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# KansasFest 2014

*The 26th annual Apple II convention, held July 22–27, 2014, at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri.*

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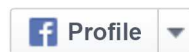
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Here's the best reason to attend KansasFest.



**Jason Scott** with Andres Lozano Gallego and 24 others at Rockhurst University



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From <http://www.kansasfest.org/group/> - just tagging for my later use. Facebook as address book!

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The group was eager for their annual reunion.



[#KansasFest](#) [instagram.com/p/quYrYpRdVX/](https://www.instagram.com/p/quYrYpRdVX/)

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Kansas City, I am in you. [#A2KFest](#)

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**Eric Rucker**

Got most of the computers (all but the RPi, really) set up at [#A2KFest](#).

2 YEARS AGO



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Installing Rasapple II in preparation for KFest. Ivan Drucker rocks. [#a2kfest](#)

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**Mike Maginnis**  
@6502lane



All checked in at [#a2kfest](#)!

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**OlivierGuinart**  
@OlivierGuinart



Celebrating today my 16th anniversary at [#a2kfest](#).  
Oops or yeaaaah? Probably both :) I'll make it up when back home.

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Having a blast at Kansasfest! :)

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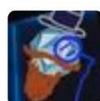
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Old + new + @yesterbits = #A2KFest

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Some year I will go to #A2KFest having banked some sleep. This year is not that year.

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Soon it was time for the first official session: the keynote speech by Margot Comstock, editor of Softalk Magazine.



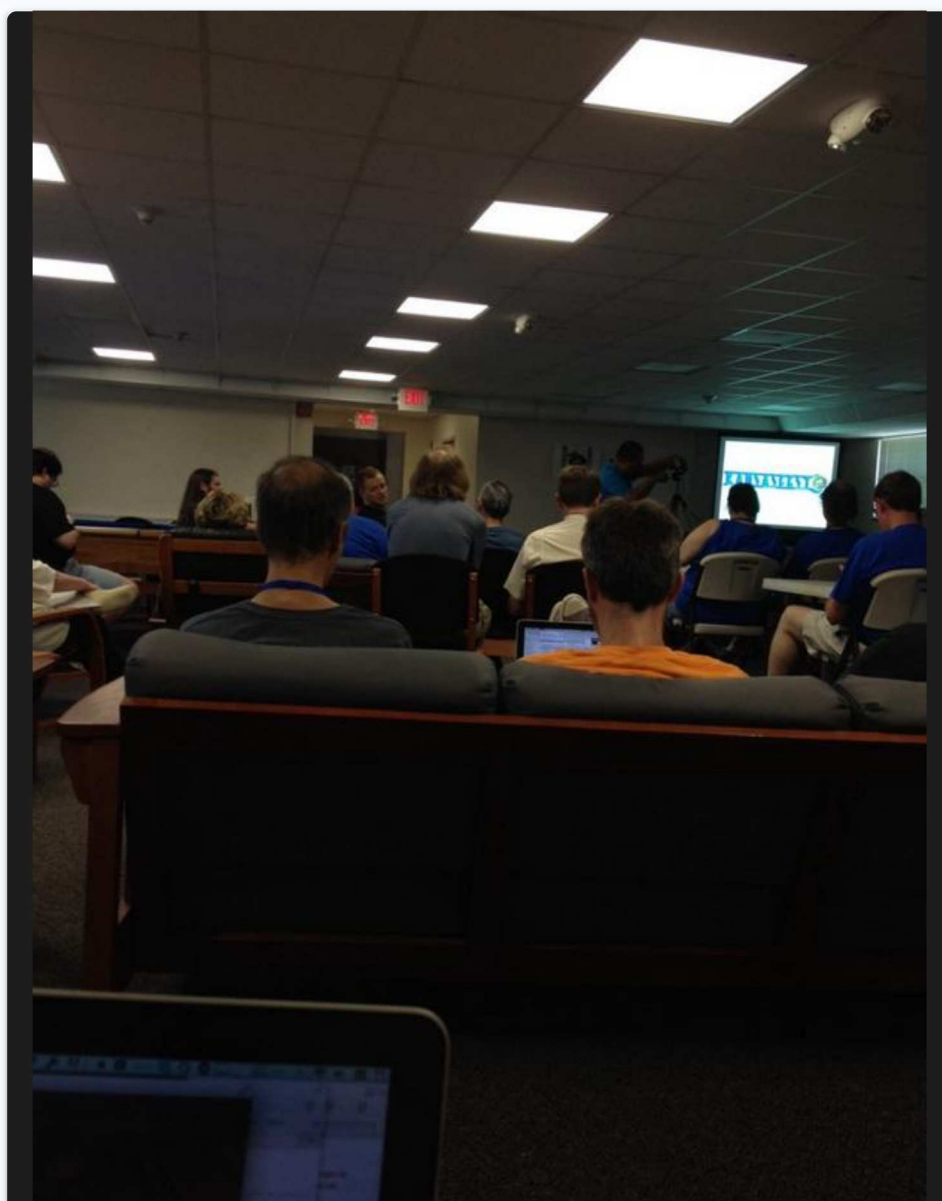
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[#a2kfest](#) Keynote about to start.

