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HOT NEWS! What's Happening in MacMAD?



Many good things have happened for MacMAD in the last few weeks! So I'll start with the biggest item first! The club now has a computer! We have just purchased an iMac Special Edition DVD Graphite model that will help move our club through the latest software and OS changes. This computer will work with our club's projector and we will be able to have it at every meeting!

A special thanks to the advertisers who are sponsoring our club by advertising in MacBits this year; as well as the members who worked so hard to raise extra funding to help pay for the quality computer we have purchased.

The next bit of news is that we have internet access available in both libraries!

A couple events are coming up and we hope many of you will want to participate. On **Sept. 22nd- 24th** there will

be a **computer show** held at Melbourne Square Mall. Roger Wilson of Connecting Point has offered to let us stand at their booth and pass out membership information as well as show our enthusiasm for the Mac. New membership handout sheets are being worked on by the Membership committee.

Another event we hope you will enjoy participating in is the MacMAD library display. (See Presidents corner for more info!)

We are working on guidelines for a logo design contest. Please be thinking about this. We will need to incorporate the Apple logo, a current Mac, and the Mug as well as the MacMAD name using the same font as MacBits header (for consistency).

Take all these items and see what you can whip up! Stay tuned for more details!

President's Corner

LIBRARY DISPLAY

October 1-October 31st

Calling all creativity! Have you created something on your MAC that you are willing to have placed in the Fee Ave Library glass showcase during the month of October? It can be anything that is suitable for a library audience, such as: T-Shirts, needlework, calendars, pictures, advertisements, illustrations, gifts, banners, books, stationary, business cards, custom forms, posters, paper crafts, logos, greeting cards, thank you notes, etc. (no nudity or violence). You and your MAC have no limits! This is a fantastic opportunity to exemplify the vast capabilities of the MAC. What better way to get involved in MacMAD than to show what you can do on your MAC. Share your knowledge with the rest of us. We all "learn by doing", and from other people. **Please bring your "projects" to the September 19th meeting**, or contact any of the club officers to make arrangements to get it included in the library display case.

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Member's Corner

WANTED!

Anyone who like to volunteer thier USB printer and cable for the Tuesday, Sept. 19th meeting, please contact Kathy and let her know by September 15th. We have drivers for the Epson 740 loaded but if you have a different model you can bring your printer software on a CD for us to load. We have a vendor coming to demonstrate a variety of papers for our printers and would like to see a demonstration of how things actually print! (see next column for more info!)

Specialty Papers with Joe Havian of PTP, Inc. from Valrico, Florida will demonstrate September 19, 2000 at 7 pm.

He will bring some E-Z Card Greeting Card Folders for us to give as door prizes! Also he confirmed the sample packs for each member. He carries canvas paper, glossy business card stock, T-Shirt transfer paper, and even Picture Framing V-groove stock.

Mac Books Available for discounts to Members:
Peachpit Press offers a **40% discount** to MacMAD if we order 11 books or more as a group. Contact Brenda Foster, Treasurer; if you wish to be put on the order list.

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ABOVE:
Mark Fosgate
Explains the
"Finer Details" of
Using the Mac to a
Member

RIGHT:
Members Look On As
Roger Wilson from
Connecting Point Shares
Highlights the MacWorld
Development Conference



C'mon Dad!
I Know
I Can Fix It!

John Applebaum and
our Youngest
MadMember
Paul Checking Out
The New
Dual Processor
G-4



ABOVE: Gene Clanton demonstrates
to Kathy Pihlaja LaCina A New
Charting Method for Stocks

RIGHT:
Members Sign In

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**User Group
Network**

About Last Meeting ...

by Mark Fosgate

August 15th, 2000

Kathy Pihlaja Lacina opened the meeting at 6:45pm with approximately 30 persons present and introduced herself as the new club president. The new club officers and board members were also introduced. They being as follows:

Kathy Pihlaja Lacina - President

Gayle Baker - Vice President

Secretary - Mark Fosgate

Treasurer - Brenda Foster

Membership Chairman

- Monte Zelazny

Other membership persons -

Fay Null, Chris Bohen, Gayle Baker,

Brenda Foster, Cher Daley and

Kathy Pihlaja Lacina

Sysop/Web Master - Jamie Cox

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Kathy announced that the Melbourne library has given permission for us to have internet access through the meeting room starting in the month of September. We will also have an display area inside the library to showcase the club and will have (courtesy of CompUSA Melbourne) an Grape iMac display shell.

Cher Daley announced the clubs logo contest. Contact her for further details.

Roger Wilson and Tom Willing of Connecting Point started their presentation of their trip to Macworld Expo NY (July 2000). Roger gave a PowerPoint presentation on the highlights of the new PowerMac G4 Cube, the new Apple Studio Displays and on iMovie2 which will be standard on all new Macs except the base iMac 350.

