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Next meeting JULY 12th
At the Hurst Public Library
2 pm

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THE BROKEN KEY

I have had my computer almost four years now, and it works very well except for one key. I suppose I shouldn't complain; there are 47 other keys I can use. Besides, what difference can one key make? After giving it some thought, I realized that the keyboard on my TI is similar to our club. There are numerous members in the club; some are more 'visible' than others. Some members participate; some won't participate (or can't). I understand those individuals, who due to other commitments, can't participate. I also understand those individuals who do not participate because they feel they can't make a difference. Let me assure you, your participation does make a difference! Perhaps you could review a piece of hardware or software at a meeting. We can always use an article - if it is important to you, it's important to others! How about donating a module or book to the club so everyone can use it? The possibilities are not endless, but they certainly are many and diverse. If there is a moral to this story, let it be that all members are "KEY" members.

This story was reprinted from the CIN-DAY USER GROUP which was taken from the NEW HAMPSHIRE 99ER. Now I will have to fix my broken key.
Editor

President's Memory Dump

The good old summertime - everybody is having fun in the sun and it seems like it gets harder and harder to find time to do anything

constructive on the computer. Seems like our 'lil old 4A' just refuses to whither up and blow away. I know that the club meeting dates have been erratic lately, due to the library scheduling other things around us (how dare they do such a thing!), but that's the price you have to pay sometimes. In keeping with that thought, the next meeting will be on Sunday, July 12th, at 2:00pm. Maybe we will be able to get back to our regular meeting dates soon!?! At any rate, the next meeting should be an interesting one, as we will have the new 'Turbo XT' add-on to demo to everyone, courtesy of our own Dr. Krass. Thanks...hope that James and I can figure enough out about it to put on a decent demo. Personally, I don't have much experience with any of those 'foreign' machines! Hopefully, all will come out well. I'm sure that sometime during the year we will get a chance to see another demo of the Myarc 9640, so...stay 'tuned' for further developments.

I hope most of you know by now, our own VP James Crosson saved the club a good chunk of money last month by having the club newsletter reproduced for free. James keeps pulling rabbits out of hats and we are all indeed fortunate to have such a resourceful person in our club. A big "THANKS!" to one who is without a doubt a key member of our club. I promise you that James' contributions to the club are too numerous to mention. I hope everyone will take a moment at the next meeting to express their appreciation to James for all he has done for the club, as well as all the things he does for

individuals. I better stop here before he starts getting a swell head..

I was glad to see several people at the last meeting that offered to do a demo at some future meeting and if you will submit your name and your demo offering at the next meeting to me, I will see that you are scheduled in at a meeting that would be convenient for you. With more participation from the membership at large, the benefit's can be enjoyed by all. It cannot be done by just a hand full of people each month, we need and solicit your help. Remember we are a user 'group' and only with a 'group' effort can we continue to be a viable club. So...don't be shy...whether you have something on software or hardware, advanced or beginner, we welcome your help. Our membership is made up of mixed levels of experience, so anything you can do will appeal to a percentage of the membership. Thanks.

We will be meeting at my home on June 28th with members of the FLUG to further discuss the proposed TI Faire which is still tentatively planned for sometime in October and although we may not be able to involve the club as much as I had hoped for money-wise, I still hope I can count on the club to help with any needed manpower or equipment usage. The benefit's would be many if the faire comes to pass and it will give everyone here locally to meet some of the "who's who" in the TI community. We will also be discussing the computer faire that is to be held here in Ft. Worth in August by the Optimist Club which we voted to participate in

at the last meeting, so stand by for further details concerning both at the July meeting. Details have yet to be worked out for the proposed club picnic, so you can see there is alot to be said and done in the near future. With your support and help, I know this year for the club will be one to remember...

Memory Empty

Gary

VP REVIEW

ALRIGHT I GIVE UP ITS HERE! OH I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN RUMORS THAT IT IS VAPOR WARE JUST LIKE THE 9640, BUT IT IS REALLY HERE. YOU SAY ALRIGHT WHAT IS HERE? WHAT ELSE COULD I MEAN, BUT THE TURBO XT(I.B.M. clone)! YES IT DID FINALLY MATERIALIZE UNLIKE SOME VAPOR WARE OF THE PAST, BUT LETS TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS NEW REVELATION FOR THE TI COMMUNITY. FIRST OF ALL IT IS NOT I REPEAT IT IS NOT TOTALLY COMPATIBLE WITH THE TI. AND SECONDLY IT DOESN'T EVEN SMELL LIKE A TI COMPUTER AND FURTHER MORE IT DOESN'T EVEN TASTE LIKE A TI. OK, WITH THE RIGHT DRESSING HOW COULD YOU EVEN TELL THE DIFFERENCE, WELL IT SMELLS LIKE IT COULD HAVE COME FROM THE SEA TO ME.