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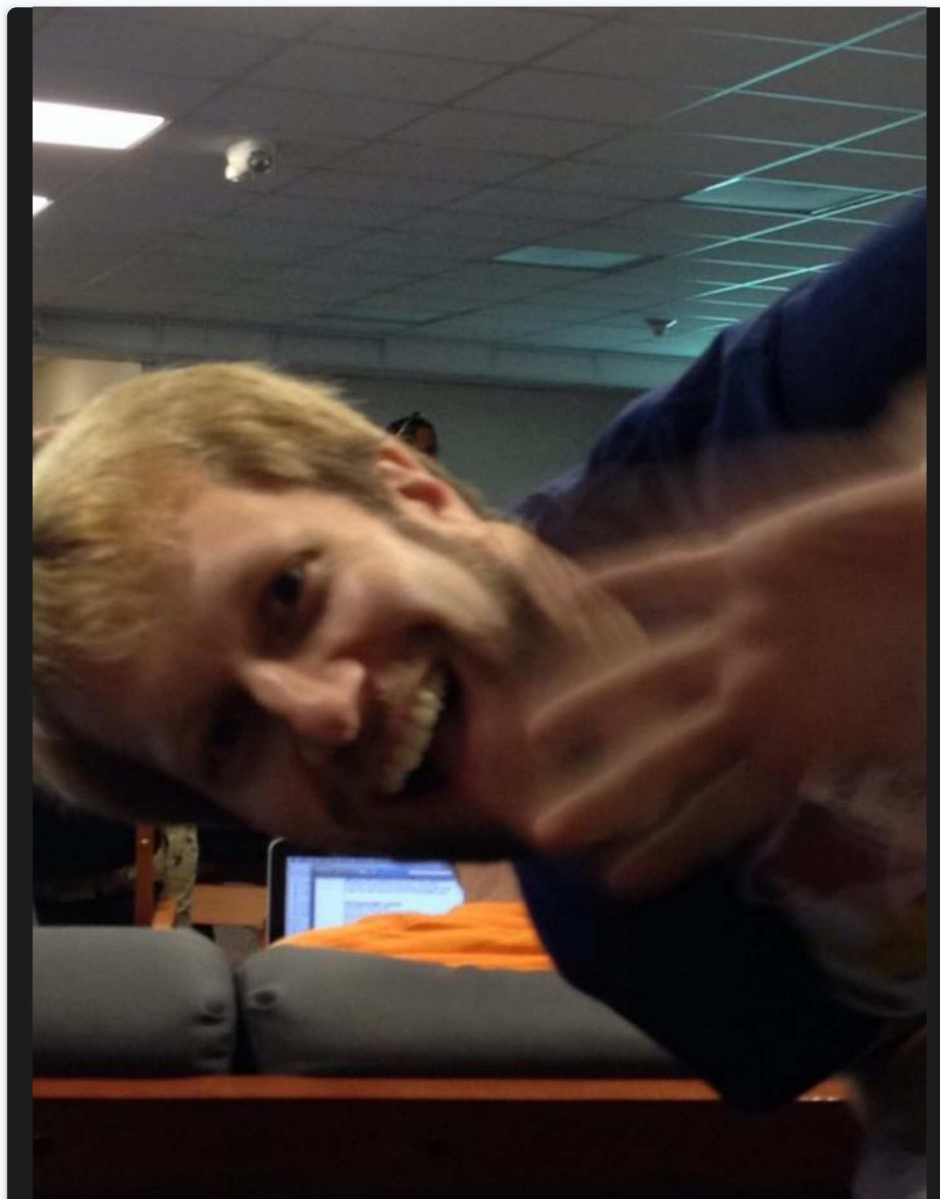
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Keynote approaching [#A2KFest](#)

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Also, [@kgagne](#) approaching.

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**#a2kfest** Margot Comstock's Keynote

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**#a2kfest** When Softalk ran contests, the winner got to pick a prize from ads in the magazine.

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**#a2kfest** Softalk insisted that companies give the name of the software's creator for their Bestseller List.

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[#a2kfest](#) Bill Budge was in several masthead photos accompanying the Beginners' Corner column in Softalk.

