Kfest 95 Yearbook

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Will there be a Kfest this year? Committee formed to organize plans

Cindy Adams becomes "Big Cheese" for Do It Yourself Kfest

II the Left

by Ryan M. Suenaga, B.A., M.S.W. student

**Toto, We're Not in Honolulu Anymore
What is KansasFest?**

KansasFest is the Apple II event of the year. Steve Gozdziewski had this to say about going to KansasFest for the first time:

Kansas City. June 23, 1995 - Overwhelming crop of Rookies continues to heat up the race for the coveted "KFest Rookie of the Year" award. In a surprise (at least to him) maneuver, Steve has finally made the rookie roster after at least 5 previous attempts. Although he has fulfilled some of his expectations in the minor leagues (AppleFest), he looks forward to a very successful completion of his rookie year in the major leagues (KFest). When asked about the switch from the minors Steve replied, "I'm sure to meet some of the coaches and players I've met in the minors, but I haven't seen them for quite a while. Also, there are many coaches, players, and

rookies I have never met before. I look forward to meeting them all and perhaps refining my techniques. I'd also like to wish the other rookies the success we've all worked so hard for."

To put it simply, in the Apple II world, KansasFest is the big leagues.

KansasFest '95 is over, I'm exhausted, but I have a smile on my face and a song in my heart like I haven't had since 1986.

Years ago, Resource Central, which published the legendary Apple II newsletter known first as Open-Apple, then as A2 Central, organized the Apple II Summer Developers Conference.

This annual conference was held at Avila College in Kansas City.

Last year, the event was renamed ICONference after Resource Central turned into the

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but Apple II users worldwide have always known it as KansasFest.

ICON ceased operations this year, which brought KFest close to extinction.

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Committee formed to revive Kfest
Cindy, Paul, Mark, Gina, & Tim make plans.

Arrival Dinner at KC Masterpiece

Some CPR provided by a committee run by Cindy Adams, Paul Parkhurst, Mark Kline, Gina Saikin, and Tim Tobin, with the sponsorship of PMP Micro Products, revived KFest. This close call scared me into leaving Hawai'i for the first time in ten years to go to Avila.

Arriving on Wednesday, July 26 with Powerbook and Newton in hand, I promptly got lost in downtown Kansas City on my way toward my room at Motel Six, but eventually righted myself. I met up with Erick Wagner, another KFest attendee, and left for **the first unofficial activity of KansasFest '95: the K.C. Masterpiece dinner.**

Meeting up with most of the organizing committee, other well-known and less-known Apple II programmers and users, and even Joe Kohn, the most revered writer in the Apple II world, marked the first time ever I had met face to face with people whom I've had long discussions with by email or electronic conferencing. I was excited, and immediately knew I had made an excellent decision in coming all this way.

After connecting with my bunkmates, Bill Moore, Sarah Phillips, and Eric Shepherd, we retired back to our room to rest up for the start of KFest while we could. Computer fanatics are notorious for late nights (or early mornings), and as a gathering of fanatics, KFesters are notorious for only dreaming about sleep.

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Cindy Adams
Ray Merlin
Charlie Hartley
Dave Ciotti
Ryan Suenaga

Demo Presenters Listed

Kfest '95 Seminar Schedules · Complete Listing of subjects

The first official activity of KFest following check-in at Avila was lunch. Even more people who I knew only as email addresses and characters streaming across a screen became people.

A local Apple Computer representative delivered the first session. With it, he also delivered a non-disclosure agreement for everyone to sign. This means that all I can say is there will be some exciting things coming from them in the near future, though not in the Apple II world.

KansasFest '95 was promoted as an Apple II, Macintosh, and Newton computer expo, and seminars and demonstrations were part of that.

Subjects for seminars included hardware repair, using portable computers (both notebooks and PDAs), computer interfacing with real-world devices, using the Internet, setting up Appleshare networks for schools, Greg Templeman's GS Lib programmer's library, multimedia using HyperStudio, and putting an Apple IIgs in a portable or tower case. There were demonstrations of new and pending versions of Quick Click Morph, ByteWorks' morphing program; Shifty List 2.0 and StationKeeper 1.0, programs from Eric (Sheppy) Shepherd; Jasmine, the coming graphic front end for using GEnie with the Apple IIgs; PMP Fax, Paul Parkhurst's send and receive fax package; Powerguide, a lesser-known but very useful offline navigator for GEnie; HyperStudio, Roger Wagner's popular hypermedia program for the Apple IIgs, Macintosh, and IBM PC; and GraphicWriter III, Seven Hills Software's page layout program.

Presenters included:

- Richard Bennett,
- Tim Buchheim, and
- J. Nathaniel (Sloanie) Sloan (A2Pro Roundtable staff);
- Dave Ciotti (Binary Bear) and
- Doug Pendleton (GEnie's A2 Promotions man);
- Tony Diaz (Alltech Electronics);
- Mark Kline and Cindy Adams (A2 staff and KFest committee);
- Glenn Hoffman (author of PowerGuide);
- Joe Kohn (Shareware Solutions II);
- Paul Parkhurst (PMP Micro Products);
- Eric Shepherd (Sheppyware);
- Ryan Suenaga (Hey, that's me!);
- Greg Templeman (_G_reg's _S_oftware);
- Erick Wagner (Another GEnie regular);
- Roger Wagner (Roger Wagner Publishing); and
- Mike Westerfield (ByteWorks).

There was also vendor fair where you could pick up hardware and software at bargain prices.

Roger Wagner gives Keynote Address "What's HyperStudio?"

There was also a vendor fair where you could pick up hardware and software at bargain prices, as well as free back issues of Open-Apple and A2-Central, the magazine which launched KFest.

Roger Wagner, the longtime Apple II software publisher and all-around fun guy, gave the keynote address.
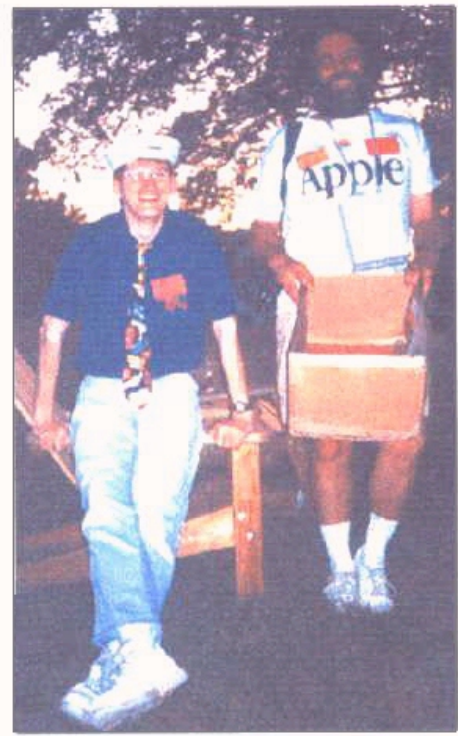
Roger was tapped at the last moment but put together a hypermedia presentation using an Apple IIgs, a Powerbook, some video cameras and video mixers, and of course, HyperStudio.

If you ever have a few days to kill, get within ten feet of Roger Wagner and whisper to someone, **"What's HyperStudio?"** You'll get the most enjoyable explanation of hypermedia you'll ever get.

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The most famous of the unofficial traditions ... "Bite The Bag"

The real fun of KFest is in unofficial activities and traditions.

A hardware lab was set up the very first day, where both beginning and experienced hardware hackers hung out and talked tech late into the night.

The tie contest, in honor of the tie master himself, Roger Wagner, was held on the last night of the 'fest, and was won by Eric Shepherd, who put together a tie constructed of 3.5 inch floppy disks!

A roast of Steven Disbrow, the publisher of GS + magazine, was held with the roasters being Tom Weishaar (Uncle Dos himself), Roger Wagner, and Joe Wankerl (who works for Diz at GS Plus). Of course, Steve was reminded of his futile attempts to convince the major Apple II publications to write a GS-specific publication; the reasons why he named his company Ego Systems, with the general consensus being that it was a result of his large ego; a review of HyperStudio written in the inaugural issue of GS + magazine, which called it the "Most Over-Hyped Product of the Year" and gave it the first ever "Trash Can Award"; the large number of revisions to his very popular NDA text editor, EgoEd; and of his use of Vivarin on almost a daily basis.

The most famous of the unofficial traditions is a game called, "Bite the Bag."

Bite the Bag is a game where contestants attempt to pick up a grocery bag on the floor with their teeth, with only one body part touching the floor at any time.

After all the participants have had their turn, part of the bag is stripped off, and the game continues, until all that is left to pick up is the very bottom of the bag.

The winner this year was Russell Nielson of New Jersey.

One of the most rewarding things you get out of KFest is **just walking around from room to room late at night,** seeing all kinds of hardware and software that you heard rumors about existing, but no confirmations.

After a few days--too few--of laughing, learning, and fun, KansasFest '95 was over.

I retreated with my bunkmates back to Motel Six for the night, and returned home.

How was KansasFest?

On the second floor alone, you could walk the floors and see the following things that Apple (or others) didn't want you to know existed: an Apple II Ethernet board, Apple II versions of SimCity and Castle Wolfenstein 3D, third party Stylewriter and Stylewriter II printer drivers, and Duodisk 3.5's. They're all here, all real, though they may never see the light of day.

GEnie users were all over the place, both A2 and A2Pro staff and clientele.

Some of us gathered unofficially for one last time at Jess and Jim's Steakhouse, said our goodbyes, and left for home.

In case I haven't said it this month (I try to every month), **if you you're serious the Apple II, you need to be on GEnie.** Nearly every one of the attendees had an email address, and it was very rare that they weren't on GEnie. Live reports were on GEnie direct from KFest at nearly any time of the day or night.

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KansasFest was every bit what it's cracked up to be. It was simply the most fun time an Apple II fanatic can have. In other words, we made the big leagues, Toto. And we're going back next year!

Photo Page
Avila College Ridgway Dorm

Post some information about yourself, and what your hopes and expectations for KFest '95 are. You might also tell what hardware/software you might be bringing.

- Charlie Hartley
- Ron Wilson

Sat Jun 17, 1995
A2.CHARLIE
[BB Manager]

If you are planning to attend KFest '95, post a brief message letting everyone know. Include some information about yourself, and what your hopes and expectations for KFest '95 are. You might also tell what hardware/software you might be bringing with you. Finally, if you plan to bring anything with you to sell, let us know about it.

This topic is not to replace the discussions in the other topics; it is just a central place to identify those who are attending.

Charlie, BB Manager

Sat Jun 17, 1995
A2.CHARLIE [BB Manager]

This will be my first KFest, and I am really looking forward to it!

I'm just an ole Kentucky boy who loves to fiddle with his Apple II computers. Doing that has caused me to do a bit of programming. Doing the programming caused me to subscribe to Open-Apple and that's where I first learned about the Apple II RoundTable on GEnie. One thing has led to another and now you're stuck with me as bulletin board manager. :)

I hope to finally put faces to many of the e-voices I've grown to care a lot about here. I hope to learn some new tricks to make my computing even more fun. But, I guess most of all, I want to bask in the warm glow of folks who are excited about their Apple II computers.

I plan to bring my Apple IIGS computer with me, as well as my Powerbook180. I may have some additional things to bring that I plan to sell. I will have copies of my Computer Keyboarding 5 program for sale.

Attending with me will be the joy of my life, Betty, my wife of 33+ years. She's coming along to see why I am so excited about KFest '95. :)

We'll see you there.

Charlie and Betty Hartley

Sat Jun 17, 1995
R.WILSON97 [Cap'n Ron]

Like Charlie, this will be my first KFest, and, I too, am looking forward to meeting everyone. I figure that I pretty much over-exposed myself in Topic 2, so I don't think that I will go into that again. Suffice to say, it's going to be a good time.

I've been doing stuff with Apple II's for over ten years now, it's been an experience for me that I could never really share with anyone. Once I discovered GEnie, and the A2Roundtable, and A2Pro (where I do mostly lurking), it was like a new world had opened up for me. This last year has been an experience that I will not forget. And now I get to meet all you folks that I've only met via e-mail and in the BB and RTC!

