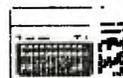# CENTRAL TEXAS 99-4A
USERS GROUP
THE PAPER PERIPHERAL

From the Presidents Desk

Hello again. I got a call from The Computer Shopper the other day... expect to see some copies of their magazine at the meeting (I asked for 30 to 35 copies). Undoubtedly a subscription drive. No harm in that I guess. Expect also to have an eventful business portion of the monthly meeting: Among scheduled items are: amending the constitution for modification of the membership fees, deletion of the fee for attending a SIG (we haven't been charging anyway), and a reminder of the new newsletter distribution procedure. If any of you are interested (and even if you aren't), I wrote a little (7 pages in assembly) program and, with some help from Mike, got it debugged and running, where upon I added some to it, corrected that, and got it running again. The program, as a whole, probably wouldn't do anybody else any good, but the routines in it are usefull in many applications, provided you want to use assembly. Well, lets not hold up the newsletter any longer, and lets not make it too long with jibber-jabber from me, so I'll say so long for now and see 'ya at the meeting (that's the last time I'll be able to close that way!)

JOE PIZZI

From the Business End of the Mailbox

Well, this is more like it. The mailbox has been rather active this month.

First, the Austin Computer Faire has confirmed that we have a room reserved for Thursday, June 26 between 7:30 PM and 8:30. They also are giving us around 50 tickets for the Faire. I think that it would be real nice if we had our regular June meeting at this time. Then we can attend the Faire before and after the meeting.

Phil Barnes; 24631 Via San Fernando; Mission Viejo, CA 92692 has put a program called 99-CALC into freeware distribution. It is an electronic spread sheet written in Extended BASIC and is available on disk or cassette. This spreadsheet has 33 rows and 14 columns. To get a copy send a blank disk with a self addressed stamped diskette mailer to the address above before June 1, 1986. If you would like, you can send your name, address, and if you want cassette or disk to the address above and Phil will do the rest. (Such a deal!)

USUS is a User Group for p-System and all the machines that it runs on. They are having a national membership meeting in Dallas in April. The dates are Friday April 25th thru Sunday 27th. The meeting is going to be held at the Harvey Hotel located off of the LBJ Freeway. The price all three days is $25.00 for advance registration (before

April 11. 1986) and $35.00 at the door. The price for a one day
membership is $18.00. The TI 99/4A SIG is 2:30 on Saturday. If you're
interested in more information, the letter they sent me will be at the
meeting.

     Stillwater Data Processing Systems, Inc; Box 55; Stillwater,
Minnesota 55082 has free shipping on bulk diskettes. The cost is $0.79
each for 50 SSDD and is $0.89 each for 50 DSDD.

     Mike Salmen; 512 Rosemont St.; La Jolla, CA 92037 has a
comprehensive list of BBSs that support the 99/4A in North America.
For $5.00 he'll send a print out of the list.

     Amnion Stoneware; 116 Carl Street; San Francisco; Ca 94117 has
sent us a flyer about their Helpline (a free help service), its
library, and the Amnion product line. There is too much information to
reproduce here, but it will be at the meeting. Pretty interesting
stuff. If you have a problem, call Dr. Romano at 415-753-5581.

   And finally, Horizon Computer, Limited; P.O. Box 554 - 213 Earl
St; Walbridge, OH 43465 is offering a kit for a RAMDISK for the 99/4A
expansion box. The kit includes a bare printed circuit board,
software, and manuals and costs $50.00. For orders of 5 or more, the
  cost is $42.00 each. The kit requires about $70 to $90 of additional
parts to complete if you want 90K storage (Single Sided) and $105 to
$130 for 180K storage (Double Sided). If you'd like to buy a complete
one the cost is $180. for single sided and $230. for double. They
sent a few flyers, which will be at the meeting.

                         Mike Schultz

TI-West-Fest

     On Saturday, March 1st, the TI-West-Fest was held in Los Angles.
It was hosted by the LA 99'ers Users Group. The 99'ers Association
Newsletter had a report on the event in their March newsletter. I
don't have time to retype the entire thing, but there a few items of
interest in Darrell Ingold's article which I think you'll find of
interest.

