

# DOUBLE CLICK

A Monthly Publication of Macintosh Users East (MaUsE)

Next MaUsE Meeting  
February 26th.

The February meeting of Macintosh Users East (MaUsE) will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 1997, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre at Henry St. High School, Whitby, Ontario. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. All MaUsE members and the general public are invited. There is no admission charge to MaUsE meetings and new people are always welcome.

## Hard Drive Maintenance & Set Up

This month's meeting will feature hardware expert Justin Derrick who will be demonstrating various techniques to get the most efficiency and capacity from your hard drive.

## BBS Upgrades

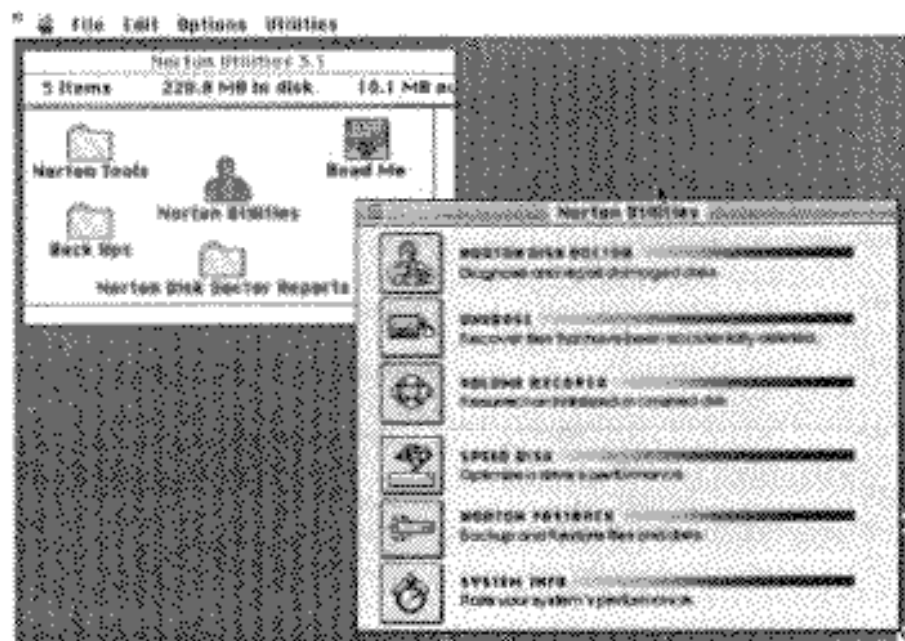
The spotlight will also be on Jim Foster, administrator of The Source, MaUsE's electronic bulletin board system (BBS). Jim will bring information relating to the latest additions and upgrades to The Source.

See You at the Meeting!  
Hugh Amos

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## From the Editor

By: Hugh Amos

### *Hi all, I'm Back!*

I'm back for a while as Double Click editor. With the efficient and talented staff that we have on the Double Click production team, it is a pleasant task indeed producing this newsletter.

Ian Hopkins is the layout person this month.

George Phillips has joined the Double Click production crew as Assistant Editor. Expect to hear more from George in coming months as he gradually takes over more of the Double Click editing duties.

### February Executive Meeting

Eleven people attended the February Executive meeting. It was a spirited

and lively discussion of club business. Expect to see a very interesting and informative program in the coming months. I do apologize to the new people who attended the Executive meeting for not getting the MaUse contact list updated for the February Double Click. Time was too short for me to catch up on this for February, but, I promise to have the list up to date for the March Double Click.

### February Members Meeting

The main topic for the February meeting is Hard Drive maintenance and management. I can't think of a more important Macintosh subject. Every Mac user needs this knowledge! The hard drive is the heart of your computer, it is where all permanent storage of information is kept on your Mac.

When you power down your Mac, Ram Memory is lost forever, only the information stored on the Hard Drive remains for you to carry on with. So.... proper hard drive maintenance and management is essential to your success as a computer user, and maintenance is required in order to avoid problems and loss of data. On the other hand, with proper maintenance you should never have to worry about data loss. I'll be at the meeting to catch up on any new Hard Drive developments.

