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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1992

April 22nd - CompuServe Nite

Already another month has rolled by and April's MaUSE meeting is just around the corner. This month we are featuring an introduction to CompuServe, the world's largest electronic information service. CompuServe is accessible from any Macintosh computer (or any other type of personal computer, for that matter) equipped with a modem and a basic telecommunications software program.

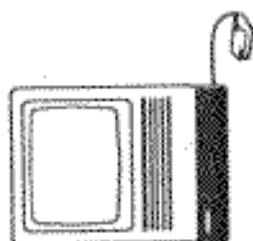
The range of information and activities which one can access on CompuServe is truly astounding. We would need more than one evening to give you a complete rundown, but hopefully our upcoming demonstration will cover areas of interest to most Macintosh users. We will be featuring CompuServe Navigator [see accompanying illustration], a Macintosh program which makes accessing CompuServe both extremely easy and very economical. It is easy because it takes advantage of the easy Macintosh interface and it is economical because it allows you to designate all of the activities you want to perform before dialing

up CompuServe and making the connection. Since CompuServe is a commercial service, meaning that you are charged for usage time, and possibly long distance telephone time if it is a long distance call for you to Toronto, this ability to easily set up all the activities you want to perform in advance of your call is quite important.

Just to give you a glimpse of what you can do on CompuServe, here's a partial listing of its areas:

- News, Sports, Weather
- Associated Press Online
- Accu-Weather® Maps and Reports
- Electronic Mail
- CompuServe Mail
- Forums
 - 7 Education Forums
 - 21 Reference Forums
 - 8 Graphics Forums
 - 35 Hobby Forums
- Hundreds of Manufacturers Represented
- Reference Libraries
 - Grolier's Academic American Encyclopedia
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The screenshot shows the CompuServe Navigator interface. At the top, there's a menu bar with options: File, Edit, Session, Settings, Tasks, Browse, Search. Below that is a window titled "Session Preview - GM C15". The window is divided into two main panes. The left pane has a list of session topics, each with a small icon and a checkbox. The right pane shows a preview of the selected session, including details like "Your name: Jls Foster", "User ID: 0000,000", "Detailed action set: 'Standard'", "Time dialing will be used", "The speaker will be off while dialing", "The speaker volume will be low", "Initial location string: 'GM C15'", "The broker port will be used", "Selected phone set: 'Sunk'", "Phone 0410000000 (CompuServe) at 2400 baud, with 2 retries", "Phone 0410700100 (CompuServe) at 1200 baud, with 2 retries", "Phone 0410000000 (CompuServe) at 2400 baud, with 1 retry".

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Welcome to
Macintosh

Executive Report

Word 5.0: A "Word" To The Wise

Won't keep you long on this one but, if you're going to be installing Word 5.0, Microsoft's latest version of their domineering word processing program, be prepared for the installation to be quite a chore.

First of all, Word 5.0 comes on 5, countem 5, disks. On top of this, most of the files are compressed so get ready to give Word LOTS of hard drive space. On a fast machine, like a IIfx, the installation takes several minutes followed by several minutes more while the installer automatically decompresses all the files it has just installed. On a slow machine, like a Mac Plus, all this can easily take more than a half-hour. Brew some coffee beforehand and get ready for a long wait.

Now, ready for this. I open up Word 5.0 on my Mac Plus and initiate it by typing up a simple 2

page article for this month's issue of Double-Click. Satisfied with my work, I select 'Save' and - "Boing" - my Mac crashes! No document saved, just a blank screen. I wait for my trusty Mac to reboot, open Word 5.0 again to a new blank document, hit the space bar twice, select 'Save' again, and (you guessed it), - "Boing" - again as my Mac crashes.

To be fair, I may well have an INIT or Extension conflict on my Mac Plus (this problem has not occurred on my IIfx), and I suppose I should take the time to try to figure this out. But after giving up almost an hour of my Saturday just to install this behemoth, not to mention the 4+ megabytes of valuable hard drive space it is using up, I think we'll just avoid Word 5.0 for a little while until all the reviews come in.

