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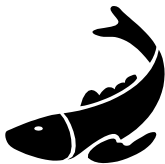
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Au secours!

Par Michel Paul, Éditeur

Comme vous l'avez sûrement remarqué, le CHIP de ce mois est particulièrement écologique, nous n'avons utilisé que la moitié du papier que nous utilisons habituellement. Ceci est très bien du point de vue de la gestion des déchets, mais est beaucoup moins bon du point de vue de la survie du CHIP, car si personne ne m'envoie

d'articles, il n'y a pas de raison de continuer la publication de ce bulletin. Le CHIP se veut un reflet de nos membres, mais dans les deux dernières années, 6 personnes ont contribué plus de 1 article pour le CHIP, et 8 autres en ont remis un, pour un club de plus de 150 membres cela est désolant. On ne demande pas des articles techniques, mais vous pouvez écrire un petit mot sur ce que vous pensez d'un logiciel, d'un site Internet visité, ce que vous aimez ou pas dans le Club, même sur des sujets sans rapport avec l'informatique et qui pourrait intéresser les membres.

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<http://www.cimbcc.qc.ca>

Page web du SIG Mac home page

<http://home.ican.net/~dondruce/>

Come and see the HTML version of the CHIP on the Club's Internet Home page.

Tips & Tricks

From--The Cobb Group's Inside Microsoft Windows 95 newsletter

Creating notes on your desktop

Many people routinely jot down important notes on scraps of paper that end up lying around on their desks indefinitely. If you're one of those people, you may want to consider an alternative to this chancy "organizational" method. Wouldn't it be nice if you could quickly create a note on your desktop that you could easily edit, print, or delete? Well, you can if you use the following technique.

Let's suppose you're hard at work when you remember that you need to pick up some things at the grocery on the way home. Instead of writing a reminder on the back of your hand, right-click an empty space on your desktop and select New and then Text Document from the resulting context menu. When you do, a document named New Text Document will appear on your desktop. The document's name will be highlighted, so just type "pick up groceries tonight" in the name field and press Enter. Now if you double click the document icon, Notepad will open the text file and allow you to enter your grocery list or any other information. You can edit the list at any time, and at the end of the day you can print the list by right-clicking the file's icon and selecting the Print command from the context menu.

Overriding the default WordPad and Notepad file extensions

By default, WordPad saves any file you create using the DOC

extension, and Notepad saves any file you create using the TXT extension unless you specify a different registered extension. For example, if you're using WordPad and decide to name a file DOOM.INI, WordPad will save it as DOOM.INI because INI is an extension Windows 95 recognizes. However, if you call the file DOOM.ZAP, WordPad will save it as DOOM.ZAP.DOC (unless you've registered the ZAP extension). However, there is a way around this. When you want to save a file with an extension other than the default, just enclose the filename in quotes in the Save As dialog box.

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President's message

By / Par Ken Wood

Message du président**President's Message***Ken Wood*

A couple of things have happened which are important to the members.

First, after several years of looking after the printed edition of Chip on top of all his other duties, Michel Paul has asked to be relieved of this work. He is willing to continue with the Internet version, but we need some one to take over as editor. The ideal person would be a francophone interested in desktop publishing. The ability to write and edit French is not essential but would be an asset. Other people are willing to help with the editing of both French and English. We are hoping that some one from the Mac SIG might take this on, but we welcome all volunteers.

For the remainder of this year Michel urgently needs contributions for Chip in French. It seems odd to me that he can easily get English contributions in a club where there are 11 Anglophone members and 151 Francophone members, but cannot get French contributions. Come on, you guys, there must be some one out there who likes to write.

Secondly, Don Druce has proposed that we look into forming a SIG for retired persons. It would be intended for people who have little or no knowledge of computers but would like to try it. The club would be willing to buy several of the many older computers available cheaply, for use at the SIG meetings. What we do not know about, and where we need help from our members, is in assessing the

likely interest in such a SIG. I am asking all of you to enquire among your friends and to let us know of any potential members. You can contact any member of the executive, but Don Druce might be your most direct approach.

Robert Paradis has now reestablished the telephone calling tree. You can expect to hear from either Hélène Lortie, Conrad Rodrigue or Larry Garinther about upcoming meetings. Unless, of course, you have email, in which case you will hear from Michel Paul.

On more routine matters, our bank balance is healthy and we have 162 members.

Message du président*Ken Wood*

Il y a de l'action, au Club, par les temps qui courent, et

cela vous concerne tous.

