

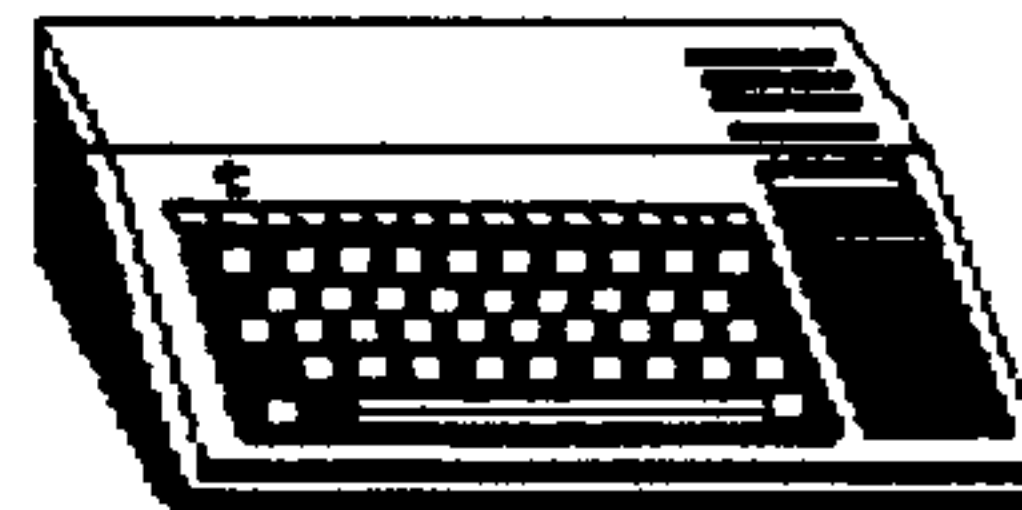


CLEVELAND AREA

TI-99/4A

USER GROUPS

~~March~~ *April / MAY* 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	MAR 20, 1999
TAPE & MODS	John Parken 331-2830	APR 17, 1999
EDITOR	Harry & Nina Hoffman 631-2354	MAY 15, 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	MAR 20, 1999
TAPE & MODS	Frank Jenkins 283-8526	APR 17, 1999
HARD COPY	Dick Alden 12162571661	MAY 15, 1999



From the Editor's Desk:



Hi TIers,

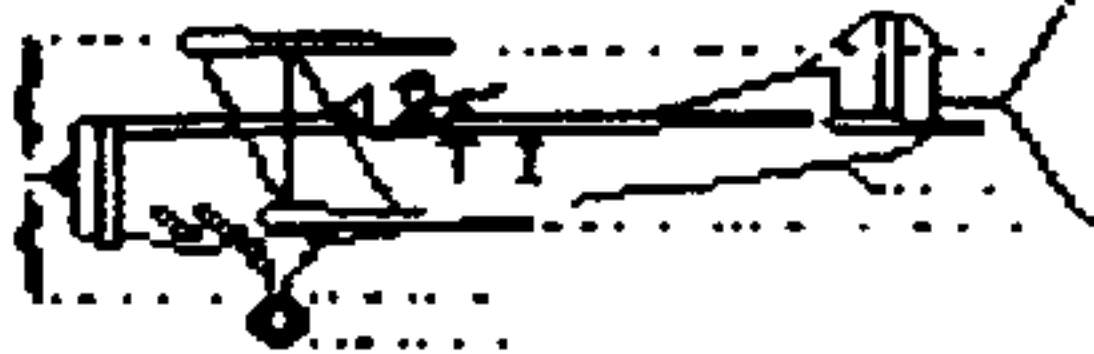
Another knuckle busting time for the newsletter. Articles are very hard to come by. We do have members who keep the dust off there computers (TI-99's) who actually use them. I'd like to see in writing what they are doing with their machines. Nina and I use the TI for games and putting out the newsletter. The PC is faster for getting on the Net. Right now my Win98 does not know I have a modem and I cannot get it to learn. Hope it is software and NOT hardware!

I have just retired and will be out of town for about a month and a half. We are going to visit our kids in Florida and Arkansas. We'll be back by the week of the TI MUG'99 and be ready to help Ada Markus with the food handling. Nina and I hope to see you then.

