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February Meeting:
    Our next meeting will be on the fourth Monday of the month. This
meeting will be devoted to demonstrations. Several of our members have
just purchased new disk drives and several more have just ordered
theirs, so we will show the various tricks of the trade, even if you
have a disk drive and use it every day , come any way. In fact if you
already have a disk drive come and share your expertise.

Monday, February 25,1985
7:00pm (sharp)
Special Education Center
1255 Beulah St.,Hanford

Minutes:
    We had a small but active meeting. There was a demonstration of
six different programs from the clubs library, followed by a lot of
discussion-in fact the doors didn't get closed until 11:00. We would
like to welcome our new members who have joined this past month.

Disk Drives and Printers:
    Thanks to Central Iowa Users Group for the initial information.
American Design Components (1-800 524 0809) has several hundred stand
alone TI disk drives and disk controllers for only $99.00. A major
draw back is that they do not include the disk manager module. However
if you are adding a second disk drive this is no problem. But if this
is to be your only disk drive you must have the disk manager module
(unless you have a VERY close friend who will initialize all your
disks for you.) After a lot of detective work on Jeani's and my part,
we have found you can call 1-800 TI CARES (1-800 842 2737) and tell
them you need a disk module. Their policy is not to sell the module
($14.95) unless you have tried the retail outlets (hint, Tenix, Triton
and Unisourse do not have any). If they tell you they can not sell
you one, ask to speak to their supervisor.
    Several of our members found about this bargin at the January   *Printers*
meeting and have already received theirs. ~~American Design also has TI~~   *Sold out*
~~thermal printers for only $24.95~~. Again, you will have to call TI to
order paper or you can purchase it from Jeani at the meeting.
According to American Design Components, these are sold As Is, however
they told one person that if they arrived damaged they would replace
them and TI told us they would repair them, because they want their
customers to be satisfied.
    Both printer and disk drive are sent without manuals. To solve
this we will have copies of manuals at the meeting, so you can make
copies on the copy machine (10 cents per page).
    Both TI and Design Components take Visa and Master Charge.

Newsletter Exchange Policy:
    As in the past we will continue to exchange newsletters with
selected users groups. However, to save unnecessary printing expence,
we will no longer include reprints of Tigercub Hints (unless requested
to do so by any specific group) in these exchange copies. It dosen't
make sence to pay to send something they already get FREE direct from
Jim Peterson. I suggest other groups consider this same policy. (This
may result in an ocassional blank page some months.)

Raffle:

Remember to bring or send something for the February raffle. As stated before, it can be a program you wrote or typed in or a module you no longer need. But, we do need YOUR donation.

Library Apeal:

Again and again, HELP! As you know we borrowed the funds to purchase our clubs computer, expansion box and disk drive. We voted to fund this by 20-25 of our members contributing $20.00 each towards the start of a club library. So far only 11 people have contributed to this fund. If by the terms of the loan contract, we cannot make the scheduled monthly payment, we will lose all of our equiptment. This is a service to ALL of our club. So please JOIN and USE the library. We need YOU to do YOUR part. We need at least half of our active members to join, so you can see you just can't sit by the side and expect someone else to do it. We need YOUR help NOW!

Adventuring Hints:

This hint has been around for some time, but I'll pass it on for you newer adventure buffs. Try loading one Scott Adams adventure game facts that you have saved onto a different Scott Adams game. What appears on the screen won't make sence, but it may show you some hints you never dreamed of, keep track of all the inventory items it shows you may see some items you didn't know existed. Then reload your adventure in the normal manner and proceed using your new found knowledge.

CP/M for TI:

As you may be aware a CP/M card is currently available for our TI expansion box. This is manufactured by Morning Star. If you are interested in more information I suggest you read the full review in the December 1984 issue of MICROpendium in the blue binder.

Old Newsletters Available:

Following the example of a couple of other users groups, we will be distributing back issues of exchange newsletters at each meeting. Because we exchange newsletters with quite a few users groups and because yours truly has run out of storage space, as of this meeting we will have back issues available free. This is a fantastic source of hints, programs , etc. Come and get your share.

Contributions Wanted:

We would really like articles from our members to be included in the newsletter. These can be short reviews, hints etc. We would especially like to know how and why you use your computer, especially if you use it in your business or hobby. If you would like to submit something, try to have it to me no later than the 5th of the month. This is your club, so we need your contributions.

