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MUG ONE MARCH MEETING

MUG ONE, the Macintosh User Group of Oneonta, presents "New Fruit-Flavored Macs & Maintenance Basics" at SUNY College @ Oneonta, Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 PM in Hodgdon IRC, lecture hall 1. Jay Manning, MUG ONE President and owner of Music and Video Repair, will show us the latest G3 and iMac news from Apple and demonstrate some basics, like how to replace the battery in your Mac.

The Members-Only RAFFLE returns! Do NOT miss the chance to win a CD holder, Trackpad, Apple t-shirts and MORE! Hear the latest news and helpful hints, and share refreshments with us. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Jay Manning at 607-433-1305 or Terry Helser at 436-3518 or email to: MUGONE@aol.com.

MACWORLD EXPO TO STAY IN NYC

Despite earlier predictions that the summer MacWorld Expo would move back to Boston for 1999, the Expo is now officially scheduled to be held July 21-23 at New York City's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. According to sponsor IDG Expos, the decision to stay in New York for a second year was prompted by the chance to hold the whole show in one location. In Boston, the show has been split between two convention centers separated by a long and often excruciating shuttle bus ride.

The show is slated to include a 20,000-square-foot Apple booth and over 250 exhibits by companies including Adobe, Connectix, Epson, FileMaker, Hewlett Packard, Microsoft and Palm Computing. Dual consumer and professional conference program tracks will be offered, and special interest areas on the floor will include the Education District, Consumer Showcase and Net Innovators. The show will also play host to the National Macintosh Gaming Championship. Let Jay or Elsa know if you're thinking about attending.

VISIT MUG ONE'S WEB SITE AT:

<http://beta.homestead.com/MAVRC/mugone.html>

DON'T THROW AWAY THIS ENVELOPE!

...until you check to see if your MUG ONE membership card is inside. Terry Helser has entrusted several membership cards that he has been unable to hand over in person to your *Newsbreak* editor, who has stuffed them diligently (and, she hopes, accurately) into the appropriate envelopes. So check before you toss! And take a minute to admire Terry's witty membership card design while you're at it.



An open and shut case - the new blue and white G3

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FEBRUARY 2, 1999 MEETING

Our first meeting of the second-to-last year of the millennium started on Tuesday, February 2 in IRC-1 at 7:30 PM. 33 old and new members and guests joined us for the program. Elsa announced that **unless your dues are paid, this will be the last issue of *NewsBreak*** you will receive. If you do not want to miss a single issue, please send a check for \$24 (\$18 for students) to Joanne Johnston, 9 Wisteria Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820, made out to MUG ONE.

Q & A: Jay answered a question about a **noisy StyleWriter**. There is nothing to oil, but you do need to open up printers occasionally and blow out accumulated lint and paper fragments. Good advice for all printers, so read your manual about preventive maintenance. I have to clean the pick up rollers on my DeskWriter with foam swabs and ethanol.

It was noted that **Conflict Catcher needs an update to work with OS 8.5**, and the promised OS 10 may only run on the blue and white G3 machines which Simon calls "Smurf Towers." Cute. To **delete bookmarks in Netscape**, find the Netscape folder in Preferences in the System folder, highlight it and hit the delete key. There was an extended discussion about ethernet wiring and the promised cable modem service from Time/Warner called **Road Runner** (as in Warner Brothers cartoon? Jay observed, "They have the copyright to it. Why not?") The lure is transfer speeds up to 100 times faster than phone lines, the expected price is @\$35 a month, and the projected availability may be as soon as late summer. For more information, call the local Time/Warner cable office.

Program: Steve Maniscalco, TLT Center guru at Oneonta State College, demonstrated and critically compared the available **Web browsers** for us, using a nifty PowerPoint presentation. He started with Microsoft **Internet Explorer 4.5 (IE)**, expecting to dislike it, but was impressed with many of its features and with its supporting Web site (www.microsoft.com/mac/IE). It requires only 8 Megs on your hard drive (12 with the mail client), while Netscape Communicator (NC) needs about 24. IE has a new page holder, a side window that holds all the links on a page while you browse them in the main window. You don't have to go <back> to the original page all the time to find the next link! It has an auto fill for forms that enters your name, address, etc. in Web forms, and a print preview that allows you to adjust a page before printing it. It's Mac OS 8.5 and Sherlock compatible, can auto-scale, has smart backgrounds, Appearance Manager and Euro currency symbol support. It allows drag and drop installation and image import. It can also self-repair applications by reinstalling extensions.

Netscape needs to work on their Web site (www.home.netscape.com) to make it more friendly. Navigator and Communicator are different versions of Netscape's browser. Their mail, Messenger, is built in and Composer is a Web page authoring tool. NC now comes with AOL's Instant Messenger, a chat-like emailer, where you can email directly

to someone, if they are online. NC has a "what's related" button that brings up similar information for you. To delete bookmarks, click the Netscape icon to the right of the bookmark icon and open the bookmarks menu (command+B). Highlight the bookmark and hit delete. It is gone. If you want to install a new copy or version of NS, backup the Java Libraries and Netscape folder (in Preferences in the System Folder) before proceeding. Then put these back in the new one.

We also learned that you can **change the resolution of your monitor** by pulling out the control strip at the bottom of your desktop, clicking on Monitor and the resolution. Use this to decrease your window sizes so they fit on the screen. Finally, you can get Stuffit to expand binhex or Mac binary files that were compressed from Stuffit.com or download.com. Thanks, Steve, for an excellent program.

We then adjourned to cookies and soda and networking with each other, often the most productive part of the evening. See you all March 2 for an Apple Kit program!

— TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

IMAC COLOR AND PERSONALITY

According to Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute® and author of *Colors for Your Every Mood*, here's how your choice of iMac color reveals your personality: Blueberry — constancy and truth; Strawberry — power and strength; Tangerine — radiant and hot; Grape — passion and magic; Lime — natural and pleasant. Blueberry and grape models are currently in short supply, so if you're buying now, think citrus.

LAST ISSUE IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED

If you have not yet joined MUG ONE or renewed your membership, this will be the last issue of *Newsbreak* that you will receive. Please take a minute to send in a check for \$24 (\$18 for students) to Joanne Johnston, 9 Wisteria Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820. Use the enclosed membership form, or pass it along to a fellow Macintosh enthusiast.

Benefits of MUG ONE membership include:

- Monthly newsletter and meeting
- Advice and encouragement from members
- Access to digital camera, CD-ROMs, books, QuickCam, videos and shareware from the MUG ONE Lending Library
- Access to MUG ONE web site
- 10% discount on repairs at Music and Video Repair
- Monthly door prize raffle

VIRUS DETECTION AND PREVENTION

The Performa 600 CD which I use for installing software and running diagnostics was recently contaminated by a virus while booting from a client's external hard drive. This was an older MBDF virus and was easily removed by SAM or another anti-virus program, but it does prove that anybody's computer can be contaminated, even if protected by virus detection software.

The latest virus (actually a worm) is the 9805 Autostart Worm. Its original strain is **very** destructive and can destroy most of the data on any mounted volume, even on networks. The way to avoid this virus is to turn off the **Enable CD-ROM AutoPlay** function in the **QuickTime™ Settings** Control Panel. (see below for the location of **QuickTime™ Settings**).



This prevents the worm from ever entering your computer. Several small applications for detecting and removing this worm are available from the MUG ONE library, online or on *MacAddict* CD-ROMs. One is **BugScan 1.0 - Latteware**, available on the February 1999 issue of *MacAddict* or at <http://www.mrdataworks.com>.

BugScan searches all files for strains of the AutoStart 9805 Worm, Graphics Accelerator (GAX), Scores, and INIT-M viruses. It also detects any combination of these files. Be sure to check their Web page for the most updated version.

— JAY MANNING

USER GROUP PROGRAM MANAGER TO LEAVE APPLE – REPLACEMENT NAMED

Brighid Brady-de Lambert, manager of the Apple User Group Program for the past two years, has announced that she will be leaving Apple at the end of March in order to accompany her husband to a position with the U.S. Foreign Service in Tokyo.

Brighid has been a joy to work with. Brighid injected new life into the User Group Program when Apple brought it back into the fold, following seven years of dwindling support to the User Group Connection (a separate organization that contracted with Apple to provide user group support). Jay Manning returned from Brighid's first MacWorld User Group breakfast raving about her energy and enthusiasm. She's made sure that MUG ONE has been provided with programming materials and up-to-date information, has answered questions promptly and received suggestions graciously. As MUG ONE's voice at Apple, she has made sure that the needs and opinions of user groups and their members are heard. She's been a great champion for the user group community, and she'll be missed.

