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MacWorld New York 2000 A Personal Revelation

by D. Lee Beard

Greetings fellow Mac users. I am back from New York City where I attended the 2000 MacWorld Expo and Convention.

Not only did I get to experience first hand the latest in Mac hardware and software, but I also got to experience the incredibly inflated Apple ego. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Apple Ego is not to be underestimated. So inflated is the Apple ego that it could be used in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade (assuming it isn't too big to fit down the streets of Manhattan).

Apple cancelled half of the scheduled workshops that I had paid to attend with no apology, no compensation -- just the option to attend a different session that they were also offering at the same time. I also paid extra to attend a seven-hour Preconference Session on "Macintosh Administration Strategies" only to find out the morning of the conference that it was being cancelled. Not only did I pay extra for this, but because I had to come early for this, I also paid extra in parking and lodging fees (no pocket change in New York City).

Then there was the User Group coordinators from Apple. Not only were they rude and inconsiderate, they felt that anything they did for you was a favor and that's only if they decided to do something for you in the first place. Don't confuse this with actual user group members from across the country who were quite friendly. The clear message I got from Apple was that they did not need User Groups like ours.

In my opinion, MacWorld is not worth it.

New iMacs, Mouse, Keyboard, iMovie, and G4 But here is what you haven't heard

By now, most of you have heard the new Apple announcements: the G4 Cube, new iMacs, a new version of iMovie, new dual processor G4 Towers, and a new keyboard and mouse.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Apple has still not delivered what consumers have been asking for.

First, most people I have talked to, want an iMac with a 17" monitor. This is particularly true among the over 50 age group who

have started to lose their some of their close vision. Maybe this will change when Steve Jobs hits age 50.

Second, most everyone has been screaming for some type of removable storage on a Macintosh. Anyone who has used computers very much knows that if you care about what you create on your computer, you want to back it up from your hard drive

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Next AAMUG Meeting:

**7:00pm
Wednesday
Sept. 20th**

*in the
AAC Computer Lab
101 Alden Library*

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onto a removable disk of some sort.

Sadly, no iMac models come standard with any sort of removable storage. Neither does the G4 Cube. What is Apple thinking? Are they trying to encourage people to NOT back up their files? Do they think that the things that Mac users create on their computers are not worth backing up?

People also want to burn their own musical or iMovie CDs. How hard would it have been to put a CD-R or CD -RW in iMacs or the new G4 cube instead of a DVD/CD-ROM drive? Couldn't the iMac Special Edition come with at least the option of a CD-R drive?

Sure the G4 is cute but once you start cluttering it with external peripherals, it suddenly becomes one of the most ugly looking computers. All these extra cables lying around seems counterintuitive to their idea of removing ugly cables by making their new monitors capable of connecting with one wire to the the computer for electricity as well as the video signal. They got rid of one wire while forcing users to connect several more with external devices instead of neatly placed internal options.

I can only hope that this is something that they will fix at some future MacWorld announce-



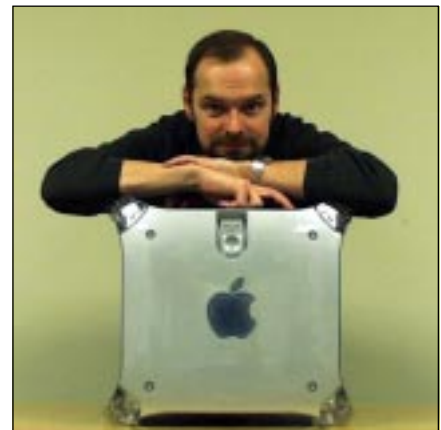
ment like they did with the old keyboard and hockey-puck mouse (BTW, I am using one of those new optical mice right now and they are wonderful). But for now, we will have to add to the price and attractiveness of an Apple computer the cost of an external storage device.

As you probably know, I have much to report from new Apple hardware and software to AppleScript tips and third party bonuses. I've also got a few extra freebies to give away at the next AAMUG meeting so come early.

New Hardware

Apple announced a new G4 computer that, at 8" by 8", is about the size of a facial tissue box but with the power of a V6 engine. I say V6 because the new top two models of the G4 tower are the V8 engines with their new dual processors. This is more power than most anyone will need unless they

are just graphic editing all day long. This makes the new G4 cube a compact and powerful excellent choice for most of us power users who don't usually upgrade our computers with extra PCI cards (since the G4 cube has no internal upgradability except for 3 total RAM slots and an airport card slot). For me, I'll stick with my G4 tower.



