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## NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, June 12, 1988 - 6:30 PM

NEVADA POWER BUILDING MEETING ROOM

6226 West Sahara, Las Vegas, Nevada

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As I write this message (late again as usual), I find myself thinking about the upcoming SNUG elections. I have enjoyed being president of SNUG for the past 3 1/2 years, but lately I find myself unable to devote enough time to the job. I find my time divided between so many interests (many of them related to my computer habit) that I am unable to do a good job at any of them. For that reason, I have decided not to run for re-election this year (I know, I know, I never really "ran" for any of the elections, but this time I won't accept a draft either).

Please don't construe this as meaning that I am losing interest in SNUG. I am as enthusiastic as ever about our great little computer group. I just need a break from some of the duties that I have been handling for the last few years. I will still maintain the BBS (unless someone else wants to take a crack at it). I will still be available to help out with program demonstrations whenever necessary. I will still be around to answer questions or help with hardware modifications. I just want to be able to come to a meeting and sit on the other side of the demonstration table for a change.

We will be setting up an election committee at the meeting. The committee will nominate a slate of candidates for the offices. If you are contacted by the election committee to run for an office, please give it serious consideration. This is your group. If it is to survive, we must all work together. Without the officers and committee members to plan the meetings, there would soon be no interest in coming to the meetings. Without the meetings, there would be

little reason to belong to the group. Without the group, there would be nobody to help when you have problems, nobody to trade programs with, and probably some lost friendships. The elections will be held in July. We will have nominations from the floor at that meeting in addition to the candidate nominated by the election committee. Any member is welcome to run for any office. If you have an interest in a particular office, please let the committee know. Don't wait for them to tap you on the shoulder and ask.

Besides setting up the election committee this month, we are going to try something a bit different. We will be going over several Extended Basic commands. We have selected some of the string handling commands to show. We will look at the ACCEPT and DISPLAY AT, DISPLAY USING, SEG\$, POS, LEN, CHR\$, ASC, VAL, and STR\$ commands. We will also be available to answer questions or demonstrate any other Extended Basic commands that you might want to know about. These demonstrations will be by Don Mitchell, Lance Wilson, Bob Bleber, Rudy Johnson, and myself.

Is there anyone out there who would like to take care of the monthly raffle? We need someone to store the raffle items and be responsible for getting them to the meetings. It would be nice if this person would also be responsible for running the raffle itself at the meetings. There are advantages to this for the person who volunteers. Having all the raffle stuff at home gives you the opportunity to try out all the stuff between meetings.

It has come to my attention that most of you are not taking advantage of the newsletter library. We have thousands of newsletters from other user's groups around the country that we have been exchanging with.

These newsletters are available to all SNUG members to check out at the meetings. If you haven't been reading them, you are missing a great source of information and programs.

As of last week, there are now officially 5 SNUG members who own Geneve 9640's. The latest owners are George Tilley and Lance Wilson. Congratulations guys, I know you won't be dissapointed. If any other members are thinking about moving up to Geneve, talk to George and Lance about it. They can give you some very recent information about the process of changing over and it's problems and rewards. Two other members to talk to about Geneve are Bob Sherburne and Steve Buchanan. These two have recently formed a company and are selling Myarc products (at a very good price I'm told).

That's about it for this month. Actually, that's all the time I have to finish this article. Hope I covered everything. See ya ALL at the meeting.

-John-

If you want to avoid the July 88 rush to renew your SNUG membership, then feel free to renew in June 88. Besides, it'll make July's meeting that much easier to conduct. And yes, you will have to fill out a renewal form for the records. I haven't left office quite yet!

NOTE: Members with delinquent dues are not eligible to run for SNUG Executive Office or Committee positions. But then don't let that thought keep you from running for office. The policy can be overridden by a membership majority vote or temporary executive order.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT-JUNE 88  
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by R. J. BIEBER

BULK DISKETTES:

SNUG still has bulk diskettes for sale. The price for a package of 12 diskettes which includes Tyvec sleeves and labels is as follows: SNUG members - \$6.00 per package or 2 Packages for \$11.50. NON-MEMBERS - \$7.00 per package. First come, first served.

