

WHAT'S NEW

- It's been awhile since our last newsletter so there are many new items...
- **Nikon Coolpix 990** and 880 digital cameras have the features any high-end consumer or professional photographer needs to take great pictures with absolute stunning results. Both feature 3.34 megapixel resolution, superb Nikon optics, full control with auto, manual, aperture or shutter priority modes, fast internal processing, and USB support.
- **Acer TravelMate 600** series of notebooks is one of the first to incorporate a CD-RW drive so you can burn your own CD's from your portable. Lightweight unit is around 5lbs and includes a 13.3" TFT screen plus all the amenities including 56k modem and 10/100 LAN. Also new is the 520 series – feature-packed systems at value prices, and the entry-level 200 series for the budget minded under \$1500 customer.
- **New ATA/100 hard drives** began shipping in August and systems with ATA/100 controllers are becoming available. Our benchmarks indicate these drives provide about a 25% performance improvement over systems with ATA/66 drives.
- **New Intel 815 motherboards** debut with new features including quicker boot, ATA/100 support built-in, and a flexible design that allows for growth in all areas.
- **Tandberg's new SLR40, 60, and 100** tape backup drives take reliability, performance, and capacity to new limits. If you need reliable tape backup, ask us about these drives!
- **Windows ME** (Millennium) started shipping in late August with its official release date September 14th. This consumer-oriented operating system is the next generation of Windows 98 and features some multimedia and home networking enhancements and a faster boot time. Business users purchasing new systems should strongly consider Windows 2000 professional, but ME (like 98) will also find its way into many business environments.
- **Microsoft's internal network gets hacked** bringing to light the security risks that we all face. Certainly Microsoft is a much greater target than your typical business, however, their security was breached using a simple "Trojan-horse" brought in through e-mail. Even moderately sophisticated firewall techniques or e-mail virus scanners should have stopped this breach from occurring. Firewall's such as the SonicWall series we offer block access to "open" ports on your internet connection so even if a "backdoor" gets created, no access can take place. Makes you wonder about Microsoft's own security!
- **Comdex Fall in Las Vegas** is from November 13th through 17th this year and we will be attending and reporting back with regular updates to our website as we've done in prior years. Be sure to check out www.classicmicro.com and click on Comdex Fall/LV to see photos and commentary on the biggest computer event of the year.

PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENTS

Here are some ideas and products that will enhance your productivity:

Castelle FaxPress SBE single-line network fax server (typically \$1395) \$1295.00
Add shared fax services to your Novell or Microsoft network and stop wasting phone lines and modems at each user's desk. Reliability is increased using a device designed for faxing, plus centralized phone book and network management capabilities give you better control over cost (like charge-back to clients for faxes). Powerful features, yet simple to operate. Requires no server software installation, most installations (10 pc or less) will take less than 3 hours.

Prices good through November 30th or while supplies last.

Visioneer Paperport Pro USB Scanner (typically \$195) \$175.00
Sheet-fed scanner fits behind your keyboard taking very little space but allowing you to quickly and easily scan documents for filing, faxing, or emailing. Great addition to the Castelle fax or other faxing solution, or in conjunction with e-mail to virtual eliminate your fax machine. Easily connects to Win98 (or higher system with USB connection, Win95 requires free serial port).

SYSTEM SPECIAL

Intel CA810EAL Pentium-III 733 MHz System (typically \$1050) \$895.00
*Great home or office system includes desktop or mini-tower chassis with Intel CA810EAL motherboard, Pentium-III 733MHz processor with 133MHz bus, 128mb SDRAM, integrated AGP graphics, integrated Intel Pro100 network card, 40x Teac CD-ROM, integrated Soundblaster 128 sound, 15gb 7200rpm high-performance hard drive, Windows 98se or ME, Microsoft Intellimouse and Internet Keyboard, Altec Lansing speakers. Price good until the end of November or while supplies last. Same model without network card, subtract \$40. **Fast system with a full 128mb RAM and 133MHz system bus – not a scaled-down budget PC!***

Special Popular Add-Ons (prices good only with system purchase)

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| ➤ KDS VS-7i .27mm 17" Monitor w/3 year warranty | \$175.00 |
| ➤ Microsoft Office 2000 Small Business Bundle | \$175.00 |
| ➤ 3Com/USR Internal Fax/Modem | \$50.00 |
| ➤ 30gb 7200rpm hard drive upgrade | \$75.00 |
| ➤ Plextor 12x/10x/32x CD-RW (best-in-class w/buffer under-run protection and Adaptec CD-Creator 4 software bundle) | \$260.00 |
| ➤ Plextor 8x/4x/32x CD-RW (w/Adaptec software) | \$175.00 |
| ➤ Windows 2000 professional | \$50.00 |

TIPS & TRICKS

Internet Explorer: When typing in the address of the web-site you want to browse, did you know that you can type in just the name without the http:// or www. Or .com and by pressing *CTRL-ENTER*, IE will automatically type this in for you! Example: Rather than typing www.classicmicro.com, just type classicmicro *CTRL-ENTER* and you'll get there.

Windows 2000 or ME: Menus (Start, Programs, etc) now display just the most recently used programs (called personalized or shortcut menus) by default. If you find this annoying, you can change the default. Right-click on the Windows taskbar, choose Properties, and uncheck the *Use Personalized Menus* checkbox. There's a similar trick for Office 2000.