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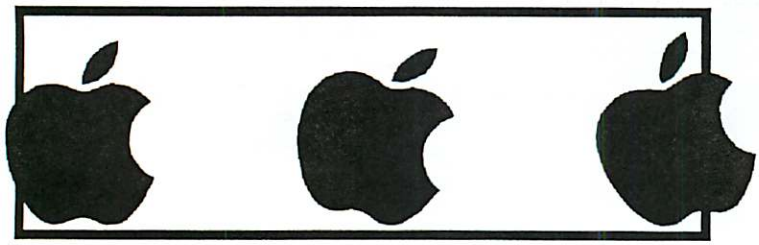

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January 2008 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for January 2008. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- At www.miniapples.org
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Tuesday	January	?	OS X SIG
Wednesday	January	2	AppleWorks SIG
Tuesday	January	?	VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	January	9	Microsoft Word SIG
Thursday	January	17	Macintosh Consultants
Thursday	January	24	FileMaker Pro SIG
Monday	January	28	Mac Q & A SIG

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E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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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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The Miniapples Newsletter is fading away (part 2)

Submitted by Bert Persson

You may have read in the November issue that the Newsletter is being phased out in March 2008.
All information regarding SIG's (Special Interest Groups), workshops or other events is available on our web site **www.miniapples.org**
For those of you who don't have access to the Internet at home or business, can find the information by using a computer at your local library. This may be awkward to some members, but we will try to keep our SIG meeting time and location the same from month to month making it easier to remember when and where each meeting takes place.

If you would like to receive information of miniapples upcoming events you can send us your name, membership id# (which is on the Newsletter mailing label) and a valid e-mail address to **miniapples@mac.com** Please write: **miniapples info e-mail YES** in the subject line.

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GETTING STARTED WITH FORUMER.COM

The Minnesota Apple Computer Users' Group, the mini'app'les, has established a bulletin board service (BBS) using the facilities of forumer.com. Everyone is encouraged to make use of the BBS to ask and answer questions that cannot wait until the next Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting. Although guests can make use of this new BBS, mini'app'les members have some special privileges and, so, should register as members to take advantage of those privileges.
Getting started is easy. Connect to the internet and fire up your browser. Navigate to the mini'app'les BBS on forumer.com either by entering HYPERLINK "http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/index.php"http://miniapples.7.forumer.com/index.php

into the Address Bar of your browser or by going to the mini'app'les web site at HYPERLINK "http://www.miniapples.org/" http://www.miniapples.org/ and clicking on the mini'app'les Forums Quick Link on the left side of the window. This brings up a window like the one in Figure 1.

The registration process begins when you click the "Register" text button at the right of the row of buttons just under the "mini'app'les forums" heading. At the click of that button, a new window appears; this window contains the registration agreement terms. If you agree to the terms and conditions, you need to click the appropriate line under that text to proceed. The next window asks you to enter your registration information and to set your initial preferences (see Figure 2).