FREWARE Donations:

June's meeting will be your last opportunity to contribute to the FUNNELWEB and HORIZON Randisk J.J. Menu funds before I send the money off to Australia and Florida. Both of the authors have contributed a great deal of time and money in the development of their programs and should be rewarded for their unselfish efforts to support the TI and Geneve communities.

NEW PROGRAMS:

LOGIC-GAME: John Martin gave me this challenging game at the last officers meeting. It comes from Canada and has French instructions. Briefly, from what I can figure out the object is to move the large Red block from the top to the bottom of the playing grid. Use the E,S,D,X keys to move the pointer dot over the block you want to move; press enter to change dot to a hand; use E,S,D,X again to move hand/block to the position you want; then press enter again to get the dot back. FCTN 8 will reset the grid to the original starting point. NO other keys work. It's got me

SNUG MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION  
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The following SNUG memberships have expired. Delinquent members have been dropped from the SNUG rosters.

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| Reginald Hayes 01/88 | James Adkerson 02/88  |
| Pete Karnowski 01/88 | Robert Peterson 02/88 |

Expired but not dropped from SNUG rosters.

Mike Lunsford 05/88

The following SNUG memberships will expire 30 JUNE 1988

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| Robert Bieber      | Joe Leavitt, Jr & Sr |
| Dinshaw Billimoria | Gordon Leonard       |
| Frank Buckley      | John Martin          |
| George Campbell    | Stan Pullen          |
| Jessie Grimes      | Bob Sherburne        |
| Rudy Johnson       | George Tilley        |

If your name does not appear above then please check your membership card or the SNUG roster that's available at each SNUG meeting.

As for the 26 assorted Disks of Archived and/or Compressed programs we got from outside sources, I've managed to cut them down to 22 disks by eliminating duplications. If I Compress the Archived files I may be able to save a few more disks. Putting EACH Decompressed/DeArchived file on a single disk will take up the equivalent of 61 separate disks; 35 98/8D, 26 99/DD, and 1 09/DD. Later some can be combined to conserve disk space.

About 60% of the programs are game and educational cartridges converted to run off of disk with a special loader program; another 20% are Special Utility programs; and the rest are Basic and Xbasic programs. Some of the programs will run off of the MINI-MEMORY and SUPER-CART cartridges. If you're interested in more information on any of these programs contact me at the June meeting where I'll have the master listings.

**JUNE'S DISK OF THE MONTH !**

This month's DOM consists of 4 programs from SNUG's 888 and the LOGIC-GAME that's described above. You'll need Archiver Ver 2.4 to DeCompress and DeArchive them.

List of programs on June 88 DOM: (433 Sectors Unpacked)

- BASEBALL XB game (Packed)
- B2D2H-SQZ Utility by G. Leonard
- C&S-SQZ Char & Sprite Maker by G. Leonard
- GOLF-PK XB GAME (Packed)
- LOGIC-GAME E/A 5 Prog described above (Squeezed)

**JUNE'S RAFFLE**

There will be a raffle in June. In the pot you'll find modules, books, disks and anything else we can manage to scrape up. Hopefully there will be a list of items posted elsewhere in this month's SNUGLETter.

SNUG is always looking for new/used items to include in the monthly raffles. Please look through your modules, books and assorted disks to see if you may have some item(s) to donate. Any and all items are welcome and appreciated. Remember, some of our new members are cassette based only and may be able to use those old program books you have lying around.

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| SPECIAL MESSAGE to all |
| of the SNUG MEMBERS: |
| the TREASURER/LIBRARIAN |
| IS GOING TO RETIRE! |
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July 88 is SNUG Officers Election month. Following the elections, new committee members will be appointed to handle the never ending duties of running SNUG.

This is official. I will not be running for any Executive Office or Committee position during this years elections. Three years as your Programs/Disk Librarian, two years as your Treasurer, plus the strain of helping to set up and run Tlxp88 has taken its toll on both my mind and body. I'm burned out and need a rest. The wife has said enough is enough. Our apartment looks like an attic with very little space to move around and live in. So, it's time to change life styles.

Therefore, I will relinquish my positions as both Programs Librarian and Treasurer at the July meeting. I thank you all for your support and encouragement over the past years and will savor the memories.

