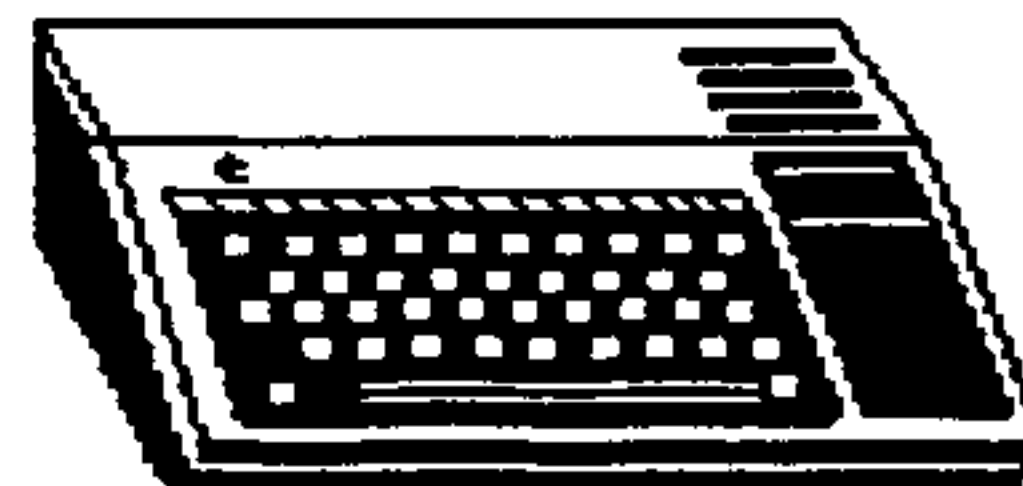


CLEVELAND AREA

TI-99/4A

USER GROUPS

MAY 1996



OFFICE	TI-CHIPS	MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci 941-9397	10-12:00 A.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Jim Krych 979-9295	N. Royalton
TREASURER	Lin Shaw 235-3912	County Library
MEMBERSHIP	John Parken 331-2830 4172 W. 217th St. Fairview Pk., OH 44126	State Rd. SO. of Route 82 1/4mi <u>EVERY THIRD SAT.</u>
SECRETARY	Glenn Bernasek 238-6335	
DISK LIBRARY	Les Kee 238-6938	APR 30, 1996
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	MAY 18, 1996
EDITOR	Harry Hoffman 631-2354	JUN 15, 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 Sooley 12162571661 6149 Bryson Mentor, OH 44060	E.260th off I-90 (South) <u>EVERY THIRD SAT.</u>
SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan 333-5986	
DISK LIBRARY	Martin Sooley 12162571661	APR 30, 1996
TAPE & MODS	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	MAY 18, 1996
HARD COPY	Dick Alden 12162571661	JUN 15, 1996



From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers,

A little change from the normal editorial.

ATTENTION: CLEVELAND TIERS!

It is very important that all members try to be at the TI-Chips meeting on May 18th so we can finalize the Ohio MUG Conference plans and see how many are going to help out in setting up and greeting incoming Tiers.

NOTE: The Chips meeting will be at 10:30 A.M. instead of 10:00 because of a library special meeting. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you all there!



OHIO MUG '96 IN CLEVELAND!



Co-president Walt Ryder opened the meeting. In Frank Jenkins absence, Walt read the Treasurers report. We are still very solvent. Under new business Harry announced an article he read from the Cue newsletter on the Hewlett Packard Deskjet printer (310). The author had about 3 pages of printer escape sequence commands so he could use it with his TI. Also announced was that MICROpendium is going to go to bi-monthly publication. Some would rather have a smaller newsletter and have continuity. There was a discussion about TI asking for User Groups to send in their mailing address. We thought that, maybe, they were getting a lot of calls from people that just acquired a TI and were looking for help. With a list of active groups, they could steer the new Tier to a place of refuge. Next, Harry updated Northcoast on the progress of the OHIO MUG for '96. Our next Group meeting will be a week before the MUG. He handed out the progress sheets for all to peruse. Walt said his problem with his Corcomp Ram Disk has solved itself. This led to a discussion on disk controller problems.

