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- · Our BBS, the Calendar Folder in the Conferences Folder
- Our Voice Mail Telephone number: 651-229-6952
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Tuesday	October 5	Board of Directors meeting				
Wednesday	October 6	AppleWorks nee ClarisWorks SIG				
Thursday	October 7	Telecom SIG				
Monday	October 11	Apple II/GS Main SIG				
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Wednesday	October 20	PhotoShop / Digital Imaging SIG				
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Thursday	October 21	Macintosh Consultants				
Monday	October 25	Meet Your iMac / Mac SIG, 6:00pm				
Monday October 25		Macintosh Novice SIG, 7:00pm				
Wednesday	October 27	ResEdit / Programming SI				
Thursday	October 28	FileMaker Pro SIG				

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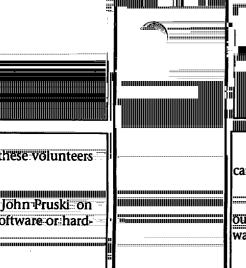
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Save Your Time and Money - Learn a New Arbitrary Key Combo! -or- How to Salute your Power Manager when it's out to Power Lunch

By BenStallings, ben@ofcn.org
A few weeks ago I was trying
to get my organization's 1993
QuickTake camera to work reliably with my 1999 PowerBook G3
when I accidentally pressed the
power-off combination (ctrloption-command-power) a few
too many times in rapid succession, and my beloved laptop
refused to turn back on.

At first I thought it had overheated... the PowerBook G3s contain a totally undocumented fan that runs on a thermostat, and its judgements about temperature don't agree with my own, so I don't trust it. But when the computer was good and cool again, it still wouldn't turn on.

By the time the morning was over, I'd spent nearly an hour and a half on the phone with Apple and paid \$300 for a phone support agreement... and it turned out all I had to do was press four keys. While I'm sure I'll get my money's worth from the support agreement over the next year, I'm sure not all of you would, so I'd like to share the cryptic little secret incantation that brings PowerBooks back to life.

It seems that the PowerBook G3s include a little gadget called the Power Manager that determines whether power is coming in from the battery or the AC adapter. Just like a Power Manager you might imagine in a Dilbert comic strip, the Power Manager in your PowerBook can become confused and stop working altogether. The way to wake it up (or rather, reset it) is to hold down the fn, ctrl, option, and power keys together for three seconds.

Sure enough, when I did this the power indicator light and fan came on for a moment, then turned off, and when I pressed the power key again, presto; everything worked.

... Well, not everything. The camera still doesn't get along with Mac OS 8.5. If any of you would like to trade that secret -- which stumps Apple tech support even after \$300 -- for the one I've just related, we'll call it even!

One Week with a G4: Sawtooth and AGP

http://www.macosrumors.com/>

So. We've seen what a difference the G4's Altivec unit can make for 3D gaming on the Mac. Nearly as important to the everyday Quake III: Arena addict -- and the graphics professional, in 2D as well as 3D -- will be Sawtooth's other remarkable feature, the AGP graphics bus-based RAGE 128 PRO.

At the end of a trio of 64-bit PCI slots -- familiar to any Yosemite user -- sits a shorter brown slot. In it lies a prototype ATI RAGE 128 PRO graphics card, with similar muscle to today's Rev. B Yosemites, but sporting more SGRAM and more than twice the bus bandwidth.

To explore the advantages this 133MHz 2X AGP bus offers, we played both a developmental and forthcoming OpenGL-based 3D space combat game (nameless at the developer's request)....and rendered several new scenes for the game's movie sequences. The game was Altivec-enabled; the rendering software was not.

Head-to-head with a Yosemite (500MHz G3, Firewire RAID,

384MB of RAM), the Sawtooth (550MHz G4, UltraDMA/66, 384MB of RAM) bested it by 35 frames per second, and during heavy-action sequences with large ships moving nearby and many fighters in the fray offered far superior texture quality (the game reduces textures to maintain speed) and nearly a 60 FPS lead. The game itself was still unoptimized, and the developers believe once they prepare for the G4's superior FPU, they will be able to increase the performance of any G4 Mac by another 10-15%. They also believed there was more room for Altivec optimization if they found the time to devote to it.

The same pair of machines, along with a dual 500MHz Pentium III computer machine running Windows NT, ran head-to-head renderings of a five-minute computer-generated video sequence from the game at a resolution of 1280x1024 pixels. The Pentium III had a 100MHz motherboard, a RAGE Orion 32MB graphics card in its 2X AGP slot, 512MB of SDRAM, and a four-drive Ultra2 SCSI RAID.

