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		1 OS X 7:00	2  6:30	3	4	5
6	7  7:00	8  7:00	9  7:00	10	11	12  Members Workshop !
13	14	15 Mac Main 7:00	16	17  7:00	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Q&A 7:00	29	30			

1 OS X

OS X SIG
The Foundation
219 Second Street Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Craig Arko

2 AppleWorks SIG

Augsburg Library 6:30 PM
7100 Nicollet Ave S, Richfield
John Hunkins, Sr. 651-457-8949
hunkins@mac.com.

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Board of Directors
mini'apple's members welcome
New Brighton Family Center
400 10th St. N.W. New Brighton
Tom Gates 612-789-1713

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VectorWorks SIG
Location to be determined
Charles Radloff 952 941 1667

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Microsoft Word SIG
Eagles Lodge
9152 Old Cedar Ave. Bloomington
Tom Ostertag, D 612-951-5520 E
651-488-9979



FileMaker Pro SIG
CANCELED
Steve Wilmes 651-458-1513

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Members Workshop !

Members Workshop
St Charles School
2727 Stinson Blvd NE Mpls.

Tom Gates 612-789-1713
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15 Mac Main

Mac Main SIG
Southdale Library Helen Young room
7001 York Avenue South,
Edina, MN 55435
Craig R. Arko

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Macintosh Consultants SIG
Embers 7:00 AM
7525 Wayzata Blvd
St. Louis Park
Bob Demmeles, 763-559-1124

28 Q&A

Macintosh Q & A SIG
Questions & Answers
Merriam Park Library
1831 Marshall Avenue St. Paul
Les Anderson 651-735-3953

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December 2005 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for December 2005. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- At www.miniapples.org
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Monday	December	5 Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday	December	6 OS X SIG
Wednesday	December	7 AppleWorks SIG
Saturday	December	10 Annual Auction
Tuesday	December	13 VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	December	14 Microsoft Word SIG
Tuesday	December	13 Mac Main SIG
Thursday	December	15 Macintosh Consultants
Monday	December	26 Mac Q & A SIG

Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

Apple II / IIgs Software & Hardware	1, 5, 7
AppleWorks / ClarisWorks-Draw	6, 7, 8
Classic Macs	
Cross-Platform File Transfer	5
FileMaker Pro	
FirstClass	
iMacs	12,
iPhoto / iTunes / iMovie	
Mac OS Classic	7, 12
Mac OS X	
MacWrite Pro	11
Microsoft Excel	2, 5, 13,
Microsoft Word	5,
MYOB	13
Networks	
New Users	1, 9, 12
PhotoShop	3, 10
PowerBooks / iBooks	12,
Power Macs	
Quicken	2, 13
QuickBooks and QuickBooks Pro	13
WordPerfect	4
VectorWorks	14

1. Les Anderson	651-735-3953	DEW
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3. Eric Jacobson	651-645-6264	D
4. Nick Ludwig	612-593-7410	DEW
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6. Owen Strand	763-427-2868	D
7. Bruce Thompson	763-546-1088	EW
8. Pam Lienke	651-457-6026	EW
9. Tom Lufkin	651-698-6523	EW
10. Gary Eckhardt	952-944-5446	EW
11. R. J. Erhardt	651-730-9004	DEW
12. Richard Becker	612-870-0659	EW
13. Ardie Predweschny	612 978-9774	DEW
14. Charles Radloff	952-941-1667	D

D: Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

W: Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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1985 Silicon Mountain Macintosh User Group
[<http://www.smmug.org>]
(Thanks to UGAB member Lynn Poos for this tip.)

1986 CHampions Of the Mac Proletariat
[<http://www.chompmug.org>]

1986 Waterloo Region Macintosh Users Group
[<http://homepage.mac.com/WatRMUG/>]
(Congrats to long-time Ambassador Richard Crispin.)

1992 Macintosh Business Users Society of Greater Philadelphia
[<http://www.macbus.org>]
(Congrats to long-time Ambassador Todd Salkovitz.)

