



NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND MACINTOSH USERS GROUP

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SoftWindows 95: A Hard Act To Follow!

I do not envy the next speaker to appear before LIMac, because of the strong presentation by the representative of Insignia Software at our March meeting. Insignia has been making windows emulation software for the Mac for many years. While this software has given some respite in times when we had to deal with the Dark Side of the computer universe it has always been a slow and painful process.

The previous versions of *SoftWindows* had only been able to achieve 286 processor speed, if the word *speed* can be used in the same sentence as 286. O, brave new world of *SoftWindows 95!* This program, now emulating



the Pentium processor and not the software, made for a very interesting and worthwhile meeting. Running the program on a Powermac 7600/132, Leigh, our presenter, not only ran the usual word and data processing programs, but he also ran CD-ROMs and *Quicktime* movies. Amazingly, the *TurboBoot* feature launched the program faster than a Windows machine.

It is always nice to see a presenter who not only knows his program, but also has a program that works.

Of course, we cannot always expect to have a meeting as informative and fun as our March meeting was, but the hope of it always keeps us coming back for more. ■ —Kirk Cronk

April's Meetings**General Meeting: Friday, Apr. 11, 7:00 P.M.**

Don't miss this one! "Mac OS – Now and NeXT" presented by Richard Ford, a Product Manger for AppleSoft (a group that is closely involved with new versions of the *Mac OS* and the future transition to a new system incorporating technology from NeXT Software). Mr. Ford will present an overview of Apple's operating system products and plans, including details about *Rhapsody*, the future system that combines *Mac OS* and *NeXTSTEP*. He will also demonstrate elements of the next major release, codenamed *Tempo*, that is the most significant upgrade to *Mac OS* in many years. This promises to be an awesome, information-filled meeting!

Ed SIG: Friday, Apr. 11, 9:00 P.M.

Scott Randell will demonstrate *EXAMgen*, a test generation program.

Beginners SIG: Friday, Apr. 18, 7:00 P.M.

The topic of the month will be *Mac OS – The Basics*.

DTP SIG: Friday, April 11, 9:00 P.M.

We will discuss and demonstrate *PageMaker* 6.5, Adobe's newest version.

Internet SIG: Monday, Apr. 21, 7:30 P.M.

Further exploration of the Internet. The Internet SIG will meet in the auditorium of the Bethpage Public Library.

The library is located 3 blocks west of Exit 8 on the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (Route 135). Parking is on the north side (to your right) when approaching from 135. Turn right as you enter the library to the auditorium.

We are still collecting the annual dues for 1997 (only \$24) at our April meeting. They remain at a reasonable level because of the support you have shown for LIMac. Bring your check to the next meeting or mail it to:

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LIMac Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at the New York Institute of Technology (Building. 500), at Northern Boulevard, 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 Monday, April 21, 1997.



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Envelope Printing Made Easy

by Dan Starling

In spite of the best efforts of

software developers over the last few years, printing envelopes continues to be a chore within many otherwise wonderful applications; besides, who wants to wait for *Microsoft Word* or *WordPerfect* to load when you're hurrying to get Aunt Sally's birthday card to her before her birthday for a change? Well, as is usually the

case, there are shareware products available from the usual sources that just might do what you're looking for.

Fat-free, but fast...

Kiwi Envelopes! is about as simple to use as possible. There are, after all, really only two options: letter or business. You select the desired font and type size from the menu bar (defaults are Geneva 10 & 12 point), then enter the addresses, choose the envelope size and

print. Standard page setup and print dialog boxes then appear, and two carriage returns later the envelope is ready to go (assuming of course that your printer can handle envelopes). No fuss, no muss.

Kiwi Software, Inc., advertises this product as "our way to celebrate with you the creation of our software company for the Macintosh." In other words, it's free (although for \$5 you can get access to some undocumented features,

including automatic insertion of your return address).

Low-cost Cadillac...

Easy Envelopes Plus is an envelope printer's dream, capable of doing anything you may ever need with any size envelope your printer can handle, with a shareware price tag of only \$15. Its dialog box is icon-driven, and allows you to control everything from envelope size to the placement of addresses, postal bar codes and

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MEMBERS

We welcome the following members who have joined LIMac in the past month:

- Xavier Aufiero
- Lee Eskin
- Steve Kauder
- Herman Rodenberg
- Tina Rosenbaum
- Martin Slater
- Susan Tiffen
- Judy Stern

It is with sadness that LIMac announces the passing of longtime member Ken Haller. On behalf of our members, we extend condolences to his family.
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or bring them to the next meeting.

