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MAY 6, 2003 MEETING

*Apple Senior Engineer
Dave Marra*



Join Apple Senior Systems Engineer Dave Marra on **May 6, 2003** at 7:30 PM in Lecture Hall 4 of Hogdon IRC on the State University at Oneonta campus for an exciting evening exploring the amazing new Macintosh hardware and software recently released from Apple.

We will take an in-depth look at the new 17-inch PowerBook G4, featuring the largest, most spectacular display ever to grace a portable and the 12-inch PowerBook G4, the most compact, full-featured notebook in the world. In addition to the PowerBook family, we will learn more about the exciting new iMac and Power Mac G4 systems, all running on an AirPort Extreme wireless network. For software, we will have fun with *Safari*, Apple's new turbo web browser; *iLife*, significantly updated versions of *iMovie*, *iPhoto*, *iTunes* and *iDVD*; *Final Cut Express* for professional-quality digital video editing; and *Keynote*, Apple's amazing new software for creating attention-grabbing multimedia presentations. Be prepared for an exciting show!

Dave Marra is a presenting legend who gives his own time to tour Mac and PC user groups in the Northeast, sharing the latest and greatest that Apple has to offer. Dave wowed us last spring—he can pack more energy and information into a meeting than anyone we've ever seen. For a taste of what's in store, check out Dave's web site: <http://www.marathon.com>.

This will be a very special meeting with special door prizes from **Apple, O'Reilly, Total Training, Bubble Design, Peachpit Press** and more (members only). Bring your friends, and spread the word!



New iPod, iTunes Music Store - download songs for 99¢ each!

APPLE BRINGS MUSIC TO OUR EARS

On April 28 Apple unveiled an exciting new lineup of music-related products including new iPods, *iTunes 4* and *QuickTime 6.2*, and introduced a innovative new way to legally purchase music online. The iTunes Music Store allows *iTunes 4* users to browse by artist, album and genre, search for particular titles, listen to 30 second samples, then buy and download individual songs for 99¢ or entire albums for \$9.99 (a few cost more). Music can be burned to CDs or downloaded to iPods. For details, go to the Apple website.

<http://www.apple.com>

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APRIL 1, 2003 MUG ONE MEETING

Announcements

President Elsa Travisano began at exactly 7:30 PM by introducing herself and welcoming us. She alerted us that the Q&A would follow the presentation rather than precede it for this meeting, and asked us to let her know if we liked the change. Then she announced that the May 6 meeting is going to be SPECIAL! See below.

Treasurer Joanne Johnston announced our current balance of \$1,076.13. New library additions will appear in the next *Newsbreak*. The Peachpit Press order has arrived. When asked, about half of those present indicated they would be interested in attending a picnic this summer, and they split in preference for a June or August date. Finally, Elsa confirmed that the NY Macworld Expo has morphed into CREATE, a digital music, photography, etc. conference. Too bad. [Late-breaking update: the name has changed *again*, this time to Macworld CreativePro Conference & Expo. Will the fun never end?]

Program: "Basic Photoshop Elements"

On to the show! Main Street Print shop owner Barbara Dauria introduced Adobe *Photoshop Elements*. *Elements* costs \$99 retail, but street price varies from \$72-\$89, and members have spotted it for as little as \$64 on sale. To start, Barbara showed how to create contact sheets made of any number of photos, arranged however you want. The program sizes them to fit your choice. You can save photos in JPEG, TIFF and several other formats, and you can batch process changes to a whole set of photos at once. *Elements* has a button bar of tools at the top and on the right side are palettes with tabs for preferences, etc. She kept switching between and through the menus to show several nifty effects done on photos of her grandchildren.

Among the tricks Barbara demonstrated were making a phantom image to put behind another one, using the Canvas Size dialog box (found under the Image menu, Adjust submenu) to make an area around the photo in which to work, and using the Hints palette or the Tools palette to access a red eye tool to fix this common problem. Colorcast Correction (found under the Enhance menu, Adjust Color submenu) is used to quickly balance colors by selecting a part of the image that should be white, black or grey. She opened several overlapping photos and demonstrated how to use the Create Photomerge function to create a panorama, and when the automatic route failed, she showed how to help it. She showed the lasso, magic wand and eraser tools, and how to feather one image to put another behind it. Nifty.

