

LIMac

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NEWS



The April 14th General Meeting:

Presenting WINGZ

"The First Graphic Spreadsheet"

The demonstration may be in color!
Lets have a big turnout.

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April's Special Interest Groups:

HyperCard on April 10th:

HyperCard's Great Painting Tools

Larry Shirley will demo a stack he created called Lotto Picker—this is a good chance to see the nuts & bolts of a working stack.

Questions & Answers as always.

Desk Top Publishing on April 14th:

Linotronic output and font management.

Beginners on April 21st:

Beginners' Questions & Answers

Wordprocessing: a look at Microsoft Word and MacWrite.

Business on April 21st:

Small business finances.

SIG Schedule:

Beginners	7pm
Third Friday	
NY Institute of Technology	
Business	8pm
Third Friday	
NY Institute of Technology	
DeskTopPublishing	9pm
Second Friday	
NY Institute of Technology	
HyperCard	8pm
Second Monday	
Plainedge Library	

Chairman's Remarks

Thanks: Here's a sincere 'thank you' to **Adwell Audio-Visual Co.**

located on Main Street in Hempstead NY, for their donation of a 30Mb CMS Hard Disk to LIMac!

Slide-making on the Mac: Last month the DTP SIG demonstrated color 35mm slides from a variety of slide-makers. These were high-quality color slides that could be made directly from a device connected to your mac. The technology is here for making 'boardroom quality' presentation slides, but the price is still a few thousand dollars. An economical system is available, however. Polaroid has a system for making 35mm slides. This system can produce acceptable slides as late as the same morning of a conference! A dozen slides can be made in just a few minutes, using your camera, their film (\$15/roll), and the Polaroid 35mm Autoprocessor (\$120). I have used this system for the last three years. Speed and economy are the trade-offs for quality.

Hard-Drive Offer: Ehman Engineering, Inc. is offering a special price exclusively for Macintosh user group members on their new Ehman 32MB Hard Drive. The Ehman drive breaks new ground in Macintosh data storage with a suggested retail price of just \$499. This is 43% less expensive per megabyte than the next lowest major brand name on the market. For user group members, however, they are reducing the price even further to \$450. The offer is good until March 31st, 1989 and is limited to one per address. The drive is said to be virtually noise free, to come with all the necessary software and cables, and to include a two year warranty. Ehman also includes a 30 day money back guarantee if you are unsatisfied with the drive for any reason. Call Linda Chase, Marketing Representative, at (307) 789-3830 for more info. To order, send a check or money order, along with your name, address, and user group affiliation to: User Group Offer, Ehman Engineering, 97 S. Red Willow Road, Evanston, WY 82931-2126. In addition, please drop me a post card so that I can keep track of members' usage of group discounts.

Donald

One Person's Opinion

You may have noticed a bit of controversy in *The Stack* over the past few months. One of our founding members, Joyce Prigot, has been repeatedly attacked in a unilateral assault orchestrated by the Editor, Al Levy. It started when Joyce filled in and returned a voting form printed in *The Stack* by Al Levy concerning LICA dues. On the form Joyce added a personal comment to Al Levy. Her comment was not a letter to the editor. The form was reproduced in the December issue of *The Stack*. Several attacks followed. Such public ridicule was unconscionable. This set of actions was a clear violation of the ethical standards necessary for a newsletter to be considered a professional document.

Ethics in a service organization must be of the utmost importance. We in LIMac have always felt this way. The organization must be run solely in the interests of the members, not for someone's whims or ego.

All of LIMac's Board Members are volunteers who work in concert for the good of the organization. An extraordinary amount of hard work goes into seeing that our meetings go smoothly. For example, our Chairman volunteered his Macintosh for use at our meetings for over two years before we were able to purchase our own

machine. He knows how much we appreciated his generosity. Disks and ribbons are provided as a service to our members. The volunteer that handles the ordering, schlepping, and selling of these items makes nothing for his time or energy. Profit on these sales goes to cover our costs, not his. LIMac has an extensive Public Domain Library of over 200 disks. These disks are available to our members for a small service charge that covers our costs. The materials are gathered, prepared, and distributed by a husband and wife team. They receive our deepest gratitude for the time and energy they expend for us but no gratuities. They do not expect any. They are volunteers. All of our finances are monitored by our Treasurer, who is also a volunteer. He issues a financial statement at the end of the year. This financial statement is available to any member upon request. I could go on and on with examples of unsung efforts exerted for our group.