President's Remarks

Is Apple's glass half-full or half-empty? We Mac users have been wrestling with this question for more than a year. The latest re-organizing or re-focusing at Apple has not provided a clear answer, since the problems run deep. The company has decided - at this point in time - to focus on the operating system and discontinue developing tools like *OpenDoc*, etc. While Microsoft's plans on *Java* are uncertain, Apple has indicated that the next *Mac OS* will include an integrated *Java* runtime.

Apple's presentation at our April meeting, with an overview of the *Mac OS* products and plans, should provide some answers. At MacWorld Expo in Boston and San Francisco, user groups were promised an Apple that would be more responsive to their concerns. I am delighted with a manifestation of this revised approach. Apple needs to shore up its support among its loyal customers.

While narrowing its focus, the company has reiterated its commitment to the education and publishing markets, since in the words of Guerrino De Luca, Executive VP of Marketing, "these are the best assets of the company".

LIMac has had a SIG to cater to these interests for many years in addition to the Beginners SIG, which has been revitalized. The recently formed Internet SIG has made a good start with Al Choy's guidance. Programs are being arranged both at Bethpage as well as North Shore School District. At the suggestion of Bill Medlow, we want to explore the idea of a SIG to cater to the needs of some of our younger members.

It has been refreshing to see more and more teenagers and young adults at our meetings. Many of these are the children and grandchildren of members. The board feels favorably towards the idea of having a SIG for these youngsters. We have a volunteer to assist in the formation of such a SIG. Depending upon the response of our members, we can pursue this idea further. If any of you or your children are interested in becoming part of this SIG, please contact Bill Medlow. ■

Technical Corner

► I heard Apple had to compensate people for something they had done. They reduced their price for RAM or something like that. Do you know what I am talking about?

Apple was investigated by the FTC for 18 months and found guilty of misleading advertising regarding PowerPC upgrade cards for Performa 550, 560 or Mac LC 550 models. Apple had claimed the upgrade cards would be available within a reasonable amount of time, but they didn't become available for a year. Even when they did finally come out, they were priced at \$1,375, which was almost what a new Mac cost. So Apple now offers these customers a half-price (\$599) upgrade kit. You had to have bought one of the aforementioned models in 1993 or 1994. RAM pricing has nothing to do with the news.

► I get 3 windows when I startup, Startup Items, Shutdown Items, and one that says "Now Adobe has one or more suggestions for macros. Would you like to view now or latter?" How do I get rid of these?

It appears you have installed *Now Utilities* including *Now AutoType*. Disable *Now AutoType* in your *Now Startup Manager*. Also check the contents of your *Startup Items* folder for aliases to the *Shutdown* items folder and itself. If you find them, delete the aliases. If you just left those two folder windows open when you shut down, then just close them. Personally I would suggest disabling the *Now AutoType*, *Now QuickFiler*, *Now Save*, *Now Shortcuts* and *Now Tabs* functions.

► Mac OS v7.6 upgrade has been out for a few weeks. What incompatibilities have been encountered?

Hard disk drivers must be updated first. Apple hard drives will be updated by the new installer but third party drives must be updated manually first. Many manufacturers updates, like *APS v4.0.9* require you to back up, reformat and restore first. Just updating won't work right. *Norton Disk Doctor* required an update from 3.2 or 3.2.1 to 3.2.4. Some people use the international version 3.2.3 which can't be updated. *Connectix's Speed Doubler 1.3.1* or *2.0* need updates. *Corel WordPerfect* needs update to 3.5.3. *TechTool* should be updated to 1.1.3. HD without update results in a Mac that won't boot up. You should update the *System* last.



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TIP!

Using QX-Scaler to Repurpose Content:

Customers frequently ask for online, as well as print, versions of their flyers, ads and newsletters. One quick way to do this is to create the layout for print (in portrait orientation), and use *QX-Scaler* to resize elements to fit into an online (in landscape orientation). Simply select all elements on a page, turn off *Proportional*, then type in a width of 640 points, height of 480 points. You may want to turn off scaling of Text: *Character Scale* and *Text: Point Size* if you are preparing this for the web.

any special messages ("Fragile!," "Do not bend!," etc.) you want to include. *EE+* includes an address book, and allows importing of files from QuickDEX or from older versions of *EE+*, but not from any other programs (although the cut and paste workaround to this limitation was not too painful). All-in-all, Easy Envelopes Plus is a high-powered program with a low-end price tag, suitable for any low- to medium-volume envelope printing job.

Envelopes, and then some...

MacEnvelope Lite is the shareware version of SYNEX's popular *MacEnvelope*, a Macintosh standard since 1987. At a shareware price of \$25, you would expect *MacEnvelope Lite* to bring a few more features to the table than *Kiwi* or *EE+*, and that's exactly the case. *MacEnvelope Lite* adds the significant capabilities of label printing (with templates for several popular sizes), the ability to integrate graphics into

labels and envelopes, and (perhaps best of all) the option of importing data from other applications (assuming those applications can export their information into text files, which most can). All of these added goodies make *MacEnvelope Lite* a bit more challenging to set up, but the program's excellent documentation eases the pain considerably. Registering the software allows you to create and save an unlimited number of name lists, each of which

can contain up to 1600 entries.

