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Welcome to the age of the computer in the home! Future meetings will be held the third thursday of each month at 7 F.M. in Room 200 Turner Hall, ILLINGIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Normal, Il. Future dates include February 21 , March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20, 1985.
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The program for February will consist of:

* Our normal business meeting.
* Feorganization and planning meeting.
* "Fersonal Recordkeeping" by Sherwood Smith
* Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetinge.
$\% \% \% \%$ FRESIDENTS NOTES $\% \% \% \%$
In an organization such as MICRO a lot depends on the membership and what that membership is willing to do. Eased on the time I have been ascociated with MICRO I have seen a oreat deal of wart being done by a Enall dedicated group of individuals. These individuals have served on committees, have made countless presentations, have become leaders of our special interest groups, and have served as officers of the club.

In starting of my term as Fresident of Micro I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these individuals for their past and hopefully future efforts. I would also like to challenge the bull of the organization to get involved in one way or another. One of the main things I want to cover at our February meeting is a reorganization of our committees and get same of our new members involved.

To accomplish the task ahead of us I am asting that all members of the culu attend the upcoming meetang. At this meeting we will be seekina volunteers for positions on committees and will try to organize activities for the coming months. The 1985 officers of MICFO and the small band of dedicated club members can not do all the work and we can no longer afford to have members sit along the sidelines and reap the benefits without participation. We ast for your help and look formard toward your cooperation.

HAS CORCOMF COME BACK TO LIFE?.. THE Club recentlv received a letter from COFCOMF INC. Fiemember those folks? They were the ones that were suppose to come out with the alternate expansion system for your 99/4A and was rumored to be developing the gi/8. Well, these guys had a few problems in 1984 which ultimately led to a reorganization of the corporation. According to the letter, the company has made the decision not to produce the large 99000 expansion system and is concentratirig on the 9900 Micro Expansion System (hereafter called MES). The letter goes on to say that the company has worked out all of the bugs out of this system. Based on the reviews from the system test sites the unit sounds really great. More information on this system will be available at our
meeting.

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MICFD GFANTED FEDEFAL TAX EXEMFTION... AlSo in the mail this month was a letter from the IFS. Since MICFD was first organized in June of 198 S we have been operating as a mon profit organization. But operating and being one under the law are two different things.

Thant:s to the efforts of Foy Ereedlove MICRD has finally received a letter recognizing us as a federally tax exempt organiaation. Along with not having to pay income taxes the club is now eligible for reduced postage rates and should be exempt from sales taxes. Thanks again Foy!

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128F BOAFD ON SALE... Another item of interest for those people who have expansion systems is the announcement by Foundation Computing that they are running a User Group sale in February. During February the company is offering their $128 k$ Memory Expansion Card and their Disk: File Emulator Software for a total price of $\$ 180.00$. Total retail price on this package is $\$ 259.9550$ their sale will save you $\ddagger 79.95 . \quad$ Information about ordering this equipment will be available at the february meeting.
$\% \% \% \%$ 1885 MICFO OFFICERS $\% \% \% \% \%$

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ON EEING FFESIDENT OF MICFO... With the responsibilities of office behind me 1 can now take time to reflect on my term as fresident of MICRO.

For the most part I feel the experience was enjoyable and rewarding. I feel personally proud of the fact that our membership more than tripled in the last year and 1 am pleased that our special interest groups mave gained the interest of our active members. On the other side of the coin, I feel saddened by the lack of participation at our meetings. I personally feel that the 1984 officers did everything short of draging people to the meetings and we still could not get people to attend.

I fonow Brian and the rest of the officers have a great challenge ahead of them in 1985. If you want YOUF clut to continue then you'll have to give your officers all the help you can. For starters why not plan to attend the February meeting and get involved?

Eill Hull.

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DUES INCFEASE... At the January meeting the assembled membership voted to increase the 1985 dues to $\$ 15.00$. The increase is a direct reflection of the increased cost of printing the MICFO NEWS and postage. When you think about what you're getting it's still a bargain!
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SFEAFING OF DUES... Dues for 1985 are now due. Fayment of your dues can be Mandled in person or by mailing your payment to our F. $G$. Bow.
Failure to renew your membership by April 1,1985 will result in the loss of your membership. Sorry if that sounds tough but we must set some deadlines.

