

DOUBLE CLICK

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MaUsE February Meeting Wednesday 28th

Our program will include:

FileMaker Pro 3.0 By Claris

Presentation by Mike Quartarone of Claris, Canada. The newest version of popular FileMaker Pro by Claris is very different from the version it supersedes (2.1). FileMaker Pro 3.0 is now a relational database, offering a whole new world of possibilities.

Internet Introduction Course

Justin Derrick of Welcome the World Consulting will update us on his upcoming seminar all about the Internet. A special attendance fee is being offered to MaUsE members, and registration will be taken during the meeting. See details on page 8 of this newsletter.

Make sure to... "Stump the Chump"

We line up all the so-called "experts", such club exec types as Bruce, Jim, Justin, Chris, John et al, who field any and all questions from the floor. So, dust off your manuals and open your mac archives files and bring in those questions!

Doors open at 7:00 pm Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Place: Henry Street High School
Whitby - Lecture Theatre

Map on page 7
See you there!

Club News

Hugh Amos Still Off

Long time Double-Click Editor Hugh Amos is still "temporarily" out of action due to some recent surgery. Hugh checks in with us from time to time on The Source and seems to be in good spirits. Certainly this period of recuperation should give Hugh a well-deserved break from his earlier hectic schedule of teaching and publishing duties. Kick those slippers off and relax, Hugh ... but try to limit the consumption of "Oprah" and "Days of Our Lives", eh??!

Double-Click Marches On

Cathie McCabe, with help from various club members and Executive, has been most gracious in stepping into the void left by Hugh on very short notice. One of her first moves was to put into place much more stringent "deadlines" for us to get our articles in ... boy, get well soon Hugh ... but in the process we will hopefully improve our discipline in getting Double-Click out to our readers without the Editor having to pull all-nighters to finish it off. (Editors Note — Cathie is now off for medical reasons as well, so I'm learning this as I go, let's hope I don't come down with something!)

New User SIG

The New User Special Interest Group has actually held its first meeting!!! About a dozen individuals met with Group Leader Lorraine Campbell and with Jim Foster at Jim's home recently. The session basically served to help determine what everyone wanted to see happen at future SIG meetings. Many of the attendees would like to see New User SIG meetings as frequently as once per week!! We will hopefully have more news to announce regarding this exciting new feature of MaUsE Membership at the February 28th member meeting.

Internet SIG

So far, the MaUsE Internet SIG has held itself meetingless, preferring to go about its business in the online comfort of its own area on The Source. If by any chance you are interested in the SIG but do not have an account on The Source, have a chat with Bruce Cameron (SIG Leader) to see how you can remedy this situation.

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In Case You Missed Us...

MaUsE Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday January 24th
Excerpts from minutes taken by MaUsE Secretary Aris Spierling

Welcome by MaUsE President Bruce Cameron.

Club Reports:

Membership Chairman Doug Kettle announced that he will be mailing out membership dues for 1996/7 soon, since year end is March 31. 94 Members to date.

Programs Chairman Justin Derrick discussed future programming possibilities - Claris FileMaker Pro for February, Adobe Acrobat for March. Membership suggestions indicated interest in HTML Home Pages and Video Quicktime at Apple offices.

Publicity Chairman Jim Foster promoted the BBS software and loaner modems and mentioned that the BBS phone line problems had been fixed.

New User Special Interest Group leaders Jim Foster (905-432-0921) and Lorraine Campbell (905-668-9780) announced the first group meeting for Thursday Feb. 8 at 7:30pm. Reservations were required for the meeting.

John Field commented on the news reports regarding Sun Micro Systems and Apple, saying his contacts in the industry felt not much would happen.

Justin Derrick discussed his internet seminar, now scheduled for Saturday, March 2. A discount price of \$50 (instead of \$120) is offered to MaUsE members. If enough support is generated (100 attendees) he will donate \$1000 to the club. See DC pg 8.

