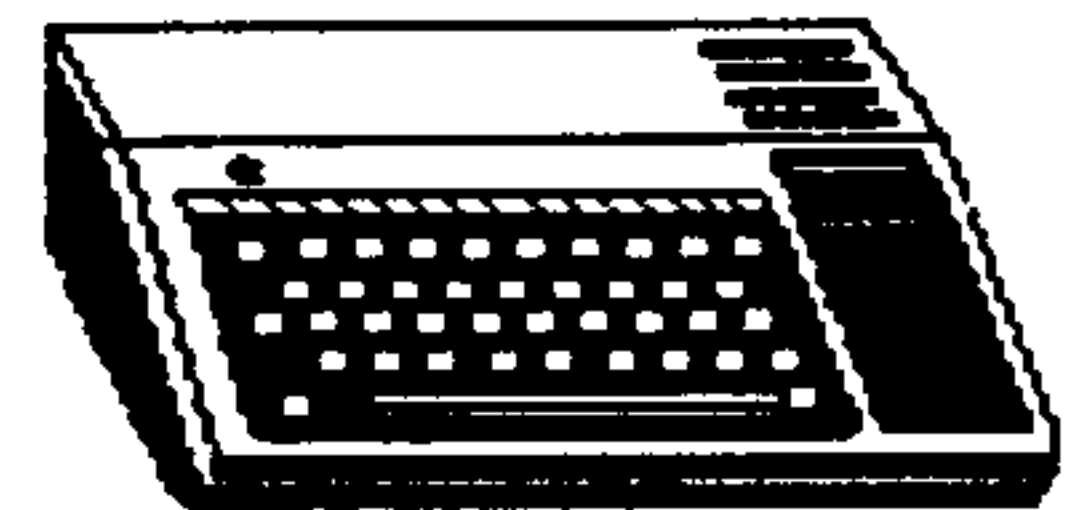




CLEVELAND AREA TI-99/4A USER GROUPS



July / Aug, 1999

OFFICE	TI-CHIPS	MEETINGS	OFFICE	NORTHCOAST 99'ers
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci 941-9397	10-12:00 A.M.	CO-PRESIDENT	Ken Gladyszewski 1216 357-7274 [NORTHCOAST]
CO-PRESIDENT	** OPEN **	N. Royalton		[99ERS]
TREASURER	Lin Shaw (440) 234-4227	County Library	Treasurer	Frank Jenkins 283-8526 [HAVE]
MEMBERSHIP	John Parken 331-2830	State Rd. SO. of	MEMBERSHIP	Martin Sooley 1216-257-1661 [DISBANDED]
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	Fairview Pk., OH 44126	<u>EVERY THIRD SAT.</u>		[LACK OF]
SECRETARY	Glenn Bernasek 238-6335		SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan 440-979-0041 [INTEREST]
DISK LIBRARY	Les Kee 238-6938	SEP 18, 1999		[AND ARE]
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	OCT 16, 1999		[MOVING]
EDITOR	Harry & Mina Hoffman 631-2354	NOV 20, 1999		[ON]



From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers,

Well, this has been a good year for us because of the TI-MUG'99. The bad part was the many things that happened all at about the same time. MICROpendium, Mike Wright, and our own NorthCoast 99ers all closed their doors. Although Mike said he quit, he still puts it all out to the people through Don O'neil's ftp site! This has been a blessing for PC99 people. Bruce Harrison also stopped programming for the TI/Geneve group but still maintains a beautiful web site and helps others prepare their web sites!

I have printed on the last page that 'Newsletter Only & members' of NorthCoast 99ers may still want our newsletter. How to is printed there on the last page. TI-Chips welcomes all Tiers to our meetings. We also ask that if you are going to come on a regular basis that you join our group. We are open to demos on TI's and other computers, but have special rules in our charter that you must own or know how to use the TI-99/4A or Geneve computer.

This newsletter is now being printed from two different computers. An experiment to help me keep my sanity while trying to edit and print a good newsletter. I would appreciate any and all input to this manner of editing!

I want to take this time to thank Craig Getty for his hard work on our Web page as our Webmaster and his patience with me and my whacky ways;-) Craig is a professional Webmaster and donates a tremendous amount of time to our site. He is doing an excellent job and he hasn't even owned a TI-99/4A or Geneve!

CU @ meeTing Time,

Subject: TI minutes

Date: Mon, 6 Sep 1999 15:57:49 EDT

From: DSher10519@aol.com

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**NORTHCOAST 99ER NOTES
JULY, 1999**

It is with sadness that I report this will be the last time I write this for the NorthCoast 99er UG. We have met intermittently this year as it was. The five or six of us who manage to come on a semi-regular basis decided that the time had come close down.

