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NEXT MEETING
Saturday, November 14, 1992
at the Dallas INFOMART
I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit



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DTIHCG'S NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 3 Election Day
7 Sidewalk Sale
11 Veteran's Day
14 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
• Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
• Time 9:00 am
• Program: New Software with Willie Gupton
• Annual Computer Garage Sale in the Afternoon!
21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
• Mr. Gatti's
• Walnut Hill & Marsh Lane
• Officers: 2:30 pm,
• Chairpersons at 3:30 pm
26 Thanksgiving
27 NEXT-STEP
• JOJO'S On Stemmons at
• 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 pm

DTIHCG'S DECEMBER EVENTS

- 4 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
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19 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
• Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
• Time 9:00 am
• Program: 40-Column *MAILROOM*
20 First Day of Hanukkah
21 First Day of Winter
25 CHRISTMAS DAY
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**We thank thee, Lord,
and render praise
For many gifts and length of days;
For benefits and joys apace,
For happiness and Thy good grace,
For friends and kindred and for home
That we, like many, need not roam
Afar in alien lands. We greet
With thankful hearts our lord.
We meet
In reverent communion sweet,
To bow before the mercy seat.
All that we are or have we bring
With thankful hearts to our great king.
We praise and thank,
rejoice and pray
On this our own THANKSGIVING DAY.**



Shaking the Buses

Hello and welcome back to the Nov section. I want to say THANK YOU for all of you who came out to our meeting in Oct. Thank You for letting me do the program on MAIL ROOM T199/4A 40 Column. I'm really sorry that Mary Leard was sick that day and couldn't help me with it. We had worked for weeks on this to get it right. She's better now and ready to go back to work on something else. We had 28 to attend the meeting and in the afternoon at the Mini-Sig of Hands On we had 10 people to stay. We did evrything from TI Writer to loading in



Extended Basic. We all really enjoyed it so very much and we did help some of our **NEW MEMBERS.**

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be our Nov 14 meeting at Infomart. The program for November's meeting will be **NEW SOFTWARE** given by Willie Gupton and then in the afternoon we will have our **GARAGE SALE** and do hope that all will bring their goodies to sale. We want this to be a success so come on out and let's do it. All the sales will be computer related only. Well last month I told you a lot of New things that are out and now you can add to the list. The Chicago Users Faire was this past weekend and there is where all the **NEW software and Hardware** are shown to be sold to us as users. These are the people who are wanting to keep our 4A world alive and well we owe them a bunch for all the good work and they need our support in what they are doing for us as users. **THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE.**

Asgard Software has released the 128K Memory System. You can get it from Chris Bobbitt of Asgard Software P.O. Box 10306 Rockville, MD 20859-0306 for \$119.95 plus \$10. S & H, and elsewhere air mail \$20. Chris has also released a **NEW program called INVOICE MANAGEMENT** by Larry Tippet. The program is said to use a "what-you-see-is-what-you-get" approach, allows the user to enter mailing and



payment information as well as information for retrieving later. Once entered invoice can be stored and recalled singly

or in groups. **INVOICE MANAGEMENT** does all calculations, including sales tax and has a built-in four function calculator, according to the manufacturer. Price is \$14.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

Asgard has also released **TRIS-2** by Jim Riess, a version for both the T199/4A and the MYARC **GENEVE** which has improved features of graphics and "mutant" blocks. Mutant blocks are irregularly shaped and change their pattern as they rotate and fall. **TRIS-2** is available in cartridge for the T199/4A for \$19.95 plus \$3. shipping and handling or on disk for the **GENEVE 9640** for \$9.95 plus \$3. shipping and handling. Owners of the previous version of the cartridge can obtain an update for \$8.00 (\$5. with the return of their old cartridge) Disks users can receive for the update of \$4.00 plus \$3. shipping and handling.

Mattie Bush, President



By Charlice Althar

Updating the Database

No new members joined DTIHCG this month, but

we did have several visitors at our last **INFOMART** meeting. We were glad to have each and every one of them--**ALFRED RICCOMI,**



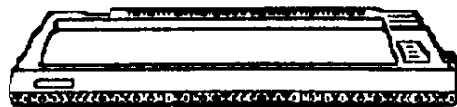
PAULA LA DU, ANNE
MARSOLEK, and CID
SARIS. Hope you'll come
back soon! RENEWALS

were received from several members this month: SHAWN HACKWORTH and JOHN BUIE, KENNETH HANSEN, and JIM & SANDY OLDENKAMP.

Thank you; we appreciate your continued support.