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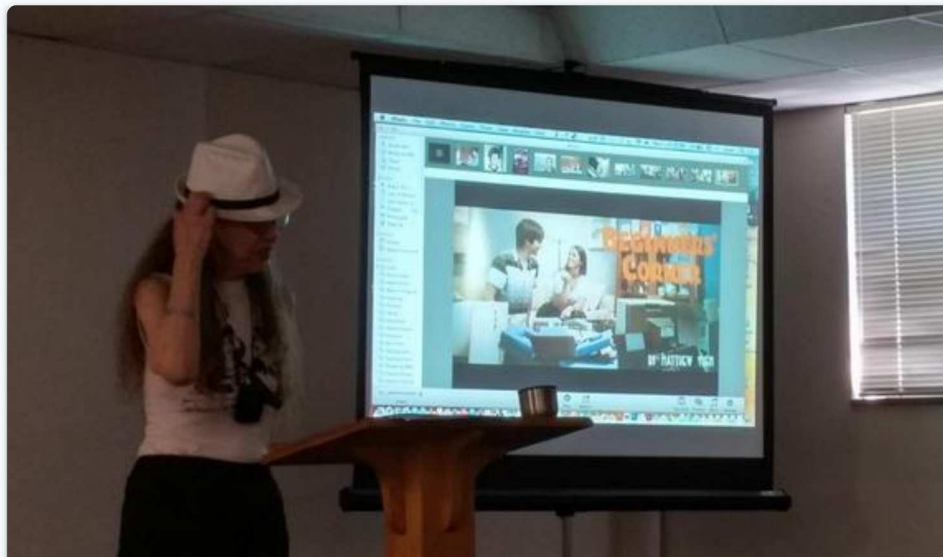


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[#a2kfest](#) Margot: "Richard Gariott was taught assembly by Ken Williams."

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[#a2kfest](#) Bill Budge the model.

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# The Top Thirty

1. 94.06 *VisiCalc*, Personal Software
2. 87.50 *Flight Simulator*, Sublogic
3. 79.06 *Bill Budge's Space Album*, California Pacific
4. 62.50 *Sargon II*, Hayden
5. 61.56 *Odyssey*, Synergistic Software
6. 60.62 *Adventure*, Microsoft
7. 56.25 *Hi-Res Adventure: Mystery House*, On-Line Systems
8. 51.25 *Typing Tutor*, Microsoft
9. 46.56 *Temple of Apshai*, Automated Simulations
10. 44.38 *Bill Budge's Trilogy*, California Pacific
11. 44.06 *Morloc's Tower*, Automated Simulations
12. 43.44 *Head On*, California Pacific
13. 43.13 *Rescue at Rigel*, Automated Simulations
14. 41.88 *Datestones of Ryn*, Automated Simulations
- 41.88 *CCA Data Management System*, Personal Software
16. 40.31 *Super Invader*, Creative Computing Software
17. 37.81 *Wilderness Campaign*, Synergistic Software
18. 37.50 *Bill Budge's 3-D Graphics System*, California Pacific
19. 36.25 *Easy Writer*, Information Unlimited
20. 33.75 *Asteroids in Space*, Quality Software
21. 33.44 *Computer Bismarck*, Strategic Simulations
22. 31.88 *Apple Writer*, Apple Computer
- 31.88 *Gammon Gambler*, Personal Software
24. 31.25 *Scott Adams Adventures*, Creative Computing Software and Adventure International
25. 29.69 *Computer Ambush*, Strategic Simulations
26. 28.44 *Tuesday Night Football*, Shoestring Software
27. 24.06 *Apple-Doc*, Southwestern Data Systems
- 24.06 *Tranquility Base*, Stoneware
29. 22.50 *The Controller*, Apple Computer
- 22.50 *Apple Plot*, Apple Computer



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Top 30 list from Softalk issue 2 (Oct 1980). Margot Comstock pointed out it had 3 by @BillB via California Pacific.

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[#a2kfest](#) Prentice-Hall once offered \$6 million to buy Softalk.

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[#a2kfest](#) Softalk even published fiction (short stories).

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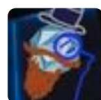


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[#a2kfest](#) When Jobs was close to releasing the Mac, he poo poo'd Softalk because it "wasn't a business magazine."

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Margot Comstock called it "Saint Mac," incidentally.  
[yesterbits.com/2014/01/23/sai...](http://yesterbits.com/2014/01/23/sai...)

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never, so far as we know, encountered any problem with this bug.

Using Thunderclock is somewhat different from using the system clock, and perhaps a bit easier. You just treat it like any other file. From Basic you use the same commands you would use for talking to a text file on disk. First the file must be opened. Information is then transferred using the usual print and input commands. The following program segment reads eleven ASCII digits from Thunderclock and places them in the string variable T\$.

```
200 OPEN #1, ".TCLOCK"
210 INPUT #1 ; T$
```



T\$ now contains Thunderclock's time stamp in the form mmddwhhnnss. Note that Thunderclock neither stores nor supplies values for the year.



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Turkeys in the code. Softalk Nov 82.

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Well earned Apple II Forever awards to Margot Comstock and Al Tommervik.

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There were plenty of other fun activities at KansasFest.

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[#a2kfest](#) Peter Neubauer getting ready to play Flapple Bird.

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[#a2kfest](#) Fierce Ms. Pacman competition.

