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SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 MEETING

SIGGRAPH 2002 - Jake Richtsmeier

Macworld Expo NY - Elsa Travisano

Join us on **Monday, September 9** from 7:30-9:00 in **IRC Lecture Hall 1** on the SUNY Oneonta campus (see map, back page).

Jake Richtsmeier will wow us with samples of cutting-edge digital animation from SIGGRAPH in San Antonio, and Elsa Travisano will report on what was hot (besides the weather) at July's Macworld Expo NYC. If time permits, we'll see a teaser of Jaguar, tamely known as OS X 10.2.

We'll have a tidal wave of door prizes, as well as the usual good company and tasty refreshments.



Tom Travisano, Richard Duncan and Pamela Welch smile at the Albany Apple Store's Aug. 23rd Jaguar (OS 10.2) rollout.

JOIN OR RENEW NOW, GET FREE STUFF!

MUG ONE's new membership year will begin on October 1st. Now is the time to renew your MUG ONE membership, or to join us if you're new to the group.

Membership dues are \$24 for individuals or families and \$18 for full-time students. Benefits of membership include a subscription to our award-winning newsletter *Newsbreak*, participation in the monthly door prize drawing, discounts from vendors, free ground shipping from MacConnection, our annual picnic and holiday parties, and access to MUG ONE's circulating library of hardware, software and books.

If all that wasn't enough, thanks to the generosity of Garr Reynolds and the Apple User Group program we're offering a special, limited-time bonus:

Join MUG ONE or renew your membership by **October 7, and we'll give you a free Apple shirt or poster!*

You can join at a meeting or download the membership form from the MUG ONE website and mail it to treasurer Joanne Johnston with your payment. Don't delay, do it today!

Visit MUG ONE's website at <http://www.mugone.com>

OCTOBER IS MUG ONE ELECTIONS TIME

MUG ONE will be holding our annual elections for officers at the October 7 meeting. If you're interested in running for an office, wish to nominate someone, or would like to learn more about an office's benefits and responsibilities, get in touch with Elsa Travisano or email mugone@stny.rr.com.

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JUNE 3, 2002 MUG ONE MEETING

President Elsa Travisano began by introducing herself and welcoming members and guests. She thanked everyone for making Dave Marra's presentation last month such a success. We were happy to hear that Dave declined the marketing VP job at Cupertino in favor of staying on the East Coast and doing presentations to groups like us.

Announcements

Elsa invited MUG ONE members to gather at the SUNY College Camp Lodge off of Upper East Street on June 23 for the annual picnic. We will start at 1 PM, have the mega-raffle at about 3 o'clock and wind down at 4 PM. Elsa passed around a sheet for members to sign for a dish to pass and indicate who will attend. She will be responsible for meat and veggie burgers to grill. I have the table covers, cups, napkins and plastic ware. I was asked to bring my buns as well (I have been working out, I guess, but!). Soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade (if it ever warms up!) and coffee are anticipated. It should be an excellent time.

Elsa announced several discount offers (see the June *Newsbreak* for details.) and passed out 20% discount coupons for O'Reilly books. No codes are printed in the online version of *Newsbreak*, since these are members only perks. She asked if we wanted to raffle off or lend two new books, *Handpicked Software for MAC OS X w/ CD-ROM* from Fururoosity and *Learning Unix for Mac OS X* from O'Reilly. Consensus was to lend them through the library.

The **MUG ONE logo contest** will accept entries through August 31. Members are encouraged to submit a design for the group's logo and logo with text. Contenders will be posted on our Web site after the end of August where members can view them by numbers. The plan is to vote on the winner at the September meeting. The designer of the winning entry, besides a year's membership, Apple shirt and the notoriety, will win a \$400+ copy of Painter software. Not bad!

Macworld will be in NYC's Javits Center on July 17-19, with conferences starting the 15th. If you want to carpool, put a note on the MUG ONE bulletin board. If you have a Performa 500 or newer series Mac to donate, contact Don Gersch (dgersch@aol.com). You could get a nice certificate (Thanks, Don.) and tax write-off. Kati Kotz's offer of an Osborne elicited suggestions that it be preserved as a museum artifact.

