

Main Meeting:

The Main Meeting was standing room only again. It began with some announcements. Dorman Bullard told us about the Live User Group TV broadcast on September 25, 1991, and reminded us to sign up if we wanted to attend.

It was good to see our President, Michael Bean at the podium making some announcements tonight. It takes a medical decree to keep Michael away from an AMUG function; and that was exactly what happened during the AMUG Mac Training Expo. Since he could not attend, he called each member of the Executive Board the night before the Expo. He wished us well and told us that he would be thinking about us. He may not have been there in body, but he was definitely there in spirit.

Michael thanked Mike O'Boyle for his time and tremendous effort in coordinating and running the second AMUG Mac Training Expo. He also thanked me and the other volunteers for helping to make the Training Expo a success.

Peter Gariepy of Zedcor was our first presenter. He did a great job demonstrating the seven modules (programs) that make up "Desk Version 3.07." Desk is in direct competition with Microsoft Works; unlike Works, each program stands alone as either a DA or application. The seven programs that make up Desk are: DeskWrite (word processor); DeskPaint (graphic program); DeskDraw (object oriented graphics program); DeskSecretary (reminder); DeskFile (data base); DeskCalc (spreadsheet); DeskCom (communications product). Another useful feature of Desk is that you can have several of the applications open at once and can cut and paste and maneuver back and forth between them.

Desk retails for \$400. Peter offered AMUG members a VERY special price — \$80 for Desk Version 3.03 with a FREE upgrade to Version 3.07. Many members found the offer irresistible. One member got even a better deal by winning a copy in the Raffle.

Questions and Answers came next. For the second month in a row Paul Valach, our Main Meeting Coordinator, handed out raffle tickets to members who asked questions. One of the tickets drawn during the raffle turned out to be a "question ticket."

The Buy/Sell portion of the meeting gave some AMUG members an opportunity to make some great deals. It also gave our next presenters a chance to finish setting up.

Alfred Gross of Kodak "warmed up" the group and did the introduction for the presentation. Keith Watanabe did the actual presentation of the two printers. Both men were entertaining and informative. The output from the printers, however, spoke for itself. In this case a picture was worth more than TEN thousand words. If you have a spare \$4500 for the "small" SV6510 printer or \$25,000 for the "Big" XL7700 printer, it might be well- worth your investment. You can see one of the printers in action at Mesa Community College. Contact Eduard Uzumekis, an instructor at MCC, at 839-6471.

Keith ended his presentation with a short discussion of Kodak Colorsqueeze "image compression software." Everyone in the audience received a copy of the decompression version of Colorsqueeze.

Jeff Geertsen completed the evening's meeting with his demonstration of the Library disks. Once again, Jeff managed to put a real variety on the disks. September's disks hold games, educational material, a conversion program, fonts, sounds, and even a program that allows you to change your menus in Excel.

Beginners' Meeting:

According to Gary Fields, leader of the beginners' meeting, this may have been the last month for System 7 being the main topic. There was standing room only for the Newcomers meeting but only six members remained for the beginners' meeting on System 7.

Disk Copiers:

Sharon Wampler, Ken Russell, Lee Steffeck, Bill Shanks, David Young, and Alex Podressoff were our disk copiers this month. Jeff Geertsen oversaw the activities and made sure that, as always, everything ran smoothly. Thanks again for your efforts everybody.

Raffle:

Jeremy Heflich assisted Mike O'Boyle at the Raffle table this month. Both presenters brought software to the raffle so members were eager to buy extra tickets. Mike and Jeremy distributed 448 tickets. This month's winners were:

Winners:

Jim Newton
Bill Unger
Rudolph Delgado
Sue Loehr
Patricia Steele
Allen Rosson
Patti Hultstrand
K. O. Burks
David Laron
L. Frank Turovich
Bill Atherton
Ralph Messner

Prizes:

Desk
Color Squeeze
Color Squeeze
BBS in a Box Vol I
BBS in a Box Vol II
Thunder Scan
Focal Point
Business Class
HyperTalk 2.0
CompuServe
Double Helix Demo
RoloShare

Demo Best Of...:

Lea and Mike Bromley were busy selling disks and books this month. AMUG has added Peachpit Press books to the Best of... Table. *"The Mac is not a typewriter"* was the biggest selling book this month. PD Pig Out was the number one seller for the disks with Goodies III coming in a close second.

