

# RHEIN-NECKAR APPLE USERS GROUP (RNAUG) NEWSLETTER

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## Minutes from Jan 91 Meeting

The January 1991 meeting of the Rhein-Neckar Apple Users Group (RNAUG) was held at 1915 hours, January 10th, 1991, at the Multi-purpose Room, Patrick Henry Village Middle School. Twenty-seven members attended: 18 Apple II users and 9 MAC users.

The meeting was called to order by RNAUG President, Wes Sisson. The first item of official business was the election of the RNAUG board of officers for 1991. Wes announced that he would accept any last minute nominations for 1991 RNAUG officer positions and/or ballots. After receiving no additional nominations, Wes called the ballot closed and proceeded to count the ballots received. The results:

President	Wes Sisson	06224-3783
Vice President	Wayne Foscue	370-7418
Secretary	Jim Clark	370-7204
Treasurer	Don Wilder	06221-763814
Consumer Rep	Mike Hull	376-7203
Publicity	Hank Lavagnini	380-7423
MAC Subgroup	Mike Vargo	06204-72421

The Treasurer Report was then made by Don Wilder (see results elsewhere in this newsletter).

Jim Clark made his "Beagle Buddy" report concerning the latest announcements and changes to the TimeOut series of software designed to make a great integrated software package, AppleWorks 2 and 3, even better. See Beagle Buddy News and Information on page 3 for full details of this report.

Wes announced that he has not heard any additional news of the NATO Mac Apple User's Group (MAUG) since his report to us at the December 1990 RNAUG meeting, and covered on page 2 of the Dec 90 newsletter. He attempted to contact some of the key individuals forming NATO MAUG; however, he was not successful.

A suggestion was made to have the RNAUG officers and telephone numbers published in a future newsletter. Done! Additionally, in case you misplace this newsletter, you can contact the Heidelberg Area Community Service (ACS) office for points of contact and telephone numbers for RNAUG officers (or for any private organization in the Heidelberg area which is registered with the Heidelberg Military Community.)



Member Mundorff suggested that using AppleWorks can really save a lot of time in getting through the annual hassle of preparing and sending Christmas cards if they use an address data base to assist. Since your address data base file probably includes people or organizations you would not likely send Christmas cards to, I added field to my address list titled "X-mas (Y/N):" When its time to prepare a current Christmas Card mailing list, I simply print an updated printout from AppleWorks using the selection criteria "if X-mas equals Y" instead of selecting all records.

Another item of business was allowing time for people in attendance to either join our group

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The RNAUG is a private organization of the Heidelberg Military Community, Heidelberg, Germany.

or renew their membership for 1991. Two individuals joined during the January meeting: Carol Stark of Heidelberg, an Apple II GS user, and Gary Bratland of Stuttgart, a MAC si user. Welcome to our users group. Nine other members renewed their membership.

Jim Clark had the following information for the group:

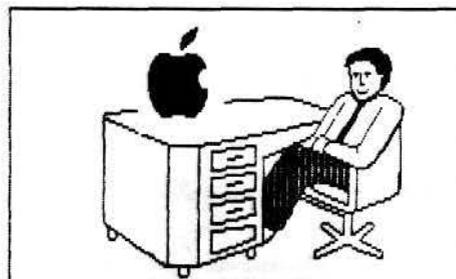
Last month I announced that RNAUG has one member from as far away as Bad Kreuznach. Tom BeGasse, an Apple II GS user, originally joined our club when he was stationed in Mannheim. Upon reassignment to Bad Kreuznach, he renewed his RNAUG membership, although he doesn't think he will be able to attend monthly meetings. This month, RNAUG welcomes Ken Kazinski to our users group. Ken, an Apple IIe and II GS owner, lives in Berlin. Like Tom, Ken indicated that he would not be able to attend our meetings! Our membership also includes 7 members from as far as Karlsruhe, all of which regularly attend monthly meetings; 9 from Mannheim; 3 from Worms; and 1 each from Kaiserslautern, Heilbronn, and Stuttgart. Do we need to rename our users group?

More statistics: our database presently has 123 entries (125 copies of the Dec 90 newsletter were mailed out but a few were returned due to permanent changes of station). In the Apple II line, members have 99 machines: IIGS, 56; IIc, 20; IIe, 18; II+, 4; and Franklin, 1

In the Macintosh line, members have 36 MACs: MAC Plus, 16; MAC SE, 10; MAC, 4; MAC SE 30, 2; MACIIcs, 1; MACIIcx, 1; MACIIci, 1; and MAC si 1. Also in our inventory is 1 IBB-compatible Colt, 1 IBM, and 1 INTEL 80386 SX.

