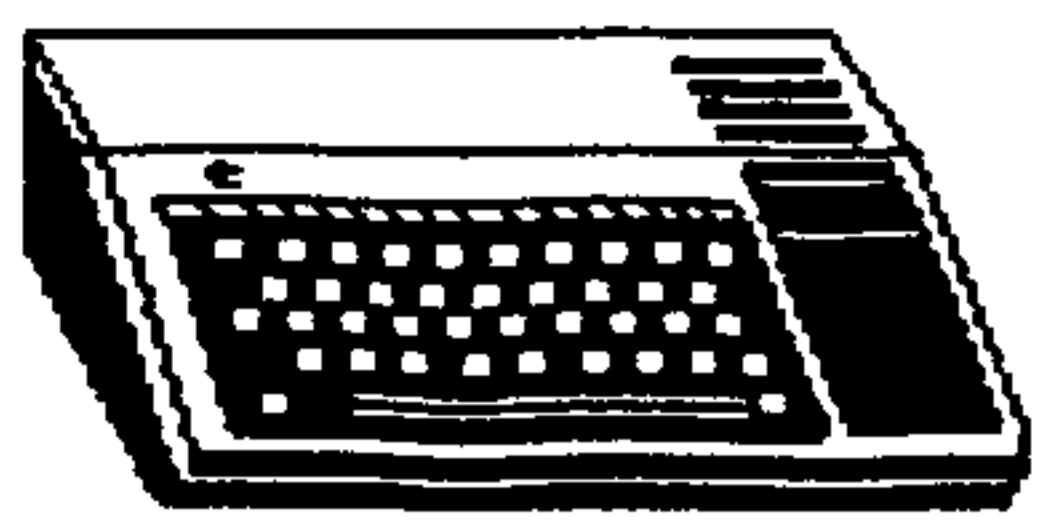




CLEVELAND AREA TI-99/4A USER GROUPS NOVEMBER 1995



OFFICE	TI-CHIPS	MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Glenn Bernasek 238-6335	10-12:00 A.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci 941-9397	N. Royalton
TREASURER	Lin Shaw 235-3912	County Library
MEMBERSHIP	John Parken 331-2830	State Rd. 50. of 4172 W. 217th St. Fairview Pl., OH 44126
SECRETARY	Dinny Stockdale 12169943039	EVERY THIRD SAT.
DISK LIBRARY	Les Kee 238-6938	NOV 18, 1995
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	DEC 16, 1995
EDITOR	Harry Hoffman 631-2354	JAN 20, 1996

OFFICE	NORTHCOAST 99'ers	MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Ken Gladyszewski 12163577274	1-4 P.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Walt Ryder 921-8223	Euclidian Room
Treasurer	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	Euclid Sq. Mall
MEMBERSHIP	Martin Smoley 12162571661	E.260th off I-90 (South)
SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan 333-5986	EVERY THIRD SAT.
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From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers,

Running late as USUAL! <- May as well leave this as a permanent statement. MICROpendium has Glenn Bernasek's article about our OHIO MUG in their Newsbytes and also will be listed every month in the Faire section. Ron Markus has a paragraph about giving up his '800' number. Bruce Harrison's Sidebar is on 'Random Sorts'. Charles Good's Reviews are on: P-Gram v.2.3, Games, Schematic Program, & Font Dumper. There is a very large XBasic program to type in. "Windows: 1-6" will bring in up to 6 moderate size (16-25 sector) documents at once. Very interesting! All in all, a terrific magazine, published by two very dedicated Tiers on a part time basis. A great big THANK YOU! to Laura and John.

The election day has passed and I hope you all did your duty. It seems to me that there are less people voting every time Nina and I go to the polls. It is a very sad and frightening thing! Veteran's Day is gone for another year. If you like your freedom "Thank a VET", year round. Thanksgiving is right around the corner. I thank God for many things and being alive and somewhat healthy is close to the top of the list. A wife like Nina is really a thankful gift! Playing with my TI is a joy. What is it you are thankful for???



THANK





NORTHCOAST 99ERS

EXECUTIVE NOTES

OCTOBER, 1995



The October meeting was called to order by Walt. Frank was available and assured us that the treasury is still solvent.

Marty announced that updated copies of the Constitution are available to anyone who requests one. There is also a copy on disk in the library.

There was discussion on NorthCoast's monetary contribution to the MUG conference. Ken stated he would make a call to Glenn and get an idea so that we could vote on it at the next meeting. A schedule was handed out so that all would know the status of the various needs.

Walt was up for the demo. As luck would have it, it disk would not work for the one demo, and the other was a lecture on his method of transferring data from his TI to his DOS machine.

Walt has been able to successfully transfer over some TI basic program and ASCII data for use on his other machine. He has written programs for each machine and used a straight-thru cable.

I must apologize to Walt in that he gave me copies of the programs he has written for each machine. I can-not find the DOS program and there-fore will wait until I have both before presenting them in the newsletter.

Basic and Extended Basic programs can be "listed" directly through the RS232 to the other machine. Or, you can list them to disk to create an ASCII file and transfer them with the 2 programs he provided.

Since each of us has favorite ways to transfer between the machines, I might mention Magic FM found in most UG's libraries, or simply use a terminal emulator set to the same settings on each machine. Then, I found on the Usenet an article by Charlie Good of Lima using Funnelweb/TI-Writer which I have included. So, whatever your preference, you should be able to find a way that is easy for you to transfer data between machine.

I didn't know at the time, but I will be out of town for the next meeting. Hope someone will fill in for me again.

We checked and Frank Jenkins is scheduled for the Demo in November and Dick Alden in December. We decided that the method we used this year of assigning a month to each member the first of the year worked out very well, and in December we will try to do it again for next year.

Deanna

SAVING AND LOADING DIRECTLY BETWEEN FUNNELWEB AND AN IBM COMPATIBLE PC

by Charles Good
Lima Ohio User Group

Using the Funnelweb editor you can use LF and SF to LoadFiles and SaveFiles directly to and from a hard drive or floppy disk on an IBM compatible PC. You can use the IBM's hard drive to store all your important text files! This can be sometimes be done at very fast transfer rates comparable to saving and loading text using a 99/4A disk, and you don't need a modem on either the TI or the IBM.

What you do need is an IBM and TI computer cabled together between the TI's serial port and an IBM com port, usually COM2. You can't use a store-bought serial cable for this because the TI serial port is not quite standard. I had L.L. Conner make my cable. You may be able to make your own. The needed pin connections for such a cable are these:

TI..IBM

1----1

2----2

3----3

6----20

7----7

20---6

TO SAVE TEXT FROM FUNNELWEB TO THE IBM:

On the IBM start Windows and go to the Accessories window. Activate the Terminal program. Click on "Settings". Then click on "Terminal Preferences" and make sure CR does not generate CR/LF (if the box has an x in it, click on the box to turn off the x) and that you are in 80 columns. Accept these settings by clicking on ok.

Click on "Settings" again and then click on "Communications". Select either 19200 or 9600 baud, odd parity, 7 data bits, and the proper COM port. Then click on ok. I haven't figured out how to save 8 bit characters (Funnelweb's extended IBM graphics set) directly to an IBM using this technique. You may want to experiment with the baud rate. On my Geneve I can use a baud rate of 19200 without losing characters at the IBM end or causing an error message at the Geneve.

On my 99/4A system I can only use 9600. On both systems I have a TI RS232 card. Cable length and the peculiarities of your system may dictate that you use a slower baud rate. When using 19200 to save text, the speed of save is at least as fast as saving to TI floppy disk.

Click on "Transfers" and then click on "Receive Text File". Select or create a file name, drive letter, and directory. Then click on ok. If asked say you want to override the existing log file. Now you are ready to receive text from Funnelweb.

Write your document or LF a document into the Funnelweb editor. First set up the IBM Terminal program as described above, then enter SF from Funnelweb's command line. Use "RS232.BA=19200" (or BA=9600 on a 99/4A system) as the SaveFile file name. Yes I know the TI's RS232 isn't supposed to be able to handle a baud rate of 19200, but on my Geneve it works for me! You need to specify the same baud rate in Window's Terminal and Funnelweb's SF file name. Once you enter the SF file name your text will flow out of Funnelweb and across the serial cable into your IBM. You will see the text appear on the IBM screen.

When the IBM cursor stops displaying more text move the mouse pointer of the IBM and click on "Stop". Your Funnelweb text has now been saved to an IBM disk as an 80 column ascii text file with no control characters and no tab markings.

