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**Main Meeting:
dBUG's
Favorite
Shareware**

Main meeting, September 8, 1999 — Open to the Public dBUG's Favorite Shareware

by John Newhoff

Get ready for a busy night on September 8, 1999, at the Pocock Rowing Center on Eastlake Ave. East. This marks dBUG's first night at this new main meeting facility, and it should be a great one. To complement the shareware presentations listed below, we'll be selling a CD-ROM that contains all of the demonstrated applications plus another 50 or so pieces of shareware that were nominated for inclusion by dBUG members. In addition, the

CD will have the new version of the FirstClass Client software and settings file for use with the newly upgraded Exchange. All this for only \$5!

To top it all off, we'll be raffling off two attractively framed posters. The first is the original color poster that Apple released with the first iMac and the second is a black and white 'Think Different' poster featuring Jim Henson (of Muppets fame). Both are destined to be

collector's items.

So mark your calendar for September 8, 1999. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Pocock Rowing Center, 3320 Fuhrman Ave. E, across Eastlake Ave. E. from Red Robin, just south of the University Bridge. Ample free parking is available in the lot across from the Center and on Fuhrman Avenue.

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Macintosh Business Expo

Business decision-makers are invited to the Macintosh Business Expo on September 14, 1999, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Admission is free. You'll find the latest hardware and software, often at reduced Expo pricing, from Apple, AGFA, Epson, Hewlett-Packard, Sony, LaCie, MetaCreations, Microsoft, Wacom, and Okidata, to name a few. The show also features seminars on popular business applications, digital video, imaging, and more. Computer Stores NW, the show's sponsor, will present its corporate services options.

You can enter the hourly prize drawings and a show raffle that could win you one of Apple's new iBooks. Don't forget to stop by dBUG's booth! For information and directions, visit <http://www.csnw.com/>.

From d'Prez

Everyone Can Sell at dBUG's Swap Meet



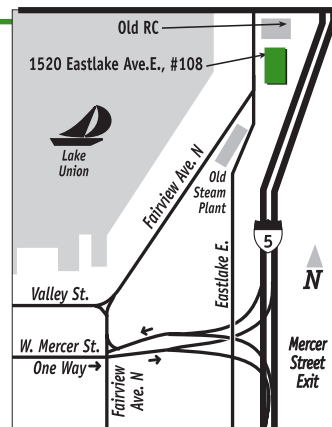
Much has happened since the last issue, so let's get right into it and bring you up to speed.

First, we had a very successful picnic, August 11, at Magnuson Park. I want to thank everyone who showed up. The picnic gives us a nice opportunity to renew old friendships and see familiar faces. Weather looked questionable, but other than some wind, we were not bothered. About 50 people came, not bad for a semi-cold August evening. Oh, and we were blessed with the appearance of Tristan Engst, the new seven-month-old

son of Adam and Tanya. Also nice to see the faces of our Microsoft connections, Sandro Menzel and Chad Magandaz. And finally, a pat on the back for a nice job by the volunteers who put on the picnic, namely Cherie Nickell and John Newhoff. Hope to see all of you next year for another great event.

If any of you tried to come to the first Friday Open House in August, you were met with a surprise blockade on Eastlake Avenue. It appears a truck carrying ammonia decided to let a little of its cargo go near the Resource Center. John Newhoff and I were preparing for the

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New Resource Center (RC)

1520 Eastlake Avenue East, Suite 108, Seattle. South of Garfield St. and Eastlake Veterinary.

All dBUG activities are made possible by the efforts of volunteers. The resource center is not staffed full time. It is open during scheduled SIG and Open House meetings or by appointment only.

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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

by Mark Jacobson dBUG SIG Coordinator

Schedule changes are bolded.

4th Dimension SIG - New Time and Location!

4th Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Walt Nelson

AppleScript SIG - New!

Scripting for beginners.
2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
DeForest Shotwell
<dnshotwell@accessone.com>

dBUG ExChange TeleSIG

Get the most from the dBUG
ExChange.