Jim also pleaded to the membership to make the RNAUG newsletter our, the member's, newsletter. If you have suggestions to make the letter better, or want to write a monthly column, or have tips to pass on to other members, please contact the secretary. Jim uses "Publish.It 3" in publishing the RNAUG Newsletter, and can accept input directly from either 5.25" or 3.5" disks prepared using AppleWorks 3, Bank Street Writer, or documents created with most other word processors if the files are in standard ACSII format. He will also accept

(Minutes continue on page 3)



### **From the Desk of the RNAUG President**

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so at the February meeting. We are in the process of editing our mailing list. We will continue to send the newsletter to all members on the old list thru the March meeting. At that time, the newsletter will go only to those members who have paid their 1991 dues. Membership does have its' advantages. Access to our public domain library, door prizes, access to club purchases of blank disks and ribbons, to name a few.

I'm still hopeful that we will have members volunteer to present demonstrations of software at future meetings. I'm sure that you would like to see some new faces, and I would like the opportunity to observe and learn also. Remember, this club is only as good as the members. If the members do not participate, the real value of an Apple Users' Group is diminished. We need an active, viable, membership.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14th. We, again, will be scheduled for 7:15, although the doors will be open a little before 7. Our general meeting will last approximately 30 minutes with a split into a Mac group and an Apple II group. Disk of the month for the Apple II group will be the A-06 disk from the public domain library from Big Red Computer Club. The catalog of our public domain material is still available to members. Make sure you get yours at the next meeting.

See you on the 14th!!

items in writing (he will then type the column since he has not yet ordered a couple of items high on his "want list:" a Quickie hand-held scanner from Vitesse and a new program called "InWords" from WestCode Software which lets you scan text from printed documents and save it as a standard ASCII file or an AppleWorks word-processing document)

RNAUG member Dale Coffman could not attend the meeting, but had some interesting information to pass on to the members regarding a new series of education software for IBM computers. Dale uses an Apple II GS equipped with, among other items, Applied Engineering's PC Transporter. Several reports in the past have indicated that AE's PC Transporter "is more IBM-compatible than IBM itself." However, the recent releases from the Learning Company's Super Solvers series of educational software for 5 - 14 year old children, does not run on the PC Transporter, although the series is for IBM and IBM-compatible computers. The programs in discussion, Super Solvers' Out Numbered, Super Solvers' Midnight Rescue, Super Solvers' Treasure Mountain, and Super Solvers' Ancient Empires, would load onto the AE PC Transporter correctly but would not run because of a key-control problem. Dale contacted the Learning Company's technical support office and was told that they other people also reported the problem and it deals with hardware call-ups that the Transporter does not solve. They also indicated that they do not plan on releasing in an Apple-compatible version "because of the "technology involved." The best advice the technical support rep could give Dale was to return the programs for a full refund.

Don Wilder announced that the RNAUG has the following items available to members:

ImageWriter ribbons, black.....\$2.00 each  
ImageWriter multicolor ribbons.....\$6.00 each  
3.5-inch disks.....\$0.55 each

These items are purchased in bulk and offered to RNAUG members at cost.

Several door prizes were given away during the meeting, including one Apple

coffee cup for each ten members in attendance. Other prizes includes a mouse pad and a 5.25-inch disk safekeeper with disks.

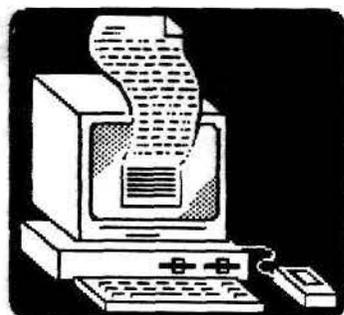
The public domain disk-of-the-month for January was disk number "E" from the Big Red Computer Club (BRCC).

Following the general meeting, the MAC users remained in the Multipurpose Room. The MAC evening highlight was a demonstration by Mike Vargo of the form making package by Softview. All members saw the great things this program can do if they received the December 1990 RNAUG newsletter: the SF 171 (Application for Federal Employment) was created using Chief Form Filler from the MacInTax company. Looked great, Mike

The Apple II users moved to Wes Sisson's computer lab for a demonstration by Wes of the Baudville's program "Award Marker Plus." Award Marker is very easy to use, has a good users manual, and can use Print Shop graphics for the borders of the awards it creates. I was impressed with how clear the award printed for a program which sells for only \$30 (from recent "Programs Plus" add).

