****** JULY MEETING MINUTES *****
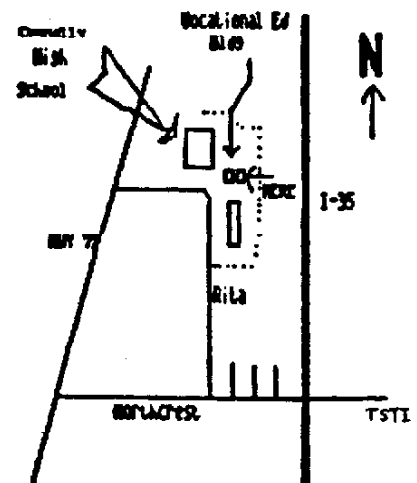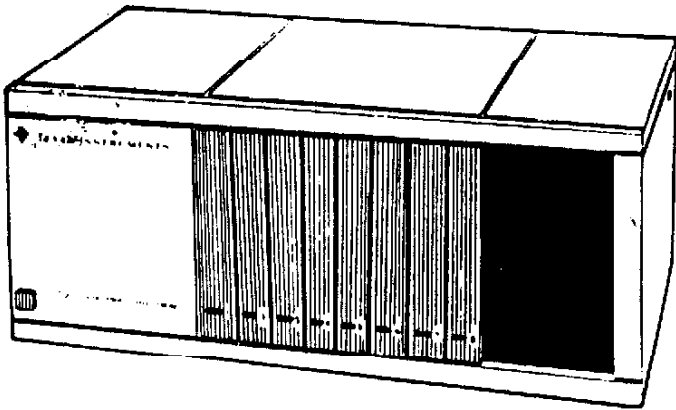The July 24th meeting was called
to order at 7:45 by Amy Bates.
Dr. Conley renewed his membership
with an $18 check. Zack Coombes
renewed his membership with $12 in
cash. Frank Cross has purchased
$9 in 15 cent stamps for
postcards. A Deposit of $21.00
brings our bank balance to
$336.00. We have renewed our
subscription to MICROpendium
magazine, for another year, with a
check for $25.00. This gives us
the working capital of $311.00.
We will need to buy a few 25 cent
stamps to finish this newsletter
and then buy ahead for the next
newsletter. Eleven folks were at
the meeting. Frank Cross gave a
letter we received about a German
TI Fair to Amy Bates, who read it
to the group, and then made a copy
to send to Jeffrey Kuhlman, our
member in Germany. Dr. Conley
made a motion we renew our
subscription to MICROpendium, with
Harold McNabb seconding. All voted
in favor of renewing. Dr. Jeff
Hull announced he is looking for
programs for Logo and managing a
baseball card collection. We
announced we would do a hardware
repair seminar. All members can
bring their consoles and other
TI99/4a hardware and the group
would help "PM" and fix problems.
The program was "How to create an
Extended Basic "LOAD" program and
how to run various E/A programs"
by Frank Cross.
******* August Meeting ********
and no formal meeting was held.
We had 7 members work on consoles
and fix minor problems. All
worked after we were through!

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Patrick Powell is looking for a TI
program that creates a crossword
puzzle. His address: TI Express,
P.O. Box 496, Ocean Park, ME
04063-0496.

BOOT DISK CHANGER
(A USER FRIENDLY PROGRAM)
REVIEW BY HUGH MCKNIGHT

Are you like me, having several programs that will not boot from any other DISK DRIVE except drive number one? This causes me to switch back and forth and re-switch disks so I can use my programs and data file disks. Therefore, to utilize an application software program that will make my life easier, I must keep in mind what disk is where and what file is where and what has been saved and what has not and where?

At this stage of learning I do not possess the knowledge nor the skill to hunt through the program file to unearth the location and code that must be changed to modify a program so that the program will boot from a different drive. I don't know if I will ever possess these skills. I don't know if I will ever have or desire the patience to do this type of thing. BUT, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIREABLE THAT I COULD CHANGE THE BOOT DISK NUMBER IN AN EASY MANNER. NOW!

HOW MANY OF YOU RAMDISK OWNERS HAVE A DRAWER FULL OF ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE FILES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO STORE AND RUN FROM YOUR RAMDISK, BUT CAN'T BECAUSE THESE PROGRAMS INSIST ON LOADING FROM DSK1?

WELL, YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED!!!!!

REMEMBER THE NAME "BOOT DISK CHANGER"...... Using the new program, "BOOT DISK CHANGER", Known as "BDC", you can change all the "DSK" references in your Basic/Extended Basic Programs, Program Image assembly language files, and D/F 80 assembly language objectives files to whatever drive from which you wish them to run. BDC will only change references to DSK when it is followed immediately by a number from 1 to 9. AS YOU SPECIFY IT.

The program is extremely USER FRIENDLY... and simple to use. It's very fast! And, even an old computer illiterate such as myself, can sucessfully use this program!!!!