NOW is the time for other SNUG members to stand up and be recognized. NOW is the time to make the decision to run for an executive office or committee position. NOW is the time to pitch in and take the handles of responsibility; especially if you are interested in keeping SNUG alive and running smoothly. The "FUTURE OF SNUG" depends on you and your support !!!

That's all I've got to say for this month. I'll see ya at the June meeting. --- rjb

**SHORT NEWSLETTER?**

You're right this is a rather short SNUGletter this month. My printer decided to take a vacation in the middle of printing out the newsletter. First it wouldn't stop drawing a single line thru the characters and spaces(probably just dirty printhead pins). And, after cleaning the printhead, and printing out 1 very tiny test file, it decided that it wouldn't advance the paper. The motor just sort of goes "MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM". Oh well!

I'm kind of embarassed about the situation. I have 5, that's right folks, five(5) printers. A 600 line per minute IBM 1403 printer that does not interface to the TI, a 3287-2 printer that doesn't interface (both attach to an IBM mainframe), an MPI Printmate 99, an Okidata 182 that I just purchased (without manual, anyone that has a manual for this one give me a call at 702-454-1376) and last, MR. Vacation, the ever popular TI-Impact printer. So what do I do call my old pal Ron Benstead and borrow his Gemini to do the job.

Well, it's getting just about 1 in the morning. So, I gotta go.

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| SNUG TREASURER'S REPORT - 30 APRIL 1988<br>(in lieu of 30 April 1988 bank statement)<br>R. J. JOHNSON - Treasurer<br>(Item adjusted April 1988)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>FIXED ANNUAL EXPENDITURES:</b><br>SNUGLETter (Estimated cost per 100) \$ 516.00<br>Publication Costs (\$43/Mo X 12) \$ 300.00<br>Postage (\$25/Mo X 12) \$ 300.00<br>P.O. Box Rental Fee (\$22 Ann. + \$1.00/Mo X 12) \$ 22.00<br>547 Account Service Charge (\$1.00/Mo X 12) \$ 96.00<br>547 B/Board Phone Line (\$11/Mo X 12) \$ 132.00<br>Long Distance Phone Calls (Estimated) \$ 44.00<br>Miscellaneous Expenditures (Estimated) \$ 90.00<br><b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS (Estimated) - \$ 1200.00</b> |  |
| Annual Dues Collection (Avg 30 Mbrs X \$18) + \$ 540.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>ANNUAL DEFICIT (Estimated)</b><br>To be recovered thru Fund Raisers, Disc Copying Fees, Special Sales, etc. \$ 660.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>FUNDUS BALANCE (as of 31 March 1988)</b><br>(Includes \$8.43 Mar 1988 Service Charges) + \$ 651.26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <b>COLLECTIONS (during April 1988)</b><br>Membership Dues (Regular \$18 X 1) \$ 18.00<br>Bulk Diskette Sales (\$6/Pkg - \$11.50/2 Pkgs) \$ .00<br>Miscellaneous TI Equipment Raffle \$ 18.00<br>Miscellaneous TI Books Sale \$ 16.00<br>FunnelWeb Ver 4.0 Donations \$ .00<br>J.J. Menu Ver 7.1 Donations \$ .00<br>Tixpo88 Hat Sales (\$6.00 x 0) \$ .00<br><b>(Sub-Total) + \$ 54.00</b>                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES (during April 1988)</b><br>Publication Cost (SNUGLETter)-(R. Johnson) \$ 32.44<br>Postage (SNUGLETter Mailings)-(R. Johnson) \$ 30.25<br><b>(Sub Total) - \$ 62.69</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>FUNDUS AVAILABLE (as of 30 Apr 88)</b><br>Checking Account (General operating funds) + \$ 542.57<br>FunnelWeb Donations Trust Fund + \$ 65.00<br>J.J. Menu Donations Trust Fund + \$ 35.00<br><b>(Bank Balance) &gt;&gt; + \$ 642.57</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <b>PROJECTED EXPENDITURES:</b><br>Bank Account Service Charge (Apr Estimate) > \$ 8.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |