Randy Wiggington
KansasFest 2013 Keynote Speaker
Apple Employee #6.
Randy made significant contributions to the Apple II with work on the Disk II disk drive, Apple DOS, and Applesoft BASIC. Worked with Woz through marathon coding sessions to have the disk drive unit ready for the Consumer Electronics Show in 1978. Randy now works for Square.

Dagen Brock
Years previously attending KFest: 1991 (I was 16!), 1992, 2008, 2010
Residence: Kansas City, MO
Occupation: Software Engineer

I write scalable Internet services and mobile applications for the advertising industry. It has some interesting challenges. My favorite problems in this industry are those that revolve around making things faster! There's something so enjoyable about figuring out how to serve millions of requests an hour and make sure they are all respond in under 50 milliseconds. While we use modern higher level languages these days, it appeals to my inner Apple II assembly programmer, where cycles count!

Alan Coles
First-time KFest attendee
Residence: Davison, Michigan
Birthplace: Bradford, England
Occupation: State of Michigan - Data Warehouse
Hobbies: Music, Games
Number of computers owned: well over 100

Original Field Electronics. Cross-trained to Computers in 1984 - when I bought my first computer Apple //c in Gulfport, MS.

Loren Damewood
Onetime electronics technician, currently fulltime professional
knot-tyer. First Apple II (GS) in '86, online since '87.
Compuserve, GEnie, Delphi, sometimes as sysop and/or chatroom mod.

http://www.golden-knots.com/

Ed Eastman

I used to disassemble stuff as a kid. I love to tinker and have been cobbling together electronics since I was 8 using black tape. I got my soldering iron chops when I was 9 or 10. I have a degree in electronics repair and currently work as a Technology Coordinator for one department at the University of Nebraska. I am the go to guy for everything from word processing to coordinating installation of X-ray equipment.

Sean Fahey

KansasFest attendee since 1998
Residence: Paola, Kansas
Occupation: IT management and support for 20+ years.
If I was a 7400 series logic chip: There isn't a 74xx that can come close to defining me.
Number of computers owned: I have about 10 that I use on a regular basis.
Surprising fact: During my early twenties, I hacked for the man.
A2 activities: Proud member of Team A2Central.com
Hobbies: I enjoy astronomy, science fiction, space exploration, retro-arcades and Judo.

My first computer was an Altair that my uncle and I shared. After I had it for a short while, I knew it wasn't for me. So I did odd jobs and saved my money to get an original Apple II when I was 12. I loved the Apple II and stayed with it for many years until Apple began to neglect the platform in favor of the Mac. In bitterness, I converted to PC never expecting (or wanting to) touch another Apple product ever again. At some point in 1997 I stumbled across AppleWin and out of curiosity tried it. Nostalgia ensued and I've been back with the Apple II ever since. Apple II Forever!

Michel Gallant

First-time KFest attendee
Residence: Montreal, Canada
Occupation: Programmer
A2 activities: Mostly, souping up my IIgs. I made a PS/2 mouse adapter for it so I could play Arkanoid better. http://code.google.com/p/prankeapple
Non-A2 hobbies: Reading, bicycling, electronics
If I was a 7400 series logic chip, I would be a: 7404
Number of computers owned: A lot, but not as much as some people
Random thought: Everyone should eat some poutine.

Paul Hagstrom

KansasFest 2012 was my first, but I intend to keep attending.
I live in Boston, MA, and I teach Linguistics at Boston University.

I bought my first Apple IIGS in January 2012, after having left the Apple II line in 1989 for a Mac SE/30 and mostly following an out-with-the-old, in-with-the-new cycle for 20-some years. The reason was to image my deteriorating floppy disks from the 1980s. However, since getting that Apple IIGS I have amassed an embarrassing number of Apple IIs, along with other notable Apple machines and '80s-era non-Apple machines. Dozens and dozens. With related software, manuals, everything. I tell myself this is so I can document them all, particularly where gaps exist. Hasn't been much time for the documenting with all the acquiring, but I continue to think documentation and preservation is the goal. Retrocomputing is my primary hobby at this point, though I guess if I'm not doing that (or, you know, working), I'm consuming obscure television and/or food. I very occasionally manage to post things on yesterbits.com, and fairly actively tweet as @yesterbits, and appear sometimes in #a2c.chat and on csa2. I should sleep more than I actually do. And apparently I should take more pictures of myself, since I have practically none. This photo is a screen grab from a recent recording of the RCR podcast.

