of image compression, proceeding on to moving image compression. To quote from the handout *Jeff Brown* provided:

"With the exception of the AVC (Apple Video Compression) technique there are great similarities in video compression techniques. Most techniques use JPEG-style compression on each frame and divide the image into "macro blocks" and sub blocks". These can be analyzed for motion from frame to frame and motion vectors are coded with the blocks to indicate how they moved. Blocks that stay substantially the same from frame to frame are encoded by DCT and Entropy methods like those in JPEG. This eliminates redundant data in the parts of the picture that don't change.

Apple Video Compression (AVC)

The playback rate is about 10 frames per second (120 pixel by 120 pixel frame) on a Mac II without special hardware. This is a simple compression scheme. It's main advantage is that it requires minimal computational power. Individual frames are decomposed into small blocks of pixels and these are compressed by an entropy coding scheme. The compression achieved is only about 50% but it takes little computational time so no special hardware is needed. Once the individual frames are compressed, frame differencing can be used to remove redundant data from successive frames. Each successive frame is then stored as a set of differences from the one before. Periodically, reference frames are inserted to make playing the image backward or stepping backward through frames faster.

P*64

The playback rate is about 15 frames per second (144 by 180 pixels luminance, 72 by 90 chrominance) on 64 kbit/second transmission lines. This is important because of the proposed telephone line standard called ISDN, which would allow 64 kbit/s transmissions. P*64 is primarily intended for video phones and video conferencing. This standard can produce

pictures which improve in quality as more 64 kbit/s ISDN channels are added to the transmission.

Pictures are fixed in size at either 288 lines by 360 pixels (known aas CIF) or 144 lines by 180 pixels (known as QCIF). Color is encoded at one quarter the resolution of the black and white (luminance) picture. 30 frame per second CIF pictures require 1472 kbit/s.

CDI

The playback rate is 30 frames per second (360 by 240 pixels luminance, 72 by 90 chrominance) on 64 kbit's transmission lines. Standard Discrete Cosine Transforms and entropy endcoding techniques are used to reduce frame data and then motion prediction and interpolation are used to reduce frame to frame data requirements.

MPEG

The playback rate is variable, depending on frame dimensions and pixel aspect ratio. A constrained parameter set designed for near-term video applications has been standardized at 720 by 576 pixels and 30 frames per second.

MPEG uses standard Discrete Cosine Transform and entropy coding techniques to reduce frame data, then motion prediction and interpolation are used to reduce frame to frame data requirements.

MPEG is designed for transmission speeds of 1.5 Mbits/s to 10 Mbit/s and for frame sizes of 1000 by 2000 pixels."

What it all means is a really incredible technology. Quicktime can use JPEG and may be able to use MPEG, but it will initially be delivered with just AVC and Run Length Encoding. The consequence is fairly small frames or a jerky play back. Sound tends to play back in real time, and the video portion is synchronized with the sound. A companion extension called Wild Magic allows videos to be incorporated into documents and allows them to be played back. The effect is a graphic in the document with controls on it, when you change the controls the video plays back. The key aspect of Quicktime is its ability to synchronize things in time. Because the images are digitized, any frame may be frozen with now degradation in image quality, or the video (and sound) can be played backwards. When it is released, perhaps in early 1992, Quicktime will just be an extension. It will provide a codec (compression / decompression) mechanism in the operating system. To actually use the tools an application is necessary. A simple player is included in the Developer kits, third party developers are hard at work building applications which can hook into the nifty applications.

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The National AppleWorks Users Group (NAUG)

Apple II Software



from a press release

The National AppleWorks Users Group (NAUG) has one mission—to help AppleWorks users.

Formed in 1986, the National AppleWorks Users Group (NAUG) is the world's largest association of Apple II users. NAUG has more than 14,000 members in the United States and 38 other countries.

Benefits:

NAUG members receive the AppleWorks Forum, a 36-page monthly newsletter that describes tips, techniques, and hints to help users get more from AppleWorks. The AppleWorks Forum includes other articles of interest to AppleWorks users, including news of product releases and reviews of AppleWorks enhancements and AppleWorks-compatible software. NAUG works closely with Claris Corporation, Apple Computer, Applied Engineering, Beagle Bros, Checkmate Technology, JEM Software, and other AppleWorks developers to insure our members get the latest information about AppleWorks and easy access to help with their AppleWorks problems.

NAUG members have access to more than 150 volunteer-consultants who provide free telephone support for their fellow NAUG members. A list of consultants and their areas of expertise appears in each issue of the AppleWorks Forum.

Members get unlimited access to NAUG's AppleWorks multi-line electronic bulletin board, the Electronic Forum. The Electronic Forum lets you get answers to questions and download AppleWorks templates and programs 24-hours a day. As of this date, the Electronic Forum has handled more than 29,000 calls from NAUG members seeking help or sharing information with their NAUG colleagues.

Members have access to NAUG's Public Domain Library that contains dozens of disks and more than 700 AppleWorks templates and files. The library also contains AppleWorks enhancement programs submitted by members and demonstration versions of AppleWorks enhancement programs from commercial vendors.

