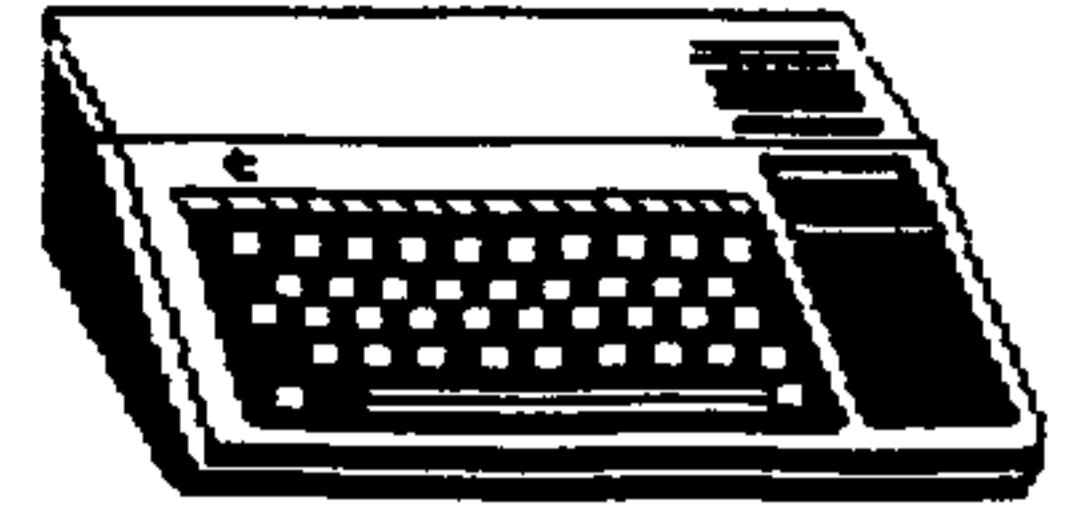




CLEVELAND AREA

TI-99/4A USER GROUPS DEC. 1998 - JAN JAN - FEB, 1999



OFFICE	TI-CHIPS	MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci 941-9397	10-12:00 A.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	** OPEN **	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	JAN 16, 1999
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	FEB 20, 1999
EDITOR	Harry & Nina Hoffman 631-2354	MAR 20, 1999

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	JAN 16, 1999
TAPE & MODS	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	FEB 20, 1999
HARD COPY	Dick Alden 12162571661	MAR 20, 1999



From the Editor's Desk:



Hi Tiers,

Asking for feedback from my friends in the Cleveland Area community! If you read the newsletter, maybe you can help me decide what goes in the NL. I have had no articles from you in quite awhile, except for the minutes and Glenn's articles. It would be nice to hear from you about what's happening in your computer world. We are all basically just computer people helping other computer nuts! The TI-99/4A started most of us in this direction and now it is hard to get members to help others with their troubles. That help is built into our By-laws I believe. It is what we are all about. Questions can be put in the NL and answers also. It still can be related to the computer world without people getting upset that it isn't TI-99! It is hard to know how you feel about this until you tell me. Do you want me to fill-in blank pages with TI List-Server stuff or not? It is important for me to know!

Thank you for listening to this rant. Especially, thanks to those that will follow through on it!!!

This NL has been filled with MUG'99 stuff and I hope it comes off well. Turn in your vote for the Jim Peterson Award at this meeting!

PS: HOPE ALL TI'ERS



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NEW YEAR 000

TIMUG '99 - DECEMBER UPDATE

ATTENTION *** ALL *** TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 USER GROUPS, PROGRAMMERS, HARDWARE DEVELOPERS, USERS AND VENDORS! THE TI-CHIPS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE HOSTING THE 1999 TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 M.U.G. CONFERENCE (DUBBED TIMUG'99).

THE PRE-CONFERENCE GET TOGETHER PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE MIDDLEBURG HTS. RECREATION HALL ON BAGLEY ROAD (ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CLEVELAND HOPKINS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT) ON FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 14, FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 PM.