1998 MacRIT
[<http://macrit.rit.edu>]
(Congrats to Ambassador Jacob Cebula and members.)

2000 AMUG Sicilia
[<http://www.amugsicilia.it>]

SPECIAL OFFERS - APPLE USER GROUP BULLETIN - September 17, 2005

These User Group discounts are brought to you by the Apple User Group Advisory Board and Tom Piper, vendor relations.

You must be a current Apple user group member to qualify for these savings. Not a member? Join an Apple user group today to take advantage of these special offers.

1] - eyeTV: 30 Percent Discount

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Save \$100 (US) off the regular cost of \$329 (US) on EyeTV 200 (\$70 (US) with special pricing, plus another \$30 (US) mail-in rebate).

This exclusive UG-only offer is an exception to the rule about not combining offers.

Check it out.
[<http://www.elgato.com/usergroup.php>]
This U.S. only offer is valid until December 31, 2005.

2] - iWork User Group: 40 Percent Off Business Stationery Design Kit

Have you admired the matching letterheads, envelopes, business cards and memo pads used by large corporations? Now you can create your own with the iWork Users Group's (iWUG) new "Business Stationery Design Kit" for Pages.

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Coupon code MUGMember
Order by web, email or telephone.
[<http://www.iWorkUsers.org/shop/merchant4.html>]

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[<http://www.macconnection.com>]

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4] - ADS Tech: 10 Percent Discount and Free Shipping

ADS Technologies is a world leader in Universal Serial Bus and IEEE-1394/FireWire solutions. The cornerstone of the company's success has been to introduce niche or high-end technologies to the consumer marketplace with quality devices sold at a reasonable price.

This special user group offer will take 10 percent off your entire purchase, as well as provide free shipping within the continental US.

All ADS products are included that are available for purchase via the website when using the discount code.

Coupon code ADSUG

[<http://www.adstech.com>]

This worldwide offer is valid until December 31, 2005.

5] - The MUG Store: Discounts and User Group Offers

The MUG Store has free freight to members, RAM rebates and aggressive pricing on new and reconditioned Macs. They've also got one of the largest selections of pre-owned Macs on the planet.

7/1/2005 through 11/31/05

User ID: Mug
Password: Store

[<http://www.applemugstore.com>]

This offer is available to members of U.S. user groups.

For information about vendor offers and more visit

[<http://homepage.mac.com/ugab/offers.html>]

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Saturday Members Workshop coming November 12, 2005

Submitted by John Pruski

The members workshop will be held Saturday, November 12th at St. Charles School, 2727 Stinson Blvd. in Northeast Minneapolis. It will start at 9:00 AM and runs till 1 P.M. This is a good chance to get some "hands on" help with your problems. We will