Ken said the RS232 is alive and well. After sitting outside the PEBox for awhile, it is working. It may have taken a charge from plugging the printer cable in backward and needed to rest a bit discharge. Bruce had a problem putting Telco on a club members system. After changing out the 32K card, it ran fine. It was announced that Delphi is having a free 10 hr., 30 day sign-up. Their rates are still low and more Tiers are on this system. April 27th, at 9:00P.M. there is going to be a ALL Tier Conference to run till whenever. You do not have to be a programmer or a computer whiz to get on line and join the conference, as per Gary from the beach... Fitzgerald!

Next, came a demo from Les Kee. He demoed a program taken from MICROpendium entitled "TEMPCHECK". Using a Wet/Dry bulb thermometer, you determine the relative humidity. The author of this program used the readings to set up a chart of humidity percentages. The computer asked for temps in centigrade wet and dry. As usual, Les modified this program to give us a nice chart to pick the percentage by connecting the wet dry temps on the chart. It was a very interesting demo that drew out much discussion about humidity and dew points. Great job Les.

Next Walt introduced Ken Gladysewski for a talk on getting on the internet... FREE! Through the Cleveland Public Library, you can get to the Internet for free. There are no graphics as yet from this source. Ken spoke of getting to some TI pages on the WEB. You can get to Rich Polivka's TI page by:

<http://w3.gwis.com/~polivka/994apg.html>

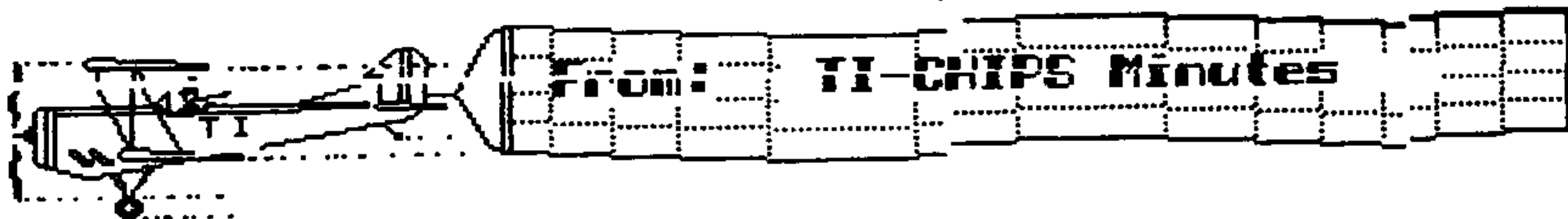
Cleveland Public Library: 623-0623 to try it out.

Cuyahoga Public Library: 398-8806 also gets you to internet.

Both libraries have terminals that you can use to get on internet and usually they have someone there to help you get there. The library has brochures on the WWW.

Walt closed the meeting after Ken's demo.

LOOK IT'S ALMOST OHIO MUG TIME. MAY 24-25, '96



I put on an impromptu presentation on why and how to use the Cuyahoga County Public Library internet (World Wide Web) system. All that is necessary is:

1. You own a modem that will operate faster than 2400 baud. 2400 baud will work, but there is tons of data that must be transmitted. Therefore the slower modems will make this transfer time verrrry long. (Most 9600 and 14400 baud modems will work in a range between 300 and modem max..)

2. Set your telecommunications software such as Telco or Terra 80 to emulate VT100 terminal. (Yes, Tiers CAN surf the web without paying a commercial carrier and/or buy a MS-DDS machine.) The county library system's software does the searching for you. The Tier doesn't need costly software and services to do the job.

3. Have your commo. routine dial the CCPL phone number (398- 8806). (You can disable Caller ID by preceding the phone number with '1167,' or Call Waiting with '1170,' if you wish.) Please remember, this is a FREE public service. The lines are limited, like Cleveland Freenet, and several redials are to be expected. But, also like Freenet, where else can you read and talk around the world absolutely FREE? The inconvenience of an additional wait to get on line is a small price to pay for a FREE access to the World Wide Web.

4. Follow all screen instructions and make your choices from the menus. (I feel very comfortable with Web Crawler.) PLEASE BE ADVISED, THE CCPL-NET IS NOT FILTERED! THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MONITORING AND CONTROLLING WHAT UNDER AGED USERS SEE AND READ IS THAT OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN THE HOUSEHOLD. At this time, CCPL-Net does not have graphics capabilities (no pictures). However graphics are planned to be added as a future service on the CCPL-Net.

