

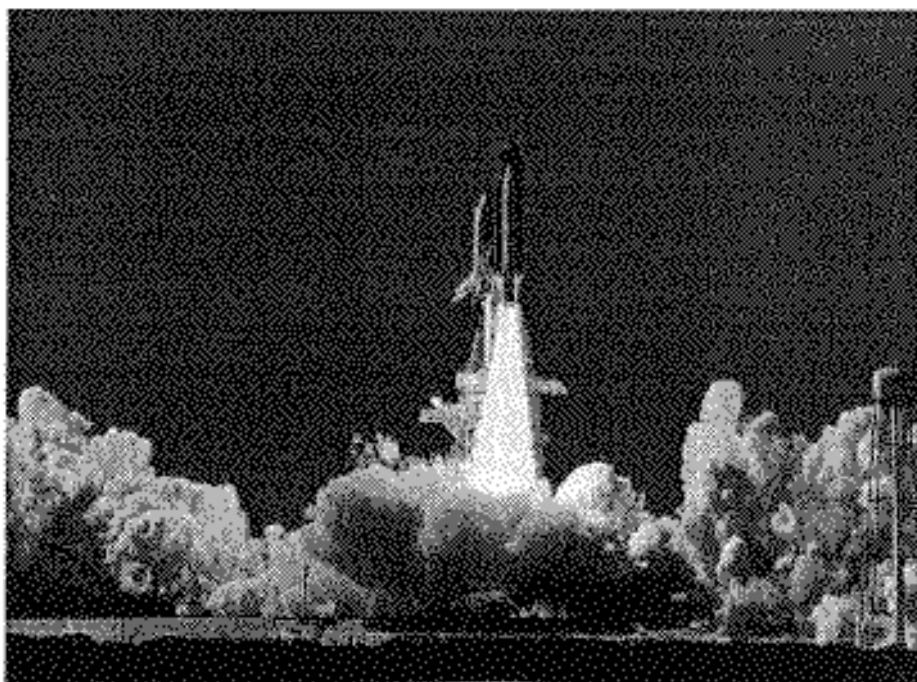
# DOUBLE CLICK

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## MaUsE Launches 1995!

## January Meeting

The January members meeting will be held on Wednesday January 25th. at our regular location, Anderson Collegiate, in Whitby. A map showing the location of Anderson Collegiate can be found on the back page. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00 P.M. and the meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

## Future Directions!

Don't miss this meeting! The future direction of our club and BBS will be discussed, (read the articles inside for more details).

## New Meeting Format!

There will be a half hour educational presentation on "Using ClarisWorks", and a demo on using the Newton, or, modem / portable phone / BBS / Internet.

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# From the Editor

By : Hugh Amos

## New DC Online Format

Our club has recently acquired 2 copies of Acrobat Pro 2.0 software from Adobe for a very reasonable user group price. I plan to publish future versions (starting this January) of Double Click Online in Acrobat format. DC online is published monthly on our club BBS. Advantages will be; more content/articles; better quality graphics (colour and the same quality as the originating program); and anyone can read it using the free copy of Acrobat reader which will be made available on the BBS for downloading.

## MaUsE Green Apple Program

The MaUsE Green Apple Program was discussed at length at the January 5th Executive Meeting. Details have not been finalized, but following are the options that were discussed. I am currently teaching high school students in a multimedia Macintosh lab at Pickering High School. All the resources needed for a Green Apple Program exist in this lab. There are no night school courses being offered in Durham region on the Macintosh platform that I know of except at Durham College. So... it seems to make sense to run a night school course in the lab at Pickering High school. This would be available to MaUsE members and the general public, and could be a source of new members for our club. There would be a charge for the course which would be determined by the Durham School Board. The course would be scheduled one day per week and probably run for a period of ten weeks. This is one option that is being pursued.

It has been decided to go ahead right away with a plan to include a half hour segment on Green Apple topics at each MaUsE members meeting. In this way it is intended that there will be something of particular interest for each member at the meeting, regardless of their level of expertise and experience.

## Educational Video Tapes For Our Club

The club executive are planning to purchase some educational video tapes to be rented to club members for a reasonable fee. I would appreciate input from club members as to what titles they would like to have available. An example of some titles that are available are : PageMaker, Illustrator, ClarisWorks. Please contact any of the club executive to communicate your preferences.