Tammy Hanson
First-time KFest attendee
Location: Denver, CO

Apple II user since 1984 (//e), finally bought a Mac in the late '90's for internet & email. I still have & use my original IIGS (plus a second one) and Mac 8600 along with a PowerMac G4, PowerBooks G3 and G4, and a MBP. Extensive programming with HyperCard IIGS.

I own & operate Apple Rescue Of Denver where I Rescue then recycle Apple II's and Macs to new homes. A very small percentage of about 1200 sq ft is posted on my website. Mac tutoring and consulting is what I do the rest of the time. Member (occasional officer) of Denver Apple Pi, one of the earliest Apple computer clubs founded in 1977.

I enjoy hiking with my dogs, camping, off- road motorcycles, golf.

Martin Haye
Main retro computer: Apple][+
A2 Projects: Super-Mon, NakedOS, Structris
Day job: Programmer for the California Digital Library
What my husband thinks of KFest: mystified but supportive.
Location: Santa Cruz, California (even though I don't surf)
Weirdest non-A2 hobby: desert tricycle touring

Alexander Jacocks
2013 will be my second year, and my second consecutive year, at KansasFest
Residence: Queenstown, Maryland, with my wife and cat
Occupation: I am a UNIX Systems Architect
A2 activities: I enjoy playing games from my youth, and I really love new hardware for vintage computers!
Non-A2 activities: I am a collector of UNIX workstations from the 80s and 90s, and also of 68k Macintoshes. I am also an amateur photographer.
If I was a 7400 series logic chip: I'd clearly be a 7476 dual J-K flip-flop with preset and clear, because I was born in '76, and I'm known to change my mind.
Number of computers: who the heck knows? At least 30.
Astonishing fact: I used to be a race car driver.

A Commodore 64 was my first computer, and I have a Commodore 128 on my desk, to this day!

Carl Knoblock
I have been attending Kansasfest since 1995, meeting a lot of nice people. I've been coordinating the rides since the first time. I retired from the phone company in 2002 where I worked in central offices, keeping the dial tone humming.

I got my first Apple][, second hand, after Christmas in 1979. I later bought a //e, and a IIgs, later collecting a few more computers as spares, including a //c and //c+. My first Mac was G3 Powerbook, the last one with the old serial port, ADB, and SCSI. Since then, I've had a G4 iMac, 17", 2 C2D iMacs, 20" and 21.5", and currently use a 21.5" with Core I7. I also have a MacBook Pro, 15" with Core I7, which I use only for travel. Also have a Generation 4 iPod Touch, and Sharon has the same, plus an iPad 2. I've given away the Powerbook, 2 white iBooks, a second generation iPod Touch, the G4 iMac, and the 20" C2D iMac.

I've been active in local user groups, local BBSs, GEnie, Delphi, and A2Central, but decided early that I wasn't a programmer. I'm married, have 2 kids, now in their 30s, 3 grandkids, and 2 step grandkids. My wife, Sharon, has been coming to KansasFest since at least 2001.

I like to read and collect digital comics. I have survived a mild heart attack, and several knee and foot problems, and am currently as comfortable as a 71 year old can expect to be.

Mark LaPlante
Years previously attending KFest: 2011-2012
Residence: Huntsville, AL USA
Occupation: International Space Station flight controller
A2 activities: lurking on csa2
non-A2 hobbies: amateur radio operator, amateur pilot, amateur reefkeeper
Suprising fact: I spent a summer hitchhiking around Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Forrest Lowe
First-time KFest attendee
Residence: Concord CA USA
Occupation: Programmer for HP
A2 related activities: Building a working stock of A2 stuff and trying to find time to do things with it.
Non-A2 hobbies: Wood working, paper making, enameling, Stamp collecting, Reading and keeping up on science.
Number of computers owned: about 30

Started learning programming 50 years ago. I have done Medieval reconstruction, motor cycling, lots of other stuff.

Malcolm Macleod

Who am I? I live in Melbourne, Australia. This is my first visit to KFest. An A2 clone was my second computer as a teenager so I've always had a soft spot for it. I have a modest collection of A2 equipment (all common-place stuff, nothing exotic) and am very interested in historical and technical presentations about the A2. My other interests are aviation (Beechcraft BE58 Baron) and a number of other vintage systems I've been lucky enough to collect/hoard -> TRS-80, S100, PDP-8 and PDP-11. Most of my hobby time at present is spent working with paper-tape on a PDP-11/10 with an ASR-33 Teletype. I started out as an engineer but now work as a technology lawyer.

