PUNN Newsletter

NEXT MEETING APRIL 3, 1984 - 7PM

PRESIDENT's CORNER

This User's Group has doubled in size since last year. We now have many new members from beginners to advanced. Systems vary from cassette to full DOS system.

Although everyone seems eager for a "hot tip" of information received during the Question and Answer period of our meetings, parents have told me their kids cannot stay out till 9PM on a school night. Others say the business part of the meeting should be eliminated and still others say there's not enough time after the meeting to find what you want in our growing library.

Therefore, I have reached a decision to the above problems:

1. The business meeting will start at 7PM and finish by 8PM.
2. There will be someone to help any beginner after the business meeting.
3. There will be workshops on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for specific items that only benefit a few members. (Same time and place as the regular meeting.)

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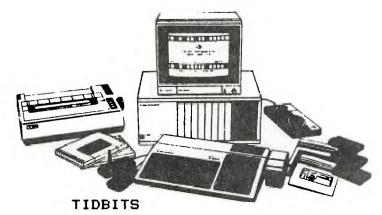   Paul White   246-6908
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TIDBITS

Anyone wishing to sell or trade items at the meetings either see myself or one of the officers. Instead of people standing up we will post your notices on a bulletin board in the meeting room.

If you have any command modules that you are tired of and may wish to swap, bring them along to the next meeting. We all have some that just sit there!

If you didn't get Forth and you still want it bring along a diskette to the next meeting. You can pick up the manual there. The diskette will be mailed to you.

The price will now be $10.00 as the people making it have to spend a lot of their time copying it!

If you have a modem I can be reached at a local BBS. The name is West Side #1. Phone # is 649-7814. It is checked every day. I will pass along messages to the officers in the club also.

For all of you who don't know,

Editor Assembler and 32k is required to run TI Forth.

If you need a new phone for your modem be careful! The new "improved" touchtone phones do not work! They have made them faster so now the signals are too fast for the modem to pick up.

Attention!!!! To order the beginning assembly book and the best of 99er we have to have the money up front. This will qualify us to get a twenty percent discount. So bring your checkbook along to the next meeting!

John

NEW PRODUCTS

Quick-Copyer

A program for backing up disks in three passes or less. Should be of interest to all with single disk drive. Requires 32k and either xb, mini-mem or e/a.

If you've gotten tired of sitting there doing nothing while backing up a disk with twenty files this is for you!
Price is $40.00
Available from:
Quality Software
1884 Columbia RD.#500
Washington, D.C. 20009

Basic Calc 99

Mini-Spreadsheet program that runs in 16k, extended basic.
Price is $15.95
Available from:
VMC Software
P.O. Box 326
Cambria Hts. N.Y. 11411

STX-80 Printer

From Star Micronics, the same company that produces the reliable Gemini-10x.

Prints 60cps. Has 80 column capability with dot-addressable graphics and block graphics.

It is a thermal printer so it will require special paper. But for the price of $199.00 you probably can't go wrong! One of the Gentlemen in the club has one so if he will identify himself maybe he would answer questions about it.

Return To Pirates Isle

A TI command module adventure. Author is the irrepressible Scott Adams With his first graphical adventure. From what I've heard this is the ultimate adventure game complete with terrific graphics! There are a few spelling errors which are annoying when you think there should be some tighter quality control but...

This game is high performance otherwise with multiple levels and changing graphics.
       Editor

SOFTWARE REVIEWS by John Woods

Galaxy from Avalon Hill Brand new on the market by one of the foremost gaming companies. This is a strategy game with fairly simple graphics. Very well written and includes excellant documentation. The object of the game is to start out from your home planet and conquer the solar system. From one to eight players may compete with various options available such as: The computer may also attack. Three to 26 planets may be chosen. Choice of set-ups for the solar system. Save game option. This is a highly recommended game for just about anyone except for the hard core shoot em up fans! Runs in extended basic

Robot Runner from Moonbeam Soft. Object of the game is to advance your android past the security force to penetrate the innermost sanctum of the enemy.
Each screen requires perfect timing and if you fail you must start over! Directions are adequate but must be played to be understood. All in all this is a good game from a company that produces very good software. Runs in extended Basic.
Software to stay away from:
Unfortunately one of the best companies on the market, Futura, does produce some very lame games. Especially for twenty dollars a whack! These are not recommended:
Galactic, Londonblitz
All Star Baseball
Air Missile Command
Also the games packs from Extended Software including, Romeo, Bouncer, and Kong are not worth the money.
Anyone can talk up an ad, so before you buy please check with someone in the club! Don't waste your money and be turned off because there is some great software out there! Editor

TIPS

Did you know that you can use what is called Proprietary Protection mode? With this a disk cannot be copied or backed up.

Just press Function X ten times when at any screen in the Disk Manager module. At the tenth time you'll hear a beep and a > < will appear at the top of the screen.

BE careful of this since it is not reversible unless you have Disk Fixer '

To go into Hopper test mode press shift 8 when the title screen appears. You can now select the level of play.

Disabling the Fctn + Quit key can be accomplished by:
1) Call Init(enter)
Call Load(-31806,16)(enter)
Then when you are ready to return it to use do the following:
2)Call Init(enter)
Call Load(-31806,4)(enter)
You must have 32k and ext/basic to accomplish this.

To find out how much memory you have left in basic do the following: 1)A=A+8(enter) 2)GOSUB 1(ENTER)
RUN
When it aborts with memory full print the value of A. This will give you the amount of memory left after your program is loaded.

To be able to keep firing continuously in Parsec press the Q and P keys together!

This is a tip for the cassette people. If your tape does not load due to an Error in Data, try reducing your volume. If it says Data not found increase the volume.

"HOME COMPUTER COMPENDIUM"
Thank you for the complimentary copies and the enrichment that it brings with its timely articles.

WHAT IS TI WRITER?

At the April PUNN meeting there will be a _short_ presentation on TI Writer. It will introduce the product, and discuss some of it's potential uses.

This session will not be a "How To" workshop. For those interested, there will be a "How To" workshop on the TI Writer, Text Editor feature after the business meeting. Separate workshops on the Format and Utility features will be held at another time.

The workshop is intended for those who have or are thinking about buying TI Writer. If you have specific questions this is the time to ask them. The work-shop leader will be Cricket Raybern.

If you have Multiplan I have a tax plan! Federal schedule 1040, A, C, E, W.(maybe more by the time you read this)
Price is $30.00 including disk. See Dave Hatfield or call 244-8652

Stan Hiller has a disk drive he would like to sell. It is a P Box drive and he would like $150.00 for it.

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**** CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1984 ****

NEW TIME 7:PM   WORKSHOPS

April   3, 84   April 10, 84

May   1, 84   May   8, 84
June   5, 84   June   12, 84
July   3, 84
August   7, 84
September 4, 84
October   2, 84
November   6, 84
December   4, 84

All general meetings are held on
the first Tuesday of each month,
and workshops are held on the
second Tuesday of each month,
at the P.G.E. Bldg, 3700 SE 17th
at 7:PM to 10:PM.