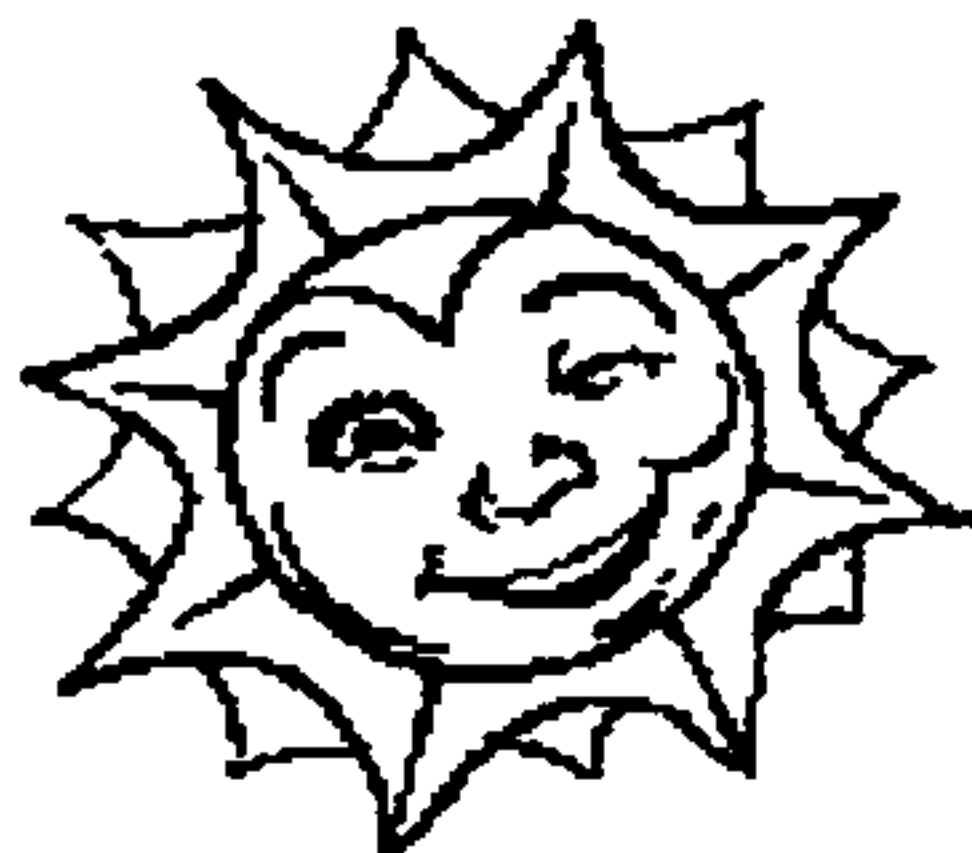
(Secretary's note: I know this should have been a free-standing article, but it fit rather nicely in the Chips' minutes.)

Vonn Malcuit won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations Vonn!

The April 1996 meeting of the TI-Chips was adjourned with one last reminder... "We need everyone to attend the May 18 meeting!" See you there.

I almost forgot. The library called me and requested that we start our meeting at \$\$\$ 10:30 \$\$\$ instead of the usual 10:00. The library has a small program going on between 9:30 and 10:15 that morning in our meeting room. This should pose no problem.

REMEMBER, THE MAY 18 MEETING OF THE TI-CHIPS WILL START AT 10:30 AM.



MR-SUN HAS A BLACK EYE FOR NOT
SHOWING UP ENOUGH! WHEN HE DOES IT WILL
PROBABLY CAUSE A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM
GROUCHY PEOPLE!



By Glenn Bernasek

The April meeting was opened by Fred Ialacci. Lin Shaw reported that the Chips is still solvent. He then issued a check to cover rental and custodian costs for the MUG'96 conference site. Membership chairman John Parken was unable to attend this month's meeting. He left word that he will be present at the all important preconference May meeting.

Les Kee distributed copies of the software library March update. Les then gave his report on his trial of TI Emulator. Les reported that he also experienced difficulty in shutting down the demo routine. Les said he had to pull the battery out of his laptop computer also. He also said that the X-Basic option did not comeup with any meaningful screen display. All he got was a blank screen. This report prompted a lively discussion on the over all worth of TI Emulator, and there were questions concerning which version was being reviewed. If this was an early 'beta' version, it may have been an unfair test.

Yours truly reported that contacts with our fellow member, Steve Eggers, regarding a demo of sorts of his TI-99/8 is in the works. Hope was expressed that we will have the opportunity to see the rare TI-99/8 in action either personally or by video tape. If the demo is in tape format, the Chips will show the video demo at their table, all day, at MUG'96.

