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Welcome to the age of the computer in the home! Future meetirgs will be held the third THUREDAY of each month at 7 F.M. at the IAA Euilding in Elaomington. Future dates include aztoter 17 , Nowember 21 and December 15.


#### Abstract

The frogram for october will consist of everyone attending to demo a cassette or disk frogram or a cartridge. A cassetterecorder and disk driue with extra memory will be prowided. Extended tisic will also be available. I hope everyare brings something ta share. This will give some of our members a chance to demo a program for their first time.

Alsa, Aubrey and sherwood will demanstrate electronit mail as used in the IAA buildirg.


## *** FRESTDENTS NOTES \#

Our September meeting was probably our best one this year. Although we had to find another room and TV, everything else went fairly smaoth. It appears, the idea of everyone attending the meeting to bring one piece of software to demonstrate is working very well. Even with only about ten members there (the usual group), we did have a good variety in the software demoed. I did a short introduction in the features of TI-WRITER (Note: in this newsletter is a handy reference sheet of TI-WRITER commarids). Sid went thru his mewly purchased Advanced Diagnostics by Craig Miller. The program has many neat features. One we tried was checking disk drive speed. It verified that the drive used was in spec. Ray Hinrichsen demoed DM1000, a new freeware disk manager. Fay Fisher showed his Hangman cartridge. Thanks to everyone who came and demoed software. As a side note, some people still can t remember te bring SSisd disks to dema.

Included irithim mempletter i三an inutation to the Chicago-area TI-Computer. Faire. It will be their. Thirdariusi fair. I werit to the firet ore. It wes very iriformitive with mary TI wendare displaying their goads. Seversl of our members will te goirg so check ar aund if you need a ride.


Thomas Eryson, who formerly owned the Computer Softuare Co. (was located in the old warde building?, has opened a new store called Home Video. It $i \equiv$ located at $10 \varepsilon W$. Washington St. in Eloomington. He has a some TI software which he was selling for half price. I bought a Division I cartridoe for $\$ 6.00$. He is mainly going to special order TI producte.

Thanks agein to Jim Feterson for his " Tifs From The Tigercut ". The TI-WRITER reference sheet was in the SEFTES HUG ere riewsletter. The Wordsearch review was written by our own steve Maupin which had also appeared in the fekin Liser Group riewsletter where he is a member.

If you have ever wanted to change your basic or extended basic programe to Display, Uariable Eu; to be read by TI-WFITEF; it iE very easy. Just type and enter: LIST "DSKi.filename". Make sure you use a different filename or disk so you don t write over your originel program.

It appears there will be some new hardware available in the few months. MYARC $i=0+f \in r i n g$ a $32 \mathrm{~K} / 128 \mathrm{~K}$ Ramdisk memory. It $i=$ expandable to 512k. It offers a print spool and a trueramdisk. The ramdisk feature allows you to load the extra memory beyond the firet З2K as ョ disk drive. You can also plug in a separate power supply (not included) to keep the programe in there with your f-box off. Miller Graphice will be selling a device called the GRAM KRGCKER. It plugs into the module port and allows you to save the contents of any cartridge to disk or cassette. You call modify the contents, sawe "them, and load them into the battery backed up GRAM KRACKER. It might
 Model Masters of 22411 Mountain Laurel Way, Diamond Ear, CA 91765 i offering a five megabyte hard disk for $\$ 795$ and ten meg for $\ddagger 995$. Rumore still persist that a new TI-99/4A compatitule computer will tue released. Hopefully it will show up, but with all the new hardware appearing we may not need it.

Elections will be comirig up in December. We need to start thinking about who you want to have as 1986 officiers. Anyone interested in any position can contact me. We definitely need support if we are to continue.

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Atter reading the＂TIFE FFiUM THE TIGEFCUE＂for several monthe and finding them to be helpful，iriformative and furi，I ordered their catalog of programi．The catalog only costs a dollar and you can deduct that from your firet order．The catalog lists about 140 programs and the best part is that all but a few cost only $\$$ g． 00 ． When was the last time you bought a frogram for only ss．00 $\%$ I ordered a couple of programs，but my favorite one is listed in the TIGERCLE catalog as TC－111（Wordsearch）．This program is actually twa programs in one．The first one is wordsearch arid the second is Wor deearch Maker．If you have ever worked the wordseareh puzzles ir the newspaper，then you will te familiar with this program．If you have never filayed，dorit worry，the computer gives you instruetions． The progrem will hide zal worde af a Eelected category in a 20 by 20 square of randomi letters．The hidden words may tie printed horizontally or vertically，forward or tackward．After you haua selected wordeeareh from the menu，you have a choice of either the word 1 ist or category name with the puzzle．If you choose \＃1．you get． the words you are searching for to the side of the puzzle．when playing，if you find one of the worde in the puzzle，it will be remoued from the list．Howewer，if you choose option $\# z$ ，the puzzle $i$ isprinted with only the category name．This option is a little harder，tut i thimk alat more challemgirg and fun．Nomatter with which option you choose，if you give up，the computer will show you where the wordi are hidder．

