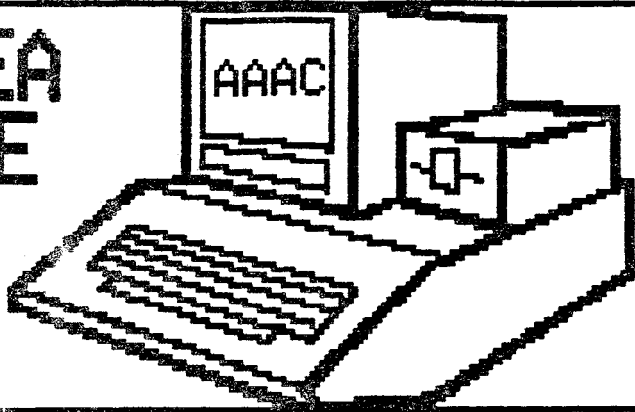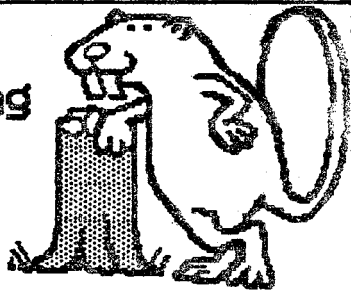# AURORA AREA APPLE CORE NEWS

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LISTening Post

by
Gary
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Boy, you sure can tell that summer time has arrive! It seems like I'm constantly busy as the proverbial beaver. At least the beavers get to get into the water once in a while and cool off!

Summer is usually a very hectic time for most people what with kids home from school, vacations, yard work, gardening, garage sales, cook outs, graduations, county fairs, etc., etc., etc. Phew!! I'm getting tired already!

Following the May meeting, several people approached me and suggested we not hold meetings during the summer months as they would be gone on vacation or some other activity would prevent them from attending. This subject had not really been considered before, so it was discussed at the last board meeting two weeks ago.

The board members in attendance felt that with so many people going on vacation in July and August, it probably wouldn't hurt to miss one or two meetings. Even your fearless leader would have to miss the July meeting due to vacation travel plans.

No decision was made by the board on this matter. We decided to mention it here and discuss it with the membership at the June meeting. So, give it some thought. Do your want to meet during all the summer months, skip July or August, or skip both July and August?

The meeting room has been reserved with Waubonsee through September, so we would have cancel our date(s) if not needed. If it is decided not to meet in July and/or August, we would still like to put out a newsletter just so everyone doesn't forget to show up again when we resume meetings. Let us know how you feel!

MEMO

AURORA AREA APPLE CORE JUNE MTG.
DATE: June 12, 1986 TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Waubonsee Community College Center Building
PROGRAM: AppleWorks spreadsheet to analyze impact of proposed tax code revisions. Free program to members who bought last month's AppleWorks public domain disk. Bring in your disk for a copy. Group discussion period after demo.

NIBBLE MAGAZINE WINNERS

All of the Apple II winners in the Nibble Magazine contest have now been determined. As previously mentioned, Jay Vicroy won the first subscription by being the first to submit a newsletter article for the AAAC News. Steve Zeeck won the second subscription as a raffle prize at the May meeting. Jerry Krantz has now submitted his second article for the AAAC News, making him the winner of the last subscription for this year.

I would like to thank both Jay and Jerry for their articles and hope they will continue to make regular submissions (see next article). For those of you who didn't take a shot at one of the Nibble sub-scriptions this time around, get busy!

We are allowed to give away three subscriptions EACH calendar year, so in six more months, we'll be looking for three more deserving souls to receive a great gift! Make sure you are doing so many neat and wonderful things for the AAAC that you will be a shoe in to win one!

We still have three NibbleMac subscriptions for the first three Mac users to join us!

HELP WANTED!
No Experience Needed!

This is an appeal for some immediate assistance from one (or more) of our members. The AAAC (your user group) is in desperate need of an editor for the AAAC News.

When the AAAC was first founded last September, I agreed to serve as President and, since no one else seemed willing, to put out the first few newsletters. My intent was to make this dual role situation temporary for three or four months until the initial membership rush was behind us.

Well, this issue makes the tenth one that I've put together virtually single handed! I have had offers recently of typing assistance (Bill Swiss) and help in folding, labeling, stamping and mailing the newsletters (Tom Greenacre). The few articles submitted recently have helped greatly too.

Unfortunately, I find that increasing business, family and other personal commitments will make it impossible for me to continue at this pace. While it has been both fun and challenging to put out a newsletter each month, especially since this is my first attempt at it, the time required to accomplish the task is no longer available to me. I sometimes find myself thinking I am going under in a sea of hardware and floppy disks!

We have now grown to a size where there is no longer any reason why the admin- istration of the groups business affairs and publica- tion of the newsletter should continue to be a one man show. In retrospect, it probably should not have been so to start with. However, because I feel an organization's newsletter to be such a vital part of the success of any group activity, I have been willing to wear two hats in an attempt to get us off to a good start. With over one hundred paid up members, I feel we now have that good start!

So, without protracting this any further than necessary, it is time that one or more of our members step forward and take over the newsletter editor's responsibilities. If several members will offer to pool their resources and talents the job will be much more manageable.

As President, I feel obligated to continue writing a monthly article on the state of the group, its direction, progress, etc. If a regular staff of contributors, say four to six people, could each be responsible for an article each month, the job of editor would be much easier. As with most things in life, the more people willing to share in the work easier things are for all concerned.