A report on the progress of MUG'96 was made. Everything is pretty much on schedule. Super raffle and door prizes have been decided. The raffle prize will be a COLOR PRINTER!

The demo and presentation schedule as well as a tentative floor plan was worked on and completed by Jim Krych and me at a special planning session after the conclusion of the Chips meeting. (See the revised MUG'96 article in this newsletter.) It was decided that any additional demonstrations, beyond those scheduled for THE classroom, can/will be shown on the conference floor. All MUG'96 demos, presentations and meetings will be video taped. Orders will be taken for purchase of copies of MUG'96 videos at the conference.

Virgil Thomason will have a MUG'96 article published in the Wooster newspaper while Chris Bodenmiller will take care of publicity in the Cleveland area Sun papers. Chris will also print the signs, posters and banners for MUG'96. Thanks guys!

Harry Hoffman was asked to place the announcement for the preconference May meeting of the Chips in a special BOLD font on the front page of the May newsletter. This will be one of the most important combined meetings the Cleveland area user groups will ever hold. This is when we will make final preparations for the conference. The goal of the May meeting will be to eliminate or at least minimize the "Oops, guess what we forgot!" syndrome. We need all the help and input our collective membership can provide. (The Chips' system will NOT be set up for this meeting.)

(Secretary's note: The Cleveland Area User Groups (TI-Chips and North Coast 99ers) send a big round of applause to MICRO- pendium, John Van Neelie (979 Toronto User Group), Rich Polivka and his World Wide Web home page, Bruce Harrison (Harrison Software) and the Lima User Group for their support in our efforts to continue the tradition established for so many years at Lima, Ohio.)

Harry made a copy of an article on the HP 310 printer codes available to the Chips while Jim Krych brought in Marie and Danielle Matts from his church group. Both mother and daughter are actively learning the ins and outs of the operation of their TI-99/4A. We hope they enjoyed their visit to the Chips, and that they will become members.

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**** APRIL UPDATE FOR MUG'96 IN BROOK PARK, OHIO ****
(PLEASE READ! ATTENDEES LIST AND DEMO SCHEDULE ENCLOSED.)

BY NOW, MANY OF YOU KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A *** FREE *** MULTI-USER GROUPS CONFERENCE FOR THE TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 IN BROOK PARK, OHIO THIS COMING MAY 24 & 25.

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE IS BEING HOSTED BY THE CLEVELAND AREA TI-99/4A USER GROUPS (THE TI-CHIPS AND THE NORTH COAST 99ERS). AND AS AN ADDED FEATURE, FOOD SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO TO ANY OF THE NEARBY RESTAURANTS.

SO, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE TI-99/4A AND/OR GENEVE 9640 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW, SHARE, SELL OR JUST TALK ABOUT, COME TO THE 1996 TI-99/4A AND GENEVE M.U.G. CONFERENCE (MUG'96).

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MANY OF THE CONFERENCE FAVORITES, THAT HAVE ATTENDED THE LIMA AFFAIR IN THE PAST, HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TABLES. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE PHONED, WROTE OR E-MAILED THEIR REQUEST FOR SPACE OR INTENTION TO ATTEND MUG'96.

TIM TESCH - S&T SOFTWARE
BRUCE HARRISON - HARRISON SOFTWARE
MICKEY CENDROWSKI - NOTUNG SOFTWARE & WEST PENN 99ERS
JIM KRYCH - SW99ERS (SuperAMS)
RON MARKUS - RAMCHARGED COMPUTERS
MIKE WRIGHT - CaDD ELECTRONICS
CHARLES GOOD - LIMA USERS GROUP
DON WALDEN - CECURE ELECTRONICS & MILWAUKEE USER GROUP
MATT & JEANE MATTHEWS - SW99ERS
JUNE SMITH - GREAT LAKES USER GROUP
JOHN VAN WEELIE - 9T9 TORONTO USER GROUP
DICK BEERY & HAROLD TIMMONS - C.O.N.N.I.
DAVID NIETERS & BUD MILLS - SCSI, DSR DEVELOPMENT
JOHN MAUL - HARRISBURG AREA USER GROUPS
DAVID CONNERY - CHICAGO TI USER GROUP
TONY KNERR - PHILADELPHIA USER GROUP
JOHN BULL & JOE SIMMONS - ATHENS COMPUTER CLUB

