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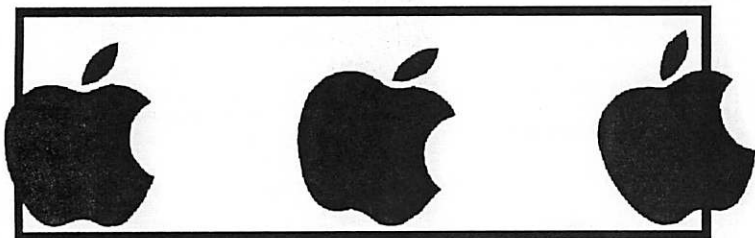
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July 2002 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for July 2002. 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
- Our Voice Mail Telephone number: 651-229-6952
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Monday	July	1	Board of Directors meeting
Wednesday	July	3	AppleWorks nee ClarisWorks SIG
Monday	July	8	iMovie SIG
Tuesday	July	9	VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	July	10	Microsoft Word SIG
Thursday	July	11	Macintosh Main SIG
Monday	July	15	Fourth Dimension SIG
Wednesday	July	17	PhotoShop / Digital Imaging SIG
Thursday	July	18	Macintosh Consultants
Thursday	July	18	Quicken SIG
Monday	July	22	Macintosh Novice SIG
Monday	July	22	Meet Your iMac / Mac SIG
Tuesday	July	23	Vintage Mac/ Apple SIG
Thursday	July	25	FileMaker Pro 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, 13
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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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Board of Directors Meeting Monday, April 1, 2002

Submitted by Pamela Lienke

Monday April 1, 2002

Members Present--John Pruski, Bert Persson, Pam Lienke, Bruce Thompson

Absent--Greg Buchner, Les Anderson, Don Walz, Denis Diekhoff

Also Present--David Peck, Erik Knopp

Agenda adopted with the addition of AppleCare to new business

Minutes of March meeting approved.
Treasurer's report--absent--no report

Officers and coordinator's Reports
President--information under new business

Vice-President--absent

Secretary--minutes

Marketing--absent

Membership--mailing of 250

SIG Director--absent

Publications--ballot in newsletter, updated flyer and two sided handout,

the handout will be made into a PDF and posted on the web site
Director at Large--update voice mail today, mentioned Novice workshop on April 20

Old Business

Midwinter Madness participation, Saturday, April 13, Concordia University. Bert has registered and received ticket but no confirmation on the table.

Memory and floppy drive for the iBook--should we get floppy drive and more memory?

M/S/P that the board allocate a total of \$150 for floppy drive and 256 MB of memory

AppleII/GS is now Vintage Mac/Apple II

Presentation or topic for the April Main Mac meeting? It appears there is no April meeting. Dave will call Mark to see if there is a location.

Second workshop at St. Charles School, Saturday, April 20, 9-12 noon.

New Business

Cancel Yahoo group, use BBS for board messages
M/S/P that we discontinue use of the Yahoo group and use the BBS for board messages

We will tell Denis to accomplish this Bert had a call from Don about a member who had joined and then got rid of computer. He now wants parts of his membership check back.

Discussion that this would create more problems than it would solve. M/P/S that we purchase Applecare for the iBook

Applecare for three years is \$249.

Next Meeting May 6, 2002, Byerly's 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Lienke, Secretary

SIG Leader Needed

We need a facilitator for the Main Mac meeting. The duties involve reserving the meeting room, introducing the speaker or conducting Q&A

sessions and making sure the meeting runs smoothly. Various club members will offer suggestions for speakers to contact and schedule. If interested

please contact Les Anderson, 651-735-3953 or any board member.

Upcoming VectorWorks meetings

Submitted by Bert Persson

Interested in learning about Computer Aided Design (CAD)? Then you should attend our VectorWorks meetings where you can design you own home, patio, garage or an addition to your home. But, VectorWorks is not limited to home designs, in fact you can use the program for any 2 dimensional drawing to complex 3 dimensional objects including anima-

tion.

Future meetings will have more from the Mac Academy's CD-ROM Training -VectorWorks - Architect. Looking for Vectorworks users who would be willing to share their unique or custom use of VectorWorks programs many features. The group has the room scheduled for the second Tuesday in June. and July. Those dates are as follows:

June 11, 2002

July 9, 2002

No August meeting, vacation
Times are 7:00PM to 8:45 PM

Location;
Washburn Library (lower level)
5244 Lyndale Ave S
Minneapolis, MN

The May Mac Main Meeting (MMMM)

Submitted by Les C. Anderson

We had two presenters at the May Main Mac meeting. Al Schilling from MacSoft division of Infogrames and Steve Lauderbach, the Apple Solutions person from CompUSA Bloomington store.