Education Liason Michael Gilhooly demonstrated QuickTime and Virtual Reality.

Newton 2.0 Presentation: Chelso Maiolo of the Newton Store in Toronto presented the new Newton technology.

**About Double Click**

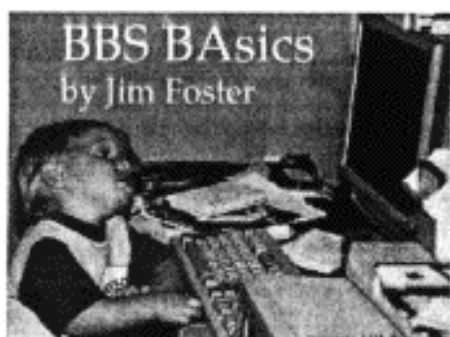
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Executive Contact List

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It's Important to Have the Latest Software

Some people calling into The Source, MaUsE's BBS, have been reporting some confusion and difficulty in accessing their Mail. In a number of cases, these has been tracked down to be the result of not using the most up to date Settings file for The Source.

All callers to The Source should try to use the most current version of FirstClass® Client, which is version 2.72, but should ALSO try to use the current Settings file. The most up to date version of FirstClass® Client and our latest Settings file are both available for downloading from the BBS.

The most common situation which has been presenting problems is when folks logon to the BBS using the earlier "MaUsE BBS" settings file. Figure 1 shows what your screen looks like after you have logged on using this arrangement. Notice that, in this picture, there is no apparent Mailbox!!

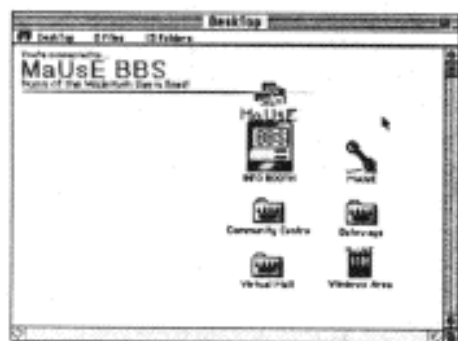


Figure 1

Figure 2 shows that, if you think to click on the partial icon which appears behind the large MaUsE icon, the word

"Mailbox" will be highlighted. For many callers, though, a red flag beside their Mailbox appeared as if it was for the icon below the Mailbox and they double-clicked on the wrong Icon, thus never seeing their real Mail.



Figure 2

Figure 3 is what you SHOULD see when you launch FirstClass® Client if you are using the latest version of the application and the latest Settings file. Note that the BBS now goes by the name of "The Source", not "MaUsE BBS".

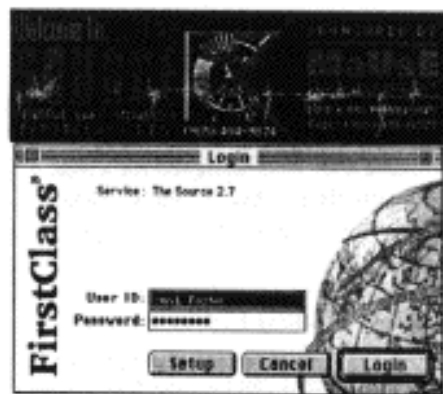


Figure 3

Finally, Figure 4 shows what your Desktop should look like once you are logged on. The new Settings file contains all new graphics and icons, from which it is very apparent where your Mailbox is located.

Hope this clears up a few misunderstandings. The latest software for accessing The Source can always be found by following the path: Desktop : INFO BOOTH : Latest Software : Mac Software.



NEW USERS ON "THE SOURCE"

We have finally installed all of the software required to allow users of Windows based computers to access The Source and to have it appear on their computers exactly as it appears to all of our current Macintosh Users.

This may allow YOU to use The Source in some new ways. For example, if you have friends, family members, or business associates who use a Windows based computer, you can provide them with the Windows software to access The Source and establish an account. Once you have done this, you can exchange email and even use The Source to send files back and forth between your computer and the other person's computer.

Windows users require different software than that which you installed on your Macintosh. To obtain this software, you can either pick up the Windows disks at an upcoming membership meeting [2 disks are required @ \$2 for a total of \$4] or the Windows user can try logging on to The Source using a regular Command-Line interface telecommunications program and can download the Windows software and Windows Settings file directly from the BBS.

That's it for this month. Don't forget to logon frequently to check for email and to keep up to date on club news and new features on The Source.

Jim Foster February, 1996

Why Mac?

by Gayle Sutherland

To save money, I once made several trips to a store in Pickering to bring home (to Oshawa) sale-priced interlocking bricks to build a very large patio. The springs on my little trailer were stressed to the limit, and every large bump brought it down on the tires. As my car strained up every hill, I worried about my clutch. Perhaps it would have been faster and more economical in the long run to pay the delivery charge. If I kept abusing my trailer and vehicle like this I ran the risk of having to pay out many times more in repairs than what I thought I had saved. Now, what you may ask, has all this got to do with owning a Mac? A lot!!!

I suppose one could haul bricks and lumber to a building site with a station wagon or van, but a truck is what is really needed, and the bigger and more powerful the better. If I were in the building trade, or any other trade for that matter, I'd get the tool to do the job and the tool in the graphics industry is the Mac. I'm a graphic designer. We're a busy lot who often find ourselves burning the midnight oil to meet a deadline. We don't want to know what's under the hood—we want dependability, power, and ease of use. Time is money. We'd rather be spending less time meeting our deadlines and getting more money.

I used a PC for many years and when Windows came out, it certainly was a step in the right direction. Then I read that Windows was supposed to make your computer run more like a Mac, and that Mac's target market was the graphic designer. Not wanting to lag behind others in my profession, I tried a Mac and was sold. Not only did PageMaker run better on it, but so did everything else.

I was amazed at how easy it was to load my software and get my system up and running. For starters I bought QuarkXPress (the Cadillac of design/typesetting software) and Photoshop (an image editing heavyweight). What

prompted my purchase was that about 98% of the newspaper want ads for graphic designers demanded Mac experience and made it quite clear that Photoshop, Illustrator, and Quark were the tools of the trade. If an ad in the newspaper said: "driver with transport truck wanted", you would not show up in a panel truck. Sure I have a graphic design diploma, but you have to keep up with the times, and the tools of the trade today are a Mac loaded with the big 3: Quark, Illustrator, and Photoshop.

Macs last longer

Recently I read a very interesting article in one of the computer papers. It said that Macs demonstrated unexcelled longevity. In support of this the article said that even a vintage Mac Plus can run the current operating system and applications software. It also pointed to studies showing both a lower cost of ownership for Macs as well as higher user productivity over similar systems running Windows. I have certainly experienced the higher productivity aspect and even though Windows has made it possible for the big three graphic design software packages to be run on a PC, they just don't run as good because they were designed for a Mac platform. Remember, Windows makes a PC run almost like a Mac. A lot got lost in the translation. There are people out there who are so dissatisfied with the difference they are switching back to their beloved Macs. And while we are on the subject of lasting longer, I can take my trusty Mac IICI with 20 MB of RAM, buy a Daystar Turbo 601 upgrade card (in a choice of 66MHz or 100 MHz speeds) and be able to turn my Mac into a Power PC, thus extending its life. Don't listen to frustrated, jealous, Mac bashers—you really get what you pay for.

The professional designer's choice

As I said, the Mac was made for the graphic designer. The top 3 graphics programs work best on it. QuarkXPress for Windows is missing several of the Mac version's features. In Windows there are no ligatures, no custom frame genera-

tion, and many XTensions are unavailable. XPress really moves on the Mac—faster than the Windows version on price-equivalent machines.

Adobe Photoshop, in my opinion, the king of image-editing programs, simply blows Windows away in performance of key tasks such as sharpening and colour separation on the Power Mac. And as for Illustrator, the current Windows version, 4.1, lacks gradients, layer support, PostScript on the Clipboard, the ability to work in Preview mode, plug-in filters, multiple undoes, tool and control palettes, and interactive cursors.

You can connect more than one monitor to the Mac—even with different resolutions or color capabilities, and drag items between them as if they were contiguous. Connect a couple of monitors and try that with Windows—it just won't work!

The Mac offers better calibration and colour management. Kodak's ColourMatch and its kin, offer a beginning-to-end selection of colour-management tools available only on the Mac.

When it comes to printing you can't beat a Mac for ease of use. Just see the February issue of Macworld for "The Publishing Face-Off". This in-depth article covers not just printing but every aspect of graphic design—and the Mac reigns supreme. Macworld states that the number and quality of DTP utilities on the Mac—such as PostScript downloaders and graphics converters—far surpass those available under Windows and that it would be hard to find an imagesetting service bureau without a Mac—many don't even own a Windows PC. From my own experience I have found that even the odd ones that do have a Windows PC don't like to use it for all of the reasons I have already mentioned.

February/95 Macworld also states that those who rely on floating-point performance—not only for colour separations, but also for colour management, 3-D rendering, and so on—smoke the competition with their Power Macs.

Summary

Windows lacks two-way printer communication, cannot drive multiple monitors, has clunky support for Type 1 fonts, lack of ligatures, less-capable colour management, and limited service bureau support. The big three software names in the graphics industry lack many features in Windows that make the job of advanced desktop publishing easier. All newspaper ads for serious design shops demand Mac experience with Quark, Illustrator, and Photoshop. Why settle for a computer that runs almost like a Mac? I don't want a tool that will almost do the job. I don't want to be wasting time looking for work arounds for missing features. I don't want to be left out of the design job market because I don't know how to use the tools of the trade. I don't need all this aggravation. I need a Mac.

And now for price. When you get into the faster machines it really begins to narrow. The time-saving advantages on the Mac easily outweigh any price difference. The bit of extra money you spend here is an investment that will pay you back big-time in ease of use, dependability, and productivity.

I'd like to end with a word of caution to schools who are teaching our future graphic designers. Don't let price be the deciding factor in your computer purchase, or your students will pay heavily for the difference. Your budding graphic designers must be taught how to use the tools of their trade or there will be no jobs waiting for them. Read the newspaper want ads, talk to service bureaus and design professionals, and then make your decision. Base your choices on what the design industry needs and wants—they need and want Mac trained designers.

Why Mac? Well, if you're a graphic designer, why purchase something that works almost like a Mac when you can have the real thing. And as for the rest of you; longevity, dependability, and ease of use should make owning a Mac very tempting.

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Demo to PC Users

MaUsE Members John Field and Arie Spiering recently represented the club at a meeting of the Durham Region PC Users Group!! They were invited there to demonstrate The Source, the BBS operated by MaUsE. The evening's agenda included "demo's" by about 5 different BBS's and, by all reports, John and Arie blew everyone else away with their demo of The Source because of its graphical vs. text based interface and because of their superior display equipment. The club can now supply software which allows users of Windows-based PC's to utilize The Source in just the same manner as a Macintosh user.

Windows Users

The Source is beginning to gather support from Windows Users. One individual was so impressed with the Demo at the PC Users Group meeting that he found my home address and came to my door with a cheque to upgrade his account!! See my further comments elsewhere in this issue of Double-Click regarding how this development can be useful to you!!

Show Time!!

Keep your eyes and ears glued to Double-Click and/or The Source for news of upcoming Computer Shows which you can attend for FREE!! The Spring "Ontario Computer Show" at the Soccer City facility in Whitby is coming up soon and arrangements are being negotiated with the organizers to permit MaUsE members to attend at no charge. In addition, the annual "MultiMedia Conference" at the CN Convention Centre in Toronto is coming up in May and all indications are that MaUsE Members will also be eligible for Free Admittance to this event.

