Texas Instruments

Home Computer Newsletter

Published for TI-99/4A Users

- You can still buy hardware and software for your TI Home Computer . . .

  . . . from local retailers—some still have sizable stock . . .

  And . . . from a whole new BUY-BY-MAIL service, including a free catalog featuring hardware and software available from other manufacturers.

- You can still get in-warranty and out-of-warranty service from TI . . .

  . . . warranty commitments will be honored—service facilities maintained.

- You can still get important information . . .

  . . . through membership in user's groups or subscription to a special home computer magazine.

- You can still get help when you need it . . .

  . . . by calling our toll-free Home Computer Hotline—1-800-TI-CARES.

See inside for details . . .

Software and peripherals for the TI Home Computer available from many resources . . . now and in the future.

We're doing everything we can to give you continued support for your TI Home Computer. And, most important, we want to make sure you'll be able to get the hardware and software you need—now and in the future.

While many of these programs are in the planning and development stage, there's a lot of information that you might find helpful now.

For example: Many retailers still have sizable stocks of software. So, if your retailer does not have the item you need, try other stores in your area.

New BUY-BY-MAIL service

A preliminary agreement has been reached with March Direct Marketing, a subsidiary of McCann-Erickson Inc., to provide a means for other manufacturers of software and peripherals to offer you their products by mail.

You'll receive a free catalog, including hardware and software available from other manufacturers (and from TI, while inventories last). March Direct Marketing plans to distribute the catalog quarterly and will be responsible for quality and suitability of catalog items.

In addition to the catalog, you may receive direct mail offers from individual manufacturers through the March Direct Marketing Service.

TI is encouraging other manufacturers to produce compatible software and peripherals.

To encourage other manufacturers to produce compatible plug-in cartridges for the TI-99/4A, TI will issue licenses for the auto-incrementing memory feature in our graphic read-only memory (GROM) chip and will sell GROMs to interested software manufacturers through TI's Semiconductor Group.

TI plans to continue software production through March, 1984 . . . and TI is negotiating with other manufacturers interested in continuing production of software originally offered by TI.

New software agreements reached with Walt Disney, Sierra-On-Line and Imagic.

Five new educational software programs, developed for TI by Walt Disney, are planned to be manufactured and marketed by Sierra-On-Line. Disney characters used in the programs include Peter Pan, Pinnochio, Winnie-the-Pooh and Professor Ludwig Von Drake.

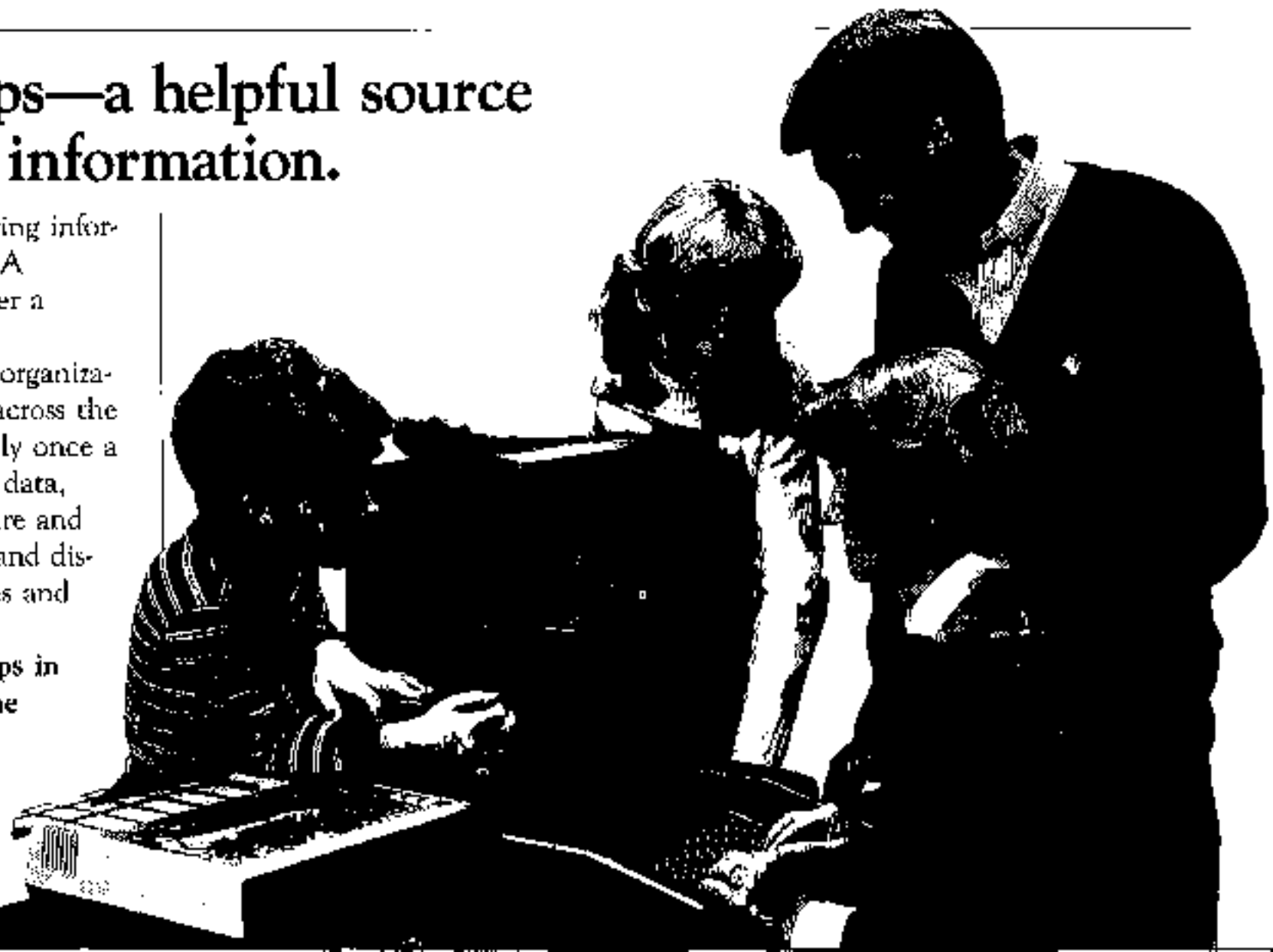
Five new game programs, originally to be manufactured by TI, will now be produced and marketed by Imagic. Included are: Demon Attack, Microsurgeon, Fathom, Wing War and Moonsweeper.