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**Mike Maginnis**

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Considering how much stuff vital to my intended vintage computing projects I left at home this year, I'm having a fabulous time at [#a2kfest](#).

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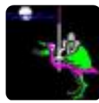
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Down the hall at [#A2KFest](#), an Apple ///plus is telling me why I should buy one.

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**Daniel McLaughlin**

@ionfarmer

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I wish I could've made [@kansasfest](#) this year. I bet there's a ton of wild Apple II's there running with their tops off.

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And tons of great sessions.

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[#a2kfest](#) James shows us how to accelerate the Apple IIc+.

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Sometimes, being the dumbest guy at the table is an incredible benefit. [#ListeningToSmartPeopleTalk](#)  
[#a2kfest](#)

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[#a2kfest](#) Learning about nibbles and bytes.

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[#a2kfest](#) Stephen Buggie discussing Apple IIc portability.

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**Jason Scott**

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Today at [#a2kfest](#), Mark Pilgrim demonstrated an Apple II floppy disk image that, when booted, knows what emulator it's booting in. MAESTRO

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"Who needs minecraft when you have brickout?" :)  
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Who needs diet coke and mentos when you can have  
an Apple ii powered bottle rocket launcher? :) [#a2kfest](#)

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[#a2kfest](#) Apple III disassembly.

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I got to meet an Apple /// today! :) [#A2kfest](#)

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About to perform [@jaredsorensen](#)'s Jungle Adventure at [#A2KFest](#)!

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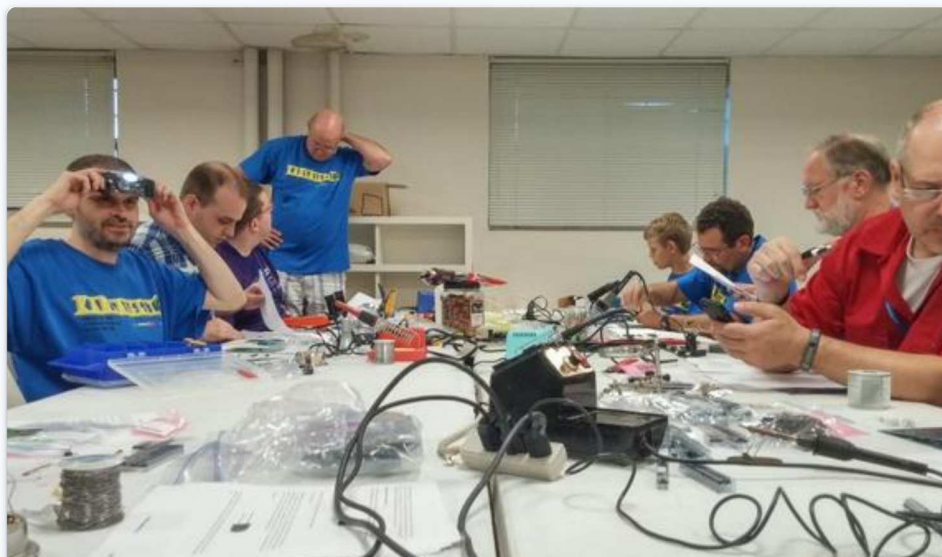
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[#a2kfest](#) We played Jungle Adventure with human parser Ken, and won!

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[#a2kfest](#) Vince's kit-building workshop running full gear.

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[#a2kfest](#) Carrington brings cc65 light to the masses.

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About to see Chris Maker's lost program! :) [#a2kfest](#)

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I just had a conversation with an old computer program :) [#a2kfest](#)

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[#a2kfest](#) Meeting of the minds. Apple II programmers roundtable.

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@bittin @kansasfest They are always filming, and we're going to put everything on [archive.org](http://archive.org)!

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Since I'm at @kansasfest I'm all about doing cute tiny hacks. So! Watch the screenshotter in action (auto-refreshes): [fos.textfiles.com/zxstatus/](http://fos.textfiles.com/zxstatus/)

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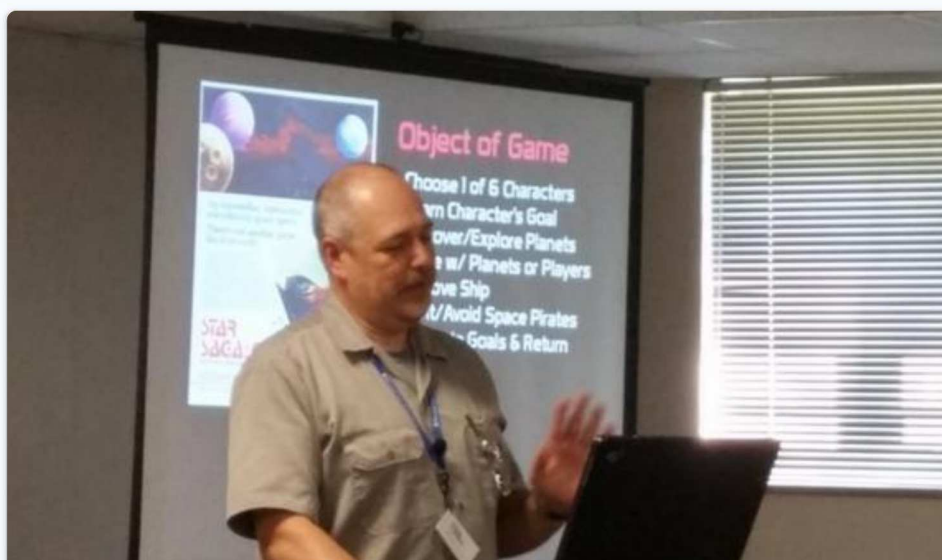
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[#a2kfest](#) The Veronica 6502 computer. Only one in existence.

