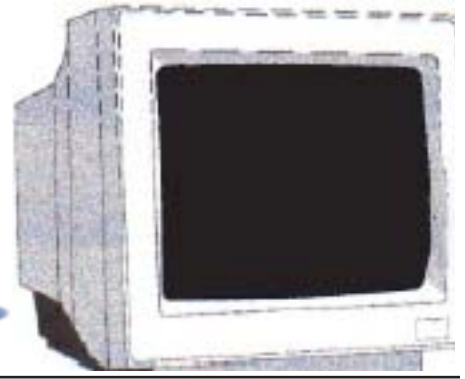


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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Its been a busy month. I have finally completed my collection of Adobe products to make managing the Website and creating the Newsletter much easier.

Adobe Acrobat 6 arrived early in October but I have had little to do with it because I was waiting for the next newsletter to take advantage of the new features. The most important of them all to me is the distiller program now runs natively in OS X. This means I no longer need to start up classic mode to compress the newsletter from its usual 1-2 MB down to around 30 KB.

Adobe GoLive has been in my collection for a while now and it has been instrumental in helping make updates to the website a breeze. Now, most recently (in the past 2 days) I got Adobe InDesign. This is a page layout program that is much easier to use than Adobe Illustrator (for page layout any way). I am sure there are more features in this program than I am aware of so it will take me a while to find all of them. In an effort to learn the features of this program I will try to throw little bits of pizzazz into the newsletter. I hope they don't get too gaudy.
See you at the next meeting.

THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG

Apple released the newest version of OS X last Friday. Mac OS 10.3 or Panther is full of some very interesting features. Some of the features that are creating the most buzz in the general public are, Exposé, Fast User Switching, and the new Finder layout. Exposé is very useful to people who often have a large number of windows open all over their screen. With the touch of a Function Key all those windows scale down in size and spread out evenly on your screen allowing you to choose the window you want to work with next without having to shuffle through all the other windows you have open. Once you make your selection that window comes to the front for you to use and all your windows resize back to where they were.



Fast User Switching is useful in situations where more than one user has an account on your computer. Here is an example. UserA has been using the computer and needs to go out to the store. UserB

wants to use the computer while UserA is away but they do not want to bother UserA's files. All UserB needs to do is select their account from the User Menu at the top of the screen and (if it is required) enter their user account password. The information User A had on the screen then "rotates" away and UserB's account "rotates" into view. Its a really nifty effect. The new Finder is supposed to be more intuitive. I fear that many people who had recently made the switch to OS X and thus are either just adjusting to the layout of OS X may be thrown even further off by the new finder layout. I suppose only time (and other reviews) will tell.

**"Mac users swear by their computers.
PC users swear at their computers."
-- Anonymous**

MINUTES CUMBERLAND VALLEY APPLE USERS GROUP (CVAUG)

Dieter H. Protsch
Secretary

President Gregg McFarland called the monthly meeting for September to order at 0945 hrs with the following members present:

Dieter H. Protsch,
Secretary, James "J.B." Oerding,
Treasurer, Bill Isham, L. Victor
Crist Jr., Dave Schlicher, Monte
Gearhart, Pete Domenico, Hugh
Wachter and guest Malcolm
McFarland.

New Business

New e-mail address for CVAUG.

Pres. Gregg McFarland had obtained a new e-mail address for our group from Apple, which is now listed as CVAUG@mac.com. Available to regular members for \$100.00 per annum, he stated that it was given to us this time for free. He hopes to get it at no cost again next year.

Rent for meeting Room. Treasurer remembered our twice a year rent donation to become due in December. A motion for approval was made and unanimously

approved. Several suggestions were also made for another location for our monthly meeting. Borders was mentioned as a possible location, which had excellent wireless access. Gregg may have another location with good access for computer hook-up. Several other recommendations may be forthcoming. J.B. agreed to check out other sources with low cost availability by next meeting.

No other new business matter was presented for discussion.

Adjournment of Official Business Meeting

The official business meeting was adjourned at 1015 hrs

General Group discussion.

The following general discussion and work shop of CVAUG members involved the following topics:
Service Providers. Hugh Wachter inquired if any one knew if AOL was planning to go beyond their Version 5 of software. He had experienced many problems with AOL's software including several crashes. He was looking for recommendations of URLs/service providers, other than AOL which would provide better and more reliable service. Earthlink was among those mentioned. It was apparent that changing servers

required changing addresses to clients etc. which can be disruptive. A few people, who travel a lot still find AOL adequate. Earthlink (Sprint) was found to be the best choice vs. AOL. Several other options through DSL were discussed. Gregg continued his presentation program and informed members that during the last Apple Expo in September Apple introduced a new line of Power books, replacing the 'Titanium'. He finally obtained one himself and demonstrated the new features. With it came wireless communication access to cell phone and Apple's new key board and mouse. It has great new video power, high speed and excellent audio. Gregg also explained the differences between the classic operating system and the new OSX type. 'Panther', a new system of OSX is to come out soon. The newest operating system is OSX.28 replacing the old OSX.26. He answered numerous questions from the group covering various computer and program problems. Several members also discussed various browsers, pro's and con's, especially Netscape and its related 'Mozilla'. Apple's browser 'Safari' was also mentioned.

This space is just waiting for you, the CVAUG Member to submit an article about anything. Anything at all that you want to share, express, announce, annunciate, blaze, broadcast, disseminate, proclaim, promulgate, toot, or rant about.

Just submit it to cvaug@mac.com and it'll make it into a future newsletter.