Apple Unveils New "Supercomputer"

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G4 has arrived at Apple in a graphite colored box. The Introduction of a new line of professional desktop machines was done at the recent Seybold 99 show by iCEO, Steve Jobs. These machines represent the next step in the evolution of the PowerPC technology founded by Apple, IBM and Motorola several years ago.

The introductory machine, available immediately from Apple, has few changes from the current flavor of professional desktop machine being offered. The ADB port has been removed, the motherboard has undergone slight modifications to accomodate the G4 chip and the color of the case has changed. The basic configuration includes a 400 MHz G4 processor, PCI ATI RAGE 128 card, Ultra ATA/33 drives, PC 100 RAM and CD ROM. The starting price for this minor monster is $1599.

Now, the next models represent continued improvements surrounding performance, stability and price. The 450 and 500 MHz models use the G4 processor but utilize a new motherboard design - code name Sawtooth. Enhancements include increased memory speeds, improved bus speeds and enhanced video performance. These machines will also support the use of Airport and wireless networking, possibly providing a point of access to networks for Airport enabled devices without requiring the Airport itself. The 450 and 500 MHz machines include a G4 processor, AGP 2X ATI RAGE 1288 card, Ultra ATA/66 drives, PC 100 RAM and DVD ROM. The starting price for these monsters is $2499.

So, what does this mean ... fast machines available to consumers for business or pleasure using the latest technologies to provide a positive experience when using a Macintosh. Apple continues to move ahead at an aggressive pace providing suspense and awe over what they will do next The market is alive again and Apple has been there leading the way.

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Thank You, Nicole Laverdiere

October

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Events

This Month in Auburn:
NCEE staffing and planning.
This is your chance to get involved in this years show! Volunteers will be needed for various tasks such as set-up, parking, LAMUG booth, tickets and more!

November: Guest Speaker, TBA

Each meeting includes a Question and Answer period, don't forget to bring in the question slip from your newsletter.

AppleWorks

October's meeting will be a continuation of word processing basics.

Don't forget, there are ClarisWorks training videos available for checkout from Mike Baita.

Minor Mac Repairs

For members of LAMUG, and to help educate the interested, I offer the opportunity to bring your ailing Macintosh to the monthly meeting for inspection and possible repair. The understanding needs to be that only certain repairs can be done within the time frame of a meeting and effort required. I will do my best to at least determine the root cause of the problem(s). If you have questions about bringing a machine in - please email me at adarby31@maine.rr.com
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AppleWorks Tips

User Group Store:

Accessing the User Group Store's web site requires you to log in with a password. The password changes every three months (see passwords). To order from the store, all sales are by telephone at (800) 689-8191.
www.applemugstore.com
Passwords:
Through 9/30/99 ID: mug Password: store
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1/1-3/30/00 ID: bluelips Password: redlips

Microsoft Expedia's web site:

Here you can make reservations for air travel, hotel rooms, and generally prepare for that big vacation.
www.expedia.msn.com/daily/home/default.hts

If Expedia does not show the carrier you normally fly with, you might see if they maintain their own online reservation system on there web site. See the list below for some of the more common carriers.

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American Airlines www.americanair.com
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Southwest Airlines www.iflyswa.com
TWA www.twa.com
United Airlines www.ual.com
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AppleWorks tips:

Underlining was used as a substitute for italics when people prepared documents with a type writer. Your documents will look more professional if you use italics in places where you might otherwise use underlining. For example, book titles in a bibliography should be set in italics rather than underlined.

You can adjust column widths manually as well as using the section format dialog box. To make the adjustments, hold down the option key (Macintosh) or the alt key (Windows) and place the mouse pointer over a column divider. Drag the divider right or left to a new location. Hold down the appropriate modifier key, place the mouse pointer in the space between two columns, and drag the space right or left.

AppleWorks allows you to have many dictionary files. You might, for example, have a user dictionary for technical documents and another user dictionary for letters to family.

If you can't see the misspelled word in the document because the spelling window is in the way and you aren't able to move it easily out of the way, you can expand the spelling window to show you the immediate context of the misspelled word. To do so, click on the small triangle in the lower right corner of the window. This expands the window to show one line of the document, including the misspelled word.
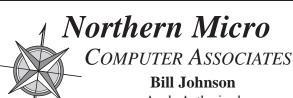
Don't Forget!!

The Next Auburn Meeting is Oct. 6th, 6:00pm Early Birds 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fairview School, Minot Ave., Auburn

The next Oxford Meeting is October 21st, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Oxford Hills Comp. High School