Just one thing...please...if I look like I'm not enjoying myself, don't pay any attention to it. I just get this sorta...er...droopy...look sometimes.
:)

Cap'n Ron

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Introductions & Personal Biographies

- Ryan Suenaga
- Greg Templeman
- Tim Kellers

Sat Jun 17, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

This will also be my first Kfest, as well as my first time out of Hawai'i in ten years (since I was eighteen :)

Let's see: I've lived in Hawai'i my whole life. I'm a social worker at Kapi'olani Medical Center in Honolulu. I'm a full time graduate student in social work at the University of Hawai'i. . . I've used Apple IIs since about 1982.

I have two Apple IIGS's (one broken and waiting a miracle): as well as a Powerbook 520 and Newton which I will be bringing to Kfest.

I think this'll be a great Kfest :)

Ryan

Still in caffeine withdrawal but Kansasfest bound in '95! (And delivered by Copilot and PTS.I
:)

Sat Jun 17, 1995
BARNABAS [G.Templeman]

This will be my second KFest (attended for the first time last year, if for no other reason than to roast Mike Westerfield... :)

I guess everybody knows everything there is to know about me (probably more than y'all'd LIKE to know), but for those that don't:

I'm a native Californian, who spent 19 months in Shreveport, LA, working for Softdisk (where I picked up a nasty accent :). I've been programming the Apple II for almost 12 years now, and have worked for various companies doing just that (as well as testing): Claris, Apple, The Learning Company, and of course Softdisk Publishing.

My "specialties" are assembly language programming, low-level programming, reverse-engineering (snOOping, as Harold would say :), high-speed graphics engines, code optimization, System Software patches, and bugging the heck out of Sheppy.

I plan to bring some GSLib manuals to KFest to sell (that's right, FINALLY all you programmers out there will have access to one of the most useful and extensive libraries ever created for the Apple IIgs!) If you haven't heard, GSLib is like having another programmer's Toolbox at your disposal!

-Greg
Templeman

Sat Jun 17, 1995
KELLERS [Tim]

Last year's KFest was my first. The Apple II community having apparently survived my attendance, this year will be my second :)

I began using an Apple II in 1986 (a //c) and I used that same //c (in various incarnations) until I bought a Mac in 1993. (One day I went out shopping for a Newton and came home with a Powerbook. "What's that in that box?" my wife asked. "It's a Newton, honey." I explained, "Sort of...":)

After nearly six months with my //c's and my powerbook, I bought a IIgs. I thought I'd found the perfect world, a Mac I can program in ProDOS! :)

I've done quite a bit of P8 programming off of the old //c. The most used program I've written is called TrackWorks and is an Appleworks like program that is dedicated to scoring high school, college and amateur track meets and road race events. My programming has become fixated on GS/OS since the GS barged into my life and I've written many versions of what I hope to release as a true cross-platform graphics conversion program if I can convince the bugs to stop breeding faster than I can type code. :)

Hanging faces and voices onto all those familiar names was one of the things I enjoyed most of all at Kfest '94.

Besides the wealth of information and general Apple II knowledge available, there, it was just great fun harassing A2.Tony, and restraining Cindy Adams from beating up every programmer in the joint. :)

Tim K

Introductions & Personal Biographies

- Carl Knoblock
- Tony Ward

Sat Jun 17, 1995
C.KNOBLOCK [Carl]

I went to one previous KFest, but only to the Saturday sessions and Expo, none of the late night and dorm room experiences. I got my first Apple II (not a plus) around the end of 1979. It had 32K, a Sup'R mod, and came with a real nice cassette recorder. ;) It went through a few changes, and is still in the closet. My IIe (unenhanced) was sold with my Epson MX-100 after I got the IIgs and ImageWriter.

I work for U S WEST in Omaha, as a Central Office Technician, taking care of a #5ESS (tm). I have two grown (well legally adult, anyway) children and a grandson, as well as a wife who babysits the grandson, after swearing she would never be a grandma babysitter. We went to Worlds of Fun several times, Oceans of Fun once, and Royals Baseball games twice as they were growing up.

I was president of one Apple user group years ago, and am Secretary-treasurer of a different one now. Like all such groups, it has gotten smaller each year, as old members drift away, but the spirit is still here.

The group, Metro Apple Computer Hobbyists, has had a BBS since before I had a modem, and has had three homes. That's why I got my first modem, an AE DataLink 2400, and that started an addiction that has led me to my present LineLink 144e and GEnie. I also have a local Internet Provider, GONIX (Greater Omaha Public Access Unix Corp.) which gives me flat rate email and Usenet access for ten dollars a month. They just had an open house and seminar at Hard Warehouse where I got to see NetScape in action. Someday... oh well, Lynx will have to do for now. ;)

I have a Rom 1, with a 4meg card, a RamFast with a 105meg from TMS and a 270meg Diplomat from Charlie's Appleseeds, a SuperDrive controller with an AE HD drive, a Quickie Scanner, a Zip 10/64, an AE Sonic Blaster sound card, and a Q-Print II parallel card for my HP 550C. I also have a TEAC 155 tape drive from Doug P, a System Saver IIgs and a TurboMouse Model 3. I also have a second IIgs which has a bad memory chip or two. I'm using a Sony KV-1311CR monitor/TV, but still have slot 3 open for a Second Sight.

Carl Knoblock - Telephone Tech
"Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City, here I come....."

Sun Jun 18, 1995
A2.TONY [Librarian]

> it was just great fun harassing A2.Tony, and restraining Cindy Adams...

Careful there Kellers, we're both coming back this year. :)

Last year was my first KFest and I had such a blast that I just have to come again this year. Attaching a face (besides the pictures we have in the library, which aren't always very flattering <g>) is always fun. I rolled into town last year in the middle of the night and wandered into somebody's room, I think it was Dean's. Anyway, I asked the group of people in there where I could find HangTime (my roommate, whom I had never met) and they all pointed at each other. Well, that got me off on the right foot. I knew I was in for some fun. :)

I've been using various Apple II computers since, oh, about 1982. We had a lab of them at my high school. I bought a //e in 1984 and used it until 1986 when it was stolen from my apartment at college. I used the insurance money (thank you, State Farm) to buy a IIgs, which I still use today. Oh, it's not really the same machine as it was when I bought it. It's got all the fancy add-ons now, but it's still chugging along nicely.
Looking forward to seeing you all!

- Tony Ward

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Introductions & Personal Biographies

- Dave Johnson
- Mark Kline

Sun Jun 18, 1995
VACC.DAVE [Uncle Duck]

I was at KansasFest last year. It was my first. Just to let you know what kind of a social animal I am, all the pictures I took turned out to be of the back of people's heads. :) My first real computer was a //c I bought in 1984 because a friend had one and I wanted to learn to use a computer. Also, I had stayed up one night playing Zork on another friend's Commie 64 until 3;am. That kind of hooked me. I agonized for weeks over which one to buy, a Commodedoor, or a //c. I think I finally made the right decision. Old betsy is still running and gets used at least weekly. She has been hotrodded out of her tiny (128k) little mind.

My primary machine now is a ROM 1 GS with two 3.5, one 5.25, a 205 meg quantum and an Iomega Zip 100 running off of RAMfast rev C ser #17. Four megs of RAM and an 8/64 zip GS. I have a Conserver sitting on top of a Kensington system saver which gets the Apple Monitor at just the right level since I sit on the floor when I use it. A Kensington trackball, IW II, Linelink 14.4, Flightstick, HyperStudio digitizer hooked to a

nice little piezo mike and a MdIdeas stereo card hooked up to a pair of Radio Shack powered speakers rounds the system out. I also have a 386/40 PC Clone, Bozo, which I will say no more about. It is needed or I wouldn't have it.

There are more Apples in the garage, working and non working. I can't seem to sell, give away, or throw away anything. I think it's called PackRat syndrome.

I am active in a local Apple User Group, the Valley Apple Computer Club (VACC). And run the BBS for them on a ROM 3 GS/Linelink Combo. (GBBS)

I will only be bringing my Zip 100 and a few disks to Kansas with me this year as I will be flying and like to travel light. I am also traveling cheap and will need the room in my carry on for lunch. Just look for a short, fat, bald guy with bad knees and poor fashion sense.

VACC
Dave.........

Technology will soon take over and make humans redundant. We will

get our revenge as most of the technology we build is crap and won't last long.

Sun Jun 18, 1995
M.KLINE1

Like quite a few others, I, too, went to KansasFest for the first time last year. It was fabulous! I am definitely looking forward to this summer's KFest!

I teach 6th grade. I have used Apple //es and IIGSs for years at school, but didn't realize what they were really capable of or what software was really available for them as they were mostly only using 8bit software. I happened to buy a used GS with lots of software and was just amazed -- one of the FTA demos was the first thing I tried. WOW! I had no idea that this computer could do that. I then started to explore the Apple II world a bit via America Online, but there wasn't too much activity there. Finally, about 16 months ago I joined GEnie -- and the fun has just begun!

Now I have 2 GSs at school, 2 at home, and 2 more used ones on the way to me via USMail :) All have hard drives, the main ones have ZipGS cards, and I have one CD-ROM drive. I could easily spend every extra penny I make on these things ;) I am now the Elementary Tech. Coordinator at school and have put many hours into making our computer room do things that the dealers I've shown it to never thought possible. I hope to show some of these things at KFest this summer.

I'm presently involved in a major project to add an EtherNet network and lots of state-of-the-art stuff to the school.

In addition to computers I also am an avid (or is that rabid ;) hockey fan and coach and enjoy canoeing/camping. Oh, I also bought a Newton a few months ago and think that it's great technology.

Well, enough rambling on....
See you this summer,

Mark K
Kan't wait for KFest '95!!!

Introductions & Personal Biographies

- Ray Merlin
- Richard Foley
- Doug Pendleton

Sun Jun 18, 1995
R.MERLIN [RayM]

This will be my first KFest, although I'm no stranger to Apple meetings.

I've been to shows in San Francisco several times, Long Beach (CA), Princeton, N.J., Phoenix and Tempe AZ. However, up until now various things have happened to prevent my travelling to Kansas City.

I've been using Apple computers since 1982, and am on my third (or fourth if you count motherboards) computer, a IIgs. I also own a couple of other computers (made by Dell), and would be glad to talk to anyone about working across the platforms. My Apple and Dell are frequently hooked up to each other.

I'm going to be 65 by the time KFest gets here, so I'll be one of the "seasoned citizens" in the crowd.

Ray

Sun Jun 18, 1995
R.FOLEY6 [Richard]

THIS WILL BE MY FIRST KFEST. I GUESS MY MAIN REASON FOR ATTENDING IS GETTING TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE WHO ENJOY USING THEIR APPLE IIs. THERE'S JUST NOT A WHOLE LOT OF THEM AROUND. :) ALSO, BEING ABLE TO PUT FACES WITH THE MANY NAMES I'VE SEEN/TYPED TO HERE ON GENIE.

I GOT MY FIRST APPLE IN '78. AFTER GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE, GETTING A JOB, AND FINALLY HAVING SOME MONEY LEFT FOR BUYING STUFF I WANTED, AS OPPOSED TO NEEDED, I BOUGHT A //E. A FEW YEARS LATER, I BROKE DOWN AND BOUGHT A IIGS.

I DON'T PLAN ON BRINGING A COMPUTER, BUT SINCE I WILL BE DRIVING, I'D BE WILLING TO BRING MINE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO USE.

RICHARD FOLEY

Sun Jun 18, 1995
DOUG.P [A2.PR]

ok Charlie :)

I'm definitely planning to attend KFest '95. My wife Ann will be coming with me this year. I am expecting to have a good time, meet some old friends and make some new ones, and can't think of a better thing to do on my birthday than enjoy the first day of Fest.. I dunno for sure what hardware I'll be bringing, probably either a //c or a GS, and plan to bring a few dozen or a few hundred slot cards for //e - //gs along for sale.. I may be able to arrange to have a few new ZIP GSX cards / ZIP chips //e also.. but I don't think I'll bring any hard drives for sale this year..