4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Cherie Nickell

ExChange.com Planning SIG

Meetings open to members about
the expansion and maintenance
of the ExChange.

1st Saturday, 11:00 a.m.
No Meeting in September
dBUG Resource Center
Curtis Snow

FileMaker Pro SIG

3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Bruce Robertson

HyperCard SIG

3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
DeForest Shotwell
<dnshotwell@accessone.com>

iMac SIG

Topic: Your questions and
problems.

1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Tim Hannon

**First-time Mac owners: Get a
discount when you buy a dBUG
membership at the iMac SIG!**

Internet Intro

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
On hiatus until further notice

iRobot SIG

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Discussion of topic ideas for
upcoming meetings, including
possible equipment needs
for automation and data
acquisition.
Resource Center
John Newhoff

Mondo Graphics/DTP

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Will not meet until October
Jack Connick

Open Friday

Bring something to scan. Surf the
Web. Bring a non-member.
Every Friday evening, 6:00 p.m.*

**First Friday is new member
orientation.**

dBUG Resource Center

Open Thursday

Open discussion for dBUG
members and their guests.
Every Thursday*, 6:00 p.m.
dBUG Resource Center
Dick Carter

Software Developers Workshop

2nd Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
dBUG Resource Center
James Jennings
<jennings@halyon.com>

Virtual SIGs

dBUG also has active SIG
conferences on the dBUG
ExChange:

Excel SIG
FileMaker Pro SIG
PageMaker SIG
Photoshop SIG
QuarkXPress SIG
WEB SIG
Word SIG

Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) SIG - New!

Powerful productivity managers,
more portable than laptops.

Finding these SIGs is easy. Each
one is listed alphabetically in
the Local Jump list. (Click Jump
on the desktop.) Or, to see them
all together:


- Double-click the dBUG
ExChange button on the
ExChange desktop.

- Double-click the dBUG
Clubhouse icon.
- Double-click the SIGs icon.
- To find the PageMaker,
Photoshop, and QuarkXpress
SIGs, double-click the Mondo
Graphics/DTP SIG icon.

Notes:

*The dBUG Resource Center has
moved! See the map on page one.*

The MacNews calendar, SIG
updates, and the current month's
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easy setup that will have you surfing the Internet
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evening's event when we noticed the activity outside. Almost every fire truck in the city converged on us. Quite a surprise to see so many Hazardous Incident Response personnel. When they started putting on the gas masks, I decided it was time to cancel the meeting and get to fresher air. Fortunately, John and I never smelled anything. We'll see you next month without such fanfare.

Now to announce dBUG's annual swap meet. It's on for October, but this year it will be a little different. To encourage those of you with just one item to sell, there will not be an

initial table charge. This will make the event a true garage sale of computer stuff. Bring one or many items to sell. To recoup dBUG's cost for the event and to assist our budget, we will be asking for a 10 percent cut of your gross when you leave for the evening.

Where will the event be held? The Mountaineers Club, 300 Third Ave. W. on lower Queen Anne. When? October 13, 1999, the second Wednesday in October. Setup will start at 5:30 p.m. and the swap meet will be open from 6:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. It's a great time to unload that older computer to someone who is

looking for a starter package, perhaps for a student or a senior. Or, bring that software you're no longer using. We'll have change of ownership forms, so your resales will be legitimate. There will also be a raffle, so bring your lucky charm.

If you're coming, please sign up in advance, so we'll know how many tables to set up. You can either call me at 206-325-4082 or email me at <winkie@dbug.org>. From the ExChange, simply address your message to Ken Winkenweder.

Well, that's about all for now. The new ExChange is still being built; any day now, I anticipate

an announcement that we can upgrade to the latest FirstClass Client software and see the new look. By the way, if you have a favorite message or piece of software that you haven't downloaded from the existing ExChange yet, I'd suggest doing it now. We're starting afresh, so the old contents will be history. Announcement of the change will be made on the dBUG InfoLine, 206-624-9329, and on the old ExChange before the switch.

