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Regular June Meeting Postponed....

This month's regular scheduled meeting (June 16th) is being postponed until July.

The reason for the meeting being postponed is that 'The Computer Stores Northwest' and a division of 'The Computer Stores Northwest' called '**Crazy Victor's**' has scheduled a warehouse sale that night. The information I got from the computer store says that the warehouse sale is going to be taking place on Thursday and Friday from 10am to 9pm. This means they will have no place for us to have the meeting. However those of you that wish to attend the warehouse sale might get some good bargains on some computer equipment. As far as I can tell the warehouse sale will consist of mostly Macintosh hardware

products. However the last time they had this warehouse sale they did have a whole table of Apple // stuff for sale. Supposedly this sale is to consist of all the stuff that the main stores have had a hard time selling or moving out. There is also a possibility of some software for sale. There should be stacks and stacks of stuff all over the store to look through. If your looking for bargins this might be a place to browse around for a little bit.

-- >> For those that still want to meet we are planning a '**very informal**' gathering at the sale. We will all check out the wonderful goodies at the sale and then probably move on to a restaurant nearby for coffee or pie.

In July I will bring my new HP 550c DeskJet printer and demonstrate just how easy it is to get high quality printout with off the shelf products for the Apple//.

Meeting Notice

The next meeting is
July 21, 1994.
7:30 pm

**An HP 550C printer Demo
has been arranged.**

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Meetings - Board of Directors

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Another Apple // Dealer Closes...

I just saw this on America Online the other night and thought I should post it for all to see. Apparently they are closing for good. This is the message I saw on AOL:

Path: Across the Boards!/GoodBye Big Red Computer Club

Subj: Goodbye Big Red
94-05-29 03:34:06 EDT

From: TimIlg

Yes, I was sad to see that Big Red ComputerClub is closing its doors at the end of 1994. I think I have been at member since about 1987. I brought a lot of software through them because the price was right and I liked the idea of supporting an Apple II decicated company/ club.

They showed a lot of class by giving their members warning about their closing at the end of the year. They even listed the price so that users can be paid up to their last issue and not be stuck with an unused subscription. It is very typical of their honest approach to treating their members.

Those who are not members might want to join for the last year. They promised good sale items on their remaining inventory and if my guess is right, the sale items should be great deals.

Editor's Note:

In light of this I thought I would make a list of all the companies still going strong with the help and support of the Apple // world.

Quality Computers	1-800-777-3642
Classroom Computer Co	1-800-800-5115
National Appleworks Users Group	1-313-454-1115
GS+ Magazine	1-800-662-3634
Other World Computing (Formerly LRO)	1-800-275-4576
Seven Hills Software	1-904-575-0566
Alltech Electronics	1-800-995-7773
Westcode Software	1-800-448-4250
Sequential Systems	1-800-759-4549
Digisoft Innovations	1-203-375-0837
SoftDisk & SoftDisk GS	1-800-831-2694
Parsons Engineering	1-818-966-5538
Shreve Systems	1-800-881-3971
Sun Remarketing	1-800-821-3221
Econ Technologies	1-407-365-4209
Arminius	1-609-662-3420
Pace Mark	1-800-888-5240
Vitesse	1-800-777-7344
Insync(Proterm)	1-602-992-5515
Roger Wagner	1-619-442-0522
Zip Technology	1-213-337-1810
Tulin	1-408-432-9057
///SHH System	49+89+6515150
DMA Technologies	1-805-964-0733
A2-Central on Disk	1-913-469-6502

This is as complete of a list as I can find and it is in no particular order. I have products from several of these companies and have no problems. Also notice at least half of them have 1-800 numbers still for those of you that use that as a guide to a companies financial status. The Apple // is still alive and well don't worry.

THE PROGRAM CLINIC

by Ken Franklin, M.D.

Courtesy of Club Apple U.G.
Charleston, W.Va.

