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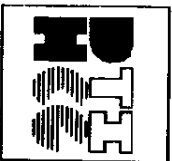
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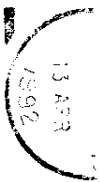
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NEXT MEETING
Saturday, April 18th, 1992
at the Dallas INFOMART
I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit



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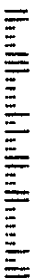
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DTIHCG'S APRIL EVENTS

- 3 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
4 Sidewalk Sale
5 Daylight Savings Time Begins
5 SOFTWARE LIBRARY SWAP
- 1:00 to 5:00, Marcus Recreation Center
 - 3003 Northaven Road
 - Dinner follows at *Lotus* Restaurant
- 17 Good Friday
18 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
- Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
 - Time 9:00 am
 - Program: TO BE ANNOUNCED
- 18 Passover Begins
19 Easter Sunday
25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- Mr. Gatti's
 - Walnut Hill & Marsh Lane
 - Officers: 2:30 pm,
 - Chairpersons at 3:30 pm

DTIHCG'S MAY EVENTS

- 1 NEXT-STEP
2 Sidewalk Sale
8 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10 Mother's Day
16 Armed Forces Day
23 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
- Program: TO BE ANNOUNCED
- 25 Memorial Day observed
30 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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- JUN 5 NEXT-STEP
- JOJO'S On Stemmons at
 - 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 pm



Shaking the bushes by Mattie Bush

Now that March has come and gone and April is here; boy where does time fly when you're having fun?

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our club members Willie Gupton and Seporia Burns who did a fantastic job on the program for our March Super Saturday meeting. It was given on TI WRITER/WORD PROCESSING. A job well done and enjoyed by everyone in the membership that attended the March meeting. These two are NEW MEMBERS and Willie is our MEMBER-AT-LARGE. He took this position in January and is doing a very wonderful job of it. We had 50 members to attend this meeting.

The afternoon MINI-SIG was given by Charice Althar on TRANSLITERATES and how they work in TI-Writer. We had 15 members to attend the sig. Thank you again Charice for a job well done on your favorite subject.

Since our last meeting we have several NEW MEMBERS to join us and I would like to take the pleasure to WELCOME each and everyone of you to our TI99/4A group and do hope you will join in with subjects that you would like to do or hear discussed. Welcome again.

By the time you get this newsletter the DISK SWAP will be over and we will be planning the next year. I do hope that all attended and brought systems. I just want to say THANK YOU for another successful swap. Hope everyone pigged out on the Chinese food. It was delicious.

We will have a NEW catalog for the disk swap with an update in the catalog of the disks that we have added to it. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger.



Shaking the Bushes,
continued.....

It just keeps getting bigger and bigger each year. We have added 2 disks by FRANK BILLERI which is a disk called PLATOCAT. It is all the Plato things that are out on the market; also the other disk is a catalog that has everything from the ADVENTURE to X/B/ALPH on it. So check it out and see what is on these disks. Frank Billeri writes a lot of things for the TI99/4A and we want to THANK him for all the timeless hours that he has spent doing these things for the TI World. Then, of course, we have a member in California who has written three little programs and they are on a disk called TESTGEN in our library. One tells you about Drive tips; one is the Docs; the other is a TEST that checks out the signals and many other things. Our authors are doing a great job in keeping our TI99/4A going and also the TI World, so we as members need to HELP keep these people writing NEW programs or whatever to keep our world ALIVE!!

As usual ASGARD has another NEW program called MAIL ROOM out, and there will be more new software in the future and some of the other has been updated. Ken Gilliland of NOTUNG SOFTWARE has out some NEW things also, they are TI CASINO SUPPLEMENT DISK; HOW TO USE THE PRINTERS APPRENTICE; also a DISK OF THE OLD WEST -- this disk takes you back to yesteryear, out on the range and in saloons, mining and many other things. Can't tell you too much because it wouldn't be interesting to you. It's really an adventure with Ken's new disks. He also has T- Shirts with Notung on them. There will be more new things out with him in the next few months. Just keep an eye out for them.

There is one other disk that I will mention and that is Jim Peterson's disk called THE TIGERCUB GOSPEL



ALBUM, it has some of the most beautiful music on it and he did it with his harpsichord. It's just beautiful, Jim. Keep up the very good work. I heard this at my friends house and it's FREE distribution only. Jim says that NON-PROFIT user groups may charge a reasonable copying fee for it. Thanks.

My people, there is NEW SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE being developed all the time for the TI99/4A and you just to keep looking and reading in your magazines that support the 4A. Also another good source is the NEWSLETTERS from other clubs that we exchange with. They are full of information and how things are done. Just check them out of our NEWSLETTER LIBRARY and READ.

Here it is EASTER and APRIL is here. My where has time gone? Our April program will be FILE COMPRESSIONS UTILITIES and this one is new for me. So come on out to our SUPER SATURDAY on APRIL 18, at INFOMART at 9:00am and join the fun.

A very SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped with the Disk Swap and the Dinner planning. It was a job very well done. THANKS TO ALL.

Well this is your PRESIDENT BUSH wishing each and everyone of you a very HAPPY EASTER AND GODBLESS EACH FAMILY.

Shaking the Bushes signing off until next time.

President Mattie Bush

BEGINNER PRINTER

By
Jim Leshar

These programs are written on a Star Gemini printer and may or may not work on another brand. These are about the most basic programs for a printer. Some of these programs could all be put on one line in Extended Basic.

The printer must first be addressed with the OPEN #1 "PIO". You can use OPEN#2 OR 3 OR 99 as long as you use the same number in the PRINT # line. Notice the line to be printed is in quotes.

This is a demo in "TABS". Notice the "TAB" command is on the same line as the "PRINT #1:" line.

