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2000 Calendar of Events

Business Meeting	July 8
Informal Meeting	July 22
Business Meeting	August 12
Informal Meeting	August 26
Business Meeting	September 9
Informal Meeting	September 23
Business Meeting	October 14
Informal Meeting	October 28
Business Meeting	November 11
Informal Meeting	No Meeting*
Business Meeting	December 9
Informal Meeting	No Meeting*

2001 Calendar of Events

Business Meeting	January 13
Informal Meeting	January 27
Business Meeting	February 10
Informal Meeting	February 24
<i>Election of Officers on March 10</i>	
Business Meeting	March 10
Informal Meeting	March 24
<i>Membership must be renewed before the first of April</i>	
Business Meeting	April 14
Informal Meeting	April 28
Business Meeting	May 12
Informal Meeting	May 27
Business Meeting	June 9
Informal Meeting	June 23



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Minutes of the Business Meeting

June 10, 2000

by Lee Jones

The meeting was called to order by the President, Janice Wright at 10:00 AM.

Treasurers Report

The bank balance as of 5/31/00 is \$2526.55. Expenses for the month were \$36.29, with income of \$55.00.

Webmaster Report

No major changes to the web site

Apple Ambassador Report

Due to the Mac Expo cancellation, Keith Putman had a large number of things to raffle. He also has HiWAAY.net applications for those who would like to get on-line.

Old Business

Bob Doehrman noted that the IEEE Fair will be held August 26-27. Marius said it looks like they're

Treasurer's Report

Transaction Detail Report - May 2000

Balance (Beginning of the Month) \$ 2,507.84

Date	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
05-08-00	... Deposit	Dues x 1	Dues	\$ 30.00
05-22-00	... Deposit	Dues x 1	Dues	\$ 25.00
05-27-00	... John McDonald	Printing	Newsletter	\$ -36.29

Balance (End of the Month) \$ 2,526.55

Total Inflows \$ 55.00

Total Outflows \$ -36.29

Net Total \$ 18.71



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making a serious effort to not allow it to turn into a hardware “flea market”. There was a discussion about whether the HMUG should consider participating, and the consensus was that we probably should.

New Business

Janice has sent large numbers of photos from her school to the User Group Academy, to show them what she had done with the grant money that she had been awarded. Marius suggested that we also forward some information to the local newspapers.

Keith is going to MacWorld Expo in New York next month. Janice may or may not go. We can send two local officers to participate in the User Group wingding.

Flashes

Janice asked about using a cable access web browser—do you have to use the one that the cable company provides? The answer is no, you can continue to use your old familiar browser. Marius is going to have a program on cable and ADSL internet access next formal meeting. He will also discuss security issues associated with being con-

nected continuously and how to set up a firewall for protection against hackers (bad ones).

Someone downloaded an application that he now wants to trash, but it's locked and he can't. ANS. Highlight the application's icon, then select Get Info from the File menu, and uncheck the Locked box in the lower left corner.

Using Eudora Light and OS8.6—wants to be able to click directly on a web address and go to that site. ANS. Go to the Internet control panel to edit Preferences, such as “download files to:”, “change default web browser,” etc.

Using Outlook Express, can I identify someone from whom I don't want to receive messages? ANS. Yes—go to “mail rules” and select “delete messages”, and the name of the sender.

Installed a Keyspan USB card in his beige G-3, into which he plugged an Odessa keyboard. As he typed in his password, the 3rd and 4th characters didn't take. ANS. Make sure you have the latest USB drivers from Apple. You can download from the Apple site.

When I'm on the Internet and change web sites, I see a blue color move slowly down the screen, then it



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goes away. ANS. What you're seeing is the splash screen- it's a low memory problem that causes your Mac to re-draw the screen too slowly. Marius noted that memory prices are starting to go back up, and now would be a good time to buy some more.

If you get a slow connection to the Internet, call the phone company and tell them you have static on your phone line. Don't say that your net connection is slow – that's not their problem. They will clean up your phone connection, and you might be able to access the net at a higher speed.

Considering switching to OS 9 – what software will work with it? ANS. Look on *macintosh.com* for a list of compatible software. Norton Utilities, and Antivirus might be problems; also ATM.

Marius noted that there are a lot more viruses, worms, and Trojan horses coming out now, and they may get around to attacking Macs. Be vigilant.

Program

Janice gave an informative program on AppleWorks 6.0, which she didn't even have to, because she'd bought on her own....

Door Prizes

were won by these lucky folks:

- MacAlly USB mouse: Doehrman, Wiggins, and Skipper.
- Civilization II: Paul Ramsey
- Stuffit Deluxe Demo: Pete Belcher
- Stuffit Deluxe Review: Bob Doehrman
- Techtool Pro 2 Demo: Pete Belcher
- Techtool Pro 2 Review: Lee Jones
- Debabelizer Demo: James Chandler, Bob Doehrman
- Debabelizer Review: Geoff Hintze ☐

HMUG Begins New Fund-raiser

The Huntsville Macintosh Users Group is now selling tickets for a chance to win one of four items to be given away later this summer. Items to be raffled are:

- 2 sets of Altec-Lansing Multimedia Computer Speaker Systems (model ACS65i)



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The set includes two mid/high speakers with built in on/off/volume control. The subwoofer unit has a separate control for adjusting the amount of woof. The satellites are connected to the sub unit with shielded wiring and have blueberry housings. The sub is white.

