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## MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

MAY 3, 1993

With just 10 members present, President Bill Robinson started the meeting at 7:21pm.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary's report be accepted as published in the newsletter.

Rick read his treasurer's report. We are in good shape; it was moved and seconded that it be accepted as read.

Since there was no old business and there was no new business, Bill decided, and the group agreed, that the time be spent doing hardware work on the club's system. Rich Lindway and others were going to try to replace the full-height drives in a P box with 2 half-heights Rich had brought with him. Rick Rubin had trouble getting his newly acquired printer to work with his computer and hopefully that problem would be solved for him.

At 7:30pm the meeting was adjourned and the work started.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Swartz, Secretary

The following was gleaned from the Reading-Berks newsletter May/June 93

### TI SERVICE BY HEWLETT-PACKARD?

According to our member, John White, Hewlett-Packard is now doing all servicing on Texas Instruments manufactured equipment. John received word of this arrangement by calling the 1-800/TI-CARES hotline about something that he needed to have repaired.

When John called the number supplied by TI, he was greeted by someone who basically told him to junk the TI and replace it with something up-to-date. If this is the case, then, I guess, the time will be soon upon us that we will be left to our own devices to keep our TI99/4As and their peripherals up and running.

## NOTES ON TI CONFERENCE

Friday, May 14th, 6:30am - we're on our way to Lima, Ohio for the TI 99/4A and Geneve Computer Multi User Group Conference. Good weather, traffic not too bad, arrived at the Quality Inn in 9 hours after a jaunt of 476 miles.

Saturday Henry and I joined John Maul and Dennis Leonard at the campus Conference. We toured the rooms for a quick look and found 30 vendors and User Groups represented. Seminars were scheduled for every minute of the day from 9 to 4 (11 to be exact), so one had to be very selective.

Some topics were: "The Teaching TI" by Jack Sughrue; "First Draft, memory expansion hardware" by Harry Brashear; "Current Status of Games Programming for TI" by Tom Bodenmiller; "Hardware for the Geneve and 994/A from Cecure Electronics".

Mike Maksimik's seminar about his MIDI Master was fascinating even though I don't own a Geneve, an electronic keyboard, or at least 128K of memory in my 4A. I was taken with the tower case Mike had built using the contents of a P-Box. I guess I'll stick with my 4A and my piano!

Mike Wright's seminar was both very informative and very professional as he described his software PC-99, an emulator that makes a PC think it's a 99/4A. This is a point he repeatedly emphasized. In this way all kinds of files can be transferred to a PC. We liked the idea that this is software (as opposed to hardware) and bought the program. Reluctantly I have to admit I still haven't had the time to install and learn to use it. But SOON.

Memory expansion was the subject of Don o'Neill's seminar for his Western Horizon Technologies.

The last seminar attended by the 2 Swartz's was Charles Good on Funnelweb v.5-40 column editor. One of the features he seemed drawn to was the ability to use TI Writer in a foreign language, such as French, Italian and Swedish. He is presently trying out a newer Beta version of Tony McGovern's famous Funnelweb.

Door prizes were being awarded throughout the day-but not for John, Dennis, Henry or Dottie.

At dinner that night, the consensus was that a lot (not all!) of the hardware was overpriced.

Yes, 9 hours driving might be a drag, but the show is well organized and worth it. Registrants came from CA, AZ, TX, FL, WI, ME and states in between. The Lima Conference is one every TI owner should experience, I think.

Dottie Swartz

WE WILL LOOK FOR

**YOU**

AT THESE MEETINGS

Circle your calendar with these meeting dates for 1993:

JANUARY	5,1993	JULY	5
FEBRUARY	1	AUGUST	2
MARCH	1	SEPTEMBER	11 SATURDAY
APRIL	5	OCTOBER	4
MAY	3	NOVEMBER	1
JUNE	7	DECEMBER	6 *-CHRISTMAS -*

All meetings begin at 7pm except Saturdays 12 noon at the CAMP HILL SHOPPING MALL COMMUNITY ROOM. The Group equipment will be UP and READY for use at approximately 1hr prior to meeting time.

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**NEXT MEETING:**      JULY 5th, 1993 at 7pm      \*-MONDAY-\*