Doug Pendleton, Apple II hardware help

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Overwhelming crop of Rookies at Kfest '95

- Steve Gozdziewski
- Tim Gjenvick

Tue Jun 20, 1995
T.GJENVICK [Tim]

This year will be my first KansasFest. Looks like I'm in a large group of freshmen and women!

I bought my first Apple II, an Apple //e, in December 1985 to use for my medical practice and for pleasure. The firstsoftware package I bought was AppleWorks 1.2, and have used it ever since, probably every day that I have turned on one of my Apple's. Because I had just spent over $3000 for that //e, I wasn't able to justify buying the IIgs when it came out the next fall. However, in 1990 I discovered DBMaster Pro, and began beta testing it's medical office templates to use for the business side of my practice. I moved the //e to the office, installed a Zip card and internal hard drive for a nice package which we used for a couple of years to bill our patients. This allowed me to buy a ROM 03 gs for my home when they were first introduced. I later bought another IIgs for the office, but in the spring of 1992 we had to expand the system to a multi-user system to accommodate our growing practice, and so the Apple II's were retired. I still use AppleWorks to write some correspondence, but most of my time with it is spent having fun. I have done some programming with TAPL, including writing a task file to calculate and print our office payroll, but after discovering ADP, this was retired.

I still have the three Apple's at home, though only the original gets much use. My children, (I have three, ages 15, 12, and 10), are all agitating for a modern computer (ie an MS-DOS compatible) which all their friends families have recently acquired. The IIgs is enhanced with a 9/32 Zip, 3 additional megs of memory, a RamFast 105 Meg hard drive, a TEAC tape backup, a Soundmeister card and a Quickie hand scanner, plus too numerous to count software. I hope to add some more features to this computer on my trip to KansasFest. :)

I'm looking forward to chance to meet all the folks I've met here online over the past few years.

> Tim <   GEM5 + Spectrum 2.0

Fri Jun 23, 1995
S.GOZDZIEWSK [SKI-83]

Kansas City. June 23, 1995 - Overwhelming crop of Rookies continues to heat up the race for the coveted "KFest Rookie of the Year" award.

In a surprise (at least to him) maneuver, Steve has finally made the rookie roster after at least 5 previous attempts. Although he has fulfilled some of his expectations in the minor leagues (AppleFest), he looks forward to a very successful completion of his rookie year in the major leagues (KFest).

When asked about the switch from the minors Steve replied, "I'm sure to meet some of the coaches and players I've met in the minors, but I haven't seen them for quite a while. Also, there are many coaches, players, and rookies I have never met before. I look forward to meeting them all and perhaps refining my techniques. I'd also like to wish the other rookies the success we've all worked so hard for."

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Sat Jun 24, 1995
B.MILYKO [The Wizz]

Well I guess it's time I added my description of myself to this topic.

I have been an Apple owner ever since I bought an Apple][in 1978. Well at least for most of that time. There was a period of apx. 6 months that I was (gasp) computerless. I lost almost everything in a fire in 1983. At that point I got a //e. When the GS was released, I got myself a Woz cased ROM 0 machine. It was upgraded to a ROM 1 and later had a mother-board swap so I now have a ROM 3 in a Woz case. A little over a month ago I became the new sysop for our users group's BBS, Pro NoVApple. It is being run on a GS in a //e case. I still have a lot to learn about operating it. There are two other (pc clones) computers in the house. One is my wife's (a 386) the other (a 286) belongs to our girls. I share a printer and a modem with my wife's computer.

Beyond the Apple.

My Family and I live in Virginia just outside Washington DC. I work for Washington Area Metro Transit Authority (WMATA) maintaining the subway cars. My wife of almost 10 years (10 in September) works for one of the all news radio stations in DC as one of their editors. We have two beautiful daughters (6 & 8). (I'm going to

have to remember to upload that picture I scanned of the family).

This will be my first KFest.

Both my wife and I have to work on the 26th (Lynne works from 4pm to Midnight) so I will catch the earliest flight I can on the 27th to get to Kansas City. I am looking forward to being able to finally being able to attend. I am undecided as to bringing my computer or not. I do not want to trust the monitor to the airline luggage. The rest of my system is not a problem to bring. If I can share a monitor, or someone would let me borrow one for the Fest I will bring the GS.

Our schedule gets more complicated after the Fest. On Saturday morning My wife will begin to drive (with the kids) across country. I plan to fly to a city along their route so as to meet them Sunday morning. We will be headed to northern Indiana to attend Lynne's High school 20th reunion on August 5th.


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Using CoPilot v2.5.5 and Spectrum 2.0 via a 14,440 SprintNet node KFest bound in '95

Sun Jun 25, 1995
E.WAGNER10 [Erick]

This will be my fourth KFest. I attended previously in 1989 (the 1st KFest), 1992, and 1994. Last year was the first time that I taught a session at KFest. Apparently it's not the last time because they are letting me do it again this year ;)

Although I had heard of Apple II computers (remember them being given away on TV game shows), I never actually saw one until the summer of 1982. I was taking summer classes at Texas A&M University and discovered about 35 brand new Apple II+'s in the library's Learning Resource Center (LRC). I probably spent at least four hours every weekday using them (and longer on the weekends :) because I was so taken with them. So taken, that when I discovered I needed diskettes in order to save my work, I walked (didn't have any transportation), an hour in each direction, to the nearest store that sold them. As a result of "living" at the LRC, I obtained a job working in that department for the next 4 semesters, helping people learn to use Apple II computers.

I bought my first Apple II, a IIe, in 1984-Dec with my own money (that took me 5 years to earn). I used it for word processing, programming (Applesoft, Pascal,

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6502 assembler), and some early attempts at hardware/software interfacing. Acquiring a personal computer, actually helped improve my grades and make more effective use of my time. I used it t summarize the notes from lectures and reading assignments so I had easier to carry study notes and I used MBASIC and a Z80 board to develop programs at home before transferring them to the VAX minicomputer.

After graduating from college (in 1986-May) and getting a real job, I took out a loan and bought a IIgs (ROM01) in 1988-Jun. Since then, I bought an Apple IIc and eventually traded it in for an Apple IIc+.

I've been a member of the Apple Corps of Dallas since 1987-Nov and have served as the Membership Director, the SIG Leader of the Apple II Main Meeting, and have helped out with the disk library.

I'm originally from Oklahoma (1963-71, 1984-86) but have lived most of my life in Texas (Houston from 1971-84, Dallas 1986-present) and consider myself a Texan. Remember the Infomart! or was that the Alamo? ;)

Thu Jun 29, 1995
R.NIELSON1 [Russell]

Hey, I will be attending Kfest '95 and this will be my first one! The main reason that I decided to go was because I want to meet you all and since I had the money and vacation time, I decided to do it. Okay, maybe that was more than one reason but who's counting?

What about my place in the Apple world? Well, I have been programming the Apple II since around 1985 when I got my Apple //c. I started with Applesoft and then moved onwards. Basically I used the Apple in my spare time and programmed every moment I got. I was totally fascinated by this machine. Thanks to the Apple II. I now have a full time job as a COBOL programmer/analyst/system manager/customer support rep. Nice title aye? :)

Over the years I haven't contributed much to the Apple world but I did get some projects done in my spare time. I got three arcade games published on Softdisk 8-bit (issues 112 and 142) and have released many shareware/freeware titles here on GEnie. Other than that I haven't done much else... but my passion for this amazing machine never dies!

As of today I have two Apple //gs', two Apple //c's and an Apple //e. I use my main GS the most (this one) because it is so powerful with 4MB RAM. 380MB on two hard drives with a RAMFast card. Tape backup. 10Mhz Zip. Stereo Sound Card. AST Vision Plus digitizing card. Debugging card. Kensington System Saver. and loads of other stuff including shoe boxes filled with 3.5 disks. (Soon to have an Iomega Zip Drive with 100MB disks!) Oh, I also have two 3.5 drives and one (can you say slow?) 5.25 drive. My //c alone has two 5.25 drives and one 3.5 Unidisk drive. I also have an Imagewriter attached to my GS which I want to replace with an HP laser printer someday. I have my GS wired into my stereo receiver which bumps out over 120 watts to two 4 foot speakers with two woofers, two mid-range, and one tweeter on each... hehee. I rock my bedroom with my GS!
:-D

I am still programming 8-bit applications today and use my GS all the time!

Introductions & Personal Biographies

• Doug Pendleton

I write SoundSmith music when I get in the mood and the rest of the time I spend here on GEnie keeping current with the Bulletin Boards and libraries.

I also host a Tuesday night 8-bit Programming Conference in A2Pro on Tuesday nights.

I will be driving from Spring Lake, New Jersey to Kansas City. Since this is around 1,100 miles it will be a tough drive all by myself. I may just have to bring a friend along for the drive to and from – and have him get his own hotel and entertain himself while I do my thing at Kfest. If anyone is planning such a drive and would like to join me on the trip just give me a holler! Oh, I will be sharing a room with Erick Wagner.

I think that about does it. I am really looking forward to meeting the faces behind all these friendly names. :)
Until then. - Russell

Thu Jun 29, 1995
DOUG.P [A2.PR]

I suppose that even though I spend so much time here that I think everyone knows all about me :) I really should introduce myself too.. Currently 47 years old, employed by Los Angeles City Schools as a School Bus Supervisor, retired Ltc. USAFA/CAP Search and Rescue after 24 years in positions from SAR Communications operator, through Squadron Commander, and Wing SAR Training officer.

Education includes Eastern Montana College, Santa Monica College, UCLA, USAF Air University (Squadron Officers School & Air War College).

My first "computer use" involved the card based sorting machines used to make up train lists for the railroad (Northern Pacific).. these were programmed by placing jumper wires in appropriate holes of a circuit board which was inserted into the card sorter :)

After a few programming classes at Eastern Montana College, Santa Monica College, and UCLA (machine language, assembly, COBOL, Fortran, PL-1) I worked in market analysis programming for one of the major insurance / advertising firms for a while before deciding that even for 50k a year in the early 1970's, I didn't like that type of programming and quit.

I got my first experience of owning a pc on the TRS-80, and moved on to an Apple II+ in late 1978 - early 1979. [I'd just finished paying for my 3 year old pickup, and it took a full value refinance of the truck to buy the Apple II+ with RF modulator.. no monitor, no disk drive, software on cassette tape loaded using a radio shack tape player I already had] I gradually added hardware as it became available and as my paychecks could afford it.

Got involved in Alpha and Beta testing software (for Arrays Inc./ Continental Software, through a few company name changes, - The Home Accountant etc.) wrote a few

pieces of PD ware, primarily communications related (Morse Code practice programs and Antenna Design Algorithms).

I was also involved in the USAFA/CAP in communications hardware and SAR operations, and owned -operated a electronics design and prototype production shop specializing in RF TTY equipment, RF paging network equipment and emergency notification systems.

I built one of the first theft recovery RF-transmitter systems (similar in concept and operation to LoJack). One of my first Apple II projects was developing the hardware and assembly code to allow a II's cassette port to be connected to the speaker / mic ports of a radio transceiver for two way AFSK-TTY (baudot code), substituting for the RTTY converter - Teletype / Kleinschmidt combinations which were then in common use.

I graduated to the Apple //e shortly after it's release, and ordered a IIgs before they were released, getting the second unit that arrived at Sun Computers in West Los Angeles.. That WOZ GS is still my main computer :)

After several years of lurking on CompuServe, Delphi, GEnie, and various local bbs's using ASCII Express Pro, I finally downloaded CoPilot for GEnie about 2 years ago, and suddenly found my time on GEnie exploding..

I made it to my first FEST last year, and don't plan to miss any that are held in future years.