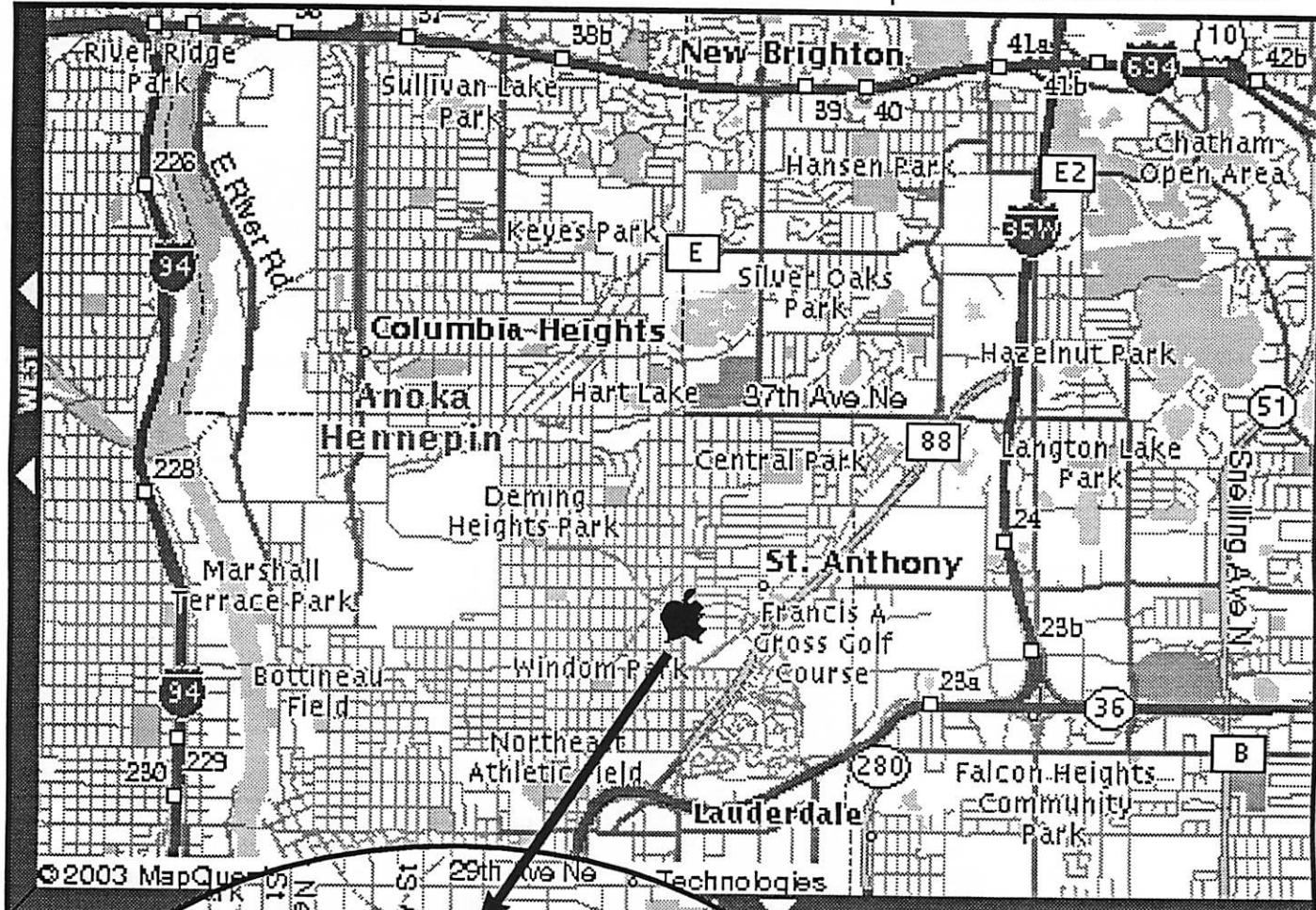
have a high speed internet connection, so you can download software upgrades in a few minutes instead of hours with your home dial-up connection. If you need help installing programs you can bring your own computer.

The School is located about a mile

north of I-35W and Stinson. It is easy to find.

We would like as many members to come and help our other members. See you there, and join the group.

So get your questions and problems ready for the Saturday Workshop and watch for the exact date and time.



How to get to St. Charles School 2727 Stinson Blvd NE Mpls.

From 35W to Stinson Blvd exit, then north about one mile to school.

From 694 -take Silver Lake Rd exit - south to 29th NE about 3 miles then west (right) on 29th to Stinson then south (left) on Stinson to school (2 blocks).

Miniapples Directors Meeting September 12, 2005

Submitted by Jim Nye

Present: Les Anderson, Greg Buchner, Craig Arko, Jim Nye, John Pruski, Don Walz, member Brian Bantz

Approval of Agenda: No agenda presented.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of August 1 meeting approved

Treasurers Report: All bills paid for August. Financial statement for the year passed out. (preliminary statement)

OFFICERS AND COORDINATORS REPORTS

President Gates: Absent. Secretary Nye volunteered to run the meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President

Vice President Persson: Absent

Secretary Nye: Suggested a plan to get a booth at the State Fair, noting that the exposure could increase interest

mini'app'les annual auction will be held December 10, 2005

Submitted by Bert Persson

Each year the Minnesota Apple Computer Users' Group have an auction where we sell donated computers, software, books and other computer related equipment to our members as well as the public. This auction is one way mini'app'les raises funds for our newsletter, web site (miniapples.org) and BBS. Since we are a nonprofit organization donations can be used as a tax write off if so desired.