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10 CALL CLEAR
20 PRINT "      TAB"
30 OPEN #1:"PIO"
40 PRINT #1:TAB(30);"TERRY FREEMAN "
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Funny how some things you learn in school will stay with you all your life, even in the very early years. One of those things comes to mind is, the address on an envelope. The lesson was, to address a business envelope, the 3 address lines should start at the same column. When we write to a friend or relative, each successive line should be indented to the right of the previous one. By how many characters I don't remember, but here is a program to do that. It really has no real value, but next time we can make a program which will have some practice value. This one is to demonstrate the tab function.

NOTICE:: If you haven't already heard, the U.S. Postoffice wants us to have no period or commas in our City, State and zipcode.

Basic Printer, continued

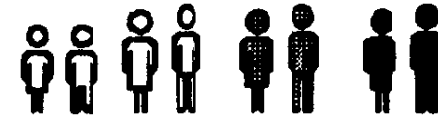


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10 CALL CLEAR
20 PRINT "      TABA"
30 OPEN #1:"PIO"
40 PRINT #1:TAB(30);"JIM LESHER"
50 PRINT #1:TAB(33);"722 HUNTLEY"
60 PRINT #1:TAB(36);"DALLAS TX 75214"
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If you have any questions or comments call or write to:

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Updating the
Database
By
Charice Althar



Two NEW MEMBERS joined DTIHCG this month, and we're very happy to have them a part of our group: ED BRUCE of Grand Prairie, and BEN MOHRBACHER of The Colony.

We're also very glad to have received RENEWALS from several members: JEROME GRAHAM, JAY URISH, and one of our former Presidents, THIERRY WEBER. Thanks to all of you!

GUESTS at the March INFOMART meeting included ROBERT COX, and also TOM COLLINS, who often visits us from the NET 99ers. Thank you for coming, both of you, and we hope to see you back again soon!

Program Tips

by

Mary Leard

Sideways Picture Printer

To load SPP with Funnelweb: Select #3-LOADERS. On next menu screen, select LOADER #3-PROGRAM (E/A). At next prompt, type in DSK1.SPP1 and press ENTER. PRINTER DEVICE NAME? PIO.CR press ENTER
DISK NAME and FILENAME of the picture to be printed (example: DSK2.AWARD) press ENTER
NUMBER OF STRIKES?-(1) press ENTER
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ROWS?-(1) press ENTER
DOUBLE THE WIDTH-(Y/N)?
QUADRUPLE THE WIDTH(Y/N)?
DOUBLE THE HEIGHT(Y/N)?
IS EVERYTHING OK(Y/N)? *NOTE: Be sure to put the disk with the picture in drive 2
The program will start printing.

The column by Butch Spill, "Program Chairman Report", will return next month.

Stay tuned!

NEXT STEP REPORT

by

Charlice Althar

NEXT STEP was held this month on March 20 at JOJO's. We had a great group in attendance, and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, the company, and the activities.

Among the things we did: talked with BUTCH about the MIDI interface for the 4/A; reassured CHARLICE (again!) that some TI'ers (and ex-TI'ers) can speak English instead of "Tech"; talked about the BBS program "SMALLTALK", and made a copy for WILLIE to use as one of his next projects; helped DAN in understanding the use of FUNNELWEB in place of the original TI-WRITER Editor and Formatter files; learned from ROBERT SMITH about the snake that wanted glasses; reminisced about early days of DTIHCG; learned about using the TI-WRITER Formatter command ".IF"; discussed high-finance flim-flam; met WILLIE's wife; talked about the production of this month's newsletter and the planned Library Swap; BUTCH taught how to use JOHN BIRDWELL'S DISK UTILITES; JIM LESHER helped BUTCH install DSK UTILS on a RAM disk; we read the fortunes on the sugar packages; BUTCH went over a few of the principles of Assembly. One of our members "Brought monitor. Told it was sick. Suspicions confirmed. No doctors known." Sorry we couldn't fix it!

We also learned something about Friendship: Never explain--your friends do n'need it, and your enemies will not believe it anyway.

Your next chance to meet with us and share these experiences, and get your questions answered one-on-one will be Friday, May 1. We'll be there--JOJO's, just east of I-35E (Stemmons Freeway) at the Motor Street exit. Will you?

For Sale:



The following is a list of hardware items that are in the DTIHCG inventory. Interested people can contact Mary Leard.

ITEM	QUAN.	PRICE(EA)
Black/silver consoles (2309577,LTA2582), (40133052,LTA2383)	2	25.00
Keyboards for consoles	6	5.00
Transformers	5	5.00
RF Modulators	4	5.00
Slo-blo fuses	8/5ea	1.00
Ray Vac Lithium 3V	4	2.00
Fan for PEB	2	5.00
Power supply for console	1	5.00
Disk drive head cleaning kit	1	5.00
Memory Expansion(side car)	1	10.00
Hayes modem(300 baud)	1	20.00
Modem cables	10	10.00
RS232 y-cables	3	10.00
Parallel cable extension(6ft)	5	10.00
External disk drive cable	3	5.00
Short external drive cable	7	5.00
Grom port connector	1	8.00
M.O.V.	10	1.00
Disk Controller(side car)	1	10.00
Mini Memory Command Module	1	10.00
Speech Synthesizer46,HTA5082	1	10.00
Tunnels of Doom C. M. & booklet	1	10.00
RS232 Printer cable	1	10.00

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These people are DTIHCG officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you, by giving much of their time in working to make this a better club for all of us. Most attend the Executive Committee Meeting the Saturday afternoon following the INFOMART meeting. Any interested member is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's portion of the meeting.

Please take the time to thank these people individually for their efforts. It makes their job easier.