# AppleII Macintosh RNAUG Newsletter

President's Message

First, I'd like to thank the outgoing board of officers for all of the time and energy they've put into the club (many of them for more than one term)! We've got many new officers, which means transition and learning time, but also means growth and new ideas.

One of my goals for the year is to expedite our general meetings to allow the bulk of meeting time to go to the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) where it belongs. I ask your assistance in that. Please keep Macintosh and Apple II specific questions/information for the SIG breakouts. I want to get the general session down to a half hour or less.

I ask also that you volunteer to help with the things that give our club substance. Share your expertise by doing presentations in the SIGs. Another area is the newsletter. Hank Lavagnini did a terrific job and spoiled us. He had tremendous expertise as well as access to resources to download articles. Kathie will be learning desktop publishing and has no access to ready-made articles. So please help out with information, articles, resources — and xeroxing, labeling, mailing, when you can. Let's make this club a real resource for computer owners of all levels of expertise!

Happy Computing!
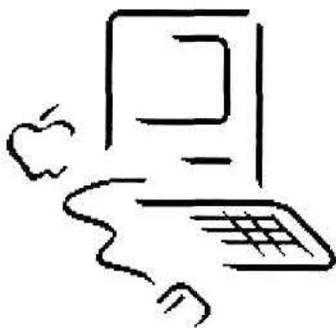
Letter *from* the Editor

(Editor's Note: Since this is my first issue, I felt I should take a little editorial license and give you my philosophy about this newsletter.)

The purpose of Computer User Groups is for members to be able to learn more about their computer — to learn by asking, to learn by demonstration and "show and tell," and to learn by doing.

It is probably obvious that I have chosen to "learn by doing" in taking on the club newsletter. It will become even more obvious with each issue. I plan to experiment with different templates and design ideas. (This is a warning that each issue may not look alike — think of it as a process.) As I expand my knowledge of desktop publishing, and especially the technicalities of applying it with the Mac and Pagemaker, I hope you will see improvements.

For those of you who heaved a sigh of relief when you saw the editor position filled, don't breathe too soon or too deeply. This will be a joint project because:

(1) I am not an expert on computers or the Macintosh or newsletters. In fact, as my computer expert friends could tell you, I'm one of those who learns best by having someone **show** me how to do something. I don't always grasp the basics about **how** computers work, which means I often ask what seem like very obvious/simplistic questions to the experts. Those expert friends I called on in the past no longer live nearby (thanks to the Army), so I will be calling on all the new experts I meet through the club.

If you have desktop publishing experience with Pagemaker, please let me know. I'd rather have a lot of experts to call on so that I can spread out the questions. I'm especially looking for someone who is familiar with PictureBook+!!

(2) I can't write most of the instructional/educational type articles you want to read — because I don't have the knowledge and/or the time to do extensive research. So I will be calling on those of you who do have the expertise. If you don't want to write, I will be happy to write from your notes or your verbal explanation.

(3) I accepted this position with the understanding that it will be logistically complicated. I'll have to do most of the newsletters while traveling (I'm working on this one in Oberammagau, for example). I will, in many cases, be faxing the newsletter to Sheila and Ingo Richarz. **(cont'd on pg.3)**

In this issue

Minutes of February Meeting

Mark Twain Village, Heidelberg—February 10, 1994

(Note from Secretary: I would like to keep the minutes brief each month, covering the main points discussed and any action required by members. I will try to expand any education items discussed separately as articles. I'll star items that I would like volunteers to write an article on — or at least provide information for an article.)

President Sheila Richarz opened the meeting after copies of the club constitution were destributed for review. The following items were discussed and voted on.

• the constitution was approved as is by the member.s

• the purchase of new door prizes totalling $150 was approved to be handled by the club officers.

• a recommendation to sell $1 raffle tickets for door prizes (on top of the free raffle ticket that each member gets) as a fund raiser was voted down.

• a motion to change the March meeting date to the 3rd Thursday (March 17) to allow a demonstration of the Power PC by AMEXTRA was approved. Hank Lavagnini will produce an announcement flyer to get the word out.

