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<<<LAST MINUTES>>>

The second meeting at our new meeting place (BONANZA in Bedford) proved to be all that we'd hoped for in terms of lighting, space (and this time no competition from the band!)

Pres. Curtis opened the meeting by announcing that Databiotics has presented a program by which User Groups will be eligible to purchase Databiotic products at 20% of cost. He will be investigating this and will report back to the club.

The treasurer's report by Helene brought the great news that we had 8 new members this past month and that the treasury is well over \$100 in the black!

Curtis presented a hardware "tidbit" to prevent accidentally writing over files on disk. He explained that there is either a microswitch or LED with a photoresistor which checks to see whether or not the write-protect notch on your disk is covered. He bypassed this function by installing a hardware switch on the front of his drive which disables the write ability of the drive when engaged. If you have a problem with writing over important files (oops!) see Curtis for details.

Curtis also demonstrated the OSCAR (Optical SCanning Reader) purchased by the club through Tex-Comp's close-out. Purchased with the scanning device were 29 BASIC programs in bar code which are read with the scanner. The general consensus of the group was that the device is difficult to use and it was obvious that the bar-coded listings are longer than the actual BASIC listing. If you're thinking about purchasing an OSCAR and missed this demo, be sure to borrow the club's unit before sending your bucks.

Curtis reviewed Millers Graphics "Explorer", a disk that allows you to view the inner workings of your TI on the CRT screen. Assembly language programmers and the curious will find this innovative program from Craig Miller to be an eye-opener!

Richard Bailey reviewed two new freeware disks in the club library. The first was a program (by Richard himself) which produces up to four bargraphs out of data input by the user with accompanying title and descriptive notation allowed. The second disk, from the Daytona User Group (DAYTONA99) contains several programs including a maillist, a "notebook", a Morse code generator, and a program called "Screenworks" which allows the user to try different combinations of background patterns and colors for text, background, and screen. If you like your programs to have a little pizzazz, this utility allows you to try

combinations first to see which combination gives you the effect you desire. These and other great disks are available through the club library. (Cassette users -- let us know your needs -- we are eager to help you too!)

Until next time

file closed--

Ellen Rule, Secretary

<<<RANDOM RAMBLINGS>>>

This column is the last one to be written before each newsletter is published. There are a few reasons for this: first (and probably foremost), I am procrastinator; secondly, I never considered myself much of a writer; and lastly, I like to give you the latest, most up-to-date news in the space which is left me.

The latest news is of the TI FAIRE which was held in Chicago earlier this month. Since none of our own membership was able to attend, I have reprinted an article from the HOCUS newsletter describing Gene Hitz' observations. Other groups have similar but more detailed info. Since it would be impractical to reprint all of them, look forward to reading them by checking out the November Out-Of-State Newsletter packets.

Back on the home front, the order to TEX-COMP was placed and confirmed on 11/14/85. As you know from reading the BULLETIN BOARD section of THIS Newsletter, TEX-COMP has just about the best prices on TI software. Club members placed a substantial order at the last meeting and by mail for various compuwares. We ordered a few extra items which will be available to all current members on a first come (with cash) first served basis. The following items will be available: TI ADVENTURE Module and DISK \$9+; TEII module \$12+; the book "Introduction to Assembly Language for the TI HC" \$6+; and the Editor Assembler package \$22+. Sorry, all the LOGO II's @ \$22 have been bought. If there is more interest we will place another order. Let us know! The "+" at the end of each price means that we must charge shipping on all mail orders. It is \$1 in each case. By the way, the shipment has not, as yet, arrived from CA.

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On the other hand, the JHB Personal Data Management System shipment (try to say that one fast!) has arrived. Please refer to the enclosed member sheets for member costs. The PDM package is a combination of JHB Software DVECTOR and ADRS Systems. These systems are menu driven for major functions. Options and inputs are clearly prompted and well documented. Each system comes with a users manual and tutorial, along with operation hints. Menus, prompts and displays are illustrated. PDM requires XB, 32k, disk and preferably RS232. JHB Software generously offered user groups this software at the individual price, with permission of JHB Software to share copies with their members.

With the holidays encroaching upon us (that's right - encroaching - as a procrastinator there is NEVER enough time!) I thought I might suggest some gifts for your computers:

>Take a look at the HAC LAB ad in this edition. All items have been reduced, e.g., \$2 for a Power Supply; \$35 for PHP1250; etc. Check the latest Tenex catalog... their prices are 60% higher! (OK, I know that statement was self-serving, but they are great prices!)