Surpising fact: I bought the BE58 on eBay, sight unseen, and flew it back to Australia.

Charles Mangin

This will be my first KFest, though I've followed the exploits of the community for several years.

I'm a self-employed web developer and technology consultant, living in Raleigh, NC. In the last several years, I've reconnected with my love for the Apple II, having grown up with a //e as my first computer. Being a self-taught electronics hacker and maker, I've built some adapters and interface boards for the II keyboard and USB (see RetroConnector.com).

Surprising fact: I was once on the Late Show with David Letterman. Here's the video: http://mentalhygiene.com/my-337-of-fame/

Daniel McLaughlin
I go by @ionfarmer on Twitter. I am a long time follower of KansaFest and a First Timer this year. I am from Peabody, MA. I am currently working for Applied Materials as a Techncial Instructor for various Varian ion implanter systems, used to create semiconductor devices and solar cells. I am responsible for www.AppleSlices.info which started life as a log for my Apple II activites and became a nostalgic look back at my personal relationship with the Apple II. When I find the right conditions and the free time I like to kayak the lakes, rivers and bays around Boston's North Shore. I currently operate the Apple II plus, Apple IIe, 8MHz Apple IIe Platinum, Apple IIc+, and a Rom3 Apple II gs.

	Scott A. Miller First KFest in 2010, and every year since Residence: Clive, IA with my wife and daughter Occupation: data analysis and financial report programming in SAS In addition to a dozen Apple IIs, I also have clones by Laser and Franklin, several 68k Macs, C64 and SX-64, Atari 800XL, and a TRS-80 model 2. I run Ubuntu on my modern notebook. The best money my parents spent on my education was buying an Apple IIe around 1984. I played more games on it than they wanted, but I also developed a lifelong passion for computer programming. I still own that Apple IIe and bring it with me to KFest (regretfully, I "traded up" the original Monitor III and Disk II).
	Andrew Molloy I am Andrew Molloy and I will write a full bio as soon as I can. ☺
	Greg Nelson (aka "Mr Nelson") I attended KFest Vendor's Fair in 1992 and every KFest (dorm life etc) since 1994. Residence: Lincoln NE Occupation: Public school teacher in Australia & Nebraska. A2 related activities: Member of AppleLinc users group, Lincoln NE. Presented at KFest on CD-ROM/HyperCard/school projects; using Second Sight card & software to display graphics (including 3-D video on the Apple][gs monitor); how to set up & use GatorBox; use of special audio files to play music on the][gs; etc. non-A2 hobbies: analog & digital photography, travel, 35mm silent film era technology, family history, cooking Computers owned: Apple //e, Apple][gs, Mac G4, Mac Mini At KFest I was present when a handful of programmers, publishers, hardware geeks first discussed building the Apple][gs web browser and was a beta tester. Printed the first three editions of Juiced.GS and mailed them to the publisher. Completed my Masters degree using my Apple][gs to create a web-based research learning tool (WebQuest) for students. Contributed to the Apple][gs 'Generous Efforts of Many' CD-ROM which was featured at the Computer Pals Across the World conference in Cairns, Australia (1990). Sponsored the school's Geography/Computer Club which featured Apple //e and //gs desktop publishing, Word Processing, HyperCard and HyperStudio, music, graphics, early networking. Communicated with students and teachers around the world. Designed several websites for non-profits, including an historic trails narrative using text and video/photo editing tools on the Apple][gs. Using an Apple //e and later an Apple //gs has been an important part of my educational technology development. The Apple][community has supported ideas which became classroom teaching tools. It's been an honor to attend KFest to learn and to share.

Peter Neubauer
fourth time KFest attendee
Occupation: software engineer
A2 related activities: programmer, KansasFest attendee and planning committee, Juiced.GS writer
Non-A2 hobbies: robotics, electronics, traveling, kayaking, backpacking, diving, canyoneering, orienteering, skiing
If I was a 7400 series logic chip, I would be a: 7400 (NAND)

Dean Nichols
Santa Clara CA fivecents@aol.com
I have attended a number of Kfest events over the years, but far from an every year attendee.
Pharmacist (retired), computer hobbyist and photographer

I bought my first computer an Apple II+ in November of 1978, purchasing additional accessories (monochrome monitor, printer, and disk drive over the next few months). Over the years I acquired other Apple II machines, ending with the Apple IIGS. I was a late adopter of the Mac (1994). I have acquired a large variety of Apple II related hardware, software, books and peripherals over the years… often rescuing old systems from being recycled. That has left me with an apartment full of stuff gathering dust.