**Video Tape Update :** It has been proposed that the first set of video tapes be purchased in March / April and be made available to club members on loan for one month periods. Cost to members will be \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month per tape plus a refundable deposit of \$20.00.

## Free eWorld Startup Kits

eWorld startup kits will be available at the members meeting. These kits consist of 2 floppy disks and documentation on how to get started (They Are Free! Courtesy of eWorld).

Hugh Amos

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## Executive Contact List

Please feel free to contact any of the following individuals if you have comments or questions relating to Macintosh Users East or Macintosh computing in general.

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Business Card	3 1/2 x 2	\$10.00

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# Meeting Calendar 1995

**January**  
Newton Demo  
Hands On ClarisWorks  
**February**  
Income Tax

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## The President's Ponderings / Bruce's Bull...

By : Bruce Cameron

Welcome to the New Year! Hope it's going to be a good one for you. We have had our first Executive meeting, and have come up with a few new programs and ideas which we hope will benefit most of you, the members. Some of them are discussed in more detail in other articles in this issue.

One of the problems we are experiencing is a fairly static membership level. Jim has put together a publicity package which he is sending out to the local media and vendors of Macintosh stuff, in order to get them to publicize our meetings and hopefully get more new visitors/members. You can help by passing the word to anyone you know who owns or is interested in owning a Mac, that we can be a great help with any of their problems and that being a member can have financial returns (savings on software purchases due to user group discounts, free labour, cheap shareware, etc.) which are greater than the cost of membership. If you save \$60 on a software package or a piece of hardware, then you've gotten a 50% return right off the bat.

To go along with this, we are adding to our shareware library, by putting together "theme" disks. These will be disks of all of the same kind of files. For January, for reasons you will read later, there will be a disk of ClarisWorks templates. Over the next few months, I hope to put together disks of fonts, desk accessories, extensions and control panels, games, productivity enhancers, program updates, QuickTime tools and anything else that I can think of or you ask for. With that in mind, if you can think of a specific category you would like to see covered, let me know, at the meeting, on the BBS, or by phone. Please don't call after 10:00 pm unless it is a real emergency, you'll wake my wife up (and she might not let me go to the next meeting!).

Justin, our programs chairman, is putting together an information kit to send to potential hardware/software company presenters. Hopefully this will help get more vendors who will come out and do presentations for us (and give us free stuff or discounts). If you have any suggestions for a presentation, let him or one of the other Exec. Members know.

Mike Githooley is going to be going around to area schools that have Macs on site and put on a short presentation, mainly about Durham College's programs, but he is also going to stress our presence as a resource and the benefits of joining. We have decided to offer student memberships at 1/2 price, but with no voting privileges.

To better serve the needs of newer and/or less experienced members, we will be devoting a 1/2 hour period during every meeting to showing how to do something. This month's topic will be ClarisWorks, Hugh will demonstrate some useful ways to use this software. Future topics will include fonts and font management and simple techniques for use in databases, especially FileMaker Pro. If you have any requests, let us know. If you are good at something (and being an Expert/Wizard is NOT required), and would be willing to stand up in front of the members and demonstrate what you know, PLEASE let us know. Sometimes a person who is just capable is better at explaining/demonstrating than an expert. Anonymous, written questions on the evenings topic will be collected in a box before the meeting starts, so that no one needs to worry about asking a "dumb" question. If you don't know, or can't figure it out on your own, then to you it's not a dumb question.

This is just a little of what we have planned for this year. If you have any requests/questions/comments, let us know, and we will try to help you out.

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## Membership Fee Structure Enhanced for 1995

By : Jim Foster

At a recent MaUsE Executive meeting, a new membership fee structure was developed for 1995. We think (hope) you will agree that it makes sense, represents good value for your money, and will attract even more new members to the club.

For most members, the annual MaUsE membership fee will be \$40. This is a modest increase of \$5 from the \$35 per year amount that has been in place for some time. The increase is needed to offset the increased cost of postage and other basic club expenses which has occurred since our last fee increase.