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[#a2kfest](#) Star Saga One!

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A stranger asked to recommend a Kansas City steakhouse. I'm a vegetarian Bostonian—yet I knew exactly where to send her. [#A2KFest](#)

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[#a2kfest](#) Apple II and Raspberry Pi symbiosis. BFF

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[#a2kfest](#) Kfest group photo. Class of 2014.

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@teggas Thanks! If you stop by you can read the other door hanger options. :)

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@swkowk Darn, I forgot to stop by and see the others. "Never trust anyone over 256K"?

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**swkawk**  
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@teggas I will send you pics when I am further along unpacking. :)

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**teggas**  
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@swkawk Yay, looking forward to that!

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@teggas Here you go! #a2kfest

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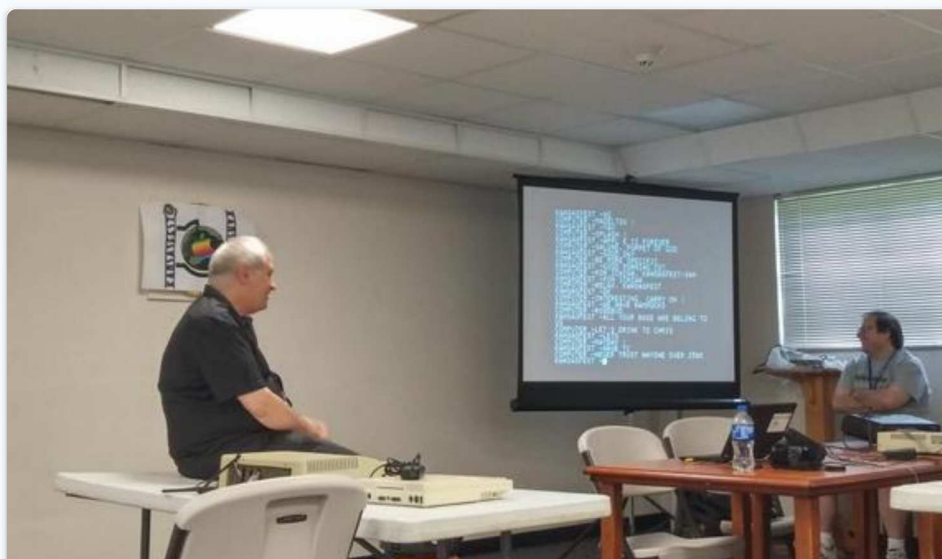
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[#a2kfest](#) Dialector in action

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**Michael Sternberg**

@16kRAM



Fierce Structris final round. [#a2kfest](#)

