RHEIN-NECKAR APPLE USERS GROUP (RNAUG) NEWSLETTER

Minutes from Nov 90 Meeting

The November 1990 meeting of the Rhein-Neckar Apple Users Group (RNAUG) was held at 1900 hours, 8 November 1990, at the Multi-Purpose Room, Patrick Henry Village Middle School. Forty-four persons attended the meeting.

The meeting was opened by RNAUG President, Wes Sisson. The first item of official business was an introduction of the RNAUG officers in attendance. Wes then announced the RNAUG special events for the evening: First, our annual yard sale with ridiculously low prices and secondly, a display and demonstration of Apple's three new Macintosh computers, the Macintosh Classic, the Macintosh LC, and the Macintosh IIsi. In addition, two new 12" monitors were on display.

The public domain disk-of-the-month for November was Disk A-03 from the BRCC library and features Cat.Text, PS.Upgrader, Type Changer, and Label Maker. Wes reminded members that the monthly disk is free, however, we ask that the member provide us with a blank disk or $1.00. Wes also had catalog listings of the various RNAUG public domain disks available for members.
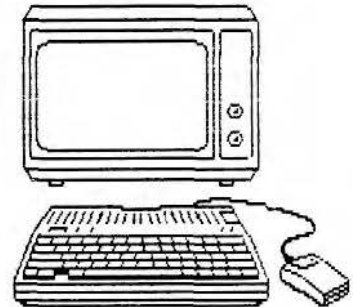
Wes also announced a special offer available to RNAUG members through the Apple Connection, the Apple User Group parent organization. For a limited time, members who don't yet own Appleworks 3.0 or AppleWorks GS 1.1 can obtain either or both of these great products at a fraction of the retail price ($99 and $129, respectively). Of course, AppleWorks owners who have their original disks can still take advantage of the standard upgrade prices of $79 and $99, by calling 800-544-8554. Here are the basic terms of the offer:

o Orders must be postmarked by January 31, 1991.

o Only one copy of AppleWorks 3.0 & AppleWorks GS 1.1 per member.

o Orders must be submitted on original form; no photocopies accepted.

See Wes to obtain an order form and "Take Advantage" information sheet.

With 1991 "just around the corner," RNAUG election of officers for next year is rapidly approaching. Enclosed within this newsletter is a ballot. Please return it as soon as possible. Also enclosed is a membership renewal application.

The meeting was turned over to Mike Vargo, Chairman of the MAC Subgroup, who proudly announced that all three of the latest Mac computers were on hand and that Jay Cowan, the authorized Apple distributor to NATO, would be demonstrating them. For a detailed description of the new Macs, please see the October RNAUG

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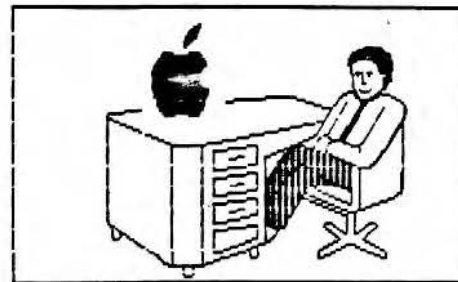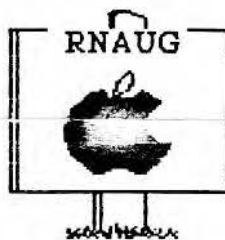
newsletter. Jay and Mike were busy answering questions and showing off the new line for the remainder of the meeting. Jay indicated that the new models are available through the EUCOM Audio-Photo Club at Patch Barracks, Stuttgart; at the Canadian Exchange at Baden or Lahr; and through Boston University for enrolled students. Still in the works is an option for enrolled students of the University of Maryland to make purchases at attractive prices. Perhaps before Christmas the Macs will also be available at the Mainz Audio-Photo Club. The new Macs are available in either 110 or 220 volts and all systems shipped to Europe are 220. Jay said that Apple will convert back to 110 before you return to the U.S. or Canada. Although a MAC LC was on hand at the meeting, the release date is not until January 15, 1991 (a pre-release model was shown at the meeting).

This concludes the minutes of the November 1990 RNAUG meeting. Hope to see you at our next meeting to be held at 1900 hours, December 13, 1990, at the Multi-Purpose Room, PHV Middle School.

Our Beagle Buddy was busy following the meeting upgrading Mel Ellis's TimeOut applications to work with AppleWorks 3.0. Any member of the club can have his or her TimeOut disks upgraded free-of-charge provided they are original copies. Just contact Jim Clark at the next meeting or by calling 370-7204.

Jim Clark

RNAUG Secretary

From the Desk of the RNAUG President

Looks like things are beginning to function well. Your officers are again meeting several weeks in advance to put our newsletter together. This is the second month we have tried this and it appears to be going well. We were able to get the November newsletter out in plenty of time for our meeting. Our attendance at that meeting was very good. The Macintosh demonstration didn't hurt matters any either. The new Macs appear to be some very exciting equipment. The basic prices aren't too bad either. When you start to add things though prices get a bit higher. What you get for your buck, though, is very good.