Jim Foster February 1996

February 1996 User Group Connection**Discount Summary****FOR MEMBERS OF APPLE-AUTHORIZED USER GROUPS ONLY**

Note to Members: Some prices do not include shipping or tax, are for a limited time only, or may not be available outside the U.S. When you call and ask for information, or to order a product, identify yourself as a User Group member. Information is supplied by the vendors, not UGC; we can't verify the accuracy of their claims.

To join this mailing list, send any message to MUG-Member-Request@ugconnection.com; to leave the list, use a subject of UNSUBSCRIBE.

Vendors offering special deals in this month's mailing:

Apple (MacOS marketing team)
DoMark
Lazerworks
Parsons Technology
User Group Store

Several other vendors have included informational material in the mailing, which your UG leaders may share with you at a meeting or through the club's newsletter or BBS.

The details:

Apple (MacOS marketing team)
Apple has included in this month's mailing to UG ambassadors several items you can use to share the excitement about the current state and the future of the Mac OS. Stepping into the future... Robert's day with the Mac OS is a CD-ROM (it runs on Windows as well as the Mac) with a 15-minute multimedia tour that explains the advantages of the Mac OS and where Apple is going with it. You can order additional copies by calling (800) 825-2145 [(303) 297-8070 internationally], saying you're a UG Member and requesting part number L01685A. Additional copies of the System Software Essentials Kit [which we sent way back in the November '95 mailing] are available by asking for part number L01035B.

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Troubleshooting
Modem and Internet setups
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**MEETING CALENDAR
1996**

General meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, as follows:

February 28

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 26

July 24

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 27

The July and August meeting dates are tentative.

To Be Announced:

Dates for the Summer Pool Party and Barbeque!

Executive meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of each month, as follows:

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 4

August 1

September 5

October 3

November 7

December 5

MaUse Helpers

MaUse helpers are people who are prepared to volunteer their help and advice to other MaUse members. If you would like to be added to this list, call (905) 433-0777 and leave a message.

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24 Hours Per Day - All Subjects Helpers

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Chris Greaves
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New Users

Bruce Cameron
(905) 983-9205
System Configuration & Optimization,
Ram Upgrades, Troubleshooting, Modem
and Internet Setups, File Recovery.

MaUse helpers may charge consulting fees for on-site consultation. Phone calls are free if not abused by overuse.

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Send your comments to macos.mktg@applelink.apple.com, and visit the Mac OS home page at <URL: <http://www.macos.apple.com/>>; on eWorld, look for the Marvelous Mac OS.

DoMark

Power Play: DoMark provides state-of-the-art gaming for your Macintosh. See the flyer sent in this month's mailings on DoMark's Power Mac-native games: **Absolute Zero**, the best in flight sim technology in a sci-fi environment. **Curse of Dragor**, a role-playing adventure. **Out of the Sun**, relive historic battles of WWII and experience the thrill of dogfighting. **Flying Nightmares**, Marine Harrier "Jump Jet" simulator. Coming Soon: **Tank Commander**, **Terracide**, **Flying Nightmares 2**, and **DeathTrap Dungeon**. For a limited time, Mac User Group members can receive a \$10 rebate when they buy **Absolute Zero** and **Curse of Dragor**. Simply send in the original receipt and return the registration cards found in the game box by Mar. 31. Allow 4-6 weeks

for delivery. For more information, call (800) 695-GAME, e-mail info@domark.com, or visit on the Web: <URL: <http://www.domark.com/>>

Lazerworks

All the Best MacGames'96 is a CD-ROM from Lazerworks containing more than 600 Mac shareware/freeware games. Join the other Mac User Groups who are saving 40% off the \$20 retail price (\$12 in lots of 10 with the order form mailed to UG ambassadors). All the Best Macgames '96 is a large, current, functional and well organized collection. Look for a review in the April issue of MacHome Journal or contact us at <URL: <http://www.wbm.ca/macgames>>, e-mail lazerworks@sasknet.sk.ca, or call (306) 543-2200.