I have lived in Silicon Valley nearly all my life and have seen the area change from a valley of orchards to a valley filled with high tech companies. I feel blessed to have experienced in person the advances that have occurred in my lifetime.

I still meet with a small group of friends at Saturday lunch that have been together since the early Apple II days. I am the only one of the group without an electronics background. A couple of the group were early Apple employees, one designed Apple Hardware both for Apple and other companies. At least one of the group has an Apple I board acquired from Bill Atkinson. With the recent high prices of Apple I computers he is finally getting around to building it out!

I am still active in a few Mac related computer clubs. I don't do much with Apple II computers any more.

Jim O'Reilly
Attending KansasFest since 1995
Residence: Morris Township, NJ, USA
Occupation: Retired mainframe programmer & db analyst: COBOL, IBM 360/370 Assembler, IMS database; one brief project using Unix & C
Hobbies & Interests: Politically active; webmaster for local organization; read history
Computers owned: MacBook is only working computer; Apple IIgs might work; Apple IIe, Apple IIc & PowerMac 8500 not in working order; & fried Mac iBook G3 & Apple IIe.

I like using Unix shell in Terminal to do minor tasks on my Mac. I also like to use open source software like NeoOffice, SeaMonkey, Firefox, and sometimes Gimp.

Jeremy Rand
My first KansasFest was last year - 2012. However, I have a KansasFest 2011 shirt which I won because I "Named the Game" on the OpenApple podcast. I live in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and I am a software engineer. Most of my evenings, I work on software projects but these days, I am doing contract programming for iOS on the side and I have almost no time for my A2 projects. I guess if I were a 7400 series IC, I would be a 7431 delay element. Seems like me. I currently own 12 computers including a Replica One, Apple //e, Apple //gs, Lisa 2 and a Mac 512K. Most people are surprised to learn that I like to solve Rubik's cubes. I can solve the 2x2x2 through the 5x5x5. I have a 6x6x6 and a 7x7x7 which I have not figured out how to solve, yet...

	Jim Rohde (pronounced RO-dee) First-time KFest attendee Residence: Cape Girardeau, MO, USA Occupation: Work in mental health field (not a psychiatrist, though) A2 related activities: Enjoy games, have used AppleWorks a lot with my Apple //e Non-A2 hobbies: Model railroading (HO scale), acoustic guitar (very rusty on that currently), listening to music computers owned: Apple //e (w/AE's RAMWorks card), Apple IIgs (two - a Woz edition, and another ROM 01, with accessories, Quadra 700, PowerMac 9500/120, PowerMac G4 (AGP), PowerBook 2000, MacBook Pro (5,1 - early 2009), Mac Mini (3,1 - late 2009). Previously owned: Mac IIcx, iMac (Bondi Blue), iBook G4 (12 inch), Radio Shack TRS Model 100 (bought when I worked in RS computer dept.) I was a computer science major a while back (worked some on 2nd B.S., after dropping COBOL the third time I was taking it, I decided I was not cut out to be a mainframe programmer). I'm more of a software person than hardware - while I tweak my Mac's appearance/sounds/other parts of the interface, I want it to work for me. (Low tolerance for websites that demand you do things *their* way!)
	Andrew Roughan Past KFests: 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2003, 2006 (Remote Presentation), 2007, 2009 (Skype Linkup) Residence: Sydney, NSW, Australia A2 activities: Marinetti non-A2 hobbies: I play squash competitively and touch rugby to stay fit. Number of computers owned: Too many Surprising Fact: I was a performer in the Sydney 2000 Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies
	Bill Saturno First-time KFest attendee Residence: Waterbury, Connecticut Day job: Sales A2 related activities: Apple][collector, retro computing evangelist, and restorer Non-A2 hobbies: Founding member and president of Connecticut's oldest and largest Hackerspace: CT Hackerspace in Watertown, CT If I was a 7400 series logic chip, I would be a 7446. When I was a kid building circuits, I was ecstatic to find there was a chip to drive an actual numeric display. Number of computers owned: Retro : 8 , Current 4 Surprising fact: I was a Rock and Roll DJ for a few years.
	Kevin Savetz First-time KFest attendee Residence: Portland, Oregon, USA Occupation: self-employed online publisher Atari 8-bit lover: the guy behind AtariMagazines.com, AtariArchives.org, FlightSimbooks.com. Co-host of "Antic: The Atari 8-Bit Podcast." Author of "Terrible Nerd," a memoir about my love of computers. Currently writing a book about the first computer magazines. Non-computer hobbies: learning to play jazz piano If I was a 7400 series logic chip, I would be a: bipolar Number of computers owned: 30+, including some 8-bit Atari prototypes and rare versions. There's an Apple][e on my desk. Surprise Fact: My first modem was 300 baud and connected to the computer's joystick port. First Internet connection was in 1989.
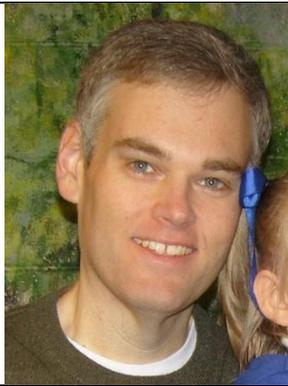
Eric Shepherd (also known as "Sheppy")
Have attended most KansasFests since 1993 (but, sadly, not all of them).
Apple II programmer since 1981.
I lead the worldwide documentation team that creates the developer documentation sponsored by Mozilla: https://developer.mozilla.org/
I own a couple of dozen computers. I actively use five or six of them.
I lived in Sumatra, Indonesia for four and a half years as a kid.
I live in Maryville, Tennessee.