Doug Pendleton, Apple II hardware help

Introductions & Personal Biographies

- **Magnus Ericson**
- **Dave Miller**

Fri Jun 30, 1995
M.ERICSON1

Well, finally...I have caught an airplane to put me off at the other side of the pond (I think the name was "Atlantic":)

I will reach NYC in the 20`th July, then I will be "looking around" in your country by train, bus or by car (I haven`t decided me yet (bus is cheaper)).

Who am I ???
Well I`m twenty-seven years old (then,not now:) male (if you didn't`t know). I`m working as an service-electrician at my father's company, I have an own company that do sound engineering,light engineering for events.So finally I have a couple of interests the big one is :Apple II`s,Internet,Fishing & music.

Apple-background:

My father bought his II+ in 1981, then was I 13 year & liked to play Swashbuckler, Space Invader, Olympic Decathlon on it. My dad used this machine until 1993 when he upgraded to a //e (he still use the same program as he did on the II+).

In 1985 (I think) bought my dad an Apple II+ clone with Apple roms and caps lock, Saturn 128K, cpm, 80chr, for me to use. Visicalc-80 col was the main program I had on this one, except gaming. I know I had ProDOS for this one but I never knew what it was..

In 1987 I bought my first own Apple, an English Apple IIe equipped with an sampler-sequencer unit called DS:3, 2 disk drives, monitor & paddles. I used this one when I was playing in a Rock band, and 1988 when I was in USA(FL) for my first time I bought a Midi sequencer (Sonus supersequenser) and a Midi interface for the computer. I used this setup in about 2 years until I saw Ataris on the Midi-side. Then it was standing in a corner until I got a flyer from a

English company called MGM-Cat software (I think), I saw the Publish-it Advertise and I ordered it, my first international order via phone ever. I found it interesting with the IIe and it was still unenhanched. In this time (1990-91) I got some contact with a man in Swedish AUG, called Andreas Wennborg and he helped me with the enhancement, char roms, memory card (Ramworks III), AE 3,5"drive, Appleworks 3.0...and there it goes..Finally I had a VERY competitive //e With Zip-8, 1meg, RamFast w 100MB.

In 1992 then I got my hands on the valuable Apple IIGS from a bbs which was given up. In case it wasn't too many GS`s in Sweden this was a real bargain for me..:)...you can figure out the rest, it was needed to be freshened up....I have never sold a Computer, I still have the II+ in a storage. In this time I have 3 Apple IIgs , I`am the Chairman of Sweden's AUG(since 1993) I`m sysop for a Metal-FV4.1 bbs, I have been on GEnie since October-94 (I think) and This will be the VERY first KansasFest I will be on (has it been a Swede on it before?). I hope I will survive the KF,and I hope you can stand me...:) You have to understand that English isn't`t my native language and I wasn't`t the best in my class...:)

BTW: I will answer if there are anyone who can rent out a bed for me 1 day or 2 or more, Since my time in USA 20`th July - 7`th August, it will be very expensive for me to live on hotels/motels every nights...I have no demands at all, and I will gladly pay 20-25 usd/night. I have counted the whole KansasFest travel to be about 2500 usd for me, so I will appreciate any help.

Sincerely/
Magnus Ericson-Sweden

Sat Jul01, 1995
D.MATTIS [MattMan :)]

>You have to understand that English isn't`t my native language and I wasn't`t the best in my class...:)

Not to worry - you got the smiley down perfectly.

I would predict that when you arrive at KF '95 you'll be treated by the "gang" as very nearly a hero! Anybody who flies in for KF '95 from Europe deserves the royal treatment (of course you pay your own way, but).

Welcome!

Dave M
(D.MATTIS@GENIE.GEIS.COM)

Thu Jul 13, 1995
JUST.DAVE [Dave]

I am most UNhappy to report that I will NOT be attending KFest this year :(

However, it's for a good reason. :)

I got a promotion at work last week (into management :) and it comes with a trip to Grand Rapids MI for a trade show that I'm required to attend which is the same week as KFest.

I'm really excited about the new job, enough so that it ALMOST makes up for the sadness I feel about missing KFest, and getting to see all of you people again.

Dave

Order your Kfest '95 Tee !

Introductions & Personal Biographies

• Dave Grenda

Thu Jul 13, 1995
D.GRENDA [Dave G.]

Hi!

Do you really want to read my bio in this topic? From the topic header, I guess that's what you want (what a glutton for punishment). Anyway, I'll add my bio to the ones that have already been posted by others (there will be a test afterward).

Dave Grenda, age 39, married 12 years, DINK. Born in Chicago, I got my BS at Saint Louis University and my Masters at the University of Arkansas.

I'm Currently in the Air Force (18 years) and stationed at Kirtland AFB New Mexico. I've been a bombardier (including instructor and senior evaluator) on B-52 bombers, staff weenie, cruise missile test director, and nuclear weapon system safety analyst. The Air Force has sent me to Sacramento, California, Blytheville Arkansas, Grand Forks North Dakota, Omaha Nebraska, Shreveport Louisiana, and now Albuquerque New Mexico. I never was stationed overseas, but I've been TDY to Europe often (TDY means temporary duty - another name for an Air Force business trip).

I've been a dive master for five years and an EMT for four years. I love to SCUBA dive, snow ski, and hot air balloon (a friend of mine owns one, so I go up about every other weekend). My wife and I just started to white water raft when we got to New Mexico. I have lots of "use to's" - I use to fence (mostly foil), sky dive, water ski, ride horses (owned two horses - an Arabian and a Quarter horse), ride motorcycles (750 BMW), etc.

I started off with an Apple II+ back in 1982. I got my Apple IIgs ROM 01 in 1987 - and I've been productively using it ever since.

I mainly use AW 5.0, ShadowWrite, Your Money Matters, Spectrum/CoPilot, AWGS, InWords, FAXination, and ProSel-16.

A _FEW_ of the things I use my IIgs to do are: write correspondence, track my finances and possessions, compute my taxes, plan my retirement, monitor maintenance on my vehicles, send out X-Mas cards, and communicate with the world.

Over the years I've upgraded and added to my IIgs, in effect, making it a totally new computer.

Here's a run down of what I have:
- 6 Meg RAM card
- Internal 204 Meg drive via a TurboIDE controller card
- ZIP 9 Mhz/32 K cache accelerator
- Second Sight VGA card
- SoundMeister stereo card hooked to external speakers
- BlueDisk controller hooked to a TEAC 3.5" MS-DOS floppy drive
- Two 3.5" Apple floppy drives
- Two 5.25" Apple floppy drives
- Quickie scanner
- DeskJet inkjet printer
- RollerMouse trackball
- Joystick
- Tons and tons of software

Future purchases:
- 15" SVGA monitor
- RAMfast SCSI card
- CD-ROM drive

- ZIP 100 Meg removable hard drive.

I use a 486-clone at work. Although Windows is fine, the IIgs desktop is much easier and more enjoyable to work with. My IIgs applications easily hold their own against the IBM applications I use at work. The bottom line, my IIgs continues to fill all my computing needs and is actually fun to use.

I hope you didn't fall asleep while reading all this - actually most would have just skipped this post. Anyway, I'm really looking forward to attending K'Fest, and putting faces to e-mail names!

Dave Grenda
Apple IIgs user since 1987
Sent via Spectrum v2.0 & GEnie CoPilot v2.5.5
• Ken Lucke's Replacement Scripts

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Who will be there?
Who won't?
Post here

Lunatic: Only person who works at Apple Computer who's going to Kfest '95

- Tom Zuchowski
- Eric Shepard
- Dave Miller
- Lunatic

Sun Jul 16, 1995
A2.TOMZ

I will definitely be there! I'd like to be on the list for the Wednesday night run to KC Masterpiece. The Good Lord, willing, I fully intend to make that trip at least twice!

I'll be visiting my mother in St. Joseph the week before Kfest. If anyone really gets stuck for a ride from the airport or needs something that I can help with, gimme a call. I will NOT be online during that period, so you'll have to call. <g>

Tom

Sun Jul 16, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]

We should theoretically be attending the run to KC Master- piece Wednesday night (Sarah and I). Depends on how long the run from Nashville to KC takes us, and what time we head out. :)

Eric Shepherd
[Team PPCPro]

Mon Jul 17, 1995
JOE.KOHN [SSII]

>> The Good Lord, willing, I fully intend to make that trip at least twice!

Amen to that.

>> We should theoretically be attending the run to KC Masterpiece Wednesday night (Sarah and I).

I'm leaving here in plenty of time, I hope, to make it there on Wednesday at 8 PM. But, with 1300 between here and there...

Joe

Sun Jul 23, 1995
A2.LUNATIC [Lunatic]

][AM NOW DEFINITELY GOING TO BE AT KFEST.

][T'S KIND OF FUNNY THAT I'M GOING TO BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO WORKS AT APPLE COMPUTER IN CUPER- TINO WHO'S GOING TO BE AT KFEST, THIS YEAR.

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|OU ALL DON'T REALLY WANT A BIO OF ME....

-= LUNATIC   (:

Sun Jul 23, 1995
C.KNOBLOCK [Carl]

>][t's kind of funny that I'm going to be the only person who works at Apple Computer in Cupertino who's going to be at KFest, this year.

You're the only Apple Rep we need, Luny. :)

Carl Knoblock - Telephone Tech "Goin' to Kansas City, Kansas City, here I come....."
Sun Jul 23, 1995
A2PRO.GELAMP [Tim Buchheim]

Glad to hear it, Luny. (The part about you coming, not the part about other Apple employees not coming)

Sun Jul 23, 1995
A2PRO.HELP [Sloanie]

> You all don't REALLY want a bio of me....

Actually, Luny, I think you're one of the most interesting people here. :) Then again... your bio is liable to be quite graphic. ;)

Mon Jul 24, 1995
VACC.DAVE [Uncle Duck]

>> You all don't REALLY want a bio of me -= Lunatic (:

Thank you for that considera- tion Luny.......

VACC Dave.........

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Tue Jul 18, 1995
A2.CHARLIE [BB Manager]
Ephraim asked me to put the
following information in this
topic for him.

[begin]

I attended in 1994; some will remember me as the oldest person there. (81 in 95).

I WOULD LIKE TO CATCH A RIDE WITH SOMEONE. I WOULD PROVIDE AN ASTROVAN, FULL OF GAS (27 G.) if they would drop by and go with me.

I live at
508 NE 5th
Perkins, OK 74059-2802
Phone 405-547-2735

Perkins is 11 miles south of Stillwater, OK, home of the OK.State Cowboys. (They were in the final 4 at Seattle).

I am a retired college physics/chemistry teacher. I still have an interest in farming, and can be found "out there" when I can do them any good. (My partners a son and grandson). I WOULD LIKE TO SEE --A2 Cat 8 Top 12 Farming/Agriculture become active. We have a dairy, beef, cattle, raise wheat, alfalfa, corn.

Got an Apple II when two sons decided they did not have time for it. (Both now use computers on their jobs).

I Have a GS.3, with 4 mg on the desktop, 120 mg hard drive, GS/OS6.01,10 mht zip. HP 500 printer.

Appleworks 5 is my mainstay. I use it for all of my word processing; do accounting on the spreadsheet/data base.

I keep up with Texas II, Joe Kohn knows me from last year; Doug Pendleton is my foster-father. Brandt gives me a hand once in a while.

I use Genie for Internet E-Mail access-- have children in ST.Louis, MO; Bryan, TX; Akita, Japan; Alexandria, VA, Denton, TX that I keep in contact with.

I have spent little time on A2 RT. Try to keep up with A2 Bulletin Board.

Have played a little with Internet-would like to do more.

I do not program, use Macros only when someone else writes them. Have everything but the brains and time for HyperStudio.

Do considerable traveling-odd places like N.Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Costa Rica, Japan, China, Denmark, Norway, Canada, Alaska, Israel, Great Britain, central Europe, Russia, Alaska, even Texas. Tried this spring to get some internet addresses in Denmark, but failed.

Go to church occasionally (once each week, U.Methodist) Have taught same Sunday School class since 1940.

Read a few things like Nat. Geographic, Smithsonian, Beef Today, Dairy Herd Management, Perkins Journal, Utne Reader.

