



KINGS 99ers USERS GROUP
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May Meeting:

Don Thurber will be demonstrating the use of a data based management program. Since this is a powerful program that can be used along with TI Writer and Multiplan, it should be a worthwhile demonstration. Don suggests that if you get a chance, read the article, "Field & Screen:Using a Data Base System" starting on page 78 of Vol.5 No.2 of Home Computer Magazine prior to the meeting.

Also, Navarone is starting to market a new program. They will be sending us a demonstration copy of PAINT'N PRINT for our preview and comments. If you want a sneak preview of this brand new program, before it hits the general market, be sure and come to the May meeting. Those of you who have received your latest copy of Triton's catalog can read about PAINT'N PRINT on page 25.

Remember, because of the holiday weekend, we will be meeting on the THIRD Monday, this month only.

KINGS 99ers USERS GROUP
MONDAY, MAY 20, 1985
* * * * 7:00 * * * *
Special Education Center
1255 Beulah Street, Hanford

April Minutes:

Jeani Explained what a data based program is and gave us a brief synopsis of the article from Home Computer Magazine mentioned above. Billy demonstrated the light pen he invented, a major manufacture of products for the TI has expressed interest in manufacturing this pen (good luck Billy.) It was great to have Doris Curry and Harry Allston back to our meetings-welcome back!

Thank Yous:

Thanks to Bill Weede for donating a second disk file for the clubs library. Since we are currently at capacity in our existing disk file, this is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Harry Allston for donating a double sided disk to our clubs library (remember, Harry donated almost half of the library when we started it last year.) The listing of these new programs will be included when we reprint and up date the library catalog (hopefully this summer).

Library:

Remember our users group maintains a 800+ program library that is available FREE to library CO-OP members. The initial cost of joining the CO-OP library is \$20.00, this allows you FREE library copying privileges for one year.

Membership Renewal:

Now is the time to pay your 1985-86 dues. Please send your check for \$12.00 marked "Dues Renewal".

Welcome Back:

We would like to extend a special welcome back to Ed Kudrna. Ed was one of the original six charter Kings 99ers. Ps. Don't ask Ed how much he had to pay for his original TI 99/4!

Service Centers:

So many people have been asking how or where can I get my computer, disk drive, etc. serviced. TI still maintains their toll free help line, just call 1-800 TI CARES, they can generally answer most of your questions. However, if you need something repaired or exchanged (in or out of warantee) you need to contact one of the Exchange Centers. If you need service, contact the nearest center, call for the specific address and shipping instructions. California centers are: Torrance (213)217 7095, Irvine (714)660-8161, Sacramento (916)929-9217, San Diego (619)268-1250, San Francisco (415)392-6840, Santa Clara (408)748-2350, Woodland Hills (818)704-7757. The ideal situation, if it is convienent, is to visit the center in person. They will bench test your unit, when they determine it to be in need of repair they will immediatly exchange it for one that works (no charge if under warantee-one year for computer consoles, 90 days for most other items, otherwise there is a very minimal exchange price.

Catalogs:

If you do not have the latest Triton Catalog (it just came out this month), you can obtain a free copy by calling them at 1-800 227-6900. Likewise if you don't have the latest catalog from Tenex, call them at 1-800 348-2778. BUT, remember to check with Jeani before ordering from these companies, she can often beat their prices for our club members.

Raffle:

Don't forget to continue to support the monthly raffle. Bring items to donate and come to the meetings and to purchase tickets.

Tresurers Report:

First I'd like to extend a special welcome back to Doris Curry. Because of complications following surgery, Doris was unable to attend meetings from last October until this April. Now that she is back she said she will try to give us a regular montly tresurers report.

Beginning balance (April 1)		\$126.44
Deposit: Dues and library fees	81.35	
raffle	8.00	

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Paid out: newsletter printing	23.17	
stamps	22.00	
Ray Graf-loan payment	20.00	

	65.17	-65.17

Ending balance		150.62

Loan Status:

Just to bring you up to date: Last October we borrowed \$470.50 from one of our members (Ray Graf) to purchase the users group's computer and full expansion system including disk drive. The terms of the contract called for us to pay Ray an initial payment of \$60.00 and pay \$20.00 per month with a final payment of \$190.50 prior to October 1985. The \$20.00 library membership fees are used to make these payments. So far we have managed to pay all payments on time-however, there have been months when someone joined the library at the meeting and that was the money used to make that months payment. We still need more people to JOIN and USE the library if we are going to be in a position to pay off the loan in October, otherwise we will have to forfeit all our equipment. So if you have not joined the library, please do so soon!

Reminder:

This months meeting will be on the THIRD Monday of the month. See you on the 20th!

JEANI'S JABBERINGS

As you know, we have been discussing data and file management at the last couple of meetings. Many of us originally purchased our computer with the idea of using it for some form of data management. In order to meet this goal we must have a program that will allow us to enter specific information (data) and then retrieve it in what ever manner necessary for our needs. That is what data management programs do.

Some forms of data management programs include; tax record programs, budget programs, car expense programs, word processing , genealogy programs, and other specialty programs. These programs each have a specific format for a specific type of data to be processed.

A Data Base Management program allows the user to set up the file structure and then determine how the data will be processed. A good program gives the user lots of options, so it may take a while to learn how to use it correctly, but it is worth the time invested, for you no longer have to look for specific programs to fill your needs. You can build to suit!

The Navarone data Base Management system is a powerful disk file system in module form. It has lots of options for setting up your file, sorting and retrieving data. Don Thurber will be showing us some of these features at our next meeting. Don is a C.P.A. who uses this program daily in his work. If you have any questions about what this program can or can not do, please come and ask Don.

If you would like your own Navarone Data Base Management module you will be able to order one at the May meeting for the special price of \$59.00 (reg. \$69.00) To use this program you must have a disk drive and 32K memory expansion.

OTHER SPECIALS THIS MONTH INCLUDE:

Console Writer: word processing module does not need extended basic, extra memory or disk drive ! reg. 29.95 May special \$26.00

Homework Helper: Word processing module with spelling dictionary. requires 23K memory and disk drive. reg. \$39.95, May special \$29.00

Cartridge Expander: Saves wear and tear on your grow port, also keeps modules from overheating. Plug in three modules at a time. reg. \$39.00, May special \$29.00

Spelling Checker for the T.I. Writer: DRAGONSLAYER auto spell check, reg. \$49.95, May special \$39.95

INFOCOM ADVENTURES: Zork I or The Hitchhikers Guide To the Galaxy, reg. \$39.95, May special \$29.95. Other INFOCOM adventures available. All require 32K memory, disk drive and Extended Basic.

While we are on the subject of data management programs, take a look at "The Organizer" in the last two issues of Home Computer Magazine (vol.5 nos.1&2). This handy program links random access files two-dimensionally. I am excited about its unique format and plan to use it to organize ancestral decendants (part of my genealogy). It has many potential uses and the price is very reasonable (free for the typing).



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