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JANUAFY COMFUTEF SHOW A EIG SUCCESS... OnCE again MICFO put on a quality show at College Hills Mall. Autrey Johnson was responsible for organizing this years show and it was really great. We had many fine demonstrations and still found some TI owners who didn't know we existed. Hopefully the show will result in new or renewed interest in the club. Thants again Aubrey for job well done!
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BASFETBALL CONFLICT... DLIring our February meeting we are faced with a conflict with an ISU basketball game. Parling in the lot west of Turner Hall is not permitted however parking to the south of the building will be available. Flan on getting to the meeting early to get a good spot.
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TWO GOOD AFTICLES.. : The following two articles were received of the mail since our last newsletter. Dne article called "CALL fEy" came from the December issue of the Mid Atlantic Ninty Niner's newsletter. The second article is "TIFS FFOM THE TIGEFCUB" by Jim Feterson. Eoth of these articles are well worth reading.

TIPG FROM THE TIGERCUE

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Hy nex catelog 45 is now available for 81.00 , which is oductable froe your first order. It contains over 130 prograas in Basic and Extended Basic at only $\$ 3.00$ each Tolus 1.50 per order for casette, packing and postage, or $\$ 3.00$ for distette, PP\&K).

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And $1 f$ you send an order before 31 Deceaber 1984 and eention your user groud, you aay take a $10 \%$ distount.

Hy 28-Coluen Converter, zublished in lips 115, has a buq whach causes a line to disappear if the map-around ciuses it to begin wath a deriod and you are using the fornatler option. Here is the fix -

Change line 300 to read: 300 For. $\mathrm{H}=1$ 10 5 :: KEAO CHE,RS

Change line 280 to read:
280 DATA $\mathcal{e}, 1, t, i, \cdots, \cdots, 1,:, \ldots 1$ In othep woros, your DAIA iteas mlll be the "at" sagn above the 2 . the left
brate on the tront of the $F$ key, the appersand on the 7 key, the raght brace on the front of the $G_{\text {, }}$ the carat sign above the $b$, the tilde on the front of the $w$, the asterisk above the $B$, the uhatsit? on the front of the $A$, the period, and the backslash on the front of the 2.

A couple of other changes wall autonatically turn off the autoratic fill and adjust, and turn it buck on. At the end of line 180, add :: PRIAT t2: ". NF" and change line 270 to NEXI J:: PRINT 12:'。FI;AD;"
: CLOSE $2: 1$ CLOSE $11::$ EMD
Now, as long as the teat strings in your prograi don't contain those oddoall characters, all should be mell. Moxever, the progras has one aore buq which is comaon to all 28-coluen converter proorasy, and for wich 1 can find no really good fix. If a prograe line is exactly 80 characters long, the next progran line will follow iangoiately after it instead of starting on the next line. So. Joad the file in the Editor mode and scan it bo!ore vou print it. If any of you whiz kids lor maiz grandpast can figupe out a hay to progran around that problen, please let af know!

A challenge in tips was to urite a l-line XBasic apogran mich mould take only 70 seconds to scrasble the nuabers fros 1 to 255 into a coepletely rando sequence without duplicat:0n. Pichard hitchell, the editer of Super 99 Nonthly, cane up with an algorithe which is shorter than alne and runs about 10 seconds faster - but it sure does chew up a lot of eesory!

1 DIM A(255),C(254):: RANDOn
LIE : C CALL FEEK (-31808,8): :
IF $B=0$ OR $A(B)=8$ THEN $\mid E L S$
E $C(D)=8: 1 A(B)=B:: D=D+1$
: : IF d=255 THEN ENO ELSE I
And if you're not substribing to Super 99 Monthly, you should de! it's only 122 year, and tull of very useful proarasa, poutines and tios. Ine aodress is Byteader Coaputer Services, 171 Mustang Street, Sulohur LA 70063.

Also be sure to get the Rational

Wanety-Miner fron the ifers users Broup Assoration (JSJS So. K St. 693, Batersfield CA 93304), ilss only $\$ 12$ a year. Their roster of mriters is beginning to look like the tho's who of the Il morld.

Danay hichael has written an asseably lanquage progras which wall duag a graphics screen to a dot aatrix printer (Epson or Geaint, and orobably others) in less than 50 seconos - and he's giving it amay. dugt send has an antialized disk in d diskette aaler mith an adoress label back to you ano enough return postage. His ajoress 15 koute 9. Box 460, Florence al 35630 .

Please, can anyout tell at were: can may distette eaiders at a decent price? The cheapest 1 have founo are 80.65 each for an $11^{\circ} \times 9^{\prime}$ piece of cardooard!