The following items were presented as questions or as information:

★ There was some discussion about RAM Doubler. (need article)

√ Clif Sayer mentioned that the German magazine MacWelt had good reviews on Address Book 3.6.5 and Keyboard Plus 1.1.

★ Nick Shestople asked if anyone has experience building emergency boot disks. (possible article idea)

√ Nick mentioned that the club has received Hardware System Update 2.01 and System Update 2.0 as shareware available for copying. The new Sound Manager is on it as well as special updates for Powerbooks. Contact Nick.

√ Jim Clark mentioned that the new agreement with Apple for registered clubs includes a signature that we can give out copies of freeware and shareware but not of systems software unless we are licensed to do so.

√ Jim mentioned that SOFTDISK subscriptions are available at a reduced cost to members. Nick mentioned that the overseas mail delay might affect the timeliness and, therefore, usefulness, of this. (see attached order information.)

√ Nick Shestople agreed to check with mailorder companies to see if we can get group discounts on purchases for items like RAM Doubler where there is enough interest.

√ A question about software that helps you fill out forms on computer raised an offer by Nick Shestople. He can scan any form and save it as a PICT file so that it can be filled in by computer. He already has available, for example, the SF 171.

√ Jim announced that Compuserve has just lowered their rates.

Doorprize drawings were held and the club broke into special interest group meetings.

★ Remember, any starred items need articles written — please volunteer to write the article or to provide me the information that I can use to write it!

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Happy Computing,

Lee Golden

Lee Golden
Managing Editor

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ICON's mission is to create a world-wide community of people who are curious about computers and to provide these individuals with electronic, printed, and face-to-face communication channels for the exchange and dissemination of education, training, and information relevant to their interest in computers. In addition, ICON will seek privileges and discounts for its members from other computer-related organizations and companies.

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Dues

ICON membership dues are $8 a year, however, fees will be waived for:
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- finally, first-year fees will be waived for anyone who applies for membership in writing by January 31, 1994.

Benefits of membership

Benefits of ICON membership include:
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- System software and other goodies published by Apple Computer available to members for just $3 a disk.
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AD	A2-Central	$59.95	$4.99
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- **TimeOut-Central** is our disk for AppleWorks and TimeOut users. Edited by Randy Brandt, head of the AppleWorks 4.0 development team, TimeOut-Central is the best source for the latest information about AppleWorks tips, bugs, patches, and macros.

		6-issues	each
TO	TimeOut-Central	$49.95	$8.32
TO-AUTO	TimeOut-Central (auto renewal)	$39.95	$6.65

- **Script-Central** is our disk for HyperCard IIgs users. Originally designed by Bo Monroe and edited by Hangtime, this publication takes you to the Script-Central building each issue for hot tips on stack creation and great sample stacks.

		6-issues	each disk
HC	Script-Central (2-disks/issue)	$49.95	$4.16
HC-AUTO	Script-Central (auto renewal)	$39.95	$3.33

- **Studio City** is our disk for HyperStudio users. Editor Bill Lynn creates separate versions for Mac and Apple IIgs users. If you use HyperStudio as a multimedia creation tool *(you should)*, you'll want to get each issue of **Studio City.**

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S	Studio City for the Mac	$49.95	$8.32
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at the "U#=" enter:	XTX99020,A2PRO (no spaces) and press RETURN
need help?:	GEnie customer service (voice) 1-800-638-9636
international?:	write for complete information

Apple software

ICON members can get Apple system software:

		# disks	price
IC-004	Apple II: ProDOS 8 v4.0.2	2	$6.00
IC-005	Apple II: GS/OS v5.0.4	2	$6.00
IC-006	Apple II: GS/OS v6.0.1	6	$18.00
IC-106	Macintosh: System 6.0.8	4	$12.00
IC-107	Macintosh: System 7.1	9	$27.00

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memo:

The bulk of the next RNAUG Newsletter will be put together during the time period of March 18 through March 22 (as I leave for the US on business for 4 weeks on March 24). Ingo Richarz will be finalizing the newsletter after the 22d so may be able to add a few items, but I would prefer to complete as much as possible by the 18. You can give items (with a telephone number for questions) to Ingo or Sheila Richarz at the meeting on the 17th, or mail them to reach me by the 22. Thanks, Editor

Letter from the Editor, cont'd from pg. 1.

