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KansasFest ( as reported by several members on American on-line)

TMS Peripherals.

TMS Peripherals was selling the Ramfast 2.01 upgrade ROMs.

Apple Computer.

Apple was showing their new system SS6.0 for the IIGS. The new systems software comes on 5 (yes, five!) disks.

and should be available around September this year.

The few items that reportedly have changed are as follows: You will be able to read Apple-Dos 3.3 and Apple Pascal files in GS/OS 6.0.

The new HFS FST will enable you to read and write to Mac disk format.

The new control panel system is not quite like the Mac system 7.0.

Opening up the NDA Control Panel launches a series of individual windows, one for each control panel device. Each window is different and has different functions.

There will be new drivers for Apple's Stylewriter and a driver for their flatbed scanner. The approximate cost for all disks will be \$49.95.

Hyperstudio.

Hyperstudio is coming out with version 3.0 (probably in September). This will have new transitions, new button actions etc.

Hypercard.

Hypercard IIGS 1.1 is due out later this fall with many improvements.

Emerald Vision

Two new paint programs will be released, one 3200 color and one 256 color.

Claris Corp.

No new AWGS but they promise that system 6.0 will do fantastic things for AWGS.

Meeting Notice

**Our next meeting will be on August 15, 1991, at The Computer store on Ferry street in Downtown Salem.**

**Topic: HyperCard GS**

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**Meetings-Regular Membership**

The regular membership meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month, with a starting time of 7:00 p m.. The meeting is held at the Computerstore at 444 Ferry Street S.E. (downtown Salem). The general public is invited to attend.

**Meetings - Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors meeting is held before the regular meeting or as otherwise arranged.

**Annual Membership Dues**

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Contributing writers are needed, especially for the Who's Who column. This is a member written column dealing with what each individual is doing with their computer, what kind of computer and programs you use, and how long you've had your computer. I can accept your article at any time

**New Members and Reinstatements**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS;**

**TOM KIRK  
BEVERLY THOMPSON  
KENNETH ROBE**

**RENEWALS;**

**DAVID BARTLETT**

## Editors Notes

By Frans M. Geerlings

I would like to thank Bobbi Kirk for all of the wonderful newsletters she has published in the past. I think it is going to be very hard to follow her in her footsteps. I am going to have to try.

One reason I took on this job as editor of the WAC Journal was mainly a selfish reason, as I truly like to publish news letters and hope to be a pro at it some day.

Another reason is that I feel that one of the most important aspects of any club is good communications between members. The best way to convey all information is through a club newsletter. I joined WAC only a few years ago and found very little time at first to attend the meetings. Now, however, I make it a point to attend as there is always something new to learn, or someone has a story to tell (be it a horror story or a happy story) that makes you feel that you're not alone with your computer.

I noticed the last few months that most of our members are not using the Apple Computer to their fullest potential. What I hear from most members is that they are using primarily Appleworks or Appleworks GS (AWGS). There is so much more, especially for the IIGS users. Graphics is one usage; others are: Music, Modeming, Games, Paint programs, Scanners, Hypermedia, Etc.

We really can't complain about the software manufacturers not putting out enough software, although we always want more. There is so much out there that has not been purchased yet that I am wondering if there may be a lack of purchasing power for these programs. That in turn may keep the manufacturer holding off on new developments.

The Apple computer is indeed an amazing machine. Speaking for myself as a GS owner, I feel my machine is still not out-dated, despite the fact that I do not own an Accelerator card, or more installed ram.

If you own a paint program try to make some super art on your computer and share it with your club members.

If you have some stacks developed in Hypermedia we would like to see them.

Another thing I feel is most important is having a hard drive! I would not know what to do without it and would borrow, beg and maybe even steal to get it replaced if (knock on wood) it would fail.

The hard drive will immediately give you a desk top on your screen as soon as you turn your computer on. This will show you exactly how much memory there is available, what other disks there are on line, and all the software programs that you've installed on your hard drive. You can check your desk accessories under the Apple Icon. You can swap disks, copy disks, delete files, copy files, arrange, rename, make new folders, format, etc., all in a matter of seconds.

If you only have one 3-1/2 inch disk drive, however, then you are limited to just the program that you like to

use at that particular moment. If you are lucky the software manufacturer has put some of the above items in the start-up files, otherwise you will have to insert the systems disk and reboot.



I was impressed with this picture.. I pulled it from American On-Line, originally in GIF format then converted to DHR(double high resolution).

## Teachers Column

By; Darrell Robertson

May 18, 1991. Over 2000 educators nationwide assembled at the Red Lion Hotels next to the Columbia River in Portland for the 20th Northwest Council for Computer Education (N.C.C.E.). It lasted three days and consisted of workshops, exhibits, numerous sessions and field trips to nearby schools. I was privileged to be a part of this because of a grant given to our school, Middle Grove Primary, in Salem.

It seemed like most everything was geared for Macintosh users, or was it just my imagination? There was, however, a small agenda for the Apple II Users. There were frequent HyperStudio sessions at one exhibit. For attending the 30 minute session, you would receive a free stack.

There were quite a few drawings for software sponsored by Learning Services out of Eugene. The biggest drawing held at the very end of the conference was for a Macintosh LC with a 40 meg hard drive.

There was a presentation that showed the world's first high school yearbook, The Electronic Eugenean (Eugene, Oregon), on a CD-ROM disc. You could experience the sound and animation that accompanied class pictures, athletics, academics, articles and advertising.