See you all next month!

Regards,
Ken Winkenweder

Book Review

Some Hours are Longer than Others

When Macmillan Computer Publishing sent dBUG a copy of *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours*, Pete Adum volunteered to review it for MacNews. Pete teaches third grade in Federal Way. Although familiar with Macs from work, he had never owned a home computer until last August, when the Adums bought an iMac on the first day it became available.

Each chapter in *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* is designed to be a one-hour lesson. Author Gene Sternberg uses "Tip" sidebars to point out short cuts, "Note" sidebars to clarify concepts, and "Caution" sidebars to help readers avoid common mistakes. The book explains how to set up the iMac, how to use the Mac OS, and how to use the software applications that come bundled with the iMac. The latter is important, says Pete, because the only other resource you get for those application are their online help files.

Pete's favorite chapters in *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* were the chapter called "An iMac Safety Net" and the

chapter about installing RAM. Using pictures, the RAM chapter walks you through each step of the installation. The iMac Safety Net chapter discussed two anti-virus programs—Norton AntiVirus and Virex—and two disk utilities—Norton Utilities and TechTool Pro. This chapter provided good information about fixing hard drive problems beyond just using the Disk First Aid utility provided with the iMac.

Pete gave his highest praise to Gene Sternberg's summary and question-and-answer sections at the end of each chapter. More than being just a convenience, these sections sometimes highlighted key information better than the chapters themselves.

Pete wished that *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* had devoted less space to setting up the iMac and the iMac desktop and more to the software bundled with the iMac. "The iMac is so intuitive; I had it out of the box and was on the Internet in ten minutes. I didn't need a one-hour lesson." On the other hand, *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* crams America Online,

EarthLink, and Internet Explorer, all very different, into a single one-hour lesson.

Having read several other Macintosh how-to books, Pete placed *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* several lengths behind Robin Williams' *The Little iMac Book*. Although *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* is

four times longer, *The Little iMac Book* gave Pete more help with ClarisWorks and some of the iMac's other bundled applications. *Sams Teach Yourself the iMac in 24 Hours* would be a difficult read for a novice. As a more experienced iMac user, Pete was disappointed that he did not learn more. ☹

Events and Classes

Seattle Central Community College offers noncredit classes taught on a Mac:

Class	Starts	Total Hours	Cost Per Class
After Effects	10/25	24	\$300
Director	10/2	24	\$250
Dreamweaver	11/2	18	\$200
Illustrator	10/2	24	\$250
Intro to Mac	9/28	4	\$ 90
Beginning			
Photoshop 5.0	9/27, 10/30	24	\$250
PageMaker 6.5	10/12	18	\$250
QuarkXPress	12/4	12	\$140

You also pay a \$27.75 lab fee; new students must pay a one-time \$55 fee for a student ID card. For more information, call 206-587-5448 or visit <<http://www.sccd.ctc.edu/~ccet/newmedialab/>>. The college also offers classes in business applications taught on a PC.

Free Apple Seminars

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For information and online registration, visit <<http://www.seminars.apple.com/>> ☹

The Free-range Mac Tips and Comments

September 1999 – compiled by Bill Rabel

Resources for the Older Macintosh

<http://w3.trib.com/~dwood/oldmac.html> is sort of a one-stop Web site for information about these wonderful “older” machines. So far they have collected together in one place over 50 links to other sites providing such sources of information.

– Phil Russell, *Corvallis MUG*

Celebrity Mac Users

<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Foothills/3400/celebmac.html>

– Dr. Fred Schrupp, *Apple Core of Memphis*

European Voyages of Exploration

<http://www.homeworkcentral.com/Top8/files.htm?fileid=59168&use=hc/>

Global explorations of the 15th and 16th centuries are described in this beautifully organized tutorial from the University of Calgary. Rediscover the early history of the Americas.