Parsons Technology

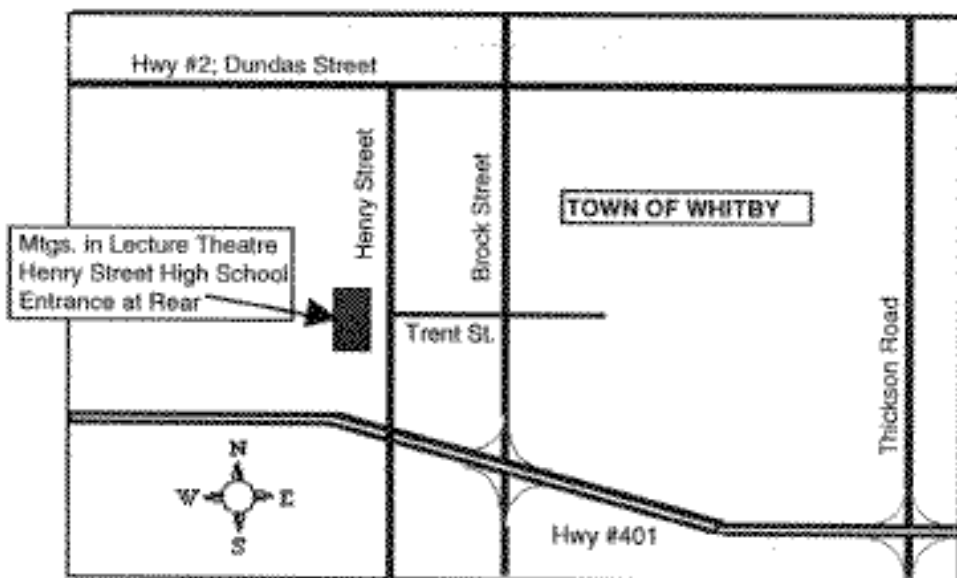
Parsons Technology (a subsidiary of Intuit, based in Hiawatha, Iowa) has included in this month's mailing to UG ambassadors the premiere issue of its quarterly newsletter designed for User

Groups and their members. This first edition of their quarterly newsletter provides information on new products (legal, genealogical, utility and biblical software for PC and Mac), as well as discounts on featured products for members. Call (800) 223-6925 and use priority code: UGNEWS1. For more information contact Matt McCann, Manager of User Group Relations for Parsons Technology at mccannm@inav.net or visit their home page at <URL: <http://www.parsonstech.com/groups.html>>

MaUse is registered with User Group Connection and listed on User Group Connection's UG locator on the Web at <http://www.ugconnection.com/>



MaUse Meeting Location



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.

Membership meetings are generally held in the Lecture Theatre at Henry St. High School in Whitby starting at 7:30 pm. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00 pm. Executive meeting locations vary...call ahead to confirm exact locations/times.



Welcome to the World Consulting

Internet Introduction Seminar!

Saturday March 2
Bayview & 401, Toronto

Finally! A great Introduction to the Internet at a great price!

As if computers aren't difficult enough to use, software that connects your computer to the Internet can be difficult to install, and impossible to troubleshoot. This course will introduce you to common computer and telecommunications terms in a friendly Glossary format - and help you understand what you're trying to accomplish.

Just like using a map, attending this seminar will help get you moving in the right direction on the Internet, and help you get to resources with a minimum of frustration.

Ask for your registration form, or call (416) 487-3973 to receive one via FAX. Also, check out our conference in the Virtual Mall on 'The Source' BBS at (905) 404-9874 using FirstClass Client.

SPECIAL PRICE FOR MAUSE MEMBERS

Only \$50.00 For One Full Day Seminar Save \$70.00 Off the Regular Price

Discuss the details and register at the MaUse Meeting **Wednesday, February 28th.**

Registration Package with details on Time and Place available at the meeting.