>Consider a subscription to MICROPENDIUM (POB 1343 - Round Rock, TX 78680) \$18.50 for 12 issues via domestic mail. Last issue had 55 pages of ALL TI related articles. From the articles, reviews, User Notes, Feedback, etc. you'll wonder why you didn't subscribe sooner. (By the way, our own Richard J. Bailey introduced his freeware disk via MICROPENDIUM last month and Prez Curtis Provance's letter was published in the FEEDBACK section). Tell 'em we sent ya!

>Take a look at the NH99UG library (via the yellow member sheets which you receive with the newsletter). We have over 100 disks chock full of interesting programs.

>And last, but not least, enlist a friend into the user group.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our newest members to the User Group. October/November '85 just about set a record for new memberships. Thank you for your confidence. We welcome your ideas and your input. Please share your experiences - we'll all benefit!

Take note: Our club's Concord P.O.Box will be closed shortly. We have had a new address for over three months! Our new mailing address is:

NEW HAMPHIRE 99'ERS USER GROUP, INC.

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We now meet at the BONANZA FAMILY RESTAURANT on Route 3 in Bedford. Our next meeting will be on MONDAY, December 2nd at 7:30 pm. Please remember to return loaned club materials at that time, so others may enjoy this member privilege.

?DM ERROR/ Helene M. LaBonville (603)472-3369

This past week we have received newsletters from groups from across the country who attended the recent TI FAIRE in Chicago. Below we have reprinted one such article from Gene Hitz of HOCUS (Milwaukee). If you would like further amplification we suggest you read NOTES ON THE NEW COMPUTER by J. Peter Hoddie (Boston Computer Society TI UG) on COMPUSERVE. For over 10 pages of info and comments on the show send \$1 to Boston Computer Society - TI USER GROUP - One Center Plaza - Boston 02108.

THE TI FAIRE AND THE NEW COMPUTER

Chicago's third annual TI FAIRE should put to rest, for a while anyway, any apprehension about the immediate future of our friendly little computer. The place was mobbed from start to finish with users from across the nation... a whole van load from Washington, D.C. on the east coast, the L.A. group from the west coast, several Canadian groups from way up north, and nearly 2 dozen of our friends from Milwaukee. All major hardware and software products were represented, selling and demonstrating. Sales were brisk and several vendors had sold out of some items early in the day.

The big draw, however, was the long expected introduction of the new TI compatible computer from MYARC. Many early visitors were disappointed at the announced late 2:00 pm showing and the upstairs meeting room filled up long before that. Patience was wearing thin as MYARC took advantage of the crowd's anticipation by using the first hour in hawking their other hardware products. Finally at 3:00, #1# began.

Groans, Disappointment, Disgust and more Groans
Still No Working Model

...but so close you could almost smell it.

They exhibited what they claimed was the motherboard, and an expanded keyboard shell with side numeric keypad, remarkably similar to the IBM PC except for the vertical cartridge slot on top. The introduction date has now been postponed to the first quarter of '86 with a demo at the January Consumer Electronics Show. The statistics were then presented but along with them, the distinct impression of possible future alterations.

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5 CALL CLEAR
10 INPUT "ENTER TOTAL SHIPPING WGT":WT
20 IF WT>9 THEN 60
30 SH = .55 + (WT*.2)
40 PRINT "PLEASE ADD $": SH
   "S/H CHARGE TO YOUR ORDER"
50 END
60 SH=2.5+INT(WT/16.1)*.5
70 GO TO 40

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CASSETTE COVER MAKER
 Curtis Alan Provance
 New Hampshire 99er's User Group

Your recent surveys asked for more BASIC and X BASIC material, so here it is! The following program makes a cover for your cassettes. It can print 14 items on each of two sides. You may also enter tape counter data and time information. I tried to write this in such a way that you can modify it to suit your needs. If you want to enter lower case text, insert the following line:

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545 CALL KEY(5,K,S)
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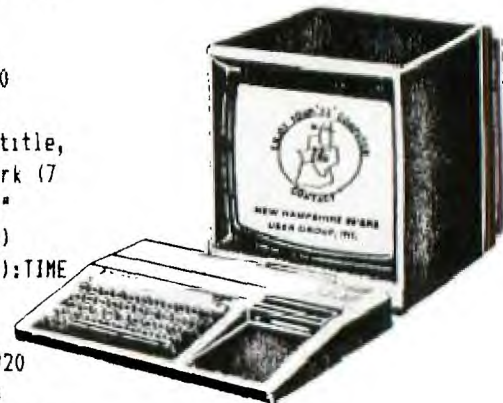
Have fun and experiment! There are many areas that can be improved; I was mainly interested in presenting an easily understood routine. Don't be afraid of using long variable names. If you run out of room, you can go back and shorten them. However, if you go back to a program months after you wrote it, the chances of remembering what's going on are greater if you used good variable names.

```
100 DIM TOTAL(1),NAME$(1,14)
, COUNT$(1,14),TIME$(1,14)
110 DEF CENTER$(X$)="&SEG$(
(BLANK$,1,32-LEN(X$)/2)&X$&S
EG$(BLANK$,33+LEN(X$)/2,33)&
";"
120 EDGE$="!-----
-----!"
130 BLANK$="
"
140 BORDER$="!&BLANK$&!"
150 CONDENSED_ON$=CHR$(15)
160 CONDENSED_OFF$=CHR$(18)
170 ENLARGED_ON$=CHR$(14)
180 ENLARGED_OFF$=CHR$(20)
190 FORM_FEED$=CHR$(12)
200 PRINTER$="PI0"
210 MYNAME$="Curtis Alan Pro
vance"
220 ADDRESS$="17 Constance S
treet "
230 CITY_STATE$="Merrimack,
NH 03054"
240 PHONE$="(603) 424-7624"
250 CALL CLEAR
260 DISPLAY "The program gen
erates covers for cassette ca
ses. You may enter names 48
characters"
270 DISPLAY "long, tape coun
ter data, and time informatio
n (both 7 characters long
). You are"
280 DISPLAY "limited to ente
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ring 14 names per side. If y
ou wish to enter a blank l
ine or comma,"
290 DISPLAY "include quotes
- " ". Don't worry if you
make a mistake, you will be a
ble to edit all"
300 DISPLAY "your entries be
fore they are printed.":::"
(PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE)"
310 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
320 IF S=0 THEN 310
330 CALL CLEAR
340 TITLE$=""
350 FIRST_TIME=1
360 NO_COUNTER=1
370 NO_TIME=1
380 FOR X=0 TO 1
390 FOR Y=1 TO 14
400 NAME$(X,Y)=" "
410 COUNT$(X,Y)=" "
420 TIME$(X,Y)=" "
430 NEXT Y
440 NEXT X
450 DISPLAY "Do you want to
enter tape counter informa
tion?":
460 CALL KEY(3,K,S)
470 ON 1-(K=89)-2*(K=78)GOTO
460,480,490
480 NO_COUNTER=0
490 DISPLAY "Do you want to
enter time information?":
500 CALL KEY(3,K,S)
510 ON 1-(K=89)-2*(K=78)GOTO
500,520,530
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520 NO_TIME=0
530 DISPLAY "Please enter/a
ccept title: <----- 28 le
tters ----->":
540 DISPLAY TITLE$:
550 INPUT "":TEMP$
560 IF TEMP$="" THEN 580
570 TITLE$=TEMP$
580 TITLE$=SEG$(TITLE$&SEG$(
BLANK$,1,31-LEN(TITLE$)),1,3
2)
590 SIDE=2
600 CALL CLEAR
610 X=2-SIDE
620 DISPLAY "Please enter/ac
cept names of items (only the
first 48 characters will
be printed).": "SIDE";1+X:
630 FOR Y=1 TO 14
640 DISPLAY NAME$(X,Y):STR$(
Y);" ";
650 INPUT "":TEMP$
660 IF TEMP$="" THEN 680
670 NAME$(X,Y)=TEMP$
680 IF NAME$(X,Y)=" THEN 71
0
690 NAME$(X,Y)=SEG$(NAME$(X,
Y)&BLANK$,1,48)
700 NEXT Y
710 TOTAL(X)=Y-1
720 IF NAME$(X,1)=" THEN 93
0
730 IF NO_COUNTER THEN 830
740 CALL CLEAR
750 DISPLAY "For each title,
input/accept a tape count (7
characters maximum).":
760 FOR Y=1 TO TOTAL(X)
770 DISPLAY :NAME$(X,Y):COUN
T$(X,Y):
780 INPUT "":TEMP$
790 IF TEMP$="" THEN 820
800 TEMP$=TEMP$&BLANK$
810 COUNT$(X,Y)=SEG$(TEMP$,1
,7)
820 NEXT Y
830 IF NO_TIME THEN 930
840 CALL CLEAR
850 DISPLAY "For each title,
input/accept a time mark (7
characters maximum).":
860 FOR Y=1 TO TOTAL(X)
870 DISPLAY :NAME$(X,Y):TIME
$(X,Y):
880 INPUT "":TEMP$
890 IF TEMP$="" THEN 920
900 TEMP$=BLANK$&TEMP$
910 TIME$(X,Y)=SEG$(TEMP$,LE
N(TEMP$)-6,7)
920 NEXT Y
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930 SIDE=SIDE-1
940 IF SIDE THEN 600
950 DISPLAY "Would you like
to edit your information at
this time?":
960 SIDE=2
970 CALL KEY(3,K,S)
980 ON 1-(K=89)-2*(K=78)GOTO
970,990,1010
990 FIRST_TIME=0
1000 GOTO 530
1010 OPEN #1:PRINTER$
1020 PRINT #1:CONDENSED_ON$;
EDGE$
1030 FOR X=1 TO 0 STEP -1
1040 TOTAL(X)=-TOTAL(X)&(NAM
E$(X,1)<>"")
1050 FOR Y=1 TO TOTAL(X)
1060 PRINT #1:" ";NAME$(X,Y
);COUNT$(X,Y);TIME$(X,Y);"
"
1070 NEXT Y
1080 FOR Y=Y TO 14
1090 PRINT #1:BORDER$
1100 NEXT Y
1110 PRINT #1:EDGE$
1120 NEXT X
1130 PRINT #1:" ";ENLARGED_
ON$;TITLE$;ENLARGED_OFF$;BOR
DER$;EDGE$
1140 PRINT #1:CENTER$(MYNAME
$):CENTER$(ADDRESS$):CENTER$(
CITY_STATE$):CENTER$(PHONE$
):BORDER$;EDGE$;FORM_FEED$
1150 PRINT #1:CONDENSED_OFF$
1160 CLOSE #1
1170 DISPLAY "Want to make a
nother cover?":
1180 CALL KEY(3,K,S)
1190 ON 1-(K=89)-2*(K=78)GOT
O 1180,330,1200