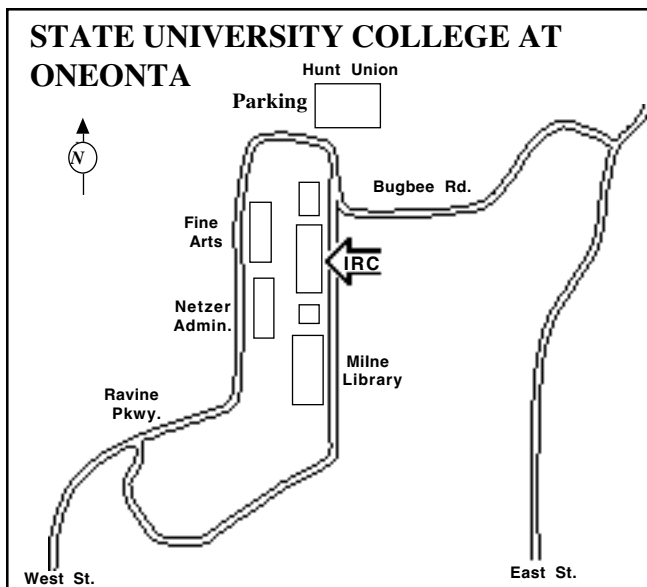
According to Brighid, her replacement Diane Cohn "has been on the Apple staff since 1995. Most recently she hails from the Apple Web Group where she was a part of the incredible transformation of www.apple.com this past year. She has a vast understanding of the web and a firm belief that the internet can be used to build and strengthen communities, including the Macintosh community of user groups. She's managed many projects focused on community building here at Apple, including: "Can we talk?" an employee discussion board, the remaking of the AppleMasters presence on the web, and the Apple Developer community online.

"A long time Mac-advocate, Diane has been on the platform since historic 1984 when she got the chance to try out a seed unit of the original Mac at Berkeley. She was hooked immediately, and her fascination with the Macintosh ultimately led to an Apple internship in 1988 and a life-long dedication to the Mac.

"User groups have long been a part of Diane's Mac experience. She's currently a member of Web Grrls, and has had the chance to experience this and other membership organizations first hand. You will find her a dedicated advocate, an invaluable mentor, and a committed part of the user group community. She's going to be a wonderful addition, and I know you'll love working with her." Bon voyage, Brighid, and welcome Diane!

COMMAND-R FINDS ALIAS ORIGINALS

To find the original document from an alias, click on the alias to highlight it and type command-R (as in find the oRiginal). Thanks to Jay Manning for this finder tip.



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A DANDY IMAC GUIDE FOR BEGINNERS

The Little iMac Book is not so little, nor is it so very big. For the neophyte computer student its contents are manageable mostly because of the approach of its author, Robin Williams. She is patient and good-humored. If the student has patience, the step by step approach, assuming nothing but anxiety on the student's part, will eventually bring know-how. Robin Williams knows how to use language with clarity and economy and is always thinking not of what sounds good to her but what can help the student. The removal of unwanted material is described this way: "You surely have noticed the trash can sitting in the bottom right corner of your screen.



Looks like the kind of trash can in which you throw things away, doesn't it? It is." There are so many functions and activities on the iMac that learning them is no mean accomplishment. It takes time and one needs help. Williams walks you through all the complications. The methods are explained not only helpfully but professionally. There is an index, suggesting the advisability of using the book as a reference work. However, many units in the book will have to be absorbed in hunks, since we are dealing with a process, not simply ingestion of facts. All in all, it's a dandy, useful guide. *The Little iMac Book* by Robin Williams. Berkeley: Peachpit Press, 1998.

— DAVID B. BALDWIN

FEBRUARY 16, 1999 OFFICERS' MEETING

President Jay Manning, Treasurer Joanne Johnston, Secretary Terry L. Helser, and *Newsbreak* editor and User Group Ambassador Elsa Travisano attended the 7:30 officer's meeting at Ruffino's Pizzeria, accompanied by assorted libations and a veggie pizza.

Joanne informed us that we have \$1,445.61 in our treasury, a figure amazingly consistent with what we have had at this time of year for several prior years. On the subject of our dwindled store of door prizes, Jay proposed to buy several CD holders and ALPS glidepoints trackpads, which was approved. Elsa added that we can request door prizes from Apple User Groups for our meetings, if the topic is Apple products.

We discussed buying a CD-R or RW drive that members could borrow to create CD-ROMs. Jay suggested we buy a USB Superdrive for iMac people to borrow (I think he just wants one himself). We decided to poll the group at the next meeting to assess interest.

Jay and Elsa are considering attending MacWorld in New York City this July and wondered if anyone else is going. Elsa noted that the user group breakfasts were great sources for raffle prizes. We might want to explore transportation and lodging options for group members.

Joanne shared her discovery that you can type "about: Global History" in your Netscape browser window to find sites you previously visited but did not bookmark. Jay says you can also search this list with Command-F. This is not necessary in Internet Explorer, which tracks previous pages through the Go menu. Finally, we need to ask for program ideas in *Newsbreak*. One suggestion was a program on Quicken (and/or MacInTax?) which would be well received but a volunteer to present it is needed. Regular "Back to Basics" programs were suggested, especially since we have an influx of new iMac owners. Terry said that he would arrange for the Canon video cart for the March meeting, so Jay can demonstrate how to change batteries in a Mac.

— TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY