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MASTHEAD:

E-mail addresses of our officers, to gripe and complain to.

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PREZ SEZ:

At least *this* guy knows when to concede.

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WANTED:

Newsletter job becomes available; any suckers?

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SIGS:

Special Interest Groups are afoot; become involved.

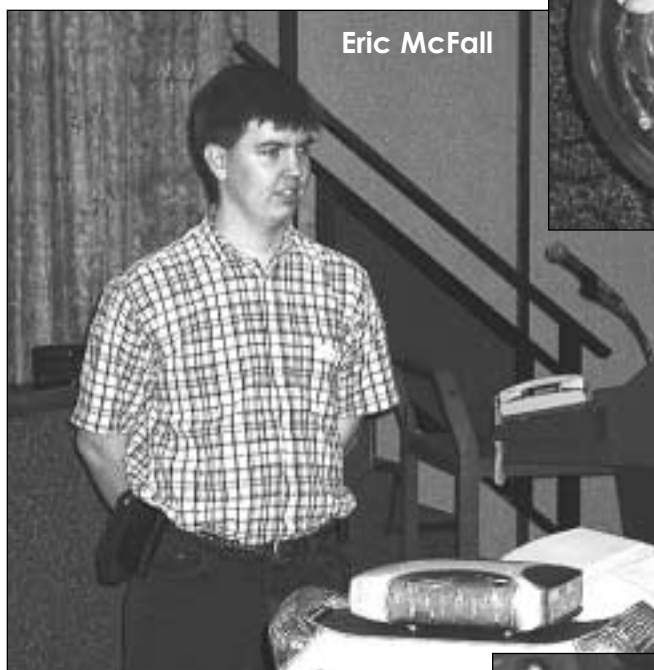
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MEMBERSHIP:

Give a form to a friend and help swell our ranks.

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THE SOUND



Eric McFall



The iSub speaker

Eric McFall makes some noise at the November TMUG meeting with a demonstration of the Mac's audio capabilities

AND THE FURY



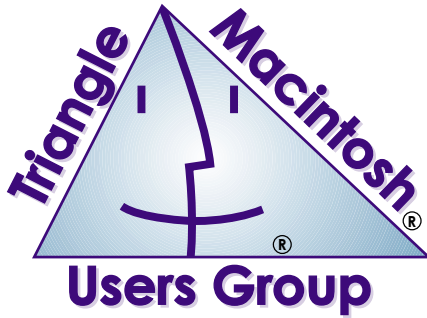
McFall's Mac soundstation

■ By Duane Reaugh
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Chips Chapman (velomac@mind-spring.com) discussed the meeting schedule for the next few months. December will be the traditional stocking stuffers. January will be a

Microsoft Office 2001 program presented by a Microsoft representative who has promised lots of giveaways. Future meeting topics will be Photoshop, FileMaker Pro, Norton

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Utilities, and Disk First Aid. The treasurer reported that we have about \$2,500 in the bank and that we are owed \$1,000 from the Computer Lab for the old video projector. Paul reported the Web server now has a rebound device that will reboot the server upon failure. Also, TMUG e-mail accounts support POP3 and SMTP protocols. The Web interface does not allow you to send file attachments, though.



Shea reported on the work of the nominating committee. The vote will be next year, with the slate being announced in the next meeting.



Q&A time: A member wants to hook up an iMac and a 6800 desktop using a crossover cable. The order of startup is important because both are expecting to see an Ethernet hub. Turn on the iMac first because it will tolerate not seeing a hub and then turn on the 6800 desktop. If the 6800 was started first, it would default to the printer port if it did not see a hub. Once both are on, turn on file sharing.

A member asked about cable router/firewalls. Three products were recommended: MacSense, Netgear and Linksys hardware. Another option is an IP (Internet Protocol) router from Apple.

Another member asked about high-speed Internet access. Verizon was recommended over Earthlink because the latter limits download speed, even if there is no contention. The author's recommendation is RoadRunner from Time Warner. Speaking of RoadRunner, they are now enforcing the one IP rule, with each additional IP address costing \$9.95 per month. This can be a problem if you have a printer and Mac sharing a router and the printer grabs your single IP address first. The same can be true when using an Airport. You may have to turn off all your devices and then start the one that needs the connection first and then the rest.



Eric McFall talked about different software tools used in sound capture, editing and "burning" CDs. He discussed a passel of tools, what they was good for, followed by a demonstration thereof. He started off with a short discussion about digital sampling, the process of turning an "analog" signal (sound) into a series of numbers (digital). The range and the number of times you sample affect the quality of the sound and the size of the file. Eric used a product called Coaster to input a short song into the Mac. The 20-second clip was 300 MB. He used Deck24 to edit the sample. He used Track Thief to convert it to an AIFF (Audio Interchange File Format) for CD burning. Lastly, he used SoundJam to convert the AIFF file into MP3. Adaptec's Toast Deluxe can be used to burn audio CDs. ▼

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Requiem for a president

When Smythe and I became co-presidents last year there were several things I hoped to accomplish. I wanted to see the club grow, become more relevant to all the members, and be part of a productive TMUG board. I think we have seen some progress in all these areas.

The growth of the club continues to be a concern for me. Shea has done a great job this year with publicity. We have had several visitors each meeting. For us to grow as Mac sales grow we need to continue to reach out to new users and graphics users. Also, when OS X finally ships, we may be able to reach out to large business users as well. We need to continue working on helping visitors become active members.

Based on feedback I have received on the past several meetings, I think we are doing well at serving the different interests and experience levels of the membership. The only negative feedback I have received recently is that the meetings need to be longer. We are currently working on a new location that will give us more flexibility with the time.

I have enjoyed being a part of the board. You'd be hard pressed to find a more committed bunch of Mac fanatics. The hardest part of leading the meet-



Prez Sez...
BOB CHANDLER

ings is getting people to stop talking about recent Mac developments and get them focused on business. Having three former presidents still actively involved gives us plenty of experience. It's a fun group to be a part of.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, I'm not running for president again this year because of some health problems my wife is having and the need to take care of responsibilities at home. I still plan to be a committed member and hope to get back into leadership in the future if I am needed. I hope some of the newer members will step in to fill the void in the mean time. Thanks for a great year. ▼

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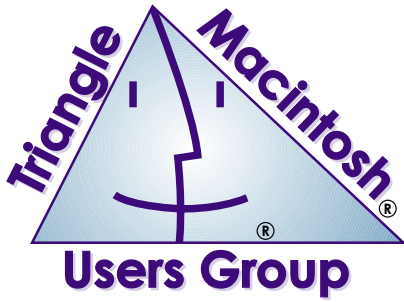
Saturday SIGs

Starting early next year, Saturday Special Interest Group meetings are being arranged to explore software and hardware in depth. The first proposed topic is AppleWorks. We're looking for sites to assemble at, areas with a half dozen tables to set up and work at. If you're interested, make sure Mark Handler (mhandler@tmug.org, 612-7852) has your name, e-mail and telephone. Any suggestions for location and topic preference are appreciated.

QUOTE of the month:

“Smythe has so much crap on his belt he looks like Batman.”

–Spoken by a TMUG member at the November meeting, commenting on the burdened state of our co-president's pants-cinching device.



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