It will be a joint effort to get them printed, copied, labeled and mailed. If you can help with any of that — even just occasionally — please let us know. Sheila will be asking for volunteers to take down notes for the minutes of those meetings I have to miss due to travel.

(4) I'd like input from you in all different types of format: articles, topic ideas, clip art, cartoons, tips, samples of other newsletters that you like, etc. As you can see from this issue, I need more clip art!

I would like to create the most useful newsletter for the membership that I possibly can. But that will only happen if you tell me what you want and need. So I'll be asking you questions about what you want to see included, starting with this issue —see questionnaire. (You don't have to wait for a questionnaire. Feel free to give me ideas at meetings, drop me notes if I'm not at a meeting, or call me on the phone.) It will only be a useful newsletter if you give me articles and input. I don't have the knowledge to create a newsletter full of articles — it's a true challenge for me technically and timewise just to format one.

Remember, it's not my newsletter — **it's your newsletter!**

Apple II News   by Alexander Siegfried

New products for the Apple II/IIGS

After publishing AppleWorks 4.01, Quality, Inc. has announced the upgrade of AppleWorks GS to v2.0 ! Here is a little info I picked from Internet:

• APPLEWORKS GS 2.0 — Coming Spring 94

Dozens of new & improved features: Macro record & playback; Compatible with Pointless™, The Manager™, and accelerators; System 6 Savvy; Import/Export to Macintosh WP format; Print Preview; Large fonts (over 48 point); Bezier curves and degree rotation in Paint module; Text wraps around graphics; Auto-Save; GS/OS compatible clipboard; Pre-defined envelope printer — and many, many more! NEW! $99.95 Uprgrade from 1.1

• AppleWorks Classic v4.02 is shipping! When purchasing a copy of Apple-Works Classic, you now will get v4.02, which has some of the bugs fixed. On RNAUG's Apple II disk of the month for March, there is an archive named the AWKS.4.0.SHK. Unshrink it using GShrinkit! — it is the update to v4.02.

• The German company , /// SHH Systeme, is selling a new type of Harddrive. The RAMFast IDE MicroDrive is a hard drive and controller on one normal card, ready to fit into any of the 7 internal slots of the Apple II and IIGS (Length: 19.7 cm, Height: 7.2 cm, Depth: 2.0 cm). It boots into GS/OS in 12 seconds, into ProDOS 8 in 1 second, and comes with an installation program. The controller card costs: 129 DM + 10 DM (s&h). Complete systems are available from 20 to 200 MB. For more info, contact: /// SHH Systeme, Joachim Lange, Bergstr. 95, 82131 Stockdorf, Germany, Telephone: 089/8 57 70 40

Q's & A's

(First a quick note about the Q's & A's column. Send in any question you have — especially if you know you can't get to the next RNAUG meeting to ask it. If I can get someone to answer it in time to include the answer with the question, I will. In some cases, I will include the question in one issue and ask members for input to provide the answer in the next issue. In some cases, these will be simple answers. It may sometimes require a full article to answer the question properly.)

Q1: I am having some small problems that seem to indicate an extension conflict. I've been reading about ways to trouble-shoot this and understand that it can be extremely time-consuming. I am limited time-wise. I heard another possibility is INITInfoPro, a HyperCard stack that "contains a plethora of information on exten-sions and how they go bump in the Mac." The information is apparently collected from CompuServe users and a demo is available on-line. Is anyone familiar with this or have access to the demo copy? Or, do you have other solutions that aren't ex-tremely time-intensive?

