



HERE'S A TIP

So you would like to use a CD writer as a storage place for lots of small files! Do you know what happens if you do a "write session" instead of a "write CD"? You can put many small files on the CD at various times—days, weeks or even months apart! That part is great. But each time you add a "write session" you are, in effect, adding another icon to the screen when you read the CD. Then you have to figure out which of all these icons belong to the CD because you have to highlight every last one of them in order to eject the disk.

There is a way around this if you don't mind making your CD a PC CD. That's right! Use the ISO9660 method each time you do a write session. Each time you perform a "write session" using ISO9660 the last folder you burn will be the only icon which will show up on your screen when you read the CD. Because this will be the only icon to show up it makes ejecting the CD much easier. All prior "write session" files and folders remain in tact; you just won't see them until you open the CD.

Be sure to double-click "untitled" in the window that lets you check your data. This way you can give this session a unique name.

When doing a "write session" with ISO9660 you will be prompted to append the name along with other choices. Select "append" in order to achieve the single-icon status. Now you only have one icon to drag to the trash to accomplish disk ejection!

Meeting: April 1st, 2000

Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Agenda: Election for club officers.

Mike Pelligrino will demonstrate the making of a web page using Dreamweaver. He will have demo versions of this program available. The program—trial version—is also available on the March 2000 *MacAddict* CD.

Here's some Green Tree. Companies often write articles about themselves and send them to newspapers in hopes they will be used as fillers. Well, folks, that's what this is but it does contain something of local interest! See if you can find it.

NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

PARTNERS CREATE AMERICA'S FIBER NETWORK, A SUPER-REGIONAL FIBER OPTICS COMPANY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Six energy and telecommunications companies today announced the creation of America's Fiber Network LLC, a new super-regional, high-speed fiber optics company with a network of more than 7,000 route miles, or 140,000 fiber miles, connecting major markets in the eastern United States to secondary markets with a growing need for broadband access.

The initial footprint of fiber in America's Fiber Network (AFN) puts the company in position to reach areas responsible for roughly 35 percent of the national wholesale communications capacity market.

AFN is a new telecommunications company formed by AEP Communications, a subsidiary of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP); GPU Telecom, a subsidiary of GPU, Inc. (NYSE: GPU); Allegheny Communications Connect, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE); FirstEnergy Telecom, a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE); CFW Communications (NASDAQ: CFWC); and R&B Communications.

AFN serves as a "carrier's carrier," providing telecommunications capacity to Internet service providers, competitive local exchange providers,

Candidates for CVAUG Office

(all running unopposed)

President—Mike French

Vice President—Dan Springer

Bob Kurtz—Secretary

Charlotte Bendell—Treasurer

Ken Carter—Librarian

What's Your Phobia?

Thanks to Birds19@aol.com for the following which he no doubt obtained from from the phobia list—<http://www.sonic.net/~freddophobia1.html>

Triskadekaphobia is fear of the number 13 and Paraskavedekatriaphobia is fear of Friday the 13th, but here are a few more phobia to worry about but with possible solutions applied to computers.

Suriphobia—Fear of mice (get a roller ball!)
Porphyrophobia—Fear of purple (good thing we have Blueberry, Lime, Tangerine & Strawberry!)

Ereuthophobia—Fear of Red (good thing we have Blueberry, Lime, Tangerine and Grape!)
Chromophobia or Chromatophobia—Fear of colors (we have Macs in Beige!)

Cacophobia—Fear of ugliness (get a Mac!)
Macrophobia—Fear of long waits (get a Mac!)

Allodoxophobia—Fear of opinions (don't subscribe to anything online)

And finally, just for fun—

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia—Fear of long words and the ultimate phobia: Phobophobia—Fear of phobias

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ong-distance providers and wireless communications companies. Customers already under contract include many of the nation's leading telecommunications companies.

The wholesale communications capacity market in the United States was \$3.7 billion in 1999 and has an annual growth rate exceeding 30 percent. Much of the growth is driven by increased internet traffic and the corresponding demand for increased bandwidth for voice, data and video transmission. While the number of Americans using the Internet has grown from fewer than 5 million in 1993 to as many as 88 million in 1998, internet penetration still is only about 30 percent.

"The Congress, White House and other government leaders have expressed concern about the 'bandwidth divide' — smaller markets left behind by the Internet and the rapid expansion of e-commerce because of limited bandwidth availability," said Pete Thomas, vice president of AEP Communications. "Businesses and residents in these markets have the same need for data exchange and information access as those in major markets. America's Fiber Network is bridging that bandwidth divide.

"Many telecommunications companies are focusing on connecting what's known as Tier 1 markets — cities like New York, Chicago, the District of Columbia and others that make up the largest metropolitan areas in the United States," Thomas said. "Others are focusing on smaller regions. America's Fiber Network takes a super-regional approach, reaching underserved markets like Athens, Ohio; Binghamton, N.Y.; Morgantown, W.Va.; and Charlottesville, Va.; and connecting them to the Tier 1 markets."