Michael Sternberg
KFest Attendance: 2012, 2013
Residence: Arlington, Texas
Occupation: database developer
A2-related activities: Programming, Arduino-ing, Ultima-III-ing
Non-A2 hobbies: Mountain Biking, Skateboarding, vintage computers
If I were a 7400 series logic chip...I would be Schottky-ed.
Number of computers owned: besides an iMac and Linux laptop, 4 Apple 2's (iie platinum, iie, iic, iigs), 3 Atari 8-bits (800xl * 2, 400), 2 Mattel Aquarius, 1 Rockwell AIM-65
Happy mantra: "Those of you who continue to profess a belief in the Users will receive the standard sub-standard training, which will result in your eventual elimination."

Carrington Vanston
Some say I attended KFest in 2007 and 2012. But I say it attended me.
I live in Toronto, which is in Canada as far as you know.
I'm a rogue (but not actually a professional one; I'm keeping my amateur status because I hope one day to steal for Canada in the Olympics).
My A2 hobbies are gaming, podcasting, staring longingly at eBay auctions.

I named the colour green. I have a perfect 20-and-0 record in bullfights, but always as the bull. I am strong enough to lift a car, a house, or anything else made of Lego. I invented the paperclip. I coined the phrase "to coin a phrase." I was every member of Chumbawamba.

Geoff Weiss
Professional Occupation: IT Manager running a heterogeneous computer shop, with emphasis on UNIX servers.
Relevant Computer for KFest: ROM 01 Apple IIgs, now mostly an emulated IIgs using KEGS.
Main Contribution for the Apple II: Co-developer of Spectrum Internet Suite.
I have been involved with several exciting areas in the Apple II community. I was one of the motivating factors why the Marinetti TCP/IP stack was first developed. I have contributed to Juiced.GS initially as a guest writer and then as it evolved, became a staff writer. I can be heard on the November 2012 Open-Apple Podcast. I can be found on the A2.Chat IRC channel available for help with Apple IIgs development. I have a general interest in making an Apple IIgs do things that it couldn't do before.

Mike Whalen
First-time KFest attendee
Residence: Houston, TX USA
Occupation: I.T.
A2 related activities: None, I'm afraid. I've never owned one.
Non-A2 hobbies: Pinball!!!! Learning front-end web technologies, reading, getting fat, etc.
If I was a 7400 series logic chip, I would be a: Probably a TV-Tennis Game.

Brian Wiser
Enthusiast and archivist of Apple, Apple II and Macintosh for over 33 years
Occupations: Technology Consultant, Author/Producer of the book "The WOZPAK Special
Edition: Steve Wozniak's Apple-1 and Apple II Computers," Webmaster for Applied Engineering
(ae.applearchives.com) and Beagle Bros (beagle.applearchives.com) sites, Producer/Director
for the documentary film "Done The Impossible: The Fans' Tale of Firefly & Serenity," extra in
Joss Whedon's movie "Serenity"

Steve Wozniak
Keynote speaker at Kansasfest in 2003
Co-founder of Apple Computer. Instrumental in the creation and development of the Apple II.