NAUG members have access to the group's Disk Rescuers Program; professionals who can recover damaged AppleWorks data disks. You will appreciate this program if you ever forget to back up an important file and get the dreaded "Unable to read disk in Drive 2" message. Finally, NAUG members receive significant discounts on AppleWorks products. For example, NAUG members may purchase TimeOut products, RepairWorks, SuperPatch, and other AppleWorks enhancements at 40% off the suggested retail price. In addition, NAUG members get significant discounts for NAUG's AppleWorks seminars.

NAUG membership costs \$27 per year and includes 12 issues of the AppleWorks Forum. Send a check or your Visa/MasterCard number and expiration date to:

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Press Releases

From a press release



submitted by Greg Carlson PRESS RELEASE (received Sept. 1991)

AUGUST 1, 1991 - Greenbelt, Maryland. Gary Hayman, a Washington Apple Pi (Apple user group) member, announces the release of THE MAGIC FILE CABINET - a new and exciting additive to AppleWorks 3.0 and the formation of MAGICAL SOFTWARE.

Hayman states that THE MAGIC FILE CABINET can transform any current or existing AppleWorks data base into an unlimited plethora of information which is no longer confined by the former 30 categories or 79 character category inputs. Reams of written information are now accessible by a simple press of a macro key.

He explains that THE MAGIC FILE CABINET transforms your AppleWorks data base by "adding buttons" to each record. When these buttons (actually macro key presses) are activated, information related to that data base record "pops" to your screen. The information may be short, long or in any AWP format you want. It could be notes, comments, records, tables, letters — anything that can be written (no graphics other than text graphics). When you are through reading, or writing, a simple button (macro key press) quickly takes you back to your data base.

He foresees teachers using THE MAGIC FILE CABINET for noting comments and information relative to students in their roster data bases. They might even use it for depositing information for tests, lesson plans, schedules, etc. Business people could use it as a phone log, client information file,

activity journal, travel compendium, for inventory notes, order information, etc. In fact, Hayman reports that one business has already converted to the use of THE MAGIC FILE CABINET and is constantly expounding its virtues. At home, the user can use it as a catch all free flowing note file, household inventory, appliance history journal, directions journal, mailing helper, phone call log, etc. Ideas are endless.

THE MAGIC FILE CABINET works in conjunction with UltraMacros 3.1 — which you MUST have installed with your up-to-date AppleWorks 3.0; comes on either a 3.5 or 5.25 disk (specify which); and includes necessary task files, directions, tutorial, and many sample files that the user can employ directly or which will give him/her ideas as to how to create their own files from existing or new data bases.

The INTRODUCTORY retail price of THE MAGIC FILE CABINET is \$15.00 plus \$2.00 s/h plus. For further information or to place your order, contact Gary Hayman (MAGICAL SOFTWARE), 8255 canning Terrace, Greenbelt, MD 20770; Phone (301)-345-3230.

BTW, you may have seen and enjoyed many of Hayman's programs that were published in Softdisk and UpTime disk magazines throughout the years or read his many articles published in the "Journal of the Washington Apple Pi" or the National AppleWorks Users Group (NAUG) "forum."

WRITER'S NOTE: After reading this press release and a little more about this macro program, I ordered the program for my own use. After I get the program and have a chance to play with it a little, I will provide a review of the program.

PRESS RELEASE (Recieved October 1991)

Presenting "IRAQ STACK"

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As a recognized Apple User Group, this letter entitles you to a manufacturer-direct offer on this summer's best selling new software.

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You'll save \$20 off the store price.

IRAQ STACK is now shipping for Apple //e,//c+, //GS, Laser, and Macintosh computers for only \$39 (retails \$59). And each package comes with Hammond's giant, wall-size Crisis Map of the Middle East—free.

Buy 10 or more, save \$30 off the store price.

WRITER'S NOTE: If anyone is interested, please let me know, either by phone or through the BBS, and if you wish me to order, I will take orders to send to get the club discount. I have a few copies of the details that were sent with this package, and can send out to those interested.

I apologize for not bringing to the meetings, but I haven't had sufficient time for preparation.

If we get 10 or more orders, the cost would be \$29 each, and shipping would be free.

SPLAT'ERS from Bullseye Software

SPLATERS is a color action game that pits you against multiple life-like opponents. It is played in a first person perspective in realistic 3D. You are armed with a semi-automatic, compressed air powered pistol that fires balls of paint. Action involves both reflexes and strategy. SPLATERS is quickly playable, never mas-

tered. Several user defined parameters provide variety and many levels of difficulty.

SPLATERS, from Bullseye Software, runs in 16 colors on Mac SE/30, Mac LC, Mac II, IIx, IIcx, IIsi, IIfx, and is compatible with System 7. The game does not work on Mac Plus, Classic or SE. €

October 30, 1991

Mini'app'les Box 796 Hopkins MN 55343

It is apparent from the August 1991 newsletter that Mini'app'les is in dire need (at least as far as the newsletter). Unlike the local members who may be more concerned with the calendars and minutes of the meetings which they have or wish to attend, my main purpose for membership in Mini'app'les is to get the news and information normally included in the newsletter. A couple of the local users groups have talked of disbanding, joining together with each other, cutting back or dropping the newsletter and other dire thoughts. I don't know how much one floppy disk can do, but along with this letter I have included a floppy disk of AppleWorks files. Most of the files are from a Q & A column I have been writing for the Aces High user group called Ask Doctor Franklin. These files are all designated as DOC.FRANK..... There are also frivolous and drivelous files of other sorts including a review or two and some stuff that came before the Doc Franklin column. Please feel free to use whatever you like, editing appropriately for your newsletter. I do ask that you give credit to me and to Aces High for anything you use.