Al Schilling did a demo of the various games produced at MacSoft, including a new one that is just being

released. All of the games will run on Macs with OS 8.6 or later. Some are being developed for OS X. At the end of the demo we had a door prize drawing and three lucky people went home with new games. Al also had a box of games that he sold at discounted prices.

Steve Lauderbach is the new Apple Solutions specialist at the Bloomington store. He is an Apple

employee and invited us to stop by and say Hello. He normally works noon to closing Thursday thru Monday.

Next month we will meet at the Apple Store at the Mall of America. See you on June 13 at 7:00 PM.

Changes to the BBS

Submitted by Richard Peterson

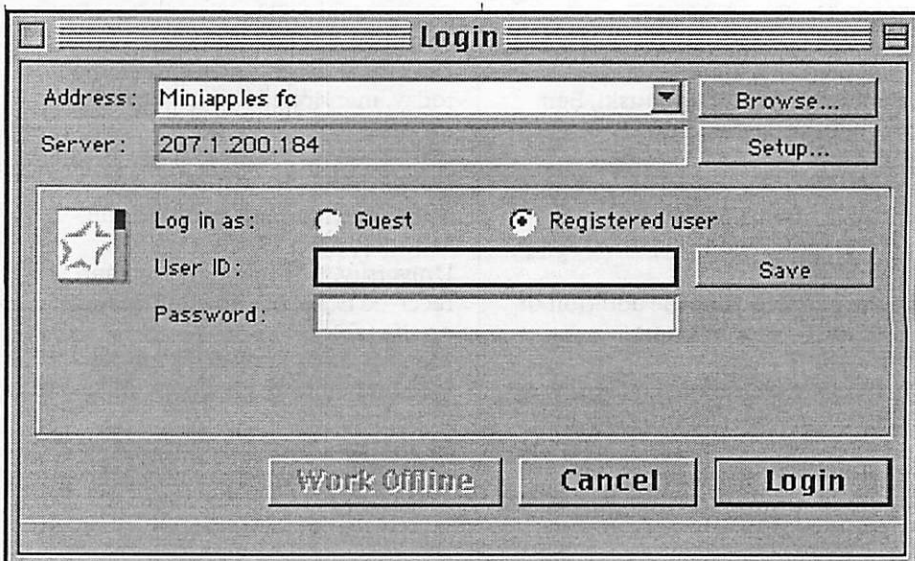
Because of a change by Steve Wilmes (Steve hosts the BBS) upstream provider switching to a bigger block of IP's as of June 1 2002.

We will have to make some changes to the BBS, we will be changing to a Sub-Domain (miniapples.swconsulting.com) in place of using an IP#.

You can make to the following changes at any time before June 1st.

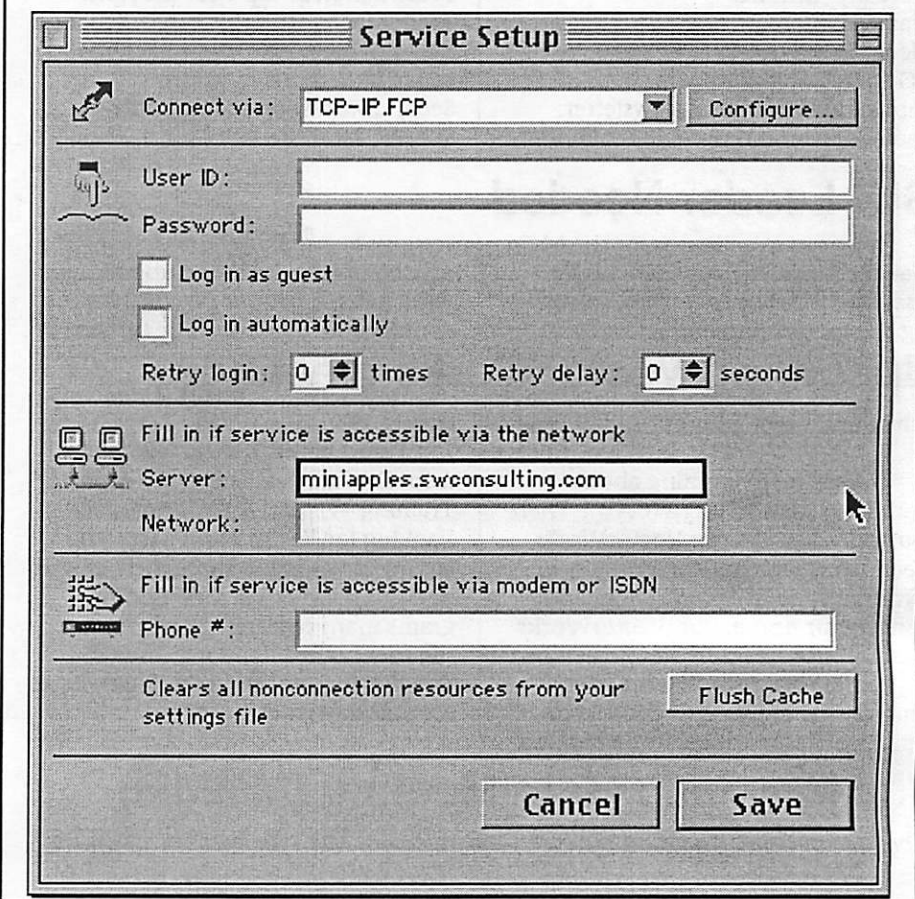
For Browser users use <http://miniapples.swconsulting.com/Login/>

