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## Introduction:

The Midwest Computer Museum is a 501c3 non-profit organization designed to curate and propagate the history of computers. First founded in 2019, we meet that challenge by collecting and restoring vintage computers with the goal of teaching the history of computing to all generations.

## Recent Events:

- The publication of our first newsletter.
- During April 2026, the museum had a display at the Indy Vintage Computer Festival (Indianapolis) that featured computers released in 1980. Our display included:
  - TRS-80 Model 3
  - VIC-20
  - Tandy Pocket PC
  - Tandy Model 2
  - Atari 400
  - Atari 800
  - Apple II+
  - TI-99/4A

The show was a big success. Many visitors viewed our display and played on the computers.



In 2025, a twenty-foot-long cargo trailer was donated to the museum. In time, our goal is to fit the cargo trailer with everything it needs to be used to show off the history of computers.

The cargo trailer was painted white on the inside and commercial carpet was laid in the main display area. The shelves installed are sixteen feet long on both sides. Currently, the shelves on one side are only temporary with the goal of making them hinged, so they can be lowered while the trailer is being moved or being used to transport computers.

Our second priority is to find a building that would house our collection as a museum open to the public.



The museum's president (Ken Edwards) had a display at the VCF (Vintage Computer Federation) East Festival. The museum displayed the lineage of the Apple II computers; starting with Ken's replica of an Apple 1 that he is building.

Next, we had an original Apple II with period correct floppy drive and monitor on loan from Luis Alcaraz, the museum's vice president. After that we had an Apple II Plus on loan from Ken Edwards along with an Apple IIe, Apple IIe Enhanced, Apple Image Writer II, and Apple IIe Platinum also on loan from Ken Edwards. An Apple IIc Portable and Apple 2GS computer was also featured (owned by the museum). Finally, Randy Kindig loaned us his Apple IIc Plus computer. Dayton Computer Museum, at the table next to us, showcased the Apple III.

The VCF East Festival gave us the first opportunity to display our two new eight-foot banners, also donated.



*Banner 2 and Apple 2 Computers on display at VCF East*



*More Apple 2 computers on display at VCF East*

There is a great little You Tube video showing the Museums set up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0Zv5izytiA>

The Museum was able to set up a PayPal donation.



*Museums PayPal Donation QR code*

The museum bought an Apple 2 clone called the Franklin ACE 1000. It came with a CP/M card and 80 column card installed. The keyboard is currently being repaired with foam and foil pads.



*Franklin ACE 1000*



*Franklin ACE 1000 with disk drives and Joystick*

### **Recent donations received:**

Two eight feet long banners with stands.

An Apple IIGS (Woz edition) from System Source in New Jersey.



*Apple IIGS Woz edition with Keyboard*

An Apple II plus – keyboard needs to be fixed.

Three old style CRT TVs to be used with Atari 400, 800 and TI/994/A

A non-working IBM 5151 CRT display for an IBM 5150 computer.

A large collection came from Ohio:

- A group of older CPUs

- An IBM 5150 – needs speaker and speaker bracket

- An IBM Convertible

- An IBM 5155 portable

- A TI 99/4A

- Some older computer Magazines

- A Hercules Graphics card for the IBM 5150

The following items were also recently donated.



*Various Old CPUs part 1*



*Various Old CPUs part 2*



*Hercules Graphics Card for IBM PC*



*IBM PC 5150*



*IBM Convertible*



*IBM Portable 5155*



*IBM PC jr*



*Various PC Magazines*



*Various Operation Systems on CD*



*TI 99/4A*

### **Items we would like to have donated:**

An original Apple II computer, monitor and disk drive.



*An Original Apple II computer with monitor*

An Apple II super serial card.



*Apple II Super Serial Card*

A Bell and Howell Apple II computer with monitor and disk drive.



*Bell and Howel Apple II Plus Computer*

An Apple IIc Plus and monitor.



*Apple IIc Plus with monitor*

An Apple IIe with dual disk drive and color Apple monitor.



*Apple IIe with Dual Disk Drive and Color Monitor*

A Tandy Color Computer 1. (We already have a CoCo 2 and a CoCo 3.)



An original Apple Keyboard for an Apple IIGS with cable and mouse.



*Keyboard and Mouse for Apple 2GS*

A completed replica of an Apple 1.

A TI 99/4 (We already have a TI 99/4A)

A TI monitor that was sold with the TI 99/4A



*TI 99/4 Computer and Monitor*

Altair 8800

Model 33 ASR (Automatic Send and Receive) Teletype



*Altair 8800 and Model 33 Teletype*

IMSAI 8080



*IMSAI 8080*

**In conclusion:**

I (Ken Edwards) want to thank all the people who have supported the start of this museum. That includes all the people who volunteer their expertise to repair our computers and help set up and take down our displays. And of course, those who have given vintage computers and financial support; without all of you, there would be no Midwest Computer Museum.

We would like to display the trailer at various festivals and libraries in Indiana this summer. Our two biggest challenges are needing \$800 for the museum trailer's liability insurance and to find insurance for the trailer itself.

I hope you enjoyed this first newsletter! If you would like to help the museum or would like to make a financial donation please contact me.

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