– Dr. Fred Schrupp, *Apple Core of Memphis*

Looking for a Toy?

<http://www.redrocket.com/>
You're looking for a new toy that junior will enjoy—and that you feel good about giving. Get thee home and log onto Red Rocket. Sponsored by Simon & Schuster's Learning Products Group, this new service brings together the recommendations of leading toy experts, award-winning toy companies, and child psychologists. Start with the Personal Shopper section, which allows you to specify a type of toy and a price range, and returns the matching results with descriptions and photos. Discover the site's most popular toys, read helpful articles, and consult RR's recommendations on this jam-packed, parent-friendly hub.

– Larry Hansen, *Macvalley VOICE*

Mapping the Universe

<http://www.homeworkcentral.com/Top8/files.htm?fileid=67031&use=hc/>

Excellent site from Scientific American describes how astronomers are using cutting-edge techniques to study how galaxies form. Excellent subtopics, illustrations, and interactive text.

– Dr. Fred Schrupp, *Apple Core of Memphis*

iMAC SIG: Something for Everyone

by Shelley Greer

Fruit-colored iMacs are taking the market by storm. Apple touts these luminous gems as Internet machines. According to iMac SIG leader Tim Hannon, all the iMac users he's helped are indeed connecting to the Internet.

Connection issues were certainly on the minds of iMac users during the July SIG meeting. In addition to topic discussions, Tim helps people with troubleshooting, getting connected to the dBUG Exchange, and installing memory. People are welcome to bring their iMacs to the SIG meetings.

Most of the connection issues that were raised weren't so much problems with the iMac, but with the Internet Service Providers (ISPs). Dropped connections were the hottest issues at the July meeting. Other issues were extension conflicts while installing software, and doing clean installs to speed up performance.

While some topics presented in the iMac SIG, like July's Internet tips and August's AppleWorks, are applicable to other Mac users as well, other SIG topics are iMac-specific. For example, Tim might discuss how to install RAM in an iMac or backup options for the iMac.

During the August meeting, it was decided that every other

iMac SIG will alternate between meetings with specified discussion topics, and those that are just for questions and answers, more oriented to troubleshooting. To learn what topic will be discussed at a meeting, consult the MacNews SIG schedule or visit the iMac SIG conference on the ExChange, where Tim generally posts this information prior to the event.

Tim gears his discussions for beginning to intermediate users, but long-time Mac users can benefit as well (please see *Wonderful Web Tips* in the August issue of *MacNews*). As a long-time Mac user and current G3 owner, I did not feel held back in any way and was completely engrossed in the topic at hand.

Whether or not you own an iMac, even if you're an experienced Mac user, I highly recommend attending the iMac SIG.

With all the mouth-watering iMac flavors to choose from, which is the most popular? Tim says, “I haven't surveyed my attendees, but so far I've only seen blueberry iMacs at the meetings.”

Shelley Greer is a budding freelance writer and a Seattle Knight.

Apple to Honor Apple Assurance Promises

On August 6, 1999, after months of deliberation, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ruled on a complaint that Apple Computer's Apple Assurance program advertising was deceptive.

From September 1992 to around April 1996, Apple Assurance advertised free technical support for buyers of most of the hardware sold in the United States for as long as the buyer owned it. The complaint cited several Apple marketing pieces, including Apple's Resource Guide, which said:

Most important, Apple Assurance is part of every product Apple makes. Through Apple Assurance you have toll-free telephone access to Apple when you have questions about setting up and using your Apple product. ... Apple Assurance includes 'up and running' support for as long as you owned your Apple product.