Sincerely,

Ross McIntosh Librarian Aces High Users Group 2310 Dennison Lane Boulder, CO 80303-5713

P.S. If you feel that any of this letter is appropriate to use for motivational or other purposes, it is included on the disk as LTR.MINIAPPLES.

Just for kicks: I am mostly a dedicated Apple II user, although I also have some experience with MS-DOS machines. As far as the Apple II's (and compatibles) I have been told my museum collection is pretty good. I have a IIe, IIc, 2 II+'s, 2 Franklin 1000's (one "softboot") and a Laser 128. All except for the IIc and Laser 128 were bought used.

Dear Doc Franklin

Questions

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Answers



by Ross McIntosh

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: Is there a difference between formatting a disk and initializing a disk?

A. Yes there is a difference between formatting and initializing, although many people use the two terms interchangeably. Formatting only prepares a disk to be used as a data or storage disk. A formatted disk cannot be used to start up, or boot, your computer because it has no operating system on it. To create a formatted disk, you can use most utility programs (Copy II+, System Utilities, etc.) Disks which use the ProDOS operating system are actually formatted and then the necessary system programs are copied onto them — it is not possible to initialize a disk with the ProDOS operating system.

In contrast, an initialized disk can be used to boot your computer and will usually activate the BASIC programming language for you. To initialize a disk, you must have already have booted your computer with DOS 3.3 or FDOS. Now, put the disk you want initialized into the disk drive. At the bracket (]), type NEW and press return and then type INIT HELLO and press return again. Your disk drive will run and make some strange noises, but when it is done you will have an initialized disk ready to use. If you are planning to have a program run automatically every time you boot your newly initialized disk, you need to copy it to the disk. If the program is not already named HELLO, you need to rename it to HELLO or it will

NOTE OF CAUTION: ** FOR-MATTING AND INITIALIZING WILL BOTH DESTROY ANY PROGRAMS OR DATA THAT MIGHT ALREADY BE ON A DISK SO MAKE SURE YOU ONLY USE THEM ON DISKS THAT ARE NEW OR WHICH CONTAIN PROGRAMS OR DATA THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED *

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I have an old program that requires using the BOOT 13 program. I have been running BOOT 13 from a separate disk and then running the program I really want to run. Is there any way I can put the BOOT 13 program on my other program disk?

A. For the benefit of our readers who don't know about BOOT 13, it is a machine language program that allows newer disk drives and newer computers to use programs that run under the DOS 3.2 operating system. The early Franklin compatibles were able to boot DOS 3.2 without any help, but the newer machinery needs BOOT 13 for DOS 3.2 to work at all.

Now for an actual answer (which depends on some conditions): If your program uses only ONE side of the disk (there are no data, picture or program files that require you to flip the disk), then you can notch the back side of the disk and put the BOOT 13 program on the back side. In that case, you would start up the disk with the back side and then flip it and go on from there. Read the question above for info on initializing the back side of your disk. When you have successfully initialized the disk, copy the BOOT 13 program onto it and then boot or start up the disk itself. The disk will spin for a while and then you will be left with a bracket (]) and a blinking cursor; BASIC is active and waiting. Now type in the following little program, pressing

return where it says (RET):

10 TEXT : HOME : SPEED = 255 (RET)

20 PRINT CHR\$(4);"BRUN BOOT 13" (RET)

30 TEXT: HOME: END (RET)

When you have typed in the above program just as it appears, type in SAVE HELLO and press return. The disk will run and the program will be saved. From now on, you should be able to boot the back side and continue on.

If your program uses both sides of the disk, it is probably not a good idea to even try putting BOOT 13 on the same disk.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I work in a store where the cash registers are always kept covered when they are not in use. How important is it for me to keep my computer covered when I'm not using it?

A. Since I have never covered my own computers, I consulted some local computer dealers that I have found know their stuff. The general consensus about computer covers is that it depends on where you are using them. If you are working in an environment that is dusty, dirty or has high humidity, it would probably be a good idea to buy or make a cover for your computer. Also, if you have any doubts and can easily or inexpensively get or make covers that you like, there is no harm in having them — but make sure you remove all covers completely when the computer is in use to avoid overheating.

A related problem, which cannot be solved by covers, is cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke. If you must smoke, please keep your habit and your smoke and ashes away from your friendly computer. The smoke and ash in the air easily collects on disk drive parts, disks themselves and other computer components, causing them to work poorly or not at all. Also, the accumulation can eventually damage some parts of your computer, printer, disk drives and other peripherals.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I have become curious about the little tabs that I get when I buy disks. What are they for and should I be using them?