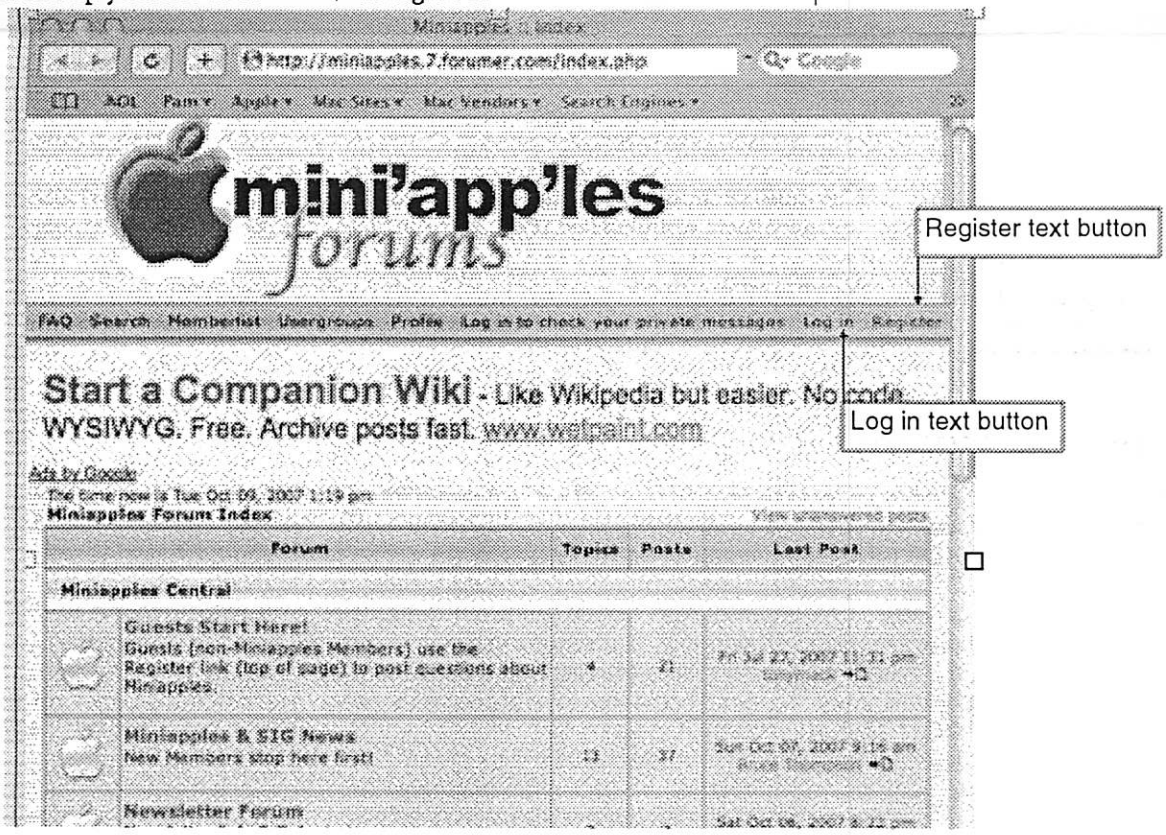

Figure 1. mini'app'les forumer.com Starting Window

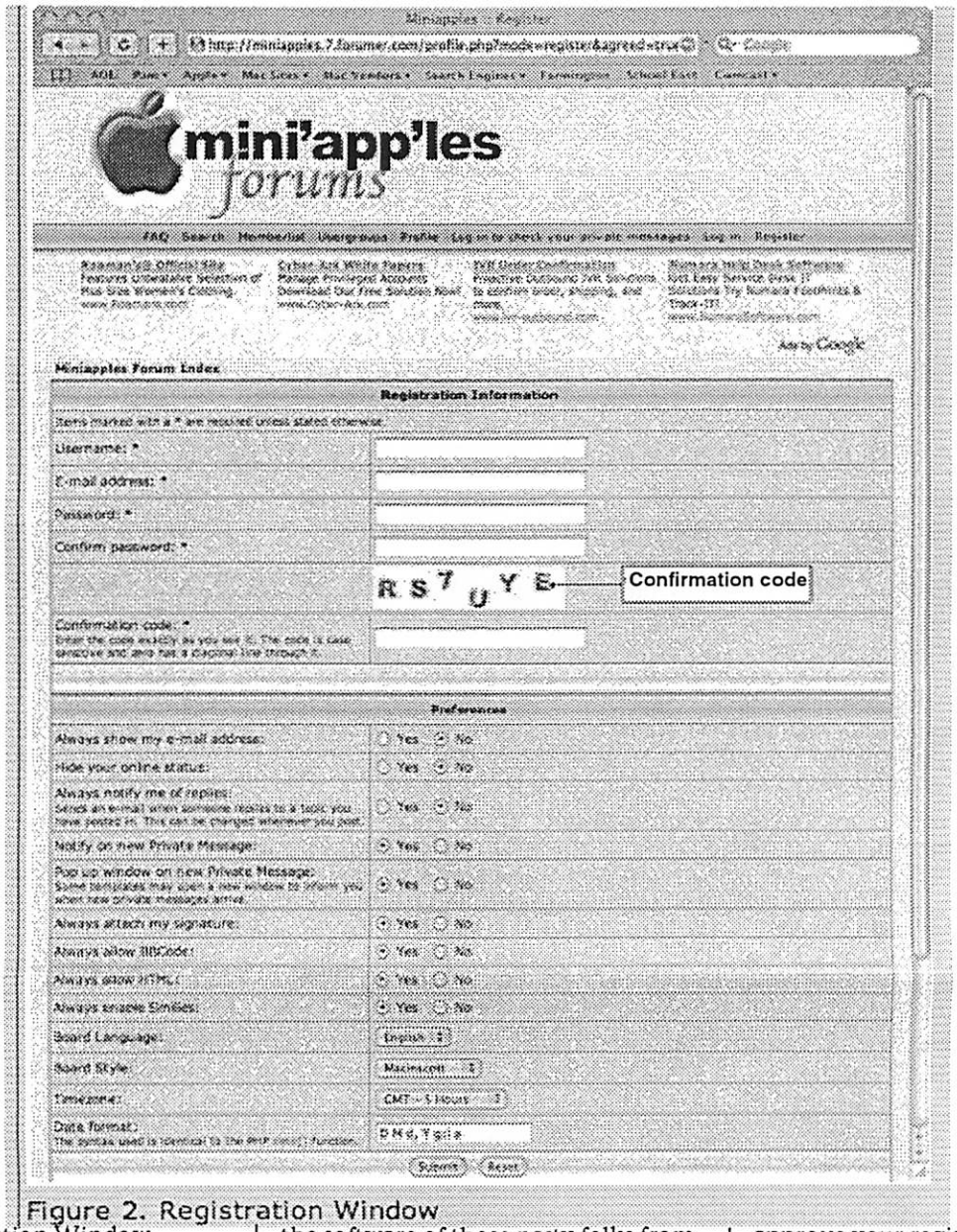

Figure 2. Registration Window

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You must enter a username and password. The username need not be (but can be) your given name; two usernames currently in use are Ottertail and Huntn. An email address is required as part of the Registration Information because that is how the administrators communicate with individual members and how you are informed if you have received a Private Message from another member. To keep the nasty folks who patrol the internet from accessing your account, the password should be at least eight characters long and should be a combination of lower case letters, upper case letters, numbers, and special characters. The Confirmation Code is used to prevent the software of those nasty folks from registering automatically and thus save much grief and work for our forum administrator. The default values shown for the Preferences are quite sensible and can be accepted as is; the preferences can be changed once you have been registered as a mini'app'les member. After you have established your Registration Information and Preferences, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the window. This sends a message to our friendly administrators telling them you would like to be registered for the mini'app'les forums.

Your submittal of a registration request sets off a series of emails. The first email shows the username and password you entered as well as letting you know the administrator must approve your registration request and establish an account for you; save this email so you can check your username and password if you are unable to log in to the forums later. The second email lets you know your account has been established and you may now log in to the mini'app'les BBS. The third email informs you that you have been added to a particular group; different groups have different privileges in the forums. If the administrator was unable to identify you as a mini'app'les member and assigned you to the "Guest" group, you will receive an email letting you know you have a private message on the BBS. Clicking the link contained in the email takes you to the window shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3. Logging in to Check a Private Message

