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## Next Meeting Wednesday April 23rd

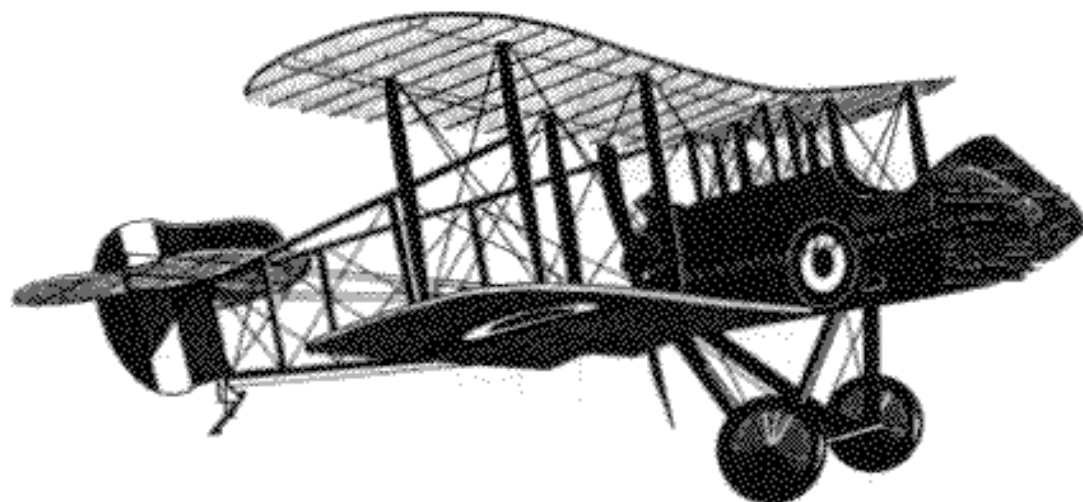
The April members meeting will be held on Wednesday April 23rd, in the Lecture Theater at Henry Street High School in Whitby. A map showing the location of Henry St. H. S. can be found on page 8. Shareware disk sales begin at 7:00 P.M. and the meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

## 3D Animation Demo!

Scott Lascombe, winner of the Durham Skills Competitions Three Dimensional (3D) Animation contest will be demonstrating 3D Animation on his Power Mac. The 3D animation software that Scott uses is called "Infini-D", and it is fantastic what you can do with this program (I was at the Durham Skills Competitions and saw the results first hand)! Scott will be bringing his Power Computing 225 MHz Power Mac with him. This machine, with Scott at the helm, blew away the competition at Durham Skills, (they were using Pentiums). It was truly a sight for a Mac users sore eyes to see!

So.... if you are curious to see what 3D animation is all about, don't miss this one!

See you at the Meeting!  
Hugh Amos



Airco D.H.2  
drawn by Jim Abey, professor  
The Savannah College of Art and Design

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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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In the April User Group mailing, AMUG has provided a flyer listing all of their cool offerings for April 1997. You will find special pricing for Users Groups on BBS in a BOX 20 (the 4 CD set), the Totally for Newton CD #8, the NEW PocketData Pilot CD and several other items. BBS in a Box contains thousands of Mac archives weighing in at over 4 gigs decompressed! You can contact AMUG CD, Inc. via mail at: 745 N. Gilbert Road #124-275, Gilbert, AZ 85234, or call: (602) 497-2244, fax: (602) 497-2266, e-mail: [sales@amug.org](mailto:sales@amug.org), or visit their web site at: <http://cdrom.amug.org/>

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QuickKeys goes Power Mac Native! QuickKeys 3.5.2 is now available to User Group members for the low cost of just \$59.95 — that's half-off the regular price! Plus, get CE Software's new Internet E-mail client, QuickMail Pro, for only \$29.95, and its web-enabled personal information manager, WebArranger, for \$19.95! To order, fill out the order form included in the April

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# QuickTime 3.0

Apple Unveils QuickTime 3.0 for Windows and Mac OS

Video Capture, Editing, and Playback on Multiple Platforms Now Possible

**NAB, LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 8 /PRNewswire/** — Apple Computer, Inc. (Nasdaq: AAPL) today announced major advances in QuickTime, the industry-standard digital media system software for Windows and Mac OS. QuickTime 3.0 is the newest release of the Company's widely adopted software architecture for creating and publishing digital media. Today's announcement is significant as it marks the first time the full power of QuickTime — including the ability to capture, edit, compress, and playback digital media — is available for all major personal computer platforms, including Windows 95, Windows NT 4.0, Mac OS System 7, and Mac OS System 8.