New for 1995, we will begin offering special memberships for students at \$20 per year. Student members will receive all the same privileges as regular members with one very small exception. The exception is that, while regular memberships are actually Family memberships, Student memberships cover only the individual Student. The only place where this is significant is in respect to the BBS, where a Family may elect to have more than one account (one for each family member) with their daily logon time allotment divided up among the family members or they may elect to have just a single account. Student members will have only the option of a single account, but will have the same BBS privileges as a regular member.

The intent of the Student membership program is, quite obviously, to promote MaUsE among this increasingly active group of personal computer users. If you know of students who could find MaUsE membership of value, we hope you will advise them of this new fee structure and invite them to our meetings.

Our intent is to be quite liberal in our definition of "Student" ... high school, post-secondary, full time, part time, etc. All we will require is some proof of their current enrollment in an education program.

Finally, and perhaps the best feature of our new fee structure, we will be eliminating the surcharge which has up to now been applied to anyone wishing to have download access to our CD-ROM library on the BBS. Members opting for this privilege previously paid an annual surcharge of \$20 for a full annual MaUsE "bill" of \$55.

This new fee structure is much simpler to explain and should help all of us in promoting membership. The time for membership renewals is fast approaching. We hope that we can count on your support in 1995."

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## MaUsE Offers Free Introduction To 'The Information Highway'

By : Jim Foster

Macintosh Users East has operated its electronic Bulletin Board System (BBS) for several years. A large number of MaUsE members, as well as many members of the general public, connect to the BBS each day via their Macintosh computers and a modem to exchange electronic mail with other individuals, read and post messages and questions in the public conferences, or to

upload or download software files.

MaUsE members who own a Macintosh computer but who do not own a modem have up to now faced a kind of "Catch-22" situation in deciding whether or not to purchase a modem to take advantage of this free part of their club membership. The problem has been that they needed to purchase their modem BEFORE they could get access to the BBS but, without being able to access the BBS, they had no way to tell whether using the BBS would be something they would find valuable or entertaining, i.e. whether buying a modem would be a wise investment.

MaUsE has come to the rescue with our "Intro to BBS Program." The "Intro" program will work as follows. Members interested in trying out the BBS will be offered a no-charge "loaner" modem for a period of one month. If necessary, an experienced MaUsE member will assist in hooking up the hardware and installing the free software which will allow you to logon to the BBS, register, and begin using the system. During the following month, you get to use the modem and BBS and to learn what this "Information Highway" thing is all about ... all at no charge!

Fast learners will also realize that, during this month, you can also use the modem to contact any other FirstClass BBS's or any other online service for which you have the required software.

In addition to becoming familiar with the MaUsE BBS, you will also get to know a bit more about modems. This should help you later on in shopping for your own modem should you decide you want to have one for yourself.

At the end of the month, you return the modem to MaUsE so that another interested member can participate. There is no charge for this service and no obligation on your part to continue using the BBS if you decide that it's just not your cup of tea.

Based on the experience of other Mac User Groups who have such programs, there will be no rental charge and no deposit required ... plus you will have the home phone number of the BBS Administrator (ME!) to call on if you have any difficulties.

We are currently searching for a quantity of modems to use for this new program and believe that we will be in a position to launch it at the January meeting. If anyone has a spare modem which they would like to donate for this purpose, please contact Jim Foster at (905) 432-0921 or leave a message on the MaUsE message line at (905) 433-0777.

This program should solve the dilemma of whether or not to buy a modem for many of our members. It will ONLY be available to MaUsE members, not to the general public. More details will be available at the January meeting and in future issues of Double-Click.

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# FOR APPLE USER GROUP MEMBERS ONLY

## January 1994 User Group Connection (UGC) Summary of Vendor Discounts

**Editors Note :** Order forms and product descriptions for these offers will be available at the January 25th meeting at Anderson Collegiate.

**UGC notes to Members :** Some prices do not include shipping or tax. When you call and ask for information or order a product, identify yourself as a User Group Member. Information is supplied by the vendors, not UGC, so we can't verify the accuracy of their claims.

### The Arizona Macintosh Users Group (AMUG)

User Group members can receive a discount on the January 1995 release of BBS in a BOX and other items. The new BBS in a BOX Gold program provides an annual subscription to BBS in a BOX, with 6 CD-ROMs delivered each year. This is being offered for only \$129.00 (retail value- \$600.00). Other CD-ROMs are comparably priced. Call AMUG at 602/553-0066 or send a message to info@amug.org.