1200 CALL CLEAR
1210 STOP
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TIPS FROM THE TIGERCUB

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Now for the old business -

I was mortified to find an error in the Unprintable Unkeyable Program in Tips #22. The last line should end with ELSE 100, not ELSE 130. In the Grocery Shopping program in Tips #21, your wife will never get to the zucchini unless you delete line 140 and change line 200 to -
200 IF EOF(1)<>1 THEN 130

Sorry about that. And the update to the Menu Loader in Tips #22 will not list all listable files, just D/V80 files. I now have a version to really list all listable files, I think, plus show protection,

dump the catalog to the printer, rescan, etc., but am not sure all the bugs are out so will publish it next month.

Folks have been asking why their orders for TI-WRITER COMPANION, mentioned in Tips #22, were being returned unopened, so I called Bill Browning. He said he found he was going broke selling it for \$2.50, but he is now prepared to supply it for \$6.50. Still a bargain, in my opinion.

Barry Ensley warns that when FCTN V is used for a blank in a filename, as mentioned in Tips #25, it is not recognized by the Disk Manager.

In Tips #21, I said that the special characters available on the Gemini printer could not be accessed from TI-Writer. I have since learned that Star Micronics hid a valuable feature of their printer in a paragraph of gobbledegook computerese in the manual. See "Other Function Codes", ESC ">", ESC "=" and ESC "#". In plain English, you can access these codes by CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, SHIFT >, then type the character with an ASCII 128 less than the character you want. In other words, if you want CHR\$(160), hit the space bar (ASCII 32), etc. To get back to the normal character mode, use CTRL U, FCTN R, CTRL U, SHIFT #. Many thanks to David Aragon (San Antonio Area 99ers newsletter, Aug. 1985), who described how to do the same by transliteration.

In Tips #25, I said that a program which had been converted to I/V 254 format by adding REM lines could be converted back to program format by deleting

the REM lines and reSAVing. Well, it usually can - but not always!

I have been receiving inquiries as to whether my programs published in the Tips are public domain programs which can be placed in user group libraries and on BBS's. Well, the copyright notice on this newsletter is really only intended to keep anyone from reprinting it for personal profit. I have always thought that programs published for the purpose of being keyed in should be OK to copy, and I don't intend to claim that "you must own the magazine"! However, a peculiar situation has developed. The short programs which I wrote to give away to promote my other programs, have become the bread and butter of my business! If it was not for the sales of the Tips disk and the Nuts & Bolts disk, I would long ago have gone out of business. So, I would appreciate it if you would exercise some restraint in putting my Tips programs in your libraries or in downloadable form on your BBS.

And I do consider my two Tips disks, as complete collections of programs, to be copyrighted material which should not be placed in libraries for copying.

In the Automatic Mouse Maze in Tips #23, you can improve the maze by adding these lines -
475 IF (C>20)≠(X<10)THEN 500
515 X=X+1
555 X=X+1
595 X=X+1
1325 X=0

And the last word - I think - on the challenge to quickly scramble the numbers 1 to 255. Ian Swales sent me, from Belgium, two

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routines which beat everyone
else - and then sent me two
more which beat his first
ones! His PEEK version -
100 DIM A(255),C(255):: FOR
K=255 TO 1 STEP -1 :: RANDOM
IZE :: CALL PEEK(-31800,B)::
J=INT(B*K/256+1):: C(K)=MAX
(J,A(J)):: A(J)=MAX(K,A(K)):
: NEXT K

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And see if you can unravel the logic of this truly elegant bit of code!

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100 DIM A(255):: RANDOMIZE :
: FOR K=255 TO 1 STEP -1 ::
J=INT(RND*K+1):: T=MAX(J,A(J
)): A(J)=MAX(K,A(K)): A(K)
=T :: NEXT K

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So, on to new business -

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to explain the why of the
why!