Membership:

September was a banner month for AMUG memberships. Alan added 109 memberships to the list before the meeting (50 of which came during the Training Expo). We had 70 new memberships and 39 renewals. At this month's meeting 21 more people joined AMUG, and when I spoke to Alan on Friday morning (September 20) he had just collected 4 more memberships from the P.O. Box. To all our new members — WELCOME TO AMUG!

Mac Training Expo:

AMUG's second Mac Training Expo has come and gone. Except for beginning about fifteen minutes late and having a change of instructors in one class, the Expo ran smoothly and was a tremendous success.

More than three hundred people pre-registered and about seventy-five more signed up at the door. People came from around the state — from as far as 300 miles away! Most of the classes were filled to capacity, and in some cases we were forced to turn people away.

Between classes people had a chance to visit the Membership and Best Of... tables. Alan Heflich was very busy at the Membership Table. Many of the people who had come to the Training Expo as a result of the article in the Arizona Republic had never heard of AMUG. They wanted to get more information about the group and Alan was the man to see. Beside dispensing information, he also signed up 50 new members and renewed the memberships of several others.

Lea and Mike Bromley and their Best Of... Table were also very popular. New members wanted new member information and anything that could teach them more about their Macs. Others bought Best Of... disks and bought out the supply of Peachpit Books.

We gave class evaluation sheets to everyone who attended the Training Expo. The following comments came from those sheets:

"Absolutely first class! Attended the last class (in Excel last Spring) and this was in the same great tradition..."

(Microsoft Excel student)

"This has been a most rewarding day! Please plan more seminars in the future!"

(System 7.0 student)

"Excellent instructor - thorough knowledge of product and conveys it without overwhelming audience. He doesn't take his 'students' knowledge of

graphics software for granted ... Please get him back!"

(Aldus Freehand student)

"Really learned alot! At end of class, I went right out and joined AMUG 'cause I saw how much I can benefit!"

(Microsoft Word student)

Our thanks go to the instructors who gave freely (literally) of themselves, and took the time to prepare for and teach these classes. We appreciate every one of them. They are:

Kelly Dean Corder C.A.I.*
Jeremy Perez alphagraphics
Jim Moore C.S.P.**
L. Frank Turovich S.F.S.C.***
Paul Valach M.W.C.****
Tom Vorves v.c.w.*****
Dorman Bullard AMUG
Gary Fields AMUG
Abbreviations represent:
*Corder Associates, Inc
**Computer Support Professionals
***Sentient Fruit Software Co.
****Mac West Consultants
*****vortechs computer works

Jeremy Perez of alphagraphics held a drawing in each of his classes. The prize was two tickets to any movie at any Harkins Theatre. Randolph Hess won the prize in the Adobe Illustrator class. Melonie Ipatenco won the prize in the Aldus Freehand class. Jeremy forgot to have this drawing during the class, so he drew the name after most people in the class had left. He gave the tickets and a note to Melonie to Mike O'Boyle and me. We promised that we would deliver the tickets to Melonie personally (which we did on Sunday, September 15).

Special thanks go to Mike O'Boyle, the man who coordinated the second AMUG Mac Training Expo. Not only was he the man behind the scene, but also the one to whom everyone could turn during the event itself. In one case he even gave some personal one-on-one instruction to two members who found the Intermediate Mac class too advanced for them. He was

sitting at his Mac at the Registration table giving them some basic Mac training.

I personally spoke to most of you who pre-registered when I called to confirm your registrations and answer your questions about the Expo. I also had the opportunity to meet many of you in person at the Expo's Information Table. I enjoyed meeting with and talking to all of you. Thank you for participating in AMUG's second Mac Training Expo.

For those of you who were wondering — YES, there will be a third Mac Training Expo in about six months. Keep reading your Newsletters for updates and for the actual date when it becomes available.

Have a great October, and I'll see you next month.

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Gary, In case you do need to go the extra page...

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