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Dear Apple Enthusiast,

A short note to keep you posted on the past and future activities of a budding Apple Users' Group in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

At the February 2 meeting sponsored by Computers, Etc. in Silver Spring, I agreed to serve as the temporary moderator for the next two months. Each of us should be thinking of the pros and cons of further formalizing the group. I suggest that you come prepared to discuss this during the first 15 ± minutes of the next session.

The group also agreed to the following:

* Each succeeding meeting will be held on the last Saturday morning of each month.

* The next meeting will be held at George Washington University, with Apples available. (However, due to scheduling problems the next meeting will be held in Bethesda on March 2, and the succeeding meetings will be held at GWU. See details below.)

* Prior to the next meeting, the mailing list will be distributed to all individuals on the original mailing list which was put together at our first meeting, plus those added since then. This list will also be sent to individuals on the list developed by Computerland of Rockville. (Computerland has an Apple Users' Group, too.) Both Computers, Etc. and Computerland agree to this. Additional materials will be available at the next meeting in Bethesda.

* We will keep in touch with the Computerland and any other user groups to promote the exchange of knowledge and information related to the Apple, but will maintain our separate identity for purposes of helping each other.

* Although many participants are experienced in the use of computers and are well into the use of the monitor language of Apple, others are not. We agreed that we should not forget the newcomer and that some training on the use of integer BASIC (IBASIC) and APPLESOFT should be conducted for their benefit. (Perhaps some enterprising individual could set up low-cost formalized training sessions which could be recommended by the group to newcomers....)

* The agenda for the next meeting will cover the following items:

1. Approximately 15 minutes for group news, information exchange, etc.
2. Approximately 1 hour on the use of IBASIC and APPLESOFT by Sandy Greenfarb. Thanks, Sandy.
3. Approximately 15 minutes on anything you would like to share with the group, a sort of "show and tell." Since I am certain that there is plenty out there that you are proud of, call me at 229-3458 prior to the meeting so that I can try to fit in as many as time permits. Andy Barker wants to give us a progress report on what he's doing with log sticks.

During the meeting we identified many areas of interest and areas where help is needed. We also tentatively identified volunteers to provide that help. Volunteers do not claim to be expert in these areas, but are willing to act as points of contact and sources of information.

<u>Area (and explanation/definition)</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
* IBASIC - fundamentals of programming for the Apple	Sandy Greenfarb
* APPLESOFT - the idiosyncracies of APPLESOFT and differences between IBASIC & APPLESOFT	Sandy Greenfarb
* Utility programs - e. g., APPEND, Assembler, Disk to Disk, etc.	Bill Barker Jim Kelly
* Tape Files - how to create and use them	
* Disk Files - how to create and use them	
* HIRES - shapes, "animation", etc.	
* Sound/Music/Voice	Rick Hodder
* Monitor/ Machine language	
* Techniques - programming, debugging, editing, etc.	
* Hardware	Bill & Andy Barker
* Other Languages	Dick Hodder & Bernie Urban
* Applications	
Games	Rick & Chris Hodder
Medical & Statistical	Dick Hodder
Education/CAI	Bernie Urban
Business	Bill Barker

Is anybody out there ready to volunteer for those not yet covered, other areas or to help those already named?

Parting thoughts and questions:

* Do we want a software exchange, and if so how do we handle cost, copyright/proprietary questions?

* I'm for fostering programming and documentation standards.

* Where can we get our hardware repaired once the warranty runs out? At Computers, Etc.? At Chesapeake Microcomputer Club? Any ideas, John?

* Can we convince a centrally-located Montgomery County Library to subscribe to all or most computer publications?

* How about "Apple π "?

Bernard Urban

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* The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 2, at 8 pm in the small *
* meeting room of the Bethesda Branch of the Montgomery County Library, *
* 7400 Arlington Road. We hope to see all of you there. *
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