Wordsearch Maker lets you create your own wordeearch fuzzles． You can choase the Eize of your puzzle，between 10 and z4．TG ereate a fuzzle，you mowe the asterigk around with the arrow keye and fiace letters using the contral key．It＇s very essy．After you ue crested your own wordeearch puzzie，you can print it out．The program igeet uf fir FID，tut only one line needs to be changed torun e serial printer．You can send print contral commande to your printer．

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| REM | DATA |
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# A. HAHDY DAHDY TI-MRITER USEBS REFERELCE GUIDE 

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The following handy TI-WRITEF commands are reprinted for the June issue of the $99^{\circ}$ er News dublished by the TI Users Groud of Will County. Fiomeoville. Il. This puts the most used commands on one dage for handy access at vour comouter.


# CHICAGO-AREA TI-99/4A USER'S GROUP 

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## Dear TI-Friends

The Chicago-Area TI99/4A User's Group cordially invites your group members, and any other interested persons; to attend their third annual TI-Computer Faire. The Faire committee currently has plans to have guest speakers, gane contests, seminars on Ti-compuieer reiated topics; drawings, and door prizes. The most important feature of our Faire, as always, are the vendors. The vendors that display at our faire have the latest hardware and software available for the T199/4A, as well as the old favorites. Bargain hunters will enjoy the wide selection of competitively priced equipment and programs that can be used to increase their computing capabilities on the 99/4A. Last year the attendance at our Faire exceeded 1500 visitors, some from as far away as Canada.

Come and visit our Faire. The Faire will be held in the Ironwood Room at Triton College 2000 North Fifth avenue in River Grove, Illinois on November 2, 1985 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Just $1 / 4 \mathrm{mile}$ north of the Maywood Park race track. Bring the family for a day of fun and mind expanding information on your favorite computer. Admission to the Faire to bona fide members of TI User's groups is $\$ 1.00$ with proof of membership. General admission to the faire is $\$ 2.00$ per person at the door. There will be a table set up for visiting users groups to promote their own organization and recruit members, a condition of this promotion is that no hardware is to be sold by the groups. Take care you don't miss the Faire. That date again is Saturday November 2nd, 10 to 5 , see you there.

Thank You,
Sandra Bartels

## Group Secretary

P.S. If you need more information about our Faire please write to the group P.O. box, or if you prefer you may call our 24 hour bBS for the latest faire updates at $\{312\}$ 966-2342.

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The entire contents of Tlps froe the Tigercub Nos. 1 through 14, with nore added, are now ayailable as a full disk of 50 prograss, routines and files for just $\$ 15.00$ postpaid!

Nuts \& Bolts is a diskfull of 100 (that's rioht, 100!) XEasic utility subprograss in MERGE foraat, ready for you to eerge into your own prograss. Contents include 13 type fonts, 14 text display routines, 12 sorts and shuffles, 9 data saving and reading routines, 9 mipes, 8 pauses, 6 ausic, 2 protection, etc., and now also a tutorial on using subprograss, all for just $\$ 19.95$ postpaid!

And I have about 140 other absolutely origirial prograns in Basic and reasic at only $\$ 3.00$ each! (plus $\$ 1.50$ per order for casette, packing and postage, or $\$ 3.00$ for diskette, PPN) I will send you ay descriptive catalog for a dollar, which you can then deduct froa your first order.

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UDS: TDFIFA
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The above is a long division problea in the proper forat, with each nuneral replaced by a letter. Can you solve it?

Hy progran TC-41 Long Division Cryptograas, will generate an infinite number of such puzzles for you, and help you to solve then - and it only costs \$3.06. It took ee a meek to progras, and I've sold 12 copies in 2 years! Doesn't anyone like to exercise their brains anymore?

