BEST OF TABLE
by Lea Bromley
Those of you who have come to the Main AMUG meeting have probably met me and my husband Mike. We take care of the Best Of... table/software. If you have never been to one of these meetings or if it has been a long time, I will introduce us.

Mike and I are originally from the State of Washington. We got our first Mac in 1984, a 128K. No, it was not the first one out but very close. The list of available software, excluding games, was something less than 12 packages. We have continued to grow through a 512K and now have an SE. I do desk top publishing and word processing. My hero still uses MacWrite and DB Master. He's happy and both work fine.

In October of 1989, Mike Bean, Dorman Bullard, Hank Harkin, Mike Bromley and myself got together and loaded a selection of Freeware, Public Domain software and Shareware under 10 titles. These programs were collected by Mike Bean from various bulletin boards across the country to which he has access as Sysop of AMUG's own BBS. Gary Fields designed a unique AMUG disk label based on the design of the Newsletter (a Gary Fields design also) to give the disks a snazzy appearance.

The first titles were Business, Virus, Hypercard, CDEV/INIT, MAC II, DA's, Telecommunications, Utilities, Sounds, and Games. After that , second editions were added for CDEV/INIT, and Games and Soundsgrew to three editions. One new title was added, Clip Art (two volumes). In July and August, there will be revisions, new editions and a large number of new labels. Please check out the Best of table at the July main meeting for a nice surprise! (See the index elsewhere in this newsletter for a complete listing.)

What I hope to accomplish in this column is to introduce you to the people and programs that have and are going to keep this service alive and well, and to pique your interest in helping to keep the Best Of... series up to date and responsive to what is really the best. Your ideas and suggestions are needed. If you run across a program, jot down the name and location of the program along with your name and phone number and drop it off at the Best Of... table at the main meeting, or upload it to the BBS addressed to Lea Bromley. (I am also a point on Copernicus.) If you're so inclined, load it onto a disk and bring it to the meeting, I'll trade a blank disk.

If you have an idea for a complete disk, again, let me know at the meeting or via BBS. Try to collect the names and locations of some candidate software for inclusion. If your idea is used, you will receive a free copy of that disk plus one other title of your choice.
As a note to all, please remember the software/program nominated must be Freeware, Shareware, or Public Domain.