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### President's Peelings

By L.E. "Tuck" Tucker



What kind of newsletter do you want to see? I must admit that I had to be called over six times to get something down in writing for the newsletter. Thoughts of the old days came back, from when I used to publish the newsletter. I tried to scrounge articles from the Quick Connect, and online sources to fill the newsletter. But, what is it that we enjoy the most? Articles that are written by our members about what we are doing with our computers.

I still am having to look at a green screen monitor, thanks to Joe Durst for the loaner, as my RGB monitor bit the dust. I must admit that I am not as ready to sit down to the keyboard as I used to be. Although that fact should not be used for an excuse for not writing for the WAC Journal.

What I would like to propose is that you, yes all of you, attempt to get your name in print in OUR OWN newsletter. I enjoyed reading about Harry's poetry, and reading about using the computer in the class room.

Hear ye, Hear ye! Focus Electronics has sold the Education Sales to The Computer Store. We should see a new resale store in Salem

**Meeting Notes**  
**February 21**  
**Hyperstudio Demo**  
**BBS Discussion**

within 10 weeks. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates.

That's all for now, I'll see what I can come up with for the next newsletter, only a little sooner. How about joining me. By the way, Monmouth is no longer long distance, so send your article via modem.

(Ed.note...I can accept articles via modem and it isn't too difficult after you've done it a couple of times. If you are having any problems call Larry or Neal and they should be able to talk you through it. That's what they did with me. Both of their articles came via modem. I was not confident I could do it but I did with their help.)

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#### Meetings-Regular Membership

The Regular Membership Meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month, with a start time of 7:00 p.m.. The meeting is held on the Chemeketa Community College campus, in Building 2, Room 113. The general public is invited to attend.

#### Meetings-Board of Directors

The Board of Directors Meeting is held a half hour before the regular meeting at the same location.

## Editor's Notes

By Bobbi Kirk

I've been reading lately that the Apple II line is on the way out...sound familiar? A lot of people seem to think that the introduction of the Mac LC means that the Apple II is dead. Since I don't have a crystal ball I can't say what the future will bring for the Apple II but I do know I will be using mine for a long time to come.

I have also talked to many of the club members and very few of them are pushing their machines to their limits. In fact, in most cases they tend to concentrate on one or two major areas of computing, like word processing and graphics, and the other abilities of their machines are not used. Very few of us can afford or would use a Macintosh. I don't think the Apple company understands that or maybe they just don't care about the "average", non-professional computer user. That attitude will cost them a lot of sales this year!

If there is any interest shown we may have our own bulletin board! Neal Layton, who is co-sysop of the Apple II section of the Salem library bulletin board, (and VP of WAC) is willing to start one for WAC. Please read his article in the newsletter and give him some feedback at the February meeting. I know more and more of you have modems but how many of you are using them on a regular basis? I certainly didn't use mine very often. Now that Monmouth, Independence and Dallas are able to call Salem toll-free more of us can use our modems without destroying our budgets!

Larry's suggestion last month to sponsor some workshops seems like an excellent idea to me. There are many people (whose computers are sitting in some dusty corner) who just need a little help to become computer enthusiasts!

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## Teachers' Column

By Kirk Gamble  
and Darrell Robertson



I said I would give some more information on just what goes on at Gervais Elementary with computers. As it happened this past month, the school recently formed a computer committee to work on plans for the future. I gladly joined that committee and promptly got to attend a half day presentation of the computer program at Aumsville Elementary. I was impressed and would like to detour to just what I saw there.

It was quite evident that they have several people on staff that work well with computers including a certified Apple repairman. They embarked on computer education about 10 years ago with the goal to have a computer in every classroom. They surpassed that so they set up a computer lab with about 30 computers and several printers. Individual teachers can take their class there for instruction. They also hold a computer club period in the lab.

We visited a 4th grade class where the teacher uses a PC viewer to do various computer programs. I liked the way the students would take turns to come to the computer to solve a problem then pick another student to solve the next problem. The whole class was so attentive with the activity that the teacher could meet with small groups at the back of the room as the computer activity was going on.

The school library was in the middle of putting their books on a computer system. They had bought into a library system which was not Apple. It seemed like quite an undertaking for a small library, but the librarian has the computer background.

The final presentation told

of continuing plans to improve computer education at Aumsville. The presentation was done with Hyper Card.

This was the first school I have been in that has moved computer education to the forefront of the curriculum. I liked what I saw.

### Education Special Interest Group

We are getting squared away with Apple as being a user group with an education SIG. They sent a packet of materials that has a heavy emphasis on Macintosh.

They sent a Mac Educational Software Guide, a plan for designing a computer education program in a rural school that will last into the future, true stories about Mac in schools, Mac writing resource guide, and a single page letter that I would like to quote part of:

"As a result of ongoing testing and analysis, Apple has found that in a low-load environment (for example, no SCSI devices are attached), the Apple IIGS Logic Board does not draw sufficient current for some power supplies. This can result in power supplies failing prematurely. Apple has created a Repair Extension Program to correct this problem."