Then she demonstrated the effects of a series of filters, including Embossing, which makes an image look like it was stamped from metal. One trick in modifying an image is to select the area you *don't* want, if that is easier, and use the Select-Inverse option to switch to all the rest. This is very helpful to get rid of a background, especially if it's a fairly consistent color. Then Barbara put two photos side by side and substituted one face

for another with the Clone tool. In skilled hands this can be an excellent way to create one good image from elements of two that are not. To demonstrate how layers work in *Elements* (as they do in the full version of *Photoshop*), Barbara showed a photo of her grandsons in a jeep from which she had removed the background. With a series of layers she was able to add a series of backgrounds which gave the effect of the boys driving across deserts, mountains or cities. Very clever!

The consensus was that *Elements* has about 90% of the full *Photoshop* and includes the Create PhotoMerge function and some other features that the full version lacks, all for a sixth of the price (*Photoshop 7.0* lists for \$609). Thanks to Barbara for an excellent introduction to *Photoshop Elements*.

Questions and Answers

The very brief Q&A session that followed Barbara's presentation (we ran out of time!) covered iChat problems. Then Elsa asked the group, "what is most important to you about MUG ONE?" The Q&A sessions, *Newsbreak*, as well as Elsa herself, won universal agreement. About half of those in attendance use the library, and a similar number take advantage of the monthly vendor offers. Tom Fitzpatrick pointed out that the offers would have to beat DealMac prices to be more productive. Elsa noted that vendor offers are generally available for four months, so they have a longer "shelf life" than deals that show up on DealMac (<http://www.dealmac.com>).

Finally Barbara did the honors and drew the first raffle ticket from The Hat. [That would be Terry's stylish headwear.] Every member in attendance got to pick from very nice black fabric CD wallets donated by MacAddict, a couple of remaining Mac OS X Buyers Guide magazines, software, books, Apple turtlenecks and T-shirts, pens, luggage tags and other booty. Even with the Hat back in service as the official raffle ticket receptacle, your deserving secretary was 4th from the last to pick, so the karma has left. Sigh. A very special raffle is promised for next month! The diet Coke, Sprite and Oreos disappeared as we all communed.

Thanks to everyone who made it a memorable program.

The next meeting will be "Apple Product Overview" on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm in Hodgdon IRC, lecture hall 4. Dave Marra, Apple Senior Systems Engineer, promises "an exciting evening exploring the newest hardware and software technologies from Apple Computer. Come see awesome new Apple hardware including the 12" and 17" G4 Powerbook and the newest flat-panel iMac, all operating on an AirPort wireless network! And we'll explore the latest in exciting Apple software like Mac OS X, 10.2, Safari, Final Cut Express, Keynote and iLife, the digital multimedia suite featuring iPhoto, iTunes, iMovie and iDVD. Be prepared for an exciting show!" Bring all your friends, and be sure not to miss this very special MUG ONE presentation.

– TERRY HELSER, SECRETARY

SOFTWARE REVIEW



Worms Blast

Feral Interactive <http://www.feral.co.uk> \$40

Worms Blast is an engaging computer game fresh from the UK. This new Mac version of the popular classic is a puzzle-arcade game for people of all ages. *Worms Blast* basically involves a group of characters (a pair of worms, a skunk, a sheep, a pigeon and a granny) in dinghies, racing the clock or one another in a series of mind-bending puzzles.

There are three modes of play. In Puzzle mode, you are set to a difficult task, such as collecting water - lowering stars, shooting at targets, or evading a quick - moving stone snake. In Deathmatch, you and another character battle for supremacy with sea monsters, grenades, weather control, etc. while attempting to keep the rapidly lowering ceiling at bay. My favorite, Tide Trial, involves you and an opponent trying to keep the ceiling at bay while lowering the water level by collecting stars.