Sosebody sald they liked ay Alphabet Song in the list fios, and someboay else wanted sone nere routanes for the speech spntnesizer, sol put it all together and here's what I cage af with. If you can type the alphabet mithout a nistake, you get an encore.

100 CALL CLEAF.
110 PRINT - ALPHGEET S
DNG"
120 FOR $3=11020$
130 PGINT
140 NEXJJ
150 FRINT - by $\mathrm{J}_{1}$

- Fetersan': : 'Hasit。 olease"
:
160 OFEA 11:'SPEECH', OUTPUT
170 DIA 1120.21
180 OATA $12,12,4,4,1,1,1,7,7$
.8,8,10,10,10.10,12.1.4.7,8,
$8,10,4,8,8,10$
190 FRR J×1 1026
200 READ 1
210 Ts(J. $11=0 / 1 \cdot 4$ STKs(1)4.
4STRE(2110832)

230 MEXT J

" U' $^{\circ}$
250 CALL CLEAR
260 FGIMI -htady - IPEE ThE


## ALPhaEE1*

27v $\mathrm{i=0}$
$280 \times 2 \times 64$
290 CALL XEY $(3, X, 57)$
300 IF $(S T(1)+(K(65)+(K) 90) T$
HEN 290
310 IF Kく>K2+1 THEM 330
320 I $=1+1$
330 PRIMT 11:18(k-64, 1):1s(k
-64,2)
340 CALL $\operatorname{HCHAR}(12,17, K)$
350 K 2 K K
360 IF K( 390 THEN 290
370 IF T=26 THEN 390
3806070270
390 FOR $K=651090$
400 CALL HCHAR $(12,17, \mathrm{X})$
410 FRIMT 11:1s(K-64, 1):Ts(K
-ó4.2)
420 HESTX $X$
430 FKIMI II:TS(1,1): "MOW IV

: 'A E':TB(3.1): 'SEEI'
440 PRINT 11:Ts(8,1):"MOKT Y
O1':18(10,1): 'COME AND":1811
 -
4506070270
Terry Atkinson's routine to redefine the cursor has aroused sone interest, so 1 fiddied around and eane up with this version to change tise cursor autonatically to whatever character, noraal or redefined, that yeu input.

100 :Cufisor Changer by Jia $P$

## eterson

11C INYUT AS: : $A=A S C(A B):$ :
CRLL CHAFYAT(A,AS):: FOR Jx!
10 16 SIEF 2 : : hs=5E63las,
J, 2): : CALL HEX. OEC(HS,D)::
T=1 H : : H(l)=D :: KEXT J::
120 Call INII 18 Call LORD 8
196.63.248)

1Jí CALL LOAD (1637\%, $67,85,82$
, $6:, 79,82,18,81$
140 CALL LOAD (12288, H(1), H(2
$1, H(3), H(4), H(5), H(6), H(7), H$
(8))

150 CALL LOADI12296, 2,0,3, 24
$0,2,1,48,0,2,2,0,8,4,32,32,3$
$6,1,911$
160 CALL LIMXI ("CUKSOR")! THAM
KS TO TEKKY AIKIMSOM
170 SUB HEX DECIH: DI: : $N=1$
: : DEC=0

180 FOR Jal TO LEM(HS):I Asx
SEGs(Hs,LEN(HS)-J+1,1)1:IF
ASC(AB) 58 THEN $H T \times\{S C(A B)-5$
5 ELSE HT=VAL(AS)
190 DEC=DEC+KBKT: : NzM81b:
: KEXIJ
200 IF DECS 352768 THEN $D=D E C$
ELSE Dx-(05530-DEC)
210 SUEEKD

> And of course you can always color the cursor with call COLOR(0, 5,11$)$ or watever colors you like.

Host folks don't sees to know, and sone folks refuse to believe, that the hesory Expansion can't store strings. If you are one of the disbelaevers, plug in your neaory Expansion and try tris -

100 fOR J=1 IO 255 : : Ms=hat
CHRS(J): : MEXT J
110 D! A (100): $x=x+1: 1: A$
( $1(1)=$ MS : : PRINT $X: 1$ 6010 I
10
Now RUK that. On ey console, I qee REMARY FX: l when $\mathrm{y}=13$ although the SILE coínand shoms I have 243ce bytes of proaran space free lan the Expansion) - but only 204 bytes of free stack an the console). Without the nesory Expansion 1 can get la uo to 51 , and in Basic to 53 .