What programs would we like to have next fall? A hardware and software show and tell like Art Dauria's last year drew support. Migrating to OS X was suggested. Sven Anderson offered to do a Digital Video demonstration. This should come early to see if it generates support to buy a digital camcorder for the library. There was little support in this group as yet. A show and tell for digital cameras, Adobe Elements demo and/or how to take, store and share photos had support. A program on the hardware and software needed for backing up files also got a "yes."

Considerable discussion ensued about having a program on protection, security and privacy. The power users concurred that protection (*Norton, Virex?*) software causes many more problems than they fix. Viruses, worms and the like are 97% directed at Windows and 50% of those are hoaxes, so even the SUCO Art lab doesn't have active screening. They just fix the rare instances where infection occurs. This discussion then morphed into the problems of archiving to magnetic media which all degrade eventually. Floppies, Zip and SuperDisk media and drives fail. Tape systems are unreliable and time consuming to find what you want. Backups directly to a hard drive and CD burning seemed to be the methods of choice. Whatever you use, your data should migrate with your system or loss is inevitable. More next fall?

Questions and Answers

Although already underway, the official Q&A session began with "What is 'LinoColor'?" As no one knew, John Maas did a quick Google search and found several hits. It apparently is a top end graphics compression system for photos. Elsa commented that UMAX is now charging \$20 for a CD of driver upgrades and not putting them on their Web site. Not customer friendly. A new member asked why *Outlook Express* keeps asking for her Usercode and Password every time she looked at email. The first suggestion was to try checking the "remember info for this computer" box in this form entry window. Also go to the Tools or Accounts menu and find a similar check box to enable saving your U/P info. If neither prevents the problem, you may need tech support at your ISP.

A member installed *Quicken 2002* but did not solve his problem with the prior 1998 version that began dropping categories, changing balances and the like. If the computer date gets reset to 1969 or earlier, that indicates a new battery is needed, but this seems to be *Quicken* specific. Among the suggestions were to backup everything first, then try exporting only 1 year's data to a new file to see if that behaves. Run Apple's *Disk First Aid* or Norton's *Disk Doctor* utility to fix any drive problems. Do a clean install on the new *Quicken* and start from scratch, as many of us do each year, so we have separate files for tax purposes. Otherwise you are stuck with asking Intuit for technical help. *Quicken* and *FileMaker Pro* are Elsa's PItA program choices for troubleshooting. (We asked and P = pain. You figure it out.)

A question about the Yahoo! Group site generated a demonstration of getting on, which took a member who KNEW her password. Then we toured the Messages, Polls, Members and other parts of the site. Send an email to mugone@stny.rr.com and ask to be put on the group, if you haven't done so as yet. A lot of Q&A, alerts and other MUG ONE business will increasingly be handled through this medium.

Program: Tips, Demos, Why Librarians Rule the Web

Elsa was to demo *HipFlicks* which was donated to the group, but lacking a *QuickTime* movie to compress, she discussed its features instead. With another meeting to get to, she went

briskly through a demo of *LiveSlideShow*. This program is also *QuickTime* based, and allows drag and drop selection and ordering of photos for your show. It also exports photos in many different formats, both lacking in *iPhoto*. And it is cheap. Elsa then abandoned us for her User Group Advisory Board phone conference.

Program co-chair John Maas then showed us why “Librarians rule the Web.” Librarians have access to much of the Web that is not accessible to search engines like Google. One place to start is at www.LLI.org which is the librarians’ site. You can get on their mailing list, or just click “What’s New this Week.” Some interesting stuff shows up there. John showed us sites on architecture, and also showed RefDesk and the site map that organizes links in useful categories for browsing. There is even a list of search engines to use. Then at lexibot.com he showed the BrightPlanet pages which again were full of links to this hidden Web of information. Thanks, John for tickling our curiosity.

That done, we began to draw the winning tickets for the raffle, and everyone took home something. Several members picked tee shirts, keychain lights, pens, Adobe artist’s pencil sets and other booty. Much more at the picnic! The diet cola, Sprite, Oreos and Tollhouse cookies disappeared as we all communed. A very successful evening!