TO LOAD TEXT FROM AN IBM INTO FUNNELWEB:

First load the Funnelweb editor. If you are using a Geneve load the Funnelweb editor from GPL (you can use speed 5) rather than using EXEC. When using EXEC v2.11 on the Geneve I can't break out of the RS232 loading process although I seem to remember that I could with an earlier version of EXEC. From Funnelweb's command line type LF and specify "RS232.BA=600" as the file name. Press enter and Funnelweb will appear to lock up as it waits for text to flow in from the RS232. You can't use baud rates faster than 600 for LoadFile even though you can use much faster baud rates to save files.

Now set up the Windows Terminal program. Click on "Settings" then on "Communications". Click on 600 baud, 7 bit, Odd parity, the proper com port, and then click on ok. Now click on "Transfers" and then click on "Send Text File". Select the file name and drive of the text file you are loading into Funnelweb and click on ok. At this point text will start flowing into Funnelweb and you will see line numbers increment at the right of the Funnelweb v5.x command line.

When text stops flowing across the IBM screen and when Funnelweb's line numbers stop incrementing on Funnelweb's command line this means all the text is now in the TI's text buffer. Press FCTN/4 (the Break key) and then <enter> to display this text on the TI's screen. It is this FCTN/4 keypress that fails when I load Funnelweb into my Geneve using Exec instead of GPL.



Glenn Bernasek opened the October 21st meeting at 10:00 AM. Lin Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. We are down some from last month due to paying out for the OHIO MUG. It was reported that the Lima Users Group is giving a generous donation to help defray the cost of renting halls, etc. A great big THANK YOU!! to Charles Good and company! We are trying our best to keep this MUG Conference exactly as the Lima Group set the tradition of NO FEES for vendors or participants. It will be that way! This month we had two visitors: Jim Zbiegien Jr., whose name I misspelled last month! Please forgive me Jim. Another OLD timer that I believe spent some time as president of TI-Chips... Rich Polivka came to visit and see his cousin Jim Z. I hope these young men become members again and start having FUN with computers again!

Les Kee says he was not 'BOTHERED' much with calls for any disks, but had copies of some Catalogs from last month, so you need not tear them out of your newsletter.

Glenn announced that Bruce Harrison & Family will be coming to the OHIO MUG in May. Great news! Matt Andel signed up for the Middleburgh Hts. Rec. Center as a place to have the Friday evening social gathering (after the 4 - 8 PM set-up at the Armory!). Not an elaborate affair but just to have fun talking to other Tiers! Ron Markus does not have the '800' number any longer. Please call Ramcharged Computers at his home number: (216) 243-1244. There is not any profit for Ron to use the 800 number.

Fred Ialacci was not present and we will have the first reading of the by-laws next month. Fred has worked the last two meeting dates but will try his best to get here next month. The important changes have been made and Fred will be working to finish the by-laws by that time.

The MUG Conference update will be on a separate page in the newsletter. Glenn updates the original and gives it to me at the meeting. The only time I would omit it would be if there were enough articles from members to warrant an omission! :-))

Jim Krych spoke of a 'S-Video' box allowing use of the newer and cheaper Super TVs with a TI updated for 80 column use, or a Geneve with extra video ram. He needs input from the community of anyone interested in such a device. Since Magnavox no longer manufactures the RGB monitors, it will be imperative to have an alternative 80 column TV. Let Jim know if you think it will be needed! It will be a small box plugged into your video output jack and hooked up to the S-Video TV. They suggest cost under \$50.00.

At the shop, tutor, & fix-it time, some gathered around the Ramcharge table to take advantage of Ron's bargains. The drawing winner will be announced next month due to tape difficulties!

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Have a very fuLFILLing Thanksgiving Holiday !!!!!

1996 TI-99/4A MUG CONFERENCE TASK & PLANNING SCHEDULE

P = PARTIALLY COMPLETE

X = COMPLETED

TASK/DESCRIPTION	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
1 GET A PLACE (ONG Armory, Brook Park, May 24 & 25) [Glenn Bernasek, Jim Krych & Ada Markus]	P	X	Confirmed 9/28/96								
2 UPDATES & ARTICLES IN MICROpendium [Glenn Bernasek]		X	X	X							
3 MUG '96 UPDATES & POSTS IN NEWSLETTER, USNET(comp.sys.li) and TI-BBS [Glenn Bernasek]	X	X	X	X							
4 GET ADDRESSES FOR VENDERS, USER GROUPS, VIPs [Glenn Bernasek, Harry Hoffman & Ron Markus]		P	X								
5 CONTACT (INVITE) VENDERS, USER GROUPS, VIPs [John Parken & Harry Hoffman]				FIRST MAIL					FOLLOW UP		
6 CONTACT (INVITE) VIPs FOR DEMOS [John Parken & Harry Hoffman]				FIRST MAIL					FOLLOW UP		
7 GET & PUBLISH LIST OF MOTELS, RESTAURANTS, ETC. [Ada Markus, Nina Hoffman]				P							
8 SECURE EQUIPMENT (2 - FULL BLOWN SYSTEMS, 2 - LARGE SCREEN MONITORS, ELECTRIC PODIUM, VIDEO CAMERAS, POWER CORDS & BOXES, ETC.) [Glenn Bernasek, Jack Koryta, Chris Bodenmiller, David Graham]									P		
9 DOOR PRIZES AND/OR SPECIAL DRAWING PRIZES [John Parken, Chris Bodenmiller & Ramcharged Computers]											
10 SET-UP DEMO SCHEDULE & FLOOR PLAN [Glenn Bernasek & Jim Krych]											
11 PRINT SIGNS, BANNERS & POSTERS [Chris Bodenmiller]											
12 HOSPITALITY (VIP GUESTS (Over Night), ETC.) [T.B.A.]											
13 ENTERTAINMENT (Fri. Get-Together, Sat. Pizza Party) [Ada Markus, Nina Hoffman, Mary Ann Malcuit, David Graham, Matt Andel]											P
14 LOCAL MEDIA (News releases (Newspapers, TV, Radio) MAY 10) [Nina Hoffman, Chris Bodenmiller, Virgil Thomason]											
15 CONFERENCE FOOD (SANDWICHES) [Ada Markus, Nina Hoffman, Mary Ann Malcuit]											
16 FRI. EVENING CONFERENCE SET-UP [All Chips & Northcoast 99ers welcome]											
17 1996 TI-99/4A MUG CONFERENCE [All Chips & Northcoast 99ers welcome]											
18 CLEAN-UP [All Chips & Northcoast 99ers welcome]											
19 AFTER-THE-CONFERENCE PIZZA PARTY [Ada Markus, Nina Hoffman, Mary Ann Malcuit]											

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Excerpt from letter of member James B. Scott of Athens, Maine:

Dear Sir,

Must say that I do enjoy your newsletter. Would surely miss it if not receiving it. There are a few things that I have wondered about, such as articles on how to hook up a hard drive to the TI-99. Also, secrets about interfacing with other units that are digital. How about using the TI as a test instrument for measuring voltages, frequencies, capacitance, etc. Seems to me that the TI could be a much more versatile machine if it were only adapted to other uses. It certainly has the ability to do it if it but had the proper interface. Wish I had the brains for it, but at my age it is getting beyond me. One of the drawbacks would be the RAM and the hard drive. Maybe, this could be a challenge to some of the more knowledgeable members or maybe it has already been done, but not published.

Have just received a letter from Mr. William L. Harrell, Jr., of Houston, TX., and since the Martin County TI club is no longer functioning as a viable unit I am forwarding his letter in the hopes that you might be able to fill him in on some of the information he seeks.

In hopes that all is well with all. Do take care and thanks for all of the above.

Sincerely,

James B. Scott

Editor's note:

Since we seem to have extra pages available, I'm putting this correspondence in the news. If anyone wishes to write the persons involved or wants to input an article, please contact me. Thanks, Harry.



William L. Harrell, Jr.