This can be a serious handicad If you are running a orogras which reads in a larqe nuaber of strangs from DAIA stateaents, or venerates strings mnile running.
$0 f$ course, men the henory Expansion is attached, the progran and the nuneric variables are stored in the Expansion, leaving all the console eesory avalable for strings - but :f you do not generate strings, the console eseory renains unused, because nueric data cannot overtlow into it!

If your progras generates sore nueeric varaales than the hesory Expansion can hold, you can however store the in the console by converting the to strangs, using SIRs, and convert the back to nuabers with val. This wall allow you store an adoitional 700 to 900 or sore nuabers. Iry this -

100 OIN A(3040), As (1000):: $F$
OR $X=1$ IO $3000:$ : $A(X)=\varnothing 9::$
PRINT I : : MEXT 1
110 Yzy+1 : : As (Y) =SIKı (99)
:: fRINT Y:: gOTO 110

When you get EEnOFY FULL, tyde SIIE.

Dave kenkenberger sent ie a neat little routine, and $i$ played around with it a bit. For you who are not football fans, l'd betler explan that the Wave is perforaed at football stadiuss when the cheerleaders get the tans to stanc and cheer, one seating section at a tiae, across the stadiue - and thos: drunks on the roof are usually out of sequence.

90 !THE WAVE by David kenken Derqer/aoditied by dic feter son
100 CALL CLEAR : : CALL SCREE $3(4)$
110 Ass'isthe wavell
120 OISPLAY GT(4,14-LEN(AS)// 2):

130 Bs='press any xey to siu $0^{\prime}$
140 DISPLAY AII22,14-LEM(60)
121:86

160 As = "000018187EDOJCJC"
170 FOK $C H=91$ 10 $115:$ : CALL
EHAR(CH, AS): : $\mathrm{AS}=\mathrm{ASECHF} \mathrm{S}$ :CH
1:: MEXI CH:: FOK $\mathrm{F}=81012$
: : DISPLAY AJ (K, I): AS :: NE 11 k
175 FOR $\mathrm{T}=1$ io 20 SIEP 5 ::
DISPLAY ATI22, 1):SEGs(Ms, $\mathrm{P}, 1$
1:: MEXI 1
180 FOR CH=91 IO $123::$ CALL CHAR(CH, KS): : CALL CHAKICH-
5,As): : CALL SOUND (-999,-7,5
tRMDI:: CALL KEY(3, K, ST):: 1
F STC)O ThEN STOP
190 MEXI CH :: SOTO 18O
mEnORY FULL
Happy hackin.
dia feterson

CALL KEY
the call key program in extemoed basic is a valuable tool but 1 found that it has taxen he a lows time to really umoerstano it's proper useabe. one thing that helped me was ime folowing quick reference chart mich : pasted into hy extended basic mavual for guick REFEREMCE. Joyce Corker, Walthas, Mass.

ChLL KEY ( 0 , KEY, STATUS)
ombecoses whatever mode was used by previous CALL KEY statesent KEY is returned as ASC YALUEI) sTarusz-I If WO KEY is pressed

CALL KEY(1, $X, S)$.
Returns K values fres Left side of keyboard
CALL KEY( $2, K, 5$ )
Returns $K$ values fros RIEKT SIDE of keyboard
CALL KEY=(3, KEY, STATUS)
3-11/99 4 NODE (FORGIV1M6)
$x=o n l y$ UPPER CASE letter values are returned ayen if a lower case letter is presied is errof wir only works with FUNCTIOMS 1-15 - WO COHTROL KEYS

CALL KEY= (4, $\mathrm{K}, \mathrm{S})$ PASCAL MODE provides UPPER and LOHER case fatter values FUNCPIONS $129-143$ - CONTROLS $\mathbf{l - 3 !}$

Call XEY(S, X, S) 5aBASIC aode for II/994h Kareturns BOTH UPPER LOMER CASE letter values DUT If upper case ansuers are asked for and lower case are returned, the lower case ansures won't be accepted.