Moral: Big programs are not necessarily better programs!

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This Month's Meeting

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The Grolier Whiz Quiz
ShowBiz Quiz
CastleQuest

BlackDragon
Classic Adventure
Enhanced Adventure
Hangman

Membership Support Services
CompuServe Information Manager
Software Support Forums
Navigator Support Forum
CompuServe Practice Forum
Directory of CompuServe Members
Ask Customer Service

All members attending the April meeting will receive a free introductory kit describing in much more detail the services available on CompuServe and explaining how you can join the over 500,000 CompuServe members already in existence.

An OverDue Message From Our Librarian

[Editor's Note: For last month's issue of Double-Click, MaUsE Librarian Bruce Cameron provided a listing of all of the diskettes in our Public Domain software library. Bruce also provided an explanatory article but, unfortunately, the editors forgot to include it. We apologize to Bruce for the oversight. Here's Bruce's article:]

MaUsE Software Library

After a little bit of work, the software library is finally getting organized (at least I hope so, I've only been librarian for over a year). Using the Freeware application FileList and the Claris database application FileMaker Pro™, I am starting to get a handle on what we've got. We have 99 diskettes [Editor's Note: That was prior to the March meeting...current total is now well over 100] of shareware, demo's and Apple system software, not counting whatever is coming for March.. A listing was included in last month's newsletter.

A listing of all of the files (almost 3,000) is a little too big to fit (20 pages, 2 columns each in 7 point Helvetica Narrow) but I will have copies available at the next meeting. Now that all of the diskettes are cataloged, and the files listed with disk numbers, it will be a lot easier for me to get you the file(s) you want.

So, I am announcing that I will take telephone orders for copies of diskettes in the library up to and including the Monday before the monthly membership meeting, or the monthly Executive meeting. The diskettes

you want will then be available for pickup at the meeting. Maybe this will encourage extra member attendance at the Executive meeting? The policy of whole diskette copies only still applies. I don't have the equipment to custom copy individual files. Please call me at home anytime after 6:00 p.m. [Editor's Note: See Page 2 for Bruce's phone number] Calls from Oshawa are not long distance. If Orono is long distance for you, you can call my business number and leave a message on my answering machine.

Another innovation that I would like to try is to have a copy of the library database available for anyone who wants a copy. It would consist of a disk containing a tab delimited text file for the list of files, and another file for the list of disks/volumes. I will throw in an empty copy of the FileMaker Pro database layout. As a plain text file, you can open it with any word processor, spreadsheet or database program. You can then do an electronic search for any type of file you need/want. The cost will be \$3 if the club supplies the diskette or FREE if you supply a new formatted 800K diskette. Give me a call if you want one ready for you at the next meeting.

The club is also developing a small collection of CD-ROMs. I have found someone who is willing to check them out for us and I have the listing for the "BBS in a Box" CD-ROM that the

Arizona Macintosh Users sent to us. It has over 7,800 files/archives on it. One of the files is a text file listing all of the contents of the CD-ROM. As a Stuffit© archive, this text file is over 900K, so you'll need a FDHD drive to read it if you want a copy. Unstuffed, it fills 2.5 Meg of hard disk space (a text file!!!). When loaded into a database (FileMaker Pro) it takes up 4.5 Meg (the rest is overhead, indexes etc.). With 7800 entries, there will NOT be a printout for general distribution in the near future, although I will print 1 copy, and I am willing to do a search of the database for a specific file. The Arizona user group has sent us some forms so that club members can order their own up to date copy of the CD-ROM for about \$50 US. We have version 2. The contents of the other CD-ROMs will be available in the future. When (not if) the club acquires its own CD-ROM drive, either through a purchase or a donation (any volunteers??), this will be a good way to supply our monthly PD disks.

The next report will cover more CD-ROMs and a listing of the videotapes, books and other printed matter in the library. If you have any suggestions or special needs, don't hesitate to give me a call (if you have a complaint, call my answering machine, so I can fast forward through it).

Bruce Cameron

Excel 3.0 Tip

Those of you who have recently upgraded to version 3.0 of Excel may be interested in this tip.

Apparently, Excel 3.0 handles Row Heights slightly differently than did version 2.2 and earlier versions. The result can be that documents you created in 2.2 will open and appear on your screen with the same vertical height as your original document but will extend beyond the bottom of the page when printed. This happened to me with an Expense Report form which I had originally spent many hours adjusting so that its printed appearance matched as closely as possible the appearance of the actual company form.

When I first opened the Expense Report form in Excel 3.0, it appeared correct on the screen but would page break about an inch higher than the original document. After checking that I still had all my original fonts, that my Page Setup settings had not changed, and that my Row Height settings had not changed, I left a message for Microsoft on their CompuServe Forum asking if they had any idea of what the problem might be. Within 24 hours, I had the answer shown below:

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Message: #34457, 5/2 Excel for the
Mac
Date: Mon, Apr 6, 1992 10:18:20 PM
Subject: #34428-3.0 vs. 2.2 Printing?
From: David Wortendyke (SL)
76711.170
To: Jim Foster 76366,566
(received) (deletable)
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Jim,

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Excel 3.0 does handle row height
calculations somewhat differently
than 2.2 did. This can result in a
perceived increase in the row height
on screen and when printed. At this
time, the only workaround is to manu-
ally adjust the row heights or font
sizes used on any worksheet that
needs to fit in the same space as it
did under 2.2.
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David Wortendyke - Mac Excel Support

Well, this is not exactly the answer I was hoping to get but at least the quick response via CompuServe allowed me not to waste more hours of my own time.

Jim Foster

April Shareware Featured

As always, we will have new Public Domain software available at the April meeting. We added several disks to our library in March and all signs point to another multiple-disk month in April.

We have not yet finalized the April additions but, to date, here are a few examples of what we will have:

Disinfectant 2.7.1

This is a "bug fix" for version 2.7 which was released just a few weeks ago. No new viri have been found but version 2.7 was found to have a problem which has been corrected in version 2.7.1.

Nisus and Nisus Compact Demo Disks

Nisus is a controversial "new" word or text processing program which has many powerful features not found in Word, WordPerfect, MacWrite, etc. It has received mixed reviews. We have a demo disk version of Nisus for those of you who want to try it out before making a purchase decision. Nisus Compact is a smaller version of Nisus which has been developed specifically for the PowerBook line of Macintosh computers. Nisus Compact comes as another demo disk.

TidBITS#113 thru #118

Lots of late-breaking articles and reviews concerning Macintosh hardware and software in plain text format you can read with any word processor.

First Things First Demo

FTF is a time-management and "ToDo" list handler which can make life easier at work and at home.

Help!™ Demo

Help!™ is an application which can identify actual or potential system or INIT/Extension conflicts on your Macintosh...this is a demo version.

PopChar 2.5.2

Latest version of this helpful alternative to Apple's Key Caps desk accessory. Click on menubar corner, drop-down window shows all available characters, select the one you want with cursor, voila!-inserted into any docu-

ment. PopChar can also be used as a virtual keyboard for users with handicapping conditions. Now compatible with Think Pascal. Works with System 6 and 7, ATM, TrueType. FREWARE.

Digit 1.0

Digit is a control panel to help you manage System 7 by displaying a count of open programs near the Application menu. It lets you keep a handle on the number of programs you have open without pulling down the Application menu. Shareware \$5.

GetInfo

GetInfo, a drag-and-drop utility, lets you view and change file info for selected items. You can modify the name type, creator, finder flags, and locked bits of items just by dragging them over the application icon, or through a standard get file dialog. Requires System 7.