Home Computer Revisited

As you may recall in the last issue of the newsletter I stated I had just received (though several months late) the latest issue of Home Computer Magazine. I still think it is the best magazine on the market for our TI 99/4A, however their deadlines are SLOW! On October 8, of 1984 I sent for one of their On Disk (a disk version-they also have cassette versions-of each program listed in the current magazine, it finally arrived on January 15,1985. It's nice to have a bug free copy of all programs in the magazine, but thats a LONG time to wait! I still advise, if you are looking for a good computer magazine to subscribe to, you won't find anything better. If interested in subscribing, send your check or money order for $25.00 (for one year or twelve issues-which ever takes longer) to Home Computer Magazine, PO Box 5537, Eugene Or. 97405 or you can call 1-800 828-2212 and charge it to your Visa or Mas charge.

Good Reading:

   If you are looking for a good monthly news magazine that 100%
supports our TI, I suggest you subscribe to MICROpendium. They put out
a 40 page newspaper which includes reviews, news, users notes,
advertisement, etc. aimed only at our TI 994/A. If interested send
$12.00 for twelve issues to MICROpendium, PO Box 1343, Round Rock , Tx
78680.

   Note: We have all the back issues in one of our blue binders and
they are available for your viewing at each meeting. I especially like
issue number one since they interviewed me for that issue.

Technical Newsletter:

   If you are looking for a EXCELLENT techincal newsletter. I
suggest you consider THE SMART PROGRAMMER (we also have copies for you
to look at). This 16+ page monthly newsletter has excellent
programming tips. If you are writing your own programs you will find
this publication invaluable. Send $12.50 to Millers Graphics, 1475 W.
Cypress Ave., San Dimas Ca 91773.

New Magazine!!

   Earlier in this newsletter I mentioned several magazines that
support our TI. Well effective this January there is another one.
Actually what is available now is the advance published copy of the
primier March edition. Mini-Mag 99 looks like an excellent, small
magazine exclusively supporting the TI99/4A. Their price is $20.00 per
year-currently they are offering a $5.00 off price if you subscribe by
Feb. 28,1985. S.O.S. Publishers, 21777 Ventura #203, Woodland Hills,
Ca. 91364. If their complimentary is any example-subscribe. Though
miniture in size, articles are well written and highly informative. We
will have subscription blanks and sample copies at the February
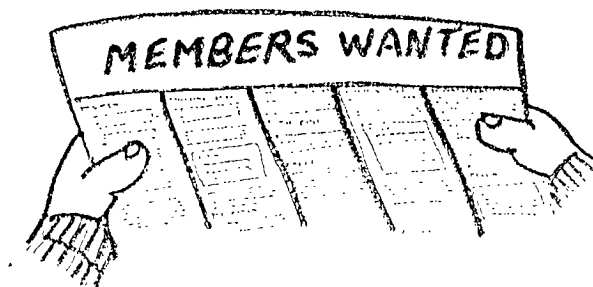meeting.

Raffle Revisited:

   Remember to bring or send your items for the monthly raffle. We
already have two copies of the new Mini-mag, one Princess and the Frog
module and one Terminal Emulator II (great for making your speech
synthesizor really talk!).

Meeting Night:

   To again remind all of our members, Kings 99ers meets regularly
at 7:00pm on the FOURTH Monday of each month. Why not mark your
calander for the next several months. (We may need to change in May
because of the holiday).

Members Wanted:

   If you have friends that also own the TI 99/4A please send me
their names (invite them to the meeting too!) and we will be happy to
send them a complimentary copy of the newsletter. Also if you have a
chance to go into any of the various computer stores be sure and tell
them about our users group. Be sure and leave our name and phone
number, better yet see if they have a bulletin board and leave a
message about to users group, when and where we meet-but again-most
important, our name and phone number. If we are to continue to grow
and serve we need YOUR help.

Now that many of you have printers, I thought I would show you a simple but effective way to put them to work. List making, is something I do a lot of. I was always going to write a simple program to make lists for me, but I have never gotten around to it. In the mean time, I have discovered how to put the computer to the task of organizing lists without a program. Actually, your list is the program. Using this method to construct lists, you can utilize all those great editing features of the T.I. 99/4A. You don't need any special programming skills. You don't need a special module like extended basic. All you need is your computer. Of course, if you want to save your lists, you will need a cassette recorder or a disk drive, and if you want to print your list, you need a printer. The T.I. Thermal Printer is ideal for this, but you can also use any other printer that connects to your computer.

The sample program is for a grocery list. The format is set up for Big John's Food King in Hanford, where I shop. If your store has merchandise arranged in a different order, you can change the line numbers.