- 1 SupraExpress 56K fax/modem (USB)
- 1 SupraExpress 56K fax/modem (serial)

Tickets are \$1.00 each. Money from the raffle will go toward the purchase of a new club computer. Check the HMUG Web site for the date of the drawing and for more information about purchasing tickets.

HMUG Summer Give-A-Ways

Due to the cancellation of the Tennessee Valley MacExpo, we have an abundance of software programs to pass on to some lucky folks at the next few HMUG meetings. The titles to be given away at upcoming meetings are:

- Blue's Treasure Hunt
- Freddie Fish 4

- Putt-Putt enters the Race
- Age of Empires
- Civilization
- MYOB Accounting
- Eye Candy
- 3D Railroad
- Spring Cleaning
- Drag Strip
- Macticker
- Design Your Own Home



Conceptdraw 1.4: Step Up In Drawing

Version 1.4 features a new drawing tool, EPS support, new libraries and multiple performance improvements.

Odessa, Ukraine - June 16th, 2000 - Computer Systems Odessa Corp., today announced ConceptDraw v1.4 for MacOS and Windows is shipping at the price of \$125. The update is free to registered users of ConceptDraw v1.32 or earlier. A



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free demo version is available from ConceptDraw's web site.

The new update offers considerable improvements over the previous versions, especially when it comes to convenience of use. The improvements include new features, bug fixes and general enhancements.

ConceptDraw v1.4 adds the following new features:

- Stamp tool for cloning and connecting objects.
- Export to EPS (Encapsulated PostScript).
- Easier operations on libraries (creating, copying objects, editing).
- More convenient text editing.
- New keyboard shortcuts.
- Two new libraries.

Also this update fixes a number of issues reported by users (including printing problems) and has numerous minor changes which make for more comfortable working with the program.

Specific fixes are listed in the release notes and on the site.

ConceptDraw is the powerful and easy-to-use application, which enables users at all levels to quickly

produce professional-looking flowcharts, business diagrams, research layouts, organization schemes, plans and more. It's cross-platform, so all documents, libraries and templates open seamlessly between the Windows and Macintosh platforms.

The program has a rich set of versatile drawing tools, which allow the user to create elementary segments, apply patterns, fills and shadows to objects, reshape, rotate and resize objects on page in all possible ways. More complex drawings can be created with the help of pre-drawn library objects (over 1700), organized in industry-specific libraries. Each object may contain text, which can be edited with the built-in text processor.

ConceptDraw allows for customly programmed objects, described by formulas and mathematical functions, can process hyperlinks assigned to objects and text, supports most popular graphic formats and HTML export.

Computer Systems Odessa is a Ukraine-based company with the headquarters in Odessa. It's in software business since 1993. President of the company is Gregory Zhukov. For more information visit the corporate site at

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www.cs-odessa.com.ua

Pricing and Availability

A ConceptDraw v1.4 update is available as a free download to current ConceptDraw customers from the program's site www.conceptdraw.com. Demo versions of ConceptDraw v1.4 for Windows and MacOS are available for download now from ConceptDraw's web site at

www.conceptdraw.com

The full version price starts from \$125. It can be purchased on-line from the program's site

www.conceptdraw.com

Demo versions of ConceptDraw v1.4 for Windows and MacOS can be downloaded therefrom. Licensing programs offer significant discounts for corporate customers. Academic discounts are available.

Detailed information on the purchase options, discounts and availability can be found here:

<http://www.conceptdraw.com/purchase/purchase.html>

Currently, ConceptDraw is available in English and Italian.

All questions and suggestions about ordering the program, cooperation and other please direct to *sales@conceptdraw.com*

System Requirements

ConceptDraw requires:

The Macintosh version: PowerMac or better; MacOS 8.0 +; 32 MB RAM (64 MB recommended); CD-ROM (for installation); monitor with resolution of 800 x 600 and 256 colors (16-bit color recommended).

The PC version: Pentium processor; Windows 95/98/NT 4.0; 16 MB RAM; cd-rom (for installation); SVGA-monitor with 256 colors (16-bit color recommended). □

Apple Ambassador's Report

by Keith Putnam

For special offers mentioned in this article, or to request evaluation software, contact me via e-mail at AppleAmb@hiwaay.net or at my daytime phone number: **256-890-4549**.



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Currently, I am preparing the application for our group to become an affiliate to the Macromedia User Group. When completed we should have access to some of their wonderful product.

When the next newsletter comes out, I will have just returned from Macworld. Whoopee! Maybe I'll be able to round up a few trinkets there.

Christmas in June... and July

At the June formal meeting, we had a smallish crowd, but we had big fun in the raffle department. Two copies each of TechTool Pro, Stuffit Deluxe, and Debabelizer were raffled, as well as Multiplayer Civilization II and three Macally iSweet mice. There is more to come. Humongous Entertainment has provided six of their children's titles, including Blue's Treasure Hunt, Freddie Fish 4, and Putt-Putt enters the race. Also, there still are copies of Age of Empires, Civilization, MYOB Accounting, Eye Candy, 3D Railroad, Spring Cleaning, Drag Strip, Macticker, and Design Your Own Home. You will of course read this list on the day we give some of it away.