Obliterate

Drop files, folders, or (gasp) even disks into this drag-and-drop utility, and the items and their contents will be automatically deleted. Items can optionally be "shredded", making them totally unrecoverable. No more pain of selecting Empty Trash all the time. And no patches, extensions, or control panels.

Starter - StartUp Sound

Clean sound effect of a difficult-to-start car being cranked over once. Good for a StartUp sound. 4.33 seconds.

Speak To Me 1.1a

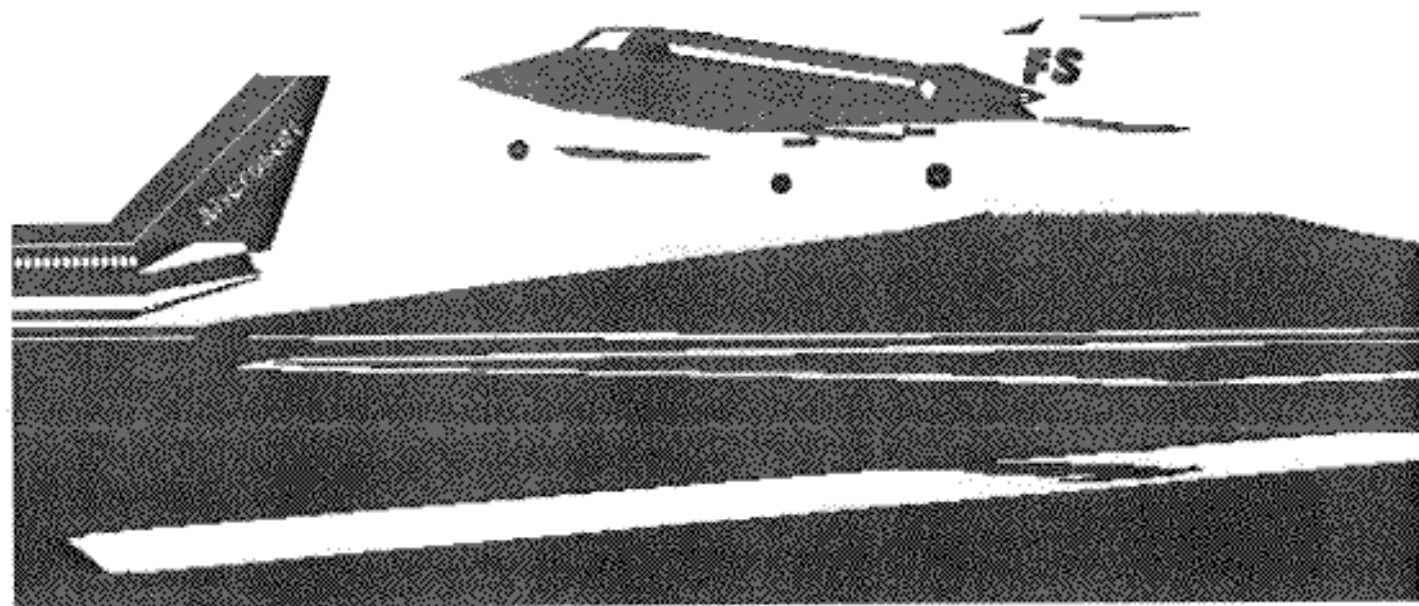
Another utility which allows your Mac to "speak" text. Latest version uploaded March 29, 1992.

BBSListUpdate24

This is a tab-delimited text file, meaning you can open it in just about any word processor, which contains telephone numbers and descriptions of hundred of electronic bulletin board services across North America. Great for the late night crowd!

There are lots more items than this...more than one disk at this writing...so come on out to the April meeting to get more information and obtain your own copies.

Microsoft Flight Simulator A Blast!



Now, we all know that our Macintosh computers are for real work, right? If you want to play games, get a Nintendo or some other machine.