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August 25, 1995

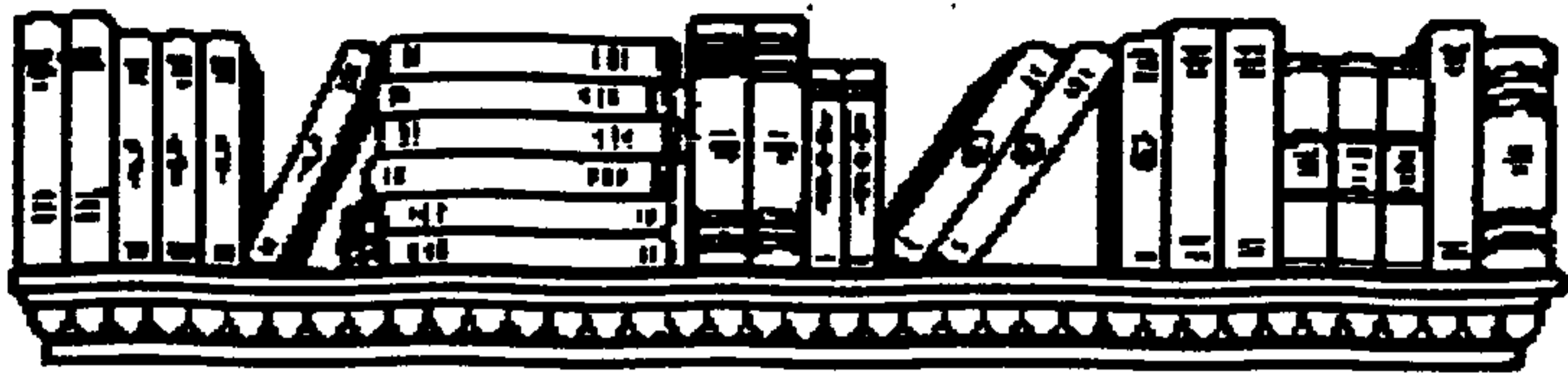
I am presently completing my Ph.D. in English at Louisiana State University. In the process of writing my dissertation, I have become fascinated with computer assisted language learning (CALL) and distance learning. Do you have any material on computer-assisted instruction which you could share with me? All information sources, book or journal titles, or names of CALL specialists you could pass on would be helpful.

Please place my name on your mailing list and send sample journals and submission guidelines, if appropriate. Product information, catalogs, samples, and general literature in which English is the target language would similarly help further my research.

I would also appreciate your circulation of my resume. I am in the job search mode right now and I'm doing my best to network with colleagues in the English as a Second Language, CALL, and distance learning areas. (Incidentally, I am fluent in German, moderately so in Spanish, and have studied French and Chinese). Any job leads you could provide would be most welcome.

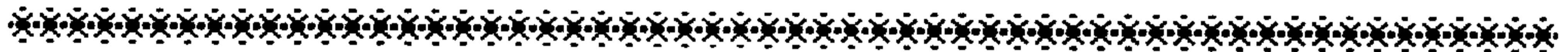
Sincerely,

Bill Harrell



Of what use is knowledge if
you share it with no one.

Please share with us what
TI-99/4A tips / hints you
you have learned or need to
know! Others do it and they
actually learn more in the
process! So can you!!!



Carol & Lin Shaw,
Ada Markus,
Jack Koryta,
Jim Kryoh, Matt Andel,
Virgil Thomason,
Dinsmore Stockdale,
Yonn Malcuit,
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Ron Markus,
for sharing your

knowledge with us. Those who
shared and were NOT mentioned, please
tell Harry Hoffman and it will be straightened out!

LIBRARY UPDATE

By Bruce Rodenkirch October 1995

DISK 95061:

CLESEP95 is the file for this update of the library. The other files are on scientific stuff as follows: BIGBANG695, CLESEP95, DEATHOCRAT, HST-STORM, HSTVESTA, HUM-COMPUT, MIR-FREQ, MODEMV34, NASA-JETS, NASA-LITE, NEW-TV, NICAD:1-6, PIG-PUZZLE, SATURNRING TRIVIA4-3, UFO-RUMORS, UFO?-APR and VOYAGER-1

DISK 95062:

CLELIB/95 is the library listing for the first half of 1995.

Also has an assortment of recipes for tasty concoctions and another batch of wordsearch puzzles. The recipes are: BRANDYFRUIT, BRANDY PIE, MOZZARELLA, PUZZLE14, PUZZLE15, PUZZLE17, REC-CHEESE, REC-FLAVOR, RICOTTA CAKE, VEG-SOUP and ZUCCHINIBREAD.

DISK 95063: [DS/SD]

A collection of humor: HUM-2/2/5, HUM-2/26/5, HUM-3/3/4, HUM-3/6, HUM-3115, HUM-3135, HUMOR-3/20, HUMOR3-19.

Here is a sample from HUM-2/25: Humorous rent ads in the newspaper.. Room for rent. Christian lady...Has large bedroom with privileges...AND.. from an Ocala, Florida, horse farm...The horse is an eight-year-old gelding trained by the owner who races him with his wife.

DISK 95064:

More humor: DEAR SON, HUM-1/28/5, HUM-3115, HUM2/4/5, QUOTESFEB, TRAVELTALK, UGH!! and XMASNITE1

Here is a sample from HUM-3115: Wife to husband...This year on our birthdays, let's give each other sensible gifts like ties and fur coats...AND... Raymond to wife...How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?...AND... Margaret to husband...Instead of buying me an expensive birthday present this year, why not give me something you have made yourself..for instance, money.

