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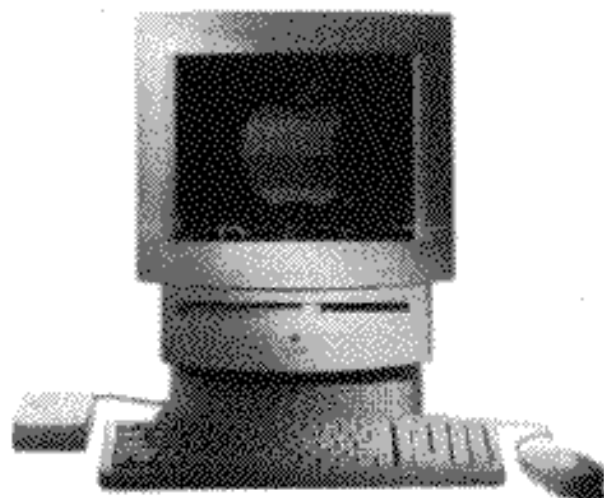
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Next Meeting Wednesday March 26th

The March members meeting will be held on Wednesday March 26th, in the Lecture Theater at Henry Street High School in Whitby. A map showing the location of Henry St. H. S. can be found on page 8. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00 P.M. and the meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.



First Class V3.5

At this month's meeting Jim Foster and his merry group of helpers will offer a two disk set containing First Class version 3.5. First Class is the software that our BBS "The Source" runs on, and version 3.5 is the latest version available. There will also be a demonstration of the new features available in version 3.5.

Problems Solved!!!

Members will have an opportunity to present questions to a panel of experts on Macintosh related topics / problems. Be prepared to participate and get the answer to that problem that has been bugging you! Last but not least, there will be a raffle (please have your membership card with you for members only draws)!

See you at the Meeting!
Hugh Amos

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From the Editor

By : Hugh Amos

Hi All!

I am personally producing Double Click this month, including the layout as well as the Editing.

Save a Tree!

Receive Double Click OnLine on The Source and help save a tree! Send e-mail to Jim Foster on the BBS indicating that you want to receive DC by e-mail instead of by snail mail and it will be e-mailed to your personal mail box on The Source each month. Over 20 MaUsE members are on the E-mail list now and the list is growing daily.

Benefits include : more content; colour graphics; and fast delivery.

Software Reviews

Member volunteers are needed to do software reviews. The usual way this works is that the reviewer receives a free copy of the software in return for the review, as long as it is published in a newsletter such as Double Click. Interested members should contact a member of the executive.

Hugh Amos



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(Per Issue)

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Review: MacSense CD Subscription

By: Jim Foster

This is a brief follow up to the demonstration I provided to everyone at the February MacUse meeting.

MacSense is the creation of Chris McVeigh, a Canadian who began MacSense as an electronic magazine while he was an undergraduate student in the Ottawa area and who has since graduated and has embarked on the ambitious undertaking of making a living out of what started as a hobby.

Frequent callers to our BBS, The Source, know that we have regularly uploaded the issues of MacSense magazine which come out approximately monthly. MacSense has been widely acclaimed over the years both for its content and for its quality appearance whether printed out and read from paper or viewed on screen.

