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3.5inch IS LARGER THAN 5.25 inch

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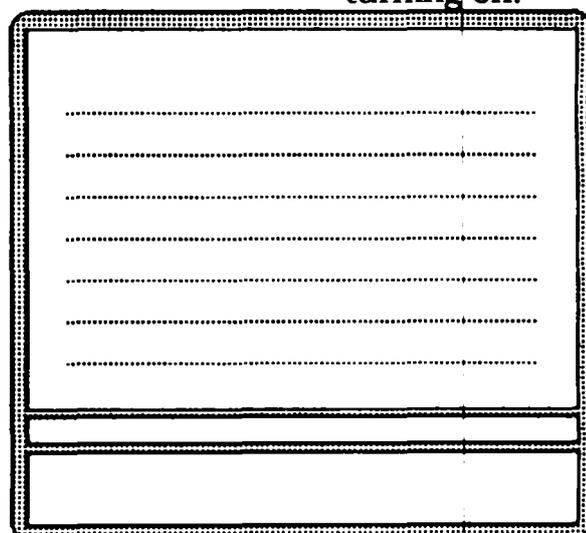
If you are thinking of adding more disk capacity to your Apple systems (no matter what) and are not prepared to outlay the money for a hard disk system here is the good news, Apple Inc. have recently released the 3.5" disk drive for the Apple user. The recommended retail price is \$840.00 with controller card and \$621.21 without controller card.

Needless to say they require their own special card so that will put paid to any bright ideas about using the old DOS 3.3 controller cards. The utility disk that is supplied has ProDos Version 1.1.1 and some very useful goodies as well.

I have had two of these units for the last eight months and have been completely satisfied with their performance. They put the old but loveable five and a quarter jobs into the vintage era. Their compact size and robust little disks make it difficult to imagine going back to the old system

The 3.5" uni-disk uses double sided disks and has a capacity of 800K per disk, almost six times the capacity of the old system. The standard formats used are ProDos and Pascal 1.3. You get a faster disk access time estimated by me to be 30-40% faster. They are very quiet, the only indication that they are working is the LED turning on.

Actual size
3.5inch
disk label
template -
cut out
and use as
a model for
your
personal
labels



← Disk Title

Floppy Disk Label

THE TRADING TABLE

Due to the continuing price changes, it has been an impossible task trying to keep a price list up to date and to publish it in Apple -BUG. All prices are confirmed only two days before the meetings when the new stocks are purchased, so please bear with us. As a guide for the intending buyer I have listed the prices for some of the goods that were on sale at the last meeting.

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Data life SS/DD disks (single)	\$ 3.50
Control Data DS/DD disks (lib. case)	32.00
Control Data SS/DD disks (" ")	25.50
3.5" SS/DD disks (softpak)	64.00
3.5" DS/DD " (")	75.00

BOOKS

Basic Programming	\$15.00
Workshops Vol 1.	16.50
Workshops Vol 2.	16.50
Computer Connection	10.00
Zardax Word Processing	16.00
Assorted Books	as marked

MEDIA DRAWERS

Media draws 3.5" (each)	\$28.00
DX - 100A Media draws 5.25" "	28.00
DX - 100B " " "	28.00
M.F. Media Draws 5.25 "	95.00
Mini Disk tray FD 30	9.90

Other bits and pieces

Epson MX/RX/FX refills(each)	\$ 9.00
Epson LX80 " "	12.00
Epson LQ 1500 " "	16.00
Keyboard cover //c	9.00
Disk Lables (fanfold per 1000)	25.00
Hard copy binder (each)	7.50
Joysticks for II+, //e	37.00

Please note keyboard covers for the IIe are out of stock until further notice.

APPLE TALK

Unfounded rumours and other ramblings from doubtful sources.

The new Apple //e -or- //x -or- //z -or- //something... will (may) have

- ... a 65816 chip
- ... a 768 by 512 pixel colour display capability
- ... a built in RS232 port
- ... a built in mouse controller
- ... memory expandable to 4.25 megabytes
- ... a detachable keyboard

remember these are **rumours** only don't blame me (us) if it looks quite different!