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY

JUNE 23RD PICNIC AT COLLEGE CAMP

About 25 MUG ONE members, their families and guests enjoyed a perfect Sunday afternoon at SUNY Oneonta’s College Camp for June 23’s annual MUG ONE picnic.

This year’s improved facilities included picnic tables under the pine trees and an outdoor grill. The latter was manned by Tom Travisano, who dispensed marinated London Broil, bratwurst, hot dogs and hamburgers to hungry picnickers and a few canine companions. Most of us dined under the trees, though some chose the relative coolness of the lodge - or perhaps they wanted to stay closer to the side dishes and desserts!

The prize drawing at 3 o’clock featured software, tee shirts, posters, books from O’Reilly and Peachpit Press, and a grand prize of Adobe Photoshop Elements, won this year by a somewhat embarrassed Elsa Travisano. Thank you to Professor Terry Helser, who arranged for us to use College Camp, and to everyone who brought contributions to the picnic.

We noted that this year’s attendance was lower than usual, partly because the date conflicted with high school graduations, and partly because many had already left on vacation. We may want to reconsider our timing next year so that more people will be able attend.

- ELSA TRAVISANO



RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MICROSOFT OFFICE: MAC FOR OS X

It’s back and better than ever - it’s MUG ONE’s Microsoft Office raffle, v. 2.0! (The version number is for the raffle, not the software.) MUG ONE will be raffling off a copy of Microsoft Office v.X for Mac, courtesy of Microsoft’s Macintosh Business Unit. The software suite, valued at \$499, includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Entourage, and is compatible with all versions of OS X.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and will be available between September 9 and October 7. The winning ticket will be drawn at our October 7 meeting. You may buy as many tickets as you wish, and you need not be present to win.

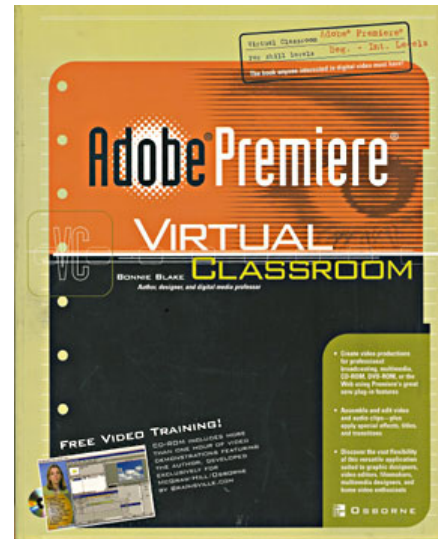
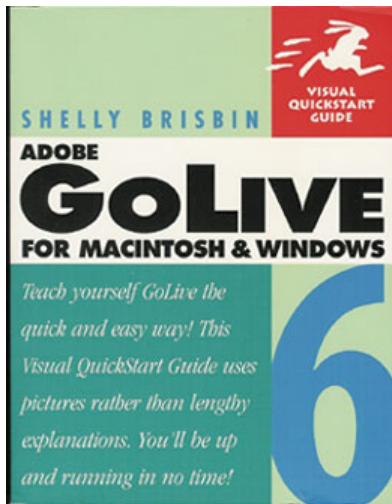
MUG ONE LOGO CONTEST UPDATE

We’re delighted to report that each of the fourteen designs that were submitted to MUG ONE’s logo contest by the August 31 deadline is full of imagination and appeal. Perhaps not too surprisingly, each design also contains an apple, a Macintosh computer or both.

Seeing all these apples and Macs set off a faint chorus of alarm bells in Elsa Travisano’s head. Recalling a meeting she attended at User Group University on “Understanding Apple’s Corporate Identity Standards,” Elsa tracked down Apple’s Guidelines for Using Apple’s Trademarks and Copyrights, then checked with Apple User Group Program Manager Garr Reynolds for clarification.

Sure enough, Apple does not allow an apple of any kind in an Apple user group logo, and pretty much prohibits including Apple icons, products, etc. as well.

To avoid invoking the ire of Apple’s Legal Department, we’ve contacted each of the designers and asked them to resubmit designs devoid of potentially offending fruit and hardware. Ah, but they were so clever! To give our talented artists their due, we plan to show the “banned in Cupertino” designs as well as their retooled successors at our October meeting.



BOOKS: GOLIVE 6 VQS, HANDPICKED SOFTWARE FOR OS X, PREMIERE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

Adobe GoLive 6 for Macintosh & Windows Visual QuickStart Guide, by Shelly Brisbin. 493 pp. Peachpit Press, 2002. \$21.99.

GoLive 6 is a significant upgrade to Adobe's web site development and management software. The new version includes support for OS X, new authoring and site management tools and additional modules as well as better integration with other Adobe products. *Adobe GoLive 6 for Macintosh & Windows Visual QuickStart Guide* is an inexpensive, easy-to-use reference that's perfect for both new users and those upgrading from previous versions of *GoLive*.

Like all *Visual QuickStart* titles, the book is arranged into topics with step-by-step instructions printed in the outer column of the page. Screen shots illustrating the topic appear in the inner column. Each set of instructions is designed to stand on its own, rather than depending on information delivered in other parts of the book. Topic headings are also printed on the outer edge of the book for quick thumbing access. The result is a clean, uncluttered design that makes it easy to find information.

Virtual QuickStart Guides are well suited for beginners who want to learn to use a program one step at a time. They're also ideal for experienced users who need to learn how to do particular tasks quickly. Highly recommended.

Handpicked Software for Mac OS X, by Robert Ellis. 180 pp. plus CD-ROM. Futurocity, 2002. \$17.95.

There's something irresistible about *Handpicked Software for Mac OS X*, a guide to the best new freeware, shareware and commercial software for OS X. Author Robert Ellis's descriptions and bottom line summaries make it easy to browse the categories, learn about and compare applications, and discover some affordable alternatives to big name products. His cheerfully subjective choices and commentaries bring a re-

freshly egalitarian spirit to the book. It's no surprise that Ellis is an active Macintosh user group member.

To prepare the book, Ellis sifted through hundreds of applications that run natively under OS X and chose the programs that best fit his criteria of value, design, and utility. His recommendations are intended to help readers decide not which program is "the best," but which is best for their own particular needs. Choices range from heavy hitters like Corel Graphics Suite, Final Cut Pro and AppleWorks to exciting built-for-OS X applications like Watson and Stone Studio, and finally to a terrific selection of innovative freeware and shareware programs. Each product is clearly described so the reader can understand what it actually does.

The CD-ROM includes many of the applications, including tryouts of commercial software as well as full freeware and shareware applications. This is a real boon for the majority of us who rely on dial-up internet connections.

My favorite selections are the little freeware and shareware programs that do one thing well. *Tea Timer*, an elegant freeware countdown timer featuring a left- or right-handed teacup, has already found its way into my Mac's dock.

Handpicked Software is aimed at people who are new to the Mac or new to OS X. Most all of us fall into one category or the other, and most all will benefit from owning this affordable, informative guide. Highly recommended.

Adobe Premiere Virtual Classroom, by Bonnie Blake. 316 pp. plus CD-ROM. Osborne/McGraw-Hill, 2001. \$39.99.

Osborne's *Virtual Classroom* series is an innovative and effective approach to learning software applications. The book and CD-ROM offers a series of video lessons in QuickTime format, with lessons keyed to the book's contents. The book and CD-ROM are designed to be used together;

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MACWORLD FEATURES JAGUAR, .MAC

Enhancements to the iPod and iMac lines were part of the news at Steve Jobs' Macworld Expo keynote July 17, but the big story was software.

Jobs devoted most of his presentation to Jaguar (OS 10.2) and .Mac, the newly revamped and now for-pay version of iTools. Jaguar's avalanche of new features were greeted with cheers, while Jobs' announcement of .Mac as a \$99 a year service (\$49 for the first year for existing mac.com email users until 9/30) was met with predictable silence. Once Jobs got the point across that .Mac is really a whole new service, its strong points became more apparent.

The popular iPod personal music player line added a 20 GB and a Windows version, a smart marketing move. The 10 and 20 GB models now come with a solid-state scroll wheel, a case and wired remote. *iTunes 3* was also announced as a free download for both OS 9 and OS X. Among its improvements, *iTunes 3* now handles classical music more effectively. The flat screen iMac had a 17" screen added to its 15" screen lineup; the 17" models are just beginning to ship and demand still far outstrips supply. New G4 desktop models were expected by many at the Expo, but were not announced until a month after the show.

Jaguar was the hit of the day, with 150 new features including Sherlock 3, iChat instant messaging, a system-wide Address Book, improved Mail, a Finder that actually finds, Inkwell handwriting recognition, Rendezvous wireless network connecting and many other enhancements. Some grumbled about the lack of an upgrade path for the \$129 OS, but most acknowledged the realities of the current computer industry.

.Mac was a harder sell to the audience, but the combination of email, simple web hosting, anti-virus software, backup software with automated backup to Apple's servers, and access to enhanced help and tech support services look like a good deal for the money. When the powerful iCal calendar program comes out in a few weeks, the package will definitely be worth \$99/\$49 a year. To my mind, .Mac's best feature is the way that all the components are coordinated to work with one another. This stands to alleviate the headaches of configuring and maintaining a hodgepodge of applications, making .Mac especially appealing.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

DAVID POGUE KEYNOTES NY'S UGU

User Group University is a concentrated, day-long conference for Macintosh user group leaders from around the world. I've attended all five so far; two on the west coast and three in New York. The information I've learned at UGU have really helped our group to evolve and grow. Each time I come away with loaded with lots of ideas, lots of new approaches, and lots of swag for door prizes.

The fifth UGU was held in the New Yorker Hotel on July 16, the day before the beginning of Macworld Expo. My work actually started two days earlier, when I joined the team of volunteers who spent several hours doing "bag build" – loading each Adobe-donated canvas shoulder bag with schedules, handouts, software, pens, a book, a tee shirt and a couple of plastic small dogs (two points if you guess what vendor the dogs came from.) Bag build gave me a taste of how much work goes on behind the scenes at an event like this.

Highlights of this UGU included sessions on Helping Members Migrate to OS X, and on Working With Members of the Apple Consultants Network (of which I've recently become a member). But best of all was the keynote presentation by surprise guest speaker David Pogue. David is not only a writer, former Broadway conductor and arranger, technology editor for *The New York Times*, and editor of the Missing Manual book series; he's also a long-time Mac user group member. David tickled us with hilarious anecdotes, wowed us with magic tricks, and played his Tom Lehrer-like sendups of the computer world on a grand piano. Two days later David gave the featured keynote presentation (second only to Steve Jobs) at Macworld Expo. We were honored indeed to have him for a speaker. An audio recording of David's keynote is available at the MUG Center, along with audios of several of the day's sessions: <http://www.mugcenter.com>.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

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sometimes the book will go into more depth on a topic, and sometimes the CD-ROM. The result is a greatly enhanced learning experience.

Adobe Premiere is a complex and powerful video editing program that is particularly appropriate for the print/video approach. A printed page can convey only a fraction of the multiple facets of the application, but seeing the features in action helps it all make sense.

The format used by brainville.com, who produce the videos for the series, comes closer to recreating a classroom lecture than anything else I've seen. The video window has three sections. The instructor narrates the lesson from the top left corner, and below her are clickable buttons to navigate through the sections of the lesson. The large window to the right contains the video of the instructor's computer screen as she manipulates the program. Using the QuickTime's standard VCR-like controls, the video can be played, skipped around in, and rewind.

An earlier title in the series, *Web Design Virtual Classroom*, was balky on a beige G3. However, *Adobe Premiere Virtual Classroom* runs flawlessly on the same G3, as well as on a flat panel iMac. If your Mac can run *Adobe Premiere*, you should be able to use *Adobe Premiere Virtual Classroom* without a hitch. Highly recommended.

