

From the President's Desk:

Welcome to the Arizona Macintosh Users Group™. We are really growing here at the Arizona Macintosh Users Group. Several new projects are underway including the special training symposium on Saturday May 4, 1991, a members auction on Saturday June 1, 1991 (see the special form), Microsoft training classes at Pyle Recreation Center taught with Microsoft support, the New AMUG CD, AMUG Preferred line II and National Echo mail. So, on to the details!

AMUG Hosts Symmetry, Coda and Broderbund!

On April 18, 1991 AMUG will host Symmetry, Coda and Broderbund. Symmetry will show their new multimedia product Mirah. This software package allows you to build a collection of pictures, sound and more for your library of multimedia tools. Coda will demonstrate its great MIDI tools including Finally which allows automatic music notation and printing from keyboard entry. Also will be shown is Music Prose a very nice Mac MIDI sequencing program. Broderbund plans to show TypeStyler and several other nice goodies! This meeting will be at 7:00PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at University and the Freeway. Be there early to get good seating and remember upstairs at 6:00PM is the beginners meeting.

AMUG Training Expo...

On May 4, 1991, AMUG will sponsor a special Training seminar. Over twelve classes will be available with professional trainers from around the Valley in attendance. This training EXPO will be from 10:00AM to 5:30PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at University and the Freeway. Classes include, two beginners sessions, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Works, HyperCard, Freehand, Microsoft Excel, Networks/Telecommunications, Intermediate Mac, PageMaker, Hard Disk Recovery/Virus and FileMaker. The best part of this Macintosh learning experience is that classes are only \$5.00 each, or three sessions for \$10.00. We are limited to approximately 50 registrations per class and this will be handled on a first come first served basis. So fill out the registration card in this issue and send it to AMUG, 718 E. Campbell Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234 along with any fees to reserve your spot! The hotel will cost us \$600 for the day so we need your support on this first time AMUG training EXPO. Questions call 892-5454 and ask for Michael Bean.

AMUG Preferred gets Echoes and 2nd line...

Well we have 75 AMUG preferred users now! We have contacted the phone company and effective 3-19-91 we should have a central Phoenix line for AMUG Preferred. This second line will allow on-line conferencing and our west Valley users will be able to avoid toll calls. Your support of the AMUG Preferred system is necessary to maintain this service. If you need additional time to download those large files or want the icon interface or maybe just want more options AMUG Preferred is for you.

The new central Phoenix number for preferred is (602) 437-9622.

This line will cost the group \$35 extra per month but we hope to make it up in more memberships for AMUG Preferred! Remember, this new phone line will be in addition to the existing (602) 926-4026 not a replacement. So now, (March 19, 1991) AMUG Preferred is a 2 line system with capabilities for 8 more lines. We have also connected AMUG Preferred with AMUG I, AMUG II, and Tigers Den for messaging. If you wish to use this feature, just double click on the Echoes icon and post in any of the on-line conferences available. Messages posted in any of these echoes are posted around the world to Mac Users everywhere. We hope you enjoy these new features on AMUG Preferred! To join AMUG Preferred send \$25.00 to AMUG at 718 E. Campbell Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234. Include your first name and last name and a password you wish to use. This will provide you access for 1 year. A bargain by any standard!

AMUG CD ROM...

In November of 1990 AMUG approached Apple computer and offered to provide all of the work in creating a BBS

CD for user groups across the Nation. AMUG simply wanted 15 CD's and recognition for the effort. Apple computer said they really were not interested and did not want to take the risk. We then contacted Discovery systems to see if they would consider the venture. Again, we were told no. Several other companies were approached but again and again it was no. Upon contacting Lavona who produced the NAUG CD I was told that Lavona had taken a second mortgage on her house and that the CD did not create enough income to pay the loan off.

Well at this point as you can guess it was getting pretty frustrating. We needed an AMUG BBS CD for two reasons 1). so that AMUG II and any new BBS's from AMUG that were created did not require a 600+ drive at a cost of \$2,500 instead of \$400 for a CD player. 2). this would be a great way to back up the 500 megs available on the BBS so it would never be lost. 3). We get requests from members time and time again requesting to get a copy of a large portion of the BBS. This would allow us to do it easily.

Rather than give up, a relationship was created with my company MacWizards for AMUG to be given 20 CD's instead of 15, and that regular updates of the CD would be made every six months with AMUG getting 20 CD's from every new issue at no cost. In addition, if AMUG desired to sell more than 20 CD's they would always have them available at the wholesale rate. MacWizards is required to provide all of the pressing costs, and the labor to produce the CD. AMUG and MacWizards will jointly sell this product and AMUG members will always be guaranteed the "best" price. So now a dream has become a reality and if you are interested in purchasing a "BBS in a Box"/AMUG CD containing 505 megs of all the AMUG BBS files see Mike and Lea at the best of table and one can be had for \$65.00. Check out the AMUG specials column for a CD bundling deal as well. The profits AMUG will make from this venture will be approximately \$2,500 per year and should enable us to continue to provide GREAT services.

AMUG Training...

Dorman Bullard our Tempe Coordinator has established a progressive series of Macintosh classes at the Pyle Recreation Center on Saturdays from 9:00AM to 12:30PM. Keep your eyes on the class notice in the back of this issue for your favorite topics. Microsoft has agreed to sponsor several of our training events. On April 13, 1991 Word will be taught and a series of beginners classes are scheduled as well. If you have the time to help with training please call Dorman Bullard at 962-9619 days.

AMUG Volunteers...

The Arizona Macintosh Users Group is in need of several volunteers for club services. We need the following positions filled as soon as possible and your help would be appreciated.

Education - AMUG is in the process of establishing a Macintosh educational series in disk format. We are looking for submissions by authors in mediatracks, hypercard, text format or any other format which would be on a topic of "how to" or general Macintosh education. AMUG needs your help in establishing this original works learning series. If you are interested call Michael Bean at (602) 892-5454.

MUG Products - The Arizona Macintosh Users Group is looking for products to bring to the market for User Group members and administration. The purpose of this effort is to bring new and interesting products to the Mac market that may not have been developed otherwise for the benefit of the MUG community, the developer and the Arizona Macintosh Users Group. If you have an idea for a product and wish to make it a reality. Contact AMUG at 892-5454! Our volunteers and contacts can make your ideas soar.

AMUG Representatives - AMUG is looking for a volunteer to be a representative for the distribution of newsletters and membership information at ASU, Mesa Community College and other educational groups. If you are interested in helping out call Michael Bean 892-5454.

AMUG Newsletter Reviews...

Over the years the AMUG Newsletter has always needed articles and tidbits of information. In order to establish a program to enhance the desire to review software for AMUG News™ the following is provided:

Each month in the President's desk I will list software packages available for review by AMUG members. Reviews

for the products listed will be expected within 30-45 days of receipt of the package. The member who reviews the product will have the option to purchase the reviewed item at 20% of retail value. This equates to 80% off the retail price! This program will help AMUG members acquire valuable software packages at a minimal cost, others to try before they buy and provide software for our annual AMUG fund raiser/auction as well.

If you are interested in this program call Michael Bean at (602) 892-5454 for further information.

Software that is available for review currently includes:

- 1). MidiPlay - HyperCard Midi player from Opcode
- 2). Big Time TV - HyperPro animation frame by frame for video interface.
- 3). Screen Gems - ColorDesk, Dimmer, Switch-a-Roo
- 4). Cinderella - Kids Story CD
- 5). Retrospect Remote - AppleTalk backup for up to 10 users
- 6). HyperTools#1 - 20 tools for HC 2.0
- 7). HyperTools#2 - 20 tools for HC 2.0
- 8). Freedom of the Press - Postscript Language Interpreter
- 9). TouchBASE - The personal contacts database.
- 10). Maxima - Memory extension utility and ram disk from Connectix
- 11). Data Merge - table importation - technical writing.
- 12). 1 Shot WorkSheet -Forms, SpreadSheet and calculator.
- 13). 911 Utilities - 1st Aid, undelete, Sector Collector, Virex
- 14). HyperCOM - Appletalk communication for HyperCard.
- 15). On Cue - the ultimate file launcher.
- 16). Easy Share - Network file sharing.
- 17). Smartcom II - Macintosh Telecommunications
- 18). HayesConnect - modem sharing networks.
- 19). calenDAR - Personal reminder software
- 20). Amazing Paint - full featured Paint Program.
- 21). Norton Utilities - Tools to protect data.
- 22). SAM - AntiVirus protection.
- 23). KIWI Finder - Hard Disk Organization & Retrieval Tool
- 24). Ultra Paint from Deneba
- 25). GraceLAN - Network Managers Quick Tour Guide

AMUG Specials....

800K External Special...

AMUG has negotiated a group buy on Fujitsu 800K disk drives for the Macintosh computer. These drives come with a 2 year warranty and are available for \$98.96 each. For further information on this special call Michael Bromley (602) 838-4036.

CD Bundle Special...

AMUG has negotiated a SPECIAL pricing schedule for CD players and the "BBS in a BOX" CD. This CD contains all of the AMUG "Best of" disks, Apple Technical notes, System software, HyperCard 2.0, the AMUG Show stack, newsletter stacks, and Library stacks plus ALL 6,750 FILES ON THE AMUG BBS! The CD contains descriptions of all the files in On Location and text file format. There are two options in this SPECIAL OFFER!

- 1). Purchase the Apple CD drive for \$649.00 and get the "BBS in a BOX" CD for FREE.
- 2). Purchase the NEC portable for \$449.00 with Mac interface included and get the "BBS in a BOX" CD for FREE. (a little slower drive.)