Despite its assurances, in October 1997, Apple started to charge Apple Assurance customers \$35 for technical support access. In a press release, Jodie Bernstein, Director of FTC's

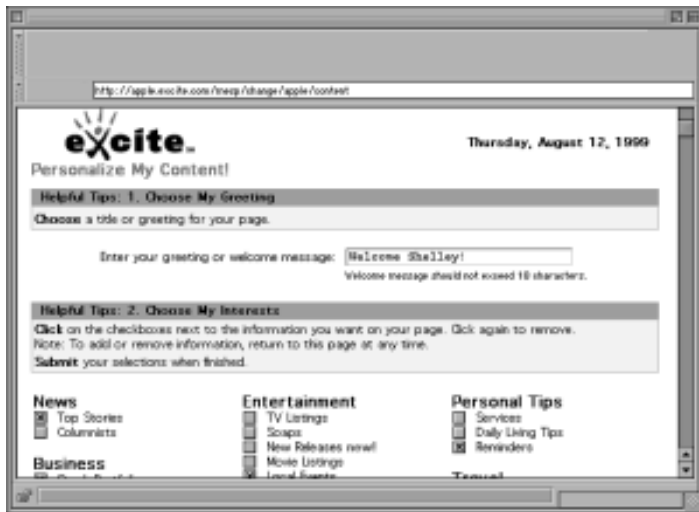
Bureau of Consumer Protection said, “For prospective purchases of computer products, free access to live technical support is especially enticing. Companies that make such offers have to live up to their promises.” The FTC agreed to Apple's proposal to settle the complaint. Apple will:

- Provide access to toll-free telephone technical support at no cost for anyone who provides the valid serial number of a product covered by Apple Assurance.

- Refund fees to everyone who paid for technical support for a product covered by Apple Assurance. Apple will also notify each person that future support will be available at no charge. Refund notices were to be sent no later than August 26, 1999. If you believe you qualify for a refund, but have not received a notice within the time period, you must contact Apple before December 6, 1999. ☎

Home, Sweet Home Page

by Shelley Greer



Install your favorite Web browser, get connected, and what is the first thing you see? The browser's default home page, a hodgepodge of news items and links. Netscape Communicator brings up the Netcenter page, and, with Internet Explorer, you see the Apple/Excite Web page. I always ignored these pages, preferring to go directly to the search engines to do my Web surfing.

One rare idle hour, I decided to give the Apple/Excite personal home page, at <http://apple.excite.com/>, a try. Sign-up is easy. Just click on "Personalize your page!" underneath the Apple logo on the upper left corner of the page and follow the directions. To my surprise, I found this service both useful and entertaining.

You Get Mail

Free email is included with the home page personalization. It comes in handy for exchanging messages with other Excite members, as well as the convenience of having an additional Internet address. When you sign up, you can fill out an optional profile with only the personal information that you want other Excite members to know. You can also add other profiles to your account to use as alternate identities within the Excite service.

Another advantage to having an Excite email account is that you can access it from any computer. Since the account resides with Excite, you don't have to worry about ISPs, mail clients, PPP settings, or personal preference files.

Home Page Options

The Personalization Manager is where you decide what goes on your Excite home page. Options include Apple news, general news, stock quotes, local weather, and reminders. Other items I have on my page are:

- **Favorite Links:** An easy means of building your own list of links on the page, it spares you the effort of wading through Favorites or Bookmarks menus.
- **Show times:** Click on the Movies link and you'll find listings for all the cinemas within whatever zip code you enter.
- **Local Events Finder:** This shows you a selection of concerts, festivals and sports events, including links to ticket information.
- **Celestial events:** You can track the phases of the moon, sunrises and sunsets, and tides.

■ **Games:** There are a number of online games available, whether you want to play with other Excite members, or alone. Categories include: board games, recreational games (Bingo), arcade games, card games, word games, and trivia games. Some of the games require patience while loading, but these Java applets are worth it.

■ **The Excite search engine:** Listed beneath the search engine are category headings for a broad range of topics. To give you an idea of how broad: under the Sports category are 15 topics. One of these is Sports A-Z, which has over 80 topics, including Australian-rules football, croquet, Olympics, and squash.

Browsing the categories yields not only Web sites, but Excite Message Boards and Excite Communities as well. These are areas where you can discuss anything you want with other Excite members, provided you're willing to follow the netiquette guidelines posted by Excite.