D'abord Michel Paul a demandé à être déchargé de sa tâche de responsable de la version imprimée du *Chip*, qu'il assume depuis déjà quelques années, en plus de toutes ses autres responsabilités. Il est prêt à continuer d'assurer la publication de la version électronique, mais nous avons besoin d'un nouveau directeur, autant que possible un francophone qui a un intérêt particulier pour l'édition électronique. Cette personne devrait idéalement posséder des aptitudes en rédaction et en édition françaises, mais cela n'est pas exigé, car d'autres membres pourront l'aider, tant pour la version française que pour la version anglaise du *Chip*. Nous croyons que le candidat devrait provenir du groupe Mac, mais nous accueillerons tous ceux qui veulent s'impliquer bénévolement.

Par ailleurs, Michel lance un appel de détresse: il a un urgent besoin de collaborateurs pour lui fournir des articles en français d'ici la fin de l'année. Je trouve curieux qu'il ne connaisse aucun problème d'approvisionnement en textes anglais, alors que c'est pratiquement la panne sèche en ce qui concerne les textes en français. Et dire que le club compte 11 membres anglophones et 151 francophones! Allez, les francophones, il y en a sûrement parmi vous qui aiment écrire.

D'autre part, Don Druce a suggéré que nous envisagions la possibilité de former un nouveau groupe d'intérêt (SIG) à l'intention des retraités qui n'ont que peu ou pas de connaissances en informatique, mais qui ont le goût de s'initier à cette technologie. Le Club serait prêt à acheter, à prix d'ami, quelques vieux

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Buying a New Computer

Ken Wood

So your thinking about buying a new computer. And you're probably wondering about where to buy it and what kind to buy. As to what to buy, I leave you to Robert Paradis, who recently presented an excellent series of talks on that subject. As to where, here are a few suggestions.

In talking to Robert and to Don Druce I got the strong impression that service and guarantee are important considerations. Both seemed to think that good service is worth an extra 10% on the price, and I would agree with that.

Armed with this information, I set out last October to shop for a computer. Friends had recommended two places, Computerease at 1650A Sherbrooke Street, near Guy, and Jitec, on Montée Saint Hubert in Saint Hubert, with a branch in Beloeil. I also wanted to check Micro-Bytes, which advertises regularly in the Gazette with very low prices. I went first to the Micro-Bytes branch in Greenfield Park, near Crazy Irving's.

I walked into the shop and found about five young people in identical green sweatshirts bearing the Micro-Bytes logo. They were standing behind the counter talking to each other. I walked up to the counter and tried to get their attention. They ignored me. I waited for about five minutes without getting any one to even look at me, let alone talk to me. I decided I did not want to buy anything from a shop that treats its customers like that. Later Robert Paradis told me had visited that shop and had received exactly the same treatment.

I then went to Computerease. It's a clean, well-organized shop, nicely laid out. The young woman who owns the shop greeted me and then gave me a very clear explanation of the way they work and what they could offer. Behind the counter, in a corner, in a crib, lay her 5-week old baby, keeping her company. Their prices are reasonable, and the guarantee is two years on parts and labour. I was impressed with this company.

I then went to Jitec in Beloeil. What they offered was essentially the same as Computerease, same components and same guarantee. In the Beloeil branch they are not so comfortable in English, but the Head Office in Saint Hubert has bilingual personnel. Eventually I bought it at Jitec in Beloeil because they are so close to me and because I believe in supporting local businesses. I am pleased with the quality of the machine and with the service.

The third place a prospective buyer might consider is Dell.

You can find them on the net at www.dell.ca, or, better, you can phone them at 1-800-463-9241 (there may also be a Montreal number) and talk to a real person who will advise you. You can order by phone or from the web. They have an excellent reputation for service and reliability and their

prices are competitive. For the first year they guarantee to send a serviceman to your home or business on the next business day after you call. Parts and labour are covered for one year, parts only for the following two years, but you can extend the full guarantee to three years for \$129. This is pretty hard to beat.

I think you would be happy with any of these three vendors. All have good reputations, good quality products, good service and good guarantees.

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ordinateurs pour leurs réunions. Nous n'avons cependant aucune idée du nombre de personnes qui pourraient être intéressées à joindre un tel groupe. Nous avons donc besoin de votre collaboration, et c'est pourquoi nous vous saurions gré de bien vouloir faire votre propre petite enquête auprès de votre entourage, et de nous faire savoir si vous connaissez de futurs membres. Vous pouvez communiquer avec l'un des membres de l'exécutif, mais ce serait encore mieux si vous vous adressiez directement à Don Druce.

Enfin, Robert Paradis a rétabli la chaîne téléphonique. Vous pouvez donc vous attendre à recevoir un petit coup de fil d'Hélène Lortie, de Conrad Rodrigue ou de Larry Garinther qui vous informeront de la tenue des prochaines réunions. Par contre, si vous avez une adresse de courrier électronique, c'est Michel Paul qui vous enverra un message.

En ce qui concerne les affaires courantes, je suis heureux de vous annoncer que notre compte bancaire se porte bien et que nous comptons maintenant 162 membres.