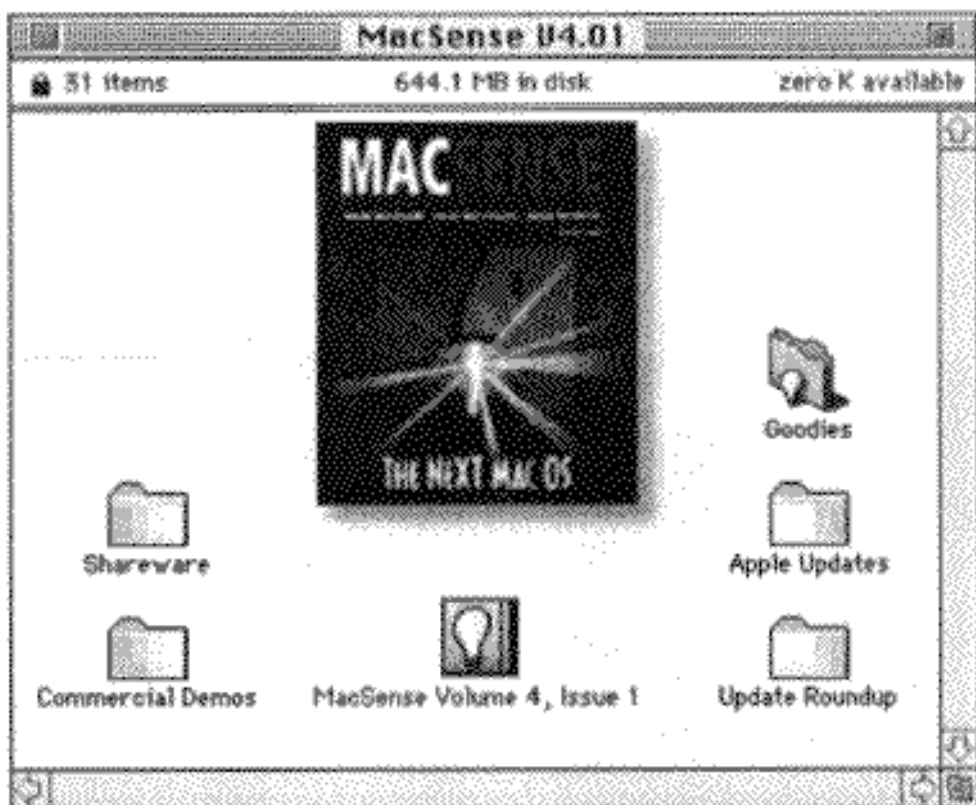
Today, MacSense has grown from just being an electronic magazine to being focused on the production of a series of CD-ROM disks to which people subscribe. The MacSense CD product is produced 10 times a year. Each CD includes, of course, the latest issue of MacSense magazine but also a wealth of other software. Keep in mind that an average CD holds over 600 Megabytes of information and you can quickly see the potential amount of software and information which subscribers to MacSense CD can accumulate in a year! The annual subscription cost is only \$55.00 Canadian, or about \$5.50 per CD!!

Most of the software found on MacSense CD's are things which we also carry on the BBS. However, you would be hard pressed to download this much information before the CD arrived. If you are the kind of Macintosh user who MUST have the latest software within 1 to 2 days of it becoming available, then downloading from the BBS is the way to go. However, if you simply want to ensure that you stay reasonably current on latest software updates and/or do not utilize the BBS or the Internet, then I recommend that you seriously consider subscribing to MacSense CD. Of course, the one

thing you are going to need is a CD-ROM player!

Figure 1 is a screen dump of the latest MacSense CD received at my home on March 5th. Space does not permit me to expand all the folders to display the entire contents but suffice it to say that one could certainly keep oneself occupied almost until the next CD arrives just reviewing all of it.

As you can tell, I strongly recommend the MacSense CD subscription. It is a pleasant bonus that it is being produced right here in Canada - Chris makes every effort to include Canadian pricing and sourcing info in his articles and even spells "colour" correctly most of the time. The content is great, the service is reliable, the price is very reasonable.



Finally, here is the contact information which I was unable to supply at the meeting:

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We look forward to hearing your thoughts, suggestions and opinions. You can get in touch with us at any of the following addresses:

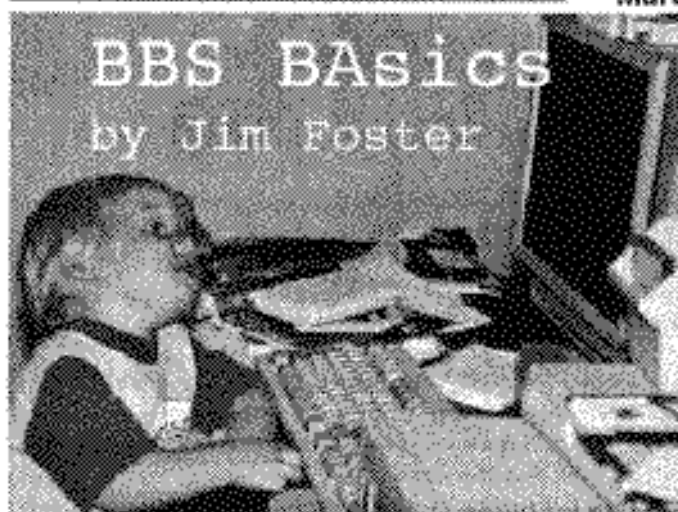
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Subscription Information