WRONG!!!

Wrong on two counts, actually. Microsoft's new Flight Simulator, version 4.0, is an extremely entertaining 'Executive Stress Reliever' but it can also be argued that it is less a game than an

actual simulation of what it's like to fly various types of aircraft.

Included with this new version are simulations of a Cessna, a Learjet, a Sopwith Camel, and a Glider. Many airport and flight situations are included. The program runs fine in black and white on a Mac Plus or PowerBook but is also quite entertaining in colour on Macintosh II or LC machines.

This program can probably be best appreciated only by real pilots and I certainly am not that. I've had it for several months and still haven't learned how to land this sucker!

If you are interested in seeing Flight Simulator in action, stick around after our main presentation at this month's meeting and we'll take you for a little spin. Oh-oh, I'm losing altitude...where's the horizon...what's my airspeed...which key do I use to get my nose back up? Are the landing gear down or up? What's this carburetor heater do? Hello, Tower? We have a little problem up here...

.....Ah, Tower, are you guys still there?

.....5,000 feet...

.....3,000 feet....

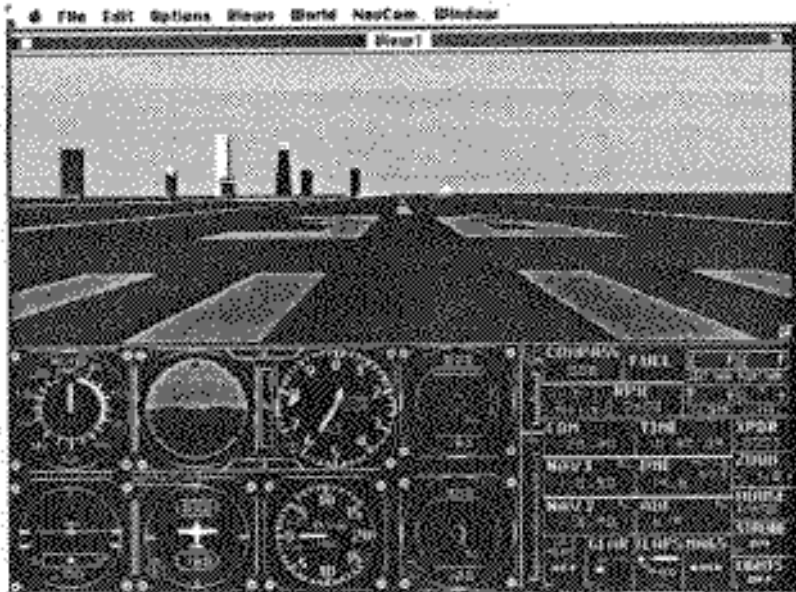
.....1,000 feet....

.....It's Crying Time Again!.....

*Microsoft Flight Simulator
Version 4.0 for Macintosh*

Figure 1 [Above] Aircraft Carrier Landing, as viewed from outside the Experimental Jet. Mount Olympus in background. [Apologies for the poor quality picture...couldn't get the original colour PICT to print so had to revert to PAINT]

Figure 2 [Right] Ready for takeoff from Chicago O'Hare. Screen is split with top half showing view out front of plane and bottom half showing cockpit instruments. Views include 4 directions from inside, 8 positions from chase plane, or from Control Tower.



Apple Releases Future Product/Mrktg Directions

NAPA, California--March 3, 1992--

Apple Computer, Inc. today described and demonstrated a sweeping range of new Macintosh computer system software technology that the company believes will extend its successful market share strategy well into the nineties. Speaking with a group of computer industry analysts and press, Apple also outlined an aggressive business strategy to make its Macintosh system software technology more widely and easily available to its customers.

