



A Word From The President

It's been another busy few weeks for me. I have been wound up in activities for the User Group and in personal events.

I have been busy securing our standing with Apple Computers a full fledged User Group in good standing. I have secured an Ambassador account which can be used to get free stuff from Apple. One of these freebies is a .Mac account for the group. We now have a more official e-mail address for the group, cvaug@mac.com I am still trying to figure out how to use the Ambassador account to get us freebies and door prizes for meetings.

As far as personal events go, my wife Trish brought our first child into the world on Sept 11th and we all couldn't be happier.... just less tired. Our "little" baby girl Elizabeth Ramsey McFarland (who we're calling Ellie) tipped the scales at 9lbs and 1/2 oz and extended the tape measure to 21 inches.

That's about all I have for this month. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Apple Makes New Hardware Announcements

Apple has announced updates to its PowerBook line of portable computers. The 12" and 17" models each got processor upgrades. The big news was the announcement of the long awaited 15" Aluminum PowerBook. The 15" Aluminum PowerBook differs from the 15" Titanium by more than just a speedier processor. The new PowerBooks have AirPort Extreme, Bluetooth, the option for a backlit keyboard and more.

Apple also announced their new wireless Keyboard and Mouse that use Bluetooth signals to communicate with Bluetooth equipped Macs.

All of this happened at the Apple Expo in Paris France over the week of Sept 15th.

Next Meeting
Demo of the new
15" PowerBook G4

Adobe Updates Their Professional Software Suite

Adobe has announced new versions of their creative software. Their Creative Suite package includes Adobe Photoshop CS for image editing, Adobe InDesign CS for page layout, Adobe Illustrator CS for technical and artistic illustration, and Adobe GoLive CS for web page layout.

The software can be purchased as a group of programs, or they can be bought separately.

More on this can be found on Adobe's web site – <http://www.adobe.com>

Hardware :The parts of a computer system that can be kicked.

-- Pesis, Jeff

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 6 September 2003

Dieter H. Protsch Secretary

Old Business

Picnic on 9 Aug 03, beginning at 0900 hrs at the Middletown Memorial Park in Middletown, MD was considered a success, although turnout was expected to be larger. Several people did have a chance to trade or purchase desired equipment. The scheduled recycling van did not materialize, but was not greatly missed. Aside from the socializing between CVAUG and the FAC members, the pizzas and drinks were plentiful and enjoyed by all those present until closing at about 1600 hrs (4pm). Special thanks to J.B. for his extra effort in logistical support of libation and food.

Non-Profit Organization status of CVAUG was considered mute, as the treasurer worked on obtaining an EIN (Employer Identification Number) to get a no-fee account from our bank

Ambassador Status.

The secretary informed the members that e-mail received from UGFCSandy@aol.com that CVAUG is on active status, with Gregg McFarland, President, being our Ambassador. A copy of the mail was given to Gregg in order to be able to have Apple Sales Web Access available to User Groups, receive the Apple User Group Bulletin, and be on the Apple User Group Discussion List.

New Business

Banner. For those members who did not have a chance to join us at the picnic, they had a chance to view the new banner displayed outside the meeting room. As the president, Gregg is now also the custodian of the banner to prevent any future misplacement of the same.

Goodies. Laura Musser truly surprised the members at the meeting with a box of goodies from Apple. She distributed among other things Apple User Group T-Shirts, posters, ball point pens and note pads. What an organizer! We all also appreciated the various donuts brought in by several members.

CVAUG Library Bill Isham, newly elected Librarian, requested that he be relieved of this responsibility and the responsibility be retained by Laura Musser. Membership unanimously approved.

CVAUG Address. It was decided that the official new CVAUG address for our club be that of the president, Gregg Mc Farland, at 109 East Franklin St. Hagerstown, MD 21740 for all correspondence.