Ans. The little tabs that come with disks are generally called "write protect tabs". They are supposed to protect disks from accidental and unwanted changes or erasing. To use them, peel a tab from the backing paper and stick it onto your disk so that the tab covers the little notch in the disk. Most people put tabs on so that half of the tab is on the top surface of the disk and then fold the tab so that it sticks to the bottom surface of the disk. I have seen some people who stick the entire tab on the top surface the advantage being that they are easier to remove if they are only stuck to one surface.

I would recommend using write protect tabs on all archival backup disks. Archival backups are backups that are not ever to be changed. By putting write protect tabs on them, you virtually eliminate the possibility that they will accidentally be messed up. Archival backups are mostly program disks as opposed to data disks. Backup data disks should probably not have write protects so that you can easily record new or changed data on them.

Write protect tabs do their job by blocking a sensor in the disk drive that would normally allow information to be recorded on a disk. Since many disk drives use optical sensors, it is best to use opaque write protect tabs.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I have been considering buying a new monitor, but I don't know all the lingo I should to make sure I am getting what I really want. Please explain some of these—composite, RGB, resolution, pixels.

Ans. I'll start out with a little bit about pixels. Pixel is short for "picture element". Pixels are the dots that make up what you see on the monitor screen. Pixels also come up in talking about dot matrix printers.

Resolution has to do with what size the pixels are and how many of them are used to create the total display or a monitor. The smaller the pixels (and consequently the greater num-

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ber of them required) the more detailed the display can be. Some monitors have such large pixels that they cannot effectively display 80 characters across — these monitors are often referred to as "40 column monitors".

Composite and RGB are both usually used to describe color monitors (although composite is sometimes used for monochrome monitors as well). Composite monitors work the same way that most color televisions do — they have one picture tube that produces electrons to illuminate the proper pixels and produce the correct color. Since

there is just one stream of electrons from one picture tube, composite monitors have fewer connections (usually a single cable), are generally less expensive and usually produce a lower quality picture than RGB monitors.

RGB monitors have picture tubes which independently produce electrons for the three subtractive primary colors red, green

and blue. Because there are three independent tubes for the three colors, the color rendition can be adjusted more precisely than with a composite monitor. Many RGB monitors also use smaller pixels than composite monitors allowing for a sharper picture in combination with the more precise color reproduction. Of course, with more complex picture tubes and better resolution from smaller pixels, RGB monitors are usually the most expensive on the market.

For a really great picture and nice color, though, you'll have to wait for a practical and affordable monitor that uses LCD technology.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I was using my favorite word processor recently and wanted to save my work on the data disk I set up. The disk drive ran as if my work were being saved, but then I got a message that said my disk was full. Fortunately, I was able to save my work on another disk. When I was done, I did a catalog on the main data disk and found that there was a great deal of space left. Why did my word processor tell me the disk was full when I know that there is lots of space left?

Ans. There are two kinds of storage space on a disk — file storage space and directory space. If the directory space gets filled up, then the disk is considered to be full even if most of the file storage space is still not filled. The directory

space is what the operating system uses to keep track of he files on a disk. This directory space is limited and once it gets filled up, the operating system has no where to keep track of things and won't allow any more files to be saved. Old DOS 3.3 allows 105 files on a disk and that's it. ProDOS allows 51 files in the main directory — if you use subdirectories with ProDOS, you can make use of all of the file storage space available. ProDOS subdirectories have no limit on how many files can be in them. It is still best to limit the number of files yourself so that you can more easily find the file you are looking for. Also, if your favorite word processor just happens to be AppleWorks — AppleWorks imposes it's own limits on the number of files allowed in a subdirectory, so beware.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I have an Imagewriter printer which I use with my Franklin compatible. I have used this combination for several years with all types of programs including typesetting programs and now desktop publishing programs. Recently I got an Epson compatible printer and when I use this printer on my typesetting and desktop publishing programs everything looks different. The letters and numbers seem to be of different proportions and in some cases different sizes. Can you please tell me why this happens or is my printer on the fritz already?

Ans. I'm happy to say that your printer is not on the fritz (unless of course there is more to the story). What you are seeing are differences in the aspect ratio from one type of printer to another. Aspect ratio is the width to height ratio of whatever is printed or displayed. In your case, the aspect ratio of the two printers is different because of the number, size, arrangement and shape of the dots or pixels in the "dot matrix". If both printers were the same in all of these areas, the printout from them would be the same.

Another discrepancy you may have noticed is the difference between what you see on screen and what gets printed. Again, this has to do with aspect ratio — only this time the difference is between the monitor screen and the matrix of your printer. If the aspect ratio of the monitor and the printer are the same, you will get true what-you-see-is-what-you-get (WYSIWYG) results.

If you would like to know more about all this, I recommend reading the February 1989 issue of A2-Central, a newsletter for Franklin (Zuckerman?) and compatible computers

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I use a Laser 128

computer with an external disk drive. Quite a few times, I have gotten I/O errors or other disk errors when I thought everything was fine. Did I miss something here that's causing the error messages?

