LuPage Apple Users Club

October Newsletter

Welcome! to those of you who have just recently joined with us at L.A.U.G. Historically, we've been in action for three months now and already the membership stands at fifty ! The membership consists of quite a large percentage of novices, and this reduces the input to the seminar style of information exchange that this club is founded on. However, we are rapidly bringing the newcomers to computing up to speed with a well attended, and well liked course being taught by Jim Trunck, the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Speaking of seminars... there is an advanced seminar on programming held the first Tuesday of the month under the able aegis of Glenn Young. The key word here is "seminar". Bring in your subjects for discussion.

I want to reiterate a subject that was brought up at the last general meeting. It is use of the 'drop box' located at the store.
.... !!!!!! USE IT !!!!!...............
We want subject requests for the general meetings to be submitted some time before you expect to hear them, so as to give the volunteer lecturer time to put together something. Also, any specific questions as to a program problem, or hardware problem should be dropped in the box to give us time to set up an answer for the next meeting. You will note the address of the Computerland store is at the top of the page.

The Bulletin Board at the store is up and running --- 964-7768----
after normal store hours.
The Illini Bulletin Board ----- 420-7995 -----------

We came up on Game Master the other night........ nothing exciting to report yet. We'll keep you advised.

NOTE TO DOS 3.2 OWNERS: there is a '3.2.1' update available at no charge at the store. Just bring in your DOS.3.2 master and they will run the change on it for you.

Last meeting we got a volunteer to bring us some cork to set up a board for 'Buy/Sell/Exchange' cards and other announcements. Please limit yourself to 3 x 5 or 5 x 8 cards, and date them, as we will use an aging system to pull down the no action items.

The contributed program library has been a little disorganized but we have now got a handle on it. Before the general meeting begins, submit your requests for program copies, along with your media, to the librarian (presently Brad). Also, any programs to be contributed. Then during the meeting, one of the officers will make the necessary copies. These copies will be available at the break, or after the meeting closes. Anyone still not taken care of, we'll have their copy waiting in the club drop box.

Brad is presently working up a file on the contributed library that he is going to print out in hard copy, so that you can take a quick scan through the catalog on your own to see what's new. This will save him from having to take time from store, or other business to simply run a program catalog for you on one of the store's Apples. I will try to get a mailing out to you with a catalog of the present library along with a one-liner description that you can keep in your own files and update as the library grows.

One last item on the library. ---------- DOCUMENTATION Nobody will want your program unless they know what it does. We simply cannot take in fifty or more programs without any kind of hint as to what it's supposed to do, and what kind of care and feeding it needs. Even space games,etc. need some clue as to how many players, uses paddles, hi-res-, applesoft, etc.

See you all at the next meeting.........