The PowerMac G4 Cube is aimed at the high end consumer user and business user that wants distinction and space savings. The new Apple

Displays come in three models. Apple Studio Display 152 LCD, Apple Studio Display 172 CRT, and the wide screen Apple Cinema Display. All three monitors use a single cable connector for power, USB, and video that Apple calls a Apple Display Connector (ADC). This display adapter style was initially made by IBM so possibly more vendors will switch in the future to this interface.

Tom and Roger also mentioned the new MS Office 2001 (due in October), the new IBM ViaVoice Enhanced (available now), Wacom tablets and the coolest thing they saw was a Mimeo whiteboard that captures anything that is written on a whiteboard (good for you educators and suits) and is only \$499.

Kathy had some items that were given as door prizes to three lucky members.

Dinner site voted on was Bennigan's. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Members Helping Members

Please be considerate and call at a reasonable hour.

Remember, these volunteer also have a private life.

WordPerfect,...Canvas ...

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Photoshop, CorelDraw, Illustrator,

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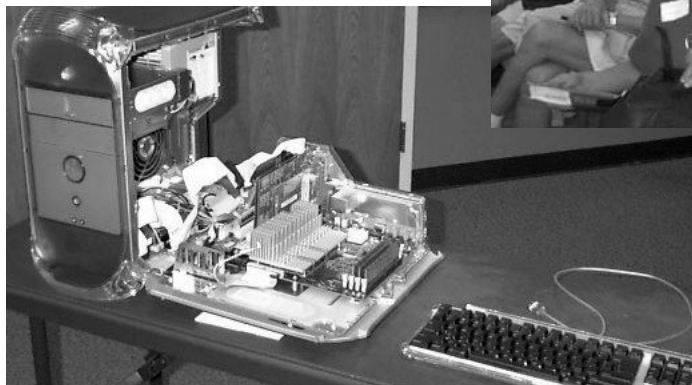
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If you are experienced with a piece of software or hardware, and wouldn't mind a few calls for help, volunteer by giving your phone number to Cher Daley.



Best Thing to Stick to the Wall--

If you're one of those people who brainstorms everything on a whiteboard, you must check out Virtual Ink's Mimio, a \$500 whiteboard capture device. Unlike Smart Technologies' Smart Board (which we noted at the Jan-97 Macworld Expo), the Mimio is a meter long bar that attaches to the edge of any normal whiteboard with suction cups, and connects via USB to a Mac or PC. Standard dry-erase markers fit into special pen holders, and the system uses a combination of ultrasound and infrared to translate pen or eraser strokes on the whiteboard to the virtual whiteboard in Mimio's software. The software also lets you record an entire whiteboard presentation for later playback,

and remap the pen colors to match hues other than the standard red, green, blue, and black (it comes with those four holders and you can buy more). Still lacking in the Macintosh version is the capability to transmit whiteboard presentations live over the Internet. [ACE]
<<http://www.mimio.com/>>
<<http://db.tidbits.com/getbits.cgi?tbart=00771>>

Big... Really Big --

They don't have William Shatner, but dealmac does have an army of staff and users who prowl the net for the best deals on Mac-related bargains. The company's new "mydealmac" service lets you subscribe to a custom email notification service that lets you know when there's a great deal to be had on something you're looking for. We knew these guys were worth checking out when we

spotted long-time TidBITS sponsor Small Dog Electronics prominently featured as a vendor. [MHA]
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The battery should last about five years, depending on usage, but when it finally runs out of power, your Mac will let you know. If, each time you start your computer, you either need to reset the date and time or you need to reselect your printer, background picture, or double-click speed, you may need a new battery. So which one do you get? This article in our Technical Information Library will help you find the battery right for your Mac:

<http://til.info.apple.com/technical/nsf/artnum/n11751>

New Sherlock

Plugins Available

Next time you launch Sherlock 2, you'll find 2 new Sherlock Plugins to try.

GEMM (in the Shopping channel) helps you search the vast archive—over 8 million items—of the Global Electronic Music Marketplace, a site awarded a 5-star iReview rating.

And Britannica.com (in the Reference channel) speeds your search of the oldest and (with over a million web pages) the largest general reference in the English language: the online Encyclopedia Britannica, which also received a 5-star iReview rating.

<http://www.apple.com/sherlock/>

Best Toddler Tchotchke --

SanDisk, makers of those amazingly small Compact Flash and Smart Media memory cards, took this one hands down with the Laser Balls they were judiciously giving out to interested show goers. Trade show giveaways make great toddler toys, and the high-bouncing Laser

Ball proved popular for the flashing LED and alarm-like sounds it made upon contact with the floor. I'd had little experience with SanDisk's memory cards until MacHack, when projector problems forced me to transfer my presentation to a friend's machine using his Nikon 990 digital camera's 64 MB Compact Flash card with a PC Card cage as a removable RAM disk. The Compact Flash cards come in sizes from 8 to 192 MB, and the even smaller Smart Media cards range from 8 to 32 MB. [ACE]

<http://www.sandisk.com/>

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PLUG-INS: Plug-Ins for all Computer Browser Formats!