Known partly because I am never without my camera.

Sat Aug 12, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

KFest 1996 is officially on the calendar at Avila College. Mark your calendars now for July 17-21, 1996 and plan on being there. Now that the dates for next year have been set, I'm going to take a break and get ready for school to start. Remember --- July 17-21, 1996Cindy

Sun Aug 13, 1995
M.KLINE

While things are fresh in your mind, start thinking about the kinds of sessions you'd like to see at KFest '96. Are there some that you'd like to see repeated? Would you like a particular topic expanded upon? Is there something that wasn't covered in the sessions that you'd like to see offered next summer? (Keeping in mind that a session requires someone willing to present - maybe that's you ;) Ideas? Post 'em here! I VI ark I< Kan't wait for KFest '96!!!

Sun Aug 13, 1995
P.CREAGER [Wily]

>start thinking about the kinds of sessions you'd like to see at KFest '96. I'd like some programming tutorials! Learn from the masters. :) I'll soak in anything: assembly, Pascal, using the toolbox, etc. I have the ByteWorks tutorials, but I need a "kick-start". Seeing how things are done would really help me. Wily -----

Mon Aug 14, 1995
A2.TONY [Librarian]

[Tongue-in-cheek mode firmly engaged...]

A programming session would be great, but...

No two programmers tackle a problem in the same way. Ask two programmers to write a program that does nothing but quit back to the calling program and you'll get two different programs. No two programmers use the same language. Regardless of the actual name of the language, the syntax will be different. No two programmers can stand to be in the same room with each other while one of them is giving instructions and the other is forced to listen. Programmers do not talk about (or think about) programming during daylight hours, which is the most likely time for a session. They're much too busy preparing their Nerf weapons. Have you ever seen a programming session run by a programmer? Of course not, they're all run by the compiler/ assembler designers who know nothing about programming. Okay, okay. You can stop throwing fruit now. I'd love to see a programming session or five at KFest '96!

- Tony

Mon Aug 14, 1995
M.ERICSON1

>Did MAGNUS from Europe make it to the "Fest?
Okey,okey I know this is a bit late for me to answer this question but I did make it, and after a lots of reading I`m in this cat now..:)

BTW I want to THANKS everyone who did do something with the fest organized, planned whatever.. And I also want to thanks the Kellers,Nelsons & Nielson Familys for given me a place to stay and made my stay cheaper... I am probably attending next years Kfest too...(but why Kansas ??) :)
/magnus - from the other side of the pool

Mon Aug 14, 1995
M.ERICSON1

Ok, I'm a bit late for the conversation again, but is there really a reason for it to be KansasFest ?

It seems to be almost the expensivest place on earth to fly to after Japan,New Zealand and Australia.. I would like to see for example: Chicago-fest,San Fransisco-fest or New York-fest almost.... I know this is a kind of tradition...but...the price. /magnus - from the other side of the pool

Tue Aug 15, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]

Hey, Ryan, ain't OUR fault your parents flew you first class. Tell 'em to ship you baggage class next time. :) Sheppy [Team PPCPro]

Tue Aug 15, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

Actually, Shep, they just forgot to only pay for a one-way ticket :)
Ryan

Tue Aug 15, 1995
C.STITES [CHunk]

>>> SHEPPY [Sheppy] > ... ship you baggage class next time. :)and the computer goes FIRST CLASS! :)

CHunk

Tue Aug 15, 1995
HAROLD.H [Hdwr Hacker]

Wily said: >> I would like to see for example: Chicago-fest,San Fransisco-fest or New York-fest almost....

Well, if we're tossing in locations, how about Trenton, Tx?

Seriously! I could arrange for a =large= metal building (old business location) for several days, most likely at a very reasonable cost too :) Trenton has a lot going for it too... 1) It's where I live, so all my tools, salvaged parts, etc. would be quickly and readily available for repairs at 'fest 2) It's out in the country (get away from all that air pollution :) 3) East / West wise it's near the middle of the country 4) It's in Texas, need more be said in it's favor? ;-)
-Harold

Wed Aug 16, 1995
D.KERWOOD [Sub Writer]

>Trenton [TX] has a lot going for it too... In Texas? In July? In a metal shed? Flashback city.
David K.

Wed Aug 16, 1995
D.CORKUM

I think we really need is a "HaroldFest" We can all make the trek to the great mecca of hardware heaven. It could be an Apple II version of Woodstock.

Dave C.

Wed Aug 16, 1995
ANIMASIA [Michael]

Maybe I'm missing something here, but didn't Cindy just announce a week ago or so that Avila college was already booked for next year?

I hope Cindy doesn't feel offended that people are ignoring her organizational efforts.

Michael

Wed Aug 16, 1995
FROG.MAN [John V]

> I hope Cindy doesn't feel offended that people are ignoring her organizational efforts.
Personally, I hope she does and then THWAPS all guilty parties soundly. ;-)
:froggie

Wed Aug 16, 1995
B.GILLESPIE3 [Jaunt!]

I know I really enjoyed Kfest... Wandering around the dorm until 4:00 AM the first night, checking out everyone's setup, browsing the Golden Orchard CD, checking out the SS setups (I saw at least 4!) and just enjoying the company of all the participants. They all seemed upbeat, Can-Do kind of people.
I think most surprising the last day was the quiet confidence of seeing one another at Kfest '96!

Oh, and for all that could not attend, just about everyone was the opposite of what I imagined them to be; be it age, skill level, or demeanor. :^)

Brian Gillespie, Jaunt! Software

WHITFIELD CENTRE

Thu Aug 17, 1995
M.ERICSON1

KC is one of the -least- expensive cities >

I'm guessing that Magnus meant the high cost of connecting flights into KC > from Sweden.

Yes, Mark...:) you got it. **It is more expensive for me to Fly to Kansas than it is to for ie Thailand.**

/magnus - from the other side of the pool

Thu Aug 17, 1995
M.ERICSON1

>That's possible, but, again, unlikely. Well, I checked the rates for flying to Kansas & NY before I decided me to go there, the price to NY was 5300 sek, the price to KCI was 8900 sek, The price to Thailand is about 6400 sek. sek= Swedish Crowns (1 usd = 7.50 sek) >Kansas City is an >international airport (international to Canada? ;), and so I'm guessing >they have some sort of direct flight to your major European hubs - London, Of course they have connections with whole the world but how often and to what price ? I did go to NY via London, last time I was in NY I did go via Amsterdam. If I order a "economy" ticket to Kansas (8900) it will be for ie From here to London from London to Chicago or NY and finally to Kansas..

/magnus - from the other side of the pool

> "Besides, if there are a large number of people who really don't like KFest at Avila, now is the time to speak up, rather than next year at about June.:) "

> "Anyone know of a good GIF viewer for the IIgs, so I can look at all those GIFs from KFest? "

Thu Aug 17, 1995
JNSLOAN [Sloanie]

Magnus,I'm really astonished that it's so much more expensive to get into Kansas than Thailand. :)

Thu Aug 17, 1995
J.SCHONBLOM [J.ERIC]

>...getting to Kansas

Just keep saying: "There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place...   Eric (o= =o === =ooo oo oo= ==)

Fri Aug 18, 1995
LUMITECH [Jeff]

> Just keep saying: "There's no place like home. There's no place like home. There's no place..."

Well, for that to work, he'd need to be wearing the Ruby Slippers! :-)

Jeff Carr

Fri Aug 18, 1995
A2.TIM [Joat]

>>> ANIMASIA [Michael] > I hope Cindy doesn't feel offended that people are ignoring her > organizational efforts.

Cindy won't mind. :)
She lives for challenges.
Life must be difficult or it isn't worth living. :)

Besides, if there are a large number of people who really don't like KFest at Avila, now is the time to speak up, rather than next year at about June.:)

-=Joat=-
Sun Aug 20, 1995
RICHARD.B [Richard]

FWIW, from out here (Australia), and I assume the rest of the world as well (yes we do exist! ;), it doesn't really matter what "small town" in theU.S., the cost is mainly getting across an OCEAN, and into the country itself.

I usually get a round the world ticket, which ends up being cheaper than a normal return, PLUS I can spend a couple of days in Europe or wherever I want. The airlines don't care, as long as you're only travelling EAST or WEST, depending on which type of jet jag you wish to contend with. If Kansas City is that much more expensive than say Chicago, Denver or even Los Angeles or New York, then I suggest you shop around a little moreMagnus. Most airlines offer joint discounts on around the world's and other return packages. It's best to start looking around February for deals, if you intend to fly around July (KFest). If you have any queries (I've done KFest 3 times, and do a lot of travelling), then drop me some email, maybe I can help out.

Regards, Richard

Wed Aug 23, 1995
T.SMITH59 [Terrell]

Anyone know of a good GIF viewer for theIIgs, so I can look at all those GIFs from KFest?
   Terrell Smith |

Wed Aug 23, 1995
PATZ.PIX [Pat Kern]

Here's the Lord High GIF file number:
19563 LHG.PROTO.BXY
Desc: LHG (prototype!) by Todd Whitesel
And while you're in the A2 library, check out this file, just released:
25494 KFEST95LOGO.BXY
Desc: Several INIs of the Kfest '95 Logo. Description: Here are several Kfest desktop background files created by Pat Kern to use with Desktop2 #23867 or any program that displays INI files. Now you can change the KansasFest '95 logo each time you boot up, or choose one that you like & use it as your desktop background. Be the first in your User Group to display these designer INIs. Unpack to your /System/System.Setup folder. Uploaded as --->>> Emailware. Just email PATZ.PIX that you use the files.

Wed Aug 23, 1995
T.SMITH59 [Terrell]

Well, LordHighGiffer does work for viewing the KFest GIFs on the IIgs.B&W mode is a bit better than color. The GIFs really look nice on the Mac,though.

Terrell Smith |

Thu Aug 24, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

To Diz --- Any idea when the video might be ready?

Cindy

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Sun Jul 30, 1995
R.WILSON97 [Cap'n Ron]

After the long and exhausting drive home, and a good night's sleep, **I've opened this topic to discuss the happenings at KFest 95. This was one of the best experiences of my life!** My first impression, the one thing that stays in my mind is this..Here were people who still love the Apple II, and all that it can do. I felt so at home at KFest. It was nice to be able to sit down with other folks who believe in the same thing you do, namely the Apple II.

There was so much going on at KFest that it is hard to describe it all.

There was session after session about things to do with the Apple, it was a shame that I couldn't attend them all. I did attend Joe Kohn's sessions.

Joe gave a talk about his experiences with the Apple, how he got involved with it. Joe is a very dynamic speaker, not to mention a most personable guy. There was Roger Wagner, running around like a maniac all over the place. Roger is the kind of person that when you look at him, you can't help but start grinning.

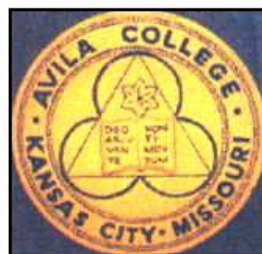There are really two impressions of KFest that will stay with me for a long time.

'Bite The Bag'. You have to see this to believe it. Nothing I can say would be adequate to describe this. I did not participate, simply because my ..er.. center of gravity would be a hindrance, I think. :)

Second Impression? Well, mainly, it's this. **I don't believe that I will ever look at a can of RAID in quite the same manner again.** For sure.

I'd really like to thank everyone who had a hand in producing KFest 95. Cindy Adams is a wonder. Thanks for all your efforts Cindy. (Including not 'thwaping' me too much.) Thanks to Paul Parkhurst, for handling all the details, that made the fest so seamless. Thanks to all the folks who helped in some way, you made a first timer's experience a memorable one.

There are so many things to talk about...Lets' hear about your experiences!

Cap'n Ron
'Catchin up on sleep'

Oct 06, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

Ack!! I forgot to ask people something! **My KansasFest review was just published in the HMAUS Signal; my publishers asked me if I had any pictures, so of course, I gave them the ones from the QuickCam** :) However, I neglected to ask people for permission!!!