Will it run MS-DOS?

... probably ... with an add-in card, remember the 68000 chip on a card which is still available for the //e.

When? .. don't know!

The very best quality rumours say,

August
September
November
January

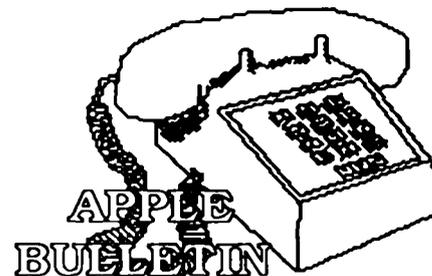
so take your own pick.

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SECRETARY'S

NOTES

GRAHAM HANNAM



APPLE BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM (ABBS)

Secretary Notes-
Last month you may have noticed an entirely different format for our newsletter. It being entirely due to the talents of Peter Newland along with the power of the Macintosh and the programme "Pagemaker", a truly magnificent piece of software capable of producing very impressive and professional looking documents.

Now I am not going to complain about the lack of articles from members but look what you are missing out on, for even the smallest contribution can be presented in such a way as to make a good impression on the reader.

Don't be backward in coming forward let's have your ideas, tricky little programs or whatever, so the talent available can be put to good use for the clubs benefit.

You may also recall that I mentioned in our last Newsletter that the A.G.M. would be held at the September meeting. Apologies to all, for this is not to be, we are now having it at the October meeting due to a change in circumstances that only became known at the last committee meeting. So please change your notes, calendars, diaries, etc to A.G.M., third Sunday in September.

The pie man cometh, much to the joy of many a hungry hacker, who having satisfied the inner self proceeds to compute on, forgetting that things called food wrappers and empty coffee containers need to be disposed of. What a pity Mother is not there to do it and so it is left to those volunteers who stay behind to put away the tables and the power units. Please dispose of all rubbish you create in the bins provided so as to facilitate a quick and efficient tidy up at the end of the day, failing that please stay behind and lend a hand it really would be appreciated.

I am pleased to report that David Borne has returned from his sabbatical in the U.S.A. and on behalf of all members welcome him back into our midst. We look forward to hearing about some of his interesting experiences (Apple related of course) that he may have had in the U.S.

That's all from me, over to you David.

Graham Hannam
(Acting Secretary).

Frazzled users of that other brand of computer.



Apple-Q is looking towards setting up a computer operated bulletin board, using the Apple //e, 3.5 UniDisk and Modem. On the BBS could be published our Newsletter which then be accessed by anyone with a modem etc. Computer communications is a very useful adjunct to our club, particularly to our country members as it provides another means of meeting other computer-hobbyists and in addition it can be a lot of fun. Modems are not all that expensive these days and there are many to choose from. Information can be accessed or downloaded for the cost of a telephone call and who knows perhaps a great way to meet another member of the opposite sex.

At the present time there are many BBS's operating in Brisbane and throughout Australia, a great number of them operated by the various computer clubs and now we are looking to setting up one for members. This can only be done with your support and enthusiasm so come forward and let your views be known.

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Space
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.. and
this
one
too ..

Apple-Q User Group
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Advertising Rates

Members advertising
personally owned items
for private sale to other
members

NOTHING

Advertisements may be handed
to the Trading Table for
publication in the next months
Newsletter

WHAT'S WHEN

Sunday 17 August 1986
Open day at the Hooper Centre

Monday 18 August 1986
Committee meeting

Sunday 21 September 1986
Open day at the Hooper Centre

Monday 22 September 1986
Committee meeting

CREDITS

Word processing: MacWrite
Page Layout: PageMaker
Copy Printing: LaserWriter
Printing & distributing:
Hooper Centre

Apple], //e, //c & Mac –
the reason for it all!
(and Apple /// & Lisa!)

Credits

Editor: Peter Pegg (away)
Assistant Editor: Graham Hannam (doing it!)
Chairman: Peter Newland

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