Kiwi Envelopes, Kiwi Software, Inc.
6545 Pardall Road., Goleta, CA 93117

Easy Envelopes Plus, Ambrosia Software, Inc.
P.O. Box 23140, Rochester, NY 14692
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MacEnvelope Lite, SYNEX
692 10th Street., Brooklyn, NY 11215-4502
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What's In Your System Folder:

SuperLaserSpool:

This was the old print spooling software that was popular since Apple did not support background printing for ImageWriters. There was a companion desk accessory called *LaserQueue* for managing the queue of spooled print files.

ImageWriter:

This is the ImageWriter print driver for directly connected ImageWriters. Only the original ImageWriter, Wide ImageWriter and ImageWriter II use this.

EM Extension:

The *Extension Manager* extension enables you to control which extensions load when your computer starts up.

A/ROSE:

Allows communication between the Macintosh main logic board and Macintosh Coprocessor Platform (MCP) based NuBus cards.

Apple Modem Tool:

This is another *Communications Toolbox* tool that allows compliant programs to communicate with attached modems using the Hayes AT command set. -Bradley

More Technical Corner

Those who are successful, find their Mac running up to 20% faster, they startup faster, and are more stable. *Version 7.6.1* in a month will be even more stable, and support the very latest Macs like the 3400, 4400, 7300, 8600 and 9600. Updates can be downloaded off appropriate web sites.

▶ What about the Norton Emergency Disk? (Re: System, 7.6 and Norton Utilities update)

If you have a *Norton Disk Doctor* startup disk with an older version of the *System* on it, you can use the older Norton Utilities it comes with because you'll have started up with the older version of the *System*. For future machines that require *System 7.6*, you'll be able to start up from the included CD-ROM and have *Norton Disk Doctor 3.2.4* on a high density floppy by itself.

▶ I have CFM 68K enabler problems.

Apple finally released a final update (v4.0) to the *Code Fragment Manager* enabler for 68K series Macs. This fixes the version that gets installed with *AOL 3.0*, *LaserWriter 8.4.x*, *OpenDoc* and *CyberDog*. It comes with the *ObjectSupportLib 1.2*. There have been several updates of this and you may have more than one installed on your system. Delete all the old versions and install this new one to avoid problems. Some people still experience crashes, so you may have to try older generations, like 1.1.6. One other thing, just like another common system extensions, it may be replaced with an older version by an installer, so keep the latest version around to re-update.

▶ I have GDT Stylescript with True Types and PostScript fonts in the same document. Are there any problems?

No. Only if you have the same font in both formats, I would remove duplicate, and fix any documents using the deleted version. If you must have both types available, use *Master-Juggler* to manage the swapping. As for the BTW, you can use *Ares FontMonger* to convert between file formats.

▶ I'm a teacher and I can't find an e•mate 300. Are only teacher's getting it?

Only the education channel can buy the e•mate 300, the general public can't. The production is just ramping up, so expect availability to be limited for another couple to three months. Apple is phasing out many marginal

projects, and Newton technology products have been disappointing in sales numbers, so unless the e•mate's first run sell well, they may be discontinued.

▶ What is the extension ObjectSupportLib used for? I was told to update mine.

It is a shared library of code that allows applications to exchange *Apple Events*. It implements the OSA object model of *AppleEvents* and thus part of *AppleScript*. Many different programs use it, any software that supports *AppleScript*. Traditionally used by PowerMac applications like Claris' *FileMaker Pro*, non-power Macs use it nowadays. Different programs come with a variety of version numbers, but it's best to update to version 1.2.

▶ I installed Earthlink Internet access package and then installed FreePPP 2.5v2. I lost all Apple Menu submenus. I'm running System 7.5.5. The problem stopped after removing FreePPP.

Must be a conflict with other PPP client software. Remove *InterPPP II* items from *System Folder*. If you had been using it, toss *ConfigPPP* control panel. Restart and check your menu. You should also get *Finder Heap Fix* from our Announcements page on the LIMac web site (<http://www.limac.org>).

▶ I have a Color StyleWriter 2400. Now, while printing envelopes, it stops before printing. Regular paper prints are OK. Why? I successfully printed 300 last week.

Move the blue horizontal paper thickness lever back to the rightmost position. There is a small icon for envelopes. Sometimes the control moves on its own. If the lever moves, you might get misfeeds of more than one sheet at a time of regular paper. To prevent misfeeds of envelopes, try tucking in the flap.

▶ My two-year-old Color StyleWriter 2400 streaks when printing. Is there a remedy? I tried replacing print cartridge.

It is possible to clean the wiper blade on the purge unit, but it requires careful and extensive disassembly of the printer. You'd probably prefer to have a dealer do it for you.

▶ PowerBook clones in the near future?

Power Computing and another company hopes to ship something later this year. ■



A Partial Internet/Media Glossary:

4X CD-ROM:

A CD-ROM that can transfer information at the rate of 600 kilobytes per second. 4X drives are not twice as fast as 2X drives overall, as memory access plays a part. In other words, the drive has to find the information before it can transfer it.

Archie:

A program used to locate files that are publicly available by anonymous FTP.

Archive

Request Form:

From this command you enter a page that lets you conduct an *Archie* search over the Web.

Archive Site:

A machine that provides access to a collection of files across the Internet.

BBS:

An on-line system which allows users to post and read messages and exchange files.

Bandwidth:

A measure of the medium's capacity to transfer information normally expressed in Megahertz, which is itself a measure of wave frequency.

Baud:

When transmitting data, the number of times the medium's state changes per second.



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TIP!

Sharpening without effecting colors:
In *Photoshop 4.0*, if you find that applying the *Unsharp Mask* filter makes already bright colors in your image overly saturated, convert the image to *Lab Mode* and apply the filter to the *L Channel* only. This technique will sharpen the image without effecting the color components.

Sore Eyes and Software

March 20 was national "meat out" day. Sort of like the national "smoke out" to get you to quit smoking. So for all the non butchers and others who earn their daily bread from meat and related products this column is providing sites for vegetarians and would be 'vegans', as follows:

www.veg.org/veg/FAQ/rec.food.veg.html. As the URL indicates this site offers a FAQ which is sometimes obtuse but more often quite informative. For the benefits of a vegetarian diet, which are many and varied according to some, you might check out www.veg.org/veg. A site for parents who, in the face of peer pressure and advertising, find it difficult to provide vegetarian lunches and goodies to school-age children is www.execpc.com/~veggie/tips.html. The suggestions and recipes at this site called Veggie Kids appear to be worth trying. There is also a link to a Veggie Kids home page which is still under construction. For vegetarians who travel, one of many sites worth looking at is www.veg.org/veg/Guide. It lists grocery stores world-wide. On a totally different note, for those music lovers with a specialized taste, check out the Mudcat Cafe <http://www.deltablues.com/>. It has a database called Digital Traditions, which can retrieve and play the music and provide the lyrics of thousands of folk songs. It is searchable by any word in the lyric or by the title if you know it. It has a keyword search. If you use the keyword *Bluegrass*, it returns only 15 hits. Obviously, that is a woefully limited return, but I am hopeful that our very talented FORUM Editor (and mandolin picker), Mo Lebowitz, will contact Mudcat and greatly expand this area of music. ■

User Group Connection

Each month LIMac receives a mailing from the User Group Connection with special offers of products that are available only to members of a User Group. Also many of our presenters come to us as a result of our affiliation with the UGC. For example, last month, Insignia Solutions demonstrated *Soft Windows 95*, donated raffle prizes and offered special below street pricing for *Soft Windows 95*. At our next meeting we will feature AppleSoft's Richard Ford. At our general meetings, we have a binder that contains numerous vendor offerings, most at discounted prices. No User Group could function without the support and generosity of the Mac vendor community. I would like to thank all of the vendors who have supported us. The March mailing has offers from the following vendors:

Broderbund

Discover the joy, ease, and convenience of tracing your family tree. *Family Tree Maker's* point-and-click simplicity helps you save weeks, even months, as you find your ancestors. In addition to the *Family Tree Maker* program CD, Deluxe Edition II gives you four of our most popular *Family Archive* CDs to speed your family research. When purchased separately, you would pay \$120.00 for these four CDs. But you get the complete *Family Tree Maker Deluxe Edition II* for only \$89.99! To order call 800-387-2158 and mention offer code 599.

Lazerworks

All the Best MacGames '96, the greatest collection of Mac shareware/freeware games, is now available at close-out prices: 50% off! Just \$10 each. The only requirement is that you buy at least five. For Mac User Groups *only*. To order call 306-543-2200. ■



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TIP!

Be a quitter:
That little Mac icon in the top right corner of the screen is the *Application Menu*. You can use this menu to quickly switch between programs that you have open. If you keep getting out of memory messages when trying to open programs, try pulling this menu down. It lists all of your open applications. You may have some open programs that you do not know about it. Select each from the *Application Menu*, and type *Command-Q*. This will eliminate many of those out of memory messages.