I need feedback on this important problem! I'm seriously thinking of letting our Web page be the only newsletter for the Cleveland Area TI-99/4A UG will have to offer. It doesn't make sense to pay for all that printing and postage just for minutes of the club meetings. Most, if not all members have access to the Web and can get it easily. For the few that don't, we can make special arrangements. Being retired doesn't justify all the time it takes to edit files from html format to TI format. Believe me, it does take much time and effort to do this. Maybe we could get another volunteer to do this if the club's need it done that way!

See you at the TIMUG'99,





By Glenn Bernasek

The March meeting of the TI-Chips was opened by Fred Lalacci. The reading of the February minutes was waived. Lin Shaw gave his Treasurer's report. Lin reported that he had received newsletter billing for the period from July, 1998 to the present. (I couldn't help wondering why we weren't billed concurrently as the newsletters were published. The costs would be the same, but smaller bytes are easier to swallow.)

After giving the rental and security deposit, for Spang Mansion, to Ada Markus, Lin reported that the Chips would have just enough in the treasury to cover additional TIMUG'99 up front costs. This will include such items as table rentals, conference foods and beverages and purchase of the TIMUG'99 grand raffle prize, an Epson Inkjet Color Printer.

John Parken said there are several March/April membership renewals due. Fred suggested that John send out postcard reminders. John replied that he would.

Les Kee said there was no report from the disk library this month. There was a small, but enthusiastic discussion on the possibility of Les archiving the entire software library on CD-ROM or 120 meg Super Disk. It was offered that specific, requested files/programs could be pulled from the archived library and converted to TI format with PCTransfer. This suggestion was made in case Les had found the storage of all those 5 1/4" disks became a problem at home. Les replied that it wasn't much of a problem at this time.

TIMUG'99 preparations and publicity were reported to be right on schedule. The only things to be taken care of will be direction signs, User Group signs, published speaker schedule, and conference support equipment procurement. Carol Shaw has volunteered to make up the directional signs and welcoming banners. I will print up the User Group signs and speaker schedule. There will be at least two video cameras working during the conference. It was recommended that the cameras be placed on a tripod and rotated, where possible, to include shots of audience members speaking. Les said he didn't think he could get a shot of everyone who talked, but he would give it a try. The Chips authorized John Parken to purchase 50 VCR tapes for this endeavor. The TIMUG'99 videos will be sold for \$5 per tape.

Demo monitors were also discussed. We found that we didn't have either a 19" color TV (for the TI-99/4A demos) or an analog RGB monitor (for the Geneve demos) available at this time. It was suggested that we ask Tiers, who plan on attending TIMUG'99, to let me (Glenn Bernasek, 13246 Harper Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 or e-mail to GBBasics@aol.com) if someone is willing to bring a 19" TV and/or a RGB monitor to the conference for our speakers to use. There are two meeting rooms at the conference site. Therefore one room will be dedicated to TI-99/4A seminars while the other room will be a Geneve seminar room. This should eliminate TI-99/4A / Geneve system tear-down and set up problems.

This brought up another interesting point. Quite often, conference guests are unable to attend every seminar and demo because of conflicting schedules. This problem comes with the territory I'm afraid. Therefore I will be asking if any of our speakers would like to put on their talks twice during the conference. This would make it more possible for all of our guests to attend the seminars of their choice.

The Jim Peterson Achievement Award votes were reported to have been coming in nicely. Voting will be completed on April 15th, and the results will be given to Fred Lalacci for ordering of the award plaques. The TI-Chips discussed their future intentions for the awarding of the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards. It was agreed that, so long as there is a TI community and Tiers who deserve special recognition (whether or not Ohio MUG conferences are being held), the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards will continue to be given. We have decided, by unanimous vote, to have future awards be in the form of a special award certificate rather than plaques. This is necessary because of the financial burden the plaques will eventually place on the Chips' resources over the long haul.

John Parken suggested that the TI-Chips consider gathering or purchase at garage sale prices peripheral PC hardware such as keyboards, mouse, joysticks, speakers, CD-ROM drive, color printer and monitor. This would help Chips members who would like to bring in their PC systems for demonstrations, but balk at all the equipment they have to pack. The idea was discussed. The Chips decided that it was a workable concept and should be tried.

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John Parken demonstrated a method of personalizing a message screen saver to the Chips. While doing the demo, John was able to show us how to get around and do interesting things with Windows 95. Thanks John for the very interesting demo.

There was no raffle this time in that Jack Koryta was unable to attend, and Jack is our raffle man.

The April meeting will be the sweep-the-corners meeting for TIMUG'99. All equipment and support material for the conference will be in place at the April 17th meeting.

THE PRECONFERENCE PARTY IS ON!

We are happy to announce that we have secured Spang Mansion for Friday evening, June 11th from 7:00PM to 10:00PM for the preconference get together. If you are planning to arrive on Friday, June 11th for TIMUG'99 or are a local Tier, why not come to the get together social at Spang Mansion? This will give you a chance to have a good time renewing old acquaintances and swapping tales, ideas and information as well as finding out just where Spang Mansion is located before the conference on Saturday morning.

Snacks and soft drinks will be served. Please remember Spang Mansion is a Brookpark, Ohio NONSMOKING, public facility and this restriction is strictly enforced. Also, DO NOT bring any equipment or valuables to the get together to be left over night at Spang Mansion. Over night security will NOT be provided. Hope to see you there.

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Happy Mother's Day!!!
To all Mom's everywhere!



THANK A NURSE! For being a caring and giving, and beautiful person. This newsletter is coming out too late for both these special days, so it is never too late for wonderful dedicated people like our Mom and dedicated nurses!!!

By Glenn Bernasek

The April meeting of the TI-Chips was called to order by Fred Ialacci. The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved. Lin Shaw gave the Treasurer's report. Lin said the March balance was down somewhat due to rather large pay outs made during that period. However the change in the TIMUG'99 date resulted in cancellation in the Friday night Preconference get together. Therefore Matt Andel was able to get a full rental deposit refund of \$60 from the Middleburg Hts. Recreation Hall. Ada Markus reported that the rent and security deposit for Spang Mansion was only \$50 each. Therefore Ada returned \$80 to the Chips Treasury. This added a much needed \$140 to our coffers. The TI-Chips are grateful that Matt and Ada took care of these matters so efficiently.

John Parken brought in updated membership lists and passed out copies to those who needed them. The list has an added column to included member's Internet e-mail addresses. Several additions and changes were given to John at the meeting. John also reported that there were four (4) membership renewals during March and April. Les Kee said he had nothing to report on the disk library at this time.

The TI-Chips expresses their appreciation to Craig Getty for his assistance and expertise in designing, editing and updating Harry Hoffman's web page. Harry's site is located at: <http://members.stratos.net/harryhoffy/newsletter/> This web page is both eye appealing and easy to read. Craig has taken the time to edit and retype our submissions into an interesting and informative format. Better we couldn't ask for. Thanks again Craig.

The changing of the TIMUG'99 conference date to Saturday, June 12 was formally announced at the April meeting. The membership was informed that an open letter of announcement of the conference date change from May 15th to June 12th was posted on the Internet on both the List Server and on comp.sys.ti on April 1st. The date change was the result of circumstances beyond our control and that Ada Markus' extraordinary efforts resulted in us being able to secure Spang Mansion for the new date. Ada also reported that the doors will be open for what ever time period we should require.

John Parken brought in 50 video tapes he had purchased for the Chips to be used in reproducing videos taken at TIMUG'99. The video tapes are of excellent quality and we are sure the copies made for distribution will also be of the best quality possible. Jack Koryta was informed that we have another customer for the 1996 MUG video set. Jack and John Parken will search their respective libraries to locate the master set from which Jack will make the requested copy.

Nina Hoffman and Ada Markus brought up the possible menu for TIMUG'99. Several delicious ideas were tossed around. They included the famous Sloppy Joes of the '96 MUG, hot dogs, condiments, side dishes (i.e., perogies) and beverages. The membership said the menu would be left to Nina and Ada's best judgment. Advance funds, approximately \$200, for procurement of required food supplies will be made available at the May meeting.

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TI-Chips Minutes - (Continued)

By Glenn Bernasek

Vonn Malcuit offered to bring the power distribution boxes and a 24 inch color TV to TIMUG'99. The distribution boxes will be used on the main meeting floor and his TV will be put to service in the TI-99/4A demo room. I reported that Jim Krych had called me to offer his VideoTurtle and his Magnavox SVGA/TV for use in the Myarc Geneve 9640 demonstration room. The TI-Chips in attendance expressed their collective gratefulness to both Vonn and Jim for their kind and generous offers.