For client users open your setting file and click setup and then fill in **miniapples.swconsulting.com** as server name.



The Login dialog box has a title bar with the text "Login". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Address:** A dropdown menu showing "Miniapples fc" and a "Browse..." button.
- Server:** A text field containing "207.1.200.184" and a "Setup..." button.
- Log in as:** Two radio buttons: "Guest" (unselected) and "Registered user" (selected).
- User ID:** A text field with a "Save" button to its right.
- Password:** A text field.
- Buttons:** "Work Offline", "Cancel", and "Login" at the bottom.



The Service Setup dialog box has a title bar with the text "Service Setup". It contains the following fields and controls:

- Connect via:** A dropdown menu showing "TCP-IP.FCP" and a "Configure..." button.
- User ID:** A text field.
- Password:** A text field.
- Log in as guest:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Log in automatically:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Retry login:** A spinner box set to "0" followed by the text "times".
- Retry delay:** A spinner box set to "0" followed by the text "seconds".
- Fill in if service is accessible via the network:** A section header with a network icon.
- Server:** A text field containing "miniapples.swconsulting.com".
- Network:** A text field.
- Fill in if service is accessible via modem or ISDN:** A section header with a modem icon.
- Phone #:** A text field.
- Clears all nonconnection resources from your settings file:** A label with a "Flush Cache" button to its right.
- Buttons:** "Cancel" and "Save" at the bottom.

BYTE OF THE APPLE

Submitted by Les C. Anderson
BYTE OF THE APPLE
By Charles Haddad

Jobs and Gates: The Odd Couple Endures

Whether or not they renew their cooperation pact, the two bosses know that their companies' fortunes are intimately linked.

I'll never forget that giant floating head. It belonged to Bill Gates, whose face was projected on a large screen, just like the Wizard of Oz, at the 1997 MacWorld Expo in Boston. The virtual Gates beamed down upon Apple chief Steve Jobs as he announced that Microsoft had signed a five-year agreement to support the Mac in its struggle for survival. Microsoft would not only continue to develop Office and Internet Explorer for the Mac but also invest \$150 million in Apple.

It was a paltry sum, considering Apple had billions in cash at the time. And Gates never had any intention of shutting down development for the Mac, since it has always been one of the software giant's most profitable markets. Nonetheless, the détente and its splashy announcement at one of Apple's biggest annual trade shows made for great theater. The press ate it up. Journalists switched from writing Apple's obituary to proclaiming its turnaround. And history has borne out those predictions.

UNSPOKEN SUPPORT. Now, this much-ballyhooed agreement is set to expire during the summer. Should Microsoft and Apple sign a new one? It's a question enlivening debate across the PC industry and the Mac community. But I say: Who cares? Adobe, Macromedia, and Quark haven't signed any multiyear deals lashing them to the Mac platform, yet no one doubts that they'll keep writing programs for it. So why should Microsoft, the largest Mac developer after Apple, need a pact to prove its commitment?

Nor does Apple need the publicity jolt. Five years ago, it was fighting for its life as its sales and market position plummeted. Today, the company is doing amazingly well especially con-

sidering the PC market's continuing weakness. Last week, Apple reported second-quarter profits of \$40 million, on revenue of \$1.5 billion, beating Wall Street estimates.

No longer do even ardent PC supporters write off Apple as irrelevant. A steady parade of new, eye-popping products, including the pocket-size iPod MP3 player and the flat-screen iMac, have refurbished Apple's image as a trendsetter. Thank goodness Jobs & Co. no longer needs the floating head of Bill Gates to generate favorable buzz about itself.