Message Boards are similar to Internet newsgroups except that anyone who wants to can start a discussion under each category or topic.

Like Message Board discussions, anyone can start a community. However, before you can post to an existing community, you need to apply for membership. To sign up for a Community, just send an email message to the originator of the Community. That person will set up the permissions upon accepting your request to join. Some Communities are open to public browsing, while others are open to members only.

Communities also give you a wider range of features than do message boards. Each Community has areas for announcements, discussions, chat, calendar, links, contact list, and photos. For instance, I am now a member of "Equestrian Landings", a Community where members discuss horses, post their events in the calendar, and share photos of their equine friends.

Now that I'm an Excite member, I find that I use the service for much of my recreational time on the Internet. It's a fun way to access a wealth of interesting information.

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iBook Headlines MacWorld NY

by Tish Bailey

I've never been to a Macworld Expo, but, while researching Macworld New York '99, I caught some of its excitement. Thanks to Dan Neal, I downloaded QuickTime 4 from the dBUG ExChange software archives and avoided the Internet download roadblocks (read "dead ends"). I then watched Apple "iCEO" Steve Jobs' keynote speech from the comfort of home, streamed from Apple's Web site. No interminable download wait!

The Jobs who first appeared was really actor Noah Wyle, who played Steve Jobs in the recent TV movie, *Pirates of Silicon Valley*. His "insanely great" babble was disrupted by the real Jobs, who, with tongue firmly planted in cheek, schooled Wyle on Jobs schtick. Wyle's exit line was an innocent, "Oh, Steve, are you still a virgin?"

According to the keynote, Apple is prospering. I could give you numbers, but the most telling sign of Apple's success did not come at Macworld Expo. It came in the August 5 announcement by PC manufacturer eMachines of its new transparent "cool blue" PC called the "eOne." Remember what they always say about imitation.

Can You Say 'Portable?'

Two Apple products made huge hits at Macworld NY. First is the "iMac to go," Apple's new laptop, named logically, "iBook." The iBook has the curvy, two-color iMac look and starts shipping this month. The price? A delectable \$1,599.

Jobs also introduced AirPort, Apple's new wireless networking technology. AirPort consists of a flying saucer base station (\$299), similar to that for a cordless phone, and an AirPort card (\$99) for your iBook. The base station has a transmit radius of 150 feet. Per Jobs, "That's half a football field—bigger than anybody's house I know of except Bill Gates." Who, added Jobs, can afford to buy two.



Apple iCEO Steve Jobs shows off the iBook.

Stay tuned for *MacNews'* in-depth look at the iBook and AirPort next month.

More Apple Goodies

Jobs introduced QuickTime TV, Apple's streaming Internet video venture, that gives us HBO, ABC News, ESPN, Rolling Stone, VH1, Disney, BBC World, Bloomberg

financial news, and more.

Jobs then announced that Mac OS 9 will ship in October, promising "...you'll get a whole new Macintosh for \$99." Among OS 9's new features is Sherlock 2, which gives us what we've been pleading for: the ability to save sets of search engine plug-ins. Sherlock 2 also includes some pre-built sets of plug-ins, called "channels." The information to be retrieved has been tailored to fit each channel. For example, Sherlock 2's shopping channel enables you to compare prices and availability across e-commerce sites.

Welcome PC Imports

IBM has brought its continuous speech recognition software, ViaVoice (<<http://www.software.ibm.com/speech/>>), to the Mac. Finally, for everyone who, like me, gets tight jaws looking at aisles full of all-in-one PC

printer/copier/scanner/fax machines at Office Max, Epson and Canon introduced multifunction Mac printers (<<http://www.epson.com/whatsnew/ygtsi/multifunction.html>> and <<http://www.ccsi.canon.com/prodfact/c635.html>>). Canon's offering won a Best of Show award.