A. To make your basic grocery list:
1.Type in the following program in BASIC. (If you have Extended BASIC, you may substitute the word REM with an exclamation point "!").
2. Add to the program list any food items you buy regulary, using the following procedure.
    a. Decide in what section that food product is found, in the store.
    b. Type a line number within the range for that section. (Do not use the same line number more than once)
    c. Type REM (! if using XBASIC) and hit the space bar.
    d. Type the name of the item and quantity (i.e. PAPER PRODUCTS (610-699) Your line would read 620 REM NAPKINS,300 YELLOW
    e. Press ENTER
3. After you have added all regular purchases, save the program to a disk or tape.
B. To make your weekly grocery list:

1. Load your basic grocery list into the computer
2. Add this weeks purchases to the list in the same manner you did for the basic list.
3. To delete an item from the list, type the item's line number and press ENTER.
4. To change information on a line:
    a. Type the line number of the item.
    b. Hold the function key down and press "E" (the up arrow)
    c. Use the editing keys (INS,DEL,ERASE) or just retype the line.

    d. When the line is the way you want it, press ENTER
C. To view your lists on the screen, in proper order:
1. Type LIST and press ENTER
2. If you want to stop the list from scrolling up the screen, hold down the function key and press the #4 key. To continue scrolling, type CON and press ENTER
3. If you want to look at only a section of your list, include the line number range for that section (i.e. LIST 610-699).
4. If you want a print out of your list to take to the store with you, type LIST"TP" (for other printers use LIST"PIO" or LIST"RS232" depending on the port your printer uses).

Try this program list, even if you aren't going to the store. Before you know it you will have become proficient in the use of your computer's editing capabilities. You will learn the orderlyness of program line numbers. Best of all, you will be using your computer and printer to help around the house. After all, isn't that what you bought it for?

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10 REM    ****************
20 REM
30 REM    **GROCERY LIST**
40 REM
50 REM    ****************
60 REM
70 REM    PROG.BY JEANI MILLS
80 REM
90 REM    NOTE! THIS PROGRAM
91 REM         WILL NOT RUN
92 REM         IT WILL LIST!
93 REM
100 REM   ****************
101 REM   CAN FRUIT&JUICE
102 REM      (110-199)
109 REM   ****************
200 REM   ****************
201 REM   OLIVES,PICKELS
202 REM      (210-299)
209 REM   ****************
300 REM   ****************
301 REM   CAN VEGTABLES
302 REM      (310-399)
309 REM   ****************
400 REM   ****************
402 REM   DIET FOODS
403 REM      (410-499)
409 REM   ****************
500 REM   ****************
501 REM   PAPER,PICNIC
502 REM      (510-599)
509 REM   ****************
600 REM   ****************
601 REM   BREAD,COOKIES
602 REM      (610-699)
609 REM   ****************
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700  REM  ********************
701  REM  CAN MEAT,FISH,MEAL
703  REM  SOUPS (710-799)
709  REM  ********************
800  REM  ********************
801  REM  PET FOOD,SUPPLIES
802  REM     (810-899)
809  REM  ********************
900  REM  ********************
901  REM  COSMETICS
902  REM  HEALTH AIDS
903  REM     (910-999)
909  REM  ********************
1000 REM  ********************
1001 REM  CAN&POW MILK
1002 REM  SHORTNING
1003 REM  INSTITUTIONAL
1004 REM     (1010-1099)
1009 REM  ********************
1100 REM  ********************
1101 REM  SODAS (1110-1199)
1102 REM  CHEESE,BUTTER
1200 REM  ********************
1201 REM  MAYO, DRESSINGS
1202 REM  LUNCH MEAT,DELI
1203 REM     (1210-1299)
1209 REM  ********************
1300 REM  ********************
1301 REM  GENERIC(1310-1399)
1309 REM  ********************
1400 REM  ********************
1401 REM  FROZEN FOODS
1402 REM     (1410-1499)
1409 REM  ********************
1500 REM  ********************
1501 REM  JELLY,SYRUP
1502 REM     (1510-1599)
1509 REM  ********************
1600 REM  ********************
1601 REM  GREETING CARDS
1602 REM     (1610-1699)
1609 REM  ********************
1700 REM  ********************
1701 REM  HARDWARE,GADGETS
1702 REM     (1710-1799)
1709 REM  ********************
1800 REM  ********************
1801 REM  DRIED BEANS,SAUCES
1802 REM     (1810-1899)
1809 REM  ********************
1900 REM  ********************
1901 REM  CERIAL,HOT&DRY
1902 REM     (1910-1999)
1909 REM  ********************
2000 REM  ********************
2001 REM  SUGAR,FLOUR
2002 REM     (2010-2099)
2009 REM  ********************
2100 REM  ********************
2101 REM  CAKE&PUDDING MIX
2102 REM  JELLO (2110-2199)
2109 REM  ********************

