

SMUG Newsletter

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Monday, March 4th: *LOTUS' JAZZ* and ~~THINK THINK~~

Monday, April 8th: Development tools from Apple

all meetings begin promptly at 7:30 in Annenberg Auditorium, Stanford.

NOTES FROM SMUG ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, 11 FEB

MONEY:

Figures are cumulatives from September to the present:

\$12 400 cash receipts, mainly dues and disk sales.
8 600 expenses, mainly operations and disk costs.
3 800 surplus, plus
2 800 assets, at cost, in inventory of disks and T-shirts.

We've had some cash-flow problems financing inventory, so all disbursements should be coordinated in the future thru the Treasurer.

Expenditures approved for the Database (DB) group:

\$100 for "PFS file"
120 for "MS file".

We also approved routine expenditures for newsletter, room rental, etc. It was agreed that we now would pay for refreshment and entertainment expenses, however, it was proposed that they not be allowed to grow beyond \$100/ month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are sending a letter to Frederic Davis of A+, denying the rumor he published that SMUG distributes pirated software.

SMUG has been asked if it has anything to contribute to the Consortium meeting here in March. Please make your suggestions to me.

Computer Science is considering a Macintosh development course in the CS191 series for the Spring.

Ed Kessler is leaving for a position with a local firm. Ed got our freeware distribution project off the ground. We wish him the best in the "real world".

Mac World has granted us a booth to share with Berkeley's user group at the Mac Expo, Feb 21-23, in Brooks Hall, SF.

APPLE'S DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT STRATEGY

Dan Cochran, Apple's Development Tools Product Manager, spoke last Wednesday night at Stanford, detailing much of Apple's strategy that affects Developers.

He made several new announcements (at least as far as I knew) and told us what we might expect concerning development products, support, licensing and the future in general.

Products:

Lisa Pascal 3.0 shipments are backlogged, and this demand should be filled in 3 to 6 weeks.

The long awaited Macintosh Development System "MDS 128", originally developed by Bill Duvall is now being shipped for duplication. This is an editor (released separately thru the software supplement as the "AppleEditor"), assembler, linker and debugger(s), that fills two disks.

The second to last software supplement has been assembled. It is fourteen disks. One more will be distributed before the spring. By that time Apple will finish "Inside Mac", which they will print in a "perfect binding" and sell in the \$25 range (please don't quote me.) Apple will make this available to all third party vendors of development products for cost, so you can expect to see it included with various compilers, etc. Addison Wesley has the publishing contract on the final version, which will be 3 vols.

Support: The three items which they have provided with support - Inside Mac, "Inside AppleTalk" and the software supplement will be frozen in final form in the spring. In their place Apple will use an electronic information service provided by "Delphi" for distribution of software and documentation to developers. They will use this something like CompuServe, e.g. Inside Mac, etc will be posted, and there will be a bulletin board slated to be run by Dennis Brothers. Subscriptions will be open to anyone, for \$30 and about 3-4\$/hour for connect time.

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Some Notes on Compuserve

by Barry Eynon

What is it?

A commercial information service, offering electronic mail, information, shopping, banking, games, special interest groups and other services.

How do you get to it?

Almost any terminal and modem can be used. Local access numbers are

300 baud: 591-5591

1200 baud: 591-5846, and (408) 988-8762

How do you get started?

Check out the Compuserve Starter Kits available at Software Center and other software houses, which give include a manual and 5 hours of connect time to use while your account is being registered. Or call (800) 848-8199 for information.

How much does it cost?

After 6 PM, the rate at 300 baud is \$6.00/hour, and at 1200 baud is \$12.50/hour. Prime time costs are somewhat more, but can be easily avoided. If you are a fast reader, or are interested in uploading or downloading files, the 1200 baud rate is a definite advantage. If you want to peruse and think about what you are reading, or are hunting around to see what is there, 300 baud may be better. Neither is cheap, and I've often been surprised by my bill at the end of the month. You can either bill your VISA/Master Charge account, or set up electronic funds transfer from your bank (if your bank has this).

How is it set up?

Everything is menu driven, and help functions are always available. Unfortunately, these are not Mac-menus, just lists of selections and prompts for choices. The manual is pretty good about telling you how to get to the areas you are interested in. If there is one section you always want to go to first, you can set up your account to do that automatically, which saves time. You can also jump directly to nodes in the menu structure if you know their number. Plan to spend some of your free time getting to know your way around.

What is there for my Macintosh?

Many computer brands have user groups on Compuserve. The Apple special interest group, known as MAUG, (which can be accessed by the command GO PCS-51 from the menu prompt) offers the most comprehensive selection of freeware for the Mac available anywhere, plus an opportunity to communicate with Mac freaks across the country, and get the most up-to-date rumors, assistance with problems, and software reviews. Some of the software has been traded back and forth with the ARPA INFO-MAC distributions, but Compuserve has a much wider range of items of interest. Recent submissions have included Apple applications such as Edit and Resource Editor, fonts, desk accessories, utilities, MacPaint pictures and Thunderscan images, MusicWorks tunes, MS-BASIC and MacPascal games and demos, FORTH utilities and programs, and copies of Apple news releases from the stockholder's meeting. There is a CB simulator to allow real-time conferencing of users, and sometimes guest "speakers" are invited for on-line question and answer sessions. There is also a bulletin board/mail system for more detailed communication.

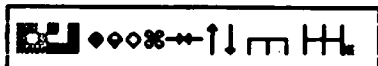
The first time you access the MAUG, you will be asked to provide some information, and told to check back in 24 hours. By that time, your MAUG access will have been established, and you should then read the new user information, which will give you details on how to send and receive messages, and where to find files to download.

How do you download files?

MacTerminal or any terminal emulation software which allows file transfer should work. Files are stored in eight areas:

- 0 SIG Business
- 1 Apple II Hacking
- 2 Apple II Products
- 3 Mac/Lisa Hacking
- 4 Mac/Lisa Products
- 5 Inside Macintosh
- 6 Community Square
- 7 Apple ///
- 8 Telecommunications

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