```

100 ! LINPUT PUZZLE/BUG by
    B.A. Traver
110 ! QUESTIONS? Send SASE
    to Barry Traver
120 ! 552 Seville St.
    Phila. PA 19128
130 CALL CLEAR :: PRINT "LIN
    PUT PUZZLE/BUG":BY BARRY TR
    AVER"
140 PRINT "Can you figure ou
    t why your computer will not
    obey?"
150 PRINT "Why won't it stop

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when you tell it to?": :
160 LINPUT "Want me to stop?
    (YES/NO)":M$
170 IF M$="YES" THEN STOP EL
    SE 160
180 END

```

It seems that many of you still haven't heard of Super 99 Monthly, published monthly (and on time!) by Bytemaster Computer Services, 171 Mustang Street, Sulphur, LA 70663, for \$12 per year. The May issue contained a Word Processor Dump, to dump a graphics/text screen into a D/V80 file which can be printed out of the TI-Writer Formatter - that program alone is worth the annual subscription price!

I've said it before, there is more than one way to skin that poor cat. This is my routine to alternate between the #1 and #2 joysticks.

```

Z=Z+1+(Z=2)*2 :: CALL JOYST
(Z,X,Y)
Compact, isn't it? Now, the
Reading-Berks 99ers publish
a newsletter called "A Byte
of Info", which is hardly
more than a byte long, but
the August byte was a
mouthful! Check this -

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100 Z=2
110 Z=1/Z*2 :: CALL JOYST(Z,
X,Y)
And this! Elegant!
Z=Z*0 :: CALL JOYST(Z+2,X,Y)

```

Here is another of those programs that write a program. This one will read a screen of graphics and/or text and convert it into a RUNable program of DISPLAY AT statements which will recreate the screen.

First, we need a file of the hex codes of all the normal characters, to check against to see if any have been redefined. Rather than key in all 95 of the 16-digit codes, let's write

a program to write a program of them -