The graphics are nothing exceptional and the keyboard commands are a tad confusing, but you can master it if you try hard. This game is rather interesting if you like arcade games. I would recommend it for children, teens and adults who enjoy a bit of nonviolent fun. A 31 MB demo of *Worms Blast* can be downloaded from the Feral Interactive website.

- EMILY TRAVISANO

System Requirements: Macintosh PowerPC 333 MHz, Mac OS 9.1/10.1.3 or higher, 64 MB free RAM, 500 MB free hard disk space, 4x CD-ROM drive, hardware accelerated graphics card (OpenGL compatible) with 8 MB VRAM.

APPLEWORKS UPDATES POSTED

Apple recently posted updates for AppleWorks for OS X, OS 8.9 and Windows. AppleWorks 6.2.7 for OS X and AppleWorks 6.2.5 for OS 8.9 are each 16 MB downloads; AppleWorks 6.2.1 for Windows is an 8 MB download. All are available for free.

<http://www.apple.com/appleworks/update/>

MACWORLD DIGITAL HUB SPECIAL ISSUE

Macworld Magazine's latest newsstand-only special issue, *The Digital Hub*, will be available for members at the May meeting for the special user group price \$7 (regular price is \$10).

"Macworld's complete guide to digital video, audio and photography" includes reviews of digital cameras and camcorders, articles on turning your LPs into CDs, adding your Mac to your home stereo system, wireless networking, digital video recorders and more.

The issue comes with a 32 page *iLife* booklet from Peachpit Press with excerpts from *The Macintosh iLife*, *iPhoto 2 for Mac OS X*, *Secrets of the iPod* and *iMovie 3 for Mac OS X* as well as a DVD that contains over 4 GB of tryouts, video tips, game demos and five free applications. Supplies are quite limited, so first come, first served.

ANOTHER NAME CHANGE FOR NY EXPO

The latest (and, we hope, final) name change has been issued for the Expo Formerly Known as Macworld. The conference, to be held July 14-18 in New York City's Javits Center, is now known as Macworld CreativePro Conference & Expo. Other details remain the same.

According to event producer IDG, the name change "further defines the event's focus on the needs of creative professionals, as well as consumers who want to develop more advanced skills in the creative arts." For details on discount offers for user group members, see page 5.

<http://www.macworldexpo.com>

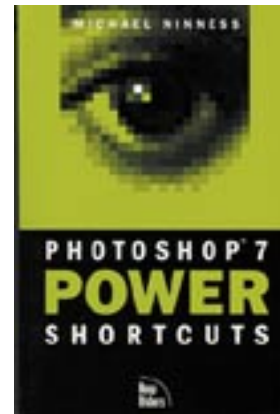
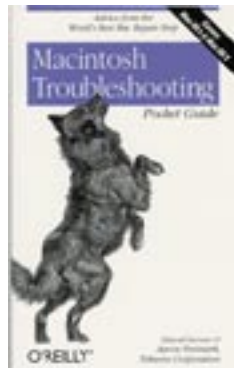
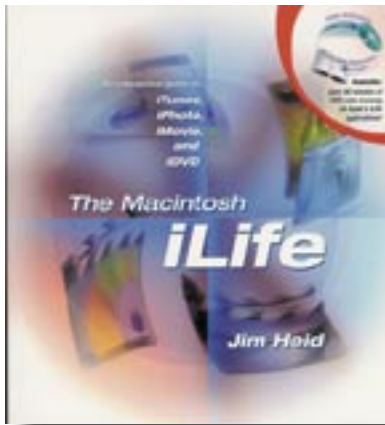
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Total Training's offerings cover *Photoshop*, *Photoshop Elements*, *Illustrator*, *InDesign*, *PageMaker*, *GoLive*, *LiveMotion*, *Acrobat*, *Premiere*, *Mac OS X* and more. For more information, go to:

<http://www.totaltraining.com>



BOOKS: MACINTOSH ILIFE, MAC TROUBLESHOOTING, PHOTOSHOP 7 POWER SHORTCUTS

The Macintosh iLife, by Jim Heid. 193 pp. plus DVD-ROM, Peachpit Press/Avondale Media, 2003. \$29.99

Jim Heid's bestselling book *The Macintosh Digital Hub* introduced readers to Apple's Digital Hub applications—*iPhoto*, *iMovie*, *iDVD* and *iTunes*. Now the Digital Hub apps have been updated and issued in a \$49 collection called *iLife* (*iTunes*, *iMovie* and *iPhoto* are still available as free downloads). Heid has followed suit with *The Macintosh iLife*, an updated guide that shows readers how to use the amazing capabilities of *iMovie 3*, *iPhoto 2*, *iDVD 3*, *iTunes 3* and the iPod. [*iTunes 4* was issued after the book went to press.]

The book starts with *iTunes* and the iPod, showing how to import music from CDs, create playlists, tune in to internet radio, listen to audiobooks from Audible.com and convert tapes and records to digital format. The *iPhoto* section covers importing and organizing photos, burning photos to CDs and DVDs, and various ways to share your photos. In the *iMovie* section you learn about importing video and working with clips, editing techniques, the new Ken Burns technique, working with sound, transitions, titles, effects and exporting your finished projects to tape, *QuickTime* and DVD. The final section on *iDVD* shows how to create DVDs from your photos and movies, with tips on choosing and customizing themes, adding photos and movies, and customizing the interface and menu.

The accompanying DVD disk, which can be played on your DVD-equipped Mac or in a conventional DVD player, contains almost 80 video demonstrations of techniques described in the book. This fusion of text and DVD instruction makes *The Macintosh iLife* a uniquely effective learning tool. Highly recommended.

Macintosh Troubleshooting Pocket Guide, by David Lerner and Aaron Freimark. 72 pp. O'Reilly, 2003. \$12.95

The *Macintosh Troubleshooting Pocket Guide* began life as a FAQ document distributed by Tekserve, the renowned Mac-only repair shop in New York City. This pocket-sized guide is intended to save readers an unnecessary tech-support call or trip

to the repair shop, as well as to help identify those instances where a professional repair is called for.

Don't be deceived by the book's small size—it packs an impressive amount of information and common sense into its 72 pages, beginning with advice for avoiding going to your technician or consultant in a panic. That advice? Save multiple copies of critical files on multiple drives, disks or tapes, storing at least one in another location, use antiviral software and keep it updated, run *Disk First Aid* monthly after backing up, and, most importantly, own the software you use, read the manuals and keep the original CDs in a safe place.

The text's question and answer format reads like a conversation with a patient and occasionally ironic tech support guru. A sample Q&A:

"My hard drive has trouble getting going, but it always starts up after a few tries. Should I bother backing it up?"

"No, your data is of no importance and you can probably recreate it within a few months. After all, you have lots of paper printouts to copy from and you're a fast typist. Seriously, if your computer or hard drive is doing anything unusual—squeaking, chirping, having trouble getting going, read/write errors, missing or damaged files—take it as a reminder to do a complete backup to another drive, removable media or over the Web. Please!"

The book helps with common dilemmas like figuring out what model Mac you're using (often essential when talking to telephone tech support staff), connecting old devices to new Macs, and figuring out what displays your Mac can support. Troubleshooting tips for both OS 9 and OS X are covered. You'll learn about dealing with various bombs and crashes, how to troubleshoot a keyboard and mouse that stop working (plug the mouse directly into the computer and restart - if the mouse works, the problem is in the keyboard), and which operating systems are best for particular older Macs.

The book concludes with a list of websites for organizations

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that accept donations of old computers, and with a brief plug for TekServe that left me wishing they'd open a branch office in Oneonta. This great little guide may just save your bacon one day. Highly recommended.