Of the TI regulars, Marty, Ken and I have been around the longest. I believe I started in 1986, and Marty and Ken were there before me. We have hung on longer than most ever thought we would.

I will always have fond memories of those years when we struggled after TI stopped making our beloved little machine and left us all out in the cold, so to speak. We were determined to "show them", but just couldn't buck the trend. If the Geneve could have been brought to market immediately, we would have had some more productive years, but still would have had at some time realize that we had to integrate with the PC world.

The group that assembled in July voted to donate the monies remaining in the treasury to a computer project in which I am involved where the goal is to provide computers for education and entertainment to people in the inner city. Since I retired, I have become involved in such a project in Ohio City, and wish to thank the club for their generosity. Harry Hoffman has also been volunteering with me. I have all the modules from our module library and have set up a TI which had been a hit. So, in this way, our TI will live on.

For those of you who wish to continue your membership, Harry has the information elsewhere if you would like to subscribe to just the newsletter or become a full member. TI-Chips is still alive and well, and any local NorthCoast members are certainly welcome to drop by the Chips meetings at any time.

We discussed getting together now and then to check on what each is doing. If you would like to send me your e-mail address, I will be glad to inform you of any gatherings that might take place. You can contact me at dsher10519@aol.com.

See ya all soon.

Deanna

TI-Chips - July, 1999 Minutes

For what it's worth, here are the July Minutes taken by Harry Hoffman! Yes, Les did NOT go easy:-) The July meeting started late due to waiting for members to show. Les kee informed us Fred Ialacci was working and could not be at the meeting. Glenn Bernasek was enjoying the Florida weather! Membership Chairman John Parken, Ron Markus of Ramcharged Computers, and regular attendee Vonn Malcuit didn't show either. Must have been the summer doldrums!

Lin Shaw gave his Treasurer's report. Our book's are well again due to refunds, our Kitchen Angels, donations from generous Tiers, and the sale of seminar tapes!

Les Kee said there was no report on Library disks today.

Jack Koryta has finished 29 tapes. Two tapes have to be replaced because they were bad. As soon as Glenn gets the tapes, they will be sent out! Glenn has said to Jack that more tapes could be made as people were still ordering them.

Matt Andel showed us how to get refunds for buying certain foods. Matt runs a beginners SIG (Special Interest Group) for the Greater Cleveland PC User Groups. Here are three such sites:

<http://www.gianteagle.com/index.html> ... Giant Eagle Home page.

<http://www.topsmarkets.com> ... Tops Home page.

<http://www.valpak.com> ... More Coupons.

Les told us there would be no NorthCoast meeting this month. Ken Gladysewski and Marty Smokey were going to a Carpets Swap meet. It coincides with the TI meeting days!

Deanna Sheridan, who belongs to the Franklin Circle Christian Church, is setting up PC's for kids in the neighborhood of the Church so they will have the opportunity to learn and play on them. Also, tho they can find out what it is like to get on the internet. She has also set up a TI-99/4A system for them to use cartridge modules to learn and play games. Deanna has set up printers and a scanner so they can show their parents what they are doing! Way to go Deanna!!!

It was a good meeting. Sorry so many missed it! Matt Andel won the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations Matt!

TI-Chips Minutes
By: Glenn Bernasek

The August meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by yours truly. Chips President, Fred Ialacci was unable to attend. I read the minutes from the July meeting as recorded by Harry Hoffman. Lin Shaw was unable to attend this month's meeting and had asked to be excused from the September and October meetings also. Therefore, there was no Treasurer's report. I stated that I would transport all receipts, collected at meetings, to Lin on the first Monday after the meetings. Therefore Lin will be able to keep his books straight and up-to-date.

John Parken reported that the club's membership is holding steady at 19 members. Two members at the meeting renewed their memberships for 2000.

I reported that I had received confirmation for our meeting room reservations from the North Royalton branch of the Cuyahoga Community Library for August 1999 through July 2000. I reported that all TIMUG'99 video tapes had been mailed. I read a very nice letter from Lew King complimenting the TI-Chips on the TIMUG'99 tapes and TIMUG'99 itself. I said Lew's e-mail letter was just a sample of the many kind letters I had received regarding the video tapes and the conference itself. John Parken brought in more VHS tapes for Jack to use as needed to fill any additional video orders. Thanks John.

I showed Gary Cox's user group listing he had posted on the List Server. All though several user groups listed were no longer in existence, the effort and service provided by Gary was appreciated.

Harry Hoffman advised those in attendance that the NorthCoast 99ers may discuss disbanding at their August meeting. Harry said he will let us know what the decision will be. The Chip's offer for the members of the NorthCoast 99ers to join the TI-Chips will always be there.

We had a guest at the August meeting. A Mr. John Clark came by, as the result of our article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Tech Week column. John has a base TI-99/4A stored away in his closet and was wondering if it could be of any use to him. We collectively gave John an earful of information. John stayed for the entire meeting and talked about connecting with the Internet with the TI afterwards.