The following people are pictured in the Signal coverage of KansasFest '95:
* Joe Wankerl
* Sarah Phillips
* Tim Kellers (yes, you, Kellers)
* Steve Gozdzi. . . Gozdze. . . Godzilla :) and
* Pat Kern.

If you want to kill me in RTC or email, go right ahead (sheepish expression). If you'd like, I'll send you folks a copy--let me know here or in email.

Ryan

- Ron Wilson
- Russ Nielson
- Tony Ward
- Cindy Adams

Sun Jul 30, 1995
R.NIELSON1 [Russell]

I finally made it home to Jersey! The drive back was a really hard one.

22 hours straight seemed like an eternity, especially when you have to fight off sleep the whole ride. (It's my fault, I didn't sleep much while at KFest!) Who has time to sleep when there's so much to do and so little time to do it in? :)

My Apple //gs is back at home and it seems happy -- Nothing broken, nothing lost, so I am in good shape.

This was my first KFest and all I can say is "Incredible!" I had a wonderful time meeting everyone and finally putting faces to all the names.

Wow! The best part about KFest is that everyone is there for the same reason... the Apple II. Hanging out with a group of Apple orientated people for three days straight is a treat. :) **Oh, I also came home with the "King of Bite the Bag" crown...** something I never dreamed possible, but it wasn't easy. :P

I am seeing double... laters!

- Russell

Sun Jul 30, 1995
A2.TONY [Librarian]

I would love to write a synopsis of the great time I had at KFest but it will have to wait until my brain wakes up. I think it shut down sometime Saturday afternoon due to information overload and **"more than 4"** the night before (ask Cindy about that...<g,d,r>)

- Tony Ward

Mon Jul 31, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

KFest '95 was fantastic!!

I just want to thank everyone that attended because YOU are what KFest is all about. I also need to thank everyone that helped to make it such a successful event.

I'll be ordering the extra T-shirts within the next couple of days. (After I get my house back in shape after 5 days of mom being gone.) This is the LAST chance T-shirts can be ordered, so let me know by Tuesday, August 1 at midnight EDT if you want one. Two people gave me money on Saturday at lunch when I didn't have my list, so you need to email me your size and address. That date and time should read 11:00 PM, August 1.

Probably the worst part of my entire trip was sitting in the airplane for 6 1/2 hours. A dust storm blew through Phoenix at the same time we were trying to land. We circled for 30 minutes, made an attempted landing down to about 200 ft, then flew to Tucson and waited while 10 planes got their fuel first. Whatever, I finally made it home after a 3 hour delay.

Once again ---- thanks to everyone that was at KFest!!!

Cindy

Below: Uncle DOS

Mon Jul 31, 1995
A2.TOMZ

Some observations from Kfest:

1) **Apple II people are the finest people on Earth.** I'm proud to know them.
People like Tom Weishaar, Joe Kohn, and Roger Wagner (among others) are the kind of people that you will remember all your life.

2) **Apple II people that you meet at Kfest are invariably much nicer than they even seem online.** It's always a pleasant surprise to meet somebody in person that I know as a nice person from GEnie and find that they are VERY nice people.

3) **You mean my GS can do THAT? Wow!**

Best moments that I participated in:

1) Tony Diaz popping the case on one of those 1.5" Focus hard drives he sells and passing it around. I don't need one, but I WANT one, just because it is SO cool!

2) Dan Cross & buddy stumbling across Tom Weishaar in the hall and crying out, **"We're not worthy! We're not worthy!"**

3) The look on Ann Pendleton's face when **Lunatic sat down next to her at lunch.** (She hadn't yet learned what a swell guy Luny is, in spite of his extreme appearance. <G>)

4) Meeting in person several people that I have known from correspondence for years and years. (See Item #2 above -- it applies to correspondence as well.)

I'm darned glad I went!

TomZ

- Gina Saikin
- Ryan Suenaga
- Charlie Hartley
- Richard Bennett

Mon Jul 31, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

Wow, I guess (for some unknown reason :) I'm about last to get back home.

Of course, the airlines lost my baggage too :(It may even surprise people that I'm back online, seeing as I lent my modem out to a developer to help debug a product, but a friend here has been so kind as to loan me his modem. Of course, I was forced on Saturday night to order a new 28.8 modem since mine won't be back for awhile :D

This was my first KFest, and I must say: KansasFest is _every bit_ what it's cracked up to be. It was _fully_ worth the expense and I'm already working on finding a way to go back next year.
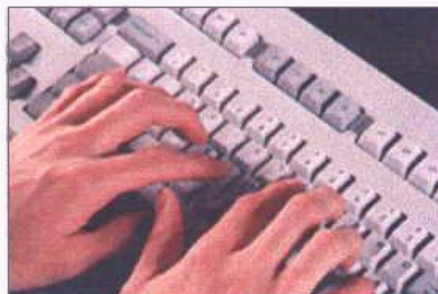
Thanks to Cindy, Paul, Mark, and Tim (who unfortunately couldn't be there): as well as everyone else who helped put KFest together!

Tony: I'm working on my UG column as we type this, and I'll try and either post or upload it too.

Ryan

::sigh::
Did we have enough fun at KFest '95 or what?

Mon Jul 31, 1995
A2.CHARLIE [BB Manager]
KansasFest '95 was fantastic!

Even though we had to leave early, we enjoyed ourselves tremendously.

It was great meeting folks that I've talked with here on GEnie. My wife, Betty, was amazed at how friendly everyone was. I might even get her to come on line here now. ;)

I know I'm going to leave someone out, but I want to especially thank Cindy, Paul, and Mark for the tremendous efforts they put in to make this great time happen. And, for all the other folks who worked to make this happen, THANK YOU!

Charlie Hartley

Mon Jul 31, 1995
RICHARD.B [Richard]

> Wow, I guess (for some unknown reason :) I'm about last to get back home.

Nope. :-)

I just got home 30 minutes ago.

After flying all the way around the world for KFest, I can say as always, it was worth it!

Special thanks to the committee for organizing it this year. See you next year,

Regards,
Richard

Mon Jul 31, 1995
A2.GENA

Definitely, a good time was had by all.

What are my impressions of Kfest? Well...lots of fun, wonderful speakers and a group of A2 people that can't be equaled.

Although Kfest planning got off to a somewhat rocky start, it became a success...this was hinted at when more people than we imagined signed up and confirmed when we all got to KC, and found Avila, in spite of all the torn up roads in the area (did the MO Highway Department really mean it when they said the left lane ended and the right lane MUST merge left???) <g>

This year we saw LOTS of new faces, met many new friends and greeted old ones. It was truly like "old home week" the first day!

Seminars, as usual, were informative and interesting. Roger Wagner, with less than 24 hours notice, gave a well-planned dynamic keynote address.

What can I say about the roast? Between Joe, Tom W, Roger and Bill Moore, the roast was a hit! You know, I read a bunch of GS+ mags on the way home (no, not while driving, Russ) and I didn't see all that "smut" that Dole and company alleged that was there. ::sigh:: It's amazing what politicians consider smut these days! <g>

The only hitch with Kfest...is that it was way too short. But, even with a couple extra days thrown in, that seems to be our lament. I think we ould have it for an entire week, and still bemoan that it is too short!

All in all, as I said above, a good time was had by all. As a member of the committee, I'd like to say a BIG thanks to everyone, and I mean everyone who made this a success! This doesn't just include the committee members, but ALL A2 folks! Without our 'guests' there wouldn't have been a Kfest!

Ryan Suenaga's Top Ten List of Things to Do at Kfest '95

- Dave Johnson
- Tim Buchheim
- Cindy Adams
- Russ Nielson

Keep looking to '96, for we ARE going to have another Kfest! Dates are already being pencilled in by Avila personnel as I type.

GEna

Tue Aug 01, 1995
VACC.DAVE [Uncle Duck]

Just a note to say that I arrived home safely last night around 10:pm.

Getting home was an adventure. I'll write II drive next time, thank you.

Dave . . . . . .

BTW I learned a valuable lesson. **An adventure is the nightmare you survive.**

Tue Aug 01, 1995
D.MATTIS [MattMan :)

Did MAGNUS from Europe make it to the "Fest?

Dave M (D.MATTIS@GENIE.COM)

Tue Aug 01, 1995
A2.GENA

Magnus did indeed make it, Matt, and he's probably in Nebraska now. (he was going to do some more traveling in the US before he headed home).

GEna

Tue Aug 01, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

> Did MAGNUS from Europe make it to the "Fest?

Yes! And so did Richard and Andrew from Australia, and Ryan from Hawaii (I know it's not a foreign country), and several from New Jersey which almost is a foreign place.
Cindy
(KFest 1996 is on its way!!)

Tue Aug 01, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

If you ask me, Cindy, New Jersey's more foreign than Australia :)
I'm about finished with my KFest article for my UG newsletter.

Here's my top ten list of things to do at KFest '95:

- 10. Play Bite the Bag
- 9. Get ambushed by a Nerf gun
- 8. Talk online with the guy downstairs instead of face to face.
- 7. Only imagine what it's like to sleep.
- 6. Make an rsound, Quick Time movie, or PICT of yourself.
- 5. Watch Joe Wankerl get his hair braided.
- 4. See Roger Wagner (gasp!) without a tie.
- 3. Count how many people don't have Powerbooks.
- 2. Check out all the stuff you had only heard rumors about.

and the number one thing to do at KFest '95:

- 1. Ponder whether you really want to sign Apple's non-disclosure agreement.

More on the way soon! Hopefully I can upload that article today.

Ryan
And just where is my luggage?

Tue Aug 01, 1995
A2PRO.GELAMP [Tim Buchheim]

LOL.. **that Apple non-disclosure agreement was silly..** anyone who wasn't at KansasFest and wants to know what we learned (obviously we can't tell you; we signed NDAs!:) should go read back issues of MacWeek magazine.. just find all the articles on the new macs that are coming out, and that's what the Apple rep told us about :)

btw, **I think this was the Year of the Newton at Kfest..** seemed like everyone had one this year.. there are still a lot of Power-Books (seems like a lot of people had the Duo 210) but fewer I think than last year..

This year's Kfest was, well, different from last year's (the only other one I've attended) .. but it was still Kfest :)

Tue Aug 01, 1995
R.NIELSON1 [Russell]

> You know, I read a bunch of GS+ mags on the way home (no, not while > driving, Russ)

GEna, what fun is that? :-)

Tue Aug 01, 1995
R.NIELSON1 [Russell]

> Did MAGNUS from Europe make it to the "Fest?

Magnus sure did make it. He flew from Sweden to London and then from London to New Jersey and stayed with Tim Kellers for a few days. **Magnus and I drove out to KFest together from New Jersey. We had a great time!**

He decided to stay, rent a car, and travel to Nebraska. There was supposed to be some elaborate fly fishing shop there that he was dying to go to and spend all of his money. After that he had plans to drive back to New York and take a plane trip home.

"That Apple non-disclosure agreement was silly...
(obviously we can't tell you;
we signed NDAs!:) "

Tue Aug 01, 1995
RICHARD.B [Richard]   at 20:10 EDT

Hey, I didn't sign his NDA. He told us to stop writing, so I did!

Regards,
Richard

Tue Aug 01, 1995
C.KNOBLOCK [Carl]

I got to talk more than once with Joe Kohn, Met the Wizz, JBWilson and Sloanie at the airport, roomed with Cap'n Ron, Shared a table with more people than I can remember names, including sitting across from Lunatic. My wife can grow long nails like that, but I can't. I have to keep them short to keep them from breaking. I liked his Newton. The women had fun with Joe Wankerl's hair. ;)

There were cameras everywhere. Diz and Nory had video cameras capturing everything, Roger had his QuickTake camera going everywhere, and his Powerbook handy to download it to. Paul Parkhurst had a disposable Kodak, to anchor the other end of the camera spectrum.

There were sessions I couldn't attend, because I had to make choices that were hard, but only one time slot that I sat out for lack of interest. The tables at the vendor fair were a little crowded, I'd like to see them in a bigger space next year.