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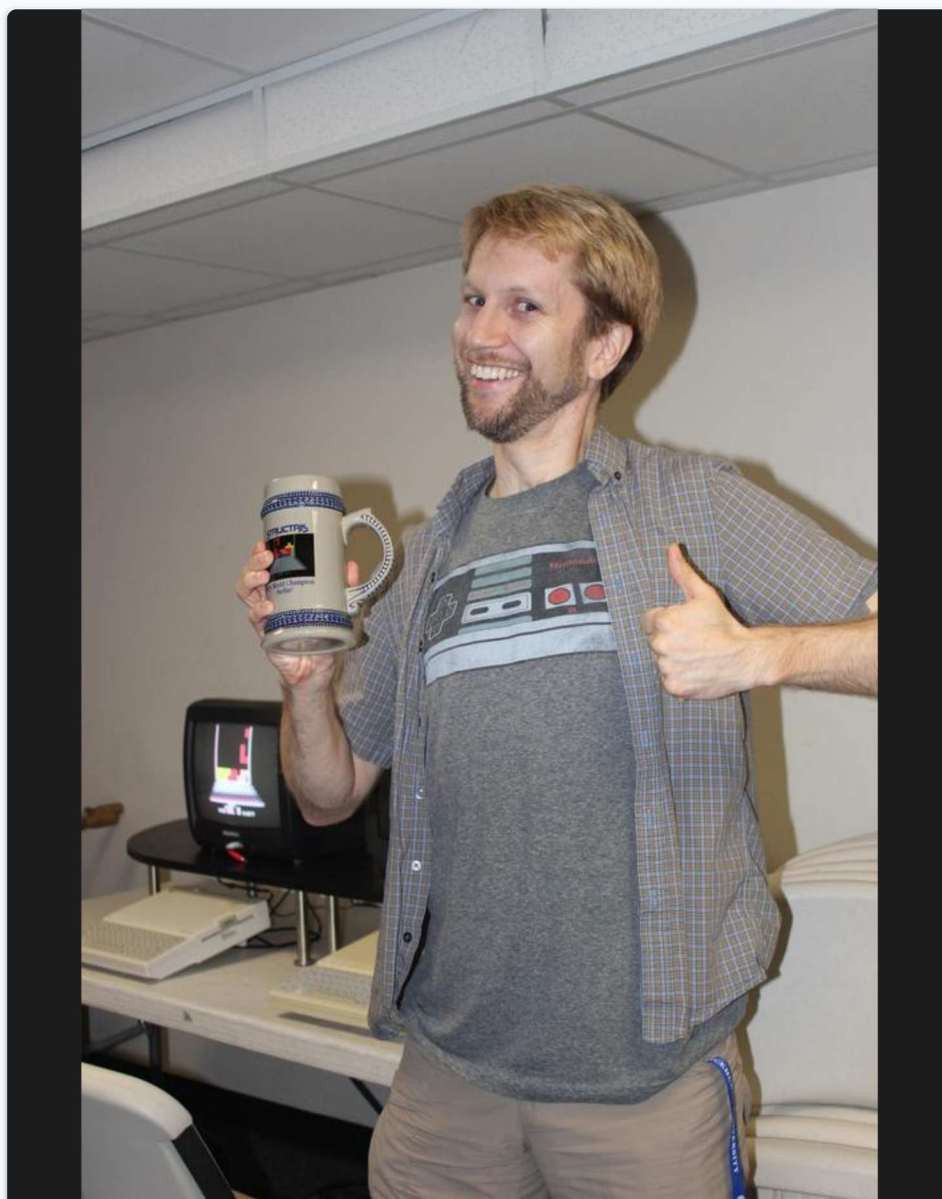
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I just beat the world record in Structris.

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... And here's the championship mug to prove it! [#A2KFest](#)

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Mr [@kgagne](#) asserted authority in [#a2kfest](#) Structris Comp.  
World record level 17 score 249 [bit.ly/1pkpYaT](http://bit.ly/1pkpYaT)

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"Being the Internet's hard drive is a tough job—and  
being the Internet's backup drive is an even tougher  
job." [@textfiles](#) at [#A2KFest](#)

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**Ken Gagne**

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"Access drives preservation. Preservation isn't just having the Indiana Jones room full of boxes."

[@textfiles](#) at [#A2KFest](#)

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**Antoine Vignau**

@antoine\_vignau



Thanks to the Apple II enthusiasts at [#KansasFest](#) providing their Apple IIgs s/n. Curent production count is 2,138,476

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**Carrington Vanston**

@carrington



[@tenpencearcade](#) Lots of podcasters here, for one thing. We recorded a 9-person mega-podcast tonight. Super fun. [#A2KFest](#)

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**Ken Gagne**

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@holykin @carrington Our #A2KFest podcast should show up in several feeds—definitely @FloppyDays & probably @RCRPodcast too.

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One hour to go before my #A2KFest presentation. I'm as prepared as always. Which means: not at all. But that's part of the fun.

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[#a2kfest](#) One of the first Japanese programs for the Apple IIgs  
(for typing recipes)

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Juiced.GS is now accepting subscriptions for our 20th volume!  
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Our [#A2KFest](#) session was a fan favorite.