Please report any changes of address to DTIHC6 as soon as possible. This enables us to update the database quickly, so you won't miss receiving your newsletter on time. The Post Office returns "forwarded" newsletters to us, with a notification of the new address. This gives us the corrected address, but also delays the newsletter reaching YOU in a timely manner. If you'll give us the change of address yourself, it'll save us and the PO work, save us the extra postage for re-sending, and best of all, get the newsletter directly to you. Thanks for your help!

Beginner
Printer
By Jim Leshar



VERTICAL TABS FOR THE GEMINI PRINTERS

For some of us who have yet to access the full potential of our printers, this may be one step closer. Verticle tabs. Looking in the list of commands where it says ESC P nn..n NUL 80 n

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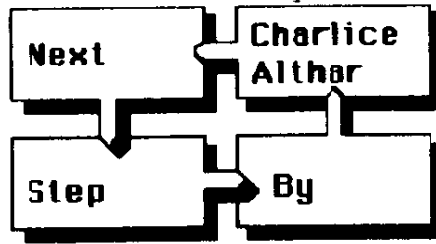
n 0 50 n n 00, in the Gemini 10x user manual IS a bit confusing to most of us to say the least. The manuals for the later models are a little better. But to make it simpler for me to understand it means this: The P alerts the printer that it is going to recieve information for verticle tabs. The CHR\$(x) numbers that follow are the line numbers to which it is to tab to. The CHR\$(x) in this pgm is replaced by the variable A which is replaced by the INPUT.

In this demo we will use a FOR NEXT twice to print (x) number of lines and (x) number of TAB spaces. As in line 70 the CHR\$(A), the A is the number of spaces tab will advance. The R in line 60 is the number of lines to be printed.

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10 REM VERTICLE TABS VTI 1
20 OPEN #1:"PIO"
30 PRINT #1:"VERTICLE TABS VTI 1"
40 INPUT "NUMBER OF LINES TO PRINT ":N
50 INPUT "NUMBER OF LINES TO TAB ":A
60 FOR R=1 TO N
70 PRINT #1:CHR$(27);"P";CHR$(A);
80 PRINT #1:CHR$(11);
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90 NEXT R

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October 30, the night before Halloween, was the date of our most recent NEXT STEP. Thanks to the system brought and

set up as always by JIM LESHER, we were able to view a few ghosts, witches, and jack-o-lanterns from the Halloween programs in our DTIHCG software library.

Vice-President DAN LOWE announced DTIHCG's need for identifying those who are willing to serve in 1993 as officers and/or chairpersons. Please contact DAN or MATTIE if you are willing to give a few hours a month to "pay back" some of what you've received as a member of this great organization!

DON THURMAN brought 2 stand-alone disk drives with him, he needed help using them for external drives #2 and #3. We discussed the schedule for future DTIHCG activities, and there was a discussion of building a large keyboard for the 99/4A with dedicated Function/Control keys and a 10-key pad by using diodes to block the crossfeed to the other keys. RIP showed off his scanned printouts of the logo for his new company, and CHARLICE gave RIP a Halloween present. LOUIS found out a better place to get RIP's artwork scanned. We were glad to see KENNETH HULL for the first time his work schedule has



permitted him to attend. LOUIS, JACKIE, JAMES HOYLE, JIMMIE, and L.M.

KENNEDY discussed dental work, and CHARLIE HUMPHRIES brought VICKIE along to meet the DTIHCG'ers. We discussed the program MAIL ROOM with ROBERT SMITH, and confirmed the group purchase of the program from Asgard at a discount, TOM HALL distributed new DTIHCG calendars, and DAN and MATTIE talked about next year's committees. Last but by no means least, MIKE PHILLIPS joined the group as a new member. We've already seen MIKE on the 99er CONNECTION, and he arranged to sell CHARLIE a modem, so we'll soon be seeing him there, too!...And of course we ate, and ate, and ate!

We'll be meeting again at JOJO's on Motor Street, just east of I-35E on Friday night, November 27. That's the day after Thanksgiving, you'll probably be ready for something to eat other than turkey, so bring the family and join us anytime from 5 PM on! See you there!





November 14th is the date of the annual DTIHCG garage sale for 1992. Any computer - related items may be brought, items don't have to be for the TI 99/4a! Please, though, no items that are not computer oriented. This event is NOT limited to DTICHG members, everyone is invited to come. There's no commission or table charge.

Please leave items in your car until lunchtime. The DTIHCG garage sale will begin at 1PM. If you must bring in items before 12 noon, please keep them boxed and out of sight. Also, please do not disrupt the morning meeting and program by trying to conduct sales before 1PM.

Pricing is up to you, it is suggested that prices be marked on items. Bring money to make change, the DTIHCG treasurer will not be able to act as banker for the sale.

Come prepared to shop 'till you drop on November 14th, 1PM at the Infomart!



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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.