The "yard sale" took a back seat to the Mac demonstration. A lot of good software and hardware was left over. If your still interested check with us at the next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th. We, again, will be scheduled for 7:15, although the doors will be open a little before 7. Our general meeting will last approximately 30 minutes with a split into a Mac group and an Apple II group. Disk of the month for the Apple II group will be the A-04 disk from the public domain library from Big Red Computer Club. The catalog of our public domain material is still available to members. Make sure you get yours at the next meeting.

This months' meeting will see the election of your new officers. Enclosed in this months newsletter is a ballot. Please be sure to return it by mail as soon as possible.
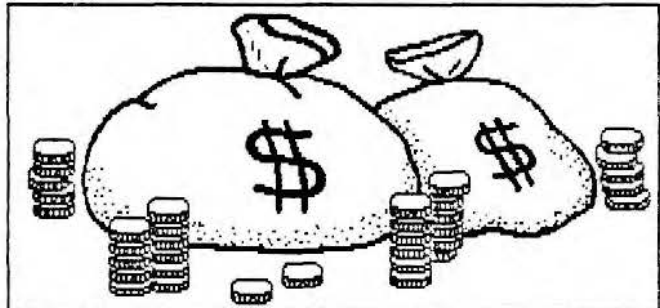
See you on the 13th!!

Wes

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PRODUCT UPDATES

Although this item is not an update, it looks exciting and deserves mention in our newsletter. According to the October 1990 edition of "inCider," (page 21 under "Apple Bits," three Beagle Bros - Alan Bird, John Oberrick, and Rob Renstrom - have joined together in a new company called **WestCode**. Their first product is "**InWords**," a neat optical character-reading program that works with any scanner to create AppleWorks word processor, database, or spreadsheet files or as an ASCII text files from printed words. This optical character-recognition (OCR) program for the Apple IIe and IIGS lets you scan up to 3000 characters per minute - a lot faster than anyone can type. According to Oberrick, WestCode has "established the feasibility of OCR technology in both the 8-bit and 16-bit environment of the Apple II." WestCode expected **INWORDS** to be available in Sep 90 for $129.00. The program lets you use your Quickie (Vitesse) or LightningScan (Thunderware) scanner. For more information, contact WestCode, 11835 Carmel Mountain Road, Suite 1304-311, San Diego, CA 92128, (619) 679-9200.

Beagle Buddy News and Information

Your "Beagle Buddy," Jim Clark, will make upgrades of Beagle Bros. TimeOut AppleWork applications available to RNAUG members who have legal copies of Beagle Bros. products. Now available are upgrades for the complete line of TimeOut series to work with AppleWorks 3.0. In our last newletter I wrote that Beagle Bros. prefers that we do not charge users for updates. They recognize that we may be using personal equipment so they leave the actual payment policy to the discretion of the local users group. RNAUG officer's discussed update costs and agree not to request payment for this service as long as upgrades are provided to RNAUG members and that the member has the original disk. Another reason to join the RNAUG.   B.B. JC

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MEMBERS PAY THEIR 1991

DUES!

FOR SALE

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Apple IIGS with1.25 MEG RAM, 3.5" drive, and RGB monitor. $1000 or best offer. Contact Ron Brunet at 06202-4114,

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Apple McIntosh SE computer with 20 MB Hard Drive, Microsoft Works program, Silicon Press program and Mouse. $2000. Contact Mike Getzin at ETS 430-7133 (civ 0711-680-7133), or at his home, 06202-14716. Mike also has the following non-Apple items for sale:

Sony Betamax VCR SL-2000	$350
Nakamichi - BX2 Cassette Tape Deck	$300
Sony TCD5M Portable Tape Deck	$300
Aiwa 6700 Cassette Tape Deck	$350
KEF 102 Mini Monitor Speakers with Kube EQ Control	$400

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Apple IIGS System with 1.5 MEG RAM, 5.25" and 3.5" disk drives, color monitor, ImageWriter II color printer, and Kensington System Saver IIGS. Package deal also includes ApplWorks 3.0 and lots more. Contact SFC Guerrero at Heidelberg Civilian (06221-) 761256, or at work, ETS 370-8906,

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Apple 5.25" Disk Drive (new). $200 or best offer. Contact Bob Miller, 07229-60325.

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Apple IIe System with German/American keyboard; one 5.25-inch disk drive, Extended 80-column card; 4 Mhz Zip Chip, monocomposite monitor; and losts of software and option cards. If interested, call Don Wilder at ETS 370-8340 (work) or 06221-763814 (home).

FREEBIES FROM THE MAIL

This month's FREEBIES FROM THE MAIL is a shareware diskette loaded with programs for all grade levels and subject areas. The diskette entitled *The NEW FLOOTY DISK BT*, is a collection of programs assembled on one 3.50" diskette by Dave Bickham, Computer Teacher, Grafenwoehr ES. The new Flooty Disk has a unique word processor which allows your students to check their typing speed. All programs on this diskette are public domain!

A special thanks to Dave for his time in assembling this diskette. Originally, the diskette was only on the 5.25" format. Dave felt that since most Apple IIGS's come with only one 3.50" diskette, many teachers were unable to use the diskette in its present format. Now the diskette is available on 3.50" format.

The diskette has an auto load menu which make it easy for students to access the programs from the diskette.

To receive your FREE copy of the "FLOOTY" diskette, send one blank 3.50" diskette, your name and address, and a self-addressed return envelope to the following address:

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