MacWorld's Daily Tip

All tips contributed by Christopher Breen, Contributing Editor

These tips were gathered from MacWorld's daily Mac Tip subscription.

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<http://lists.macworld.com/>

Intermediate - Monitor Your Desires - 5/15

Apple's producing some mighty fine monitors these days, but as fine as they are, they might not be for you. Why not? Well...

The Apple Studio Display 21 requires an onboard USB connector and will not work with Macs equipped with add-on USB cards.

The Apple Flat Panel Display employs a digital video interface and will work only with Macs that bear a similar video interface. Currently that digital video interface is found on Power Mac G4 models and ATI's XCLAIM VR 128 video card.

Intermediate - Apple Studio Display (LCD) Reset - 5/16

The Apple Studio Display 15 LCD is a mighty fine monitor, but there are times when it doesn't behave as you'd expect it to. You may find, for example, that adjusting the screen position with the Monitors &



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Sound control panel, causes the display to go black. Or when your Mac goes to sleep, the monitor might display a message reading “No Computer Signal.” You could restart your Mac to make these symptoms go away, but it’s far easier to simply press the Reset button — found on the front of the monitor, marked with a triangle — until the LED flashes. This should bring your monitor back to life.

Intermediate - Eh, Doc? - 5/17

Are you left wanting more from Apple’s Application Switcher palette? If so, and you’d like a taste of what Mac OS X’s Aqua interface might hold in store, take a look at Jérôme Foucher’s \$5 A-Dock. This control panel/extension combo places a moveable application palette along the edge of your Mac’s desktop — one that won’t suddenly appear in the middle of your monitor when you switch resolutions. All active applications appear in the palette. To switch from one application to another, just roll your cursor over the A-Dock icon to pop out the palette, and click the application you’d like to switch to.

You can find your copy at

<http://www.macdownload.com>

Intermediate - Insert Clip Art into Word Tables - 5/18

If you’ve attempted to insert a piece of clip art into a Word 98 table, you’ve likely been frustrated. When you follow the logical procedure — select a cell in the table, choose Clip Art from the Picture command found in the Insert menu, select a piece of clip art from the Microsoft Clip Gallery, and press the Insert button, the clip art appears not within the cell, but somewhere else on the page. Here’s the proper — though completely unintuitive way — to go about it:

Place the cursor within a cell in the table, choose Clip Art from the Picture command found in the Insert menu, select a piece of clip art from the Microsoft Clip Gallery, and press the Insert button. The clip art will appear somewhere on the page other than in the selected cell. Now press Command-X to cut the picture and select Paste Special from the Edit menu. In the resulting dialog box select Picture and uncheck the “Float over text” box. Click OK and the clip art finally appears in the cell.

Intermediate - Bronze PowerBook



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No Night-Night - 5/19

If you've selected IrDA in the AppleTalk control panel, you should know that the PowerBook (Bronze) won't go to sleep after a period of inactivity. Because the PowerBook must be in an awakened state for it to receive an infrared signal, the PowerBook is smart enough to know not to nod off.

If you think you know better than the PowerBook and want to force it to sleep, select Sleep from the Special menu or press the Power key and choose Sleep in the resulting dialog box.

Intermediate - Bang the Monitor Slowly - 5/22

Have you seen vertical lines in your Apple Studio Display 17 monitor? If so, it's likely due to the thin wires that make up the aperture grid sticking together due to cold or vibration. How do you unstick them? As this tip's title suggests, using the heel of your hand, lightly biff the side of your monitor.

Intermediate - AppleWorks 6 Generic Icons - 5/23

"You may have noticed that the Newsletter and Templates icons found in the Web tab of AppleWorks

6's Starting Points window appear as generic white icons that do absolutely nothing when you click on them. Apple suggests this fix to make these icons operate as Apple intended:

Quit AppleWorks and open the AppleWorks folder. Now open the Starting Points folder and the Cache folder within that folder. Drag all the files within the Cache folder to the Trash and relaunch AppleWorks. The Newsletter and Templates icons should now work properly."

Intermediate - Climb on the MonkeyBar - 5/24

Need another launcher? Then take a look at MojoMonkey's \$15 shareware launcher, MonkeyBar (formerly known as iBar). Here's MojoMonkey's description of the diminutive yet powerful launcher application:

MonkeyBar is an internet-savvy launcher that combines applications, documents, favorites, bookmarks, and music into one simple floating window. The window floats over all applications providing quick access to the different items we mentioned above. In addition to this the MonkeyBar can also

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check for waiting e-mail and launch documents dropped on the MonkeyBar icon.

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<http://www.macdownload.com>

Intermediate - Apple Video Player No Show - 5/25

If you see no controls when you open Apple Video Player (AVP) — and you expect to because your Mac is compatible with AVP — check this first: Make sure that your monitor is connected to the built-in monitor port on your Mac. If you've connected your monitor to a third-party video card, the controls for AVP won't appear.

You can use AVP if you have two monitors but only if AVP appears on the monitor attached to the built-in video port.