Ans. I also use a Laser 128 and have had a Laser external disk drive for several years now. I have also gotten error messages when I thought everything was fine. I have discovered that with some diskettes, especially brand new ones, the disk itself does not seat properly in the drive and then cannot be properly read or written to. Two solutions to this problem are:

- 1) When you insert the disk into the drive, kind of wiggle it a little while pushing in and then slowly close the drive latch. This works for me most of the time.
- 2) If possible (and despite what the manuals and everyone else says), insert the disk while the drive is running and slowly close the drive latch. This method allows the disk to seat itself "normally".

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: How often should I clean my disk drives and what is the best way to do so?

Ans. Like most cleaning/maintenance jobs, the answer depends on where you have your computer, how and how much you use it. Most people who have a computer at home or in an office shouldn't need to clean the heads on the disk drives more than once or twice a year (at most) unless they use VERY disk intensive programs. If your computer is in a less hospitable environment, you may want to clean the drive heads more often — or better yet, get covers for the drives to keep them cleaner when not in use. In either situation, I recommend the cleaning diskettes that come with liquid cleaning solution. Be sure to follow the directions provided and always wait to allow the surfaces to dry completely before inserting a regular disk. If you have more time and want to be more thorough, remove the top of the disk drive housing and use a cotton swab with denatured alcohol to clean any surfaces that you can reach that may need cleaning. Most of the big time experts advise using denatured alcohol instead of isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol to avoid any residue. Denatured alcohol evaporates completely and leaves no residue.

Are you continually computing contentedly or continually contending with your computer? If you have any questions about Franklin, Laser or compatible computers, Ol' Doc Franklin will try hard to answer. Questions can be brought to the attention of Doc Franklin at any regular Aces High meeting or Help Meet, mailed to Doc

Franklin, c/o Aces High, P.O. Box 527, Englewood, CO 80118 — or posted on the Aces High BBS system (303-329-6579) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 300/1200/2400 baud. On the BBS, leave electronic mail for user #127.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I am a long time user of Franklin computers. Since the beginning, I have used DOS 3.3 with the exception of a few commercial programs. To keep from getting left behind, I have decided to transfer much of my stuff over to ProDOS. Are there any special considerations I should make in transferring my programs?

Ans. Most BASIC programs will transfer without much trouble, however, there are some commands or peeks and pokes that are not supported under ProDOS. A few examples of things not supported by ProDOS: Integer BA-SIC; MON and NOMON. Also, ProDOS has big differences in file name conventions — ProDOS allows only 15 characters; only letters, numbers and periods; all file names must begin with a letter. For additional information that will give more specific answers, I recommend getting a recent book on BASIC programming for Franklins and compatibles. Books I would suggest for this include The Applesoft Tutorial (includes a disk), and The Applesoft Programmer's Reference Manual.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I use quite a few programs that run under ProDOS (including AppleWorks). Every time I quit one of these programs I get a cryptic looking message about the pathname of the next application. I never am able to go on to anything else without rebooting my computer. What is going on here and what can I do about it?

Ans. The "cryptic" message you are getting is the normal ProDOS quit screen. The presumption of the message is that you know the complete ProDOS disk name and file name of the next program you want to run (there is also a presumption that you want to run a ProDOS program next). In this case, some programmers decided to be just as unfriendly as their associates with the fetish for initials (lots of them live near Boulder and Longmont, Colorado). There are several ways to make things easier on yourself and help you avoid having to reboot unless you want to. Actually, the several ways are different approaches to the same thing, and all of them change what ProDOS does when you quit a program. Instead of giving you a cryptic message, you get a program selector. Some of the "programs" to look for include

Bird's Better Bye (Beagle Bros), Squirt (Synesis Systems), Super Bye (Softdisk), and ProSel (Glen Bredon). I personally recommend Super Bye and Squirt because they are quick and easy to use and install with the minimum of extra keystrokes to run your next program. I will try to have something in the future that goes in-depth on what each program selector offers, but you now have a place to start.

DEAR DOC FRANKLIN: I don't plan to quit my day job to become a computer programmer, but I would like to get some experience with the basics in programming to help me understand more and get more out of my computer. Where do you suggest I start?

Ans. My first suggestion is to choose a programming language that allows you to do what you want or that will give you the feeling of programming to allow you to grow and move on. The obvious choice for languages is BASIC, since it is built into your computer — but obvious or not, BASIC (despite it's name: Beginner's All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) is not necessarily easy to get started with. Languages that will get you into programming and help you learn programming (as well as good programming habits) include LOGO (several versions are available with good documentation and demo disks), PILOT (again, several versions are available, even in the Aces High public domain disk library) and an alternative BASIC called Blankenship BA-SIC. All three of these will give you a starting point with out being overwhelming. If you particularly plan to work with BASIC, PILOT is probably your best choice since it has many similarities to BASIC, but is less complicated to use.