Best of Show

Here are just a few of the products Macworld chose as Best of Show:

e-Picture: A powerful Web graphics program that streamlines the creation of animated graphics, can import and manipulate 3D models, and creates images that can be manipulated as both bitmap and vector graphics. See <<http://www.beatware.com/>>.

Mach Carrier G3 Accelerator: When faster versions are released, it's easy to keep up by just replacing the chip. See <<http://www.xlr8.com/>>.

SkyLINE Wireless Network Card: Wireless networking (compatible with AirPort) for your PowerBook G3. See <<http://www.farallon.com/>>.

Madden 2000 Football: The first team sports game for the Mac. See <<http://www.aspyer.com/>>.

Doin' the Expo

For the flavor of the Expo itself, here's dBUG Member Charles Wheeler's on-the-spot report:

Many more booths than last year, with wider aisles and a much better grid pattern. Unfortunately, unlike Macworld San Francisco, the booth numbers were not posted on the booths, so it was still difficult to find specific vendors. In addition, many major vendors (Intuit, Fujitsu, NEC) had one side of a 4-foot by 4-foot kiosk, but were listed with equal billing as big-boothers Apple, Microsoft, Adobe, etc. While many of the kiosks housed interesting products from smaller companies whose budgets were probably strained just to get 4 feet of floor

space, it's disappointing to see computer industry giants show such lukewarm support.

Best handouts: Adaptec (bottled water), NEC, Macally and Agosto (fans) and Tektronix (Sno-Kones). Sensing a trend here? New York is racking up record high temperatures this week. By 7/25, they will record over 90 degree temperatures every day for over two weeks, the longest unbroken hot spell since records began being kept in 1845. It's not cooling off much at night, and the end is not in sight. But at least it's humid.

The big non-Apple story of the show: MP3. After being left behind from the start of this digital music revolution, the Mac is stepping up to the front of the platform pack. Led by Casady & Greene's Sound Jam MP and Diamond's newest Rio, there were no fewer than 6 vendors showing MP3 hardware, software or both for the Mac. All but one of the MP3 portable players are manufactured exclusively in brightly colored cases.

Which brings up a very interesting phenomenon. Peripheral makers have jumped on the fruit-flavored bandwagon with a vengeance. Most of them are cross-platform USB devices, some cross-platform FireWire. To at least some degree, the iMac is dictating the color schemes for PC users for years to come via third party printers, scanners, monitors and portable devices. Once you've got a tangerine printer, why not make your next computer tangerine too? And who makes those? Hmmm... ☺



dBUG's Favorite Shareware, continued from page 1

Shareware Demonstrations

Action Utilities: Brady Johnson

A top-rated extension to the Mac's open and save dialog boxes.

CatFinder: Dona McAdam

A handy utility for cataloging and searching the contents of floppy disks, CD-ROMs, Zip disks, and even compressed archives.

GraphicConverter: Bill Miller

This application allows you to open most graphic files, save

them in just about any format, and create custom slide shows.

GoMac: Tim Hannon

A system extension that adds an easy-to-use window management and program launching bar to the bottom of your screen.

MacTuner: John Newhoff

An application with a slick interface for tuning into audio broadcasts on the Internet.

Net-Print: John Livingston

The utility makes it easy to save portions of Web browser

screens and email messages as text files.

PrintChoice: Jim Reppond

This extension adds a menu to your menu bar for selecting different printers.

Shane the Plane: Jim Reppond

A simple utility to ease the modification of file type and creator identification codes.

WhatRoute: John Newhoff

A utility for doing common Internet tests such as DNS queries, traceroute, and pinging.

Each demonstration will be approximately 10 minutes. If we have time when we're done, we'll do a few rapid-fire demonstrations of single function shareware titles such as iClick, MyEyes, and Digit.

John Newhoff is a senior partner of Portage Bay Solutions and has worked in the Puget Sound Macintosh industry for over 13 years. dBUG thanks John for organizing the September meeting and for the hours he spent putting together the shareware CD-ROM.