TIGERCUS CHALLENGE

100 FOR $J=1$ TO $7:$ READ Rs :: PRINT Ms: : MEXT J
30006 DATA AAAAAAAPAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAAA, BBBBBBBBBBBBB, BB
ВВв
DDDDDDDDODDDOD
30010 DATA 'IESIIMG",.,',.,'
 ING":
JRUN
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
BEEBBEB8B8B8B, BBBBBBEB8BBBBE
СССССССССССССС
DODDDDDDDDDDDD
"TESTING"
 ""TESTING"

1 READY 1

Can you run this prograt and get these results? You mon't even be atile to key in that last DATA itea! So, how was this progranaed? No, there are no redefined characters!

Do you need soaething educational? Here is a dittle routine to give the plural endings for cost words. I will leave it to you to develop further - and see if you can teach the computer the plurals of PANTS, TOOTH, MAN, FUNGUS, DATA and the other inconsistencies of the English language.

100 REM PLURAL ENDINGS
by Jie Peterson
110 IMPUT M
120 18xSE6s (Ws,LEN(W) (W), 1)
130 Y\$5SE6s (MS,LEM(MS)-1,2)
140 ON POS('EFHSXYZ", $2 \$, 11+1$
6010 270, 150, 194, 180, 250, 25
0,220,250
150 IF SE6s (Hs,LEM(H) $-2,2)<$ >"IF" THEN 270
160 PL\$ISE6s(M), 1,LEM(Ms)-2)
\&"VES"
1766070280

EN 250 ELSE 270

 270
206 fL $\$=\operatorname{SEG} \$(M, 1$, LEN(H\$)-1) t'VES"
2106010280
226 IF (Ys='AY')+(Ys='EY')+1
Ys="OY") $+(Y:=$ "UY') THEN 270

\&'IES"
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250 PLs=K\$k'ES"
2606070280

286 PRINT PL\$
$29060 T 0110$
If you want to turn that into a quiz, change line 110 to READ $W$, change line 280 to PRINT Hs;" PLURAL?': : Add lines -
201 INPUT 0 :
282 IF OB< $>P L$ THEN $2 B 5$
2B3 PRINT: : RIGHT!': :
$28460 T 0110$
285 PRINT : : *URONG! PLURAL
OF "; Ws; ${ }^{\prime}$ IS ";PLs: :
360 DATA BOX, WATCH, WIFE, BCY
(And as ouch sore as you want)

Just one are optional refinesent to oy Menu Loader. If you mant to use a filenase ending in an asterisk for those Basic prograss which will not run in XBasic, this change mill keep you from loading and crashing thea.

420 CLOSE 11: : IF SE6s(P6s K),LEM(PGs(K)),1)="! THEN D ISPLAY ATII2,1)ERASE ALL:'RE

TURN TO BASIC AMD LOAD BY':' TYFING OLD DSK1.'\&PEs(K): : $S$ TOP

The idea of progral that writes a progra has stirred up a little interest, so here's another. This routine will aid you in foraatting your screen text into neat 28 -coluan lines, and will save the text in progran lines of DATA statements. When you are ready to save, type eee and enter as the last line, then NEW and MERGE OSKI.LIMEFILE

100 !LINEWRITER

- by Jia Peterson

130 CALL CLEAR: OPEN $1:{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{D}$
SKI.LIMEFILE', VARIABLE 163: : $L N=30600$
140 FOR $R=1$ TO 24 :: DISPLAY AT(R,1)SIZE(1):' ": : ACCEF
T AT(R,0)SIIE(-2B):A!: : IF
As='EGE" THEN $180:$ : $55=B S k C$ HRS (200) \&CHR $\$$ (LEN (AS) $)$ \& AS
150 $x=x+1$ :: IF $X / 4=1 N T(X / 4)$ THEN 160 ELSE B $\$=B \$ 4 C H R \$(179$ 1:: 6010170
160 60SUB $210:$ : $L N=L N+10$
170 NEXI $\mathrm{F}:: X=0::$ CALL CL EAR : : 6010140
180 IF $85=1$ THEN 200 :: IF SE6 (B5, LEN(B\$), 1)=CHR\$(179) THEN B5=SEGs (B\$, 1,LEN(B $\$$ )-1) 190 60SUS 210
200 PRIWT 11:CHR\$(255)\&CHR\$( 255): CLOSE 1: : END

210 PRINT 1:CHRS (INT (LN/256 11世CHR\$ (L.N-256 INT (LW/256)) i
 Ls: : RETURN

Here's soapthing for "JET" and Danny and Gene anc all the rest of ay friends in Alabaad - and in all the rest of Dixie. You've never seen fireworks quite like these before!