For Sale:

Mac Plus Capture a piece of computer history and purchase this Mac Plus computer. The cost is only \$5. Original keyboard and mouse as well as external hard drive are available for sale as well. Call 797-1317 to find out more.



Mac SE/Classic/Classic II Computers Still very functional computers. Low cost! Call 797-1317 to find out more.





Apple Stock & iMac Sales Are Down Despite Third Qtr. Profits

By D.Lee Beard

In a press announcement on July 18th, Apple Computer Inc. reported \$163 million in profits for its third quarter. This is up from last year's third quarter profits of \$114 million.

Apple also reported disappointing iMac sales with about 50,000 fewer iMacs being

sold in the third quarter than they had expected.

Since reporting on profits, Apple made announcements at the MacWorld Conference and Expo in New York City of four new iMacs, and new G4 computers. This was expected to improve the financial outlook of Apple but investors were not convinced.

The response on Wallstreet has been less than enthusiastic with shares of Apple stock dropping more than 10 points in the first two weeks following these announcements.

Since then, Apple Stock has rebounded, along with the NASDAQ, to Pre-MacWorld prices.



Give Your Computer a Desktop and Icon Makover

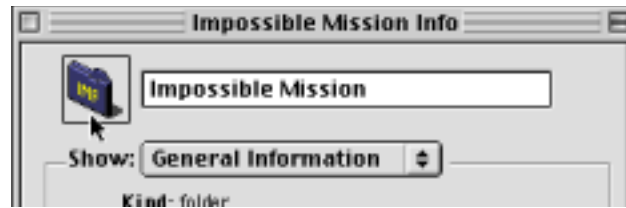
Icons (the pictures that go with each file) can be very useful and fun.

For instance, I have used a mailbox icon for my folder that contains the letters that I have typed. I use a file cabinet icon for my folder that contains important records like university quarterly reports. I use a musical note icon for my mp3 files.

Since I am a very visual person, these icons help me to find what I am looking for on my computer with just a glance.

Icons can be found all over the web, but the best place to go is at www.iconfactory.com They have thousands of icons grouped by different categories.

Icons can be changed using the "Get Info" command. Find the icon you want to use and click on that file just once then go to the "File" menu and choose "Get Info." Then click on that icon that



you want to copy and choose "copy" from the Edit menu.

Close that window, find the folder that you want to change, Get Info for it. This time, click on it's icon and choose "Paste" from the Edit menu. Taa Daa, you have just changed the icon of a folder.

Are you tired of looking at the same old plain desktop pattern that your computer came with?

If so, you can make changes by using the Appearance control panel. Just click on the "Themes" or "Desktop" tabs to make changes. You can insert any picture that your Mac can read into a desktop background picture.

You can also change the background pattern that surrounds your picture (or instead of a picture). You can do this by using the same Appearance Control Panel that you used to change your desktop picture.





Where Can You Buy Macintosh Computers?

Here are just some of the closest options:

Connecting Point

Location: W. Union St. in Athens

Note: Small inventory of in stock items but excellent local source for repairs.

Sears

Location: Lancaster and Parkersburg

Note: Do not deal with G4s or flat panel displays or Airport equipment.

Circuit City

Location: Parkersburg

Note: Just recently began selling Apples but it looks promising.

Comp USA

Location: Columbus

Note: Good selection of all Apple equipment

MicroCenter

Location: Columbus

Note: Good selection of in stock items, excellent sales staff and they do repairs.

The Apple Store

Location: www.apple.com/store

Note: Will give educators and students a discount but a horrible return policy!

MacMall

Location: www.macmall.com

Note: A good way to avoid sales tax since they are not located in Ohio (this could save you over \$60/\$1000 order).

Six Reasons to buy a PC ...

- You want to get the latest in computer viruses.
- You like really cheap computers much the same way you like really cheap furniture, cars, etc....
- You like being a lamb and following the herd.
- You want to help Bill Gates stay the richest man in America.
- Beige is your favorite color
- Clicking the "Start" button to Shut down your computer actually makes sense to you.