The Board has always felt that LIMac must be run for the benefit of you, the membership. Even the appearance of unethical conduct by a member of the LICA Board, let alone clear examples of vindictiveness and plagiarism, is unacceptable to the me as a LIMac Board Member and should be unacceptable to the LIMac Membership.

Alan Gordon

Beginners SIG of LIMac

It takes only a few hours to begin using a Macintosh Computer. Most of us became word processing "experts" in a relatively short time. We produced a letter, a composition, or some other document, and everyone was impressed. We certainly impressed ourselves.

What did we know about systems, finders, or desk accessories? Nothing! It really didn't matter to us. One click of the mouse here; one click of the mouse there; and the letter was finished. Abracadabra! Just like magic, we were grinding out our documents. How did we ever manage to write with a typewriter?

Then it happened. We ran out of disk space. We had to make a backup copy of a newly purchased program. We heard about data disks. What are they? What happened to "ease of use" and "user friendly"? Help!

Long Island Macintosh Users Group (LI-MAC) to the rescue! We have a meeting of our Beginners' Group on the third Friday of

every month at 7 P.M. at the New York Institute of Technology.

We offer a six month cycle that will give you the basics of what the Macintosh is really about:

- Month 1. System, Finder, Desktop, and Startup Disks
- Month 2. MacWrite and Microsoft Word
- Month 3. Backup Copies, Data Disks and Hard Drives
- Month 4. Spreadsheets and Databases
- Month 5. Desk Accessories and Fonts
- Month 6. Paint and Draw Programs

In addition, we answer individual questions and help you with your problems. Aren't we all beginners? See you on the third Friday of the month.

Alan Gordon and Larry Mansfield

OFF THE SHELF

by H&S Gross, PD Librarian

New Disks: This is Bonanza Time. Kevin Moan, the Chairperson of our newly formed HyperCard SIG, has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort organizing stacks. We now have 9 new disks containing material Kevin has found to be most useful. In addition, we have another HyperCard disk, #210. Game players, don't miss #211, assorted new versions of old favorites, and #214, Mountains of Mayhem, a new shareware adventure type. We also have new Demo disks, from both Aldus and Springboard.

Apple Systems: We are licensed by APPLE. Hence, we make available the newest systems and the latest Hypercard Updates. LIMac now has available System 6.0.3 (\$10+ a swap for a 4 disk set), System 6.0.2 (\$10+ a swap), and also HyperCard v1.2.2 (\$6 + a swap for a 2 disk set). Be sure to pick up your copies at the desk.

Catalogues: Please note that all our disks are cataloged, and the catalogs are available at all times, free (for a swap).

Naming disks: The following is a description of how we name disks. The new disks are numbered consecutively. If we get a demo disk from a manufacturer, we try to indicate in the name whether or not it is a self-running or usable demo. The 100 disks Don Hennessey purchased and donated to us can be identified as NAUGC. They are listed on a separate catalog that is on the catalog disk. All disks with Hypercard Stacks are identified with HC in the disk name. We have begun to receive disks from the Mug News Service, MNS. They claim to send two disks per month to user groups. So far, we have received July'88, Aug'88, and Oct'88. One disk each month seems to be a magazine type, with helpful hints, letters, articles, as well as applications. The second disk is created by the sponsor of the month, and is either a demo or other application. Each is identified in the disk title. If a member of LIMac collects, creates, or in any way is responsible for a new disk, we try to give him/her credit. Thus you might see LM at the end of the disk name if Larry Mansfield has done the work. Geoff Broadhurst's

work is identified with GB. A w in the disk name refers to Walt Feinman. See if you can identify others. And, more importantly, how about helping us out? Just be sure that any applications or pics you send us are either shareware or freeware.