100 CALL CLEAR : : PRINT TABI 51; "ALABAMA 4th of JULY": : : : : : : : :'programed by Jia Peterson' : : FOR $D=1$ TD 200
110 NEXT D : : RANDOMILE
120 DIM $5 \$(12)$, A\$(16), S(10).

Sxs（15）
130 DATA 196，224，247，262，294 ，330，349，392，444，494，523，587 ， 659
140 FOR J＝4 TO 16 ：：READ S 1
Jl：：NEXT J ：1 FOR SET＝2 TO
$14:$ ：CALL COLOR（SET， 1,1 1）：
WEXT SET ：：CALL SCREEN（2）
150 DATA $18,18,24,3 C, 42,5 A, 6$ $6,7 E, 81,99, A 5, B D, C J, D B, E 7, F F$ 160 FOR $\mathrm{J} 1 \mathrm{TO} 16:$ READ As （J）：：MEXT J
170 FOR CH＝40 TO 136 STEP 8 ：：FOR L＝1 TO 4 ：：XIMT116t RND 1 ）：：Bs＝Bt\＆As（X）：：Cs＝As （X）LCS：：MEXT L
180 SX（CH／日－4）xBskCs：：CAL
L CHAR（CH，BSKC $\$$ ）：：GOSUB 350
 IT CH
190 FOR $j=1$ TO 12 ：：FOR $L=1$


trsecs ：：MEXT L
200 5\＄（J）$=$ B $\$ 1 \mathrm{Cs}:$ ： $\mathrm{Bs}=\mathrm{NUL} \mathrm{S}$ ：
：CS＝NUL ：：MEXT J ：：CALL
HAGNIFY（2）
210 FOR J＝1 TO $12::$ DISPLAY
AT（J，J）：S\＄（J）：：NEXT J ：：X ＝1 ：：FOR J＝13 1024 ：：DISF LAY AT（J， 3$): 5 \$(J-X):: X=x+2$
：：NEXT J ：：CALL DELSPRITEI ALL）：：FOR $D=1$ TO 200 ：：MEX TD
220 DATA $1,11,7,1,9,7,2,7,4$, $2,4,7,1,7,4,1,4,8,1,4,9,1,4$, $10,2,11,7,2,7,11,2,11,7,2,9$ ， 4
230 DATA $2,12,5,2,5,12,3,12$ ， $7,1,11,7,3,12,5,1,11,7,1,12$ ， $5,1,13,4,1,14,5,1,15,10$
246 DATA $6,16,7,1,14,9,1,11$ ， $7,6,14,1,1,1,7,1,9,4,6,11,6$ ， $1,7,4,1,9,7,6,7,4$
254 DATA $1,11,7,1,13,4,2,14$ ， $9,2,16,11,3,15,4,1,14,9,2,12$ $, 10,4,14,10,2,12,7,6,15,10,2$ ，12，日
260 DATA $6,15,6,1,11,6,1,13$ ，
$4,2,14,9,2,16,14,3,15,11,1,1$
$4,9,2,12,11,2,13,7,3,14,10,1$
，12，10
270 DATA $2,11,7,2,9,4,3,14,9$
$1,9,5,2,9,4,4,8,4,2,9,4,6,7$
$, 4,2,9,4,6,8,4,2,12,5$
280 DATA 2，11，7，2，9，4，3，14，7 $, 1,16,7,2,15,16,4,14,9,2,9,4$ $, 6,7,4,2,9,4,6,8,4,2,12,10$
296 DATA $2,11,7,2,9,4,3,16,1$ $1,1,14,9,2,15,4,2,14,7,2,14$ ，
$9,6,14,11$
300 FOR $N=17096$ STEP 3 ：： READ T，$A, B:$ ：CALL COLOR 1 A－2 ，$A-2,1): 1$ CALL COLOR（B－2，B－2
，11：：FOR TIs 1 TO T ：：CALL
SOUND（－999，S（A）， $0, S(B), 5)::$
MEXT TT
310 CALL COLOR（A－2，1，1）：CA LL COLOR（B－2，1，1）
320 NEXT H I：RESTORE 220 ：$:$ FOR $\mathrm{H}=1$ TO 252 STEP $3::$ RE $A D T, A, B:$ ：CALL COEDR $(A-2, A$ $-2,1): 1$ CALL COLOR（B－2，B－2，1 1：：FOR TI＝1 TO 1 ：：CALL SO UND（－999，S（A）， $0,5(B), 5):$ ：$N E$ XTIT
330 CALL COLOR（A－2，1，1）：CA LL COLOR（B－2，1，1）
340 MEXT $\mathrm{N}:$ ：FOR J＝5 TO 30