### CCIC

The oldest multi-lingual Macintosh computer company is proud to offer Macintosh User Group members an opportunity to purchase the latest in Japanese word processing, Ergosoft EG Word Pure, at a special introductory price of only \$135.00. EG Word Pure is designed for low power consumption, fast transactions, and minimal system memory requirement. Call CCIC at 510/5482242, or fax to 510/843-5173

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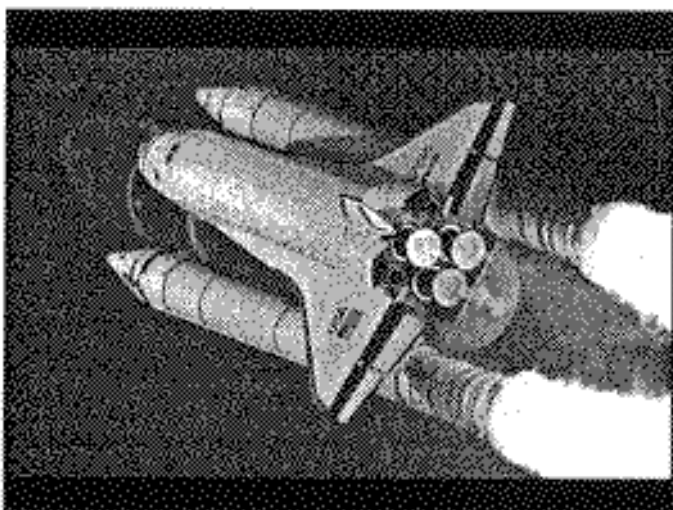
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## MaUsE Classifieds

MaUsE members are encouraged to use this section to advertise anything that they want to sell (or give away) (it doesn't have to be computer related). There is no charge for this service for MaUsE members.

### WANTED : APPLE IIe COMPUTERS

Local area school has a need for additional Apple IIe computers/monitors. Would appreciate donations of any such computers which are no longer being used by MaUsE members. Will consider purchase where units are in outstanding condition. For additional information, please contact Mr. Paddi Cauley. Telephone: (home) 430-6906; (school) 723-4241.





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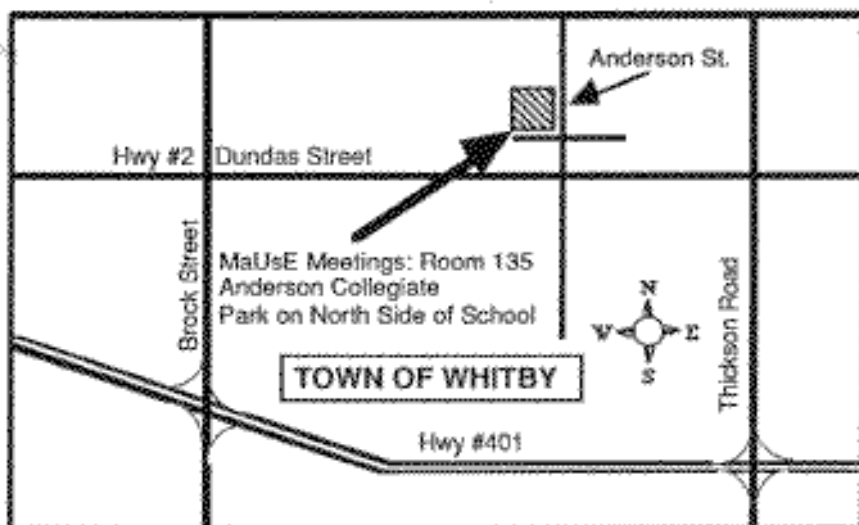
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## MaUse Meeting Location & Schedule



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 1995. Membership meetings are generally held at Room 135, Anderson Collegiate in Whitby (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.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Exec Mtg</u>	<u>Member Mtg</u>
January	6th	25th
February	2nd	22nd
March	2nd	22nd
April	6th	26th
May	4th	24th
June	1st	28th
July	6th	26th
August	3rd	23rd
September	7th	27th
October	5th	25th
November	2nd	22nd

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