Shareware: Don't forget to send shareware funds when requested by the program author.

Disky Business: Please remember to transfer all programs purchased to disks which have been initialized on your machine and contain the system and finder which operates best with your hardware.

It will be necessary for us to continue to provide older releases in the same format in which they were created. Please be aware that when you purchase disks numbered 1-140, they may be on 400k disks. Of course, we will take orders for any disk with 400k format if at all possible.

New disks backward from the end include:

LIMacPD#214/Mountains of Mayhem: Brand new adventure game, highly recommended.

LIMacPD#213/Magnificent Seven Demo: This self running demo from Springboard Publisher includes Atlas Explorer, Family Matters Works of Art, Laser Art, and Top Honors.

LIMacPD#212/AldusFreehandDemo: Self running demo of a new graphics program.

LIMacPD#211/games: This disk was created in response to many,(ok several) requests.

LIMacPD#210-HCpdstax: This disk includes **BMUG SIMM stack**, ~~ResCopy, and Developer stacks.~~

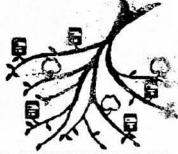
LIMacPD#201-209/HCstacks/km: These 9 stacks were recommended, compiled, and in some cases written, by Kevin Moan in conjunction with the new HyperCard SIG.

LIMacPD#200/MugNewsService-Oct'88: By the way, this disk includes the new Stuffit 1.5.1

LIMacPD#199/HelpDemoMNS88: The



Long Island Macintosh User Group
 P.O. Box 518
 Seaforth, NY 11785



Oct'88 Help Demo from Mug News Services.

LIMacPD#198/HCpkd.sit/KM: This collection of Hypercard Stacks (see the HC) was created by **Kevin Moan**. The stacks required so much space that Kevin packed them using Stuffit. Stuffit, a shareware program is thus required to unpack them. If you don't have Stuffit, it is on LIMacPD#200. It is also available, thanks to **Larry Mansfield**, on LIMac#175, (the room was available).

LIMacPD#195/Mixed, #196/Mixed2/ and #197/Mixed3/LM: are new collections of applications and other goodies. A number of these items on #197 were contributed by **Larry Mansfield**, note the **LM**.

LIMacPD#194/YeagerDemo: A self-running demo game of space flight.

LIMacPD#193/BoydHC: This disk contains more original Hypercard Stacks.

LIMacPD#190/MiscGoodies, #191/MiscII, and #192/MiscIII: are 3 more collections of items, tested by many and found to be worth while.

LIMacPD#189/MNS/Aug'88 and #188/MNS/July'88: These 2 disks are the newsletters created by MugNewsService.

LIMacPD#186/PDPicks: is the program disk from MNS for Aug'88.

LIMacPD#185/1stSTEPDemos: is the July'88 MNS disk.

LIMacPD#187/UsefulGoodies: Self Explanatory.

Our New Hypercard SIG

The Hypercard SIG was formed to explore HyperCard's potential to fulfill the purpose for which the Mac was designed - to make computing a useful, entertaining, productive, and downright exhilarating experience. We meet monthly on the second Monday of each month at 8 pm at the Plainedge Public Library, 1060 Hicksville Road, Massapequa.

At HyperCard SIG meetings we browse through some of the thousands of HyperCard stacks that are available. We dig into them to see what makes them tick. We help each other with hints and tips about how to customize existing stacks. We create our own stacks just for fun (it's so hard to resist all those crazy sounds and neat animation techniques that make HyperCard so much fun!)

At each meeting there is "show and tell", a Q & A session, a new segment of an easy 12 session called "Hypercourse", an available library of HyperCard publications, and a chance to contribute to our developing newsletter.

All HyperCard SIG members are just learning as we go. We welcome fellow travelers. For more info call

Kevin Moan at 516-222-4672.

Ribbons and Disks for Members

Ribbons are available for \$4 each.
 Single sided disks are 1 box/\$14,
 2 boxes/\$26, and three boxes/\$38.
 Double sided disks are 1 box/\$20
 and 2 boxes/ \$38.

