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Bill Mills, Pres.

April Meeting:

We will be meeting on the fourth Monday of the month. As in the past months, I urge (even beg you) to please be on time so we may start at 7:00, not 7:15-7:30. For a couple of reasons I can't confirm the program subject at this time, but we will have a program. Remember 7:00 SHARP!

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MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1985
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Special Education Center
1255 Beulah Street, Hanford

March Minutes:

As in the past few months, our turn out was small, but we had a very productive meeting. Again, Jeani gave us a very informative presentation. Even though there was only about a dozen or so of us present, the enthusiasm level was high. We are thankful for the visitors, remember to keep inviting new prospects.

New Members:

We would like to welcome the following new members this month: Ray Miller and Raymond Walker-and both have joined the library co-op! I would like to extend a special congratulations to Ray Miller, he is the first person to pay his 1985-86 dues.

Dues:

Speaking of dues we can accept your renewal dues for 1985-86 at any time. As you are probably aware, our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Renewal dues are \$12.00. The sooner people pay the less effort on our part and the less unnecessary expence billing people. Enough said for now.

Mini-Mag Issue No.2.:

We have just received the second issue of Mini-Mag and as they promised they continued their series on The use of TI-Writer this article is on the use of labels and mailing lists. They also have a very interesting article on the use of a Radio Shack CGP-115 Plotter with the TI 99/4A. Also they published a way to "trick" your older Weight Control and Tax Investment Record Keeping modules so you can use your printer.

Sketch Mate dump:

Are you one of those frustrated people who bought a Sketch Mate and found it got tiring when you couldn't save to disk or dump to your printer? Well now there is an answer. Printed picture is double width, double height with 15 shadings, and one to eight patterns to represent "different colors and tones. Their ad says for Epson, Star Gemini, or Panasonic printers. The system requires: Super Sketch Pad, 32k memory, disk drive, Extended Basic or Mini-Memory and a Cartridge Port Expander. The system comes on disk for @25.95 from Multi Vidio Services, PO Box 246, E. Amherst, NY 14051.

Free Gift:

At the March meeting we shared a brochure that came to our house advertizing a "Home Computing Library". We received the first volume and found as we suspected it is written for about 6th-8th grade level, but since vol. 1 was free, it cost us nothing (you know the pitch, "examine the first volume absolutly free and if not completly satisfied send us a card to cancel all future issues). Well not only did we get the free vol.1 we received their free gift "A mini-computer " five function digital clock. It looks just like a miniture computer and now sits in a place of honor next to our monitor.



**COMPUTER
DESK
CLOCK**
SHOWS HOUR, MINUTE,
SECOND, MONTH & DATE

If you are interested you can write to: The Family Home Computing Library, 201 Lincoln Boulevard, Middlesex, New Jersey 08846. I suggest you write and ask for one of their brochures.

New Magazine Discovered:

Barbara Davis, discovered this magazine while waiting in the doctors office. FAMILY COMPUTING, PO Box 2512, Boulder Co. 80321 (\$2.50 per issue or subscription of 12 issues for \$17.97 or \$24 for \$27.97 plus a free gift of the Best of Family Computing). This is a general home computer magazine with about 3-5 programs to type in per issue. They have program versions for virtually every every home computer on the market. Generally, printed versions for four different computers, one of them is always TI, and then short modification statements for the other computers. Programs are generally short routines, not highly complex. But, take a look at it. It may be what you have been looking for.

A Special Thanks:

We would like to thank Doris Ingram for all her efforts on behalf of the club. Doris has been contacting radio and TV stations along with newspapers to get them to include public service service announcements about our meetings. Thanks Doris!

Continued Thanks:

Doris reciently wrote to tell me that her brother-in-law, who reciently retired from TI, has sent her a copy of a manuscript of his book reciently accepted for publication but then dropped because of the "lack of demand for home computer books". Anyway he has made the book available to us. It is FROM BASIC TO ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE for TMS 9900 Minicomputers (especially for TI 99/4 and /4A). It's in manuscript form, about 240 double spaced pages. He gives OUR users group permission to copy it as a "public domain" document as long as no one puts a copyright notice on it. If interested see Doris at the meeting.

Raffle:

Please remember to bring articles for the raffle for the meeting next week. Each person is asked to bring a minimum of one article they are willing to donate, this can be a module you no longer use a program you wrote, one you typed in from another source, etc. The idea is to have a lot of articles so the raffle is fun and the club adds some money to it's treasury in a painless manner.

Cable Problems:

There is a company that specializes in cables for the TI. Among other things they have a cable that allows you to get rid of that big ugly flat black monster from the side of your computer. We have their complete price list in one of the blue binders or you can write to them direct and ask for a price list. TEN-X PRECISION, PO Box 163, Concord, Ca. 94522.

Multi-plan Tax Sheet:

Now that we have finished our big bouts with income tax and made our promises to keep better records for next year, Steve Zimmerman, writing for the San Diego Users Group has a three page article on how to SIMPLIFY the use of Multi-plan. Because of the length of the article, I can't copy it here, but if you are interested, the newsletter will be on file in the blue binder.

Menu Program:

A couple of people have been looking for a menu and/or load program that will work without memory expansion. The April issue of the Rocky Mountain TIC TALK contains a new menu with promise of a load program modification in the near future. If interested take the time to look this up.

Adventure Buffs:

For those of you who who are hooked on the Scott Adams series they have come out with the Adventure Editor program. This will allow you to 1. edit, alter, list or copy any existing Scott Adams adventure (you can copy from tape to disk, disk to tape, etc.). 2. You can create new adventures using their "template game" as a start up. This program comes on disk or tape and is designed to run with the Mini-Memory(Cassette) or Editor-Assembler(disk version). \$29.95.

Old Friends:

We just received a letter from one of our old faithful members, Tex Barberite-now actively working in the Peace Corps in Central America. She says she really misses her TI. It's amazing how much we take our computers for granted, she was told she could't take her computer. If anyone is interested in her address or how to contact her let me know.

Bible-Based Computer Games:

Two Bible based computer games are now available from the American Baptist Convention. "The Ten Commandments" (number LS12-301) is a variety of questions which ask for true-false, multiple choice or fill in the blank responses. "Bible Knowledge" (number LS12-302) asks a variety o multiple Choice questions about the Old and New Testaments. Both are available from: Literature Service, ABC, Box 851, Valley Forge, PA. 19482-0851, for \$1.95 each. Ask for them by title and number, you might also specify the TI version since they have versions to be typed and run on the Commodore 64, TI 99/4A, TRS-80, Apple II and Atari.

