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(The following is the note delivered by Chuck in the March meeting. During the meeting he handed out some prints of CIS index and Delphi Index -LKS)

The first few months of using my Apple///, a friend brought over his modem and software for me to try. It was interesting and confusing. Downloading, baud rates and protocols, what did all that mean? I got just enough from the loaned modem and Access/// software to want more. Within days I was buying my own. He moved away and I was left to figure out how to get more out of it by myself.

Apple Inc had an Apple/// Bulletin Board Service through CompuServe in those early days. A///rs around the world could communicate with each other and direct with Apple Inc. It lasted several months and was the best thing that Apple ever did for the /// before its parting shot in the back. The /// community learned to communicate with each other. The Apple/// was hurt but failed to die! There was some place else to go for help. Many ///rs stayed on CompuServe or the Source and some are still there today, helping each other and comparing notes.

I have as a handout some printouts of some of the on line services that we can go over and discuss as well as recent articles published about telecommunication. We'll go over what is out there for you and how you can get on line to get at it. We'll review some of the software available. I use Access/// with Smart Phone. Smart Phone is a program I downloaded from CompuServe several years ago. It is in Business Basic and provides number storage and auto dialing before invoking Access///. Access/// is the terminal program that allows the Apple/// to link with other computers in a terminal to terminal mode. It is good for moving text but not binary files. I purchased Communication Manager recently from On Three. I'm using it in my desktop manager program directly through Apple Writer to move text from my portable or one of the services to my /// and with Business Basic to upload or download programs. It is excellent so far. I'm looking forward to using it more. If someone would loan me their XMODEM and Data Capture/// programs and instructions, I'll see if I can work up a review of each.