STATUS KEY CHAMEES (EXCEPT IM 'O' RODE)
S=1 IMEK KEY PRESSED
8-I (SAME KEY PRESSED)
SOO MO KEY PRESSEDI
accessing functiok and control keys and arrousi
100 display aitu, jierase hlli'PRESS control key,"
110 for delayel 10600 al hext delay
120 CALL KEY(S, $K, g)$
130 If $x=128$ then primt "control, conina pressed"
ORi 100 DISPLAY ATIS,3IERASE ALLI"PRESS FUNCTIOK RIGKT ARROX" 130 If Ka9 THER PRIMI 'RIEHT ARROM KEY PRESSED'

OR: 100 display atis,3)erase alli'PRESS function $0^{\circ}$ 130 IF $\mathrm{K}=\mathrm{G}$ THEX PRIMT ${ }^{\text {FIUNCTIOK } 8 \text { PRESSED' }}$

CALL KEY COMBINATSONB
 TRICKS FDR PROGRAMINE AME I'VE WDREED CUT A FEM USERU CML XEY
 THEM. OF COURSE, YOU CAM sdestitute blik manzas on olactitoas to sum prograns atica tustructiong inta mie LOEIC IMSTAUCTIDNS.

YES OR MO AMSMERS WITH CALL KEY O

- call clear

90 PeINT "Y 0R a? ${ }^{\circ}$
100 CALL KEY $(0, x, 9)$
110 IF $\mathrm{k}=78$ THEN PRIKT "MO" it STOp
120 If X X 389 THEX 100 ELSE PRINT ${ }^{\text {PYES }}$
330 STOP $\because$ End
SPACE BAR OR CARRIAEE RETURM (EMTER) AMSHERT WR4 CRE ETE
 1: "press emier/camriage repurn to paikt"
110 FOR DELAYE1 YO 600 is MELT PELAY
120 CML KEY(S, $R, S)$
130 If kay2 then primi "gpace bar presseb" ele if ke>13 THEH 120
140 IF kais THEN PRIMT "EMTER (C/R) MAS PRESED"
150 BTOD II END

RIGIDY COMTROLLED AMSWERS WITH COLL REY S


MLPMABET AMSWERS THAT ARE FORGIVIME OF mROAG CASE MSSUERS WITH CALL KEY 3
 - PRESS P TO PRIMT"

110 FOR DELAY=1 TO IO MEIT BLAY
120 CALL KEY(3, $X, S)$
 Subprogran ${ }^{\text {ELSE }}$ IF K ( $>$ 日o IKEX 120
140 If Kabo Them primt phere you word 60 yo your paint SUB PROERAM"
150 STOP 12 EKD
YES OR MO ABSWERS WITH CALL KEY J
THAT FORGIVE YOU IF YOU ARSMER AH UPPER CASE OUESTIOM MITH a LOMER CASE AMSMER.

100 DISPLAY ATIS, SIERASE RL8 PRESS YFD YES': $1^{\circ}$ PRE58 M FOR NO"
810 FOR DELAY:1 TE 600 at hext delar
120 CALL KEY(3, $k, S)$


$150510 P$ \# EMO

1. EXTENDED BASIC - To load and run program

RUN "DSK1.EXAMPLE" - (FOR DISK ONLY)
RLN "CSI" - (FOR CASSETTE ONLY)

BASIC AND EXTENDED BASIC - To delete program
DELETE "DSK1.EXAMPLE" - (FOR DISK ONLY)
2. To clear screen by sweeping from top to bottom -

10 CALL HCHAR(1,1,32,768)
To clear screen by sweeping from left to right -
10 CALL UCHAR ( $1,1,32,768$ )
3. Amount of memory available for your program -

Console basic 14536 bytes
Console basic \& disk 12448 bytes
TE II 14024 bytes
Extended basic 13928 bytes
X-basic, 32K, $\&$ disk 11840 bytes PLus 24448 bytes in the 32k
4. While editing a line, if you mistakenly hit FCTN 3 (erase) when you meant to hit FCTN 2 (insert), the entire line will disappear. Don't worry, just hit FCTN 4 (clear), retype the line number, and hit FCTN $x$. Your line will return ready to edit.
5. To tell if the speech synthesizer is attached (requires x-basic \& 32k)

100 CALL PEEK(-28672,SP)
110 PRINT "HELLO HOW ARE YOU"
120 IF SP=96 THEN CALL SAY("HELLO HOW ARE YOU")
130 rest of program
If sp=96, then the speech synthesizer is attached.
6. To disable FCTN QUIT (requires x-basic \& 32k)

CALL INIT (press enter)
CALL LOAD(-31806,16) (press enter)
FCTN QUIT will be disabled until you turn off console or type in bye.
7. To unprotect an extended basic program (requires x-basic \& 32k)

LOAD PROGRAM
CALL INIT (press enter)
CALL LOAD(-32699,0) (press enter)
You can now list or save the program.


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