Intermediate - DVD Disc- appearance - 5/26

Do certain DVD discs fail to appear on your DVD-equipped Mac's desktop? If so you should first check to see that the DVD drivers are installed in your Mac's Extensions folder. If everything is present and accounted for, insert the DVD disc while hold-

ing down Command-Option-I until the disc (hopefully) appears. This key combination attempts to make the disc appear as an ISO formatted disc rather than a UDF disc.

Intermediate - AppleWorks 6.0.3 Translation Woes - 5/29

Because AppleWorks 6 doesn't allow you to open or save files created in the native Microsoft Word or Excel file formats (among many others) a number of people have added this capability with DataViz's MacLink Plus Deluxe. However, after upgrading to AppleWorks 6.0.3, these same users found that if they attempt to save a document in another format, AppleWorks saves the files as a ClarisWorks 4.0 document. This needs to be addressed in a future update but in the meantime there is this workaround:

Go ahead and allow AppleWorks to save it in this format (after all, what other choice do you really have?). Now Control-click on the document's icon and use the contextual menu to send the document to MacLink Plus. Once inside MacLink, click the Translate button, and from within the Batch Translation Settings window select the document type you'd like the document translated to. Click Trans-



late and the document should now appear in the format you originally desired.

Intermediate - Serial and S-Video Don't Mix - 5/30

If you possess less than eagle-like eyes, you may suppose that the back of your Bronze or FireWire PowerBook bears a serial port — after all, the port you thought was meant for your printer or modem accepts the plugs on these devices' accompanying cables. You would be mistaken in this supposition, however. That 7-pin port is an S-Video port and is intended for use with an S-Video cable that connects your PowerBook to an external video device such as a VCR or television.

Fear not, if you happen to plug a serial cable into the S-Video port, nothing really terrible happens. When you fire up the PowerBook you'll notice that the menubar fails to appear — though you may eventually see a stray icon or two. What's happening? Just this: With a cable plugged into the S-Video port, the Mac assumes you're sending the PowerBook's primary video signal out this port and displays the video for a non-existent second monitor on the internal display.

The solution to the problem is, of course, to not plug a serial cable into this port. Should you do so, you can easily fix the problem by closing the lid to put the PowerBook to sleep, disconnect the cable, and wake the PowerBook. Doing so returns the video to normal.

Intermediate - Wake Up, You Sleepy Head - 5/31

Tired of waking up to your buzzing, clattering alarm clock? There's a better way. That better way is Mike Margolis' free MP3 Alarm Clock. As the name implies, this application displays a digital readout of the time (available in a number of "skins") and plays MP3 files you designate at the times you determine.

MP3 Alarm Clock requires QuickTime 4.0 and is termed "Apple Job ware" — meaning that if you help Mr. Margolis find employment at Apple Computer three years from now, after he graduates from college, you'll receive the only registered copy of MP3 Alarm Clock on the planet.

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Intermediate - Slim Down Outlook Express - 6/1

If you tend to keep a lot of messages in Microsoft Outlook Express, the database file that contains those messages can swell to a fairly substantial size. Deleting messages will help reduce the size of this file but you can also slim it down by compacting the database — thus freeing some wasted space.

To do so, hold down the Option key as you launch Outlook Express. Keep holding the key until a dialog box appears that poses the question: “Would you like to compact the database?” Because this plan fits neatly with your desires, click the Yes button and wait while the file is pleasingly smushed.

Intermediate - Rebuild Outlook Express - 6/2

Yesterday I showed you how to compress the Outlook Express database to slim down its size. Today, I'll show you how to rebuild this database. Why would you want to do so? If Outlook Express seems to be having trouble starting up or the program just behaves oddly, the database may need rebuilding. To do so, hold down the Option key and wait for a dialog box to appear that asks the age-old question:

“Would you like to compact the database?” Since you compacted the database yesterday, you don't want to do so again so click No. Another dialog box appears that queries: “Would you like to do a complex rebuild of the database?” Well, yes, as a matter of fact, you would. Answer Yes to this question and wait while Outlook Express rebuilds the database.

Note: If you're using a version of Outlook Express prior to the current 5.0.2, rebuilding in this manner can do funky things to the Address Book. Your best bet is to upgrade to the latest version of Outlook Express but if you'd rather not, export your Address Book before performing this operation. Then import it after the rebuild.

Intermediate - Fancy Bullets - 6/6

You probably know that you can create a hollow bullet character by typing Shift-Option-8 in Microsoft Word, but if you want to substitute a more interesting bullet — a star, flower, or snowflake, for example — try this:

Select Symbol from the Insert menu, select Zapf Dingbats from the Font pull-down menu, and click on the symbol you'd like to use for your fancy bullet.

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Now click the AutoCorrect button and press Shift-Command-8 — this key combination will appear in the Replace field. Now whenever you press Shift-Command-8, your fancy new bullet will appear.

Intermediate - Lock It Up - 6/7

If you fear that unwanted eyes will wander about the data on your Mac — and Apple's Multiple Users control panel isn't security enough to calm these fears — take a look at TriVectus' SuperLock Pro 4.5.1. This \$35 security application offers the following features:

Supports unlimited users with three levels of access.

Supports the temporary suspension of user accounts and controlled time-based login.

Each user can have his or her own startup items.

Supports hot key activation.

Supports automatic inactivity activation.

Includes a screen saver — used when login dialog is activated.

Can auto-activate at wakeup.

