

WHIPPOORWILL E-COMMENT

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PROGRESS

I AM a perpetual student. I have never had the feeling that *I know it all* — that there wasn't something else I could learn that would make me a more effective teacher. True, I no longer teach mostly eager young people — after retirement I am no longer in contact with many of them. My definition of teaching is simple — it is an act of *pointing out the obvious*. Whatever audience I have today exists within the membership of the AAPA. Teaching is ultimately an act of *sharing*. I enjoyed learning new concepts and details and techniques, and then was able to share my new knowledge and experience with my minions. I find myself doing the same things today, only my audience has changed radically. I feel I have learned much in experimenting with the technical details of creating and publishing E-Journals, and hope you will permit me to share it with you.

E-journals can be created with any Windows or Macintosh word processor or desktop publishing program. I use Microsoft Publisher, and Microsoft Word. The choice of programs are unimportant. There is nothing mysterious about writing your journals, but once written, they have to be converted into PDF files to be exchanged with others on the internet in the exact form in which you created them. Fortunately, this is a no-brainer — there are many programs that make the conversion. The one I use is PDF995, a free download off the internet. To read the finished journal, a program called Acrobat Reader must be on your computer, another free download. One must have access to a web page in order to promulgate your writing, and so far, Bill Venrick has been kind enough to make my E-journals available on his Greenapple web page. I knew that my web service, America On Line, provided a

free web page to its members, so I have been experimenting with setting up my own web page — with accompanying questions and constant frustrations. Their web creation program is frankly quite limited and primitive compared with most others, but it is free, and at last I have made a compromise with the program and believe it will be usable. I cannot help you if you are not on AOL, because my knowledge of web page creation and modification is still primitive. This issue is offered as a basic example of what anyone can do who is willing to read and experiment and who is not too easily frustrated. So jump in and write and publish. That's the object of the game in the AAPA.

NAPA PLANS

OUR colleagues in the NAPA are planning to hold their annual convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in early July. Bill Boys is in charge of local arrangements has spent much time driving up from his home in Knoxville checking out hotels and availability of meeting rooms and restaurants and parking areas. A field trip is planned to the University of Kentucky King Library Press, which I feel is a state treasure. Paul Holbrook, a philosophy professor, is the director of the press, and has volunteered to lead a tour of facilities and present a talk about the history of the press. I hope to see old AAPA friends Guy and Anabelle Miller and Hugh and Jean Singleton again soon when they attend.

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