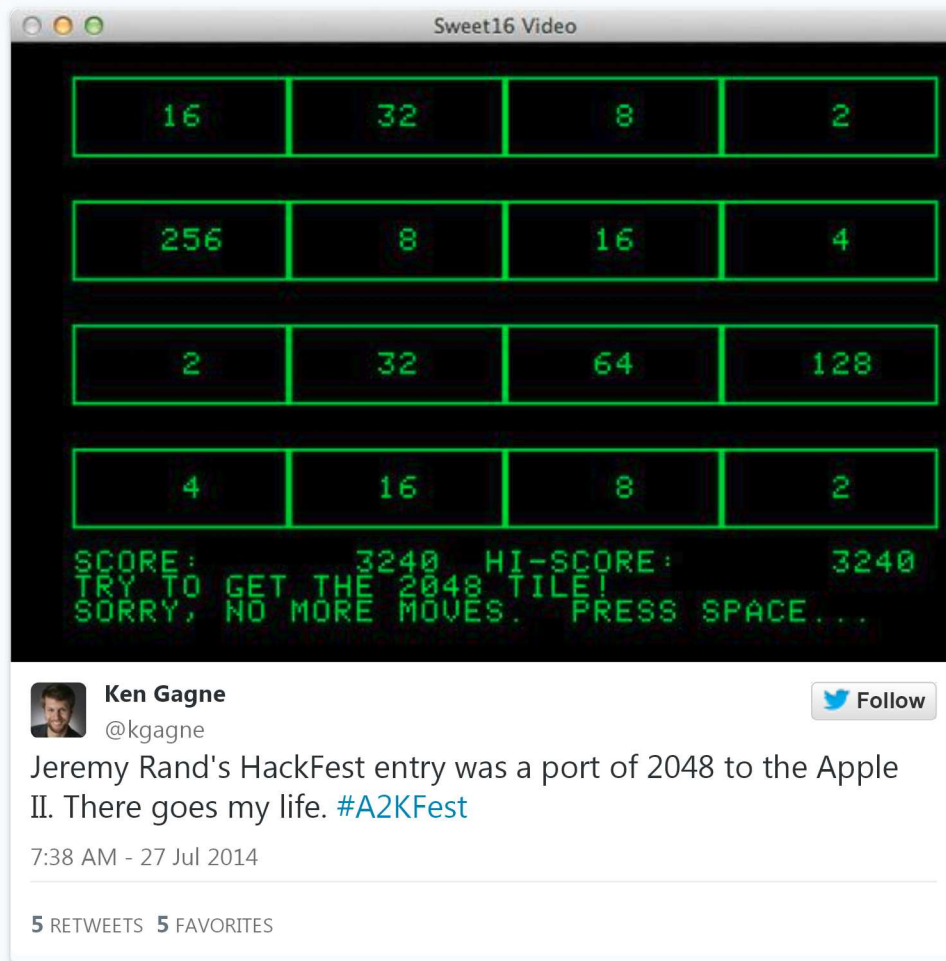
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Juiced.GS finished this session yesterday, so please enjoy extra sleep.

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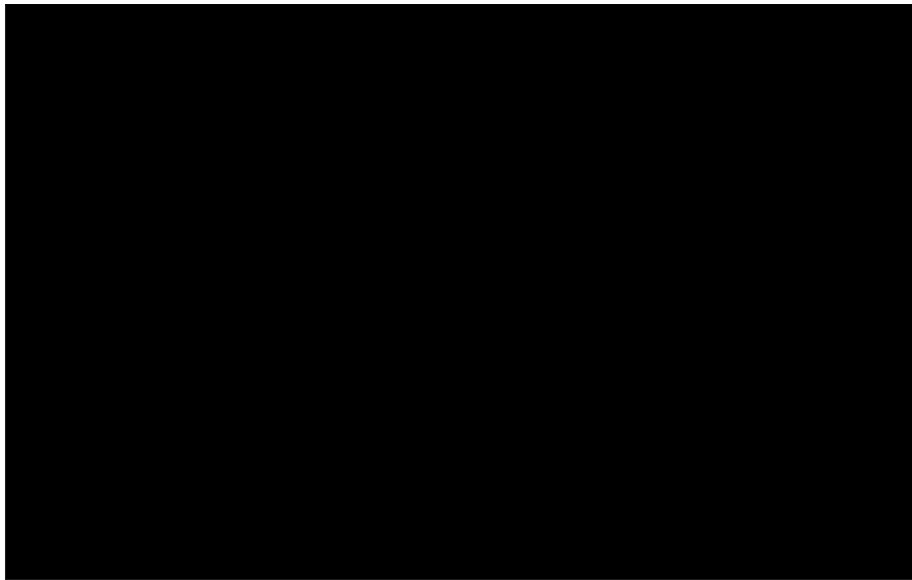
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Watch coder Martin Haye demo upcoming Apple II  
RPG Lawless Legends live right now!

[ustream.tv/channel/ulteri...](http://ustream.tv/channel/ulteri...) #A2KFest

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**Ustream** @Ustream

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lawless

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Eventually, it was time to go home. :-(

**Charles Mangin**

@retroconnector



Apple II Forever, for at least another year. [@Kansasfest](#) will return in 2015, and so will I.

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Winding down and waiting for 2015 [wp.me/p8GNQ-1ri](http://wp.me/p8GNQ-1ri)

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**Charles Mangin**

@option8



[#A2Kfest](#) day 1: Rockhurst soda machine eats my \$1.50.

Move-out day: Soda machine gives me a free soda.

Balance restored to the universe.

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Left [#A2Kfest](#), boo! Still have key and badge, boo!  
Heading back to [#A2Kfest](#), hooray!

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**Daniel McLaughlin**

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I received a postcard in the mail today. Those Kansasfest folks  
are number one in my book, baby!!

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Several sessions were streamed live.