This concludes the minutes of the January 1991 RNAUG meeting. Hope to see you at our next meeting, to be held at 1915 hours, February 14th, 1991, at the Multipurpose Room, PHV Middle School.

Jim Clark  
RNAUG Secretary



## Financial Statement

by Don Wilder

(as of 13 Dec 1990)

### Assets

RNAUG Checking Account	\$433.17
Disks bought for sale	452.20
Public Doman Library	335.00
Petty Cash	50.00
Ribbon Re-Inker Supplies	178.46

**Net Worth** 1,448.83

### Income

Membership, General	230.00
Membership, MAC	110.00
Membership, Teachers	4.00
Income from Disk Sales	30.25
Income from Ribbon Inking	52.50
Income from Disk-of-Month	13.00

**Total Income** 439.75

### Expenses

Door Prizes	75.65
Misc Checking	20.00
Misc Club Expenses	110.15

**Total Expenses** 205.80

### IT PAYS TO WRITE LETTERS

I just know that none of you do this, but when I am unhappy about something, e.g., bank service, long lines at the commissary, my wives cooking, or even software companies, I have a nasty habit of moaning and grumbling. I used to complain directly to the offending party but over time I lost my motivation, after all, when complaints fall on deaf ears what's the point, right! Well I'm here to tell you that Claris has changed my mind and reaffirmed my faith (At least in software companies, still got work to do on my wives cooking.)

It's like this. Last year Claris offered a free upgrade to FileMaker Pro if a person bought FileMaker II after the month of May. I wanted the program but was hesitant to fork out \$250 bucks. A friend called in September to say that he knew of a store that had the program on sale. I didn't believe the price he quoted but nipped smartly over there just in case. Anyway, he wasn't pulling my leg and I got an absolute bargain.

So what's the first thing you should do when you open a new software package? If you say "Boot the program" shame on you. No, you take a moment to send in the registration form. I sent mine off expecting a fairly long wait because I knew the program was shipping late. Now it happened that Claris sent me a news letter in December, remember them? Well, I'm glad that issue arrived because an item alerted me to the fact that the upgrade offer would end Dec. 31, further, Claris was saying that one had to apply for the offer. Now I must admit that I sat and moaned for a couple of days before getting myself bent out of shape enough to write a letter. I wrote a nice letter, I wasn't nasty although I did tell them I was angry, I also explained that I already own several Claris programs. I also told them that I did not expect them to reply. Two days before Christmas I found FileMaker Pro in my mail box. I was both amazed and excited, my letter had worked!

That's not the end of the story though, two weeks later Claris sent me another package, this time they had responded to my gripe about not getting the news letters. They had sent me all the back issues of the Mac news letter and the January issue of the Apple II letter. So I don't know about you but I'm going start doing something instead of just moaning, it pays!

Mike Hull



# Beagle Buddy News and Information

## PRODUCT UPDATES

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**SmartWorks**, an integrated software package that may do for the Mac what AppleWorks did for the Apple II. According to the January 1991 edition of *inCider*, which provided a sneak peek at the specifications of package, SmartWorks sports eight modules: word processor, spreadsheet, database manager, outline processor, charting program, drawing software, paint program, and communications application. The program, from the Leonard Development Group, formerly TML Systems, also imports both AppleWorks and AppleWorks GS files directly. Price: Retail \$295. The discounted education price is only \$129. If you are a registered user of AppleWorks, AppleWorks GS, or Microsoft Works and want to trade in your old software for SmartWorks, the price is a low \$99.

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Beagle Bros has produced so many Time-Out enhancements to AppleWorks that it is difficult to keep track of the current version of each product. This article, provided by Cathlenn Merritt, from Volume V, No. 12, AppleWorks Forum, the monthly publication of the National ApplWorks Users Group, will help you determine if you have the latest release of your favorite program. If you do not, your "Beagle Buddy," Jim Clark, will make upgrades of TimeOut applications available to RNAUG members free-of-charge if they have a legal copy of the original Beagle Bros. product.