ALL DEMONSTRATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND MEETINGS AT MUG'96 WILL BE VIDEO TAPED FOR DISTRIBUTION. FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AND CONFIRMED) AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 25:

TIME:	WHO:	SUBJECT:
8:00	ALL PARTICIPANTS	DOORS OPEN TO MUG'96
8:30	MICKEY CENDROWSKI	LOAD MASTER (V.2.2)
9:15	TIM TESCH	PORT (GENEVE)
10:00	RON MARKUS	PROSTICK, TIARTIST+, & GAMES
11:15	MIKE WRIGHT	PC99 (STAGE 3A) & A **DEBUT**
12:00	JIM KRYCH	AEMS (A HISTORY) & SuperAMS
1:15	BRUCE HARRISON	PICTURES AND INSTANCES
2:15	HAROLD TIMMONS	MIDI MASTER 99 (EXPERIENCES)
3:15	CHARLES GOOD	LATEST UPDATES FOR FUNNELWEB
4:15	(OPEN)	
5:15	-----	CLEAN UP TIME
6:00	-----	MUG'96 - DOORS CLOSE

(THANKS FOR COMING, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!)

(ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED ON THE CONFERENCE FLOOR. THESE DEMOS WILL ALSO BE VIDEO TAPED FOR DISTRIBUTION. LET US KNOW AND WE'LL ARRANGE FOR A VIDEO CAMERA TO SHOOT THE SHOW.)

(SEPARATELY SCHEDULED EVENT) 1:00 - 2:00 MULTI-USER GROUP OFFICER'S CONFERENCE

ONE LAST WORD OF ADVICE TABLES AND/OR DEMO TIME ***CANNOT*** BE RESERVED OR ALLOCATED ON SET-UP DAY (MAY 24) OR CONFERENCE DAY (MAY 25). HELP US TO HELP YOU ... PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT ALL WHO ATTENDED AND/OR SPOKE AT THE CONFERENCES AT LIMA CAN OR WILL DO THE SAME AT MUG'96 IN BROOK PARK THIS YEAR.

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OHIO MUG CONFERENCE AT CLEVELAND ON MAY 24TH-25TH, 1996

LIBRARY UPDATE

By Bruce Rodenkirch

April 1996

DISK 96017: [DS/SD]

This is the RXB extended basic program which will work only on the GENEVE or a GRAMKRAKER device. It will accept a program written in DV/80 format and run all the commands listed there. It is Freeware. If you want to send the author something for his efforts, he is: Richard Golbertson, 1901 H. Street, Vancouver WA 98663.

Also on this disk is SUPER EXTENDED BASIC for the GENEVE. The catalog is: RXB-GRAMS, RXB-USER, RXB-XBPGMS, SEB (SUPER XB FOR GENEVE)

DISK 96018: [DS/SD]

The following is from the INTRO file. "This submission is called c99 Windows. C99 WINDOWS is a 'c' library designed to allow programmers to use windows within their programs. It is designed to be simple to use for beginner programmers, while also having the ability to do many complex operations required by more experienced programmers.

Since the library by itself does no justice to what can be accomplished I have written two programs to demonstrate it's power." Written by Tom 'c' Bentley, Ottawa TI Users Group, Software Contest, 1988.

DISK 96019: [DS/SD]

This is the CLEVELAND LIBRARY since 1991. This is basically the same as the listing you see here without my lead-in comments. I have used capital letters whenever I think of it to make it easy to do a FS (FIND STRING) search using TIW.

DISK 96020: [DS/SD]

This is the Mix Picture program, apparently related to the XHI high resolution picture program for the GENEVE. The catalog is: MIXPICTURE DRAWING PROGRAM. COLORNUM, FDR-NEWS, MIXPIC

DISK 96021:

FIRST ADE V1.2-I'm not sure what this disk does. I did find out the diskname must be ADE12 or the load program will not run. It will run from XB but I did not take the time to figure out what it does.

DISK 96022: [DS/SD]

DISPLAY MASTER is a program much like SLIDE SHOW. It will display the TIA picture files in sequence automatically. The COMM file indicates that captions can be added but I don't know how it works. There are several TIA pictures included and I think you can add your own.

DISK 96023: [DS/SD]

An ADVENTURE game loader with a game for you to figure out. I don't care much for spending hours figuring out these types of games but many do enjoy them. It will load games without the ADVENTURE module so you can use it with other ADVENTURE games. I did learn that the READ command shows a help screen of sorts.

DISK 96024: [DS/SD]

This is another Lima disk that came as a series of related disks. As a result you will see some duplicate files here from other disks. However there are some new files that you may find interesting. The G99 program is Barry Boone's GIF MANIA program for viewing GIF pictures. This version does not have the disk catalog version which is nice to have if you don't have a printed catalog. For those who are on the Freenet you now have access to GIF pictures and GIF MANIA will display these on your screen and convert them to TIA pics. An archived assembly game called HONEYBEES is also here. There are two BURGER pictures on this disk. C99/FILES2 is an archived collection of new C99 library files. See DS-1159 for the other part of this collection.

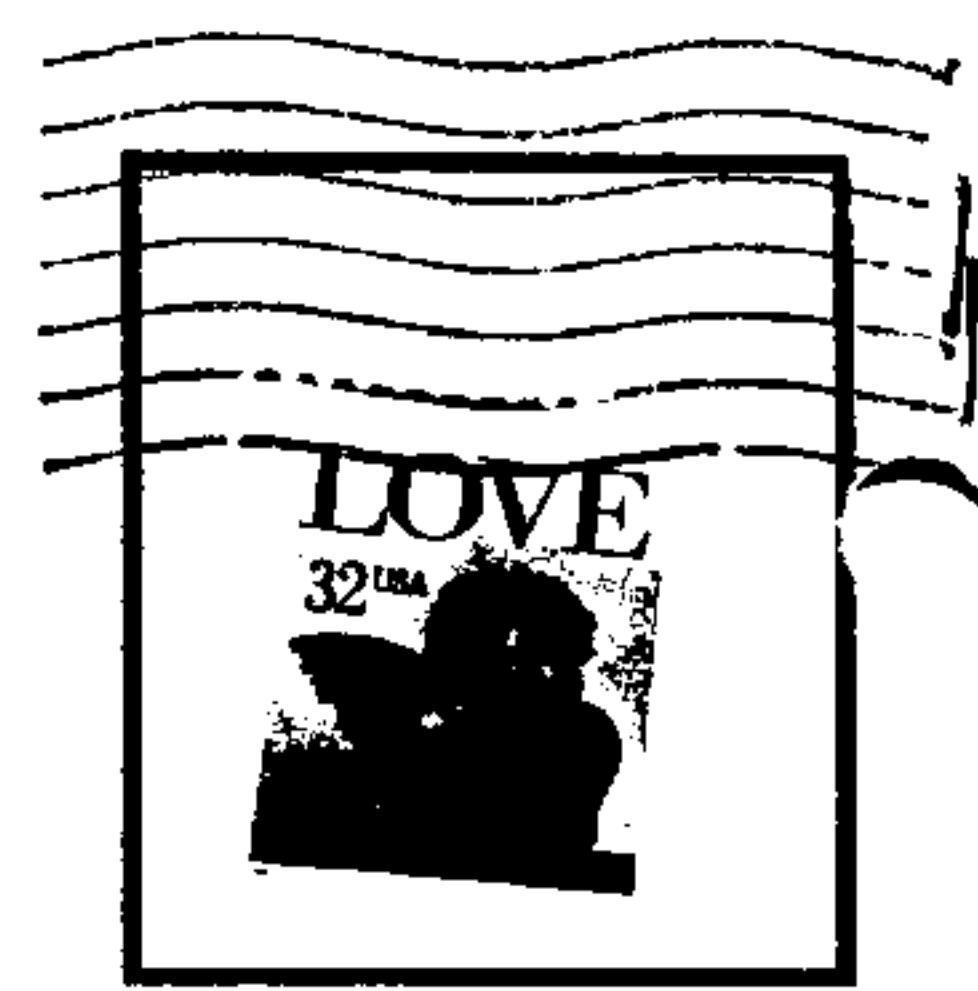
DISK 96025: [DS/SD]

Similar to 96024. Some of the files are the same but there is little point in deleting. This disk also has G99 which is GIF MANIA V 7.0 and has some TIA pictures to view. There is also a nice Tutorial on FORTRAN.

DISK 96026: [DS/SD]

RISK is strategy game written by Oliver Arnold from Germany. It appears to be a war type game where your army is in battle with others. It is written in English.

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