User's Groups—a helpful source of news and information.

If you're interested in sharing information with other TI-99/4A owners, you should consider a User's Group.

More than 150 of these organizations are currently active across the U.S. Members meet, usually once a month, to share technical data, keep up-to-date on hardware and software, exchange ideas, and discuss programming problems and techniques.

For a list of user's groups in your area, you may use the coupon on the back page.



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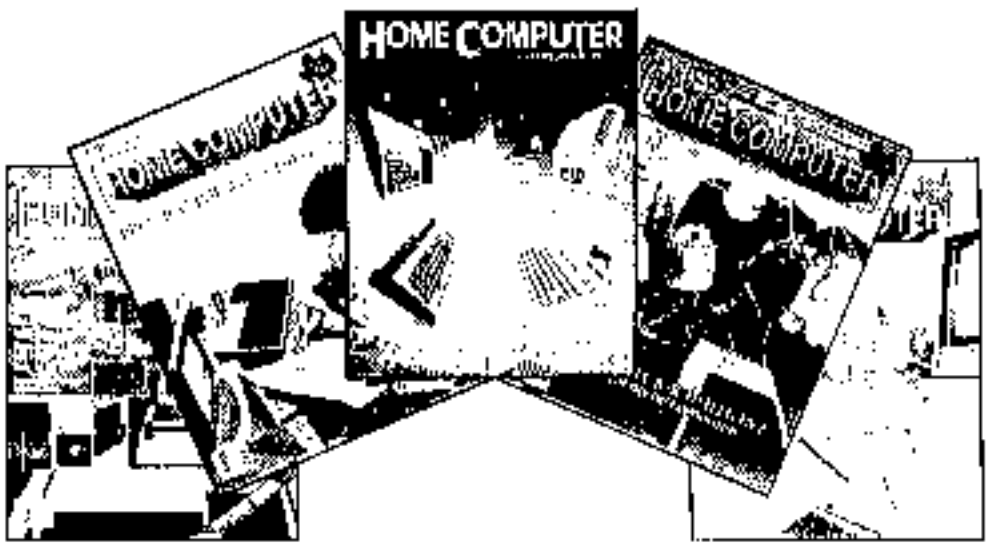

Home Computer Magazine. We're acknowledged experts in our field. You've probably heard of us as ***99'er*** or ***99'er Home Computer Magazine.*** We've established our reputation for excellence over the last three dynamic years. We've been here to help create and nurture the TI third-party products industry, add crucial support to the TI market thrust, and to provide TI users with a magazine that they can trust for technical accuracy, clarity, and facts—not fluff! Each jam-packed *monthly* issue has traditionally provided 99/4A owners with lively and informative articles enhanced with attractive, full-color illustrations—articles dealing with education, business, computer literacy, and entertainment. Readers of each issue benefit from extensive tutorials and fun-filled learning exercises for beginners, tips and "how-to" materials for intermediate-level users, as well as advanced programming techniques that keep the pros coming back for more—*plus* page after page of the best ready-to-run software for everyone. And "ready-to-run" software is *not* just a figure of speech in our book, because the same easy-to-type-in programs found in each monthly issue are now also **ON TAPE™ and ON DISK™**—a brand new, convenient way to enjoy all the TI software in each issue *at well under $1 per program* delivered to your door—the first time that anyone has ever offered a tape or disk program service at so low a price.

And that's not all; there's our renowned **Technical Support Service and User Group Information Clearinghouse.**

To make sure that 99/4A users continue to receive this high level of unexcelled support in the wake of the Texas Instruments withdrawal, it has been necessary to broaden the focus of the magazine so as to include the Apple, Commodore, and IBM home computer systems—opening up an even wider world for TI owners in three major ways:

(1) More 99/4A software. The magazine now prints first-time-ever versions of Apple, Commodore, and IBM programs translated to run on your TI-99/4A.