Protects the system disk even when a CD or floppy is used to start up.

Supports file- and folder-level protection privileges.

Disables force-quit of itself.

Cannot be bypassed by the Shift key on startup.

Disables MacsBug in itself, and optionally, globally.

Can maintain an activity log.

Hides the desktop and all other applications' windows in the background.

You can find your copy at

<http://www.macdownload.com>

Intermediate - Hub-Bub - 6/9

Don't bother plugging your USB keyboard into a self-powered USB hub if you expect the Power key on the keyboard to do anything more than take up space. Most hubs won't come to life until they get a tiny nudge from the computer, so the signal from the keyboard's Power key won't pass through to the computer until the computer is running.

If you insist on connecting your keyboard in this fashion, you can use the Power button on the CPU to start up your Mac.



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Intermediate - Oh, Canada - 6/12

Our northern neighbors may have noticed that when they select Canada in OS 9's Mac OS Setup Assistant's Country of Residence area, the keyboard layout, time, date, and numbers are set to the French Canadian- rather than English Canadian standard. If you prefer the non-French Canadian setup there's very little you can do about it except manually enter your preferred values in the Numbers, Date & Time, and Keyboard control panels.

Intermediate - Access SoundJam Options - 6/13

To change the settings for some of Casady & Greene's SoundJam plug-ins, Control-click in the plug-in's window. For example, Control-clicking in SoundJam's Eclipse plug-in allows you to change the effect's color, reaction to volume, and size of the black spot (sun) in the middle of the effect. Note: Not all plug-ins include configuration options.

For previous tips and all other Macintosh help, please go to:

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdhelp/filters/macintosh/>

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The User Group Connection

HMUG members are encouraged to subscribe to the UGC Mac member listserv. Email to **mug-member-request@ugconnection.com** "subscribe" in subject line.

About This Particular Mac

ATPM is a free newsletter packed with news, tips and opinions. It is presented in the stand-alone document format DocMaker, a product of Huntsville's own Green Mountain Software. Issue 4.05 has a very nice summary of shortcuts under *Op Ed: The Personal Computing Paradigm*. Current and back issues can be acquired from the ATPM Web Page:

<http://www.atpm.com>



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Apple User Group Bulletin - May 26

edited by Keith Putnam

Community News

Apple Shirts, Caps and Posters Available Online

We all know you can never have enough Apple logo items. Fortunately, Apple has just released an Apple Advocate offer with Mac OS X T-shirts, long-sleeve logo shirts, Think Different caps and more. Get them before they're gone.

<http://www.apple.com/thinkdifferent/tshirts/>

Meet the MUG Center

The MUG Center, in association with The Mac Show and The Hershey Apple Core, is pleased to announce the Web's newest resource for Macintosh User Groups.

The MUG Center offers information for and about Macintosh User Groups from all perspectives. With links to a wide variety of resources, all focused squarely on the MUG community, the site features

articles, essays and more. The MUG Center helps user groups do more and do it better.

Visit The MUG Center now to participate in the first project/contest — the design of the MUG Center logo.

<http://www.mugcenter.com/>

User Groups Helping Schools

What happens when an Apple User Group receives a \$5,000 grant and partners with a local high school?

The User Group Academy awarded grants to user groups at the San Francisco Apple User Group Breakfast in January, and the results so far have been incredible. In this first story, learn what Maryland Apple Corps and the local Dulaney High School have achieved, with the help of a \$5,000 grant, in their "Teachers and Technology to Go" program.

<http://www.user-groups.net/UGAcademy/Grants/MDApple/>

Wanted: Unusual MUG Members

We're looking for unusual, outstanding or otherwise noteworthy user group members to profile in an upcoming web story about why people join user



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groups and what they get out of them. We are particularly interested in professionals, entrepreneurs and others who have accomplished a great deal in their professional lives. User group members are often stereotyped as nerds, geeks and hacks — it's time to put a different face on Mac users. Write to

usergroups@apple.com

about your outstanding members.

Deals and Stuff

Apple MUG Store Specials

Now's a great time to look at the MUG Store.

If you've ever even thought about getting an iMac, especially one of the 400 MHz DV models with its dazzling video editing capabilities, it's a great time to be a user group member. The MUG store has package deals with free scanners and free speakers in addition to great prices on new and refurbished iMacs.

For something more powerful, how about \$1249 for a 350 MHz G4 tower? Or \$1649 for a Xerox color laser printer? Or, as always, we can set you up with a new customized G4 tower up to 500 MHz or any

other Apple product at the best possible prices. With our exclusive "trade-up" program, it might cost a lot less than you think to upgrade your old Mac to a G4.

If you're looking for great deals on assorted peripherals, we have a tremendous offering of Apple Open Box product. Things like extra envelope trays for LaserWriters, PowerBook batteries, Airport cards and bases, Firewire cards, StyleWriter accessories and more.

And just to show that the MUG Store is your Complete Mac Source, we still have our special discounts available on our pre-owned computers. With a selection of over 200 units, there is bound to be just the right deal for you to add another inexpensive Mac to your workplace or home.

And no matter what you order, if it's over \$300 all you have to do is ask for your free Muggy Bear, Apple Tote Bag and iMac T-Shirt. And that's in addition to the points your user group receives for every purchase.