The results were surprising, even considering how much we'd already been raving about the Sawtooth's performance. The Pentium III and the Yosemite were close, with the Yose only winning by about two minutes (30:42 vs. 32:47). The Sawtooth, however, even though the rendering software did not directly support Altivec, finished at 26.03 — nearly seven minutes minutes before the Pentium, which had 128MB more RAM and a significantly faster drive array.

We have not yet been able to gather exact MacBench numbers because of benchmark performance differences between various seeded Sawtooths, but it didn't take much of these sorts of experiences with the beautiful machine to realize what a speed demon it is shaping up to be.

This is just the beginning -next week, we'll be picking up
where we left off with insights
into the stability, design, and of
course performance of the G4
Sawtooth with lots of popular
applications. Stay tuned!

FreeMac.com To Be First-Ever Company To Offer One Million FREE Apple iMac Computers

Submitted by Bruce Thompson

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3 /PRNewswire/ -- FreeMac.com will be the first company in the world to give away one million Apple iMac computers, the best selling consumer desktop computer. Company founder and CEO Ionathan Strum will introduce FreeMac.com to over 1,000 institutional investors, venture capitalists, CEOs and CFOs scheduled to attend the BancBoston Robertson **Stephens Investing in Innovations** Conference. The event will take place August 2-4, 1999, at San Francisco's Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Scheduled to launch in September, FreeMac.com will give away the innovatively designed and colorful Apple iMac to consumers who qualify for the FreeMac-branded Visa credit card and agree to pay the standard \$19.95 per month Internet service provider (ISP) fee for three years. Among the initial partners involved in the FreeMac.com venture are leading ISP EarthLink Network, First USA (the largest Visa and MasterCard issuer in the nation), CyberCash (Nasdaq: CYCH - news; the world leader in e-commerce technologies and services for merchants), and world famous artist Peter Max. The company's mission is to build the FreeMac community, a select group of over one million households who will be able to take advantage of discounted product and service offerings, as well as other highly targeted marketing opportunities.

Company founder and CEO Jonathan Strum explains, "One of the differentiating characteristics of FreeMac.com is that it represents an on-line lifestyle community. Members of the community will be able to create their own customized EarthLink start pages,

build free web sites, engage in ecommerce and take advantage of the full multimedia capabilities of their iMacs."

Two gigabytes of each iMac's hard drive will be reserved for exclusive multimedia content from FreeMac.com's entertainment partners. Each free iMac will also be configured with a CyberCash InstaBuy wallet, enabling instant one-click shopping at a number of on-line merchants including the FreeMac Store, VirtualVineyards.com and Borders.com.

Renowned artist Peter Max will serve as FreeMac.com's spokesperson and Chief Creativity Officer. Mr. Max will design an exclusive series of free posters, available to everyone who submits a demographic profile at the FreeMac.com Web site. He will also paint a limited series of iMac Collector's Edition computers. These one-of-a-kind iMacs will be auctioned through a major online auction venue, with all proceeds benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For the most recently completed quarter, Apple Computer sold more iMacs than at any time in the product's history. Recently, at MacWorld Expo in NY, it was announced that third-party developers introduced nearly 5,000 new Macintosh software and hardware products in the past 12 months.

Members of the FreeMac.com Advisory Board include Bill Guthy, founding principal of Guthy-Renker; Earl Greenburg, Chairman of the Electronic Retailing Association, and Drs. Sanford Ehrlich and Alex DeNoble of the award-winning Entrepreneurial Management Center at San Diego State University's Graduate School of Business. For the latest information about FreeMac.com, contact Jonathan Strum at 310-399-8550 ext. 203.

About Jonathan Strum

Jonathan Strum has been successfully bringing businesses to the Internet since there were just 50 Web servers in existence. As founder of Los Angeles-based Interactive Marketing Partners, Jonathan has developed winning Internet e-commerce strategies and produced award-winning state-of-the-art World Wide Web sites for a broad range of Fortune 500 clients in the entertainment, medical, retail and direct marketing industries.

An active speaker, Jonathan teaches thousands of people across the United States how to reinvent their businesses in cyberspace and fully leverage their company's virtual sales and marketing presence. Jonathan is a frequent presenter at e-commerce conferences and trade shows including Internet World, the largest Internet conference in the world. Jonathan's outcome-oriented approach toward creating an effective Internet business presence has been cited in Fortune, Industry Week, Success, Inc. and the Los Angeles Times.

As an appointee to The Mayor's Special Advisory Committee on Technology Implementation for the City of Los Angeles, Jonathan helped to design a citywide technology blueprint for the future of Los Angeles. Jonathan's column on ecommerce appears monthly in Response magazine. His company's e-commerce newsletter is distributed to over 30,000 subscribers in more than 23 countries around the world.

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Mini'app'les Gaming Group (MGG) Wants You!

By David M. Peck

Intrepid mini'app'les warriors are meeting on a regular basis for fun and socializing. Our interest is networkable Mac games and are always on the lookout for others who would like to participate.

Finishing a game solo might make you feel like King of the Hill. But there is nothing as challenging or fun as human competition. Plus, Winter around here seems to be a perfect time for gaming! :-)

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The MGG meets about once a month. If your interested in net-

workable Mac gaming, feel free to drop a note on the mini'app'les BBS or give me a call at (651)423-5711. We'd look forward to seeing you!

-Dave Peck

Zero Percent Financing Available For Power Macintosh G3/Printer Promo

Submitted by Rick L. Hammond, hammond@apple.com

In the July 16, 1999, edition of Apple Sales News, Apple announced the Power Macintosh G3/Printer Promotion, beginning July 15, 1999, and ending September 25, 1999. Beginning today, Apple is pleased to announce an enhancement to this promotion.

Effective August 2, 1999, all purchases made under the Power Macintosh G3/Printer promotion are eligible for 24-month lease financing at 0 percent. There is no finance charge on this special 24-

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HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCING

To take advantage of the zero percent financing offered by General Electric Capital Corporation:

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We think you will agree that zero percent financing combined with the existing promotion makes an outstanding offer that you can promote with confidence and pride.

Besides Complete Internal, this article also appears in the following editions of Apple Sales News: Business Internal (All Business/Retail), Dealers, Direct VARs, Indirect VARs, Business Apple Power Reps.

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OS X for Intel "alive," if not "well."

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At the behest of more than a few of MOSR's inside supporters, we have endeavoured to give the x86 (Intel) version of Mac OS X the kind of close look it hasn't received since Apple officially choked off plans for its public release.

The most basic truth that many computing-industry pundits have utterly failed to realize is that OS X for Intel is just as "alive" as it was the first day that Rhapsody was booted at Apple. Because the object-oriented environment which OS X is developed is "platform agnostic," only the Mach microkernel and hardware drivers need be updated to bring the latest of OS X to any given platform.

Thus, with minimal effort, nearly all of the technologies in the latest developmental builds of Mac OS X can be compiled and used on an Intel machine. However, many of the applications that will make OS X's first consumer release so impressive -- from Quicktime 4.5 to Sherlock II, the new Finder to Carbon itself -- aren't being created with that same "platform agnostic" philosophy. They're being built exclusively for the Mac.

By all the means that MOSR has been given to see into Apple's heart, we know that the parts of that heart that were born out of NeXT still beat strongly; we know that Apple needs to focus on what will make the platform grow now, rather than dwell on what could be. We also know that Apple fully

intends to excercise the cross-platform power of OS X...when it finds that it has a firmer footing on the PowerPC Mac platform and better options for entry into others

What is not clear, however, is whether Apple is in fact burning its bridges by investing so much of its development dollars in technology that is not cross-platform. With the long-term picture of the PowerPC so unclear, could this come back to haunt Apple in five years? It remains difficult to say, but perhaps it would be wise for Cupertino to make clear plans for dealing with this issue -- and to help us in the community to understand their thinking -before hindsight becomes our only vantage point.

Apple Invests \$100 Million in Samsung Electronics

Submitted by David M. Peck

SAN JOSE and CUPERTINO, California July 28, 1999 Apple and Samsung today jointly announced that Apple will invest \$100 million in Samsung to further expand Samsung's TFT-LCD flat-panel display production capacity. The investment is part of Apple's strategy to insure an adequate supply of TFT-LCD displays to meet the growing demand for Apple products.

"We are pleased to partner with Samsung to insure that Apple is on the cutting edge of flat panel display technology," said Steve Jobs, Apple's interim CEO. "With our new iBook and fast selling PowerBooks, Apple will need more flat displays than ever going forward."

"We are pleased that Apple has placed such confidence in Samsung's leading-edge technology," stated Y. W. Lee, president and CEO of Samsung Electronics' Semiconductor Business. "Samsung will use this investment to further accelerate the expan-

to further accelerate the expansion of our TFT-LCD production to support Apple's growing needs."

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About Samsung Semiconductor Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Korean-based Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Samsung's semiconductor division is the sixth-largest semiconductor manufacturer and the leading producer of memory and TFT-LCD products in the world. Samsung Semiconductor's North American headquarters are located in San Jose, California.

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