Roger Wagner is a great speaker, even on short notice, but his equipment breakdowns are almost as entertaining, and I haven't seen a talk from him yet where something didn't go wrong. ;)

Tony Diaz showed us the inside of his portable GS and a tower case, and had that real snazzy car. Doug P. and Dave Ciotti (Binary Bear) showed us how to solder and repair, though I reluctantly passed over their soldering sessions due to conflicts in the schedule.

There were several names I know were there that I never did put faces with, so I'll have to try better next year.

Carl Knoblock - Telephone Tech
Recovering from KansasFest '95

Wed Aug 02, 1995
DOUG.P [A2.PR]

Well, we (Ann and I) have made it home too :) We had to stop in Las Vegas for a bit to recover.

Ryan and Dave, I see you're already starting to plan the drive to KC next year... Ann and I have been busy making plans to do that too, and if Tony is driving from San Diego again .. maybe we will be able to end up with a convoy :)

We had a great time at FEST, and I want to thank the active committee members for their great work!!

One suggestion for next year is to try to make about 4 or 5 times as much space available for the hardware sessions :) With the limited space available it was functionally impossible for us to actively demonstrate more than one topic at a time without mutual interference. Dave Ciotti and I were both _pleased_ and surprised at the level of interest in the repair sessions.. (having 8 people show up for Dave's soldering session at Fest 94 had us expecting relatively low levels of participation). I think we'll be even more prepared next year !

Doug Pendleton

Wed Aug 02, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

Just as a side note about the facilities this year -- we were somewhat limited in what was available and for how long. Things like the dorm rooms, tables for the vendor fair, telecomm room location, etc. were controlled by Avila and we tried our best to work with them to meet everyone's needs.

Maybe with a year to plan, instead of 2 months, we can make it better in 1996.

Cindy

Wed Aug 02, 1995
SARAH.P [PPCPro Promo]

"The Keyboard" has arrived back home in Tennessee. <grin>

Thu Aug 03, 1995
KELLERS [Tim]

>Thnkee kindly - I guess he might win the prize for taking the longest time to get back home..?

Magnus is due to fly home August 7. Of course, if my kids find out they just might kidnap him :)

Tim K

"Adventures are the nightmares that we survive"
"The Keyboard has arrived back home
in Tennessee. <grin> "

- Doug Pendleton
- Sarah Philips
- Tim Kellers
- Dave Johnson

Fri Aug 04, 1995
VACC.DAVE [Uncle Duck]

Adventures are the nightmares that we survive.

Well, like everyone else I had a great time at the fest. But the real adventure was in getting there and especially getting back home. If you have been watching the news, the fact that I was flying Mark Air should give you some idea where this is going.

When I left home on Wednesday I gave myself plenty of time and arrived at LA airport 2 1/2 hours ahead of my departure time. I got checked in and went upstairs to the gate to wait. After about an hour we got boarding passes and sat down to wait for 12:45. An hour later we were told that the flight was cancelled and we should return to the ticket counter. Now the perspiration started. We had to wait in a long line, not knowing what was going to happen. When it was my turn, I found that I was being switched from my 'no frills' Mark Air flight to a 'fully frilled' TWA flight which was leaving 2 1/2 hours later and was changing planes in St Louis. This was not _too_ bad as I was now going to get food on the plane which tends to break up the boredom. But it did mean that there was going to be no chance to make it to the dinner at KC Masterpiece. I arrived in Overland park at 11:30 pm.

So much for the flight to KC. I'll tell the story of abandonment in a strange, jumbo airport in a later post. It's bedtime now and I need my beauty sleep.

    VACC Dave.........

Fri Aug 04, 1995
KELLERS [Tim]

Magnus stopped by my auto shop today on his way in from Nebraska. He's heading back to Sweden on Sunday and he wanted to make sure I said 'hi' to everyone -- Hometeam and KFesters alike.

I'd just like to say how great it was to have an A2er (European A2er, no less!) stay at my home for a few days. My youngest son still wants Magnus' Powerbook, though :)

Fri Aug 04, 1995
KELLERS [Tim]

When I first **met the Princess at KFest** (Sarah Phillips for those of you who have been comatose:), she said, "Kellers! I have a present for you!"

Uh-oh, methought: "Does it tick?"

"This is for you, 'cause your are such a weenie," she said as she handed me a bottle of French's yellow mustard.

I was so zombified when arriving for my 7:30 (AM!) flight out on Sunday -- I arrived at the gate at 7:24-- that I braincramped and left my mustard in my rental car. I'm bummed.

Of course, had I actually taken it with me, I'd certainly have painted the rather pleasant woman on the plane seated beside me. She saw my //c travel case and talked about the InterNet for 1100 miles non-stop.

Man, where is Joe Kohn when you need him :) Tim K

Sat Aug 05, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]

Kellers, you weenie. :)

Sheppy
[Team PPCPro]

Sat Aug 05, 1995
T.GJENVICK [Tim]
Sarah,

> "The Keyboard" has arrived back home in Tennessee.

Still clean enough to eat off? :)

- Tim

Sun Aug 06, 1995
BINARY.BEAR

I too had a great time at the fest but not as much as in years past. It seemed to me that the Avila staff genuinely did not want us on THEIR campus.

I think the planning committee should seriously look into a different place for the fest next year. Kansas is fine but Avila is no jewel. Paying for armed guards certainly adds unnecessarily to the cost of such an event. Our behavior over the last 5 or 6 years has been exemplary.

Yea to the Fest, nay to Avila.

Binary Bear

06, 1995
JOE.KOHN [SSII]

I just arrived back home, and want to say that I had a wonderful time at Kfest '95. It was fabulous to meet so many fellow Apple II fanatics, and get to stay up until 3AM talking about the Apple II.

The committee that organized Kfest 95 truly deserves a rousing cheer for pulling it off. Thanks Cindy and Paul, GEna and Mark.

When I arrived home, I found the latest issue of II Alive, and had to really laugh about Doug Cuff's comments about my "clairvoyant" abilities. I proved it once again, Doug.

After Kfest, I went to Moab, Utah with great plans to spend time hiking the red rock wonderland of Southern Utah. A friend had warned me of the dangers of hiking in 95 degree weather, but as it turned out, it was 108 degrees there, and my plans got slightly side-tracked.

Kfest really was wonderful, and as I left, I had no doubts whatsoever that there would be a Kfest '96.

Joe Kohn

Category 44, Topic 7
Message 35   Sun Aug 06, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]   at 15:47 EDT

We weren't so good last year, at least not until an unnamed someone quit detonating dry ice explosives. :)

But, yeah, having Rentacop following us around was a downer. If they're gonna do that next year, we should go somewhere else.

Sheppy
[Team PPCPro]

Sun Aug 06, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

As Sheppy said, there were some SERIOUS problems in 1994. :(

The "rent a cops" are the standard security guards at Avila. They are there for the entire year, not just for us. Actually, it was nice to know they were there considering the amount of equipment that was in that dorm.

If someone has any good ideas about locations, let me know SOON.

Cindy (KFest 1996 is on its way)

Sun Aug 06, 1995
A2.CHARLIE [BB Manager]

This was my first K'fest, and I didn't get to stay for the whole thing, but

I found Avila to be a pleasant site.

Points in its favor...

1. KansasFest wouldn't be KansasFest if it wasn't in a place with Kansas in its name.

2. An event like this requires that the sleeping facilities and the meeting facilities be within walking distance. That kinda restricts it to college campuses and large hotels with meeting rooms. I don't think we can afford the hotels.

3. Avila is familiar with us, and I think that they will be able to provide additional meetings space with longer notice.

4. Contrary to what some might say, the food was pretty good. Of course, this comes from a fellow who has eaten school lunches for most of his life.

One man's opinion.

Charlie

Sun Aug 06, 1995
SARAH.P [PPCPro Promo]

::sniff:: ::sniff::

Kellers???? You LOST my mustard????
::major pout::

Princess Sarah

Sun Aug 06, 1995
J.STANKOWSKI [John]

FWIW, I agree with Charlie.
>> I found Avila to be a pleasant site.

I didn't have a problem with the security folks...maybe cause I'm in the military and am and have been around them all the time. I still do check myself out whenever a police car drives by me when I'm on the road, though...but I digress. Where ever is fine, but I think we should keep it simple.

"KFest was great but it would have been great in the Okefenokie Swamp because of the PEOPLE who came."

"This is the first year that ..."

Sun Aug 06, 1995
BINARY.BEAR

This is the first year that guards have been present on the Avila campus.

This is the first year we were not able to stay in the dorms on Wednesday night and Saturday night.

This is the first year that Avila became a dry campus.

This is the first year that smoking was not allowed in the dorms.

This is the first year 90% of the rules that were in effect existed.

This is the first year we were not in classrooms.

This is the first year we had to meet in the lobby of the theater.

This is only a partial list, there are other firsts!

Lets face it folks - Avila sucked this year!

Don't get me wrong. KFest was great but it would have been great in the Okefenokie Swamp because of the PEOPLE who came.

Binary Bear

Sun Aug 06, 1995
D.GRENDA [Dave G.]

> The "rent a cops" are the standard security guards at Avila.
> Actually, it was nice to know they were there considering the amount of equipment that was in that dorm.

I think having them there was OK.

> If someone has any good ideas about locations, let me know SOON.

A new location must be "better" and NOT more expensive. Otherwise, we might as well keep it where it's been.

Dave Grenda

Sun Aug 06, 1995
A2PRO.GELAMP [Tim Buchheim]

This was also the first year they got mad at us for using the tunnels.

(and it was rather warm outside. the air-conditioned tunnels are quite nice..:)

(btw, I don't know if it happened to anyone else. But Sloanie, Richard (I think he was with us), and I were stopped by an Avila staff member and asked not to use the tunnels. That was annoying.)

Sun Aug 06, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]
I never saw Rentacop last year.

Sheppy
[Team PPCPro]

Mon Aug 07, 1995
J.STANKOWSKI [John]

>>> Don't get me wrong. KFest was great but it would have been great in the Okefenokie Swamp because of the PEOPLE who came.

Very true, from one I learned a lot from.

About all those firsts, this was my first KFest sleep over so "I did not know that." I guess it could have been better...maybe a local contact could help?

Mon Aug 07, 1995
A2.TIM [Joat]

As for the lack of additional meeting space, or inability to have the Dorms for as long as desired, that can be directly attributed to the lateness of getting the planning on KFest started. If the reservations are made well in advance, those kinds of problems will not be experienced. As for the lack of smoking and other related issues, those are problems that are not unique to Avila. Most places even outside of California now restrict smoking. As for being a dry campus, I can't speak to that. If it was anything like the schools I have been to, it was likely always a dry campus but it was never enforced, but I will admit this is only a guess. As for security guards, I would just shrug and make mumbled comments about it being a sign of the times.

In other words, moving to another site may not improve things, and may make them worse, though I would suggest it would be worth at least looking into. Many people will likely not attend if the site was changed, though. This would have to be weighed.

Personally, I would prefer it to be held within 50 miles of where I live, myself. :)

Joat

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Mon Aug 07, 1995
A2.GENA

>This is the first year that guards have been present on the Avila campus.

I can only say that this can be due to the "signs of the times". I doubt that Kfest was singled out for this 'honor'. As Cindy said, considering the thousands of dollars of equipment owned by the 'festers, it was NOT a bad idea.

>This is the first year we were not able to stay in the dorms on Wednesday night and Saturday night.

This was attributable directly to the late start we got in planning Kfest due to problems at the very beginning. We are making SURE that we have the time next year we've had in the past...that is, Wed through Sunday. Also, there was a MAJOR sports event at Avila that was held in Switzerland last year...

>This is the first year that Avila became a dry campus.

Huh? I thought beer was served/drunk? Since I'm not a beer drinker, I didn't pay much attention, but I could swear I saw several people with beers in hand walking around???

> This is the first year that smoking was not allowed in the dorms.

Be glad it was allowed in the dorm ROOMS! Again, this is yet another sign of the times...many, many places are banning smoking - many fast-food places are doing this. How many of us work where we can smoke now? Almost any where we have it we'll run into smoking rules and regs.