<http://browserwatch.iworld.com>

SHAREWARE: Mac and PwC shareware and freeware!

<http://www.shareware.com>

Editors Note: I'd really like some help on this! Please, If you'd like to see this section remain, please e-mail your favorite sites to: cdale-yart@aol.com. We no longer have a Webghoddess seeking these sites out for you!

Cool Contest!

Here's a way to win a year

of **FREE MacMAD membership!**...

ATTENTION: MacMAD is holding a contest!! The member bringing in the largest total of money from sales of ads for the MacBit Newsletter will receive a 1 year free membership to MacMAD. This contest is good till September 30, 2000. Our winning member will be announced on

October 4, 2000. Get your running shoes out and GOOD LUCK!!!!

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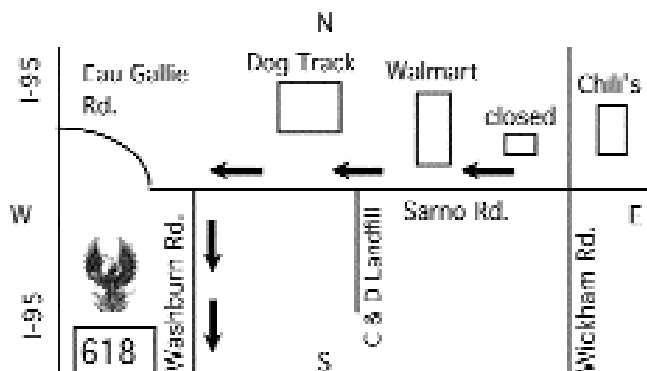
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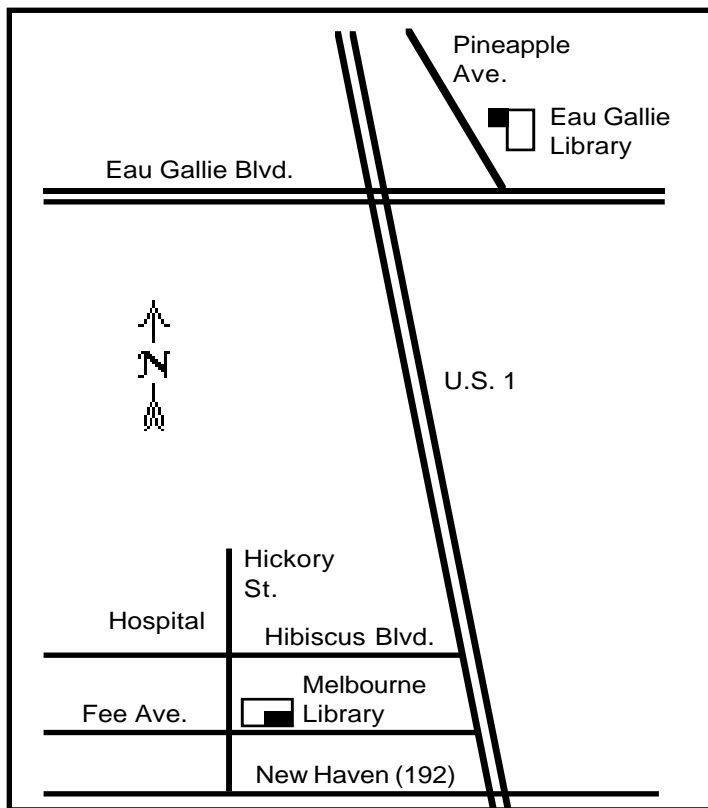
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About MACMAD



MacMAD is a user group devoted to helping each other explore the possibilities opened by the Apple Macintosh. We publish this newsletter, operate a web site (www.macmad.org), and hold meetings on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month. **Our TeleFinder BBS is now available at bbs.macmad.org.**

After each meeting all are welcome at a local restaurant where we indulge in a festive open discussion over pitchers of cokes, beers, and food stuffs galore. Here the true spirit of the world of Mac is exposed, many acquaintances are made and expertise shared openly. Thus our name, MacMAD, which stands for "Macintosh Meeting And Drinking Society."



Meetings

Tuesday, September 19th

will talk about the variety of papers available for your inkjet and laser printer. We will also hold a roundhouse discussion.

Meeting held from

7:00 to 8:30 at the Melbourne Library,

Wednesday, October 4th

Bring your questions and/or your Mac to our help session at the Eau Gallie Library **7:00-8:30pm**
1521 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne

Tuesday, October 17th

How to buy and sell on ebay. (tentative)

7:00 to 8:30 at the
Melbourne Library, Fee Ave.
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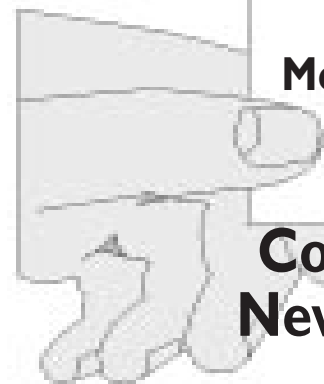
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