– ELSA TRAVISANO



JAGUAR ARRIVES WITH A ROAR

Apple's August 23rd rollout of the latest Macintosh operating system was like nothing the Mac world has ever seen outside of a Macworld Expo. Apple Stores and resellers around the country opened from 10:20 PM until midnight to sell OS 10.2, better known as Jaguar. Lines stretched for blocks at dozens of stores as thousands of Mac users of all ages waited for the opportunity to buy.

When Tom and I arrived at the Albany/Crossgates Apple Store at 9:40 PM, we were amazed to find more than 130 people in line ahead of us. By the time the doors opened, there were well over 200 people lined up in the otherwise-deserted mall. Other Apple Stores, including Houston and Palo Alto, reported lines with several thousand people. Some stores stayed open until past 2:30 AM to accommodate all the people waiting to spend \$129 on the new OS.

Once in the Apple Store, we were greeted with free Jaguar mouse pads and an extra surprise – anyone purchasing OS 10.2 or a computer would receive 10% off everything in the store, including computers. Mac hardware is virtually never discounted, so this was a powerful buying incentive. Judging by the loaded hand trucks headed out the door, the discount inspired some folks to a Supermarket Sweep-like shopping frenzy. Not me – I just bought a dual 1 GHz G4 (loaded with Jaguar, of course) and a monitor and an Airport card and speakers. Only one hand truck's worth...

Checkout lines were long and slow, but the mood was festive. Dazed store employees said this was their biggest event ever – much bigger than opening day. Right behind us in line were MUG ONE members Richard Duncan and Pamela Welch, scooping up a copy of Jaguar. Throughout the evening there was plenty of buzz about user groups – finding one, starting one, and the cool things about being a member. It's really an exciting time to be a user group member.

Beyond the hype, Jaguar is a power- and feature-packed upgrade that includes 150 new features. Stay tuned for plenty of coverage in the months to come.

- ELSA TRAVISANO

DISCOUNTS FOR USER GROUP MEMBERS

These user group discounts are brought to you exclusively by the Apple User Group Advisory Board. You must be a current MUG member to qualify for these savings. Not a member? Join a MUG today to take advantage of these offers.

Asanté Discount

Asanté Technologies is a leading provider of Mac networking solutions. The company's popular products are known for their ease of use.

To support the Mac community, Asanté is offering great discounts to MUG members. The FriendlyNET FR3004LC DSL/cable modem router (with built-in 4-port 10/100 switch, serial port, and LPT port) is specially priced at \$75 (regularly \$122). The FriendlyNET FH408 8-port 10/100 switching hub is specially priced at \$49 (regularly \$74). The AsantiFast 690 PCI 10/100 for Mac includes patch cable and is specially priced at \$26 (regularly \$35).

To get the discount, MUG members should look at your mailed newsletter or contact Elsa Travisano for the code.

Limit one of each product per person, within US and Canada only. **Offer valid until September 30, 2002**, or while supplies last.

Econ Technologies Offer

Easy-to-use, powerful, affordable software from Econ Technologies. Go to <http://www.econtechologies.com>. When you're ready to purchase click on "Store" at the top. Then click on "Login" to take advantage of the MUG Special Offer. The Login is "*****" The Password is "*****." If you have any questions email joe@econtechologies.com. **Offer expires December 31, 2002.**

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30% Discount, free shipping from McGraw-Hill/Osborne Media

For Mac User Group members only, McGraw-Hill/Osborne Media is offering a 30% discount plus free shipping on the following books **from now through November 30, 2002.**

* *Mac OS X: The Complete Reference* by Jesse Feiler (regular price \$39.99; \$27.99 for Mac User Groups)

* *Upgrading & Troubleshooting Your Mac, Mac OS X Edition* by Gene Steinberg (regular price \$29.99; \$20.99 for Mac User Groups)

* *How to Do Everything with Your iMac, Third Edition* by Todd Stauffer (regular price \$24.99; \$17.49 for Mac User Groups)

