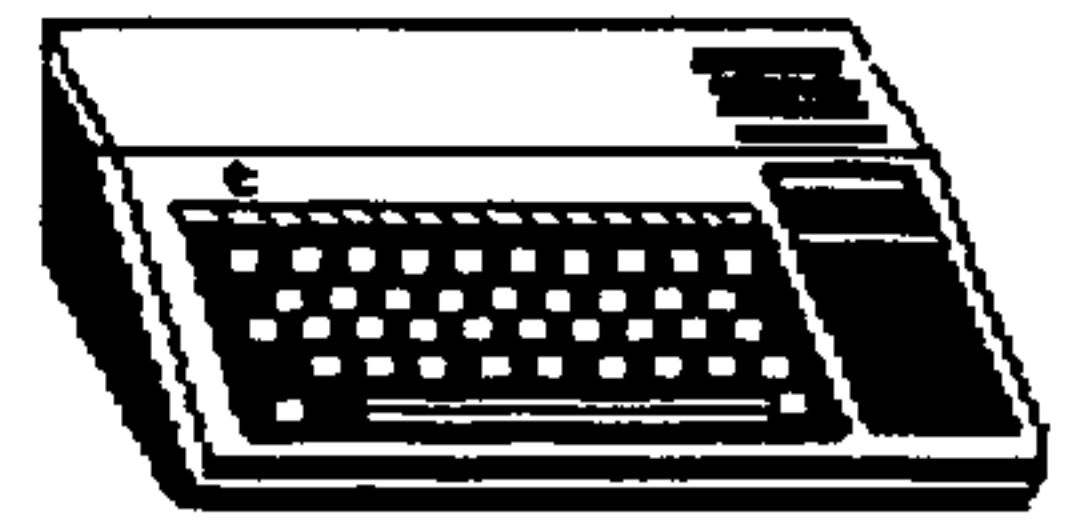




CLEVELAND AREA

TI-99/4A

USER GROUPS



July - August, 1998

~~June - July~~

OFFICER	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 (440) 234-4227	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	JUL 18, 1998
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	AUG 15, 1998
EDITOR	Harry & Mina Hoffman 631-2354	<NOTE>: SEP 19, 1998

OFFICE	NORTHCOAST 99'ers	MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Ken Gladyszewski 1216 357-7274	1-4 P.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	(OPEN)	Euclidian Room
Treasurer	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	Euclid SQ. Mall
MEMBERSHIP	Martin Smoley 12162571661 6149 Bryson Mentor, OH 44060	E.260th off I-90 (South) <u>EVERY THIRD SAT.</u>
SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan 440-979-0041	
DISK LIBRARY	Martin Smoley 1216 257-1661	JUL 18, 1998
TAPE & MODS	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	AUG 15, 1998
HARD COPY	Dick Aiden 12162571661	SEP 19, 1998



From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers & Others,

This being late is getting to be a BAD habit! Could it be because of lack of participation in our group meetings? TI-Chips seems to be trying to build on the fact we all have other machines and want to help each other just as we did with the TI. North Coast on the other hand seems to be very bored with meeting with less people showing every month! Is this the beginning of the end for Cleveland as a viable User Group? I don't know but would love to hear comments from the groups! Please!!!

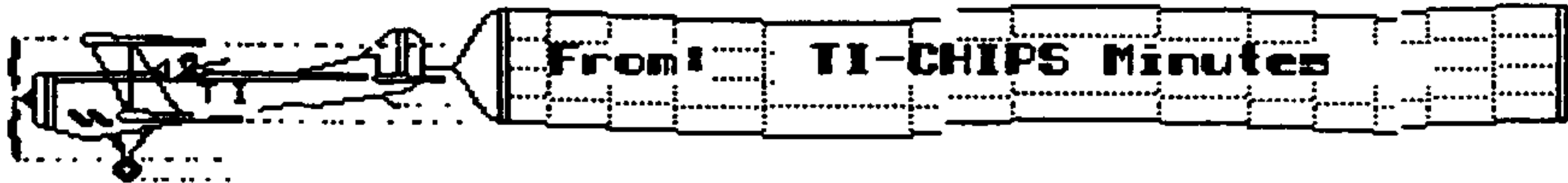
Check out Rich Polivka's "TI Home Page" at:

<http://99er.interspeed.net/>

He has links to many Tier pages including Charles Good's pics of the '98 MUG in Lima, OH. Also, history shots of old time computers, History of the TI from **BILL GASKILL**, and many others. For TI nostalgia, this web site is the best!

See you all at the meetIng.





By Glenn Bernasek

The June meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by Fred Ialacci. The minutes for the May meeting was read. Lin Shaw made the Treasurer's report. Lin reported that our balance was down somewhat, but it should grow with renewals and monthly raffle. At which point John Parken reported that we had one membership renewal in May.

John then went on to ask if anyone has had experience with reformatting PRBase (V.2.1) files. John said he was having some difficulty when attempting to reformat files. (There should be someone out there who remembers the file protocol for PRBase.)

Les Kee said there wasn't anything new to report on the disk library, and Harry Hoffman reported that he is scheduling time to work on converting the 1997, DSDD Lima disks to DSSD format. Harry reported that the Lima disk library was not copied at this year's conference.

A short discussion was held on the MUG at Lima. I read my article on the MUG and said it would appear in the July issue of MICROpendium. It was said that it appeared that the TI-Chips seemed to have the largest contingent at the conference. Everyone who had attended agreed that Lima's last show was indeed one to remember, and that the TI-Chips is looking forward to hosting the 1999 conference in the Cleveland, Ohio area. The conference date is tentatively set for the third Friday and Saturday of May 1999. The TI-Chips will start planning the 1999 MUG at the August meeting. (Note: I put on record that I had paid the \$10 fee to Charles Good for the 1998 Lima VCR tapes and would request reimbursement at the July meeting.)

The TI-Chips had the pleasure of having Norb Sitter (Erie Computer Users Group and North Coast 99ers member) pay us a visit. We hope to see more of you in the future Norb. (Maybe a membership in the TI-Chips might also be considered.)

Harry read some of the correspondence he had received in reply to his newsletter request for subscribers to advise him if they still want the newsletter. The replies Harry read were warm and enthusiastic. (It does a heart good to hear this kind of response from Tiers.)

Lin Shaw won the 50:50 raffle. Congratulations Lin!



**Hope everyone Had a safe &
Fun filled 4th of July !!!**





By Glenn Bernasek

Neither Fred Ialacci nor Jim Krych were able to attend the rescheduled May meeting. That left it up to me to open the show. I requested that reading of the April minutes be waived. Lin Shaw reported that the treasury balance was growing nicely.

John Parken was also unable to make the meeting. Therefore a membership report not available. Les Kee showed us the Tech Column from the Monday Plain Dealer. This column lists the meetings and special events in the computer world. I said we would ask John Parken to look into including the meeting dates for the TI-Chips in the column.

Curt Gadd talked about a map maker from the internet search engine "Yahoo". Curt said the maps are easy to request and are very detailed. I said I would try a map maker to draw me a map from the Mansfield area to Lima. Hopefully it will detail the Route 30 / Route 309 directions to the conference at Lima. I said I invariably got lost coming home on the the I-75 / Turnpike route.

Les Kee brought in the 1997 MUG conference disks. He said that about half of the disks were cataloged, but the other half were in a format he couldn't read (DSDD). Harry took the DSDD disks and said he would either copy each of them on two DSSD disks or one archived disk. Either way, Les will have disk formats that he will be able to read. Les also wanted to make it clear that he was not going to catalog the entire library, as was erroneously intimated in my previous minutes, but will catalog the 1997 Lima disks only. (Thanks for the clarification Les.)

A small discussion was held about attending the upcoming MUG at Lima this year. The upshot of the discussion was that the two tables would not be used in an organizational way this year. Those planning to attend will be there as guests only, and intend to enjoy the seminars thoroughly.

I read a thank you note from the North Royalton Library for the TI-Chips participation in the Cuyahoga County Library's 75 anniversary and the North Royalton Branch's 20th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, May 3rd. I reported that the library was wall-to-wall people and the food was plentiful. Everyone had a great time.

Harry showed a letter he had received from C.O.N.N.I. in Columbus, Ohio. The letter stated that this long standing TI-99/4A user group had decided not to re-issue its charter and donated their treasury balance to a local charity. C.O.N.N.I. was the bulwark of the Ohio TI community. Their contributions were many and invaluable over these many years. C.O.N.N.I. will be missed.

Ron Markus said he will request MICROpendium to change the postage from fourth class to first class. The magazines, mailed under fourth class postage, were late and often arrived damaged. Ron hopes first class postage will eliminate both problems. Ron also discussed variabilities in cable quality and the negative effect a poor cable could have on the RS232 card.

Jack Koryta won the 50:50 raffle. Congratulations Jack!

THANKS FOR THE RIDE LIMA!

By Glenn Bernasek - Secretary

TI-Chips (Cleveland, Ohio)

The Multi-User Group Conference (MUG'98) held in Lima, Ohio this year was the final conference the Lima User Group will host. Charles Good explained that the Lima User Group was no longer considered an Ohio University student activity. Therefore Reed Hall would not be available for future TI-99/4A / Myarc 9640 user group conferences. Besides, Charles said it's about time that he became a conference visitor rather than an operator. (It must be noted that this year's conference was organized and hosted by two members of what remains of the Lima Users Group.)

As I signed in at the conference on Saturday, I couldn't help but notice the few people who were walking around the main conference room. The usual vendors and user groups were there, but the traffic around the tables was very light. This confused me until I looked into the seminar room. Each seminar had a full audience. This accounted for the low, visual attendance in the main room. (Over seventy conference attendees had signed in by 2:00.)

The campus food service was open, and they provided the attendees with a varied and delicious menu. This service was arranged for us by Charles Good. It was excellent and much appreciated.

Other than the Multi-User Group meeting, I was able to attend two of the seminars. Lew King, of the New Penn 99ers, demonstrated how TERM 80 enables users to 'surf the net'. Lew attempted to dial up the local ISP from the phone without success. However Lew was able to quickly get on line through dialing commands issued by the keyboard. Once on line, TERM 80 is a powerhouse of internet communication software. It was noticed how quickly the web pages, in a readable 80 column mode, came up on the screen with a 9600 baud modem. This was in part due to the 'text only' connection ability of the TI-99/4A. Therefore there were no graphics to slow things down. Lew posted a message on the List Server from the MUG during this seminar using the TI-99/4A and TERM 80. (It was noted that Vonn Malcuit, of the TI-Chips, had volunteered to serve as interim videographer (video cameraman) for some of the seminars.)

The other seminar I was able to attend was Ted Zychowicz's presentation on how to transfer files back and forth between a Myarc 9640 and a MS-DOS clone. All Ted did was to hook up a standard 25 pin RS232 cable from the RS232 port of the 9640 to the COMM port on the back of the clone. Ted explained that this was made possible by the 'non-standard' pin configurations of the TI computers' RS232 card. (The TI RS232 'send pin' is the MS-DOS COMM port 'receive pin'. Therefore a 'null modem' cable, between the two systems, is not needed.) Ted used Tim Tesch's PORT for file communication on the 9640 and MS-DOS/Windows common software such as Microsoft's EXCHANGE on the clone. Ted said the transfers must be made in ASCII text mode and the computers must be set at matching baud rates. (19200 baud in this demonstration.) All the user has to do is initiate the receive command before the send command and the file is quickly and effortlessly transferred. Thanks to Ted's demonstration, we now know that there is still life left in those old TI files of ours.

As usual, the Multi-User Group meeting was very informative. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Cleveland Area User

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Groups (TI-Chips), The HUGGERS, The Milwaukee User Group, The Chicago User Group and The Ktown User Group. The HUGGERS have their own BBS in operation, and have received calls from notables such as Michael Becker. The Milwaukee group is in the planning phase of setting up their own BBS.

When asked if any groups have adopted multi-platform (computers other than TI-99/4A and/or Myarc 9640) bi-laws or agenda, the Milwaukee User Group reported that they have established a MS-DOS SIG that meets on a different day from the regular TI user group meeting day. This avoids meeting and agenda conflicts for time and scheduling. And maintains a 'pure' TI meeting atmosphere at the regular Milwaukee User Group meetings. I explained that the TI-Chips had adopted a flexible meeting agenda for both TI and non-TI systems. And that we haven't experienced any real conflicts with this arrangement and have a much more open meeting atmosphere as the result. Comments were made by those in attendance that user groups, by nature, were still problem solvers and communication vehicles regardless of computer system discussed.

The Chicago User Group stated that their membership had increased with four new members since the Fest West in Lubbock, Texas. They said that there wasn't any 'membership drive'. They just 'seized' the opportunity to sign up new members as it came along. The Chicago group also said that they serve as a User Group information/referral resource in that they answer national inquiries as to the location of local user groups for the TI-99/4A and the Myarc 9640.

The meeting was closed with an interesting question, "I wonder where Mike Maksimik is?" The user groups representatives at the meeting thought it would be interesting to find out where the former illustrious names in the TI community were and what they were doing. Maybe somebody could post a list of well known Tiers in MICROpendium, on the List Server and comp.sys.ti with the question, "Where are they now?"

The awarding of the 1998 Jim Peterson Awards was made at the close of this year's MUG at Lima. The list of nominees for this year's awards was impressive to say the least and were all given a well deserved round of applause. This year's winners (Determined through a call for international TI community nominations and voting) were:

Community	Charles Good
Software	CADD Electronics (PC99)
Hardware	Michael Becker
Myarc 9640	Tim Tesch

It was announced, at the conclusion of the Jim Peterson Awards, that the 1999 MUG will be hosted by the TI-Chips in the Cleveland, Ohio area. The ceremony closed with a round of applause for the Lima User Group for their years of hosting this conference for Tiers everywhere. Thanks for the ride Lima. It was great!



Glenn says it so well, he could be speaking for
the whole community! THANKS LINA!!!

NORTHCOAST 99ERS EXECUTIVE NOTES
MAY AND JUNE, 1998

The Northcoast group did not meet either in May or June. There has been some talk about thinking seriously at this time about the future of the group. Do we have enough interested people to keep meeting, etc. If you would like to put in your 2 cents worth, we urge you to attend the July meeting.

(Ed.Note) Or August meeting because of the late newsletter!

At this time Marty Smoley is schedule to do the demo.

Deanna

Date: Thu Jun 11 10:07:03 1998

This scam warning has been posted in the office where I work, and just recently sent to me from Charlotte and Sam, so I pass it on to you - Mom

I received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician that was running a test on our telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test we should touch nine (9), zero (0), pound sign (#) and hang up. Luckily, we were suspicious and refused.

Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by pushing 90# you end up giving the individual that called you access to your telephone line and allows them to place a long distance telephone call, with the charge appearing on your telephone call. We were further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons. I have verified with UCB Telecomm. that this actually happens.

Please beware. This sounds like an Urban Legend - IT IS NOT!!!

I called GTE Security this morning and verified that this is definitely possible and DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE. It will give them access to your phone line to make long distances calls ANYWHLRL!!!!

The GTE Security department encouraged me to share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW!!!

Could you PLEASE pass this on. If you have mailing lists and/or newsletters from organizations you are connected with, I encourage you to include this information.

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(Editor's Note) I read on the List Server that this scam only applies to offices needing to dial 9 before dialing out. But, be careful!

From: phildeberry@juno.com (Phillip DeBerry)
Subject: TI-99 Hardware & Software

Hi Ken,

I know that it has been some time since I called to ask if anyone in the clubs up there would be interested in having all my TI-99 stuff, but we have been trying to get ready to move. I have just now gotten around to compiling the list of items. Here goes.

* HARDWARE:

1 standard TI-99 computer console with power pack
1 RAVE/99 keyboard with adapted TI-99 computer console
1 Peripheral Expansion box with the following installed:
Flex Cable Interface Card
RS232 Interface Card
Myarc 512K Memory Expansion Card
Internal 5.25" Floppy Drive (single-sided)
TI-99 Impact Printer with Stand
Spare Keyboard
2 Voice Synthesizers
Tape Deck Controller Cable
Spare Switching Power Supply Chassis
32K x 8 Memory Expansion Module
WICO Command Control Trackball with Power Pack
External Floppy Drive (double-sided)
Asgard Mouse
Dresselhaus "Dots Perfect" printer conversion chip with instructions
All Software and Hardware Manuals plus other books pertaining to TI-99

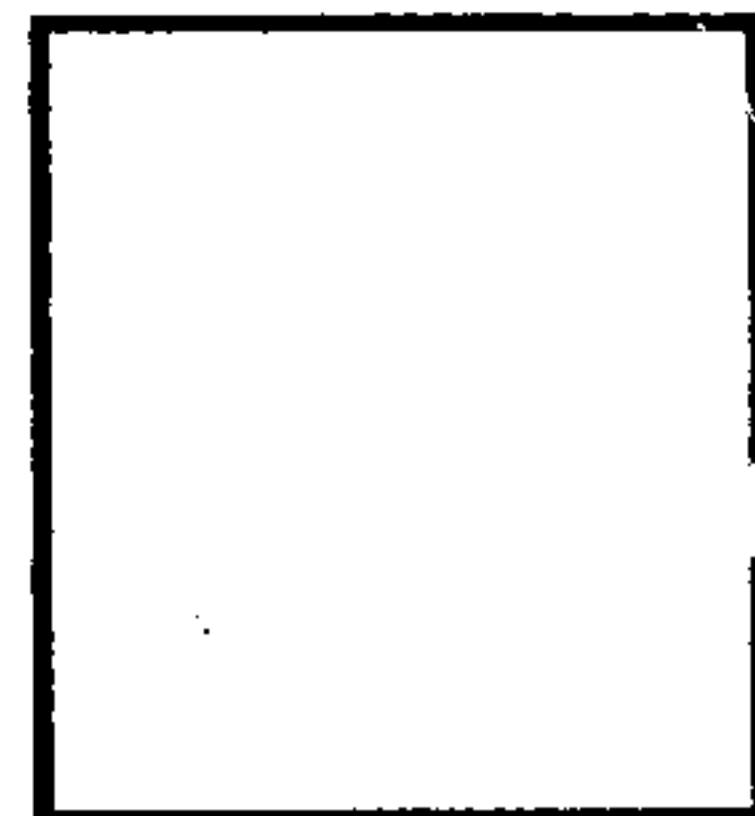
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Tutor
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Meteor Multiplication -* Multiplication 1 -* Numeration 2
Early Reading -* Reading Flight -* Early Learning Fun
Defender -* Moon Mine -* Music Maker -* M*A*S*H
Video Graphs -* Weight Control & Nutrition
Star Trek -* Parsec -* Car Wars

* SOFTWARE ON FLOPPIES: cShell99

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Disk Manager IV -* New Multiplan
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Cassette Labeler -* Total Filer -* Missile Wars
TI Printer's Apprentice with Add-ons
11 Base
TI GraphX
Calendar Maker 99

Lots of freeware and shareware from your club's software library
All of this TI-99 hardware and software is available for whatever it
will cost to ship it from Mooresville, North Carolina. Anyone who is
interested can send an e-mail to phildeberry@juno.com. I will be moving
on June 30, and I will send you my new telephone number at that time.

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