Q2: I'm one of those people who almost panics when I see the words "Sorry, a system error occurred." It's because I don't really know how to figure out what happened. I heard that there is a program called Crash Barrier that can provide immediate help when these messages show up. Does anyone currently use this — or have any detailed information (i.e. reviews/articles) on it? ⌘
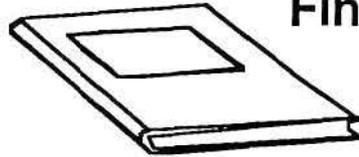
Financial Statement

by Nick Miller

Assets (23 February 1994)

Checking Account	924.50
Petty Cash	21.50
Public Domain Library	50.00
Re-Inker Supplies	78.46
Total Assets	1,074.46
Total Liabilities	0.0
Net Worth	**1074.46**

Income (Feb)

Membership Dues	
Apple II Users	10.00
Macintosh Users	31.00
Sales	
Book Sales	14.00
Disk Sales	28.25
Labels & Paper	13.00
Total Income	96.25

Expenses (Feb)

Expenses	0.0
Total Expenses	0.0
Net Income	**96.25**
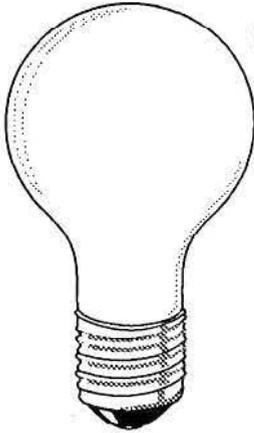
Give us your ideas!

— Make this newsletter useful to you and all the RNAUG members!

(Please fIll out the questionnaire and return it to Kathie Hightower or Sheila Richarz at a meeting — or mail it to Kathie Hightower, HQUSAREUR, CMR 420, BOX 624, APO AE 09063.)

1. Newsletter Name:
   - ❏ I would like to see the club members choose a new name for the newsletter using a contest to do so.
   - ❏ I want the name to stay as is — RNAUG Newsletter.
   - ❏ I don't care.

2. If we include regular columns in each newsletter, which would you be most interested in?
   - ❏ Profiles of member's computer usage — i.e. what hardware/software they use most frequently and for what purpose.
   - ❏ Classified Ads — 4 Sale
   - ❏ Q's & A's — allowing members to submit their questions for subsequent detailed answers by other members
   - ❏ Hardware Reviews
   - ❏ Software Reviews
   - ❏ Book Reviews
   - ❏ Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting summaries
   - ❏ Other:

   _____

3. What topics would you like to see articles on?

   _____

   _____

4. Are there any topics or columns you would be interested in writing?

   _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Note: It is not necessary that you put your name and phone number — it might be useful if I have questions. Ed.)

Apple II News (cont'd from pg. 3)

• Seven Hills just released Spectrum, a new Telecommunications program for the IIGS. It runs under GS/OS v6.0 or later and supports baud rates from 50 to 57.600 and almost all transfer protocols including Zmodem and Compuserve B+. With its powerful, but easy to learn Script-Language, Spectrum can be configured the way the user needs it. Spectrum comes on two disks and two manuals ("Getting started and reference" and "Scripting"). It requires 1MB of Ram and at least one 3.5" disk drive—a hard drive is highly recommended. It costs $60,— and is available from: Seven Hills Software, 2310 Oxford Road, Tallahassee, FL 32304, U.S.A.

• Rick Adams has put out a shareware program called Financial GeniuS 2.0 that keeps track of your finances. It has all (and more) features of commercial programs. The shareware fee is $35,—Rick Adams, 1627 Ball St., Galveston, TX 77550.

PS: SoftDisk-Application is to be sent in by USER-GROUP, bring your application in to meeting, we will gather them and mail them.

Ingo Richarz

For information about meetings or membership in the RNAUG, please contact Sheila Richarz (President) at 06221-302701; Jim Clark (Vice President) at 06202-24936; Jim Ross (Publicity) at 06221-303296; or Kathie Hightower at 06223-47155.

The Interactive Newsletter: Help your editor out. The Private Organization Postmark has this errant O (the lower one which I tried to replace manually when it disappeared). It doesNOT show up on the screen. I've tried moving everything around to find it. It was in place when I imported the clip art (in the proper place next to the P) — then suddenly disappeared. I've repeatedly tried importing the clip art again to no avail. What is the possible answer? What can I try?