Photoshop 7 Power Shortcuts, by Michael Ninness. 200 pp. New Riders, 2003. \$19.99

How would a *Photoshop* book with no glossy pictures, no elaborate how-to's, and tons of shortcuts grab you? If you're a seasoned *Photoshop* user or one who wants to boost your skill and productivity, you'll probably shout "hooray!"

Author Michael Ninness begins with "15 Tips You Must Learn" and concludes with "11 Best Kept Secrets," shortcuts to dazzle your *Photoshop* novice friends. In all, *Photoshop 7 Power Shortcuts* delivers more than 600 keyboard shortcuts, many of which don't appear in the manual or in *Photoshop*'s menus. The shortcuts are not limited to *Photoshop 7*; versions 5.5, and 6.0 are also covered, as well as *ImageReady* versions 3 and 7.

Each shortcut is coded to indicate which applications it applies to, and gives instructions for Mac and Windows. Especially handy is a three page chart for the tools in the Toolbar listing their icons and names, the versions they appear in and their keyboard equivalents. This book is an affordable, must-have reference tool for all serious *Photoshop* users.

– ELSA TRAVISANO

LIMITED TIME OFFER ON MACWORLD CREATIVEPRO EXPO REGISTRATION

The User Group Advisory Board in association with Macworld CreativePro Conference & Expo (formerly known as CRE-ATE) is pleased to announce two special opportunities for user group members to attend Macworld CreativePro Conference & Expo in New York for free or at a discount, depending on the conference package you choose.

Macworld CreativePro Conference & Expo
Jacob K. Javits Center
New York, NY
Conferences: July 14 - 18, 2003
Expo: July 16 - 18, 2003

<http://www.macworldexpo.com>

User Group Discounts:

April 22 - May 19, 2002 – Free Exhibit Hall Pass,
10% off Conference Packages

April 22 - June 16, 2003 – 10% off Conference packages

The User Group Priority Code is: *****

* For USER GROUP Members ONLY *

Use this code to save money, and to demonstrate the important role of user groups in the Macintosh community.

MUG ONE LIBRARY UPDATE

Contributions from Peachpit Press, O'Reilly, New Riders and Gee Three have boosted the ranks of our library collection. Recent additions include:

Getting Started with OS X, Version 10.2 - Apple (CD training)

Dreamweaver MX Killer Tips - New Riders (book)

Slick Transitions & Effects, vol. 1 & 2 for iMovie - Gee Three (CD)

Stop Stealing Sheep & find out how type works - Peachpit Press (book)

Robin Williams' The Little Mac OS X Book, Jaguar Edition - Peachpit Press (book)

Adobe Photoshop Master Class, 2nd edition - Peachpit Press (book)

The Photoshop Book for Digital Photographers - New Riders (book)

Members are welcome to stop by the library at Main Street Print Shop, 353 Main Street, Oneonta to borrow these and other titles.

Borrowing and Returning

Most library materials circulate for one month. Hardware may be borrowed for one week by calling Barbara Dauria at 607/433-7800. When signing materials out in the looseleaf Library notebook, make sure to fill in all the information requested.

When you return items, write the date of return on the circulation page in the looseleaf notebook, then place the item(s) in the basket so that the Librarian can put them away in their place. Please return all library materials to the LIBRARY, not to the employees of Main Street Print Shop.

* Don't be tardy – please return all materials on time.

Missing Titles

If you have any of the following missing titles, please bring them back to the Library right away. Other members are waiting to borrow them.

OS 9 Visual Quickstart Guide

Sad Macs, Bombs, and Other Disasters

iMac Fast & Easy

The Little Mac Book, 7th Edition

Mac 911

The MacIntosh Bible, 8th Edition

The following older titles are also missing. Take a look around your computer environs and see if you have any of these.

Myst - The Official Strategy Guide Book

Art Gallery CD-ROM

TimeLapse CD-ROM

Amber Journeys Beyond CD-ROM

You Don't Know Jack v.1 & 2 CD-ROM

Lost Mind of Dr. Brain CD-ROM

Orly's Draw-a-Story CD-ROM

– JO KOENIG, LIBRARIAN

DISCOUNTS FOR MUG ONE MEMBERS

The MUG Store

The MUG Store recently updated their site with four pages of special prices exclusively for User Group members. Specials include dozens of PowerBooks, both new and refurbished, along with inexpensive iMacs, eMacs and a very special offer on AppleCare. Visit the MUG Store website or call 1-800-689-8191 to find out exactly what's available this month.

<http://www.applemugstore.com>

Remember, every dollar spent at the MUG Store creates points for your group to use for anything the MUG Store sells.

The password schedule to enter the site is as follows:

4/1/2003- 6/30/2003- User ID: ***g

Casady & Greene – Tri-CATALOG

Tri-CATALOG is a powerful tool that catalogs all your media so you can browse...and find it FAST.

Ever-increasing amounts of data on our computers and on removable storage media have made it harder and harder to quickly find the files we need. *Tri-CATALOG* is able to manage hundreds of volumes, representing millions of files, so you can find and browse files and images quickly and easily. Even better, the cataloged images can be viewed as thumbnails, and you can label files and images using text of your choosing.

Tri-CATALOG is available to user group members for \$59.95, a savings of \$30. <http://ug.casadyg.com>

This is an ongoing offer with no expiration date.

Stupendous Software

The Stupendous Bundle iMovie plugin collection contains 11 iMovie plugin packs containing a total of over 270 effects. Stupendous Software is happy to provide Macintosh user group members with a 10% discount off the price of the bundle.

The plugin packs contained in the Stupendous Bundle are: Ascii & Art, Color Effects, Crops & Zooms, Glows & Blurs, Labels & Overlays, Levels & Balances, Scratch & Dirt, Smoke & Glass, SplitScreen & PiP, Time Effects and Time Effects 2.

Regular price: \$200. MUG member price: \$180.

<http://www.stupendous-software.com>

To obtain the discount, enter the following coupon number when ordering at our online store: *****

This offer expires July 31, 2003.

Asanté Technologies

Asanté Technologies is the leading provider of Mac networking solutions. The company's products are known for their ease of use.

Asanté is offering great discounts to MUG members on wireless routers, switches, and more. For example, the FriendlyNET FR3004FLC DSL/cable modem router with built-in 4-port

10/100 switch, serial port, and LPT port is \$59, regularly \$99, and the AeroLAN 1211 802.11b Wireless pc Card for laptops is \$49, regularly \$95. To get the discount, MUG members should go to:

<http://www.asante.com/> (private MUG page)

Or contact Kevin Daniels at 800-662-9686 X390, kdaniels@asante.com.

Limit of one of each item per person while supplies last.

ArcaneWare

ArcaneWare builds and designs its applications specifically for Mac OS X. Applications include *Fontage*, a tool to view and manipulate fonts, *Serial Storage*, the complete data storage solution, and *Dream*, a slim, speedy, pure-Cocoa font viewer.

All three applications are available for 50% off the regular price for Mac User Group members: *Fontage* \$11.25, *Serial Storage* \$10, *Dream* \$5.

To take advantage of this offer, visit:

<http://www.arcaneware.com/> (private MUG page)

This offer expires August 31, 2003.

CodeTek Studios

CodeTek Studios offers Mac user group members an exclusive 25% discount on its Mac OS X software products. Please visit our website at: <http://www.codetek.com>.

Save now on CodeTek's productivity software—*CodeTek VirtualDesktop* for \$22.50 and *DockExtender* for \$15 —and CodeTek's privacy protection software—*SafeClean* for \$18.75, *SafeShred Pro* for \$11.25, *SafeShred Xtreme* for \$18.75, and *SafeFile* (due June 2, \$18.75).

To download these applications at a 25% discount, go to:

<http://www.codetek.com/> (private MUG page)

This offer expires December 31, 2003.

Prosoft

Prosoft's Data Safety System offers a complete and powerful solution that protects you from losing data in three ways. *Data Rescue*, which specializes in data recovery, not disk repair, recovers data from a corrupt drive (even if it no longer mounts). *Data Backup* allows you to back up, synchronize or restore to and from any mounted volume. *Data Recycler* lets you undelete files after emptying the trash. *Data Recycler* includes E.W.S., which monitors your hard drive and warns you of impending problems before they affect you.

Mac User Group price: \$99 for Data Safety System Bundle (all three products—*Data Rescue X*, *Data Recycler X* and *Data Backup X*). Data Safety System normally sells for \$149. Please order at: <http://www.prosofteng.com>

You will be prompted for a coupon code when you get to checkout. Enter the coupon code ****
This offer expires August 31, 2003.

MUG ONE

Macintosh User Group of Oneonta, NY

Membership Form

MUG ONE, the Macintosh Users Group of Oneonta, New York, is an independent Macintosh user group recognized by Apple Computer.

We have been serving the Macintosh users of central New York State since 1985.

Our meetings are held in **Lecture Hall #4** of the **Instructional Resources Center (IRC)** on the **SUNY Oneonta campus** every month except January, July and August, when the college is not in session.

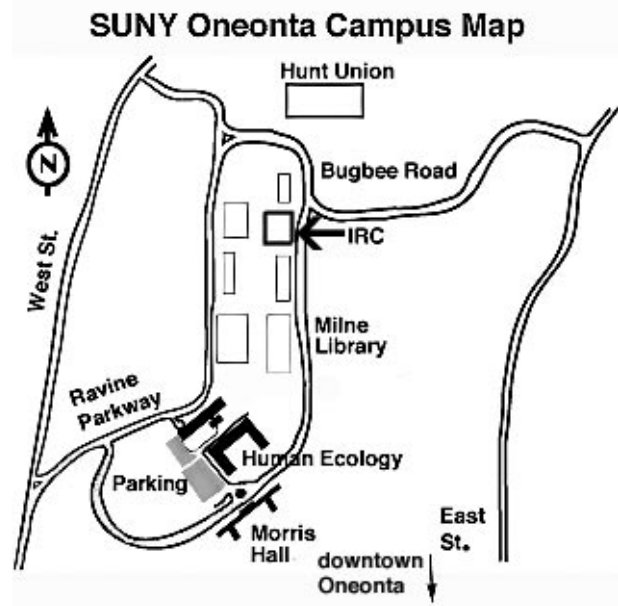
Meetings take place from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, followed by refreshments and socializing. Meetings are free of charge and are open to all.

Spring 2003 meetings are being held on the **first Tuesday** of the month.

Please check our website, call or email to confirm meeting location and time.

For more information:

- Go to our website: <http://www.mugone.com>
- Email mugone@stny.rr.com
- Call Elsa Travisano at 607/433-2569



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Membership dues, 2003–Sept. 2004

- Regular membership: \$24 (membership rate is the same for an individual, couple or family sharing one subscription to *Newsbreak* and one monthly raffle ticket)
- Full-time student membership: \$18



MUG ONE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes, I want to join MUG ONE for 2003-2004. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

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Mail your check (payable to MUG ONE) to Joanne Johnston, 9 Wisteria Avenue, Oneonta, NY 13820 or bring it to the next MUG ONE meeting.

* I would like to receive my newsletter: ___by regular mail (printed) ___ by email (DPF format)

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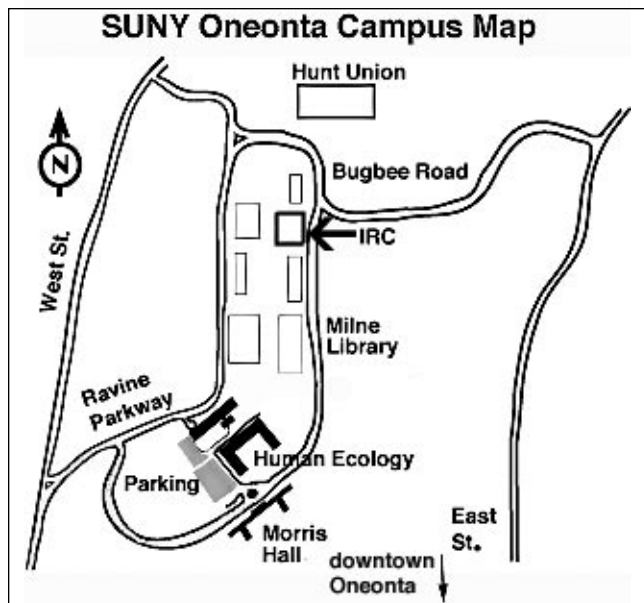
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APRIL 11, 2003 BOARD MEETING

President and *Newsbreak* editor Elsa Travisano, Vice President Tom Fitzpatrick, Secretary Terry Helser, Program Chair John Maas, Treasurer Joanne Johnston, SIG leader Brian Foley and Librarian Johanna Koenig attended the April 11 MUG ONE Board meeting, held at 6:30 pm at Ruffino's Pizzeria.

Joanne reported a balance of \$1100 before paying for the pizza and expenses. We agreed to price the newest Macworld magazine special issue (*The Digital Hub* - we received 10 copies) at \$7. They will be available to MUG ONE members at the May meeting. NCMUG again shipped the magazines to MUG ONE at no charge. Thank you, NCMUG! Elsa, Joanne and I have agreed to compare current membership lists and to provide copies to Jo for the library. The current list is on the MUG ONE officers' Yahoo! site.

Barbara Dauria will look for suitable shelving to extend the existing library bookshelves at Main Street Print Shop, so John is off the hook for building duties. We will reimburse Barb for the shelf; she has provided the two shelves the group currently uses. John reported that the survey he distributed in the fall yielded only 12 responses. Elsa wants to look at them anyway for any guidance to be gleaned. In future, answers to single questions may be better handled by show of hands at a meeting. John and Barb are working on tweaking the new logo so that it will better fit the dimensions of *Newsbreak's* masthead and the letterhead.

On the question of moving the Q&A after the program, the consensus was that holding it before works better. It just needs to be controlled with no more than 1/2 hour for for Q & A and 1 hour for the presentation, the timetable that Elsa currently follows when conducting the meeting. One suggestion for controlling the Q&A was to have me receive written questions, which would be sorted by a couple of officers. With the

person's name on it, we might be able to give them a contact that could help, if we didn't have time in the Q&A. Publicity for Dave Marra's program is already in the O'Reilly newsletter, Dave's website, The MUG Center site, MacCentral, the OSC Bulletin and Hartwick's Tower Times. I will get information from Dave's website for the Daily Star and Binghamton Press and Sun Bulletin. Brian and John will get posters up at OSC and get extras to the rest of us to display at regional businesses and schools. Brian will get Public Service Announcements on local radio stations.

For the meeting, Brian and Tom will greet and direct people to the room. Elsa will arrange for signs to hang outside IRC-4 for every meeting. I'll handle signing people in and set up the raffle and refreshments. Tom will make ID tags for officers. Joanne will accept memberships and magazine sales. New members paying at the next two meetings will receive a CD wallet and next year's ('03-'04) membership as incentives. Special coupons and raffle prizes are expected. O'Reilly has donated over \$200 in books and mugs, Bubble Design gave an iPod Habitat, Total Training gave two Photoshop Elements training CDs and Peachpit Press provided a very generous box of books. [Late-breaking update: Jeff Mosqueda at Apple just sent a box of door prizes – more swag for our lucky members!]

Johanna is scheduled to give the June 10 program (rescheduled from June 3) on *Reunion*, a genealogy program. Jo says that Dave Griswold and/or Barb Dauria might be able to help her with parts of it. I'll have to check on the room since this will be Summer Session I for OSC. Others will have to organize the picnic, if it is to occur this year, since the board members and membership have expressed little interest in it.

Since we were full of pizza and soda, we adjourned until May 6 at 7:30 pm in IRC-4 when the Dave Marra Show begins.

– TERRY L. HELSER, SECRETARY