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Unlike many (most?) sites which automatically place the cursor in the starting text box, forumer requires you to click in the text box for the username first. Then enter the username and password you provided when you registered and click the "Log in" button; if you forgot the username and/or password or you are unable to log in, check the first email you received for the correct information. Once you have entered the correct information, you are taken to the screen shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4. Accessing Private Messages

Click the name of the message ("Welcome" in this case) and a new window appears, allowing you to read the Private Message (the new window is not shown here). The message tells you why you were placed in the Guests group and asks you to identify yourself if you are a member. Click either of the "Post Reply" buttons in the window and, in the "Reply to a private message window," enter a

Figure 4. Accessing Private Messages

message identifying yourself to the administrator (this window is not shown here); click the "Submit" button after your message has been entered. An interim window appears for a short time before you are returned to the window of Figure 4. At this point, you may access the messages in the forums as a guest by clicking on the "Miniapples Forum Index" text button in the middle of the window, point your browser at a different web site, or quit your browser.

After you have received an email from the administrator indicating you may now access the BBS with all the privileges and responsibilities of a member, you can log in by navigating to the web site as described at the start of this article to the window shown in Figure 1. Click the "Log in" button next to the "Register" text button and a window like that of Figure 3 appears. Enter your username and password as before and click the "Log in" button. A window similar to Figure 1 appears; any forum with a message you have not read has a green apple next to it.

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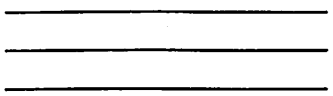

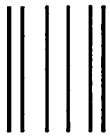

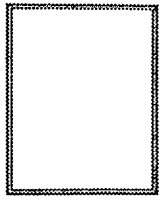

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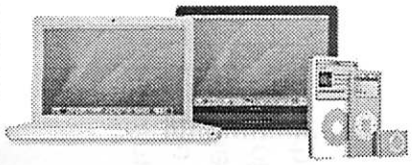

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- Opportunities to get involved with other Apple enthusiasts. mini'app'les has several special interest groups, and is always looking for motivated members to help in making them better.

- Access to the mini'app'les online Forum. Why wait for a monthly meeting when you can chat with other members about issues and trouble shooting. Apple products are bought and sold, special events and discounts are posted, and news about the mini'app'les User Group, Apple, and the industry is discussed.

- Subscription to the mini'app'les monthly newsletter.

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