"Professional media producers and publishers have relied on QuickTime's flexibility and performance on Mac OS for years. Today's announcement that Apple is bringing QuickTime's full capabilities to customers using Windows-based systems reasserts clearly and unequivocally our commitment to making QuickTime the universal standard for all digital media," said Ellen Hemcock, executive vice president of Apple Computer, Inc. "Furthermore, the introduction of QuickTime 3.0 enhancements in the areas of interoperability, DVCAM and visual effects support, and Internet features shows that QuickTime, now in its seventh year of development, continues to set the pace for innovation in the digital media industry."

## QuickTime 3.0 Supports Wide Variety of Digital Media File Formats

Digital content creators regularly work with many media types simultaneously, including video, audio, still images, 3D, and text. The task of integrating each of these various media elements into a production is a time-consuming and error-prone process — managing the wide range of relevant file formats is a daunting task. Now, with QuickTime 3.0, the job of combining disparate media types stored in various file formats is greatly simplified.

QuickTime 3.0 supports playback, editing, and integration of QuickTime, MPEG, AVI, OMF (see separate press release, also dated April 8, 1997), DVCAM, and OpenDML files providing one of the highest levels of interoperability with all major video file formats.

QuickTime 3.0 also supports industry standard digital audio file formats, including Wave, AIFF, Sound Designer II, AU, and MPEG Layer 2, as well as many common still image, animation, and MIDI formats. Since the QuickTime architecture is fully extensible, new media types, compression schemes, and file formats to be readily supported as they emerge.

## Media Abstraction Layer Promotes Compatibility and

## Innovation

One of the most significant features of the QuickTime 3.0 software architecture is the Media Abstraction Layer. The Media Abstraction Layer ensures that QuickTime's underlying media technologies can be enhanced or accelerated without affecting compatibility with existing applications.

For example, QuickTime 3.0 introduces support for the DVCAM file format. Through the Media Abstraction Layer, existing applications can immediately use this important new media format without requiring software modifications.

For developers, the Media Abstraction Layer greatly reduces the cost of supporting emerging technologies. The Media Abstraction Layer means that QuickTime-enabled applications are ready to take advantage of the latest technology advances — including MMX and multi-processing — regardless of the platform.

"QuickTime remains the only multiplatform environment for digital media authoring to deliver the level of seamless functionality and no-compromises quality required by broadcast professionals," said John Molinari, president and CEO, Media 100 Inc. (Nasdaq: MDEA, Marlboro, Mass.). "QuickTime is at the heart of our Media 100 digital video systems, used by over 10,000 communicators worldwide — enabling programming of video, animations, compositing, and 3D graphics that might be impossible to do otherwise. Our company remains firmly in support of Apple, and QuickTime is central to our product offerings on both the Macintosh and Windows-NT platforms."

"QuickTime for Mac and Windows is the ideal solution for Macromedia's stringent cross-platform and quality requirements and we are proud to be supporting Apple and QuickTime as a co-developer of the 3.0 standard," said Isaac Babbis, general manager of Audio Video Division from Macromedia. "Final Cut, a software product under development for digital video editing, compositing, and effects being previewed at NAB, is being designed with QuickTime as the first cross-platform open system media layer allowing hardware independence. Using the latest versions of QuickTime on both Windows and Macintosh system software, Final Cut will work with a variety of digital video hardware."

"Indeo video's interactivity, combined with QuickTime for Windows' flexible architecture, will create a powerful PC multimedia authoring environment," said Kevin O'Connell, Intel Indeo Video Product manager. "Through QuickTime Media Layer content developers will get direct access to Indeo video's unique multimedia features, including live 'blue screen' compositing, processor scalability, video assist protection, and real-time video effects. What's more, Indeo video's MMX technology enhancements let QuickTime take advantage of the high performance Intel's latest Pentium processors deliver."

QuickTime 3.0 has garnered widespread industry support, with many leading multimedia companies committing to support QuickTime 3.0 in their products and 66 companies have endorsed the QuickTime architecture.

**QuickTime 3.0 Supports DVCAM and Accelerated Visual Effects**

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Other key QuickTime 3.0 features include:

**\* Support for the DVCAM Format**

With its built-in support for the DVCAM file format, QuickTime 3.0 makes it possible for all existing QuickTime-enabled applications to work with DVCAM streams today. DVCAM data can be played back, edited, and combined with other digital video standards like Motion JPEG. As DVCAM data can be used from any QuickTime-enabled application, DVCAM sound and video can be easily converted to other formats for delivery to CD-ROM, the Internet or Video CD. While optimum performance is realized through hardware acceleration, QuickTime provides full software support for DVCAM — this enables that virtually any computer running QuickTime can access, display, and manipulate DVCAM data.