(2) More TI-compatible products. Our coverage of these three additional brands will stimulate the production of many more TI-compatible products, because we now offer new third-party advertisers a cost-effective opportunity to easily reach hundreds of thousands of dedicated TI users along with their customary non-TI audience.

(3) More 99/4A information. Along with our much larger size, we've significantly increased the amount of TI-specific material in the magazine. Plus, we have added general features that will be beneficial to users of all four home computer brands we now cover. All this means that you now get a truly thick magazine—**almost 300 pages** of exciting reading, programming, and learning delivered to your door each and every month.

***99'er Directory*—$5.00**
The indispensable up-to-date guide to the commercially available third-party software, peripherals and accessories for the TI-99/4A is MUST for all serious TI users. It's FREE with your paid subscription.

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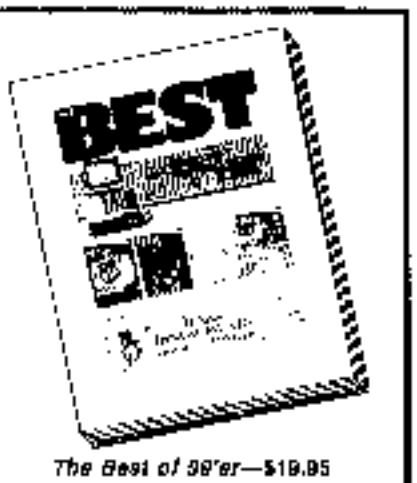

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Our recently published blockbuster. This 360-page double-sized deluxe edition contains the largest, most comprehensive collection of articles and programs ever assembled for the TI Home Computer. The perfect complement to your magazine subscription.

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International User's Group still seeks membership.

The International 99/4 User Group, headquartered in Bethany, Oklahoma, communicates with its more than 100,000 members in 40 countries by telephone and a magazine published every other month. A call-in information and referral service offers answers to both hardware and software problems. This organization also maintains a software exchange library.

For more information write to: International 99/4A Users Group, P.O. Box 67, Bethany, OK 73008.

99'er Magazine continues publication—under new name and broader focus. See special insert in this issue.

The newly titled Home Computer magazine has expanded its coverage to include Apple, Commodore and IBM, as well as the TI Home Computer.

Editor Gary Kaplan says the new, expanded format will include first-time-ever versions of Apple, Commodore and IBM programs translated for use on your TI-99/4A.

Published monthly, Home Computer magazine includes articles dealing with education, business, computer literacy and entertainment. Increased coverage features extensive tutorials and learning exercises for beginners, tips and "how-to" materials for intermediate-level users, as well as advanced programming techniques.

You'll find tape and disk software services, technical support and User Group Information Clearinghouse articles.

For subscription information call, toll-free, 1-800-828-2212, or write to:

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Peripheral maker offers disk drive for TI Home Computer

PERCOM DATA Corporation, a Dallas-based manufacturer of peripherals, has announced the availability of a floppy disk drive system for the TI-99/4A.

The PERCOM DATA TX-99™ is a single-density, single-sided, 92K byte (formatted), 5¼" floppy disk drive. Plug compatible with the TI-99/4A, it offers disk storage capacity without expansion boxes or extra controller cards.

An add-on drive option for the TX-99 is also available.

For more information on availability, pricing and delivery, or, to order direct, call toll-free: 1-800-527-1222.

TX-99 is a trademark of PERCOM DATA Corporation.

TI toll-free hotline handling 11,000 calls per day.

You can still get help when you need it . . . by calling our toll-free Home Computer hotline: 1-800-TI-CARES. With the heavy demand in January, for example, we handled more than 11,000 calls per day, with a staff of 74 operators on 74 separate telephone lines open 6 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., CST. If you call and experience a delay, we're sorry, but keep trying. We're doing our best to answer every call as promptly as possible.

If you have friends who own a TI Home Computer but who may not be on our mailing list, please let them know we would be happy to add their names (NOTE: If the Home Computer was purchased since October, 1983, chances are we do not have the owner's address).

New owners can send in owner information cards or a postcard with name, address and TI-99/4A serial number to:

Texas Instruments
P.O. Box 53
Lubbock, TX 79408

Warranty and repair information.

Texas Instruments will continue to honor its limited warranty commitments—1 year on the computer console and 90 days for all other hardware and software. In addition, TI will maintain service capability and out-of-warranty repair.

There's a lot of information coming your way . . . so, we want to make sure we have your correct address.

We're doing everything possible to give you continued support for your TI Home Computer. During the coming months, you'll be receiving information to help you continue to enjoy the many benefits of owning a TI Home Computer.

We want to make sure that we have your correct address so that mailings may reach you promptly. If there are any errors, or if you've changed your address, please use this coupon to let us know.

NOTE: If you have children under twelve and/or diskette capability, be sure to check the appropriate boxes on the coupon so we can help assure that you will receive information in these areas. (You may want to let us know this even if your address is correct.)

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☐ Diskette capability

☐ Please send me a list of user's groups in my area.

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