2200 REM  ********************
2201 REM  SPICES,CHOCOLATE
2202 REM     (2210-2299)
2209 REM  ********************
2300 REM  ********************
2301 REM  COFFEE,TEA
2302 REM     (2310-2399)
2309 REM  ********************
2400 REM  ********************
2401 REM  BABY AIDS
2402 REM     (2410-2499)
2409 REM  ********************
2500 REM  ********************
2501 REM  FRESH PRODUCE
2502 REM     (2510-2599)
2509 REM  ********************
2600 REM  ********************
2601 REM  DETERGENTS,BLEACH
2602 REM  CLEANING AGENTS
2603 REM     (2610-2699)
2700 REM  ********************
2701 REM  AUTO SUPPLIES
2702 REM  PLASTICS,BROOMS
2703 REM     (2710-2799)
2800 REM  ********************
2801 REM  MAGAZINES,STATNRY
2802 REM  SHOE SUPPLIES
2803 REM     (2810-2899)
2809 REM  ********************
2900 REM  ********************
2901 REM  NUST,CANDIES
2902 REM  SNACKS,CHIPS
2903 REM     (2910-2999)
2909 REM  ********************
3000 REM  ********************
3001 REM  WINES
3002 REM  EXOTIC&ETHNIC FOOD
3003 REM     (3010-3099)
3009 REM  ********************
3100 REM  ********************
3101 REM  MILK,EGGS,YOGRT
3102 REM     (3110-3199)
3109 REM  ********************
3200 REM  ********************
3201 REM  FRESH MEAT
3202 REM     (3210-3299)
3209 REM  ********************
3300 REM  ********************
3301 REM  FRESH BAKERY
3302 REM     (3310-3399)
3309 REM  ********************
3400 REM  ********************
3401 REM  FRESH DELI
3402 REM     (3410-3499)
3409 REM  ********************
3500 REM  ********************
3501 REM  OTHER,MISC.
3502 REM     (3510-3599)
3509 REM  ********************
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SPECIALS THIS MONTH

At the last meeting, some members were asking about new and used
computers for backups for their systems. I told them I have new
computers for $125.00 and one used computer for $75.00. I have decided
to make these available to club members only, for $99.00 new and $65.00
used. See me if you want one.

If you reciently purchased a disk drive and thermal printer, you may
find you have to many plugs for your wall outlet. Don't use an
extension cord and plug some units into another outlet - You could
damage your equiptment. Instead, use a gang outlet, one with a fuse
and a switch on it. Plug all your equiptment (computer, T.V., disk
controller, disk drive, printer, tape recorder) into it. Turn all the
switches to the "ON" on position, except the computer and the gang
switch. Plug the gang cord into the wall outlet. Now, turn on the
gang switch and then the computer switch. Always turn the computer on
last. I can get you a good gang plug with 6 outlets for $23.95, but if
you watch your sales, K-Mart sometimes has them for under $10.00. If
you want surge protection also, I can get you the same gang outlet with
surge suppressor for only $39.95 (cheap insurance). You won't find
these at K-Mart.

DISKETTES AND STORAGE: Now that you have a disk drive, you will need
some diskettes and something to keep them in. I will have some
initilized diskettes for sale at the next meeting. Also, one of our
members, Richard Butts, has learned about a company that will sell our
club members diskettes at an incredably low price. We will have to
make a group purchase of fifty diskettes, so come prepared to place
your order and save on diskettes. I will also have some storage units
available: MOLULE AND CASSETTE CASE $19.95, FLIP TOP DISK CASE (holds
50)..$19.95, FLIP N FILE/10 (holds 10)..5.95, FLIP N FILE/15 (holds
15)..$9.95, FLIP N FILE/25..(holds 25)..$19.95, FLIP N FILE/50 (holds
50)..$29.95, DATA CASE (holds 50)..$14.95, and DISK DRAWER (fits into
your file drawer like a hanging file...holds 60)..$19.95. These are
all sturdy units made by INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS the leading name in disk
storage.

Do you have a friend who would like an introduction to home computing?
I have in stock a complete computer introductory package. It includes:
Texas Instruments 99/4A Home Computer, cassette cables, Superstick
joysticks, dust cover, Home Finance Library, Family Entertainment
Library, Variety Pack, Entertainment Pack, plus your choice of Music
Educator, Elementry Educator, Arcade Library, or Tiny Logo. That's
nineteen pieces of the most popular software from T.I. in beautiful
storage binders. Software includes games for the whole family, home
finance, education and computer programming instruction. A great
family system for only $250.00

I have lots of modules in stock, priced at $10.00 - $15.00. This is
the last of the T.I. produced modules, so if there are any you need to
complete your library, get them while they are available. SUPPORT THE
USER'S GROUP: 10 % of all purchases of these modules, made at the
February meeting, will be donated to the club treasury.

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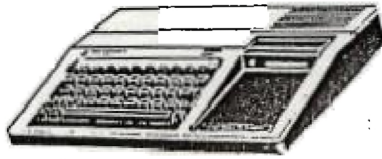
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