WATCH AND LEARN. Apple and Microsoft both know that, for better or worse, their fates are entwined. No one would take the Mac seriously if it couldn't run Office and Internet Explorer, which dominate the markets for productivity software and Web browsers, respectively. Even graphic designers, the most ardent of Mac aficionados, write their invoices using Microsoft Word. And the release of an OS X version of Office is driving acceptance of Apple's new operating system.

As for Microsoft, its need for Apple is varied and complex. For one, the Mac version of Office is among Microsoft's most profitable products. Office is even more dominant on the Mac platform than it is on PCs.

Plus, although he'd rather choke a monkey than admit it, Gates uses Apple as his shadow research and development team. Nearly every innovation pioneered by Apple has been eventually incorporated into Windows. Isn't imitation the highest form of flattery? Indeed, the Microsoft chairman has long professed his admiration of the Mac operating system's technical genius.

SMILES AND STABS. Gates also needs Apple for political cover. It's hard enough to argue with a straight face that Microsoft is no monopolist. Imagine trying to make that argument without Apple as the stylish alternative to Windows. It couldn't be done not even by the wily Gates. That's why he's always using Apple to illustrate why Microsoft has no stran-

glehold on the software industry.

Apple and Microsoft love to trumpet how well they get along at least in public. But both have also demonstrated a glee in stomping on each other's foot at every opportunity. Take Microsoft's offer to settle civil antitrust litigation by flooding schools with \$1 billion in free software and services. Schools, of course, are Apple's largest single market, and it heatedly objected to Microsoft's proposal.

And Apple rejected using one of Microsoft's sites as the default home page for new Macs. Instead, it chose Netscape.com, a unit of Microsoft archrival AOL Time Warner.

And so it goes, shaking hands one minute, trading punches the next. That's the way it has always been between Microsoft and Apple, Gates and Jobs. You won't find two stranger bedfellows in any industry.

Haddad, Atlanta-based correspondent for BusinessWeek, is a long-time Apple Computer buff. Follow his weekly Byte of the Apple column, only on BusinessWeek Online

Edited by B. Kite

More about Batteries

Submitted by Bruce Thompson

Excerpted from TECH TAILS, an electronic newsletter from Small Dog Electronics

More about Batteries
by Justin Granger
Small Dog Electronics

Since I shared my suspicion that Li-ion batteries might still have a memory problem, I have learned a little bit more about rechargeable batteries. Thanks to a few subscribers setting me straight, I decided to do a little more research. Let me share what I've learned with you.

Li-ion batteries (Lithium-ion, as in the newer laptops) do not have a memory, but they do have a life span. Li-ion batteries are good for two to three years, regardless of how frequently they are used. Their capacity will hardly diminish until their life span is up, at which point it drops rapidly. Pound for pound, they can hold twice the charge of a Ni-Cad.

Ni-Cad batteries (Nickel Cadmium, used in rechargeable AA, C, and D cells, and very old laptops) probably

have the longest life span of any type of rechargeable, as long as they are always completely drained before recharging. They can last thousands of cycles, with only a slight steady decrease in capacity. Unfortunately, battery memory can render an ill-treated battery useless in weeks, and they hold far less power than new styles of battery.

Ni-MH batteries (Nickel-Metal Hydride, popular for laptops before the introduction of Li-ion) hold more per pound than the Ni-Cad batteries they were meant to replace. Unfortunately, they do not last very long. Their life span is limited by the number of charge-discharge cycles they are subjected to, and their capacity drops quite a bit after 300 cycles.

Lithium Polymer batteries (as seen in the iPod) are a newer type of Li-ion battery. Their charge-discharge characteristics are almost the same, but they have a gel inside instead of a liquid. This means that they are less likely to leak.

Here's a breakdown in capacity per weight, thanks to "What's New In Radio Communication" Feb/Mar

1999.

Lead Acid (car batteries):	14
watts/lb	
Ni-Cad (old laptops, regular cells):	
16 watts/lb	
Ni-MH (intermediate laptops):	
21 watts/lb	
Li-ion (modern laptops):	35
watts/lb	

Storage: If you are going to store your Li-ion battery (i.e., not use it for a week) try to leave it discharged. The inverse is apparently true for a Ni-Cad or Ni-MH battery; they should be left charged.

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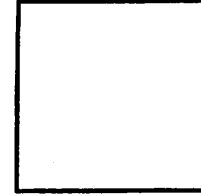
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