The MacSense CD now retails for \$39 US (\$55 Canadian for Canadian orders/\$49 US for overseas orders) for a 12-month, 10 issue subscription. Call (800) 439-7555 to order.

Jim Foster



BBS Info

The following information was included in my presentation at the February MaUsE Member meeting but is being repeated here for the benefit of anyone who was unable to make it out to the meeting.

Correct Settings File

Figure 1 shows the appearance of the Desktop screen for The Source once you have successfully logged on. If your screen does not look quite like this, especially if you are not seeing the image of the Earth from space, this is a good indication that you are not using the most up-to-date Settings file for The Source. You may be using an earlier Settings file, or possibly you are accessing The Source using a generic Settings file. In either of these cases, we strongly recommend that you obtain a copy of the Settings file for The Source because, otherwise, you will not be seeing or hearing The Source in the manner intended.

There are a couple of ways to obtain the current Settings file. The first is to simply download a copy from the BBS. Once you have logged on using your existing Settings file, follow the path Desktop : INFO BOOTH : Latest Software : FirstClass for Macs.

Inside the FirstClass for Macs conference, there are several icons. Four of these are different versions of our latest Settings file. There is a choice of colour versus black and white, and a choice to include sounds or to exclude sounds. Take your pick!

Once you have downloaded the Settings file you want, place it in the Settings folder that is inside your FirstClass Client application folder. Before you log on using this new Settings file, be sure that you review and perhaps jot down the settings from the file you have been using. This would include your User ID and Password if they were saved in your original Settings file, plus anything from the first Setup window such as the telephone number string. Enter this data in your new Settings file before you attempt to Log on.

If for any reason you'd prefer not to download the Settings file, but do want a copy, drop me an e-mail message and I'll bring a copy of it to you at the next meeting or you can pick it up from me at my house.

Many users launch FirstClass Client by making an alias of their Settings file and placing that on their Desktop, on their main hard

drive window, or in the Apple Menu Folder inside their System Folder. Any of these techniques makes it a single double-click action to launch FirstClass.

User Preferences

Figure 2 shows the Edit menu which appears when you are online to the BBS. Note the Preferences... command which is highlighted.

Figure 3 shows the window which opens when you select the Preferences command. These selections allow you to For-

ward a copy of your mail to another party, to make the system automatically respond to any incoming e-mail, or both. These can