If you are interested in any of this material, see me at the meeting.

### Editor's Notes (cont. from page 2)

Let's hear some suggestions from members on topics of interest for a workshop. Remember, nothing is too basic or too advanced to cover.

If there is a program you're interested in I'm sure we can find someone with the expertise and desire to teach a workshop on it!

One area we haven't touched

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## Who's Who in WAC



### Using the IIGs for Business II

By Frans Geerlings

My wife, Linda, and I purchased our computer in 1986 under the guise of, "The kids will benefit". I don't think that our two kids are using it more than 5% of the time as I monopolize the beast.

Having a regular job, at first I played games and all of that, but when Linda and I decided to go into business for ourselves I realized the potential of the IIGS.

We started having to deal with many customers and about 20 dealers who were going to sell our "First day covers". "First day covers" are envelopes with a stamp affixed and a cancel on the first day that particular stamp came out. We then design a picture related to the stamp subject on the left side of the envelope, and hand paint it in watercolors.

At first Appleworks seemed to be the perfect way of keeping track of customers and dealers, and we did this for 2 years, with spreadsheets, databases and the word processing module. However, when tax time came around we noiced how inadequate this system really was.

We then purchased "Manzanita Business Works Bundle". This was indeed the answer! Not only is this a full fledged business program with invoicing, purchasing, inventory, general ledger, labels, accounts receivable, and accounts payable, but most important it is also a double entry program and saves a lot of time.

The reports we can generate are phenomenal and very detailed, giving us instant recall of important data

such as where we spend our money, which customer owes us, daily and monthly sales figures, what-if situations, etc., all well worth the \$265.00 we spent on it. You can run Manzanita with two 3-1/2" drives but you will have to swap several times.

I feel a hard drive is almost a necessity so we use a CMS 20. Also Manzanita Software was very helpful in getting us up and running.

We produce for our business approximately 4 to 6 newsletters a year. This is done with Publish It! 3, which is a great program for publishing, especially when you have a lot of public domain fonts on your disk. I think I have 116 fonts in my font folder but I would have to get out of this program to find out, so you will just have to take my word for it.

Now I still play with the computer but I have since advanced to Hyperstudio, and a Quicky scanner, and I like to go online to see what is new in the graphic areas of America Online.

### Editor's Notes (cont. from page 3)

on much is computer peripherals such as hard disk drives, modems, and printers. All of us use peripheral devices but don't know much about them or how to use them to the fullest. Another area we haven't heard much about is music. The IIGs is particularly suited to music applications but we haven't really covered that in any meetings or discussions I've been a part of. Any interest out there?

There is a great letter to the editor in February's A+/InCider from Roger Wagner. I would encourage all of you to read it since he mentions features of the IIGs that I will bet you're not aware of. He also focuses on multimedia, which he feels will be very important in the 90's.

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# BBS For WAC?

By Neal Layton



For some time now I've been toying with the idea of starting and running a BBS. For those of you that aren't familiar with the term it stands for Bulletin Board System. Those of you with modems already understand what I'm talking about but for those of you who don't I'll explain a little.

A Bulletin Board System or BBS for short, is a computer and modem set up to receive calls from other computers with modems. The host computer or BBS program allows people to call in and leave electronic mail, read messages and transfer files. Some commercial BBS services even offer more things like airline reservations and mail order software or computer accessories. A BBS is also a place to electronically meet people of similar computing interests. You can exchange ideas, information, tips and even programs to any one who logs on. You will also be able to get answers to questions or to problems from someone who knows or has already tried doing what you have in mind.

The message sections are usually divided into areas called forums. Most BBS's typically have 5-10 forums on just about any topics the owner and/or users decide they want. They can be as specific as a certain program such as Appleworks GS or they can be much more unrestrained such as operating systems. Well I finally have all of the items I need to run a BBS. They are as follows: an Apple //e with an extra 1024K memory, a Sider 10 Meg hard disk, a 1200 baud modem, a spare and dedicated phone line and the heart of the whole system- the BBS software. This is where I need your help. Before I can start the BBS a number of decisions need to be made.

I would like to get some input on the following questions:

1. What should the name of the BBS be?
2. What topics should the forums cover?
3. How many forums should we have?
4. How much time per logon session should be allowed?
5. Should it be an all Apple // (or compatible) BBS with no support or compassion for other types of computers (my vote here is yes!!)
6. What types of File transfer areas do you what to see.

BBS's can be a lot of fun if they are supported right and they appeal to the interests of more than one person.

Those of you with modems that would like to help out, let me know your ideas.

Those of you without modems should consider purchasing one so you can see how much fun BBSing can be.

Let me know.

Editor's Notes (cont. from page 4)

Anyone interested in learning a bit more about this new area of computing should come to the February meeting and see some of the features of Hyperstudio, which is a great hypermedia program for the IIGs. Frans Geerlings will give us a demo of the program and some of the stacks other users have created with it.

I understand small children are creating stacks so possibly it won't be too difficult for some of us "grown-ups" to work with?

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