     First, Myarc was there and still talking about the pending
announcement of their new TI type computer. It is supposed to have
256K of memory expandable to 2 megabytes. Lou Phillips from Myarc
promises a press release when the machine is ready and a mailout for
users groups.

     Craig Miller of Miller Graphics showed a prototype of a PEB card
that will allow the use of an IBM type keyboard (gag!) on the /4A.

     There were quite a few companies for the /4A represented and I'll
have the newsletter at the meeting if anyone is interested in seeing
the complete list.

     Mike Schultz

Central Texas 99/4a Users Group

WHO WE ARE:

We are a non profit organization whose membership is open to anyone interested in the activities of the group. All members pay annual dues of $12 for individual and for family's are $15. The membership year is Jan. – Dec. You are invited to attend a couple of meetings before deciding if you wish to join. OUR MEETINGS: Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM, in the county courthouse at the corner of 10th and San Antonio, on the second floor. Each meeting starts with club business and is followed by a demonstration or talk. The second meeting of the month is our special interest group, the assembly language SIG. Everyone is urged to share information on topics related to the TI 99/4A -- software review, hardware availability, programming tips, etc. MEMBERSHIP: You may join as an individual or as a family unit. Each membership "unit" has one vote in club matters and only one person from a "unit" may hold club office(on the other hand your entire family is invited to serve on club committees and participate at meetings and in meeting planning!). Our monthly newsletter is available to members at the first monthly meeting and is sent to those who don't attend. At meetings, you may buy C-10 cassettes for $.75 each, 5 1/4 " disks for $7 each box. We buy these items in bulk quantity and charge cost plus enough to keep several of each item in our library. OUR LIBRARY: Currently, our library is located at the librarian's house and will be available at each of our meetings. Our library has some TI command modules and 350 programs on disk and tape. Roughly half of the library's programs will run on just the console (some may require joysticks) and most of the others only require the Extended Basic module. We have programs of all types(games, education, scientific, and business and household management) and we poll the membership's interests before purchasing more. Above all, we are a membership organization. We depend on everyone for directions the group should go and activities we should undertake. Join our group and share your ideas!

Central Texas 99/4A Users Group
General Membership Meeting
March 13, 1986

The March meeting of the Central Texas 99/4A Users Group was held on Thursday, March 13, 1986 at the Commissioner's Court Room of the Travis County Courthouse Annex building. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the Secretary, Mike Schultz. Shortly afterwards, the President, Joe Pizzi arrived and assumed control of the meeting.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by the Secretary, Mike Schultz.

The Treasurer, Paul Dunn, gave a treasury report.

There was discussion about raising the yearly dues to $15.00 and eliminating the family classification. This would require a change to the constitution which couldn't be voted upon until the April meeting.

There was also discussion about an "Adopt a Users Group" program. Falling membership is making it difficult to justify trading newsletters with other groups. The idea for the program is that a member essentially picks another users group to adopt, that is, they pay for duplication and postage cost to mail our newsletter out. This would allow our Users Group to continue to trade with others. Nothing was decided on this issue.

There was discussion about the nearly 1 to 1 ratio of members to users groups on our mailing list.

There was discussion about purchasing an electric stapler to make mailing the newsletter easier. There was nothing decided on this issue.

There was discussion about the hardware swap and setup seminar and about the mixup of the date in the newsletter.

There was discussion about asking for a donation at the door to assist the Group's treasury. The general consensus was that this wasn't a good idea.

Foley Broaddus announced that TI is closing their Calculator Exchange Centers nationwide effective March 22, 1986. In the future all equipment will need to be sent to Lubbock for repairs.

There was vote on the day of the hardware swap and Sunday, March 16, 1986 was decided.

There was discussion about the Austin Computer Faire. This year they have invited the group to have a booth again and they are offering a free meeting room to allow us to have our June meeting there. Unfortunately, they also want some money this year to cover the cost of the booth. About $99.00 if they supply everything. However if they supply the carpet, drapes, sign (all required) and electricity, and we supply the tables and chairs, we can reduce the cost to $75.00. It was decided that supply the tables and chairs was the correct thing to do, and we could raise the rest of the money.

Fund raising discussions began again. Again nothing was decided.