With the fast moving computer market, equipment that at one time was "state of the art" rapidly becomes "outdated or inadequate" with newer operating systems and hardware.

and membership in the club. Group discussed pros & cons Pros, increased exposure. Cons, large cost and difficulty in manning booth for the 12 days of the fair. Suggested topic be held over for further discussion when all directors are present.

Marketing Director Buchner: Nothing new, still updating new member CD's

Publications Director Pruski: Saved money on last newsletter issue because it had few pages.

SIG Director Arko: (1) Worked with Leaders for the Main Mac SIG. The first meeting of the renewed Main Mac SIG will be held September 13 at the Southdale library. (2) The OS 10 SIG has been moved to a new location at 219 Second Street, Suite 200, Mpls. (3) Photoshop meeting is not affiliated with the club. Greg suggested we could be a sponsor.

Director at large Anderson: Newsletters will be sent to 8 or 9 libraries in Mpls and also to St. Paul libraries to meet the requirement for

reduced postal rates for a minimum of 200 copies being mailed. O'Reilly now has a 30 % reduced rate on all books ordered by the club members.

OLD BUSINESS

School user group nothing has been heard from Tami Brass about starting a user group at her Stillwater schools

Brian Bantz request for information Brian Bantz given information (papers) about the clubs non-profit status for his business purposes.

Workshop- a date needs to be set for the workshop so that a notice can be put in the next newsletter. Tom Gates will be contacted to finalize the date.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting October 3, 2005 at the New Brighton Community Center, 400 19th Street, New Brighton.

If you have some equipment you like to donate, please contact; John Pruski johnpruski@aol.com (952) 938-2818

or

Bert Persson skallgang@yahoo.com (612) 861-9578

Our annual mini'app'les auction will be held Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the; Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave S Minneapolis.

The times will be published later.

Twin Cities Photoshop User Group

Twin Cities Photoshop User Group

* Thursday, 7-9pm, November 10th, 2005

* Location - MCAD, Auditorium 150.

We'll have two main discussions for this meeting:

The Photoshop stretch: how to increase your Photoshop flexibility." Which covers how to work in Photoshop in such a way as to keep your options open as much as possible through non-destructive editing.
"Black & White Conversion

Techniques"

Which covers the problems associated with creating black & white images from digital cameras.

Q&A session and giveaways will follow.

Apple User Group - Members Bulletin

COMMUNITY NEWS - MEMBERS

1] - Expo News: User Group University Returns to San Francisco

User Group University is the premier leadership conference for Macintosh User Group officers. Join leaders from around the globe in San Francisco on January 9, 2006 for a day of great speakers, learning and fun. Space is limited.

[<http://acteva.com/go/macworld>]

2] - Expo News: Free Passes and More

For a limited time, user group members can register for a free exhibits-only pass (deadline Nov. 4) or a 15 percent discount on all conference packages (deadline Dec. 9) at Macworld Conference & Expo San Francisco (January 9-13). These discounts are only available to user group members using the User Group Priority Code.

User Group Code H0101

Register today.
[<http://www.macworldexpo.com>]

3] - Expo News: Show Floor Volunteers

One of the best ways to experience Macworld Expo is from the inside. If you are headed for San Francisco in January and want to spend a few hours as a Macworld user group volunteer let the Macworld User Group Planning Team know.

Reserve your spot.
[<mailto:mwvolunteers@mac.com>]

4] - Expo News: Party for the People

Hosted by Deb Shadovitz of the San Gabriel Valley Mac Users Group, the third annual Party For The People is scheduled for the evening of Jan. 10 - during Macworld Expo - at the Renaissance Parc 55, a popular hotel for Macworld attendees, just .6 miles from Moscone Center.

Find out more.
[<http://www.shadovitz.com/party-forthepeople/>]

5] - HelMUG at Comdex

From November 18 to 20, the Hellenic Macintosh User Group (HelMUG) will have a booth at one of the biggest annual digital technology expos - Comdex, Athens. During the week, HelMUG will offer multiple events, including a remote presentation from Germany and a demonstration of GrX by its author.

Join them at booth H18, level 1.
[<http://www.helmug.gr>]
(Thanks to Ambassador Yannis Angelidis for this tip.)

6] - User Group Officer Presents at MacFair

Claire Lemire, Apple SIG Ambassador for the North Orange County Computer Club, will be one of the presenters at MacFair 2005 on November 4 - 5 in Norwalk, California. With workshops, presentations and door prizes, the event bills itself as Southern California's MacXtravaganza.

[<http://noccc.org>]
[<http://noccc.org/>]

7] - MacCore Offers a Schmoozefest

MacCore will be hosting their annual Schmoozefest and auction on October 19 in Kansas City. Bid on bargains while you schmooze.

[<http://www.maccore.org>]

8] - Connecticut Final Cut Pro Group at Gems

The Connecticut Final Cut Pro User Group (CTFCPUG) participated in a panel discussion at the 2005 Global Entertainment and Media Summit (GEMS) in Connecticut. The event included over 500 professionals from the entertainment, music, video, new media, film and related industries.

[<http://www.ctfcpug.org>]

9] - BeiMac Forms China's First iPod Group

Beijing Macintosh User Group held their October meeting at Apple's Beijing office to announce the forma-

tion of China's first iPod User Group. David Feng, founder and president of the Beijing Macintosh User Group, said that as more people become aware of the iPod the time was right for a group focused on all things iPod.

[<http://www.beimac.com/modules/news/>]

(Congratulations to Apple Regional Liaison David Feng.)

10] - Milestones

This month's column includes a group who first met in 1977. Happy anniversary to a worldwide list of some of our oldest groups. Want to see your group listed? Send an email with date and year to [<mailto:ugbeditor@mac.com>] ugbeditor@mac.com.

1977

AppleRock
[<http://www.applerock.org>]
(Greetings to Ambassador Joan Paletti.)

1979 Apple-Q inc

[<http://www.apple-q.org.au>]
(Congratulations to Ambassador Stan Miller.)

1981 Apple Blossom Computer Club
[<http://abcmug.org>]
[<http://abcmug.org>]

1984 dBug - Macintosh downtown Business Users Group
[<http://www.dbug.org>]

1984 North Coast Mac Users Group (CA)
[<http://www.ncmug.org>]
(Greetings to President Lorene Romero, Bernie Powell, Joan O'Brien and NCMUG members.)

1984 Tulsa Users of Macintosh Society
[<http://www.tums.org>]
(Congrats to long-time Ambassador Arthur Barber.)

1984 Victoria Macintosh Users Group
[<http://www.vmug.bc.ca>]

1984 Yakima Area Macintosh Users
[<http://www.macyak.org>]



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- Check if you were referred by a club member (if so give members name).

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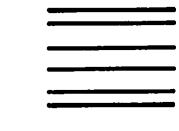
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A free account on the mini'app'les BBS (60 minutes/day)

Communicate with other mini'app'les members plus get up to date information on mini'app'les events and meetings. Get assistance from other members.

Eligibility for frequent drawings of free equipment, software, and books.

Just a few of the many items given away free in the past include: Connectix QuickCam, Quickeys, Books from Peachpit Press, MacSoft Games & Software, T-shirts and software including Apple OS 10

Periodic special User Group discount offers on equipment and software.

In the past, Apple, Hayes, Brøderbund, and APC Power Protection (Business Security Products), among others, have offered mini'app'les members significant discounts.

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