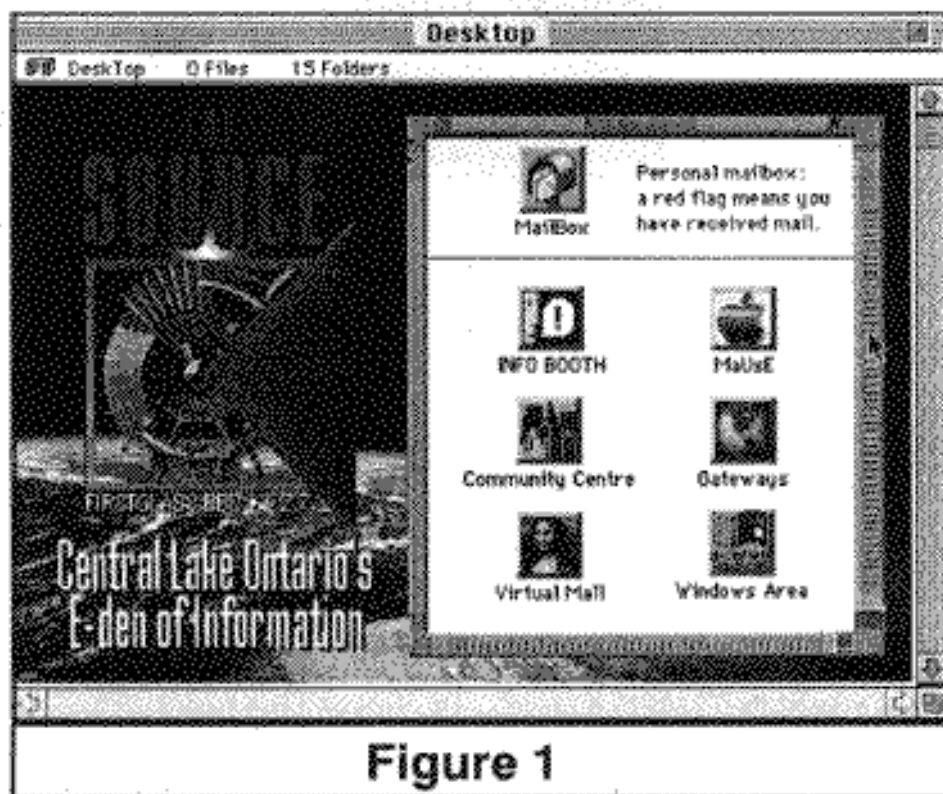


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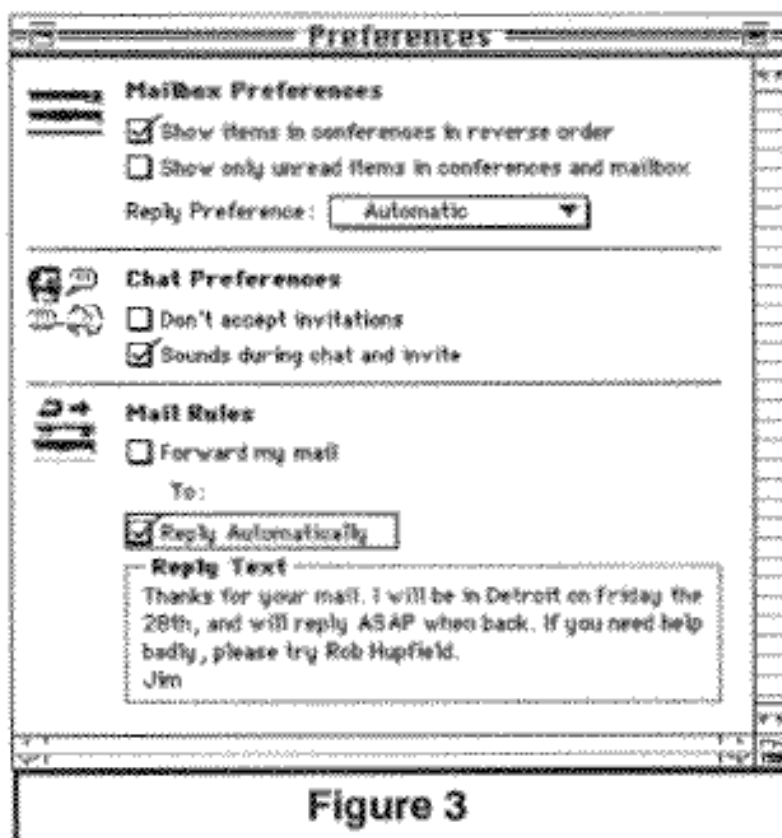


Figure 3

be handy features if you are going to be out-of-town for any period of time and unable to act on your new mail.

The "Show only unread items in conferences and mailbox" item is also handy for those who find it takes longer than they would like for their Mac or Windows computer to "draw" the full contents of conference message lists. If you would prefer that your computer not take the time to "redraw" all the messages that you have already read, check this box. If you later decide that you want to retrieve an older message, you can un-check this box but you will need to log off and re-log on to see the results.

Big Brother!!

Figure 4 shows a window which is only available to System Administrators such as myself and Rob Hupfield. It displays the iden-

tity of all parties who are online, using a symbol to show if they are using a Macintosh, a Windows computer, or a Command-Line User Interface program. It also shows the current (last) action of each party and updates itself every few seconds.

