

DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP JUNE, 1985

Meetings: 7:00pm, 3rd Friday each month
At Northlake College, Room B-206, Irving, Texas

>>> NEXT MEETING: Friday, 21 June, 1985 <<<

President: Richard Roberts (SOURCE: TI3532; STARTEXT: 8742)
Vice-President: Dan Johnson
Secretary: Louis Guion (STARTEXT: 77536)
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This newsletter is the official publication of the DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP, a non-profit organization serving member/users of the Texas Instruments 99/4A HOME COMPUTER. For more information you are invited to attend our next meeting or send a SASE to: DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP, ~~12000 Northlake College~~ Irving, Texas 75061.
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Vice-President Dan Johnson has been in the hospital recently for major surgery, and we want him to know our prayers and best wishes are with him. Besides his elective office (VP) Dan has been very active in the club, organizing a program for our monthly meetings, encouraging the development of TIBBS (as well as utilizing TIBBS), and most recently he was the prime mover in starting the Assembly Language Project. His absence is expected to be somewhat lengthy, but we hope to make it easy for him to return at the earliest date possible. In the meantime, we hope someone will step forward to (try) and fill the void, especially in the area of program planning. Now that we are to have two separate programs each month (Novice and Advanced) we really need two people to take on these very important responsibilities. We will also need someone to lead the Assembly Language Project, preferably someone with some small experience and some greater interest. I think we will find that Dan's absence will be hard-felt.

Dan, the club will miss you for your activity, but your friends will miss you for yourself, and we wish you a speedy recovery to full health and good cheer. We stand ready to help as and when we can.

Cards can be sent to: Dan Johnson
c/o Garland Memorial Hospital
2300 Marie Curie Drive
Garland, Texas 75042

PRESIDENT'S SCREENDUMP: Richard Roberts

Summertime is certainly upon us now, and with full force. What with all the swimming and other outdoor activities, you could get sunburned! So, since you don't want that to happen, you better stay inside, where it's cool, and keep your computer from getting lonely. The programs planned for the coming User Group meetings should be more than enough to help you do that.

June will bring us a first-hand demonstration of our very own TIBBS bulletin board, followed by a demo of several good terminal emulator programs available. Tentatively scheduled for July will be a program on Multiplan, something we haven't covered in a long time. This will be timely, since the local Toys-R-Us stores have marked all Multiplan packages down to \$19.99, so NOW is the time to get one, if you have been holding back. Plans for August are not complete yet, but you can rest assured it will be worth coming in from the heat.

Getting back to June, the Novice group (still haven't thought of a better name yet) will discuss the assignment from last month, and cover the use of modems and how to use them (this ties in with the TIBBS theme).

Also on tap will be the voting on the amendment changes to the club constitution. I failed to mention the reason for the postponement at the May meeting, but just shortly before that meeting, I found another item that needs to be added. So, here they are:

1. Create a Chairman position for the newsletter editor, AND the Hospitality chairman (currently not included in the by-laws).
2. Change family membership dues from \$5.00 per person, to a flat \$5.00 extra. Family memberships will have only one vote during elections.

To clarify a point voted on at the May meeting (it confused me, at least), the price structure for full TIBBS membership has been expanded. Along with the \$20 per year price for members, and \$25 for non-members, we have added a three month level, priced at \$7.00. This will allow prospective members to try the system for a relatively short period, rather than making them pay for a full year upfront. Hopefully, they will become "hooked", once they see the great benefits. The \$7 for three months will apply to any prospective TIBBS member, be they club member or non-member.

A couple of monthly dates have been established that any members should be aware of. First, in order to get the newsletter out on a timely basis, a deadline for submissions has been set at the Tuesday, the week before the meeting. Or put another way, 10 days prior to each monthly meeting. The goal will be to get the newsletter to the printer in time to fold, label, and mail by the weekend before the meeting. This should put it into your mailboxes no later than Monday or Tuesday prior to the meeting.

Also, for those on the Executive Board, the monthly meeting date has been set for the Saturday, two weeks prior to the meeting. This will allow us to finalize plans, and have a couple days before the newsletter deadline to work up any columns or submissions. The meeting place may vary, but unless notified otherwise, consider it to be at Louis Guion's house, at 1:00 pm.

Congratulations to Guy Hunter, who won the raffle in May, and chose the TC-MAIL mail list program, which is written in FortH. The raffle for June should be an interesting one, offering the following choices to select from.

- > Teach Yourself Basic (cassette)
- > Scott Adams Adventure game (module)
- > GRAPHX (E/A version)

I would like to point out that Louis Guion donated the Teach Yourself Basic cassettes to the club, for use in the raffle. Thanks a lot, Louis, and perhaps others could consider making a similar donation of software that could be used in the raffles.

The raffle for the disk drive unit fell short of the necessary 30 entries, and will be continued this month. Those who made donations in May are, of course, still eligible, but many more donations are needed before we can draw for it. Hopefully, we can conclude it this month. Remember, you can make any number of donations you desire, each in a separate envelope. The regular software raffle is \$1.00 each, and the disk drive raffle is \$5.00 each.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Louis Guion

May's meeting of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group was held on May 17, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by President Richard Roberts. Guests were welcomed by the President and the minutes from the April meeting were read by Louis Guion. The minutes were accepted by virtue of lack of objections.