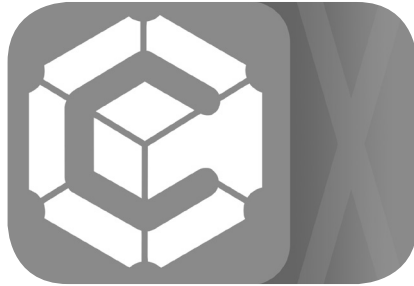# Ashlar-Vellum Channel Partner Newsletter
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Graphite™ v10

We will shortly begin work in on Graphite v10. In 1996, long before Robert Bou or any of the rest of us were associated with Ashlar, the Vellum 3D software was released with surfacing, similar to what is now used in Sketchup. The derision from our customer base, who thought that the Class A surface modeling found in Alias Studio was the only kind of surfacing the world would ever want, caused Ashlar's former management to abandon it and focus on the full NURBS solid and surface modeling we have now in Cobalt™, Xenon™ and Argon™.

Then Sketchup came along and took the world by storm, until it got lost in the hallowed halls of Google and now Trimble Navigation, and left to languish.

Enter Graphite v10, same light weight polygonal surfacing, same easy Vellum interface. Watch this space for information as it becomes available.

Vellum Nitrogen™

Vellum Nitrogen v9 SP2 addresses a number of issues unique to our Asian-language version of Graphite v9. Specifically there are fixes to two-byte characters, Asian-language colors and file name characters. These enhancements will be added to Graphite, probably in v10. If you have an Asian-language customer who needs this support now, we'll put you in touch with Comnet, our distributor for Vellum Nitrogen.

Bou to FESPA

Robert Bou attended the FESPA 2015 exhibition in Cologne, Germany. FESPA is the largest event focusing on print services for digital, screen and textile formats with over 700 manufacturers and suppliers to the print industry. Zünd showed our newest technology developed for them for 3D assembly of flat designs from Adobe Illustrator for floor stands and sales displays. This technology will then be added to the AlphaCorr™ products Dieline Genius™ and Folding Genius™ in the future. If you have customers who need customized applications built on a CAD or 3D modeling engine, Ashlar-Vellum would love to consult with them.

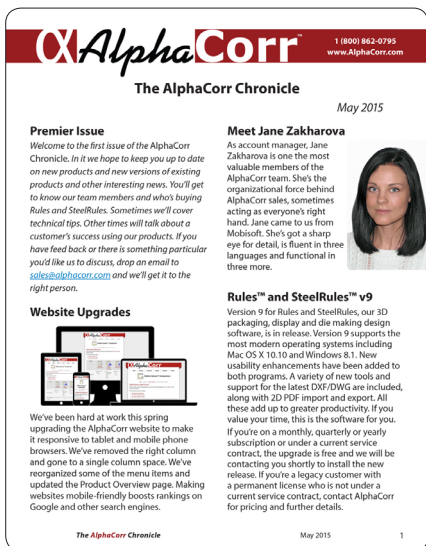Robert Bou, left, talks with a representative from Fujifilm Europe.

Rules™ 9
SteelRules™ 9

Version 9 for Rules and SteelRules, AlphaCorr's 3D packaging, display and die making design software built on the Ashlar-Vellum Graphite engine is in release. Rules provides precision CAD for designing corrugated packaging and point-of-purchase displays. SteelRules has everything Rules has plus complex die making layouts. Version 9 supports the most modern operating systems including Mac OS X 10.10 and Windows 8.1. New usability enhancements have been added to both programs. A variety of new tools and support for the latest DXF/DWG are included, along with 2D PDF import and export. All these add up to greater productivity.

The AlphaCorr Chronicle

AlphaCorr is now getting its own newsletter. The first edition of *The AlphaCorr Chronicle* was published this month with product news, corporate news, personnel profiles, a featured video, and a list of new users. Future editions will often include customer stories and user tech tips. We're excited that AlphaCorr is reaching the packaging and display design market with software using the Graphite engine.

Call for New Gallery Graphics

Ashlar-Vellum always loves to have new graphics in our Gallery. If you've got a design that you'd like to share, using any of Ashlar-Vellum's precision design and engineering products we'd be proud to post it. We try to always include the name of the designer when using any of your work in our marketing materials.