> This is the first year 90% of the rules that were in effect existed.

Well, we had little to no complaints about us from the Avila staff...that should say something! Also, we did NOT play cop and come down hard on you guys! The rules were there and written out...remember, this was our first attempt at getting something like this together...and it was all done online or by phone. We didn't have Tom's benefit of living on top of the college practically! We were concerned about liability and so on.
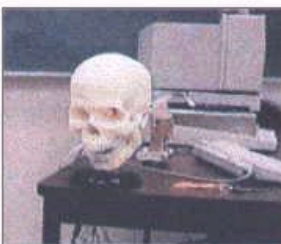
> This is the first year we were not in classrooms.

Again, part of this was due to the scheduling and the late start. Part was due to last-minute changes when Cindy and Paul got there. For instance, we WERE assigned 2 classrooms (2?) but we chose to use only one, so that we could have the debug room and the telecom room in an area where we had at least a shot at hooking up a phone line!

> This is the first year we had to meet in the lobby of the theater.

Again, space constraints, late start, etc forced us into this situation.

Also, people have remarked about not using the tunnels. Though I'm not certain of the rationale, I would highly suspect security again. Remember, more and more places are leaning more and more heavily toward security measures...what with all the terrorism, violence and so on (just look at OK City). I would suspect the Avila staff preferred we stayed out of the tunnels so we couldn't end up somewhere they didn't want us to be.Again...security was more than likely the reason.

John Skulley at Kfest '95

And now to some more firsts.

This was the first year it was run by a committee of folks who had never really set such a monstrosity up, rather than a company who had set it up for years!

This was the first year that planning was literally begun four months before the event, and inspire of this, **we not only filled the Avila dorm rooms, but had people staying in hotels/motels outside!**

This is the first year that we've had so many NEW faces!

All in all, I think the committee did one heck of a job with what they had to work with...with the short time constraints, the initial glitches in getting started and so on. We are already planning NOW for next year, which means we should get the best of what we want...and more time...Wed through Sunday, for example.

Tue Aug 08, 1995
A2.TONY [Librarian]

> Huh? I thought beer was served/drunk?

It wasn't served, but some was brought in. This was definitely a new policy since I remember beer being served at the roast last year in the cafeteria and I'm pretty sure we had it at Roger's "pizza night" too.

Twice this year when I was walking down the dorm hall, the guard looked at my can of Dr. Pepper as if I had one of those "beer wrappers" around it. Too bad he wasn't around later when I actually did have a beer. :)

> This is the first year that smoking was not allowed in the dorms.

Smoking was permitted in dorm rooms only, not in public areas. This is quickly becoming the P.C. thing to do.

- Tony

Tue Aug 08, 1995
JOE.KOHN [SSII]

>> I think the committee did one heck of a job with what they had to work with...with the short time constraints, the initial glitches in getting started and so on.

So do I.

I'm sure that with much more time to plan for Kfest '96, many of the hitches will be worked out.

I'd like to make a suggestion for next year...

With 3 sessions held at the same time, and with me leading 2 sessions, I had to miss several sessions that I really wanted to attend. Perhaps, if we went back to holding 2 sessions at the same time, it wouldn't be such a hardship on the speakers.

For the past 2 years, I've been wanting to attend the beginner's class on soldering, and haven't been able to due to scheduling conflicts.

I fully understand the time/scheduling constraints the committee faced, and the above is not meant to be a criticism. Heck, I'm just thankful that I got to go to Kfest once again. Thanks Cindy, Gina, Paul and Mark for making it all possible.

It really was fun, wasn't it?

Joe

Tue Aug 08, 1995
SHEPPY [Sheppy]

I agree with Joe -- three sessions at once is too much; I missed several I wanted to attend because of it.

Sheppy
[Team PPCPro]

Tue Aug 08, 1995
A2.GENA

With more time to plan and a longer lead time with Avila, I see no reason that we should NOT have at least three FULL days of conference next year and have Wed and Sun for checkout.

Thanks for your kudos, folks! I want to thank the A2 community as well, for without you all, there WOULD have not been a conference! You all pitched in, rolled with the punches and were a fantastic group!

GEna

Tue Aug 08, 1995
R.WILSON97 [Cap'n Ron]

Well, there I was, at K C Masterpiece on Wednesday evening, not knowing anyone at all, but I walked in bravely, anyway.
Before you know it, I find myself sitting in a booth with Charlie and Betty Hartley and Ray Merlin sitting across from me, and Joe Kohn on my left and Cindy Adams on my right. Now I ask ya, is that cool, or what?

That's what Kfest is like. You just don't know who you are going to be talking to, and laughing with, and just generally talking and grinning and laughing yourself silly. As it was my first trip to kFEST, I don't really have any complaints about anything at all. The folks who put it together did a fabulous job considering the time constraints they were under.

I know this much...I will be back next year. I might even try 'bite the bag'. Or maybe not. By the way, I would like to make it clear that in the Gif's that Cindy has uploaded, I am _not_ taking notes for the contest! I am _carefully_ holding a very hot piece of pizza, courtesy of Roger Wagner.

All in all, a very good time!

Capon Ron

Wed Aug 09, 1995
J.DWYER [Jim]

// Personally, I would prefer it to be held within 50 miles of where I
// live, myslef. :)

Me, too!

Jim, in Munich

(But then, I'll be in the vicinity of Angola, Indiana, USA, next summer.)

Wed Aug 09, 1995
D.GRENDA [Dave G.]

I vote for two sessions at the same time (Apple II opposite MAC).

Dave Grenda
Apple IIgs user since 1987

Wed Aug 09, 1995
C.KNOBLOCK [Carl]

Joe,

> Then again, I don't really know that I'll be driving to Kfest again. 4,250 miles in 90 to 115 degree heat; maybe once was enough?

This was an unusually hot year. Then again, it was just as hot three years ago when I went down for Saturday.

Carl Knoblock - Telephone Tech

Wed Aug 09, 1995
E.WAGNER10 [Erick]

Russell

> I will also be bungy jumping from one of the local towers
> again. :)

So that's your secret! I guess it paid off in this year's Bite the Bag contest.

Mike Westerfield are you paying attention? :-)
I thought Mike was going to require a stretcher after a couple of his headfirst diving attempts.

Thu Aug 10, 1995
R.SUENAGA1 [Ryan]

Dave,

> I vote for two sessions at the same time (Apple II opposite MAC).

The bummer thing is I'm pretty sure I'll do an Apple II instead of Mac session next year (If I do one at all :) I'm not sure how many other Mac sessions there were this past year. . . does someone have a count?

Ryan

Thu Aug 10, 1995
HAROLD.H [Hdwr Hacker]

At the risk of being branded a traitor....

>> I vote for two sessions at the same time (Apple II opposite MAC).

I however vote against the above.... because I use, and hack upon, both Apple II and Mac hardware.

Macs make =GREAT= IIgs peripherals :)
Seriously! An older Mac (such as a Plus or SE) set up with a reasonable sized hard drive, ProTerm Mac, a modem, and 4Mb of memory makes a fantastic, and very

inexpensive dedicated terminal. Absolutely the Cats Meow for mass file transfers, especially when AppleTalk'd to a IIgs. (ATalk the files to upload to the Mac's HD, ATalk the downloaded ones back to the GS) This frees up ones IIgs for =real= use instead of being stuck with "terminal duties" :)

And if you have an AppleTalk compatable printer, heck, toss it on the network too... use the Mac ad as a glorified print spooler :)

-Harold
Resident Solder Slinger

Thu Aug 10, 1995
A2.TOMZ

>>>HAROLD.H [Hdwr Hacker]

>I however vote against the above.... because I use, and hack upon both Apple II and Mac hardware.

You aren't clear here, Harold. Would you rather miss most of the Mac sessions, or half of the Apple II sessions =and= half of the Mac sessions?
<g>

I =think= we had three Mac sessions this year. This is IMHO about four too many, though it's certainly true that many GS people also use Macs these days. Just the same, I do hate to see the Apple II orientation diluted by another platform. Macs were originally brought on board when Kfest was still commercial operation as a means to help keep it afloat. We don't need that any more.

TomZ

Thu Aug 10, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

> a commercial operation as a means to help keep it afloat. We don't need that any more.
> TomZ

Does this mean that you are volunteering to help next year? :)

Cindy
(KFest 1996 is on its way!!)

Thu Aug 10, 1995
R.NIELSON1 [Russell]

Erick,
> So that's your secret! I guess it paid off in this year's Bite the Bag contest.

I guess that is the secret.. hmm.. must be.. yeah, that's my secret! :)

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Thu Aug 10, 1995
M.KLINE

> I'm not sure how many other Mac
sessions there were this past year...
> does someone have a count?

Here's the scoop:

Apple II:
• A Fireside Chat with Joe Kohn
• Quick Click Morph & Other New Stuff
  Your GS Can't be Without
• ShiftyList & StationKeeper
• How to Use All the Multimedia
  Capabilities of the IIGS
• The GS Front End for GEnie
• Inside Morphing
• Building a Case for the GS
• Powerguide GEnie Navigator
• GS Lib Programming Library
• Demo of New Features in the Graphic
  Writer III upgrade
• Demo of PMP Fax

Mac/Newton:
• Apple's New Stuff (General
  session)
• Apple's New Stuff (Q&A)
• PDA's & Powerbooks: Portability for
  the Student & Professional
• What's New at Roger Wagner
  Publishing?
• ProTERM Mac

Both (?):
• Soldering (I)
• Soldering (II)
• InterNet: The Good, the Bad, and the
  Ugly
• Controlling Real World Devices (I)
• Controlling Real World Device (II)
• AppleShare Networking for New
  Options
• Things You Could Do for Your
  Computer If You Could Just See
  Someone Do Them Once

You may quibble with the placement of a
couple of the items, but this should give an
idea.

BTW, for those who are asking for 2
sessions at a time instead of 3 (which I
actually prefer), be sure to note how many
time slots that requires...

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Kan't wait for KFest '96!!!
Wow! We really had a great KFest, didn't we
:)

Fri Aug 11, 1995
D.GRENDA [Dave G.]

> I however vote against the above....
because I use, and hack upon, both Apple II
and Mac hardware.

Then you would rather have two Apple II or
two Mac sessions at the same time? How
could that be better? If you use both ma-
chines, then it shouldn't matter which ses-
sions are on at the same time (as far as plat-
forms are concerned). If you have only one
platform, which I think is true for the majority
of people (although definitely not everyone!),
then having an Apple versus a Mac session
makes selecting a session VERY easy.

You might schedule programmer stuff
opposite complete new user stuff, but you
can get into gray areas pretty quickly.

I agree that two sessions per period takes
more slots than three sessions per period.
But I think it's best if you stick to two for as
much of the day as you can. I missed all the
Mac stuff except for Apple's presentation, I
didn't have another session to go to.:(

After saying all the above, I think the
schedule at K'fest this year was VERY,
VERY good. I missed only about three ses-
sions I really wanted to attend. I think that
says a lot for the effort that was put into the
planning of the schedule.

Dave Grenda

Fri Aug 11, 1995
HAROLD.H [Hdwr Hacker]

Tom,

>> You aren't clear here, Harold. Would
you rather miss most of the Mac sessions,
or half of the Apple II sessions =and= half of
the Mac sessions? <g>

**I'd rather double the number of days and
not miss anything, Apple II or Mac :)**

uhm... let me guess... that's not one of the
options... :\

-Harold

Fri Aug 11, 1995
C.ADAMS11 [Cindy]

> I think that says a lot for the effort that
was put into the planning of
> the schedule.

I agree! And Mark Kline gets the credit for
such a fantastic job. He came up with a
very workable schedule under "less than
ideal" circumstances. (Like presenters
wanting their session to be changed at the
last minute, and Avila changing the lunch
hour AFTER we arrived, and the classroom
problems.)

Way to go Mark!!!

Cindy
(KFest 1996 is on its way!)

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