There was discussion about reducing newsletters costs by handing newsletters out at the meetings. The following motion forwarded: To change the newsletter delivery to that of the meeting and subsequently mail newsletters to those who can't attend. There was a vote and the motion passed. Joe Pizzi directed Mark Milam, the newsletter editor, to not implement this policy until the May newsletter. This would allow everyone to be notified of the change in the April newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28.

                    Mike Schultz
                    Secretary

Assembly Language
Special Interest Group
Meeting Date : March 19,1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. Members present were:
    Foley Broaddus, Joe Pizzi, Mike Schultz, and Don Lynch
(occasionally as he had to work that night)

The main discussion of the night was about the latest program that
Joe had written to keep track of the Police calls. The program would
keep track of up to 40 different police cars, and would update it as
fast as you could type it in!!
    Also demonstrated at the meeting was the Gram Kracker, of which
was quite impresive!! We all thank Foley for bringing it with him.
    A good time was had by all. The meeting was adjourned about 9:00
pm.

Mark Milam

MEMBERSHIP STUFF
WELCOME

I wish to welcome to our group the following new members:
           Chris Six   Jim Farrow
Jimmy Love   James W. Field
    I wish to thank the following persons for renewing their
membership:
           Raymond Nelson   Linda Watts

I hope that all of this information is correct, but if it is not I am
            sure somebody will let me know.

TIME AGAIN
FOR THE RENEWALS

The following person will be expiring this month, and will not be
getting a newsletter next month.

BC Gersch

Editor

Classified Ads

WANT TO ADD 32K BUT DON'T HAVE A P-BOX? For a mere $35.00 I'll put
32k directly into your console. You supply console and cash and I'll
do the rest. Call Mark at 836-3301 after 6:00 PM or drop me a note,
        Mark Milam ,4203 Yucatan, Austin, Texas 78727-5967

Equipment for sale!!

The following people have equipment for sale:

Zack Swenson   836-2726 Black console, speech, PE Box, 32k,
RS-232, 2 disk drives, software, and a printer that is in need of
repair.

Rick Prekap   255-1065 Console, game carts (3 ea)

Mike Green   251-3684   1604 Magic Hill, Pflugerville, TX.

Complete TI system for $550.00
     call or write for more details.

     John   258-2134 Console, P-box, 32k, RS-232, Epson RX-80
printer, TI-Writer, Editor Assembler, ExBASIC, Forth, and games.
     Whole system : $625.00, Without printer, $475.00 , Also has
TI-LOGO :
     $30.00, TE-2 : $10.00
     Well that seems to be all this month, if I have made any errors,
please let me know, also let me know if the equipment you have listed
is sold, or if you want it run in the newsletter next month.
                              Editor

Commercial Ads

     Commercial advertisements are welcomed by our newsletter. This
newsletter can provide a select, specialized audience for advertisers.
Advertisements also help our group by offsetting the printing and
mailing costs of the monthly newsletter. Any advertisment must arrive
by the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

     The cost of placing a full-page ad is $20. The cost of a
half-page ad is $10. The ad should be camera (actually photocopy)
ready. Some flexibility is allowed in the size of half- and full-page
ads--but let's not overdo it!

     Classified ads are free to individuals both members and
non-members. Send your ads to Central Texas 99/4A Users Group; Box
200246; Austin, Texas 78720-0246

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given for the President, or to the Central Texas 99/4A Users Group; Box
200246; Austin, Texas 78720.

Meetings Calendar

The following is a list of the currently scheduled meetings.

          April 10   May 8   June 12
          July 10   August 14   September 11
          October 9   November 13   December 11

     Thes meeting is scheduled to be held in the Commissioner's Court

Room on the second floor of the Travis County Courthouse annex, which is at 10th and San Antonio, in Austin Texas.
        Meetings start at 7:30 PM and last until they throw us out!

        The Assembly Language SIG is held the Wednesday following the general meeting.

Newsletter Exchange

        Our users group exchanges newsletters with several other recognized 99/4A Users Groups. The exchange is made with the understanding that, with proper credit to both the newsletter and author (if listed), your users group can reprint articles from our newsletter and, with proper credit, we can reprint articles from exchanged newsletters. (Please feel free to correct any typos, misspelling, bad grammar, etc.; we will do the same.)

        Please send your exchange newsletters to:

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