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NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND MACINTOSH USERS GROUP

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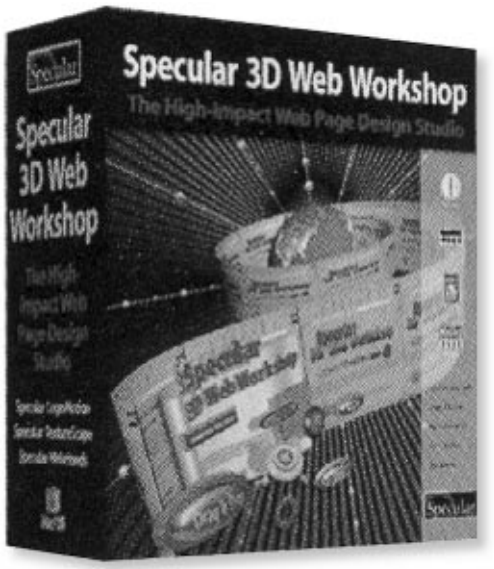
July's Meeting: Specular Simply Spectacular!



"To turn your web page into a WOW! page, check out Specular 3D Web Workshop!"

Just when some of us were wondering whether anyone in the software industry knew how to make a presentation of their software programs interesting, along comes Chris Johnston of Specular Software to renew our faith.

After the obligatory review of existing products, *Infini-D*, *Collage*, *TextureScape* and *LogoMotion*, Johnston showed his company's latest innovation: *3D Web Workshop*. This web page authoring and enhancing software works with existing programs such as *Adobe PageMill*. By using *3D Web Workshop*'s plug-ins you can add three-dimensional animation to web pages.

And while we're at it: Here was a representative of a software company who knew how to use the software, and he demonstrated it so well that the LIMac audience not only paid close attention, but enthusiastically added it's own adjectives ("Wow," "Great," etc.) to Mr. Johnson's visual demo and verbal description. They really got into it!

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▸ Recycle your used software and hardware at our August Flea Market Sale. This is a great chance to get that program you always wanted, or to upgrade your existing computer equipment at a fraction of the price you'd expect to pay in today's market.

See you there!
–Kirk R.Cronk

This issue of THE FORUM is abbreviated due to printing schedules and summer vacations. The September issue will include Bradley's July Q&A.. We know everyone will want to read it. *–The Editor*

August's Meetings:

General Meeting: Fri., August 16, 7:00 P.M.
Flea Market followed by Q&A

After the Q&A session ends, we will have our first meeting of the Internet / Online SIG.

As usual, the flea market will be held in a separate room with a $1 admission charge that automatically enters you in the lucky door prize raffle.

Note: Due to MacWorld Expo, the August meeting is on the *third* Friday of the month.

In September, since Rosh Hashanah begins on the second Friday, the general meeting will be on the *third* Friday, i.e., 9 / 20 / 96.

DTP SIG:
Ed SIG:
There will be no meetings in August.

Beginners SIG:
There will be no meetings in August *or* September. See you later.

Remember: the August and September General Meetings will be on the *third* Fridays of the month.

LIMac Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at the NY Institute of Technology (Building. 500), at Northern Blvd., Old Westbury. To see if school is open in bad weather, call (516) 686-7789.

The next LIMac board meeting will be held at the Plainedge Library on Wednesday, August 21, 1996.

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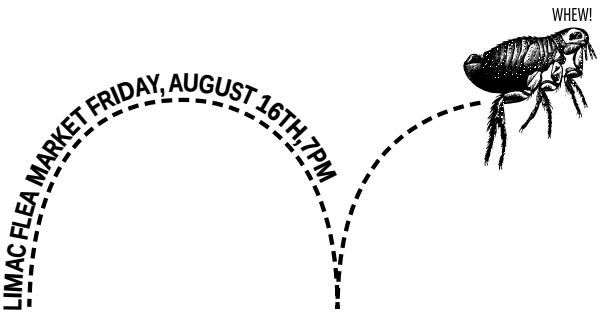

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Off The Shelf

Thanks to Brad Dichter's expertise, we have created LIMac's Internet StartUp Kit. All the elements have been tested and should be usable, whatever your type of Mac, provided you have MacTCP. Latest version of LIMac's Internet StartUp Kit 2.0. Fully up to date. No more beta versions. Disk 1 has installation instructions, readable with *Acrobat Reader*, including pictures and detailed steps to follow. You will also find the recommended *FreePPP v1.0.5*. Please note that MacTCP comes with *System 7.5* but is available for sale by Apple for those not using this system. We are not permitted (by Apple) to distribute it. We have included upgrades for your MacTCP if you don't have v2.0.6. Disk 2 has part 1 of *Netscape 2.0.2* and Disk 3 has part 2 of *Netscape 2.0.2* and *Fetch 3.0.1*

This 3 disk set, available from LIMac's Public Domain Library, includes everything you will need to get started with the Internet. Of course you will have to select a service provider. At present we are suggesting that you talk to WNIS. They are charging $16 / month for 200hrs / month PPP connection or $12 / month if you sign up for 6 months. There is only a Bohemia point of presence, so a regional calling plan is suggested for Nassau residents. Call 563-4748. Mention sponsorship of LIMac when signing up. After 16 mentions, LIMac will get a free account.

WNIS doesn't offer Mac software, like many other service providers, so our kit is perfect. A fully detailed set of instructions from Brad will help you install and configure your software. Make sure you have *Acrobat Reader*, available on line from the LIMac Web Home Page *http://www.cdr.net/limac/index.html* or on LIMac#948&949, and *Stuffit Expander*. ■

User Group Connection

Get Ready for MacWorld Expo / Boston, August 7 through 10. The Keynotes will be held August 7 at the John Hancock Center, 180 Berkeley Street, Boston.

- 9:30 A.M. to10:20 A.M. Dr. Gilbert F. Amelio, Apple CEO.
- 10:30 A.M. to 11:20 A.M. Jim Barksdale and Marc Andreessen, Netscape Communications Corporation.
- 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Guy Kawasaki, Apple Fellow.

When at the Expo, you will be able to find UGC in the Apple booth and also at the User Group Welcoming, Unwinding, and Meeting Place (UGWUMP) in room F at the Bayside Expo. The User Group Store (UGS) will be one year old this August. UGS catalogs will be sent out every six weeks to members on the mailing list. If you want to stay on the cutting edge and be notified of new releases, join the UGS listserve or check out their web site at *http://www.ugstore.com*. The Apple Enterprise Marketing team has produced the first in a series of videotapes entitled "Apple Answers" dealing with Apple's technology vision for business communications. This tape is available from Startingline (1-800-825-2145) for $1.40 (P / N LO187A). Check the vendor binder for some interesting offers to UG members. Bayshore Technologies presents *ComponentPak*™ a set of *OpenDoc* components and solutions (Booth 455 at MacWorld). They are also looking for beta testers. Canto Software, is offering special pricing, $149 to UG members, on its *Cumulus Desktop Image Database.* Offer ends August 30, 1996. Finally, AuPublishers' Outlet sent us a copy of their catalog which lists over 800 of the most popular computer books published. ■

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TIP!

Easy Printing:
Here is a neat trick if you need to print quite a few files but they may have been created by a couple of different programs. Select the files that you wish to print in the Finder. Then go up to the File menu and choose print. Your Macintosh will start launching applications and displaying Print dialog boxes in each one. This will not work too well if you do not have much RAM installed.