On boot up (Extended Basic Auto Load from Module) gives you a screen that shows: (1) CATALOGE DISK; (2) PRINT FILE, (3) ALTER FILE, (4) QUIT. This is a very simple and easy utility to use. This program changes your files by directly editing sectors and does it very fast.
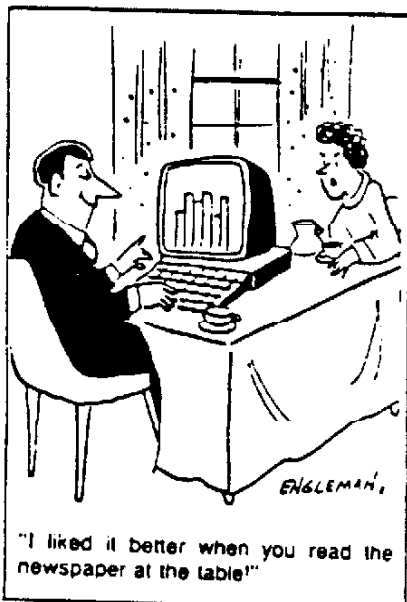
I have this program and have used it with much sucess. I am now using programs that I shied away from in the past.

If you are interested in this program, it's a FAIRWARE program, you can obtain a copy from:
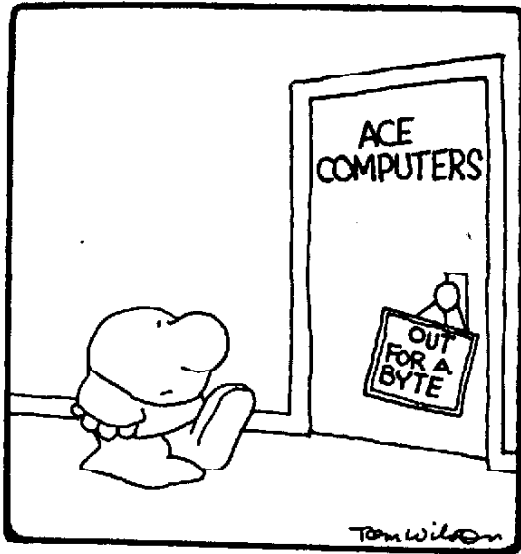
Mr. Scott Morrow
P.O. Box 1763, CFPO 5056
Belleville, Ontario, Canada
K0K 3R0

BE SURE TO SEND SCOTT $10.00 FOR YOUR COPY!!

"I liked it better when you read the newspaper at the table!"

Mickey Schmitt has a new booklet for sale entitled "Getting the Most from Your Cassette System". The 52 page booklet "provides an excellent opportunity for all users groups to provide a source of help to those club members who are still using a cassette based system as well as providing a source of help to those who are just joining a users group. The cost is only $9.95 plus postage and handling (2.50). Let's vote on this at the next meeting. Our members who use cassettes might find something really great in this offering.
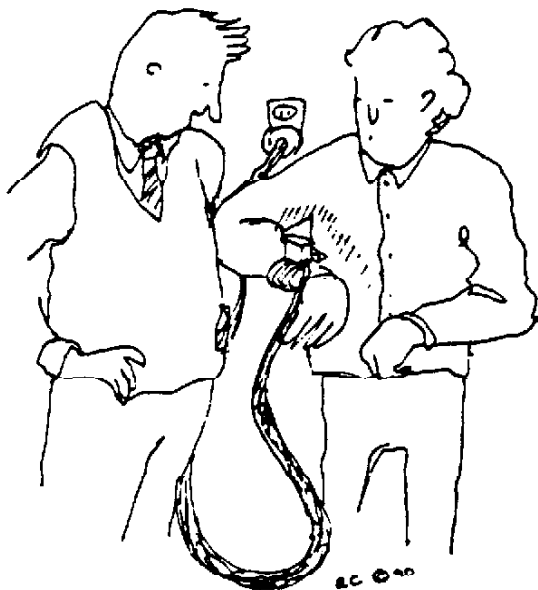
A mail-out from the U.S.Postal Service has an example of the perfect address. English teachers, you won't like this! Use all caps. Use no punctuation, i.e. periods, commas. (Use one or two spaces instead). Always use state abbreviations. Here's a list in case you don't have one handy.

AND DON'T FORGET— ALWAYS USE STATE ABBREVIATIONS:

Alabama	AL
Alaska	AK
Arizona	AZ
Arkansas	AR
California	CA
Colorado	CO
Connecticut	CT
Delaware	DE
District of Columbia	DC
Florida	FL
Georgia	GA
Guam	GU
Hawaii	HI
Idaho	ID
Illinois	IL
Indiana	IN
Iowa	IA
Kansas	KS
Kentucky	KY
Louisiana	LA
Maine	ME
Maryland	MD
Massachusetts	MA
Michigan	MI
Minnesota	MN
Mississippi	MS
Missouri	MO
Montana	MT
Nebraska	NE
Nevada	NV
New Hampshire	NH
New Jersey	NJ
New Mexico	NM
New York	NY
North Carolina	NC
North Dakota	ND
Ohio	OH
Oklahoma	OK
Oregon	OR
Pennsylvania	PA
Puerto Rico	PR
Rhode Island	RI
South Carolina	SC
South Dakota	SD
Tennessee	TN
Texas	TX
Utah	UT
Vermont	VT
Virginia	VA
Virgin Islands	VI
Washington	WA
West Virginia	WV
Wisconsin	WI
Wyoming	WY

Jim Stewart, a member of Dallas TI Home Computer Group, tells us that there were 55,000 TI 99/4a's sold in the Dallas area. WOW!

"Yes, Sam. I know it has the 2 gigs of memory, a 500 megabyte hard drive and a laser printer, but I still think you should have left room for a battery."

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