To get you warmed up to the subject, there are a number of very relevant Hard Drive articles included in this newsletter courtesy of Bruce Cameron. (Bruce downloaded the articles from the Internet and forwarded them to me)

*Hugh Amos*

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## My First Year On The Mac.

*By: Tom White*

When I was a kid there were dodge truck people or ford truck people. The rest were different. When I grew up I got a job with a computer company named IBM I didn't know anything about computers but liked the punch cards because they fitted in my jacket pocket and were good for keeping notes. The company used to send me all over the world and get me into neat places like NASA and Hershey's Chocolates. One day after I left IBM my Mom gave the kids a Vic 20 game machine. Fortunately the kids were to young too master it so it ended up under the couch. A few nights of frustration and an additional \$200.00 later I had a word processor, then it was a data base machine. Then the data base out grew the machine. I was able to sell the Vic 20 and buy a Apple IIc clone. It didn't last to long, I don't remember why, but it had some problem with file size which messed things up. I had enjoyed the Apple and the crazy people associated with the free-ware that was all over the place. An IBM solved the file size problem of my camera inventory. From there it was one bigger machine after another to the day when my desktop publishing was getting quite slick and windows 95 was around the corner. This meant that I would have to dump everything, buy a new computer, new software and replace many

of my old peripherals. Mega dolaros!! But then... I wasn't happy with what I had been doing on the IBM and was tired of people saying "you would be better off with a Mac". The final straw was a small job I did for a friend of my new lady. It was awful! The Print shop came out with that glorious line "If it had been an Mac we might have been able to fix the file". I started pricing Macs. Needless to say they are very over priced but then they work. My new lady is a great business person and was able to organize the indenturing of our first born in exchange for the machine. Life has never been the same since. I now call the IBM "The Queen Mother" and the MAC "Isadora Duncan". Their personalities are sooo different. It took a lot to get used to the Mac. I had become accustomed to the structure of the IBM and am able to fly through it. The MAC on the other hand allowed me to do some rather strange things to it. Several reloads of systems and software made me very cautious with the elegant lady.

I soon began to realize that I was going to the MAC to do things rather than the IBM. Even when I was inputting text I now use the MAC even though I have a special key board for the IBM which was light years ahead of everyone. And so it went, the

more I learned the more I like it. It is a great system. The functions which I use the system for most is manipulating large graphic files. The IBM will often choke on files over 30 megs yet the MAC has often worked on files that were 570+ megs. A 100 meg file is very common. In one case the machine rasterized a 570 meg file. It took 9 hours, producing an error free file the first time! To give you an idea of how fast things are getting a Silicone Graphics UNIX's based machine with a IPT/OPI front end took 27 minutes to do the same thing. But then the front end cost four times as much as my whole system not to mention the \$195.00 I saved letting Isadora run while I did a photoshoot! I'm loving my MAC more everyday.

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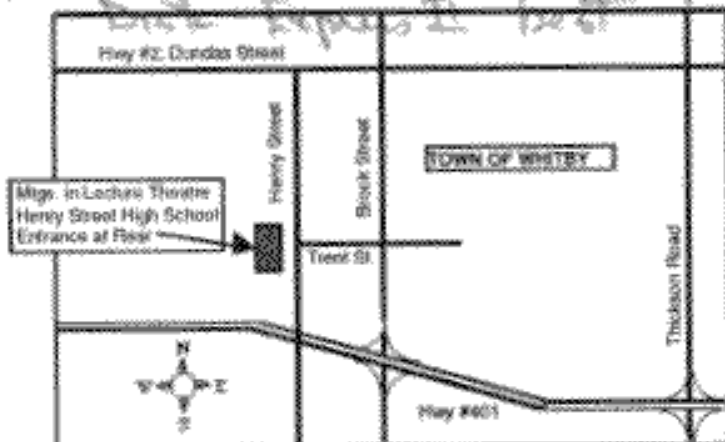
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