"To keep growing Apple's Macintosh computer market share today and in the future, superior technology must be coupled with a keen business strategy," said Roger Heinen, general manager and vice president of the Macintosh Software Architecture division. "We have dramatically accelerated the delivery of new system software technologies building on System 7. As these new technologies become products, they will be offered to customers through a number of broad, new distribution programs. The Software division at Apple continues to be a key strategic advantage for the company."

New Technologies

The company detailed a broad array of new system software technologies, which will serve as foundational enhancements to the current core Macintosh operating system. Expected throughout the next two years, these new technologies will extend the Macintosh computer's lead in ease-of-use, graphics and networking, and build new leadership opportunities for the company and its developers in customization and collaboration.

Building on the strong foundation of System 7, Apple will refine and extend its software technology to apply it to many new uses. Future versions may evolve to allow for new user interfaces such as pen input or speech recognition, and other developments will capitalize on the customer demand for smaller, lighter products that are highly mobile. Apple also said it intends to offer true world-ready software for customers from the many different countries it serves.

Some of the specific technologies Apple disclosed at the conference include the following:

Open Collaboration Environment (O.C.E.): O.C.E. brings collaborative computing to Macintosh users and fosters the development of applications that support user interaction. O.C.E. is a suite of programming interfaces, foundation services, servers and user-level capabilities that extend and complement the InterApplication Communication (IAC) architecture of System 7. O.C.E. will include messaging, mail, directory, authentication, privacy and digital signature services designed to permit easy third-party incorporation of existing and emerging messaging and directory technologies.

Scripting: Apple demonstrated an open scripting environment that will allow users to automate and customize their Macintosh—extending ease of use beyond the interactive approach. The scripting architecture will give customers a choice of scripting tools that will work across different "off-the-shelf" software products.

Imaging: Apple is expanding the capabilities of its powerful graphics architecture to position itself for emerging opportunities in affordable color publishing and worldwide text layout. In addition to incremental improvements in the existing QuickDraw graphics architecture, Apple disclosed plans for a new imaging model.

Multimedia: QuickTime enables the seamless integration of dynamic data such as sound, video, and animation into mainstream applications. Apple will continue to enhance the QuickTime architecture, providing a foundation for the creation of new categories of applications such as videoconferencing, media servers, scriptable movies, and professional video editing.

RISC: Apple will migrate the Macintosh operating system to future PowerPC RISC hardware platforms over

the next two years. These RISC systems will be offered along with current Macintosh systems based on Motorola's 68000 architecture. Future versions of System 7 designed to exploit the performance of RISC will open up new applications opportunities such as speech input and output, improved telephony capabilities such as fax and modems, and 3D graphics manipulation.

New Business Model

Apple has set three main goals for its software business strategy:

- 1) give customers more choices by offering a modular approach to software delivery.
- 2) reach more users by making software technology readily available through broader software distribution channels.
- 3) build stronger awareness through heavy marketing investment including advertising, direct mail and co-marketing with software developers in new channels.

In addition, Apple is making selected Macintosh technology broadly available to the industry for easier "cross-development" on both Macintosh and competing systems. According to Heinen, "Apple is on the offensive—we want our Macintosh technology to continue setting the trends for future personal computer development."

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Apple Press Releases PR Express
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Special Event Scheduled For June, 1992

John Field has been working hard to fine-tune our meeting agenda for 1992. The schedule shown to the right includes a few changes from last month's Double-Click so be sure to enter these into your calendar.

The big news is that, for June, John has not only secured Apple Canada as our guest presenter(s), with a long overdue presentation for us on QuickTime, but he has also been fortunate enough to get us an invitation from Apple to hold our meeting at their Executive Briefing Centre in Markham.

The Apple facility is just outstanding for presentations such as this and we really hope that all MaUsE members will make a special effort to come out and visit Apple with us for this meeting.

Current plans are that the meeting will take place on the usual 4th Wednesday of the month and at the usual time of 7:30 PM. Next month's copy of Double-Click will include more specifics on how to get to Apple. The Executive will also attempt to coordinate members' travel plans so not everyone will have to drive.