```

110 OPEN #1:"DSK1.HEXCODES",
VARIABLE 163 :: LN=30000 ::
FOR D=32 TO 124 STEP 8 :: FO
R CH=D TO D+7 :: CALL CHARPA
T(CH,CH$)
120 D$=D$&CHR$(179)&CHR$(200
)&CHR$(16)&CH$ :: NEXT CH
130 PRINT #1:CHR$(INT(LN/256
))&CHR$(LN-256*INT(LN/256))&
CHR$(147)&SE6$(D$,2,LEN(D$))
&CHR$(0):: LN=LN+1 :: D$=""
:: NEXT D
140 PRINT #1:CHR$(255)&CHR$(
255):: CLOSE #1 :: END

```

RUN that to create a MERGE format program of DATA statements. Now, key in the GRAFWRITER program -

```

31000 SUB GRAFWRITER
31001 OPEN #1:"DSK1.P6",OUTP
UT,DISPLAY,VARIABLE 163
31002 RESTORE 30000 :: L=300
00 :: GOSUB 31018
31003 FOR CH=32 TO 127 :: CA
LL CHARPAT(CH,CH$):: READ A$
:: IF CH$=A$ THEN 31004 ELS
E GOSUB 31019 :: GOSUB 31018
31004 NEXT CH
31005 FOR CH=128 TO 143 :: C
ALL CHARPAT(CH,CH$):: IF CH$
=RPT$(" ",16)THEN 31006 ELSE
GOSUB 31019 :: GOSUB 31018
31006 NEXT CH
31007 PRINT #1:L$&CHR$(157)&
CHR$(200)&CHR$(5)&"CLEAR"&CH
R$(0):: GOSUB 31018
31008 FOR R=1 TO 24
31009 M$=L$&CHR$(162)&CHR$(2
40)&CHR$(183)&CHR$(200)&CHR$(
LEN(STR$(R)))&STR$(R)&CHR$(
179)
31010 FOR C=3 TO 30 :: CALL
GCHAR(R,C,G):: CALL HCHAR(R,
C,42):: IF F=0 AND G=32 THEN
31013
31011 F=1 :: IF FF=1 THEN 31
012 ELSE CC=C-2 :: FF=1
31012 A$=A$&CHR$(G)
31013 NEXT C :: IF CC=0 THEN
CC=1 :: A$=""
31014 PRINT #1:M$&CHR$(200)&
CHR$(LEN(STR$(CC)))&STR$(CC)
&CHR$(182)&CHR$(181)&CHR$(19
9)&CHR$(LEN(A$))&A$&CHR$(0)
31015 L=L+10 :: F,FF,CC=0 ::
M$,A$="" :: GOSUB 31018 ::
NEXT R
31016 PRINT #1:L$&CHR$(134)&

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CHR$(201)&L$&CHR$(0):: GOSUB
31018
31017 PRINT #1:CHR$(255)&CHR
$(255):: CLOSE #1 :: SUBEXIT
31018 L1=INT(L/256):: L2=L-2
56*L1 :: L$=CHR$(L1)&CHR$(L2
):: L=L+10 :: RETURN
31019 PRINT #1:L$&CHR$(157)&
CHR$(200)&CHR$(4)&"CHAR"&CHR
$(183)&CHR$(200)&CHR$(LEN(ST
R$(CH)))&STR$(CH)&CHR$(179)&
CHR$(199)&CHR$(16)&CH$&CHR$(
182)&CHR$(0):: RETURN
31020 SUBEND

```

Next, Enter MERGE DSK1.
HEXCODES to merge in those
DATA statements. Then save
the program by SAVE
DSK1.GRAFWRITER,MERGE

Now, load any program
which has a screen you would
like to copy. Run the
program to the point where
the screen display is ready,
then break it with FCTN 4.
Put in a temporary line
going to itself, such as
1001 GOTO 1001, and run the
program again to be sure you
found the right place. Then
replace that temporary line
with CALL GRAFWRITER :: STOP

Put in the disk
containing the Grafwriter
program and enter MERGE
DSK1.GRAFWRITER. Then RUN
the program. When it stops,
type NEW, then MERGE DSK1.P6
and then RUN!

Now for a Tigercub chall-
enge that I can't answer!
Can one of you assembly
programmers tell me how to
PEEK out of Extended Basic
for screen color and charac-
ter set colors, so I can
reproduce them in that
program?

And, thanks to Jerry Glaze
in the Southern Nevada UG
newsletter, by way of the
Tidewater newsletter - you
don't need SIZE with DISPLAY
AT - just a semicolon!
100 DISPLAY AT(12,1):RPT\$("≠
",20):: DISPLAY AT(12,1):"SE
E?";

MEMORY FULL! - Jim Peterson

CHANGING THE DEFAULT LIST
DEVICE NAME IN SUPER-BUGGER



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When you use the SUPER-BUGGER one of the first entries you have to make is the list device name. If you just press enter there is a default of RS232.BA=4800. Chances are your printer has a different name and if you're lazy like I am you'd rather just press enter then entering 12 to 24 characters.

To change the default you need the Editor/Assembler. Select the E/A EDIT function from the main menu then select LOAD and enter the filename of DSK1.SBUG (assuming drive 1). After SBUG has finished loading, select EDIT and the file will appear. The first 5 characters on the line are the address of the first data element on the line followed by the data for that line broken into fields of 2 HEX characters separated by "B". Use FCTN 9 to enter the command mode and press F(ind) then /5253/ to locate the hex characters RS (In my version it happens to be line 7). Using the blue reference card that came with the E/A package to translate the HEX values to decimal, check the line to make sure that it does in fact contain the printer name. This line contains the value 000D just before the printer name. This value tells the computer to expect 13 (HEX D) characters in the printer name. If the name you enter is a different length, remember to change this value. In the SBUG version I have, line 7 was:

