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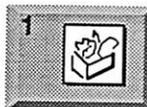
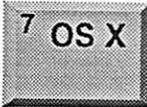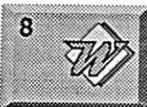**1** AppleWorks SIG
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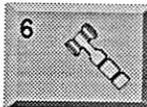
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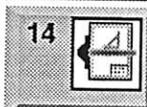219 Second Street North Suite 200
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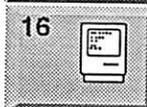
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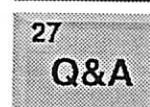
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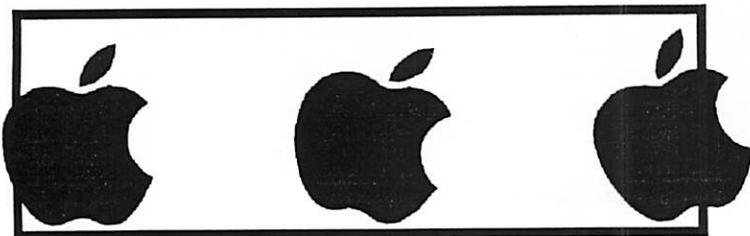
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  • At www.miniapples.org
  • The cognizant SIG Leader

Wednesday	March	1	AppleWorks SIG
Monday	March	6	Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday	March	7	OS X SIG
Wednesday	March	8	Microsoft Word SIG
Saturday	March	11	Annual Meeting
Tuesday	March	14	VectorWorks SIG
Thursday	March	16	Macintosh Consultants
Monday	March	27	Mac Q & A SIG
Tuesday	March	28	Mac Main SIG

Members Helping Members

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 (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

Apple II / IIGS Software & Hardware	1, 5, 7
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1.	Les Anderson	651-735-3953	DEW
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11.	R. J. Erhardt	651-730-9004	DEW
12.	Richard Becker	612-870-0659	EW
13.	Ardie Predweshny	612 978-9774	DEW
14.	Charles Radloff	952-941-1667	D

D: Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
W: Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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Miniapples Directors Meeting December 5, 2005

Submitted by Jim Nye

Present: Les Anderson, Craig Arko, Greg Buchner, Erik Knopp, Jim Nye, Bert Persson, John Pruski, Don Walz, absent Tom Gates

Approval of Agenda; Motion made, seconded and agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved for November 7, 2005 meeting.

Treasurers Report; All bills paid up to date.

OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS REPORTS

President Gates; Not present. He has the paper work for the nonprofit club status for the IRS. He will contact the IRS people shortly about the matter.

Vice President Persson: Conducted meeting in Tom Gates' absence.

Secretary Nye: Nothing to report.

Publication Director Pruski: Advertised in the Minneapolis paper- cost $ 158.31. The notice was also run on the mini'app'les web site.

Marketing Director Buchner: Nothing new to report.

SIG Director Arko: The Southdale Library has been reserved until February for the Mac Main meetings. The next SIG meeting will discuss "How to install OS 10 on older Systems". Future meetings will cover iTunes, iPhotos , and Garage Band pending getting speakers for the meetings.

Membership- Erik Knopp-Membership applications were sent out in October but nothing was received by recipients. A problem with the post office is suspected.

OLD BUSINESS

Projector: A new Infocus LP 600 projector with a 2 year warranty was purchased for $1500. Greg Buchner turned over the registration and rebate papers to treasurer Don Walz to apply for the $100 rebate. Greg noted that additional cables which didn't come with the projector should be purchased if the club doesn't have them now, such as DVI to DVI, VGA to DVD, and S-video cable. The Directors decided that the old projector would be used as a back up projector or used by other SIGs. If in the future it is decided to sell the projector, a closed bid process will be used and the projector will be sold to the member who has submitted the highest bid.

Petty Cash: Motion made, seconded and approved for Treasurer Walz to keep on hand cash to maintain a petty cash fund to reimburse limited expenses such as postage etc.

Annual Meeting; Bert Persson reserved a room for the Annual Meeting at the Southdale Library for February 11, 2005 from 10 am to 4:45 pm. The club will need to submit to the library information showing that the club has a nonprofit 501(C) 3 status.

Program-Annual Meeting: Suggestions for speaker were Mike Evangelist who was written about in a St. Paul Pioneer Press article about his experiences with Apple and Sandy Foderick Apple Computer contact.

State Fair Booth: No decision has been made on applying for a booth. Question arose if enough members would volunteer to man the booth.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting January 2 at the New Brighton Community Center.

Looking for Volunteers for a State Fair Booth

Submitted by Jim Nye

Would you donate some time to man the mini'app'les booth at the State Fair this summer?

The mini'app'les Board of Directors has discussed trying to get a booth in the Education Building at the State Fair this year. The board feels the State Fair exposure would promote interest in the club and increase club membership.

We will be canvassing members at the annual meeting and if enough people will volunteer to adequately staff the information booth, the Board will consider applying for a booth.

Fall In Love With Your Macintosh All Over Again!

Submitted by Tom Ostertag

As I was looking through the boxes I brought home from work, I found a button, a square button that said "Fall In Love With Your Macintosh All Over Again!" It was to advertise the new and improved System 7.5. At the time I had 7.1 on my Mac and was happy with it. Our department techie came around and installed 7.5 on anything that had Macintosh on it. For me it was fine as I had a 6100/66, but the little Mac Classic used by a colleague did a very slow dance. Unfortunately the upgrade he finally got was to a Dell instead of to a bigger and faster Mac. Anyway, I thought how appropriate that I should find this button for the February Newsletter. So all of you will have to give your Mac a big hug and kiss to let it know how much you appreciate it.

I also found a brochure for Newton Software Titles from 1993 (so now you know I'm a piler not a filer) with some interesting applications. This was one of Apple's ideas that was a bit before its time. I remember sitting in on a demonstration of the Apple Newton MessagePad and thinking that it was pretty neat, but I could do all that stuff with my Franklin Planner and my Mac. I didn't need a Personal Desk Accessory. Now I depend heavily on my Palm Tungsten T3 to keep track of appointments, ideas, tasks, interesting trivia, etc. It has become an indispensable part of my life. My wife has one as well and we keep track of just about everything with them. (Including how many games of Freecell we've won.) I've also found several genealogy programs that will run on my PDA thus increas-ing my time with the computer or the "little computer."

The weather has been rather dreary which leads one to crave a bit of travel and along with travel comes photography and the inevitable trip through Photoshop. I have a friend with a Dell computer using Photoshop and Photoshop Elements 2.0. He uses Photo Impressions, the program that came with his camera to download and process his pictures because the Adobe programs are too intimidating for him to even try and use. I recently spent some time with him and showed him how to do some scanning and photo restoration using both Photoshop and Photoshop Elements. It is amazing how much of Photoshop is in Photoshop Elements. I'm using Photoshop Elements 3.0 and it has a great quick fix editor. Sort of takes the fun out of spending a bunch of time and coming up with a great photo only to do a quick fix on the same original and have it look about the same. I'm also impressed with the upgraded version of iPhoto. I had iPhoto 4 and it took forever to allow a simple 90° rotation of more than one photo. With iPhoto 5, it's pretty impressive how fast you can choose a whole series of photos and do a rotate on them. I have over 2,000 images in my library and that's probably why iPhoto 4 was having a problem. I even downloaded iPhoto Diet but didn't have to resort to using it as I upgraded before that.

As I sit here typing this out, I have a black and white (Holstein) cat named Jackson sitting on my lap, keeping me warm and purring loud enough to keep me awake. He's our last cat as our other one died this last week. Pets are nice to have but a computer is a lot more helpful. Both have unique disposal problems. I was reading in my latest issue of Chemical and Engineering News that a tremendous amount of outdated electronic equipment. 100 million computers, monitors and televisions in the US alone, become obsolete each year. A significant amount of this electronic trash winds up in China, India, Pakistan and Nigeria where the computers are broken up and the precious metals reclaimed. In the process, the plastic cases are burnt and workers are exposed to toxic fumes from chemicals such as nitric and hydrochloric acids and fumes containing lead, chromium, beryllium, mercury and silver. Some of these countries have laws prohibiting this practice, but there is apparently a lot of money to be made by processing old computers in third world countries, so the laws are not always enforced. It is not economically profitable to recover these resources in this country so shiploads of computer carcasses are sent designated as refurbishable equipment and then dismantled for components and precious metals. Several states have enacted a disposal fee as part of the original purchase price. Some of the recycling programs are government based and some are manufacturer based. The hope is this will provide an incentive for manufacturers to remove or reduce the amount of toxic materials in their computers.

Give the earth a kiss too!

Annual Meeting Saturday February 11

Submitted by Bert Persson

Our annual membership meeting will be held at the Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. S. Edina, Minnesota 55435 (See map below) on Saturday February 11th. The schedule for our Annual Meeting is as follows:

The room at the library will be open to us from 10 A.M., and at 11A.M. we plan to take nominations for Officers to the Board of Directors for the next year, at which time refreshments will be available. All officer positions are up for election. They are; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing Director, Publication Director, and SIG Director. Some officers may seek reelection, but other candidates are welcome. If you would like to run for an office but are unable to attend please contact any board member. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard, and help support your user group.

After we have compiled a list of nominees, a lunch is provided under the theme "Greek for Geeks" that should include feta, olives, dolmas and all the other good stuff any G(r)eek would love. If everything goes as planned the good stuff should be ready around noon.

Once we are stuffed (with stuffed Grape wine leaves) Julio Ojeda-Zapata from the St. Paul Pioneer Press will give a presentation around 1 P.M. on what Apple has been up to lately.

We hope to see you there.

Southdale Library 7001 York Ave. S. Edina, MN 55435

Articles are still needed !

Please submit your articles on the BBS under the heading For Newsletter Staff. Thank You

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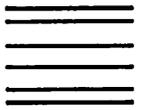
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