Member Benefits



Internet

For a nominal fee per month, you can add World Wide Web access and Usenet newsgroup access to the email access already provided as part of regular membership. Send an email message to "Inet Cashier" or call the dBUG InfoLine at 206-624-9329.

Disk of the Month

Bring a 1.4 MB floppy disk to the monthly main meeting, and dBUG will fill it with useful freeware and shareware. Please note: dBUG cannot handle disk sizes other than 1.4 MB.

User Group Store

Special discounts for user group

members at <<http://www.apple.mugstore.com/>>.

Equipment Access:

Scanner

Scan an image with a Microtek Scanmaker X6EL color flatbed scanner during SIG or Open House meetings at the Resource Center.

Compact disc recordable drive

Burn a CD from your hard drive or Zip cartridges during SIG or Open House meetings at the Resource Center. dBUG requests a \$10 donation per session.

(You may burn more than one disk in a session.) Blank CDs are available for \$6 if you don't bring your own. Allow one hour per disk.

Digital camera

Take snaps with a Kodak DC50 at main meetings or Resource Center meetings. Rent the camera for \$25 per week.

dBUG ExChange

dBUG's electronic bulletin board gives you email, conferences on a variety of subjects, chat, and an archive of shareware and freeware. It's a great place to get help with computer problems.

For more information, call the dBUG InfoLine:

206-624-9329

Visit our Web site:

<<http://www.dbug.org>>

dBUG Membership Form

Turn in this form with payment to a dBUG cashier at a main meeting, or mail it to:

dBUG, P.O. Box 3463, Seattle, WA 98114-3463

Please, NO cash by mail; only checks, VISA, or MasterCard.

Date: _____

Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Special Interest: _____

Are you an iMac owner? _____

Where did you hear of us? _____

Enclosed is my payment of annual membership dues to The Macintosh downtown Business Users Group starting the month of _____ 1999.

Regular Membership: \$48.00 \$ _____

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Check here if you want information about our Internet connection.

Check here if you do not want to be on our free announcement email list (3-4 posts/month).

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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September Meetings
Also see SIG notices on page 2

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 Board Meeting Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	2 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	3 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m. New Member Orientation	4
6	7 iMac SIG Resource Center 6:00 p.m.	8 Main Meeting 6:30 p.m. Pocock Rowing Center The Public is Welcome	9 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	10 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	11 Software Developers Workshop Resource Center 10 a.m.
13 AppleScript SIG Resource Center 6:00 p.m.	14	15 iRobot SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	16 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	17 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	18
20 FileMaker Pro SIG Resource Center 7 p.m.	21 Hypercard SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	22	23 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	24 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	25
27	28 ExChange SIG Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	29 4th Dimension SIG Resource Center 6 p.m.	30 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	1 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m.	2
4	5	6 Board Meeting Resource Center 6:30 p.m.	7 Open Thursday Resource Center 6 p.m. Members and guests only	8 Open Friday Resource Center 6 p.m. New Member Orientation	9

For last minute info on SIG meetings please call 206-624-9329

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What is dBUG?

The Macintosh downtown Business Users Group is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the exchange of information between business users of the Macintosh computer and related products.

See page 7 for membership information and application.

For additional information, write to:

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1999 Board of Directors Nomination Form



I nominate: _____

for the position of: _____

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| President | Vice President | Secretary/Treasurer |
| Publicity Manager | Publications Manager | SIG Coordinator |
| ExChange Manager | Volunteer Coordinator | Membership Manager |
| Main Meeting Coordinator | | |

My name: _____ My dBUG Member Number: _____

Deadline for submitting nominations is October 1, 1999. You may complete and mail your nomination form to: dBUG, P.O. Box 3463, Seattle, WA, 98114-3463.

You can also send nominations via email to <nominations@dbug.org>.

To be valid, email elections must show your name and dBUG member number.

dBUG Board member job descriptions are posted in the Elections conference on the dBUG ExChange.

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