TIMUG'99 WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 15 AT THE SPANG MANSION ON KOLTHOFF ROAD IN BROOKPARK, OHIO (A SOUTHWEST SUBURB OF CLEVELAND). (KOLTHOFF ROAD IS 3/4 MILE SOUTH OF CLEVELAND HOPKINS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, OFF OF STATE ROUTE 237, AND DIRECTLY SOUTH OF THE I-X CENTER.) MAPS ON HOW TO GET TO THE MIDDLEBURG HTS. RECREATION HALL AND SPANG MANSION AND MOTEL INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED.

THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FOR TIMUG'99 IS AS FOLLOWS:

WHAT: PRE-CONFERENCE GET TOGETHER PARTY
WHEN: FRIDAY EVENING - MAY 14, 1999 FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 PM.
WHERE: MIDDLEBURG HTS. RECREATIONAL HALL - MIDDLEBURG HTS., OHIO

WHAT: TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 M.U.G. CONFERENCE (TIMUG99)
WHEN: SATURDAY - MAY 15, 1999
WHERE: SPANG MANSION - BROOKPARK, OHIO

TIME	EVENT
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	SET-UP TABLES AND DISPLAYS
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	SEMINARS AND DEMONSTRATIONS
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	MUG OFFICERS/MEMBERS CONFERENCE
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	JIM PETERSON SERVICE AWARDS
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	CLEAN UP
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	PIZZA PARTY

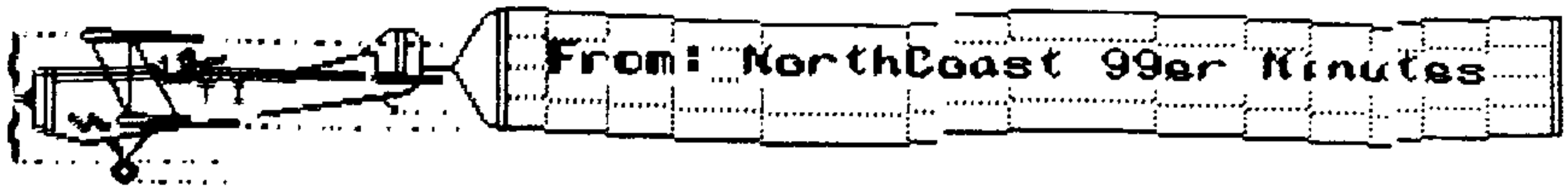
(AN EXCELLENT ON SITE FOOD SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE.)

(ANY CHANGES IN CONFERENCE DATE, SITE AND/OR SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE TO ENABLE OUR GUESTS TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS.)

TIMUG'99 WILL BE SET UP MUCH LIKE THE SUCCESSFUL LIMA USER GROUP M.U.G. CONFERENCES. AND LIKE THE CONFERENCES IN LIMA, THE 1999 CONFERENCE IN BROOKPARK, OHIO WILL BE *** FREE ***!
THERE WILL BE *** NO *** ADMISSION CHARGE OR SET-UP FEE! (HOWEVER, WE WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY TIMUG'99 CONFERENCE SITE AND SUPPORT COSTS.)

SO... IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE TI-99/4A AND/OR GENEVE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW, SHARE, SELL OR JUST TALK ABOUT. PLAN TO COME TO TIMUG'99 IN BROOKPARK, OHIO NEXT MAY 14 & 15. ALSO... IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND/OR WISH TO MAKE CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS (PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS-EARLY-AS-POSSIBLE).

CONTACT: GLENN BERNASEK, 13246 HARPER ROAD, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO 44136
PHONE: (440)846-0865 (After 9:00 pmEST)(ALL MESSAGES WILL BE ANSWERED!)
E-MAIL: GBBasics@aol.com



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Ken Gladyszewski. Frank was not available for the Treasurer's report and there didn't seem to be any old business.

Ken had the demo and updated us on his project to gather and copy to usable form technical manuals for his classic Renaults. He showed how he USED to scan pages and clean them up pixel by pixel creating hours of work. In trying to produce pages larger than the standard 8.5" by 11", he discovered he could cut and paste and thereby only copied parts of a page. This eliminated a lot of the background he was cleaning up, and his work has gone a lot faster.

The December meeting was opened by Marty as Ken couldn't make it. It was very informal with no demonstration to put on. We chatted about this and that... mostly about computer shows and bargain hunting.

Only five were in attendance until one other showed up. When we ran out of talk, Marty adjourned the meeting. Hope for better attendance this month!

Following is the "demo" schedule from last year. Look it over and think about which month you can take for 99. I'm not sure what is planned for January of 99.

January - Ron Markus will do some more new software titles.
February - Ken Gladyszewski
March - ?
April - Les Kee
May - Harry Hoffman
June - Deanna Sheridan
July - Marty Smoley
August - Bruce Rodenkirch
September - Norb Sitter
October - Ron Minadeo
November - Frank Jenkins
December - Dick Alden

If it makes any difference, officers are usually scheduled for election in January.

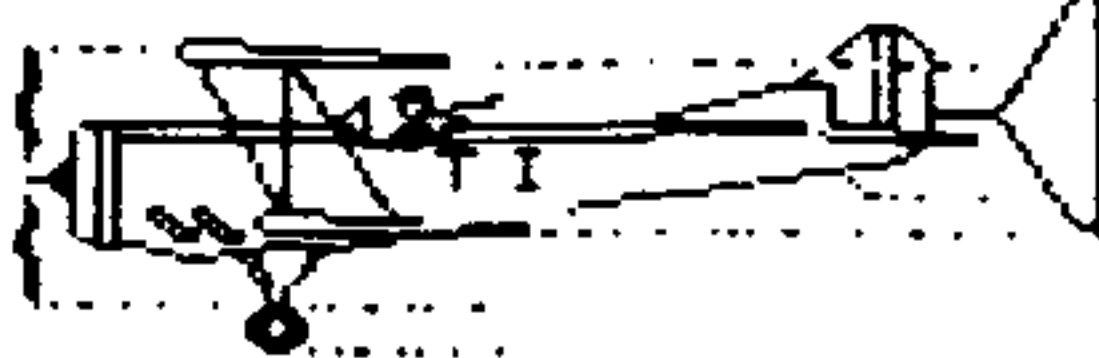
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Valentine !!!



By Glenn Bernasek

The November meeting of the TI-Chips was opened at 12:45 by Fred Ialacci. Reading of the October minutes was waived. Lin Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. The TI-Chips account, although recently drawn on, remains healthy and solvent.

John Parken gave the membership report. John said the TI-Chips have 18 paid members. (It was especially nice to note that 13 of those 18 were able to attend this month's meeting.) John passed out copies of the new membership list he has been keeping on a TI database program called PRBase. (How's that for durability? John's TI-99/4A is still doing the job for the Chips, and is showing no sign of quitting.) The list was corrected for the new 216/440 area code changes. John also shared a couple of letters he had received from old time members Russ Shimandle and Brian Wolcott. Russ said he misses being with us, and the Chips returned the feelings to Russ. We hope Russ will be able to attend our meetings again. (We never did find out what all he carried in that attache case he brought to every meeting.) Brian said that the TI-Chips and the newsletter are his only means of keeping up with what's happening in the TI community. (It would be great if Russ and Brian could attend TIMUG'99.)

Les Kee reported that there were no changes in the status of the software library. Harry reported that the job of converting the DSDD Lima disks to DSSD format was more daunting than expected. Harry said some of the disks contained many more files than could be held in a single density disk. Therefore Harry found that he had to make multiple DSSD disks to handle the Lima disks. Harry said he will get the job done, but it will take more time than originally expected.

Matt Andel reported that he has reserved the Middleburg Hts. Recreation Hall for the pre-conference get together party on Friday evening, May 14, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. The cost of the hall was \$60. Lin Shaw wrote a check to Matt covering the rental cost. There was a small discussion about the starting time for the pre-conference get together party and it was decided that the party will start at 7:00 PM. Ada Markus reported that Spang Mansion has a rental charge of \$80 and a security deposit of \$100. This money will not have to be paid until the hall is reserved in April. I said I will make a tour of Spang Mansion to see what the facilities are like and what we will have to bring in to make up any short comings (i.e., tables). (This is why our guests have to let us know as early as possible whether they are planning to attend TIMUG'99 and how many tables they will need.)

It was moved by Harry Hoffman, seconded by Glenn Bernasek and unanimously approved by the attending membership to place Rich Polivka's name in nomination for the 1999 Jim Peterson Community Service Award. Rich's web page has provided the TI community with a wealth of information and service on the TI-99/4A and Myarc 'Geneve' 9640.

I conducted another demonstration of the Chips' new capability of providing demonstrations with members' PC clones with the TView Micro. I also showed off my new 120 MB SuperDisk drive by Imation. This drive plugs into my parallel printer port on my Compaq 410C notebook computer. I am able to read and write both 1.44 and 120 MB 3 1/2" floppy disks on one machine. This has become my 'preferred' drive and has largely replaced the 'A' drive in my computer. I also like the idea of installing programs on the 120 MB disk rather than on my 'C' drive. The SuperDisk is about 5 times faster than the 1.44 MB floppy. Not as quick as the hard drive, but I am able to save space on a limited hard drive by installing software on the SuperDisk.

Les Kee demoed fractal math software with his laptop, using his PC to TV video converter and a side monitor. The fractal creations were beautiful and impressive. Les showed how the program could create complex Mandelbrot Set images, and then both change displayed image colors and allow zooming in to examine the smallest detail. The most impressive part of Les' demonstration was when we realized that Les had given the same type demonstration some years back on the TI-99/4A. (The TI was slower, but (as I can recall) the images were just as beautiful and impressive.)

It was brought to my attention that the 'sweep-the-corners' meeting for TIMUG'99 was scheduled for Sunday, May 9th (MOTHER'S DAY!). Needless to say, the May 9th meeting is CANCELLED. The Chips will conduct the pre-conference meeting at our April meeting instead.

Harry Hoffman won the 50:50 raffle. Congratulations Harry!

TI-Chips Minutes - By Glenn Bernasek

The December Christmas party/meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by Fred Ialacci. The minutes for the November meeting were read and approved. Lin Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. Lin reported that the closing balance for 1998 was within \$4 of the starting balance for this year. This reflected a positive cash flow because the Chips had purchased the TView Micro during 1998.

John Parken said there was no significant change in the Chips' membership since last month's report. I reported that the Cleveland Plain Dealer called for an interview about the TI-Chips. They said they were gathering information about user groups in the Cleveland area for a Computer User Group article. I e-mailed our electronic membership recruiting flier to the Business Department of the Plain Dealer. The Chips' flier was updated to reflect our 'open' agenda and membership requirements. We'll have to wait to see which issue of the PD the article will be published. I said that this article should be much like the one printed in 1984 that listed the computer user groups (including the TI-Chips, originally known as the West Side TI-99/4A Users Group) in the Cleveland area.

Les Kee reported that there were no changes in the software library to report.

I made my trip report on my visit to Spang Mansion. I reported the facility had just about everything the TIers needed to put on a successful international multi-user group conference. The only thing that may be in short supply would be long tables. I checked into the cost of renting tables and found the going rate was \$5.75 per 6 ft. or 8 ft. table. The hall had about a dozen 8 seat, round tables, one 8 foot table and three 6 foot tables. This served to underscore the necessity of knowing how many long tables are required well in advance of the conference.

Matt Andel reported that he has the invoice for the rental of the Middleburg Hts. Recreation Hall for the TIMUG'99 get-together on May 14. We have the hall from 5:30 to 10:30 that night. This will give the Chips enough set-up and clean up time before and after the 7:00 - 10:00 PM get together party.

The announcement of TIMUG'99 was in the October-November issue of MICROpendium. Ron Markus announced that he had received a check for \$10 from Richard Bell of New York as a donation to help pay for the expenses of running TIMUG'99. The TI-Chips send our thanks to Richard for his generous contribution.

I said all that was needed at this time were maps, motel and restaurant listings. I said they would have to be published in Rich Polivka's web page no later than January. (Once again, as in the 1996 MUG, a zap to TIMUG'99 and motel listings will be sent to everyone who calls, writes or e-mails for reservations.)

Matt Andel talked about where to look for 'free' web page space on the internet. He said one site providing this service could be found at www.geocities.com.

Harry Hoffman passed around a copy of the Dallas '99 Interface newsletter. Harry said this newsletter was going to be via Email only. I said the Milwaukee user group had decided to go the same route also, and that I had subscribed to the free e-mail issues starting January, 1999. A lively discussion followed as to how the TI-Chips might decide to distribute the newsletter electronically also. An important observation was made that not all members were 'on line' and that an integral part of user group membership was receiving user group information. (i.e., By way of a paper newsletter) It was decided that paper copies would, at the very least, continue to be mailed/distributed directly to all TI-Chips members, and that a feasibility study be conducted on methods of distributing non-members' copies of the Cleveland Area TI-99/4A User Group newsletter electronically. (Ron Markus offered to produce paper distribution/ mailing copies of the newsletter at a charge of 5 cents per page.)

Elections for the 1999 officer of the TI-Chips was conducted. Since all present officers agreed to remain in office, a motion was made by John Parken and moved by Harry Hoffman to re-elect the 1998 officers by acclamation. The motion was passed unanimously. The 1999 officers for the TI-Chips are:

President Fred Ialacci
Co-President (Open)
Secretary Glenn Bernasek
Treasurer Lin Shaw

Since the office of co-president remains open, the secretary will assume the responsibilities of president in the absence of the president. (Yours truly hopes that the office of co-president will be filled in the near future.)

Les Kee and John Parken have chosen to remain in the voluntary positions of Software Librarian and Membership Chair respectively.

The Jim Peterson Service Awards nominee list for the class of 1999 was reviewed and will be posted for elections by

the international TI community. Elections will begin January 1 and end April 15. Presentation of the Jim Peterson Service Awards will be made at the TIMUG'99 in Brookpark, Ohio on May 15.

The party goodies brought in by Nina Hoffman, Ada Markus, Les Kee and Glenn Bernasek were enjoyed by all throughout the December Christmas party/meeting. The TI-Chips made up a dish of goodies for the library staff.

John Parken tried to run a voice recognition demo on his desktop PC with the club's TView without success. It seemed the TV screen wouldn't stabilize. John said he would take the TView unit home and see why it wouldn't work with his system. Wanting to do a demo on something, John cranked up Wheel of Fortune on the club's TI-99/4A. It was great to see this super TI game in operation once again. Thanks for the show John.

The Chips concluded this year's Christmas party with two drawings. The first, the 50:50 drawing, was won by Jack Koryta. The second drawing for a Christmas basket, brought in by Ada Markus, was won by Les Kee. Congratulations to both Jack and Les.

It must be noted that the January meeting will start at 12:00 noon and the remaining meetings, for the rest of the year, will start at 10:00 AM.

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1999 JIM PETERSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS
(Vote for only ONE from each award category.)

Updated: 1/9/99

Please note that this is an updated list of nominees. The nomination of the SW99UG for Community Service was accidentally left out of the original list. If you have already cast your vote, based on an earlier nomination list, feel free to recast your vote.

Recast voting will be authorized for each updated JIM PETERSON ACHIEVEMENT award nomination list. However, to avoid an endless string of updated nominee lists, a cutoff date for list changes has been set for midnight, January 31.

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<u>Award Category</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Community Service:	Rich Polivka MICROpendium SW99UG	TI Web Page TI Magazine FW98 - Lubbock, Texas
TI-99/4A Software:	Bruce Harrison John Bull	Midi for the SuperAMS Contract Bridge
TI-99/4A Hardware:	System 99 UG Michael Becker Don O'Neill	SCSI Board Modifications High Speed GPL card Ongoing SCSI work
Myarc, Geneve 9640:	Tim Tesch Don Walden Don O'neil	Enhanced the 9640 OS SCSI for the Geneve Geneve SCSI development

Note: Elections will conclude at midnight, April 15, 1999. Votes received after the deadline will not be counted.

Jim Peterson Achievement Awards will be presented at TIMUG'99 (5/15/99)

Submit votes to: Glenn Bernasek
13246 Harper Road
Strongsville, OH 44136
U.S.A.

E-mail: GBBasics@aol.com / dd314@Cleveland.Freenet.Edu

USER GROUP AND/OR SOCIAL CLUB

By Glenn Bernasek

I joined the TI-Chips TI-99/4A User Group in June, 1986 in response to a postcard invitation and the need for answers and help for me with the TI-99/4A home computer I had purchased in October 1983. I wasn't fully prepared for the sight that greeted me when I walked into my first meeting of the TI-Chips. The North Royalton library meeting room was filled with people, and there was TI-99/4A schematics and cassette software everywhere. Everyone was talking about different ways to program, modify and operate the TI-99/4A. I was clearly taken back by the knowledge and friendliness of the members. The comfort level was high and I knew I had found a 'home'.

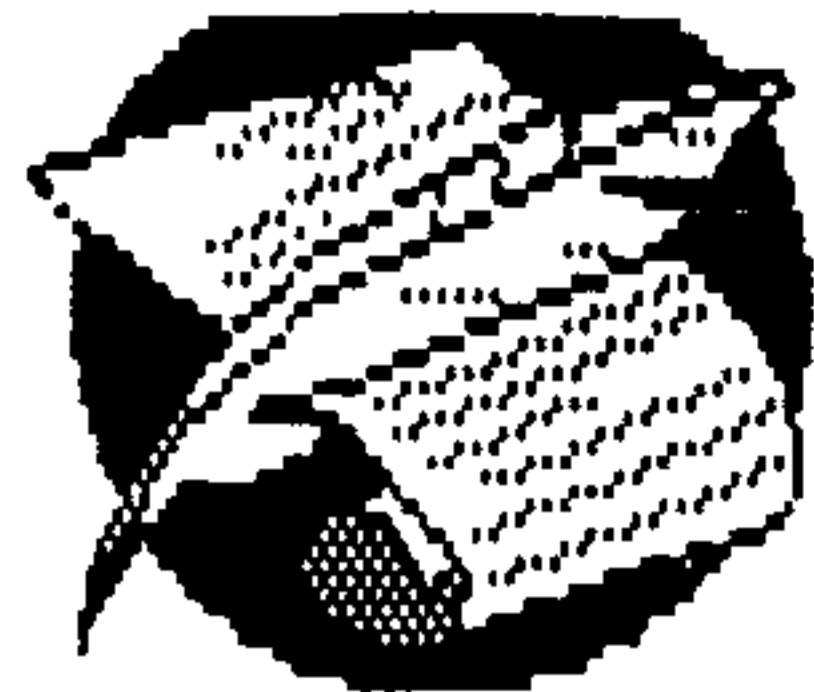
I had heard about installing a 'huge' 32K bytes of memory into the TI, and I found the TI-Chips was able and more than willing to help me learn how to do this. The operational words of this user group were: "Helping and Sharing". Schematics were available for the asking and good advice was happily given to those who needed it.

My next project for the TI was to install Extended Basic in the console. Once again I was able to turn to my fellow members in the TI-Chips user group. Not only was I given several options to try, I was also provided with detailed explanations and diagrams. Better I couldn't ask for. Both help and sharing were abundantly evident.

During my enjoyable membership in the TI-Chips user group, I saw countless demonstrations of excellent software written for this powerful system. But as with all that is good and not-so-good, things change and time marches on. Nothing remains forever the same. The TI-Chips recognized this and took measures to accomodate the members who were experiencing or had under gone the change to other computer systems. We kept the friendships we had developed, while at the same time enabling those who move on to other systems to feel as much a part of the user group as always. The TI-Chips opened our meeting agenda to include discussions, questions, tutoring and demonstrations on systems other than the TI-99/4A or Myarc 'Geneve' 9640 as needed.

I enjoy the friendly bantering and social interaction with my fellow Tiers very much. These are my friends and they have become an important part of my life. However, I find it very reassuring to know that I also have a source of continuing help and sharing of knowledge for the computer system of my choice in the user group which I belong. A computer user group, regardless of system used, is still, by 'natural definition', a resource for computer help and sharing. The evolution from a user group for the 'founding' computer system (TI-99/4A) to a user group servicing all members and all systems can only take place if the user group is willing to accomodate the computer evolutionary changes its membership has and is experiencing.

My TI-99/4A is still, and will remain, set up next to my MS-DOS (Comaq 410C) as an enjoyable hobby system and as a back-up system if and when the Compaq goes belly-up (as it has done more than once). This does not mean that I've lost interest in the TI-99/4A, but rather that I enjoy knowing that I can also get answers to questions I may have on both the TI and non-TI systems from my fellow user group members. To repeat and modify what I said above, "My comfort level IS high, and I KNOW that I had found a 'home'."



Courtesy of Tom Willis and the
South West 99ers.

Thank You very much!

Subject: RE: TI99: Genial TRAVeLER
Date: Thu, 17 Dec 1998 09:34:01
From: "Don O'Neill" <don@whtech.com>

These files are now available in a directory called genitrav under pub at ftp://ftp.whtech.com. Enjoy!

>The CaDD GT package has been uploaded to Don O'Neill's web site and will be made available to any TI user by Don. We upload to Don's incoming directory, and when Don is satisfied that the material is bona fide, he moves it to a publicly available download area.

>The package consists of two files: genitrav.exe (about 15Mb) and gtdisks.exe (about 3Mb)

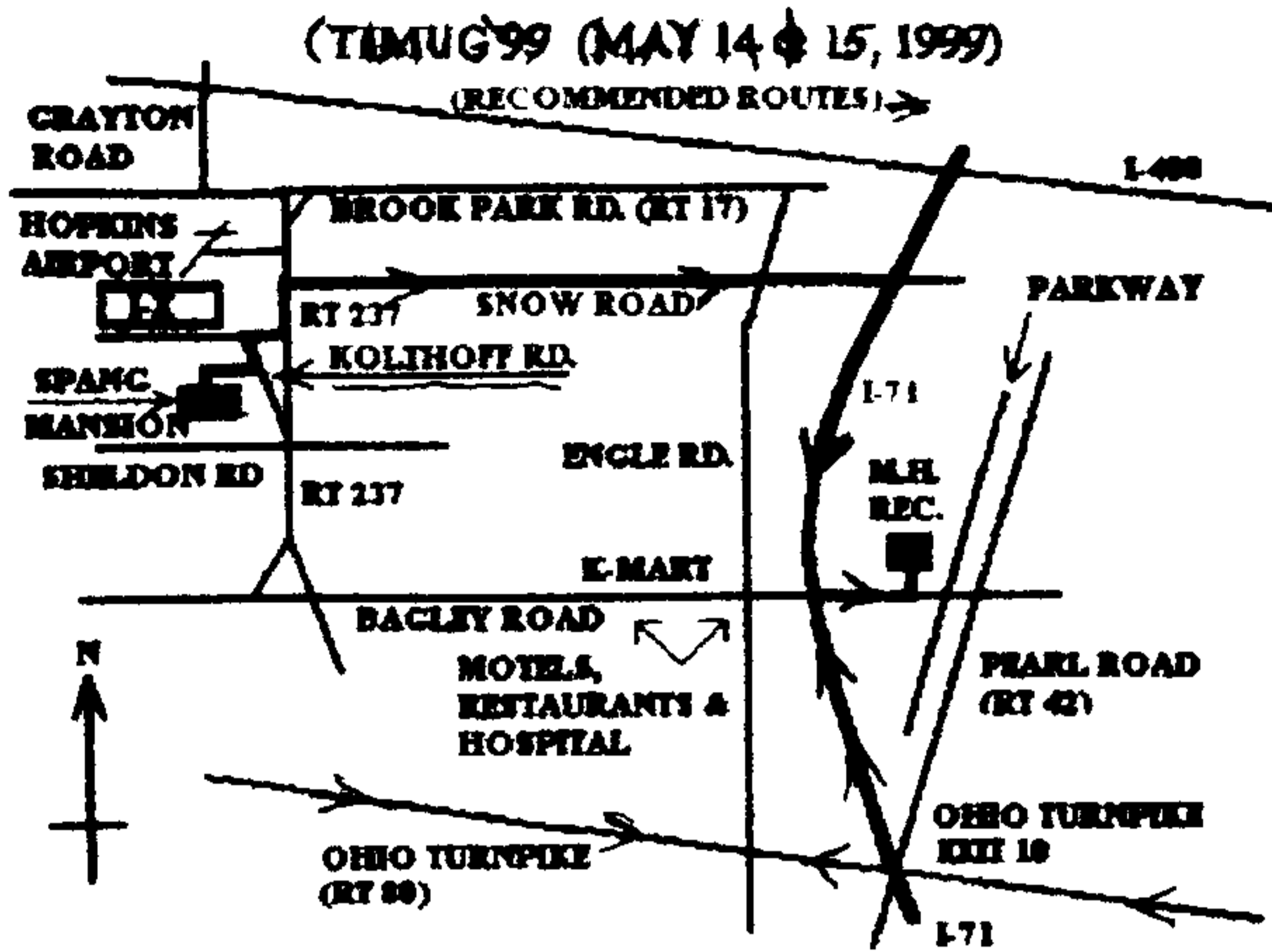
>genitrav.exe is a self-extracting file that will create a 54Mb Adobe Acrobat pdf file. This pdf file contains an introduction to Genial TRAVeLER, a list of all issues and their contents, a list of all files on the GT disks, and every D/V80 file on the GT disks. It totals 925 pages. Some of this material has been superseded, but there is a large volume of important files and discussions on many aspects of the TI. You must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free from www.adobe.com) to view this file. Using the Reader, you can then print selected or all pages.

>gtdisks.exe is a self-extracting file that contains all the GT disks in PC99.dsk format. These are binary copies of the original GT disks. When a GT disk contained an archive file, these have been extracted and separate disks have been created. If these extracted disks contained D/V80 files, these have been included in the pdf file. The timing for this release is quite appropriate, as it falls in the Holiday period. So, this is our (Barry Traver and CaDD) Holiday present to all of you. We hope you enjoy it.

Regards,
Mike Wright
(for CaDD Electronics)

[Editor's note: Some have said you could not use Adobe Acrobat Reader 2.1, but use 3.1. It works fine!]

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MAY 14: MIDDLEBURG HTS. RECREATION CENTER - 7:00 - 10:00 PM
MAY 15: TIMUG'99 AT SPANG MANSION - 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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Harley Hotel ... 1-800-321-2323 or 1-440-243-5000
Motel 6 ... 1-800-437-7486 or 1-440-234-0990
Red Roof Inn ... 1-800-THE-ROOF or 1-440-243-2441
Cross Country Inn... 1-800-621-1429 or 1-440-243-2277
Residence Inn ... 1-800-331-3131
Comfort Inn ... 1-800-228-5150

(Closest motel to TIMUG'99 at Spang Mansion)
Sheraton Inn at the Airport ... 1-440-267-1500

Restaurants:

Bob Eans, Friendlys, Perkins, Denny's, and the Olive Garden.
Mac Donalds, Burger King and Dunkin Donuts.

Shopping:

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