Beagle assigns a version number to each disk and updates that number when the product undergoes a major revision. Figure 1, page 6, contains the version numbers for all 18 Time-Out disks. Beagle often makes minor updates to one or more modules on a disk without changing the disk number. Figure 2 lists the version number for each file on every disk.

You can determine the version number of a TimeOut disk by booting the computer with the disk. The version number appears at the bottom of the title screen. Ms. Merritt suggests that you write the version number on the disk label.

You must use the TimeOut Utilities from within AppleWorks to determine the version number of each TimeOut module. Proceed as follows:

1. Launch a TimeOut-enhanced copy of AppleWorks.
2. Enter an Apple-Escape to access the TimeOut Menu.
3. With the TimeOut Menu on the screen, select "Utilities."
4. Select choice #8, "List version numbers." A list of the version number of each module will appear on the screen.

Hope this helps,  
your Beagle Buddy, Jim Clark



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**Apple IIGS with 1.25 MEG RAM, 3.5" drive, and RGE monitor. \$1000 or best offer. Contact Ron Brunet at 06202-4114 (home) or ETS 370-7463 (office).**

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**Apple IIGS System with 1.5 MEG RAM, 5.25" and 3.5" disk drives, color monitor, ImageWriter II color printer, and Kensington System Saver IIGS. Package deal also includes ApplWorks 3.0 and lots more. Contact SFC Guerrero at Heidelberg Civilian (06221-) 761356, or at work, ETS 370-8906.**

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**Apple 5.25" Disk Drive (new). \$800 or best offer. Contact Bob Miller, 07229-80395.**

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**Sider 40-MB Hard Drive, presently used on an Apple IIGS. \$400. Ron McBride, 06221-390208.**

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**Apple IIGS System with 1.25 Meg RAM, 5.25" and two 3.5" disk drives. Includes lots of software. Call Wayne Fosoue at 06221-390030.**

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**Macintosh Plus. Still in box - never opened. Call Wayne Fosoue, 06221-390030.**

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**Chinon 3.5" 800k External Floppy Drive. LED indicator, disk eject button, low profile. \$150. Call Hank Lavagnini, ETS 360-7423 or 07268-1519 between 7-9 pm.**

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**Apple 3.5" disk drive. Can be used with either MAC or IIGS. Call Wayne Fosoue, 06221-390030.**

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**EPSON FX-100 Printer (similar to FX-285). \$325. Will be on display at the January RNAUG meeting. Wes Sisson, ETS 370-8194.**

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**Figure 1: Disk Version Numbers — December 1990**

AW 3.0 Companion*	1.3	MacroTools II	1.3	SuperFonts	3.1
DeskTools	3.1	Outliner*	1.1	SuperForms	1.0
DeskTools II	2.0	Point-to-Point*	4.1.1	TeleComm	1.2
FileMaster	3.0	PowerPack	2.0	TextTools	1.3
Graph	3.1	QuickSpell	3.0	Thesaurus	2.0
GS Font Editor*	1.2	Report Writer	2.51	UltraMacros	3.1
MacroEase	1.1	SideSpread	3.0		
MacroTools	2.3	SpreadTools	2.0		

\*Not a TimeOut module - Get updates from Beagle.