<http://www.applemugstore.com/>

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Lorene Romero, Dealmeister

Everyone wants great deals on the best Mac software and hardware. Fortunately, we've got Lorene Romero on our side. Some of you may know Lorene as the president of the North Coast Macintosh Users Group and a member of the User Group Advisory Board.

What you may not know is that she's also the queen vendor schmooze — scouring the planet for user group deals. If you have any leads, please pass them along to her at

ncmug@mac.com

so she can work her magic for all. Check out some of the great deals below, and stay tuned for what may be next....

Telex USB MicroPhone User Group Promotion

If you are interested in voice dictation or chatting on the Internet with voice or video, you may want to check out this special offer from USBStuff. USBStuff carries several cool items in-stock that are compatible with Mac OS 9.0.4. Any Apple user group member is entitled to free shipping by UPS if they include their respective user group name in the

comments field of their on-line order. These offers will be good through Labor Day, September 4, 2000.

<http://www.usbstuff.com/macuse.html>

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Macintosh User Group Store

The Macintosh User Group (MUG) Store contains exclusive offers on Apple factory refurbished equipment, third-party products and other merchandise (U.S. groups only).

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Virtual Mailbox

Virtual Mailbox is a private web site containing Apple marketing materials available to all user group members (worldwide).

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Apple User Group FAQ

Your most commonly asked questions about the Apple User Group Program answered in one easy place.

<http://www.apple.com/usergroups/>



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Microsoft Intellimouse® Explorer™

by Lance Roggendorff

At first glance, you might think that the Explorer belongs on the deck of the Enterprise, with its sleek styling and metallic coloring. Take a closer look, and you find that it very well could hold its ground technologically in a Sci-Fi flick. Using new IntelliEye™ technology, the Explorer has more precise tracking than a normal ball mouse, and will not become “sticky”, or lose precision over time. The mouse has a tiny camera that takes 1,500 pictures per second of the surface that it’s moving over. An 18 MIPS (Million Instructions Per Second)

processor is used to translate what the camera sees into cursor movement.

This mouse is one incredible machine hardware-wise. Surprisingly enough, Microsoft did a right good job on the software end too (One of the guys that worked on the software worked with my dad during the summer of 1999. He was smart enough to leave Seattle to come to Huntsville, but then he went to Baltimore, so ...?). The Explorer has a total of five user-programmable buttons, which are all controlled with (you guessed it) a control panel by the name of IntelliPoint. The interface is clean, and intuitive, and took no time at all to learn. It allows the user to assign one of various tasks to each button, and these settings can be made application-specific. This means that you can set the two buttons on the thumb-side of the mouse to Option-Click and Command-Click while in the Finder, and Back and Forward a webpage when using a web browser. There is no transition when switching between applications. The change of the button’s function is immediate.

See the screen shot of the IntelliPoint control panel on next page.



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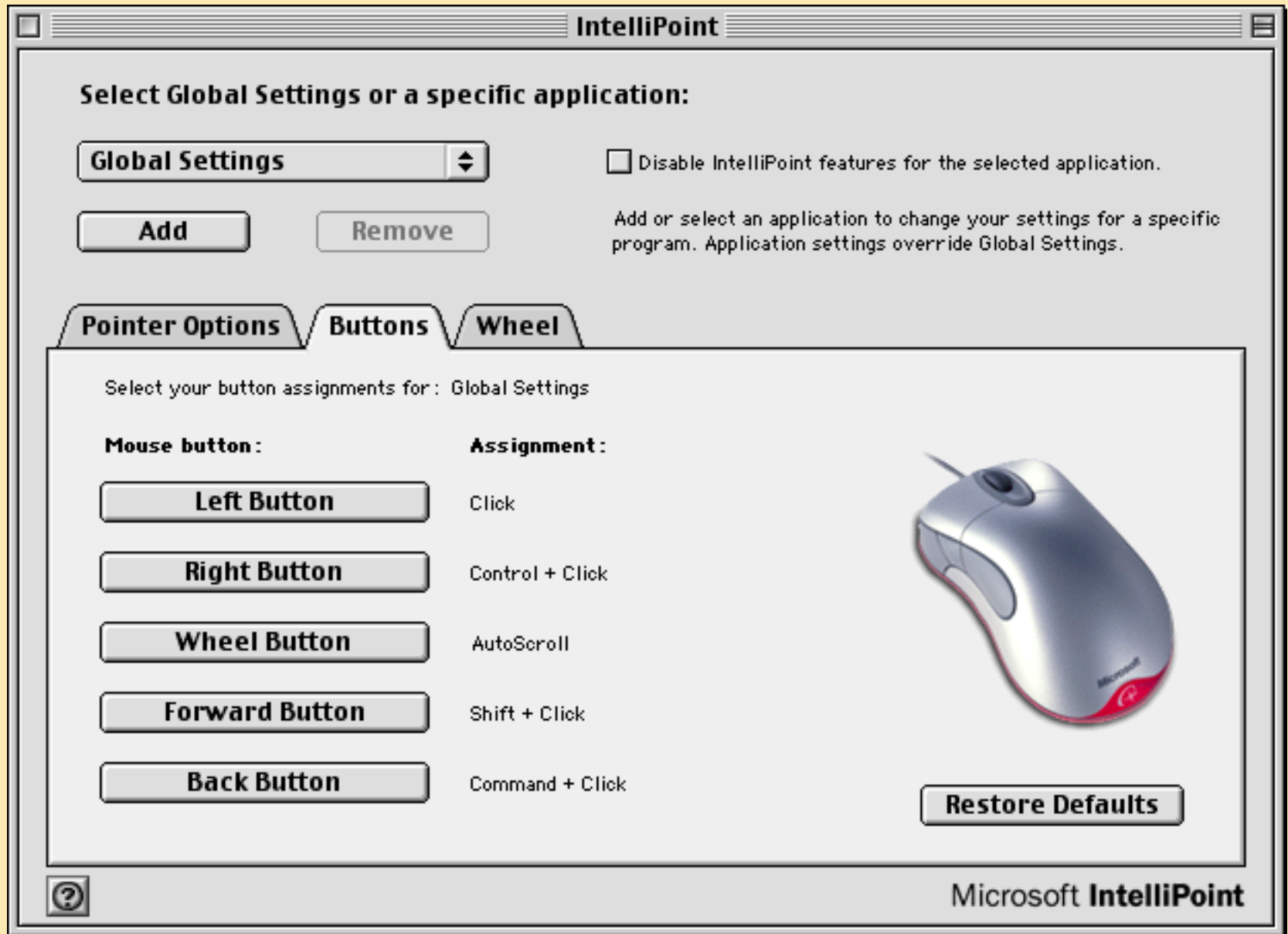
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Screen Shot of the IntelliPoint Control Panel

One might think that five buttons is a bit much. But, help to keep it extremely comfortable and easy to the way they are distributed, and the mouse's shape, use. It's a nice since of freedom not having to stay

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constrained to the boundaries of your mouse pad. With the Explorer and its IntelliEye™, you can roam free. To your pants leg, your chair, the floor... I have used it on thick-pile carpet without a glitch. The only surfaces you should steer clear of are extremely low-contrast surfaces such as a white piece of glossy paper (bond white works, fine), or something extremely complex such as a photograph of flowers. It's really up to experimentation, though. The thing to look for is high-contrast repetition. That gives the camera something to work with.

Even though the Explorer doesn't come with Mac drivers, it was relatively easy to download and install them. The URL (Universal Resource Locator) is included on the box. It's very convenient that it is a USB (Universal Serial Bus) device, because it's hot-swappable, which means that you can plug and unplug it from the Mac without worrying about frying anything, and its actually pure cross-platform — if you have the right drivers, of course. This is handy if you want to show off your mouse to your Window-using pals (of course, it would be a lot

more fun to just take your G4 over, now wouldn't it?).

So far there have only been very minor incompatibility issues with the drivers. The first version had a problem with using the scroll-wheel with HTML (HyperText Markup Language)-Mail in Outlook Express, but Microsoft provided a bug-fix update reasonably quickly. The Explorer did not work well with Quake III or Unreal, but when I disabled the customizations in the IntelliPoint control panel, it worked fine. Other than that, I haven't noticed any problems — well, there is one: since it is a little hard to pick up, it doesn't work as well on small mouse pads. As with any product, though, it might be different for each system, so don't think that just because it's all peaches for me, it will be for you too. In a perfect world...

Overall, the Explorer is well worth the \$47.00 (lowest price on

www.pricepulse.com

The customability, the ease-of-use, and the great looks, all combine to make this one great mouse. Way to go Microsoft! (for once...)



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Setting Up Cable Internet Access Through Knology (Cable Alabama)

provided by Brett Frazier

Internet access through Knology is fast and very easy to set-up. The only problem is that the Mac connections are so few and far between that the technicians cannot remember how they set-up the last Mac. The installation comes with a 15-step cheat sheet for Windows PCs. Following is the FIVE step set-up for the Mac. That's ten steps less than a Windoze PC which is another good reason for owning a Mac.

1. Go to Control Panels and select TCP/IP.
2. Select Connect via: Ethernet.
3. Select Configure Using DHCP Server.
4. Connect cable to cable "modem".
5. Connect cable modem to ethernet jack.

That's it in a nutshell and will get you on the internet. Before doing much more you will need to

update all internet settings to reflect your new email address, mail and news server.

Cable internet access is \$49.99 by itself. Bundle it with cable TV and the price drops to \$39.9. Add local phone service, which by the way is \$3 cheaper than the local Bell, and the price drops to \$29.99. I am paying \$15 more than my old ISP but I believe it is worth the extra money. You can go to

www.cablea.com

and check to see if internet access is available in your area. Knology is currently working from outside in. If you are in Madison or the outskirts of Huntsville than there is a good chance that access is available at your address.



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Submission Specifications

Deadline for the Newsletter

The deadline for the newsletter is the first Saturday of the month. That gives us about five days to get the publication ready for reproduction.

Remember the five Ws -

When turning in news items or announcements, try to answer as many of the following questions as possible: *Who?*, *What?*, *When?*, *Where?*, and *Why?*.

Formatting Submissions to the MacNews

Step 1 - Create the text in your favorite word processor. Please identify yourself by inserting a “by line” after the title. Create the graphics in your favorite application. Keep the graphics and text files separate. Refer to the graphics in the text by Figure or Table number.

Step 2 - Save the text as Text Only (TXT) format, or in the Interchange Format (RTF).

Step 3 - Save the graphics in a format suitable for importing into PageMaker such as PICT, EPS, or TIFF.

Step 4 - Use the Figure or Table numbers to name the graphics files and an abbreviated name of the article for the text and graphics files. For example an article about *Norton Utilities* could have the following filenames:

NorUtil-Text.rtf

NorUtil-Fig01.pict

NorUtil-Fig02.pict

NorUtil-Fig03.eps

Step 5 - Place everything in a *single* folder before submitting.

Alternate - If you cannot do the steps above, then send your submission in anyway that you can and we will attempt to read the files.



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We Invite You To Join Us!

Join your fellow Macintosh users in a free spirited evaluation of software, or ask the membership at large for help with your own problems. Each meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and features a demonstration or a tutorial. All members have access to the group's large library of public domain software, books and videos. Members also receive a free membership on the local bulletin board service. All of this and a monthly newsletter for only \$25 per year (families may join for only \$30).

Visitors are always welcome, you do not have to be a member to join us at our meetings.

Business Meeting

2nd Saturday of Each Month

Huntsville Public Library Auditorium.

First door on the right at entrance at 10:00 a.m.

Informal Meeting

4th Saturday of
Each Month
at 10:00 a.m.

Saint Stephen's church is the location for the Informal Meeting. The church is on the west side of Whitesburg, and is the second church up from Lily Flagg. Drive into the parking lot on the left side of the church. Walk up the steps on the south side of the church and go through the double doors. Turn left immediately to enter the hall where we meet.

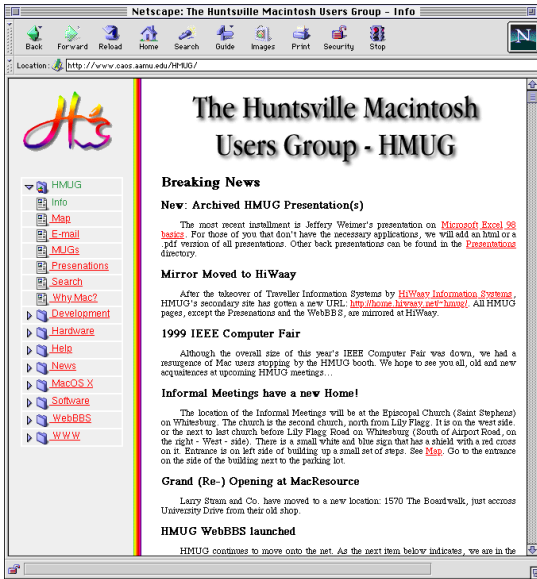


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Web Site

Visit our web site to get current HMUG news or to link to a cornucopia of Macintosh material on the world wide web. The HMUG Uniform Resource Locator (URL) is:

<http://www.caos.aamu.edu/HMUG/>

(our Web Masters are Marius Schamschula and Keith Putnam.)

Newbies are Welcome

HMUG is dedicated to the new user as well as those who have more experience. We have a special session at our Business Meeting for those who need the kind of help that cannot be provided by suggestions made during "Flashes." Our special session starts at 9:00 a.m. and we have people available to answer most any question you might have.

Remember, we are a community service organization and you do not have to be a member to attend our meetings or receive our help.



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**We invite you
and your family
to join fellow Macintosh
enthusiasts in a
user-friendly organization**

All of our meetings have a lively "Flashes" session, where members discuss new products, tips, and shortcuts; or ask the membership at large for help with their problems. Each meeting features Product Demonstrations or Tutorials; plus Drawings for valuable products. Members also receive a free Mac Attack FirstClass™ BBS Membership and our monthly newsletter MacNews. All for \$25 a year (family memberships are \$30).

Business Meeting: Second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Huntsville Public Library auditorium.

Informal Meeting: Fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church at 8020 Whitesburg Drive (see map inside). As you drive in, go to the parking lot on your left. Ascend the steps and enter the double doors. Turn left immediately and enter the meeting hall.

Visitors are always welcome!

Maps to HMUG Meeting Places



The Mac Attack BBS

Mac Attack currently has hundreds of megabytes of share-ware, freeware, and the HMUG library. HMUG's Mac Attack FirstClass™ Graphical User Interface



(GUI) Bulletin Board Service (BBS) System provides fast access via a SupraExpress 33.6k bps V.42 bis NMP 2-5 modem generously donated by:



A Macintosh Users Resource Center

Getting on the BBS

The FirstClass client software is available on-line (see our Web Site); how-ever, any standard communication package can be used.

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 E-mail..... ghintze@aol.com
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Membership Application

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- Individual membership (\$25 per year)
 Family membership (\$30.00 per year)

please check one

- New Member
 Renewal

Last Name

First Name(s)

Street

City State Zip

Date

Check the method you would prefer to be contacted by

Home phone

Work phone

FAX

Home E-mail address

Work E-mail address

Permission to notify you via e-mail or phone of special events and upcoming programs? Yes No

When HMUG signs members up with HiWaay Information Services (a local Internet Service Provider), the fee for the first month is rebated to HMUG. Would you like more information on HiWaay? Yes No

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If you use this mailer, remember to staple your check to the mailer, or tape the sides closed.

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