The Arizona Macintosh Users Group, Desktop Publishing Special Interest Group, or AMUG DTP SIG for short, was introduced in the April newsletter and at the March General Membership meeting. The first meeting has been scheduled for May 21, 1991 (Tuesday) at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center (located on Southern, west of Rural in Tempe). The meeting will begin at 6:00 with an orientation segment. So if you cannot make it right at 6:00, don't be dissuaded–come anyway!!

The main event at 7:00 will be a candid review of some of your own desktop publishing. Bring something you have done and get some expert advise on what you might have done to make it better/shorter/classier/whatever. Don't be shy! Each piece will be evaluated in light of the circumstances of its creation and not matched with any other. Gary Fields (our illustrious Newsletter Editor) will be bring a copy of the Newsletter; I plan to bring some stuff I have put together. In fact, this is the time to bring that piece that just did not work. Find out why!

But this is not all one way. Around 8:30, we will open the meeting to questions about either the SIG itself or general design questions and answers. You are welcome to make suggestions to each other. Remember, people will be there that work on all different types of equipment and a wide variety of software. Someone is bound to have solved just the question you are wrestling. We'll call it quits at 9:00.

There will be applications, interview sheets, and a suggestion box at the meeting. Please be outspoken and let us know about your ideas, problems, skills, needs. We will try hard to help.

The premier edition of a newsletter was distributed at the March meeting. The second edition was distributed at the April meeting. Look at the Best of… table for the third and copies of the first two. Each issue will have articles if interest (hopefully) to many levels of interest. Articles, tips, letters to the editor (me) are all encouraged and needed. We have had offers from John Mosier of LaserMax for output and Randy Kincaid of The Font Company for fonts to use for the publication of our newsletter. As soon as these connections can be made you will see these in action.

Future meetings will include Agfa/Compugraphic prepress color (with manuals), The Font Company (with catalogs), Canon (of color laser copier fame), coaching for Microsoft Word, Nisus, PublishIt, PageMaker, Quark, and (hopefully) Ventura Publishing, and FrameMaker, presentations by Ingram Paper and Butler Paper companies, more project evaluations, and more. These are just the ones who have promised assistance, and I'm still working on it.

Please remember, the direction I hope to give is one that will enable all skill levels to gain/learn/benefit from association with this Special Interest Group. I have individuals signed up whose skill level is quite basic and some few at the highest end of the electronic/graphic arts industry. There are beginners, professionals, vendors, printers, designers, etc. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm to our meetings and newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you. Lea Bromley, DTP SIG, 1030 E. Manhatton Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282, (602) 838-4036 evenings and weekends.

If you have something to offer the group in the way of expertise, please contact me for a "Sponsor" Interview Sheet. A Sponsor will have a free listing at the end of our monthly newsletter. The only price being the offer of being a resource for us …education, lecture, supplies, equipment…make an offer!