**Figure 2: Module Version Numbers — December 1990**

<b>On Multiple Disks</b>		<b>Graph</b>		<b>SuperFonts</b>	
TO.UTILITIES	3.0	TO.GRAPH	3.1	TO.SUPERFONTS	3.0
TO.CLIPBOARD	2.0	<b>MacroEase</b>		TO.PICKFONTS	1.0
TO.PAINT	2.1	TO.DEBUG	3.0	<b>SuperForms</b>	
TO.WORD.COUNT	2.0	TO.EASY.LAUNCH	1.0	TO.SUPERFORMS	1.0
<b>Companion</b>		TO.PRIMER.REF	3.1	<b>TeleComm</b>	
TO.TEXTLOADER	1.1	TO.REFERENCE	3.0	TO.TELECOMM	1.2
TO.PATHOLOGIST	1.1	TO.STATUS	3.0	<b>TextTools</b>	
TO.PATHMAN	1.0	TO.ULTRALOCK	3.0	TO.ANALYST	1.2
<b>Desk Tools</b>		<b>PowerPack</b>		TO.COPY.BLOCK	1.1
TO.CALENDAR	3.2	TO.ASCII	1.1	TO.GLOSSARY	1.1
TO.CALCULATOR	1.0	TO.AWP.TO.TXT	3.0	TO.INDEXER	1.2
TO.CASE.CONVERT	2.0	TO.DB.SEARCH	3.0	TO.MARKMERGE	1.2
TO.ENCRYPTER	2.0	TO.DESK.SORTER	3.0	TO.MULTIPRINT	1.1
TO.CLOCK	1.1	TO.HELPSCREENS	3.0	TO.QUICKSTYLES	1.1
TO.DIALER	1.1	TO.LIBRARIAN	3.0	TO.QUICKTABS	1.1
TO.ENVELOPE.ADR	2.0	TO.LINESORTER	3.0	TO.STRIPPER	1.1
TO.NOTEPAD	2.0	TO.SELECTOR	3.0	TO.SUPERFIND	1.2
TO.PAGE.PREVIEW	1.0	TO.TRIPLE.CLIP	3.0	TO.TOC	1.1
TO.PUZZLE	1.1	TO.TRIPLE.DESK	3.0	<b>Thesaurus</b>	
<b>DeskTools II</b>		<b>QuickSpell</b>		TO.THESAURUS	2.0
TO.FILE.SEARCH	3.0	TO.QUICKSPELL	3.0	<b>UltraMacros</b>	
TO.DIRECTREE	2.0	<b>Report Writer</b>		TO.COMPILEX	3.1
TO.CLIP.VIEWER	2.0	TO.REPORTWRITER	2.51	TO.MACRO.OPT	3.1
TO.AREACODE	2.0	<b>SideSpread</b>		TO.HELP.V2.0	3.0
TO.CALC.PLUS	2.0	TO.SIDESPREAD	3.0	TO.HELP.V3.0	3.0
TO.DISK.TESTER	1.0	<b>SpreadTools</b>			
TO.MEASURE	2.0	TO.ANALYZER	2.0		
TO.PM.IMAGE	2.0	TO.CELINK	1.2		
TO.SCREENOUT	1.0	TO.BLOCKCOPY	2.0		
TO.SCREENPRINT	1.0	TO.QUICKCOL	2.0		
TO.STOPWATCH	2.0	TO.COPYRC	2.0		
<b>FileMaster</b>		TO.FRM2VAL	2.0		
TO.FILEMASTER	3.0				

Notice to RNAUG members: If you have any items to include in this "Classified Section" or tips that you want to share with our users group, please contact Jim Clark at the next meeting or by telephone, ETS 370-7204, or by mail to "RNAUG Secretary, P.O. Box 525, APO 09063."





**Dear Apple II or MAC User:** If you have not joined our users' group (or renewed your membership for 1991), you are missing many benefits, including free public domain disk-of-the-month software (in exchange for a blank disk); door prizes at most meetings; ribbon re-inking at low prices (now available for ImageWriter I/II/LQ, Brother HR-10/15, and Epson printers); informative meetings held at 1900 hours on the second Thursday of each month (in the Multi-Purpose Room, PHV Middle School, Heidelberg); an interesting and informative newsletter mailed to each member once a month; the opportunity to meet new people; and get answers to your questions concerning hardware and software (or provide the answers to others in the Rhein-Neckar Apple Users' Group (RNAUG)). All this for only \$10.00 a year or \$1.00 a month.

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Yes, please renew/enter my RNAUG Membership. My dues for 1991 are enclosed.  
 I am interested in Apple II User's Group \_\_, MAC Supgroup \_\_, Education Subgroup \_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ DEROS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ APO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: Office: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Computer Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Memory: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printer(s) Used \_\_\_\_\_ Color or Monochrome Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many/type disk drives: \_\_\_\_\_ 5.25 \_\_\_\_\_ 3.5 \_\_\_\_\_ MEG Hard Drive: Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special cards/peripherals: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use AppleWorks? \_\_\_\_\_, version \_\_\_\_\_. Do you use Beagle Bros. TimeOut Series? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How much experience have you had using computers? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many people in your family use the computer other than yourself? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you be willing to bring your computer to a RNAUG meeting? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you be willing to demonstrate software of your choice at a meeting? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What software do you use most frequently? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What computer magazines do you read frequently? \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00 for 1991/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ 1991 (indicate months if less than full year). Dues: \$10.00 a year or \$1.00 per month. I do/do not object if above information is entered into RNAUG data base and shared with other members. \_\_\_\_\_ (signature).

RNAUG Use: Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Added to Mailing List: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues received: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_