Les Kee and Jack Koryta have offered to bring their video cameras to TIMUG'99. They will be recording the seminars and demonstrations through out the conference. The tapes Les and Jack produce will be available for sale at \$5 per tape. It is expected that two tapes will be made at TIMUG'99. It was suggested that the cameras be panned as much as possible to include those who are responding from the audience. Both Les and Jack said this may not be very successful, but they would give it a shot.

The May 21st meeting of the TI-Chips will be the pre-conference sweep-the-corners meeting for TIMUG'99. Everything that must be in place for TIMUG'99 will be in place at the conclusion of the May meeting. The TI-Chips will have their normal June meeting on June 19th. This meeting will be in addition to TIMUG'99 on June 12th. The Jim Peterson Achievement Awards ~~presentations~~ were turned over to Fred Ialacci to have the award plaques made. Announcement of this year's winners will be made at the presentations at TIMUG'99 on Saturday, June 12th. Fred said he would check with the plaque maker to determine what wording has been used in the past. I said I would contact Jim Krych in case the vendor did not keep records. We also made it clear that the Jim Peterson Achievement Awards would continue to be given as long as there are Tiers who deserve recognition by the community. The only difference is that future awards will be in the form of Certificates of Appreciation. The honor and recognition will be just as rewarding regardless of the medium in which it is presented.

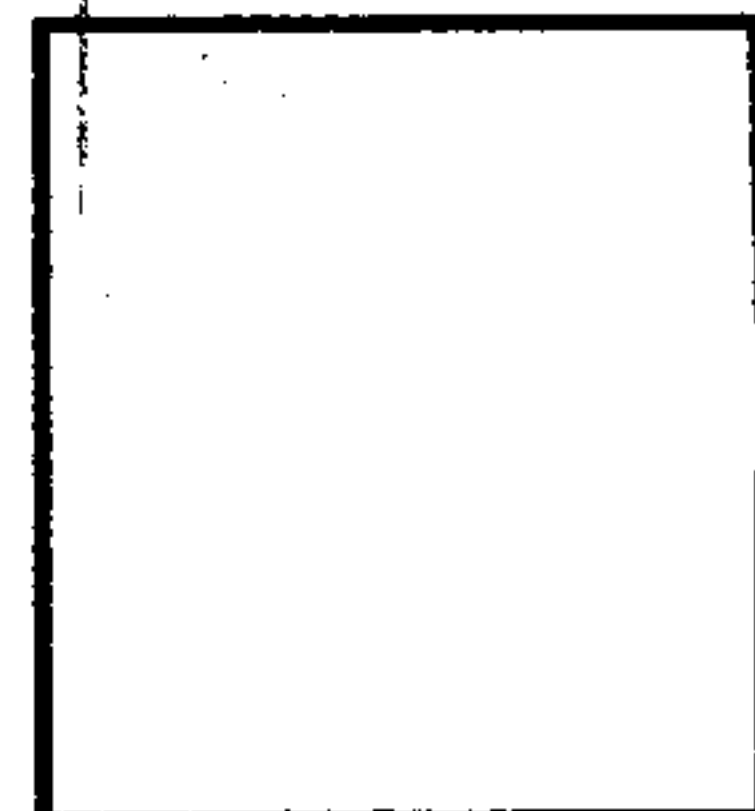
I reported that Matt Andel's hint to get on line with Freenet through Telnet and my ISP (AOL) worked great. I said I had not experienced such a quick hook up to Freenet. Thanks for the hint Matt.

Once again, we talked about gathering PC peripheral equipment for the TI-Chips meetings. This equipment would be stored at the library in the same manner as our TI system presently is. The only concern some members expressed was that of the usefulness of PC equipment, and that it might grow legs while being stored at the public library. I stated that the security system of the library is dependable and the chances of midnight requisitions of our equipment would be remote.

Les Kee talked about magnetic core memory developments and I brought up the recent discovery of a three planet solar system 44 light years away. There was no demonstration this month.

Vonn Malcuit won the 50:50 raffle. Congratulations Vonn. Hope to see as many TI-Chips as possible at TIMUG'99.

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Have a terrific summer season!