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### Dean Nichols's photos on Google+

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### Ivan Hogan's Kansas Fest Info

Controlling I/O via game port interface, or "How I learned to stop worrying and love the Apple II rocket launcher"

And these podcasts:



### FloppyDays Vintage Computing Podcast : Floppy Days Episode 21 - Live from KansasFest!

Vintage computing Podcast for all types of retrocomputers

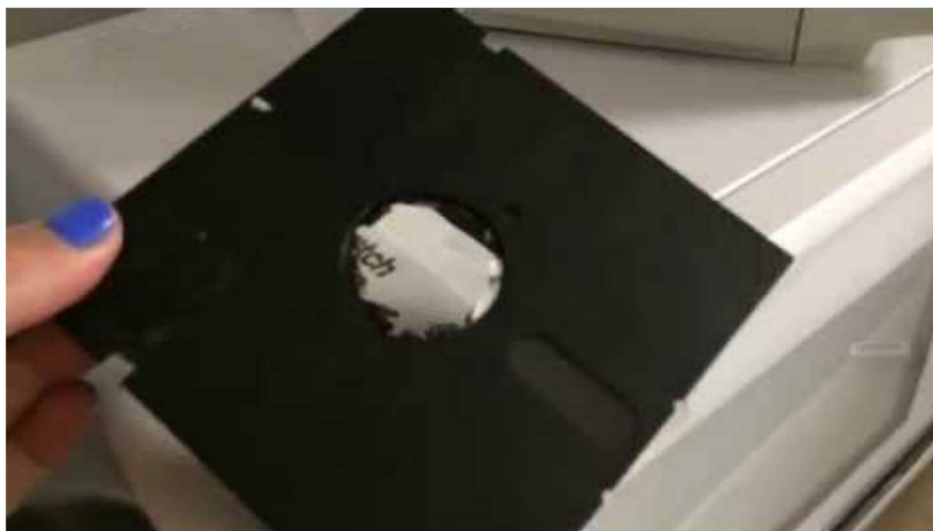


### RetroMacCast : Episode 335: You get a Galaxian!

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And these videos!



5.25" Floppy Disk in a Microwave

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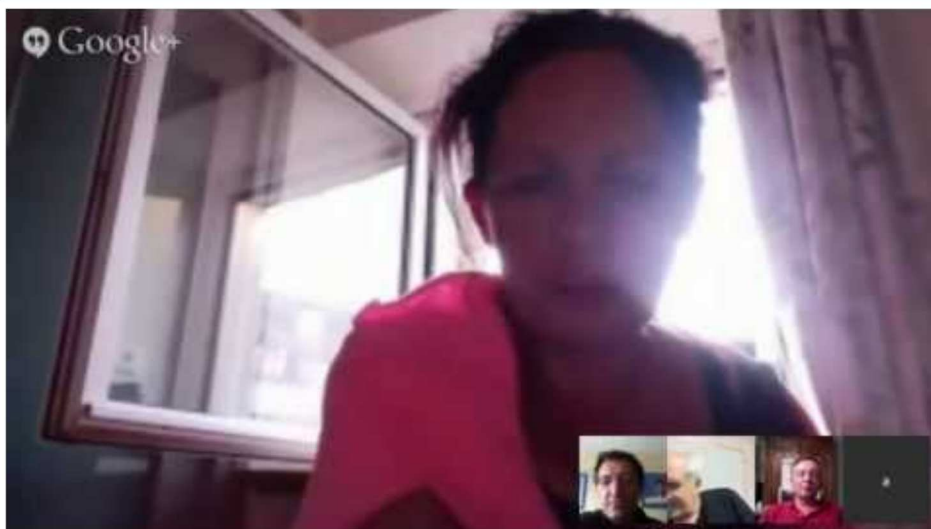
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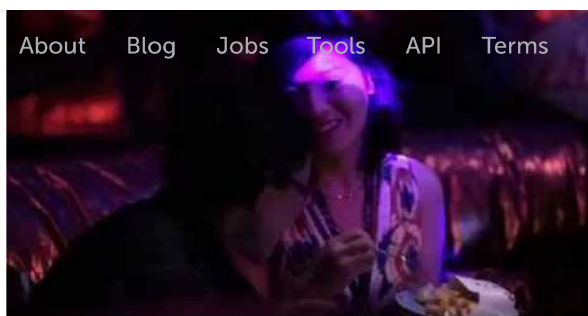
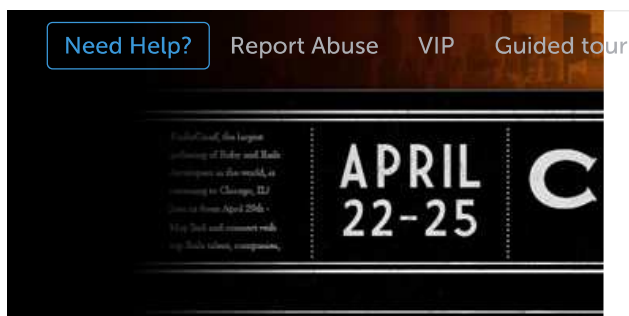
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