When open, this window allows the System Administrator to assist new users in finding their way around the BBS. It is also the reason why I am sometimes able to send callers Broadcast messages which relate to their current activity.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the BBS, be sure to post a message to the Ask the Admin. conference in the INFO BOOTH area or just drop me a line if you'd like a private response.

Have fun!
Jim Foster

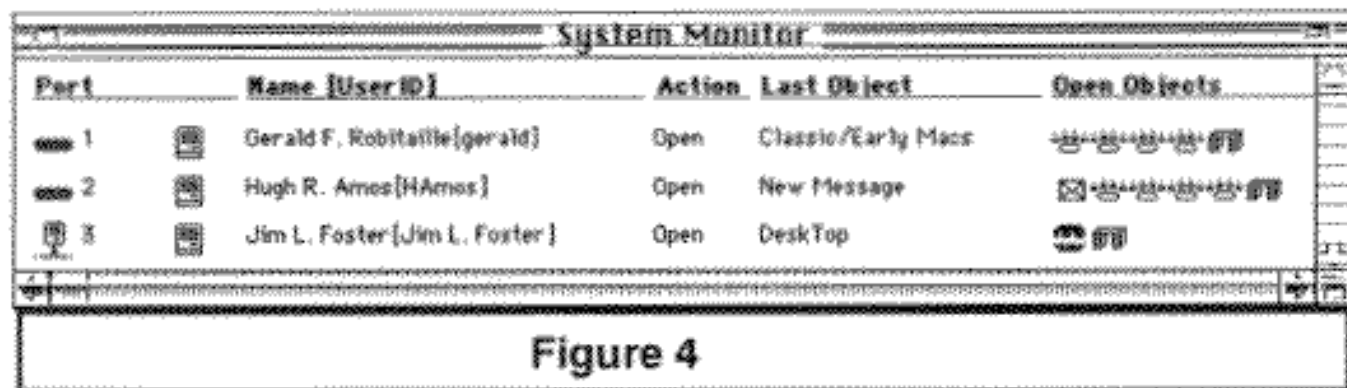


Figure 4

Attention: BBS Callers Early Survey Results Turn Nose Up on The Net!!

By Jim Foster

Just a reminder that a survey has been started on The Source (see INFO BOOTH area) seeking input from our BBS callers on the subject of expanding the services provided to include Internet access. Two proposals are being studied. The first involves adding functionality to The Source such that you would be able to send and receive Internet e-mail via your BBS Mailbox. The second involves adding the ability to log on to The Source via your own personal Internet account.

Both options would require us to spend several hundred dollars and, of course, the implication is that this expense would need to be recovered in some manner from the Users.

Response to the survey has been light. If you have an interest either way, but have not replied because you didn't think your views were needed, please reconsider. Just to give you a hint, and without doing a rigorous tally of the responses received to date, I would suggest that input so far received is tending to suggest that we should NOT pursue either option.

We plan to leave the survey open for another few weeks. If you are a BBS User, please take a few minutes to either complete the survey and e-mail it to me or just read it over and send me a note summarizing your thoughts. If you are NOT a BBS User, but would still like to voice your opinions, just call our message line at 433-0777 and leave a short message.

See you on the ether!

Jim

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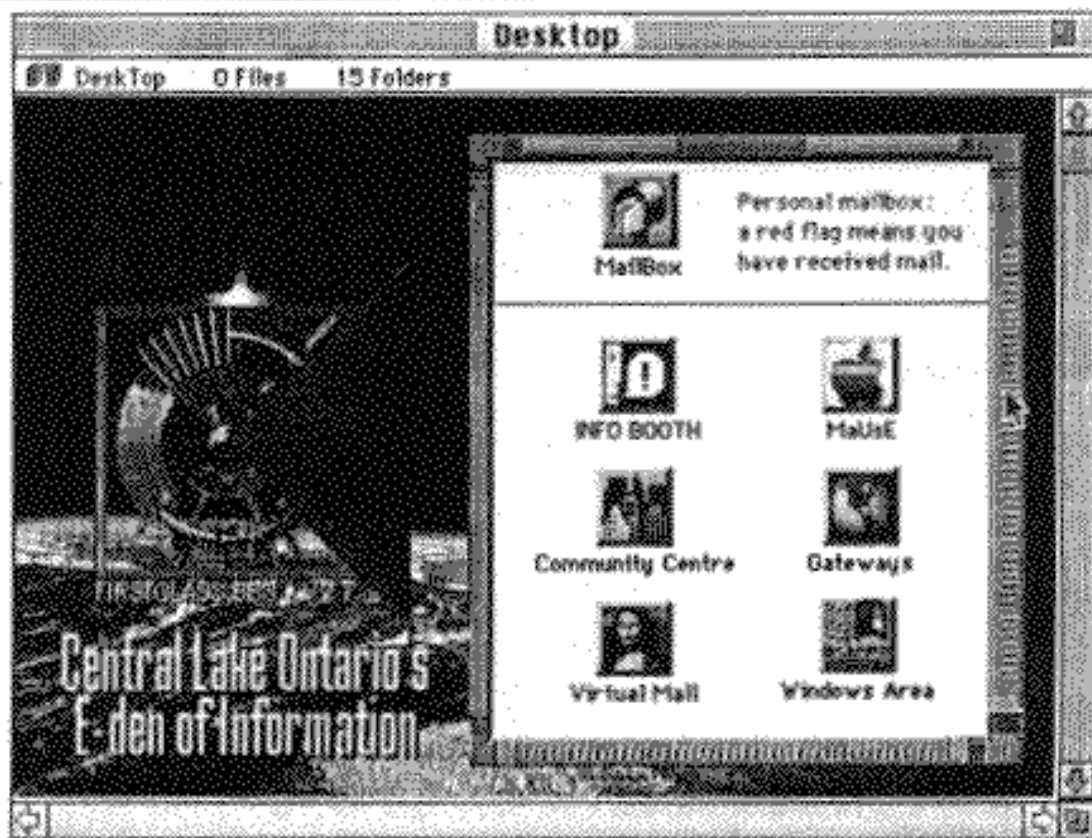
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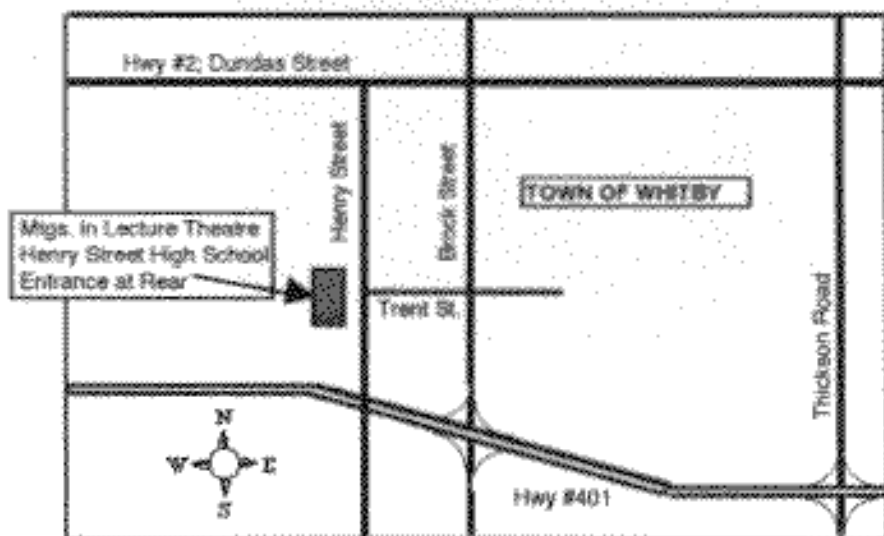


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MaUse Meeting Location & Schedule



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 1997. Membership meetings are generally held in the Lecture Theatre at Henry St. High School 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 location/times.

Month	Exec Mtg	Member Mtg
January	2nd	22nd
February	6th	26th
March	6th	26th
April	3rd	23rd
May	1st	26th
June	5th	25th
July	NA	NA
August	NA	NA
September	4th	24th
October	2nd	22nd
November	6th	26th

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

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