```
A015AB1020B5050B0000B000DB5253B3233B322EB4241B3D34B3830B3020BF2F0F
13 R S 2 3 2 . B A = 4 8 0 0
```

Your line may be different because this also reflects the changes to SBUG that appeared in the Jan,85 newsletter. You must now enter your printer name in HEX. If it is too long to fit on this line, continue on the next line. Remember that each HEX character is 2 characters wide so you can only get 2 HEX characters in each "B" field. DO NOT erase the Bs. My printer's name is RS232.BA=2400.DA=8. This is 18 characters long which translates to 12 HEX so the 000D just before the printer name must be changed to 0012. The printer name in hex is:

```
52533233322E42413D323430302E44413D38
R S 2 3 2 . B A = 2 4 0 0 . D A = 8
```

The DA=8 (44413D38) has to go on the next line because there isn't enough room on line 7. You will notice that there is room reserved on line 8 to accommodate a much longer name because the "B" fields on that line are filled with spaces (HEX 20=ASCII 32=space character).

If you must also use line 8 or whatever the next line is, be sure to also change the 6th character from the right end of that line from 7 to 8 as described in the article in the Jan,85 newsletter. My line 7 already had this character changed from a 7 to an 8 because of the other modification but if your listing hasn't had this change, you must also change the 6th character from the right end of line 7 from 7 to 8.

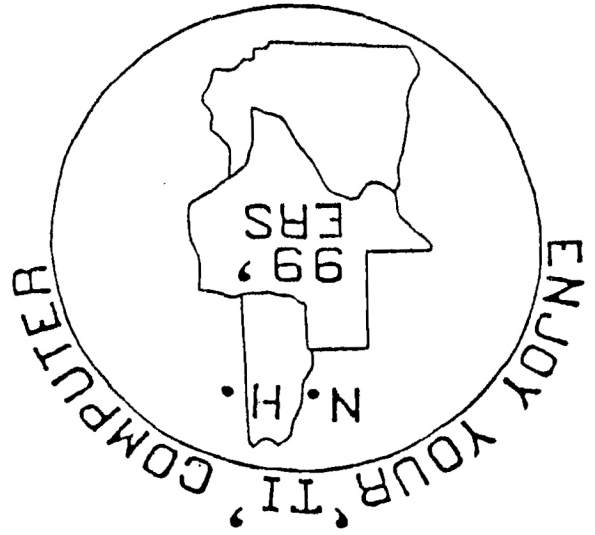
After you have made the changes and checked them for accuracy, press FCTN 9 twice to get back to the E/A menu and select the SAVE option. Answer "N" to the question about VARIABLE 80 FORMAT then save the program under a different name until you have a chance to check out your modifications. To check the modification, select the LOAD AND RUN option and load the modified program you have just saved. When you get to the question "ENTER DEVICE NAME" just press enter and the computer will tell you the list device is on. Then enter D A000 A100 and check if the printer prints out what looks like good data or just lines of asterisks. If you have made an error the program may not load, or if it does, the printer will only print asterisks. If you get data the change is correct and the default is now your printer name.

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