AFN will operate an integrated network with more than 7,000 route miles of fiber in an area that stretches from New York City to Chicago and from Rochester, N.Y., to Johnson City, Tenn.

The majority of the network consists of high-capacity fiber optic cable installed in the last three years, which provides America's Fiber Network with approximately 140,000 fiber miles. A route mile describes the distance covered by total installed fiber optic cable. Fiber miles — the number of strands of fiber in a length of fiber cable multiplied by the length of the cable in miles — more accurately defines the capacity of the fiber network.

"This is a unique new telecommunications company," said David C. Brauer, vice president, strategic initiatives, for GPU Service. "America's Fiber Network has a robust fiber optic network, customers under contract and revenue.

"Concentrating fiber capacity in the new company creates a larger, integrated network operated by a company focused on serving the telecommunications market," Brauer said.

"America's Fiber Network is truly a case where the value of the network as a whole is much greater than the value of the individual parts."

AEP Communications, GPU Telcom and Allegheny Communications Connect are majority owners in AFN, with approximately 90 percent of the new company.

Minority owners are FirstEnergy Telecom, CFW Communications and R&B Communications. A.T. Kearney, the global management consulting subsidiary of EDS (NYSE: EDS), served as a strategic advisor in creating AFN and formulating its strategic plan.

The venture partners intend for America's Fiber Network to function independently and grow quickly.

"Today's announcement is an excellent start for America's Fiber Network, but we are already discussing ways to grow this company," said John W. Flanko, vice president of Allegheny Communications Connect. "We will quickly expand the AFN network to more than 10,000 route miles by the end of 2000, including the addition of new partners with existing fiber assets."

America's Fiber Network is conducting a national search for a chief executive officer and executive management team with experience in the telecommunications industry. Thomas will serve as interim president until the search is completed and the management team is in place.

America's Fiber Network has filed with the Federal Communications Commission for exempt telecommunications company (ETC) status.

AEP Communications LLC is a subsidiary of American Electric Power, a multinational energy company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, that serves 3 million customers in portions of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

GPU Telcom Services, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of GPU, Inc., of Morristown, N.J., a registered public utility holding company that serves half the land areas of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Worldwide, GPU delivers electricity to 4.6 million customers.

Allegheny Communications Connect, an Allegheny Energy company, delivers telecommunications services over an advanced fiber optic network to customers throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Allegheny Energy, Inc. is a diversified energy company headquartered in Hagerstown, Md.

FirstEnergy Telecom delivers advanced telecommunications services over a fiber optic, broadband network. It is a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp., of Akron, Ohio, a diversified energy services company that serves more than 2.2 million customers in northern and central Ohio and portions of western Pennsylvania.

CFW Communications, doing business as CFW Intelos and Intelos, is an integrated communications provider with headquarters in Waynesboro, Va. The company provides a broad range of services including Digital PCS, local Internet access, high-speed DSL Internet services, and local and long distance telephone services.

R&B Communications Inc. is a diversified

telecommunications company with headquarters in Daleville, Va. R&B provides local telephone paging, voicemail, and Internet services, wireless cable television services, sells business telephone systems and operates fiber optic networks.

Information on America's Fiber Network can be found at www.americasfibernet.com.

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Two More Mac People Make the Switch

In two unrelated events it has been discovered that at least two more people (maybe three) have switched from Macintosh to the Windows platform.

The first case involves a classified advertisement for a Macintosh 6400 (Performance actually), 180 MHz, 48-meg. RAM, 8X CD 1.6-gig HD, speakers, and monitor. (It was later learned that a Stylewriter 1200 is included, also.) Excellent condition and internet-ready. \$500.

The reason for selling? It seems this gentleman was recently married and—guess what?—his new bride had a PC. So much for the Mac! (He can be reached at 717-263-8087 if interested because we hate to see any Mac go to waste!)

The second case involves one of our own. Or should we say one who used to be one of our own?

According to a front-page article complete with color picture in *The Morning Herald* on Tuesday, March 28th, Myrdon (Don Neumann and his wife, Barbara, are volunteering in Washington County schools—more specifically Smithsburg elementary.

Originally, the Neumanns had a Macintosh computer in their home and offered their services at Cascade and Paramount elementary schools. At Smithsburg they encountered IBM-compatible computers in a new computer lab and worked with kindergartners first- and third-graders.

The Neumanns then bought a PC!

The Principal at Smithsburg Elementary summed it up, "When we went PC, they went PC." He was principal at Cascade when Barbara Neumann worked there.

Don's membership expired in January of this year and—guess what again—he didn't renew!

We wish the Neumanns well with their fine help to area students! Sorry it has to be PC.

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