Les Kee showed the digital camera shots he took at TIMUG'99 on my Compaq notebook using the slide show routine of ACD See32 software I have installed in my system. The pictures were great! Thanks Les. Both Harry and Matt Andel asked me to e-mail the pictures to them. I said I would be glad to do it.

I showed the Chinese game More'Jongg I had installed. The object of the game is to remove matching tiles from the screen until the entire background picture is visible. It's a tough and challenging game to say the least. I also show a pair of \$1.99 multimedia speakers I bought from Marc's drug store. The speakers plug into the earphone jack on my notebook and act like stereo ear phones. They also have an external 9 volt power supply jack which runs a pretty decent amplifier. Pretty good system for \$2.

Matt Andel tried to get my Compaq to show a hidden Easter Egg game/graphics that he said comes bundled with Excel'97. No such luck this time. He handed out copies of the method used to produce this hidden game. Thanks Matt. We'll give it a try on our systems.

John Parken won the August 50/50 raffle. Congratulations John.

Subject: Jim Peterson Achievement Award Nominations (Class of 2000)

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Jim Peterson Achievement Award Nominations (Class of 2000) are now open.

Award categories are:

TI-99/4A Community Service

TI-99/4A Hardware

TI-99/4A Software

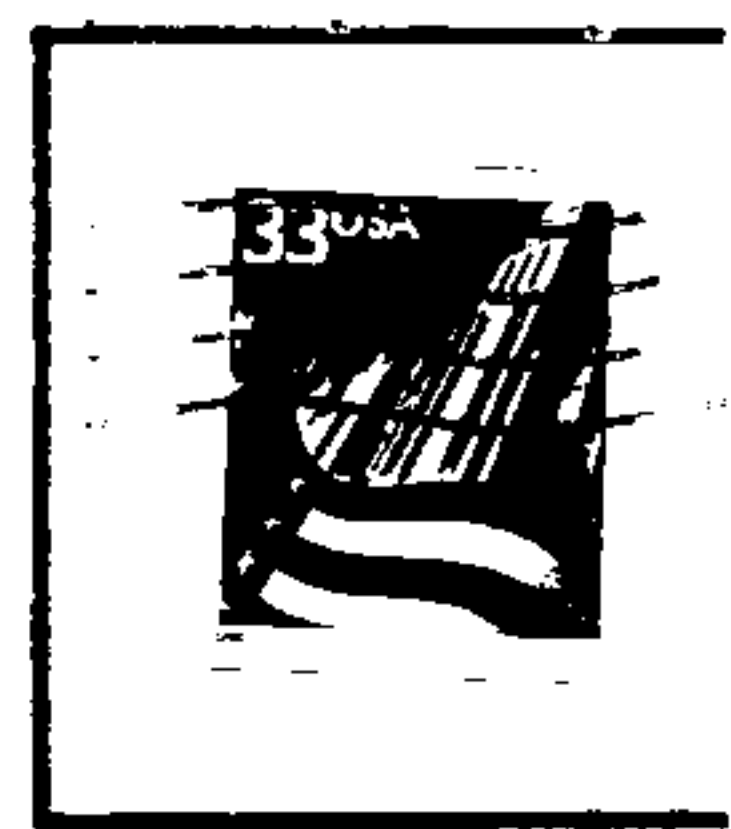
Myarc, Geneve 9640

Rules for making nominations:

1. Nominees may be from the TI-99/4A and Geneve 9640 past or present.
2. Please submit nominee's achievement along with their name. Make sure the spelling of the nominee's name is correct and the achievement is credited to the right person.
3. ~~Since the awards will be in the form of mailed certificates, we would~~ appreciate inclusion of nominee's land mail and/or e-mail addresses with the nomination. (If possible.)
4. Submit nominations to:
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Strongsville, Ohio 44136-3942
USA
- or -
E-mail to : GBBasics@aol.com

Nominations for the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards will be closed midnight (USA Eastern Standard Time), December 31, 1999.

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The bad news is that NorthCoast TI-99ers has voted to disband their club. The good news for away members is that our newsletter will continue with a TI-Chips membership. Cost is above. You can always get most of the news at our Web Page. The address is:

<http://members.stratos.net/harryhoffy/newsletter/>

Feel free to check out our MUG '99 pictures, etc. If you want to be a newsletter member, send a \$10.00 check to:

John Parken
4172 W. 217th St.
Fairview PK, OH 44126

Make the check payable to TI-Chips UG.

This is the last issue for out of town members from the NorthCoast 99ers. We are all saddened by this loss of TI members and hope their new endeavors are full of fun and as rewarding as the TI-99 has been! We hope to get together occasionally to talk over old times and new!