Updated 1992 Meeting Topics

Memo

To: All Mause members
Date: April 14, 1992
Subject: Major Speakers for 1992
From: John M. Field
UserGroup Advertising

March 25/92

Speaker: Mr. Dave Hudson
Company: Claris Canada Inc.
Subject: Claris Works
Overview: The best selling integrated software package for word processing, spreadsheets, communications and database features will be presented.

April 22, 1992

Speaker: Mr. Jim Foster
Company: General Motors of Canada Ltd.
Subject: CompuServe Information Services, Inc.
Overview: How to connect to the world's biggest electronic bulletin board and how to use CompuServe Navigator to do it.

May 27, 1992

Speaker: Mr. Gary Smith
Company: Businessland Canada Inc.
Subject: Symantec and Norton Utilities
Overview: Demonstrations of Symantec SAM, Norton Utilities, Colour Tag and other software tools. Gary also will bring some surprises with him.

June 24, 1992

Speaker: To Be Announced
Company: Apple Computer
Subject: QuickTime
Overview: Apple Canada will provide

us with a demonstration of this exciting new tool for incorporating dynamic data into Macintosh documents.

July 22, 1992

Speaker: Mr. Stuart Blower
Company: Mainstreet Systems Inc.
Subject: Desktop Publishing in 'Colour' and Scanners
Overview: Desktop publishing in colour, OCR and current industry trends.

August 26, 1992

Speaker: You the Members!
Company: Mainstreet Systems Inc.
Subject: Mac's medium rare BBQ and updates.
Overview: Ram updates, upgrades and burnt offerings.

September 23, 1992

Speaker: Stuart Pringle
Company: Farallon Computer of Canada, Inc.
Subject: Mac networking how to and why.
Overview: Connecting your Mac to LAN's, those 'other' computers and sharing data.

October 28, 1992

Speaker: Mr. Ken Holyk
Company: Con-Pute
Subject: N/A

November 25, 1992

Speaker: N/A
Company: N/A
Subject: Executive Elections and Preview of Games for Xmas

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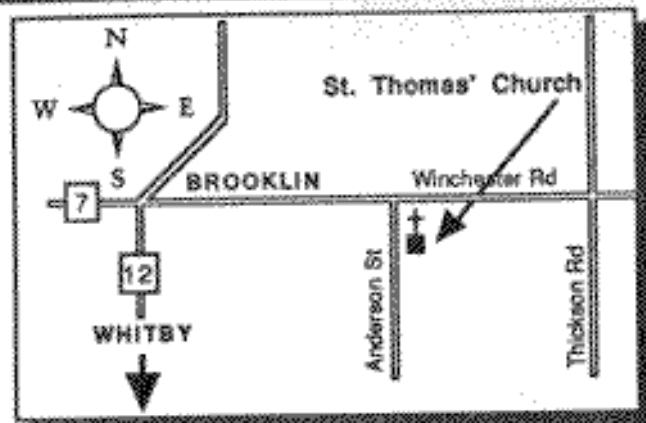
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MaUsE Meeting Location & Schedule



Members of the general public, guests of MaUsE members, and all regular MaUsE members are invited to attend any of MaUsE's membership or Executive meetings. It is NOT necessary to bring your Macintosh with you...all that's required is an interest in Macintosh computing.

Listed at right is the schedule for 1992. Membership meetings are generally held at St. Thomas' Church in Brooklyn (see map above) starting at 7:30PM. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00PM. Executive meeting locations vary...call ahead to confirm exact locations/times.

Month	Exec Mtg	Member Mtg
January	None	22nd
February	6th	26th
March	5th	25th
April	2nd	22nd
May	7th	27th
June	4th	24th
July	2nd	22nd
August	6th	26th
September	3rd	23rd
October	1st	28th
November	5th	25th
December	3rd	None

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