NO KIDDING THE XT IS HERE BUT I HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS MACHINE TAKING THE PLACE OF MY OLE TRUSTY TI ANYTIME SOON. WHAT I SAID EARLIER ABOUT IT NOT BEING COMPATIBLE WITH THE TI IS TRUE. THE ONLY THING THAT THIS MACHINE SHARES WITH THE TI IS THE BRIDGE BOX AND THE KEYBOARD. NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS SOME SOFTWARE THAT WILL CONVERT ONE TO THE OTHER BUT I THINK THAT IT

PROBABLY WOULD REQUIRE A
HOOK UP BETWEEN RS232 OF THE
TWO MACHINES. HOWEVER I DO
ALSO BELIEVE THAT WITH
ENOUGH TIME THAT THE TWO
WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE
INFORMATION BETWEEN EACH
OTHER.

IN ANY EVENT WE WILL
TRY TO DEMO THIS MACHINE AT
THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS
THE 12 TH OF JULY ON SUNDAY
AT 2:00 P.M. IF ANYBODY IS
INTERESTED. I HOPE THAT ALL
WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS
DEMO TRY AND COME AND IF YOU
KNOW ANYBODY WHO KNOWS HOW
TO OPERATE AN IBM CLONE
PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG TO
SHOW US HOW TO TURN THIS
THING ON. WHO KNOWS IF WERE
LUCKY WE MAY BE ABLE TO SEE
THIS MARVEL COUNT TO 640 K,
WHAT A FEAT. HOPEFULLY I
WILL SEE YA AT THE MEETING.

FROM THE DEPT. OF THE
TREASURY

Well it was safe to
come back and it looks like
I should be gone more often.
I heard you had a great
meeting and we took in alot
of money. Like \$292.56. It
breaks down to \$95 for
membership, \$84 for disk of
the month, \$39 for the game
disk, \$42 for the raffle of
a disk drive, \$50 for
equipment, \$9.56 for
Micropendium, and three
orders for the Smart
Programmer which came to
\$36. Now for the bad news.
We paid out \$63 for disks to
keep making the disk of the
month. Now for some great
news. With the effort from
James Crosson we published
last months newsletter for
free. Well back to the
checkbook. Ken

-----NET99'ER MINUTES-----
JUNE 13, 1987

Gary Higgs opened the
meeting expressing concern
over schedule conflicts for
the meetings. This meeting
was held the second saturday
of June because the Library
had a book fair the first
saturday. Next month's
meeting might also be
interfered by the Library.

Several visitors were
present and welcomed to the
meeting. They introduced
themselves to the club
members.

Ken Dominiec,
Newsletter Editor and
Treasurer, missed the
meeting to attend his
parent's 50th Anniversary.

The Treasurer's report
was given by James Crosson.
James stated that the May
Newsletter was printed for
free.

The Minutes for May
were read. The Treasurer
report and Minutes were
excepted.

In setting up the
club's system, it was found
not to function properly.
The expanded 32k memory was
blased. Doc Graves left the
meeting to retrieve part of
his system for the
demonstration.

The club recently
received bad news. Bob
Lindely will be leaving.
This will also vacate the
Chief Librarian's position.
It was asked that someone
volunteer to take over this
position. No one
volunteered. John Lambert,
past Chief Librarian, agreed
to take over for two months
and try to sort out what Bob
has done for the next
person, who will become
Chief Librarian.

Gary Higgs explained
how the club needed support
from it's members for these
positions, and also to give
demonstrations. Support
could come in any form, even
just by making suggestions
on what you would like the

club to do or to have
demonstrated. A
demonstration on LOGO may be
done by Rosie Steele in the
future.

Doc Graves arrived and
the system was functional
for the demonstration. The
demonstration was this
month's Disk of the Month by
Gary Higgs. Gary mentioned
a problem with last month's,
Disk of the Month, in
printing the documentation.
This should no longer be a
problem. The labels on the
disks were done by James
Crosson. Graphics from this
program were passed around
for those attending to see.
Gary then introduced Roy
Willis, who writes a TI99
column on Startext. Gary in
the past had Co-authored
this column, called TI-CHAT,
with Roy. The subscribers
to Startext show support for
this column and other
TI99-4a columns by the
number of times these
columns are accessed or
requested.