Let Doc Franklin know that you're out there. Questions and suggestions are welcome at any Aces High meeting, or you can send them in the mail. Regular mail can be addressed to Doc Franklin, c/o Aces High, P.O. Box 527, Englewood, CO 80118. Electronic mail can be posted on the Aces High BBS to user #127. Anyone who leaves E-mail will get a personal E-mail response. Aces High BBS operates at 300/1200/2400 baud, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Macintosh Classic II

Macintosh Hardware Review



submitted by Rand Sibet Based on the fastest-selling Macintosh model ever, the Apple Macintosh Classic II personal computer extends the capabilities of the Macintosh Classic in a higher performance, affordable package.

Applications run more than twice as fast on the Classic II as they do on the original Classic. You can work with several applications at the same time, and continue working while the computer does other tasks.

The Macintosh Classic II offers many built-in capabilities. You can send electronic mail and share devices like printers with built-in AppleTalk networking. Plug peripherals (such as CD-ROM drives, scanners, and modems) into the built-in ports. The microphone allows you to add voice notes to documents and mail messages. Balloon Help and TrueType fonts come standard with the Classic II.

The Macintosh Classic II uses a 16 MHz 68030, and the RAM can be expanded to 10 megabytes*.

Macintosh Classic II—\$1,899 (The product includes: Macintosh Classic II personal computer with 2 megabytes of RAM, built-in 1.4-megabyte Apple SuperDrive, and internal 40-megabyte hard disk; keyboard,

mouse, and microphone; complete setup, learning, and reference documentation; and system software). Add \$500 for 2 additional MB of RAM (4 total) and an 80 MB internal hard disk

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Macintosh PowerBook 100, 140 and 170

Macintosh Hardware Review



submitted by Rand Sibet The Macintosh PowerBook 100, 140 and 170 are all small enough to fit in a briefcase, yet gives you the use of applications on a Macintosh. The self-contained two-button trackball and palm rest create a comfortable way to work, even in cramped quarters.

These PowerBooks let you work with information from a Macintosh, MS-DOS, or OS/2 computer. Built-in networking allows access to an AppleTalk network. Built-in ports give you plugand-play connections to high-capacity hard disks, CD-ROM drives, printers, and input devices.

An internal Apple SuperDrive disk drive is standard on the PowerBook 140 and 170 - an optional external disk drive is available for the PowerBook 100. The internal 2400-bps data/9600-bps fax modem allows you to send electronic mail, access information on other computers, and send documents to facsimile machines. The modem is standard on the 170, optional on the Powerbook 100 and 140 for an additional \$349.

The stand alone battery recharger has a list price

of \$159, and batteries are \$99. Battery life is rated at 3 hours. An additional 2 megabytes of memory will run \$399, and an additional 4 megabytes will run \$899.

The PowerBook 100 uses a 16 MHz 68000, contains 2-megabytes of RAM and one 20 megabyte internal hard disk, has a 9-inch backlit supertwist LCD display, weighs 5.1 pounds, and can be placed at the end of any Macintosh SCSI chain, allowing access to the internal hard disk. It comes with a lead-acid battery and AC adapter; system software; HyperCard 2.1 software and documentation; training software; and complete setup, learning, and reference documentation. List price is \$2,299.

The PowerBook 140 uses a 16 MHz 68030, which means you can use all of System 7's features (including virtual memory), contains 2 megabytes of RAM and one 20 megabyte internal hard disk, has a 10 inch backlit supertwist LCD display, and weighs 6.8 pounds. It comes with a NiCad battery and AC adapter; microphone; system

software; HyperCard 2.1 software and documentation; training software; and complete setup, learning, and reference documentation. The trackball is a bit bigger than the one on the PowerBook 100. List price is \$2,899. Add \$300 for a 40MB internal hard disk, and another \$300 for a 4-megabyte RAM.

The PowerBook 170 uses a 25 MHz 68030 with a 68882 math co-processor, contains 4 MB of RAM, one 40 MB internal hard disk, and one built-in

1.4 MB Apple SuperDrive, and has a backlit active-matrix LCD display. It comes with a Macintosh PowerBook Fax/Data Modem; NiCad battery and AC adapter; microphone; system software; HyperCard 2.1 software and documentation; training software; and complete setup, learning, and reference documentation. List price is \$4,599.

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Macintosh Quadra 700 and 900

Macintosh Hardware Review



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The Quadra 700 and 900 are designed with a 25 MHz Motorola 68040 microprocessor, delivering up to twice the performance of a Macintosh IIfx. They feature faster graphics architecture, and enhanced NuBus and SCSI subsystems. Built-in features give you direct access to networks and peripheral equipment. You can connect directly to high-speed Ethernet and LocalTalk networks. They are compatible with all Apple monitors. The Quadra 700 and 900 support up to 24 bits of color for photographic-quality images. Nine built-in ports (ten on the Quadra 900) allow access to printers, scanners, high-capacity disk drives, and other peripheral equipment. For added security they have a physical key lock, which prevents interruption while processing compute-intensive jobs, and prevents unauthorized access to infor-

Macintosh Quadra 700 4/Apple SuperDrive— \$5,699 (Includes Macintosh Quadra 700 personal computer with 4 megabytes of RAM, and built-in 1.4 megabyte Apple SuperDrive; mouse; microphone; system software and HyperCard software, and complete documentation) The memory can be expanded to 20MB of RAM. Add \$700 for an 80megabyte internal hard disk Add \$1300 for a 160megabyte internal hard disk Add \$2000 for a 400-megabyte internal hard disk.

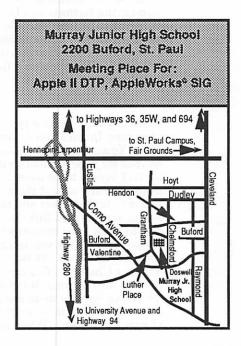
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An upgrade to Quadra 700 for a Macintosh IIcx/IIci runs \$3,499.

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Inspiration, "The thought processor"

Macintosh Software Review



by Wade Brezina

Do you ever: want to explain a complicated process or idea; Chart out flow diagrams for complex processes; Create technical specifications for a software program; Prepare organization charts; Think visually to overcome writer's block? If you answered yes to any of the above, then Inspiration might be just the right tool for you.

What is Inspiration?

Inspiration is billed as a "thought processor". The more I use the program the more I can see why it deserves this billing. Inspiration can be to thinking what a word processor is to writing. Its greatest asset is that it allows us greater ability to refine ideas, and clarify expression. Like any tool, it requires hard work to master its artful application.

Basic Functions

From a strictly functional perspective Inspiration performs three basic functions. (Outlining, Chart Drawing, and Text Editing.)

Outlining

In outline mode it functions much like the outlining mode in MS Word. You can move around topics or sub-topics easily, using the mouse, or keyboard. Groups of topics or sub-topics can be promoted or demoted. Styling or numbering formats can be changed to fit your specific needs. One key added feature is that you can have Inspiration automatically generate a flow chart from your outline.

Chart Drawing

In diagram mode, you type in an idea then Inspiration draws a symbol around that idea. You can select a number of pre-defined shapes for your symbols, edit your own, or import a PICT image to be used as a symbol. It will automatically adjust the size of the symbol to fit the idea text. As you add ideas, Inspiration can automatically add links between ideas, or allow you to draw your own links. You can have it arrange symbols for you in pre-defined arrangements (Top Down, Bottom Up, Right Tree, Left Tree, or Cluster). You can also move symbols around and arrange them any way you want. You have options to do automatic alignment and spacing, enlargement or reduction, and selection of groups of ideas. When working on complex

ideas you have the option to display or hide entire groups of ideas. You can also link separate documents to each other to form a "family" of documents relating to a particular project. Each idea allows you to type in notes text which does not appear on your printed diagram, but is available for viewing, and editing. The notes text can also be printed, edited, or hidden in outline mode. A key added feature is that you can have Inspiration automatically generate an outline from your flow chart.

Text Editing

The basic text editing features are available throughout Inspiration, including a spelling checker!

Creative thinking

Inspiration exploits the creative thinking process by allowing the user to switch effortlessly between left brain and right brain thought. You are

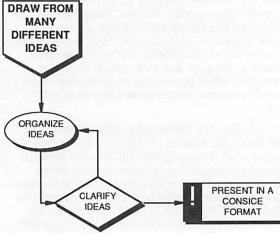
encouraged to think visually, or linearly, depending on which works better for you at any given point in time.

Problem Solving

Perhaps the greatest benefit that can come from using Inspiration is the ability to visualize the relationships between various ideas or processes, and then easily move the relationships around and

re-define them. By allowing people to quickly visualize these relationships—then make changes and see how the changes affect the "big picture"—problem solving and communications skills could be greatly improved.

Examples of this kind of usefulness might include diagraming a production process and discussing the work flow with the production team. As the team visualized the relationships between processes they could communicate how to improve the process and get visual feedback as to how the changes affect the other processes. Another example might be for a software developer or client to diagram the flow of information required to



produce reports. Significant cost savings, and functional improvements, could be achieved by the improved communication that comes from charting out the process.

How would I rate this software?

My theory on software ratings is that they are like noses—everyone has one and they all smell! Overall the program works well. I reviewed version 3.0 using system 7 on a SE/30. I found the program relatively easy to use with a moderate learning curve. Considering the degree of flexibility and possibilities for using it, I felt that it was well written with good documentation. I did feel that the program was capable of doing more than the manual explained, but who uses manuals anyway? The program can read More documents and ASCII. I wish it could read formatted

text documents. It can export RTF for Word and ASCII, as well as saving as a PICT document for charts.

For making flow charts or representing complex ideas or processes I don't think you will find a better program. If you've ever drawn a flow chart in Mac Draw you'll love the ease of doing it in Inspiration.

Bottom line. The most significant limitation for this program is actually taking the time to apply it to it's fullest advantage. In order to fully optimize a process or clearly communicate an idea you must take the time to think through the various components involved, and the relationships between them. Inspiration is a great tool for helping you with that—but it won't do it for you.

QuadraLink, by Applied Engineering

Macintosh Technical Review



By Earl H. Benser

A NuBus card providing four additional serial ports for the Macintosh, plus software allowing these ports to be shared by other Macintosh's on an AppleTalk network.

I have a continuing problem with my electronic toys. No matter how many plug-in ports the manufacturer provides, I keep coming up with too many peripherals to plug in. For my computers, the problem is the same. There aren't enough slots in an Apple II, there aren't enough addresses on the Apple SCSI bus, and there aren't enough serial ports on a Macintosh. The Apple IIgs still only can handle 7 ports or slots, and the SCSI bus still can have only 7 devices, and the Macintosh has only two integral serial ports.

The Apple II slot problem involves a printer port, a modem port, a 5.25" drive port, a 3.5' drive port, a mouse port, a SCSI port, an expanded Apple IIgs memory card, AppleTalk, and a 1 Meg RamCard. That's nine items and only seven slots/

ports.

The SCSI bus problem involves two regular hard drives, two removeable hard drives, a CD-ROM, and an Apple Scanner, plus one SCSI address for visiting peripherals. That's seven devices on a seven address SCSI. (#0 thru #6, with #7 being the Macintosh itself).

The serial port problem boils down to the two integral serial ports versus five desired serial port peripherals: AppleTalk, fax/modem, Imagewriter II, MacTablet, and an Abaton Scanner.

I could be in the same trouble with the NuBus slots in my Mac II, but the video I/O cards I want haven't gotten cheap enough yet. So since there still are open NuBus slots in my Mac IIfx, I was able to install a real nice solution to the serial port problem.

Applied Engineering, easily recognized from their Apple IIe/IIgs products, has a NuBus card, the 'QuadraLink'. This card adds four serial ports to

the Macintosh, and if that's not enough, additional QuadraLink cards can be installed. The software provided with the QuadraLink also allows the Quadralink ports to be shared with other Macintosh's on an AppleTalk network. The software and hardware are System 7 compatible, and function with all System 6.xx versions as well.

The physical installation is NuBus simple. Open up the Macintosh, plug the QuadraLink into an appropriate NuBus Slot, and close up the Macintosh. When selecting the slot for the QuadraLink, keep in mind how your Mac II commits internal RAM for NuBus support

On Mac II's, IIx's, and IIfx's, Nubus cards should be installed closest to the power supply. This allows the maximum amount of useable RAM. On IIcx's, IIci's, and other Mac II versions, the rules are different, and I can't remember the difference.

Software installation involves placing the AE Shadow init into

the system folder, and if you're not using System 7, placing the provided ADSP CDEV into the system folder as well. The AE Shadow is both an INIT and a CDEV, and shows up in the Control Panel. When opened as a Control Panel device, the AE Shadow lists the QuadraLink ports, and any other AE serial device installed in the Macintosh. The integral serial ports on the Macintosh are not listed.

You have the ability to rename any listed port as you choose, and you can designate the QuadraLink ports to be shadowed as either printer or modem. A shadowed printer port will support any compatible printer, even with active AppleTalk connected to the integral printer port.

The real value of QuadraLink shows up with any application which uses the Macintosh Communications Tool Box (CTB). CTB is a standard feature of System 7. Via the CTB, all serial ports become available to be

selected in the application (Active AppeTalk will dim out the integral printer port)

The AE Shadow CDEV also permits sharing of the QuadraLink ports with other Macintosh's on AppleTalk. The QuadraLink comes with a 5 user license. Sharing Macintosh's should have the AE Shadow in their system folder (and ADSP if not on System 7). The sharing Macintosh's then can mount QuadraLink ports and use them. Once a shared port is mounted, the mounting can be made automatic at startup. Applications using the CTB will automatically have all shared ports available.

At the moment, I have an SE on an AppleTalk link with my IIfx and LQ Imagewriter. The SE uses the 2400 baud modem on the IIfx without problem, while the IIfx is off doing other things. The same potential exists for one or more non-AppleTalk printers. I haven't tried that option yet.

I got my QuadraLink from The Mac Zone, 1-800-258-0882, for \$204 plus \$3 for overnight air delivery (standard). I ordered it at about 3 in the afternoon, and it was delivered by 10 AM the next day. Now that's fast!!!!!

Things to Come????:

Now that my serial port problem is solved, I'd like to find a SCSI device count expander. Some of the new SCSI-II boards supposedly can have their own independent SCSI chain, giving me a chance for another 7 devices. I'm going to have to look into that possibility

Also, for the real Macintosh nut, the Radius Rocket is a 68040 accelerator to give the Mac II series (less the IIfx) the performance levels of a Quadra 900. The potential 'grabber' for the Rocket is the software package 'Saturn", required to use the Rocket in a IIfx. The Saturn software will let the Rocket operate as an independant 68040 computer within a window on the IIfx, giving you two big honkin' computers running at the same time under one hood. As soon as the Saturn software shows up, supposedly due out in the first quarter of 1992, I'm sure going to have to try it.

Anyone know of a way to add slots to an Apple IIgs?

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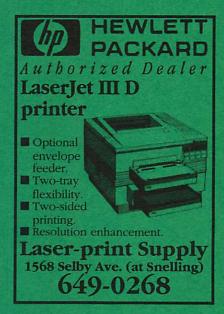
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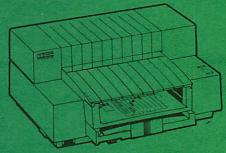
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