B），J）：：NEXT J ：：RESTORE 22
－：FOR CH＝40 TO 136 STEP 8
：$:$ GOSUB 350 ：：MEXT CH ：： 6070198
350 CALL KAENIFY（1）：：CALL S PRITE（ICH／日－4，CH，I3ZRND 43,20 0，128，－30，RND20－RND1201：：R ETURN

The Hoae Coaputer Magazine， Vol． 4 No．3，had a progras called Eleaentary Addition and Subtraction， which generates randon numbers between 1 and 5 for eleaentary eath practice．

The first tiae I tried it，it asked ae for the answer to $1+1$ ．When 1 answered correctly，it produced another randon problen－1＋ 1 again！

This is known as the idiotic coaputer syndrome， and it helps us to retember that our computers are still no saarter than their progranulers！

Fortunately，this bit of idiocy is easy to cure． Trythis－
100 randonile
$118 \mathrm{X}=1 \mathrm{MT}\left(5 \mathrm{ERND}_{\mathrm{N}}^{\mathrm{D}}+1\right)$
120 IF $X=12$ THEN 110
$130 \times 2=X$
140 PRINT I；
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Do you see haw it morks？The fifst tiae you
get a nuaber，$X 2$ mill equal 0 because it has never been given a value．$x$ will be selacted as a number between 1 and 5．Let＇s suppose it is 2．Line 120 compares it with $x 2 ; 2$ is not equal to 1，so the progras continues to line 130 ，where $x 2$ now picks up the value of 2 ， then on to print the value， and back to 110．Mow， suppose that the randoa factor in line 110 picks 2 again．Line 120 finds that $2=2, x=x 2$ ，and sends the prograt back to 110 to pick a different number．

If you mant to avoid a refeat until after two tines，change line 120 to read 120 IF $(x=x 2)+(x=x 3)$ THE K 110 and add a line $125 \mathrm{x}=$ 12.

For a longer series without repeating，it aight be better to use this aethod．
100 As＝＂ABCDEFEHIJ＂
110 FOR $J=1$ TO 10
120 RAMDOHILE
$130 \mathrm{Y}=$ IMT（RUDILEN（A）$)+1$ ）
$140 X=A S C(S E 6 s(A), Y, 1))-64$
150 A $\$=$ SEES（As， $1, Y-1)$ \＆SE6s（A
S，$Y+1, \operatorname{LEN}(A B))$
160 PRINT $X$
176 NEXT J
1806050100

That will give you a randos series of 1 through 10 and then repeat with a different randos series． Adjust the nuaber of Ietters in the string $A$ s，and the corresponding＂TO＂value in 110，for whatever you require．

Several nemsletters recently have published articles on the＂progras that you never run＂－ because it consists entirely of REK stateeents！

For instance，you can keep a list of the meabers of your users group，using their eenbership number for the prograe line nuaber，
followed by REM（or ！in XBasic）and their name and address．For a printed list，just LIST the progran to the printer．To change soteone＇s address，or to delete a deadbeat who doesn＇t pay his dues，just edit the progran．Yous can also LIST the prograt to dick to create a DISIVAR 89 file which you can then load into II－Hriter and use its editing features， FindString，etc．

The sase uethod can give you a tickler file，or appointeent calendar，which is just as good as sone rather coaplex disk filing prograss witten for this purpose．Just use the anth nuaber（1－12）and date （always in two digits， （1－31）for the line nuaber－ 1008 ！buy birthday pres sent for wife！
1009 ！wife＇s birthday！
1010 ！apologize to wife for forgetting birthday

You can schedule several things in one prográ line－
1011 ！get halrcut／change oil in car／pinch secretary．．．．．．
－but it sight be better to add an extra digit（0－9） to the line number and schedule separately－
10110 ！get haircut
10111 ！change oil
Then，if something doesn＇t get doae，just use the REDO tey to change the line nueber and reschedule it for another date．You can print out a list of the day＇s chores by simply LISI －plo＇：7010－7019（did yous know you could do that？）

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