

THE APPLE THREE USERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
MINUTES OF THE CLUB MEETING HELD DECEMBER, 20th, 1984

The meeting was held in room 201 of the Old Science Building at San Francisco State University in San Francisco and was brought to order at 7:10 pm by Club President Chuck Schreiber. Seventeen people were present.

The scheduled demonstration for the evening, BPI General Ledger, was presented by President Chuck Schreiber, who is a practising C.P.A. in Concord.

BPI GL is the basic module for the BPI accounting series. Other models include accounts receivable and accounts payable, payroll, inventory, and job costing. The GL module costs \$400 to \$500, and is written in Pascal. It is basically menu-driven.

The latest version is designated "F". The system takes almost 256k to work with and will do a screen dump. The program can merge departments in one company. Chuck feels that the main strength of the GL module is that a small business can be run (albeit crudely) using just this module. `

There are two main menus, one for data entry and maintenance, and one for printing reports. One can have any number of companies or divisions, each with it's own password. One can also add or delete accounts and edit the company configuration.

The financial statement is hard-wired and the historical balances make for a good audit trail. The program doesn't use the system clock to set the date so that you can post checks for other days (or post-date a check). Up to 40 checks may be run in one batch.

There can be up to 10 payroll accounts, although no tables are provided. State tables can be purchased for the payroll module, however. It is not possible to post accounts payable and receivable.

The program will print four types of consolidated income sheets, including summarized and summarized comparative; four types of balance sheets, and sixteen income statements, including current, year-to-date, current compared to YTD, current compared to budget, and YTD to budget.

Chuck concluded that, considering the price, the program is an acceptable business tool. Competing programs are State-of the-Art (\$2000), and Great Plains (\$595 per module). The latter has undergone four revisions recently.

For home use, some contenders are; Home Accountant, Your Net Worth, and The Accountant. DJ Home Budget was not recommended.