* *How to Do Everything with iMovie* by Tony Reveaux and Gene Steinberg (regular price \$24.99; \$17.49 for Mac User Groups)

* *Photoshop 7: Tips & Techniques* by Wendy Willard (regular price \$39.99; \$27.99 for Mac User Groups)

* *Photoshop 7: The Complete Reference* by Laurie Ulrich (regular price \$49.99; \$34.99 for Mac User Groups)

* *How to Do Everything with Your Digital Camera, Second Edition* by Dave Johnson (regular price \$24.99; \$17.49 for Mac User Groups)

The Special Reference Code for this offer is: ****. Please go to www.osborne.com and enter this code in the "Special Offers" box.

Save \$100 On Freeway Web-Authoring Tool

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The normal retail price for *Freeway 3.5* is \$249, Our special price to User Group members is only \$149 for the boxed version, or only \$129 as an electronic download.

To order, go to: *****

This special price is only available via this url, not through any other channel. **Offer expires December 31, 2002**

CMS Peripherals, Inc.

Exclusive offer for MUG members only on the award-winning, fully bootable automatic backup solution! Just plug in the ABSplus and it automatically backs up your entire system with FireWire speed. It's that easy!

ABSplus also restores your files in a single click, mounts as a volume for drag-and-drop file copying, or can even boot the entire system. ABSplus' shock-mounted, sleek design defies the most harsh travel conditions, extreme temperatures and over 1000Gs of force. See why ABSplus won "Best of Show" at Macworld Expo and was rated "freakin' awesome" by MacAddict magazine.

To celebrate the new ABSplus, now bootable on Mac OS X, MUG members can buy one ABSplus and get the second at half-price, or buy one at 20% off. Learn about the ABSplus model you want at <http://www.cmsproducts.com>, and simply call 714/424-5520 or 800/327-5773 to order using the code, *****. (fine print: second unit must be of equal or lesser value.

Offer expires 11.30.02.

WorkStrip X

Purchase the acclaimed WorkStrip X, the powerful productivity tool by Softchaos, at a special 20% discount price. Building on the success of classic versions, WorkStrip X is an intelligent, system wide productivity-enhancement tool for professional and intensive Mac users. WorkStrip X combines common sense productivity and management features with the established functionality of the dock, creating a desktop tool that provides valuable shortcuts.

Features Include:

- Instant previews including text, image, movie and sound files, without opening the corresponding application
- Workspaces to manage projects, allowing you to automatically track and construct sets of applications and documents for specific tasks or clients
- Tracking of recent Internet sites, enabling access to favourite sites across all browser applications
- Advanced, customisable desktop trash
- Aqua look and feel

To access this exclusive offer go to: *****

Offer expires November 30, 2002. Normal price \$38.55, special promotion price \$31.00

The Apple MUG Store

The Apple MUG Store has plenty of red-hot deals for the summer! In addition to their long line of excellent deals on refurbished Macs, they also have the new dual 867 MHz G4 Towers in good supply. In addition, The MUG Store is giving away lots of free stuff with new Macs, including free RAM (with no installation charges) and printers.

<http://www.applemugstore.com>

Password :

You can also order by calling one of the PowerMax consultants at 800-689-8191. Don't forget to tell them the name of your user group. When you purchase and are a confirmed Apple User Group member, your particular group will receive special awards points which can be redeemed for merchandise and Apple logo materials.

FALL MEETINGS MOVE TO MONDAYS

MUG ONE meetings will be moving back to the first Monday of the month for the fall semester, with the exception of September's meeting which will be held on the second Monday to accomodate Labor Day.

Mark your calendars for September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Because of SUNY Oneonta's break schedule, MUG ONE does not meet in January. We'll announce spring meeting dates as soon as they become available.