What will technology hold for us in the 90's? A 3 1/2 inch disk will probably hold from 100 to 150 megabytes of information. All of your medical history will be on one small card that can be carried with you. A camcorder (very powerful and extremely expensive) will be the size of a small microphone. I actually saw one, but it is not for commercial use, yet

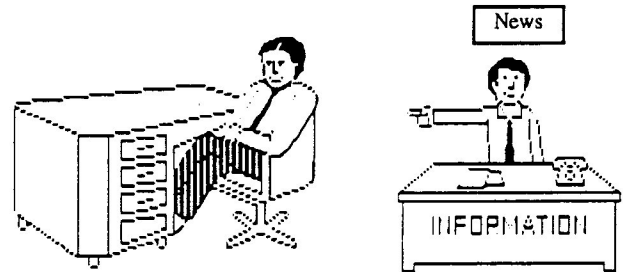
I came back with many "Language Arts" ideas. Software was demonstrated such as Children's Writing and Publishing Center, Magic Slate, McGee, Dinosaur Days, Creature Capors, Playroom, Paint with Words and Mystery Objects. Kids get excited producing prose, poetry and reports on the computer and they catch on quickly! It was a very worthwhile conference.

## Presidents Message

By Lawrence Tucker

No Presidents article was available this month.

Moving to SCIO must have taken it's toll.



We are looking forward to next month's article(s)

I DON'T HAVE ANYONE FOR THIS  
COLUMN THIS MONTH !!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN SHARING THEIR  
PERSONAL  
THOUGHTS AND COMPUTER USAGE,  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

CALL 581-5284

Neal Layton  
Hypercard GS my first impressions....

What is hypercard? Good question! It is very similar to HyperStudio for the GS, but for those that are not familiar with either program I will try to explain a little.

Hypercard GS is a software package that lets you control the way you use text, graphics and sound on your Apple //GS. Think of Hypercard as an electronic stack of index cards. Each card in the stack is capable of doing anything you program it to do. (More on programming stacks later) You can program a database stack to record your inventory of cassettes and CD's or you can create a stack to show your graphics files in a slideshow type format. Hypercard stacks can display text or receive input and then react to the types of input given. Because Hypercard is on a computer it can do many things ordinary index cards can't do. Hypercard stacks can contain games or even control other equipment.

Now a little bit about the programming. You can use Hypercard GS and never learn a bit about programming it. There are already stacks written that play games, tell time, recipe databases, alarm clocks & diaries. There is even a stack that graphically displays the 'Periodic Table of Elements' and when you click your mouse on any element the screen switches and tells you all about that particular element. So if you want you can just use stacks that are already programmed and never worry about programming at all. By the way the programming language is called "HyperTalk", kinda cute don't you think!!

Using HyperCard GS is very easy, all you need to now how to do is point and click with your mouse and you'r set. Over all I think it is a very powerful program with very few limitations. One major set back is the speed at which it executes commands. It's very slow to react to most mouse clicks which is annoying to anyone that's used to text based programs. I guess the next item on my wish/shopping list is an accelerator chip. The manuals that come with it (there are three!!) seem to very good and informative, which was a nice surprise since most software programs (from Apple) lack in this area.

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## Classified

If you have anything for sale please call Frans Geerlings at 581-5284. He will see to it that it gets published in the next newsletter.

### For sale:

**Stickybear Math 2 (multiplication and division) for all Apple computers. For children age 7 and up on 3.5" disk.  
\$5.00 with manual and stickers. F. M. Geerlings 581-5284**

**Stickybear Math (addition and subtraction) for all Apple computers. For children ages 6 to 9 on 5- 1/4" disk.  
\$4.00 with manual and stickers.  
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This space available

### Auction

This column is going to be used by our club members to buy and sell computer related hardware and software by means of a monthly auction.

We would like to find someone that is willing to take on duties as auction chairman.. Duties will be to receive the auction lots, describe them, and make sure the news letter editor has the information for publishing all lots.

This monthly auction could be a lot of fun and save some money on items you are looking for. I, for one, have several games and software packages I would like to sell.

All software has to be on original manufacturers disks. No Copies!  
10 % of all proceeds could go to the club to benefit all of us.  
So let's hear from you! Call me at 581-5284.

## BBS News

By Neal Layton ( Sysop)

A lot has happened with the BBS since the last newsletter. The software has been upgraded to version 7.8. We've added 2400 baud capability and a few new Transfer sections. The two newest file areas are HyperStudio & HyperCard GS. These two new sections will provide all the files, hints, tips plus the latest stacks for each program. Both areas are just beginning to take shape. If you have a GS and are interested in hyper-media check out these two sections. For the //e //c user if your looking for a good database program try DB Master 5.0, it's the special shareware version. I'd like to put in a request for more //e & //c software uploads. I own a GS and the BBS software selection tends to reflect that fact. If you've got a public domain program you like or even if you've written a useful little program of your own that you think others might like please upload it.

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**Hypercard GS (my first impressions)**  
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There is a problem with the installer program supplied by Apple that is kinda of annoying also. It seems to be that no matter which directory you want to install Hypercard GS on the installer automatically puts it on the Boot disk of your Hard drive (required), and the program is six disks long!! After installing it once and checking for it on /Hard2 where I thought I put it I found it on /Hard1. So I deleted it and preceded to install it again (12 disk swaps!) figuring I must have done something wrong. This time I double checked the fact that it was to be installed on /Hard2 and guess what?? It went on /Hard1 again. The program doesn't require it to be run from the boot volume, but I guess they STRONGLY suggest it!! :) After that I had no other problems except the lack of speed in responding to the mouse clicks.

One last neat item is the ability to convert Macintosh Hypercard stack directly to Hypercard GS. this will prove to be a very valuable source of new and exciting stacks since HyperCard for the Mac has been out for quite some time now. Next newsletter a little more on HyperTalk the new programming language for Hypercard GS.

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