The Microsoft Court Case: *The Latest:*

According to some unreliable sources, Microsoft is to be broken up into two companies: Software and Defense Attorneys. ☺

QUIZ

- What does the "2000" in Windows 2000 stand for?
 - a: The number of pages of installation instructions
 - b: Megahertz needed for it to run
 - c: Number of people who actually pay to upgrade
 - d: Number of bugs in the system
 - e: All of the Above
 - f: a, b, and c

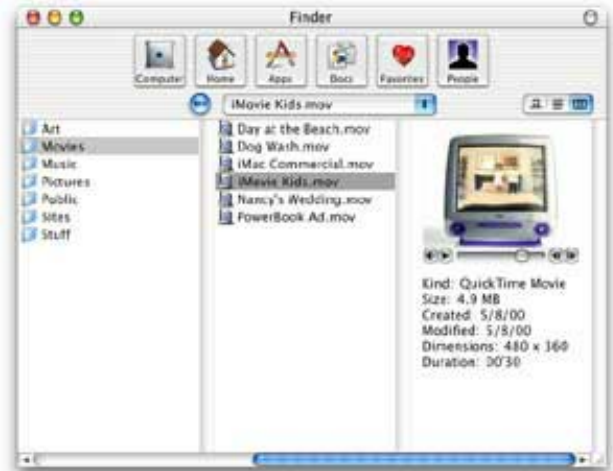
● Answer: The correct answer is "f". You might have thought it was "e" but the actual number of bugs in the system is actually much greater.



Mac OS X X September 13 Wednesday

The long awaited Macintosh OS X Beta version will be unleashed September 13.

To find out more about how to get your copy, be sure to attend the AAMUG Meeting on September 20th in the Academic Advancement Center's Computer Lab in 101 Alden Library.



Are you an AAMUG member yet??

BENEFITS!

•Sharing of Mac tips and problemsolving techniques with fellow Mac users.

•Obtain discounted hardware and software from the User Group Store.

•One year subscription to the AAMUG Newsletter.

Application to join the

Athens Area Macintosh Users Group



Membership dues \$15
students \$10

- Student membership
- New member
- Renewal membership

Make check payable to
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email address (if applicable) _____

web address (if applicable) _____

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Please return this form to the address listed above or present it to an AAMUG Officer at the next AAMUG meeting.



Last Minute Update: MacWorld Paris: New iBooks, Mac OS X Beta

On this past Wednesday, September 13th, Steve Jobs announced new updates to iBooks. The hard drives are now 10GB in size and the processors are upped to 466Mhz. They also now have a firewire port and a video out port

for use with TVs. A DVD is now an option on the iBook as well. Tangerine is dead and “Key Lime” is the new color along with a revised blue called “Indigo.”

OS X Beta was also released but keep in mind it is only a “beta”



version and is not intended for the non-techie. The full version is expected out in January.



Macworld Expo 2000

Did you miss Steve Jobs’ Keynote Address from the Macworld Expo in New York City?

You can still check it out online via Quicktime Streaming Video at:

apple.com/quicktime/qtv/mwny00

Note: if you need to update to quicktime 4.1, come to the next AAMUG meeting where free Quicktime 4.1 disks will be given away to members.

CHECK OUT THIS AND OTHER MOVIE PREVIEWS AT:

www.apple.com/trailers/





Mac Games and More Mac Games!

Here's just a sample:

AGE OF EMPIRES

ALPHA CENTAURI

ASTEROIDS

BALDUR'S GATE

CAESAR 3

CIVILIZATION CALL TO POWER

DESCENT III

DEUS EX

DIABLO II

FA18 KOREA

FALCON 4.0

HOYLE CASINO

MADDEN 2000

MYST MASTERPIECE EDITION

MYTH: THE TOTAL CODEX

QUAKE III

STARCRRAFT

STARCRRAFT EXPANSION SET: BROOD WAR

THE SIMS

TOMB RAIDER: THE LAST REVELATION

TOM CLANCY'S RAINBOW SIX

TOTAL ANNIHILATION

UNREAL TOURNAMENT

WARCRAFT II BATTLE CHEST

WARCRAFT II BATTLE.NET EDITION

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AaMUG (Athens Area Macintosh Users Group) is a community organization open to anyone who wants to learn and share information about how to make use of the powerful features of their Macintosh computer. AaMUG disseminates information on Apple Macintosh computers, software, and related products and issues. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month



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Anyone and Everyone
is Welcome!