I ask you to consider what you joined a user group for, as well as what you can contribute to it, and then step forward to make your skill and talent available for the group! Without a positive response from the membership in this matter, I'm afraid the newsletter will deteriorate in the near future due to my personal time limitations.

Without a viable newsletter providing the glue necessary to hold the group and its interests together, I would question our ability to continue for very long as a user group capable of providing a valued service to our members. The choice is yours - the time is now! Don't remain content to be just one of the crowd. One usually joins a group to get something from it. One of the best things to get from a group is the satisfaction of contributing to it!

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THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE WERE MADE TO ENJOY. ENJOYING A THING MEANS SHARING IT WITH OTHERS.
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EXEC THAT BASIC PROGRAM

BY

Glen Shields
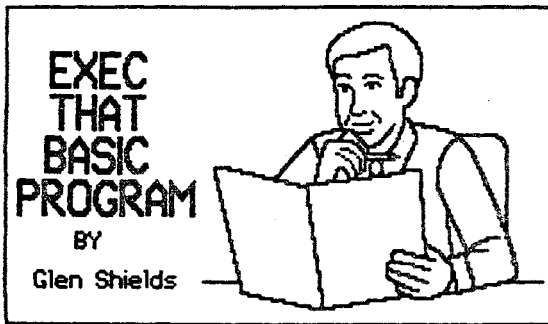
Did you know that Appleworks can help you write and edit programs written in Applesoft Basic. The AppleWorks word processor provides many advantages for developing programs, such as the use of the find and replace commands, as well as a much improved editor compared to typing in programs using the Basic editor.

When using the word processor as a Basic editor, remember to work in upper case letters. The Apple IIc and the enhanced IIe can interpret lower case letters in Applesoft Basic, but other Apple IIs cannot. First type in the program into the word processor from a file from scratch with the caps lock key depressed. Then print from the beginning of the file to a text (ASCII) file on disk. Leave AppleWorks and load PRODOS in drive 1. When the menu appears press B for Basic. Note the data disk can remain in drive 2.

Enter EXEC FILENAME to convert your file to a Basic program. Note FILENAME is the name you gave to your file when you saved it in the word processor. Enter LIST <RETURN> to see the program. Type SAVE FILENAME1 to save the file as a Basic program. Use a different filename from that used in AppleWorks. Enter RUN to make the program run.

I think the use of AppleWorks is worthwhile particularly if your program is quite long. This procedure was taken from the book "APPLEWORKS TIPS & TECHNIQUES" by Robert Ericson. Next month I will tell you how to convert your existing Basic program to an AppleWorks file so you can use the word processor to make extensive changes to your program.

ED's NOTE: This nifty trick will work with any word processor capable of storing ASCII text files, not just AppleWorks! It will not work with a word processor, such as Bank Street Writer, that stores its files in binary format and does not offer an ASCII text file save option. Most word processors use text files though, so there is a good chance yours will work!

One of our public domain library disks, /IAC.55, has a nice ProDOS text file, EXEC.FILE.INFO, that describes several interesting applications of EXEC files under both DOS 3.3 and ProDOS.

You can also find more information on EXEC files in the DOS 3.3 Programmer's Manual (Apple #030-0536-A) and in the BASIC Programming with ProDOS manual, published by Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc.

One of the nice things about owning a computer is learning how to use its power!

Computer Quizle

This is a quiz to see if you are a sane computer user. This test is being conduct- -ed by the computer for lebanon society. Repeat - This is only a test! (sane ; not living on an unhabited island.)

1) a disk drive is :
   a) the newest thing in sport cars.
   b) a tool used primaraly in construct -ion work.
   c) a device used to mangle any 5 1/4 inch flat objects.

2) 'ROM' is :
   a) Ring Around My collar.
   b) a new dance (like the tango)
   c) computer chips that are ignorant to all except for what they knew when they were born.

3) 'REM' is :
   a) do to popular belief, 'REM' should be spelled 'RAM'.
   b) it?
   c) the quantity of ionizing radiation whose biological effect is equal to that produced by one roentgen of x-rays.

4) a stiacciato is :
   a) this has nothing to do with computers!
   b) letter c and letter a
   c) all of the above except b

YOU'VE MADE IT!
Here are the correct answers.....
   1) c 2) c 3) c (no kidding, check a dictionary) 4) c

If you got none of the above correct then you are a normal sane person. One - Two correct then you are posses- sed by an unknown force coming from the moon. Three correct then you're totally crazy and should seek professional help. Four correct then you are a loony, de- mented, foolish, erratic, silly, insane, dilapidated, unsound, rickety, mad, man- iacal, etc. as the auther of this article and should be exciled to an unhabited island to play with your Apple computer.

This concludes the test of kadifukey's computers for Lebanon. Thank you.

Jay Viceroy

PUBLIC DOMAIN DISKS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

IAC #54 - DB SENIOR - Powerful home data base manager.
IAC #56 - SOFTGRAPH - Graphics utility
EAMON ADVENTURE #7 - Classic adventure

All public domain disks are $2 each for AAAC members. In addition to these new offerings, all previously offered disks are also available. If you purchased IAC #59, the AppleWorks Spreadsheet Disk, last month be sure to bring it with you for a free copy of Art's tax analysis spread- sheet. This spreadsheet will be added to all future AAAC copies of IAC #59.

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