

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### COMPUTING POWER

This is a "toe-in-the-water" offer to TECHNICAL SOARING writers who might be able to use a little computing power but do not have access to the marvelous little tool as yet.

I am offering the modest computing power of the Apple II with 48K of memory and a 5 1/4 "Floppy disk" drive to run a few parameter sets for the purpose of defining limits on a given problem.

The objective is to give a little help to the hard working individual who is trying to make a contribution to the "Sci-Art" we all love so much. Beyond the point of a modest amount of time (the most important element), I might want to discuss compensation.

I have software which allows a high degree of versatility in running problems without much time spent at programming. That same software also allows simpler asterisk bar graphs. I have the printer to go with it. (The print is NOT letter quality.) There is separate software to do function graphs.

If you think you will have access to a similar computer in the future, or just

want to have data and writing on the magnetic media for non-paper storage, I can also put the work on magnetic disk and send it to you. Charge would be a flat \$5 for the 5 1/4 floppy disk and mailing.

Should you know someone on the SOURCE who might not be able to help you directly but who could give you data sent by electronic mail, I can be contacted at CL 1450 (User Number).

To give you some information on my own background and potential ability to understand what you have, there follows the briefest of resumes:

Pat J. McGrath: Specialist Engineer for the Boeing Company; working in area of composite materials with prior work in the wind tunnel model area; degree in Aero Engineering from Northrop; machine and electro mechanical design background; H301 pilot for 14 years and dabbler in photography and some writing.

Write or call if I can be of help to you.

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