Precursor Fax News

• SPECIAL AUTUMN ISSUE: DOUBLE-SIZED !!!

MacSense Wins Award!

Regular readers of Precursor FaxNews will be familiar with Precursor Founder, Alex Narvey's work on MacSense – The Macintosh® E-Zine. For the past year, Alex has served as News Editor for what he believes is the best electronic magazine for the Macintosh. Now Mr. Narvey is not the only one enthusiastic about MacSense. Readers of the October issue of MacUser Magazine will find that Ziff/Davis Publishing has award MacSense their Best Electronic Publication award for 1995. Check out the October MacUser on your newsstand.

The latest issue of MacSense is available on the Precursor BBS, on CompuServe and eWorld in the ZiffNet forums, on America Online in the Macintosh Hardware and Multimedia forums, and on the Internet's World Wide Web at http://www.precursor.mb.ca/MacSense/ .

New Macs Fail Disk Doctor Physical!

Running Norton Utilities Disk Doctor 3.1 on the new Power Macintosh 5200, 6200, 7200, and 7500 computers can produce a startling result. Because of incorrect formatting of the internal hard drives of some of these machines at the factory, Disk Doctor may make some files invisible. Symantec, makers of the Norton Utilities, have posted a problem detector and preventer for electronic distribution. You can find the NUMSpot fixer on Precursor BBS in the Files:Tech Supp Stuff conference.

7500/8500 Disk Problems!

The new Power Macintosh 7500 and 8500 computers come with a CD-ROM software disk that has a big potential problem. The Disk Tools disk image and the Install 1 disk image are corrupted and will not properly boot the machine. Apple has released updated versions of these disk images. They will be posted to the Precursor BBS as soon as we receive licensing updates for our Authorized Apple Software conference. For more information call Precursor Systems at (204) 992-3100.

Apple Open Transport 1.0.7 Patcher!

Apple has released a patch for the Open Transport networking software that ships with the new Power Macintosh 7200, 7500, 8500, and 9500 computers. The patch corrects several key problems with the software and is essential for anyone using their Mac with QuarkXPress and/ or TCP/IP Internet connections. (9500 owners will first have to get the version 1.0.6 software from Apple). The patch is available on the Precursor BBS in our Authorized Apple Software conference. [From the Precursor Desktop go Files:Apple Stuff:Updaters & Utils.]

Speed Doubler 1.0.1 Update!

Connectix has already begun electronic distribution of an updater for its new Speed Doubler software. The updater corrects a variety of problems with the software. Speed Doubler is a software accelerator for the Macintosh which can increase performance on PowerMacs by a factor of two. No PowerMac 6100, 7100, or 8100 series computer is complete without this economical power boost. The 1.0.1 Updater is available on the Precursor BBS – from the Precursor Desktop go Files:Updaters Stuff.

FreeHand 5.0.2 Update!

Macromedia has released an update to FreeHand that turns all 5.0.1 version into 5.0.2. The new version corrects problems for the new Power Macintosh computers released this year. You can find the update on the Precursor BBS by following the path Files:Macromedia Stuff.

QuarkXPress 3.31r8!

Quark has released an updater for XPress to deal with Open Transport problems on the new Power Macintosh 9500 computers. Users should also upgrade their Apple Open Transport software to version1.0.7 (see above). The QuarkXPress 3.31r8 updater is available on the Precursor BBS in the Files:Quark Stuff folder.

Precursor BBS: New Settings; Special Prices!

To reflect recent changes to our BBS and provide customers with better service we have released a new version of the Precursor BBS Settings file. To celebrate the event we are offering special prices until the end of the month. Get a full year's business subscription — a value of $325.00 — for only $150.00 (plus P.S.T. and G.S.T.), until September 30.

Settings file version 2.7 has support for many new conferences and features including our new Internet support areas. The new settings file is available on the Precursor BBS in the Important! folder and can be downloaded via ftp on the internet from our World Wide Web site at: http://www.precursor.mb.ca/Support/Pre_BBS.html The direct ftp address is: ftp://ftp.precursor.mb.ca/pub/precursor/BBS_2.7.sit.hqx

New Business Card!

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Precursor Systems founder and fearless leader is sporting a new business card. Mr. Narvey's card now includes Precursor's e-mail and World Wide Web addresses.

The new card also appears in the Precursor BBS Vendors area. [From the Precursor Desktop go Vendors:Business Cards]

If you would like your own electronic business card on Precursor BBS contact us by e-mail at info@precursor.mb.ca or by telephone/fax at (204) 992-3100.

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