DISK 95065:

Wordsearch puzzles and recipes: AMISHBRD1, AMISHBREAD, APLSAUCBRD, ARTICHOKEs, BAN-NUTBRD, ED CHCKENLIPS, CKIEPUZZLE, DILLY-BRD, FOODSAFETY, FRIENDS, FRIENDSHIP, FUDGEBRWNY, LENTILLAUD, MACARONI, PUMP-BRD, PUZZLE09, PUZZLE10, PUZZLE11, PUZZLE12, PUZZLE18, PUZZLE20, PUZZLE21, PUZZLE23, PUZZLE24, PUZZLE25, PUZZLE27, PUZZLE28, REC-STRAWB

DISK 95066:

British Columbia UG newsletters for March and April 1994. These are formatted to print a handsome and informative newsletter.

The April issue has a tutorial on some of the more common XB commands such as FOR and NEXT, GCHAR, GOSUB, GOTO, HCHAR, IMAE, INPUT AND INT. There are short programs to illustrate their use. Bill Gaskill describes his Mailing List Manager which is fairware. He asks for \$15 if you wish to use it. It sounds like a terrific program for keeping track of names and address, sorting them, printing labels and many other features. There is also a review of interesting articles found in the exchange newsletters. The March issue is every bit as interesting but I don't have space for a review.

DISK 95067: MUNCHMAN-For the Geneve.

DISK 95068: [DS/SD]

This is the disk I plan to demo at the August 19, 1995 meeting. It is a collection of games and utilities that you might find useful and entertaining. The listing below is the file SAMPLE which was created by the TINY program. TINY is a modification of the TINYCAT program which provides the feature of adding a file description to the disk catalog. I modified it to create a DV/80 file which is useful for the Library update you are reading. It would also be useful in cataloging your personal disks. The listing you see below has been shortened.

CAT-TO-DSK PRINTS A CATALOG TO DISK USING DISKNAME AS FILENAME
CATDSKTEXT DOCS FOR ABOVE AS PRINTED IN MICROPENDIUM
CLIFFCLIMB XB GAME TO CLIMB MOUNTAIN. DIFF SKILL LEVELS.
CRAZY8 YOU VS COMPUTER IN SIMPLE CARD GAME. MOSTLY LUCK
DISKTUTOR BARRY TRAVER EXPLAINS HOW INFO IS STORED TO DISK-TUTOR
DRYGULCH INTERNATIONAL HANGMAN GAMES. USES FOREIGN WORDS.
FILEREADER READ MANY KINDS OF TEXT FILES. PRINT TO SCREEN/PAPER
INTHANG INTERNATIONAL HANGMAN GAME XB
JUMPAPEG BARRY TRAVER'S SERIES OF JUMP PEG GAMES.
KONO-5 XB GAME AGAINST COMPUTER-MOVE SQUARES ACROSS BOARD
MATCHPATCH MATCH THE PATCH DESIGNS. LIKE THE GAME CONCENTRATION.
MGR1 and 2 DISK MGR 1000 V6.1 (ALTERNATE TO MG)
MOTION A DEMO OF SPRITE MOTION. USE AS PROGRAMMER GUIDE?
ONECHECK A SOLITAIRE GAME USING CHECKERS. LIKE PEG JUMP.
PYRAMID A SOLITAIRE CARD GAME.
SAMPLE THIS FILE
TELEUTIL CONVERT IBM FILES TO DV/80 FORMAT. USED IN BBS WORK.
TENHIGH SOLITAIRE USING NUMBERED CARDS.
TEXT/COPY XB PROGRAM TO COPY DV/80 FILES
TINY THIS PROGRAM. SENDS CATALOG TO DISK WITH COMMENTS.
TINYCAT LIKE TINY BUT PRINTS CAT TO PAPER WITH COMMENTS.

DISK 95069:

BBS simulator for those who do not have modems. When this program is run a session with a BBS begins. It was written by Steve Burns to show how the National Clearing House BBS in Columbus was supposed to work.

DISK 95070: [DS/SD]

4A FLYER Source code for the Geneve.

⑨ Will not run without assembling.

787A and B from Lima library.

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NEWSLETTER ONLY > \$12.00 Per Year.



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HANGING AROUND UNTIL
THANKSGIVING DAY !!!