The "BBS in a BOX" CD retails at \$99.00 and is a great value. There is no better way to collect all the software, reviews, news, etc. AMUG has to offer than to participate in this one time offer. To order send the amount above plus appropriate sales tax to AMUG, CD Special offer, 718 E. Campbell Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234. For further

information call Michael Bean at (602) 892-5454.

Disk Doubler Special...

Disk Doubler the great compression and decompression tool from Salient that allows you to unpack files and can save up to 50% of your hard drive space is now being offered to AMUG members for \$40.00 to order call (415) 321-5375 and tell them you are an AMUG member, Or send \$40 to Salient software, 124 University Ave., #103, Palo Alto, CA 94301 and a note that you wish to participate in the AMUG special offer and your address.

KIWI Finder Special...

AMUG members may buy KIWI Finder extender at a 50% discount until April 30, 1991 from Josie McCullagh at (805) 685-4031. This program adds a button to your open file dialog box that allows you to view your files by your criteria, sophisticated searching, use keywords to group files, and more.

KIWI is located at 6546 Paradall Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93117.

Wayzata Technology...

Wayzata is offering AMUG members 30% off on their CD Collection. Titles include World Factbook regularly \$129 now \$90, All of MacTutor regularly \$249 now \$174, 100 Megs of Source Code regularly \$139 now \$97, North American FAX Book (150,000 business mailing addresses and FAX numbers) regularly \$495 now \$346, Place-Name-Index (over one million place names in USA) regularly \$795 now \$556, and more call Michael Bean at (602) 892-5454 to order.

Prograph 2.0 at 50% Off...

TGS Systems offers a special AMUG price to AMUG members until March 15, 1991. The special price will be direct from TGS Systems via their toll-free order line (800-565-1978) and will be a 50% discount off the list price of US \$395.00. Yes, that is right you AMUG programming types can now get Prograph 2.0 for US \$197.50, plus \$5.00 shipping. Thank Don Milani of TGS Systems for this great buy!

Once Upon a Time...

AMUG members may take advantage of a one time special in the month of March by purchasing Once upon a time volumes 1-3 at a 40% discount. These programs are normally available at \$49.95 and AMUG members may purchase them for \$29.97 by calling (800) 448-3224 ext. #34 and leave your name and number and info that you wish to participate in the AMUG special for Lynn Rushing. See the review in this issue for more info on this great childrens series.

AMUG "Best of" Stores...

The Arizona Macintosh Users Group "Best of" series can now be purchased at three locations:

- AZ Tech Computer - 4920 W. Thunderbird in Glendale (602) 921-7887
- Mesa Computer Mart - 1155 E. Main in Mesa at (602) 833-1155.
- Software City - 5515 N. 7th Street in Phoenix at (602) 264-1422

Now no matter which side of town you live on you will have access to the AMUG "Best of" series. Be sure and tell these dealers you appreciate them carrying the AMUG disks. Their efforts and your purchases keep AMUG programs the best in Arizona!

Future AMUG Events:

In the coming months AMUG™ has many events planned.

- On May 4, 1991, AMUG will host a special Training seminar. Over nine classes will be available with professional trainers from around the Valley in attendance. This meeting will be from 10:00AM to 5:30PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at University and the Freeway.

- on May 16, 1991, AMUG will entertain Word Perfect, Frame and Microsoft. With great training sessions on Word Perfect, Frame and Excel 3.0. This meeting will be at 7:00PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at

University and the Freeway.

- On June 1, 1991, AMUG will host a special member auction. Members may bring their software or hardware to the auction that they do not need and it will be sold to the highest bidder. Items may be sent to 718 E. Campbell Ave., Gilbert, AZ 85234, brought to the May 16, 1991 meeting or collected from 10:30 to 1:00PM at the auction. AMUG will receive 25% of all proceeds. The auction will run from 12:00 noon to 5:00PM. This meeting will be from 11:00AM to 5:30PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at University and the Freeway.

- On June 20, 1991, AMUG will entertain Opcode, Odesta and DeltaPoint. Great MIDI products such as Max, and MidiPlay will be provided by Opcode, Odesta will demonstrate Helix and provide a 50% discount for AMUG members on this evening only. DeltaPoint will show their new page layout program Taste and more. This meeting will be at 7:00PM in Phoenix at the Howard Johnson Hotel, located at University and the Freeway. Get a Taste of AMUG and BE THERE!

Happy Mac'ing,

Michael S. Bean
President
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Here are the latest AMUG E-Board meetings:

3-16-91 9AM AdWorks - 4745 N. 7th St. #440
4-20-91 9AM 718 E. Campbell Ave. Gilbert
5-4-91 9AM Howard Johnsons
6-22-91 9AM 718 E. Campbell Ave. Gilbert

Also please add the new AMUG preferred line 2 to the AMUG News cover.
(602) 437-9622.