A letter was recieved
by Fulton Cook from the
authors of "Funnel Writer".
Fulton said the letter was a
thank you from the
Australians for the
calculator which we had sent
them. He gave a brief
overview of the letter's
contents. "Funnel Writer"
was written by a seventeen
year old boy and his father.
Fulton also reminded members
of the Discovery Sig.

The project which James
Crosson is working on is a
Diskette of Games. These
games will all function from
a menu verses having to be
manually loaded seperately.
Mash, Pacman, Caverns,
Defenders, and Donkey Kong
are part of the games which
will be on the diskette.

The meeting was stopped
for a break. This was then
followed by a buy, sell, and
swap session.

The University of North
Texas has TI99-4a's which
they are replacing according
to John Tergerson. He
suggested the club present a
proposal to his Professor
for the computers. The club
Secretary and President will
look into this.

A disk drive was
donated by Doc Graves to be
raffled off. The raffle was
won by Rosie Steele.

Roy Willis, also a
member of the Forestlane
Users Group, explained that
a place to hold the TI Faire
is still being decided upon.
A decision is hoped to be
made by August 1st. A
mailing list of buyers who
bought the TI99-4a's, could
be obtained from Texas
Instruments. There were two
and half million TI99-4a's
sold in the United States.

There is to be a
Computer Fair, in Fort
Worth, August 8th and 9th.
The club voted to use \$25.00
dollars for a table at the
fair.

A social picnic was
suggested by James Crosson,
which the club was in favor
of having. July 19th at 2
PM was decided as the date
and time. If the club
provides the meat a small
fee may be charged. If not,
you must bring all your own
food.

Fulton Cook then closed
the meeting with a
demonstration of "Funnel
Writer".

-----END OF MINUTES-----

June 13, 1987

I would like to welcome new
members:

Loyd(Frank) and Shirley
Johnson M6/98
Rt 3 Box 22-H
Mansfield Tx 76063

The following members renewed their membership:

Charles	Bathman	M4/88
W Lee	Boddie	M6/88
Bill	Duncan	M5/88
Terry	Irby	M6/88
Gordon	Winfield	M5/88

Unfortunately we had some members who did not renew their membership:

John Creviston Jr; Kevin Greene; Edwin R Knutson; Gerry Myers; John McCann

The following members will be dropped if dues are not paid at the next meeting:

Irwin Coleman; Jeffery G Drinan; Laxie Glenn; Dennis Pool; Ward Ray; Ron Salabedra; Leroy Thompson; Ray White

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS. Look on your mailing label on your newsletter for the date that your membership is renewable, such as M1/86 is January 1986, M5/86 is May 1986, etc.. The club does not send out reminders on dues because the postage is prohibitive. If you know any of the members who did not renew, please give them a call and see if you can learn the reason. Let your officers know so they can look into the reasons. Your help on this will be greatly appreciated.

John Lambert Membership Chairman

HARDWARE

DO I HAVE SOME NEWS FOR YOU IF YOU NEED SOME EQUIPMENT. DOC HAS MADE A BULK PURCHASE

OF SOME CONSOLES AND MEMORY EXPANSION STANDALONES AND CARTRIDGES AS WELL AS MONITORS AND A BUNCH OF OTHER GOODIES. JAMES

CASSETTE

I COME UPON SOME GOOD DEALS ON SOME CASSETTE RECORDERS AND CABLES AND MAY HAVE STUMBLED ON SOME GOOD SOFTWARE FOR YOU L360 FANS. IF ANYBODY KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT LOADING AND USING LOGO FROM CASSETTE PLEASE LET ME KNOW. JAMES

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

As Newsletter Librarian for the Club, I am also handling the Bulk Subscriptions for MICROpendium and Smart Programmer. At the present time I am hold several issues of MICROpendium for some of the members who haven't been to the Club meetings. Remember you can only get the issues if you attend the meetings. Listed below are the members whom I have issues for. Please make arrangements to get your copies:

Irwin Coleman; Dennis Pool; Larry Williams; Bob Lindley; Robert Stone; Dr. Krass; H.F. Ball;-David L.Shivers

The Smart Programmer will be available at the next meeting.

Many Thanks, Roy Willis

USER GROUP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

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NEWSLETTER OF BOSIE 99'ERS COMPUTER CLUB

Sept 84 - President's Corner; Software Review: SST Expanded Basic Compiler; Beginning AL Program with Basic Program for Comparison; Speech Helper Program; X-Basic CALL LOADS; About AL: If you don't know anything; Review: TEAC Disk Drives; Program: WEE Bomber

Nov 84 - AL SIG; President's Page; X-Basic: Subprograms; LETTERS: re: John J. Volk; In Depth with "ACCEPT AT"; TI Gaming.: Hi-Lights of the News(letter)

Dec 84 - President's Page; Hi-Lights of the News(letter); The Assembly Line; Expanding Your Game Hardware; Program: Gemini Printer Set-up

Mar 85 - Letter to membership from The Club Librarian; Hi-lights of the News(letter); TI-WRITER, Secrets Revealed; Tele-Cosm! Program by Al. Westerfield; Review: Quick-Copier II; My Wish List, by Jerry S. Hough; Review: JUKI 2200/3200 Daisy Wheel Printer; Letter: Modem Phone

Jul 85 - The Prez Sez; An Epitaph: AL WESTERFIELD; Program: 2 Columns, by Darren Leonard; Program: Disk Cataloger/Printer; TI-HP connection; Hi-Lights of the News(letter); In the Mail Box; Program: Zero/; Lending Library: Computer Literature, Software and Hardware

Aug 95 - The Prez Sez; Program: Assembly Language Sprites; Program: Gemini 10X Demonstration; What's New; In the Mail Box; Tips from the TigerCub #24; Glossary:

Common Data Processing Terms; 99 Tips for the 99/4a; "Freeware" Available

Jan 86 - The Prez Sez; Whats New; Programs: Residential Energy Index and Fuel Comparison

Feb 86 - The Prez Sez; CORRECTION: Energy Index Program; Review: Auto Spell-Check; Program: Monopoly Banker; Product Review: SG 10 Star Printer; Glossary of Data Processing Terms

Mar 86 - The Prez Sez; Product Review: 4A-Talk; Whats New

Apr 86 - The Prez Sez: Type It: A Series of Programs on Type Styles; Product Review: MICROpendium and Super 89 Monthly; Product Review: TI Artist Connection; Product Review: The Chronos Chronicles

May 86 - Program: Checklist; Program: Electric Cost Estimator; Program: Calendar

June 86 - The Prez Sez; Review: Car-Comp Load Interrupt Switch

Aug 86 - The Prez Sez; Whats New; Program: Screen Editor

Sept 86 - The Prez Sez; Letter: Bible On Disk

Oct 86 - The Prez Sez; Disk Drive Compatibility; Program: Two Dimensional Line Intersections; Murphy's Law

Dec 86 - The Prez Sez; In The Mailbox; Letter: Re: Millers Graphics(MS); Butch's Beginners Bits; 8 Tips for Better Writing

BOOM OR BUST
WHERE ARE WE REALLY HEADED

A man lived by the side of the road and sold hotdogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspaper. But he sold good hot dogs. He put up a sign on the highway telling how good they were. He stood by the side of the road and cried; "Buy a hot dog Mister." And people bought. He increased his seat and roll orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He got his son home from collage to help him. But then something happened..... His son said, "Father haven't you been listening to the radio?" "If aoney stays 'TISHT' we are bound to have bad business. There saybe a big depression coming on. You had better prepare for poor trade." Where upon the father thought, "Well, my son has been to collage. He reads the papers and he ought to know" So the father cut down on his seat and roll orders. Took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand on the highway to sell hotdogs. And his hot dog sales fell

almost over night. "your right, son" the father said to the boy. "We are certainly headed for a depression."

I ran across this story when I was looking through ay things at ay Mom and Dads house. I found this story when I was in high school. It seems that it can used today just as good when it was written. If we listened to the great reports that shot out all over the world that TI is getting out of the computer market and our computer will have no support. The computer magazines dropped us slow but sure. We are not supposed to be aaking software and hardware for a computer that isn't made anymore. Our machine is dead and it's not supposed to be made better. We are not to be able to make this 99/4A do things that TI didn't tell us about.

Well I guess the 99/4A is like a good wine. It gets better with age, more refined, and more powerfull. My hat is off to all those who didn't listen. All those projects and software we use now and to those tho dare to buy a dead computer and join in the ranks of all of us. For those who don't

have the ability to make new things or programs, let us support those who do and let other people know we are still going PROUD and STRONG. Ken Dominic

MUSICAL INTERFACE

We received a letter from Lane Douglas of Richardson Tx. He wrote, "I would appreciate your passing this inquiry to your club members. I'm interested in corresponding with anyone that has experiented with MIDI hookup to the 99/4A. MIDI stands for Musical Instruament Digital Interface which is a standard in the music industry such like RS232 in the computer world. In any event, if the term MIDI (pronounced mid-dee) doesn't get a response, consider it a dead horse." Well it looks like our computer has another challenge. We have never seen our computer take a back seat to anything. As far as this newsletter goes and as many people it reaches, someone will find the answer. For those of you who have some information on this, Lane's address is as follows:

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***EDITOR'S NOTE:
The deadline for contributions for the July newsletter is Monday July 20th

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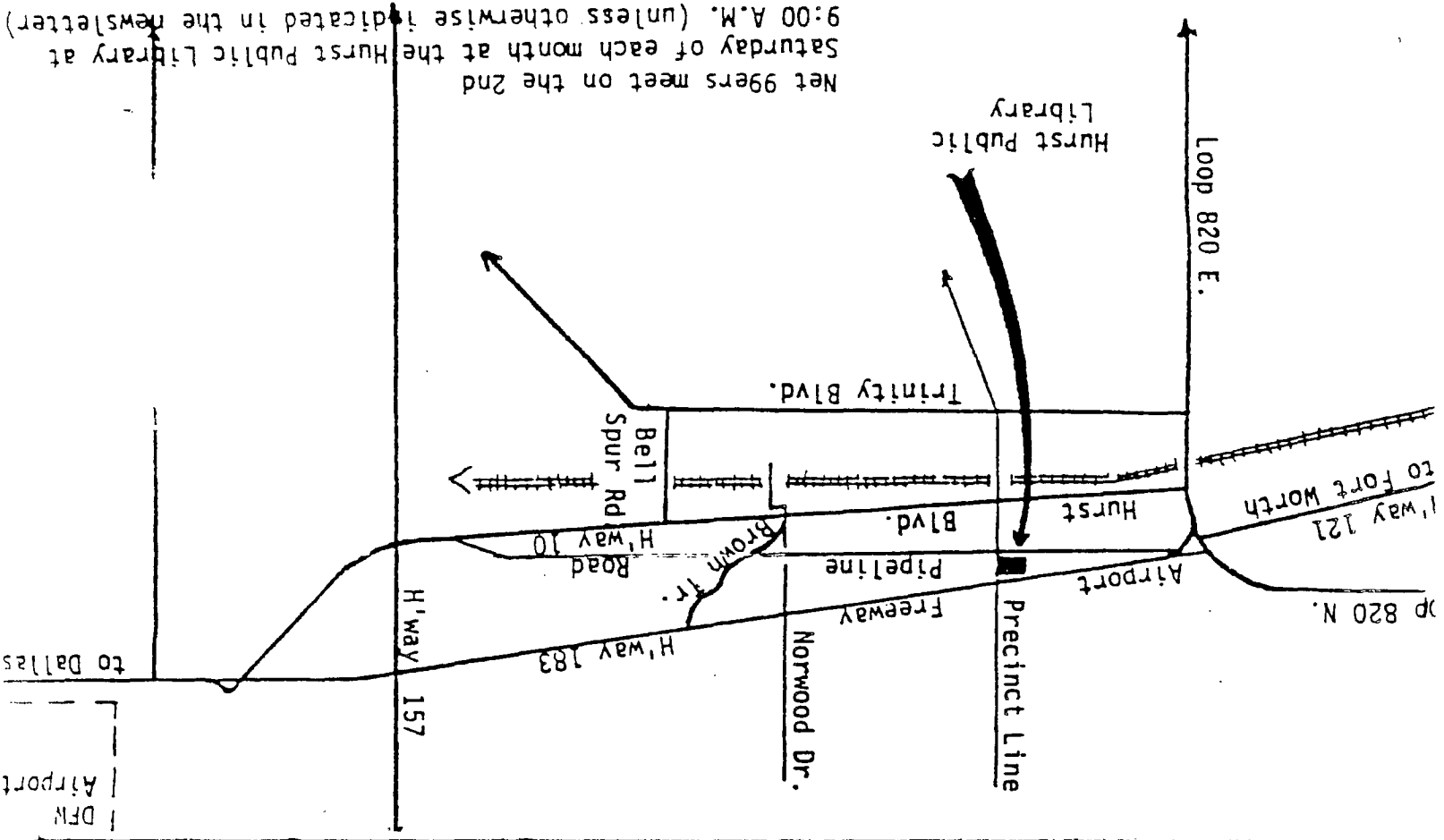
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Got some interesting info to share? Articles, letters, paragraphs, & words of wisdom are yours to contribute.

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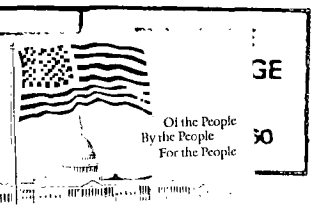
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