Good afternoon, and what color diskettes are you using? Before we get to our first letter this month, let me remind you of the goals of this column: (1) Have fun using your Apple II. (2) Learn more so you can have fun using your Apple II. (3) Solve frustrations so you can have fun using your Apple II. (4) Have fun reading this column. I hope a pattern is starting to emerge here. On to our first question.

DEAR DR. KEN:

What IS a bad disk error? Is it a formatting error, a write or delete error or is it something inherently wrong with either the physical disk or the magnetic field laid on it? - - Fuzzy on Formatting.

DEAR FUZZY:

Yes. Next question.

Sorry, I couldn't resist. Y'see, a diskette is nothing more than a platter of magnetic stuff. Information cannot be stored on it until the magnetic stuff has a reproducible pattern applied to it, so that your Apple can find the information you read and wrote on it. So, Apple's programming gang designed a standard pattern of Sectors, Tracks, Nibbles, and Footrams, and every program expects your disk to contain them. [Ok, so I lied about the Footrams.]

If a mistake occurs in the formatting, OR in any operation that changes the disk (like writing or deleting), OR the magnetic stuff gets scratched, greasy, or chocolatey, the pattern on the magnetic stuff can be disrupted. Usually, this just occurs in one spot on the disk, and most of the disk is OK, but when the Apple looks on that one spot, or attempts to reuse that spot -- it gets confused and reports "I/O Error" or "Bad Block error" or etc. etc. The cause is irrelevant, because the cure is the same:

(1) Thank goodness you have a backup. [You don't have a backup? SHAME ON YOU!] (2) Salvage what you can from the disk. (3) If it's a floppy, reformat it or throw it away, if it's a hard drive, get a utility like ProSel 16 or Deliverance and let it mark the bad spot to keep it from being used again.

DEAR DR. KEN:

I just love your three Reliefware games for the GS: OneArm Battle, Pludert, and Milestones 2000. I play them all the time. I tell all my friends about them. I remind everyone to send in their fee. How did you ever create the amazing graphics that you use in these programs? - - Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS:

I always appreciate these unsolicited testimonials.

Thanks, Mom. I create all my graphics using a GS paint program: usually a mixture of Platinum Paint, PaintWorks Gold and Deluxe Paint II (since each of the three has some neat features). I spend most of my time in Platinum Paint. Then, I paint all of the background black and save the files as unpacked screen images. [That's file type \$C0 for all you hackers out there.]

Next, I create a database of the images in Appleworks GS, noting which screen file they're in, and the coordinates of the box that just barely surrounds them. I save this as an ASCII text file.

Finally, I have an ORCA/Pascal program that reads the database, opens each screen file, and (like a cookie cutter) "cuts" each image. Each image is then compressed and turned into a custom "image" resource, and the database itself is turned into a custom "table" resource. [For those of you with Genesys, the images are type \$0BA6 and the table is type \$0BA7.] This method has two advantages: first, if I change an image, I don't have to rewrite the whole program; and second, it keeps the images and program in one file (along with the sounds).

DEAR DR. KEN:

I've read reviews on HyperStudio and HyperCard IIGS and scripting is mentioned. What is scripting? - - HyperCurious

DEAR HYPERCURIOUS:

Both Hyper-products are easy to use because you can add objects such as backgrounds, buttons, fields of text, pictures, sounds and Footrams. [Oops! There I go again - sorry] without writing any programs. You can create interesting and complex stacks of information by just selecting options from menus and dialog boxes. However, Apple users are well known for testing limits. What if you wanted a button that played a sound, then moved to a different card, then typed "Good Morning" if the time was before noon, "Good Afternoon" if it was noon to 5, and "Good Evening" otherwise? A program that was able to understand those commands would run on a brain, not a computer.

Enter scripting. Every object in HyperCard IIGS and HyperStudio has an associated script; if you choose the easy options, the script is written for you. [For example: On MouseUp - Go To Home Stack - End MouseUp.] However, when you get crazy, you can modify the script to do many things, and include IF statements, and calculations, and even - yes, even Footrams! Scripting turns Hyper-products into true programming environments, and allows you the power and freedom to create floppy-disk works of art.

That's all for this time. [Named programs are copyrighted by their publishers, who probably have the titles protected as trademarks. This column is copyrighted by Ken Franklin. I have no idea what a Footram is.]

Computer Terms Word Search

Submitted by....Roger Hanthorn

ANSI	DATE
APPEND	DEL
ATTRIB	DEVICE
BACKUP	DIR
BATCH	DISKCOMP
BREAK	DISKCOPY
BUFFERS	DOS
CALL	DOSKEY
CHDIR	ECHO
CHKDSK	EDIT
CLS	EDLIN
COMP	EMM386
CONFIG SYS	ERASE
COPY	EXIST
COPY CON	EXPAND

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A P Y M M T G K M R A P E P K U N K Q R O R X
M F E F D O H K R V T L T G P Y O Z J P V T G
F Q K L P Y C G I S C P A O E N Z P Y K B B S
P F S L M C H K D S K S D J U N N H M L Y Y P
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U K D Z C T I S E H T V C Z T A T S G O M E Y
P K X T K N I B W W W P U X T T D T G K E H I
X F E E S B Y D R O H C E T S G L I D F M P E
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W J L A D O T W U P A I V I K N W F E S 3 P Y
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E C I V E D A H A C A C F J X E A D R K R T K
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J J G G V A K C E B E X I S T S N B P E R H C
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R U R H F Z V P B D R P G G P X C Q U H X Q K
C O P Y I C O N E D I N N X T N L K B D Q E T
G C T N O H S D L N R R E Y U Y S E O V M Z A
Q J M N E S A R E S D V E I U H H Y J Q I X O
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For Sale or Trade:

Paint/Write/Draw by Activison --- \$20
Graphics Expander Vol.1 --- \$5
Sci-Fi Classics by Infocom --- \$15
5.25" Disk Nothcer (New) --- \$4
Various Apple Manuals --- \$1 - \$5
Word Perfect GS v2.0 \$20
Contact Neal at 370-9527 Voice
363-0861 BBS

Here's another possible source for Apple// parts & pieces....

Hacker Cat
Portland, Oregon
503-762-4402

BBS News By Neal Layton

Here's part of a list of Apple // Bulletin Boards that has been on the internet for all of the millions of users to see. The WAC BBS is even on it. Meaning anyone who looks up such info on the internet plus all A2-Central on disk subscribers have this info.

The second half will be printed next month.
These are all Apple // Bulletin Boards.

International Apple II BBS List, April 1994

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Golden Delicious	Auckland, New Zealand	+64-98151285
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The Xerox Machine	New Jersey	201-827-8474
Bit Bucket	East Hartford, CT	203-257-9588
Pro-Freedom	Vancouver, WA	206-694-3276
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The Pirate's Cove	California	209-571-3839
The Mystic BBS/AE II	Stockton, CA	209-957-7372
Haz-Mat II	New York, NY	212-535-9006
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The Apple Barrel	Desoto, TX	214-223-8477
Pro-Chef	The Colony, TX	214-370-2433
Pro-Storm	Richardson, TX	214-644-5113
Twilight Of Reality	Irving, TX	214-659-0108
The Dog House	Philadelphia, PA	215-924-7871
Pro-Berks	Reading, PA	215-929-4315
Damage Incorporated	Cleveland, OH	216-328-0374
The Clinic	Rocky River, OH	216-333-4364
The Gold Mine	Maple Heights, OH	216-581-7770
Slipstream	Cleveland, OH	216-786-0876
The Space Station	Cleveland, OH	216-883-7209
Tower	Willoughby, OH	216-951-5187
GS Power	Bowvia, MD	301-464-9363
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