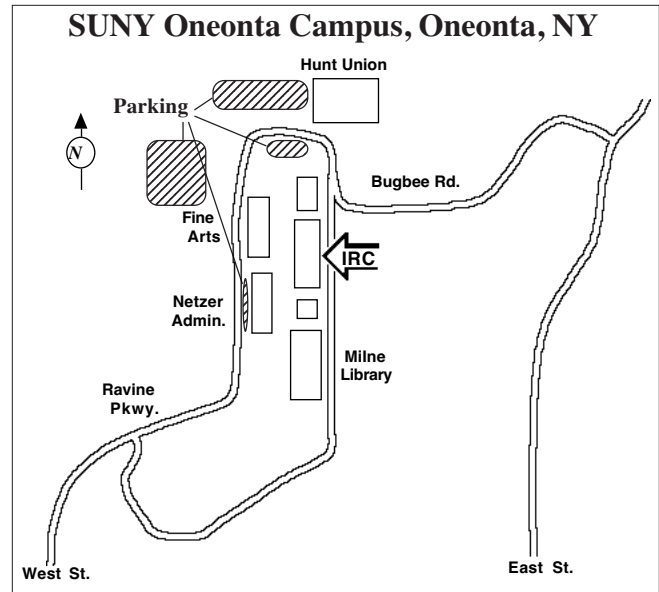
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MAY 30, 2002 MUG ONE BOARD MEETING

President and *Newsbreak* editor Elsa Travisano, Secretary Terry L. Helser, Treasurer Joanne Johnston, Librarian Johanna Koenig and Program Co-chairs Brian Foley and John Maas attended the meeting at Ruffino's Pizzeria. VP Don Cooper was absent.

Joanne reported our current balance of \$818.75 after paying some bills and for the pizza. Elsa asked about a Unix book to put in the library or raffle off and no decision was reached. We also received a copy of *First Edge* from MYOB Software to use for our accounts, but again no one was quite ready to tackle it. We'll hang on to it until someone is ready to take the plunge.

We answered The Spring Fair survey Elsa will submit to the Fair's organizers. We also learned that Dave Marra turned down the Cupertino job at Apple corporate to continue his one-man proselytizing for the Mac. Good decision, Dave!

For the June 3 meeting, Elsa will demo two programs, Brian's question cards will be resurrected and John might do something on surfing the deep Web. We will have an extended Q&A as well. Brian wants to put photos on our Web site of the dinosaurs (old computer equipment) he is getting, so people will be able to see and claim what they need. We currently rely on the circulation log for feedback on library use. With the library at Main Street Print Shop rather than the now defunct Music and Video Repair, we no longer have Jay to explain how to use the hardware when it is borrowed. We might ask Barb to scan hardware usage for us (monthly?) for a report. We also need to cover instructions for using equipment during meetings, and have detailed documentation circulate with each item. Library holdings are in PDF files on our web site.

Brian wondered if there was interest in buying a digital camcorder for the group. We decided to ask at the meeting.

Could we use a fundraiser to support this? We'll ask for ideas at the meeting, too.

Two other officers besides Elsa are eligible to go to the leader breakfasts at the NYC Macworld in July, but no one was able to seize the opportunity.

To update and standardize our logo, we agreed to sponsor a contest. Members can submit a design for the icon/logo both alone and with text. The logo will be used on publicity, the web site, etc. Entries will be on our Web site by August [delayed – see page 3 for details] where viewers can vote their preferences, but the officers and members will have the final choice. The vote will be held at the September meeting. Entries will not indicate the author, but will just have a number to level the field. The winner will receive one free year's membership in MUG ONE, Procreate's Painter software (~\$400), a tee shirt and prominent mention on our site.

The tentative program schedule is:

June 3 – "Tips, Tricks and Demos" with Elsa, John and Brian doing the heavy lifting.

June 23 – Picnic! OSC College Camp is reserved from 1-6 PM for us. We will advertise 1-4 with raffle at 3 PM. We can RSVP on the web site and at the meeting, and will pass around a sign up sheet for a dish to share.

September – Macworld report and summer reviews. Don's audio program, or maybe he would like to do segments in different meetings? We should poll the membership for program ideas on the Yahoo! list and at the meeting or picnic.

A donation of MS Office X for Mac is coming (OS X only) so we'll be thinking about how best to use it. Full of eggplant pizza, we adjourned until June 3 at 6:30 - 7 pm in IRC-1.

–TERRY L. HELSER