**\* Accelerated Visual Effects**

QuickTime 3.0 contains enhancements to the QuickTime software architecture that standardize the way QuickTime-based applications work with visual effects and transitions. QuickTime's support for visual effects is comprised of three key elements:

- 1) Transparent support for both software-based and hardware-accelerated visual effects rendering. This feature makes it easy for video editing applications to use visual effects without regard for the underlying implementations.
- 2) A complete set of built-in software-based effects including cross-fade, chroma keying, SMPTE wipes and color adjustments. Developer-defined effects and transitions are supported through a powerful plug-in architecture.
- 3) Standardization of effects descriptions within the media composition. This uniform representation ensures that user-specified effects sequences are accurately rendered across the widest possible range of hardware and software configurations. In addition, this standardization enables plug-in effects added in the future to be accessible from existing applications.

**Expanded Support for Motion JPEG (M-JPEG)**

QuickTime 3.0 now supports four different formats of M-JPEG compressed video, a compression technique used in most desktop video production hardware. QuickTime's comprehensive implementation enables video professionals and editors to work with M-JPEG video independent of the hardware originally used to capture the video. QuickTime 3.0 adds support for OpenDML M-JPEG and Avid Video Resolution (AVR) M-JPEG, in addition to QuickTime's current support for both Apple defined M-JPEG formats.

**More QuickTime Information Available in White Paper**

Editors Note: More information about QuickTime 3.0 and its features is available in an in-depth white paper "QuickTime Technology Briefs: QuickTime 3.0" available at: <http://www.quicktime.apple.com/>

**QuickTime: The Foundation for Leading Video Software Tools**

First released in 1991 for Macintosh, QuickTime is the recognized leader in software technology for the creation and delivery of digital media. QuickTime is the foundation of the QuickTime Media Layer, which also includes QuickTime VR and QuickDraw 3D. Used for professional video editing and the creation of CD-ROMs, QuickTime is believed to comprise more than half of the video content found on the Internet.

QuickTime provides foundation technology for building powerful digital media tools. Award-winning video software products — including Adobe After Effects, Avid Cinema, Adobe Premiere, and Radius Edit, as well as Macromedia's much-anticipated Final Cut — are all built on top of QuickTime.

**Customer Price/Availability**

QuickTime 3.0 is expected to be available in late Q2, 1997. Customers will be able to download the software from the World Wide Web at: <http://www.quicktime.apple.com>.

**Developer Price/Availability**

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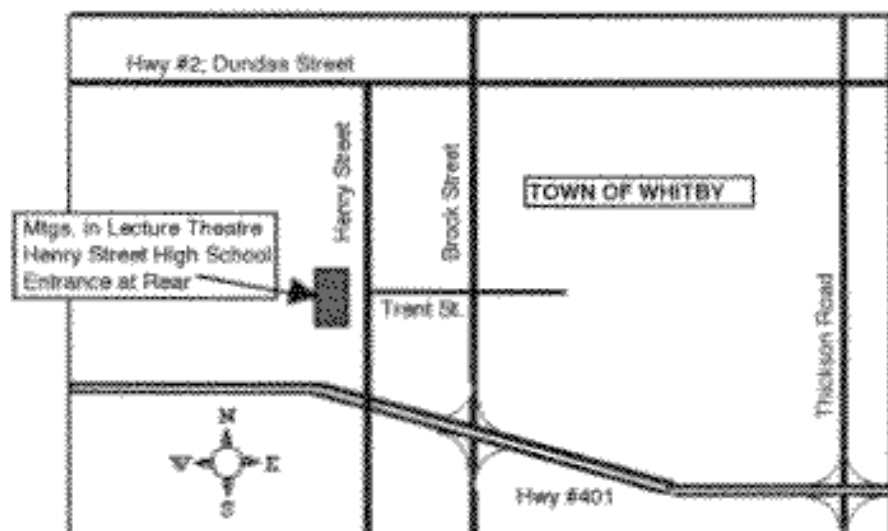
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## MaUse Meeting Location & Schedule



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 locations/times.

Month	Exec Mtg	Member Mtg
January	2nd	22nd
February	6th	26th
March	6th	26th
April	3rd	23rd
May	1st	29th
June	5th	25th
July	NA	NA
August	NA	NA
September	4th	24th
October	2nd	22nd
November	6th	26th

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