



JUNE 1987

MEETING SCHEDULE

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (2nd Sunday if 1st Sunday is on a holiday weekend)

HUG TIBBS - (713) 475-8909 24-hour BULLETIN BOARD

> THE NEXT MEETING Δ T

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1987

2:00 P.M.

St. John's School - 2401 Claremont

The MAIN EVENT at JUNE meeting will be deal with the "Designing and Using of Graphics". This program will be presented by our illustrious HUG-TIBBS SysOp, Bill Knecht. Don't miss this one, as it is one of Bill's specialties. We're fortunate to have him.

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I would like to make a SPECIAL mention of the new members to the Houston User's Group and give them a HEARTY welcome. If you should meet them during upcomming meetings, please help make them feel right at home...

Bob Seddon - Editor of the Houston Bicycle Club Newsletter

Kenny Espiau - Owner of US Tech (TI Home Computer Supplies)

On a sadder note, as occurs in many good relationships between individuals, there comes a time when good friends must say goodbye and move on. Alas, so it is with members of the TI-99/4A community. I would like to wish a fond farewell to the longtime HUG members, listed below, who are leaving the group and moving on to other levels of interest. We all wish you luck in your new endeavors.....

Bill Palmer - Magician Extraordinaire

And ALL remaining HUG members whose membership EXPIRES as of THIS issue (ie 8706 and earlier on your address label). Please direct ALL questions or corrections, to BOB McCARTHY & (713) 955-7939.

Editors ScapeBox:

This months TI-crate is full of all kinds of "bits of tid". First and foremost I would like to take a moment of the groups time to personally thank, Scott Medbury, the "hairy'st", (and certainly the "curly'st") of the HUG Newsletters CO-ED's, for all of the time and effort he has given in helping get a good publication to you. Recent increased demands on his time, have forced Scott to step down from a fulltime editorship of this newsletter. I truly hope that he is able to continue with us and pass some of his special words of wisdom to us from time to time. We are ALL behind you Scotty

Secondly, a couple of well deserved ATTA-BOYS to the folks at MYARC for their faith in the future of all users of the 99/4A. The presentation given by Jack Riley of Myarc, although brief (as much as one can do in three hours) was very good, and only wets ones appetites for MORE. Now I know what to ask of Santa for this year. Hopefully we'll get some good reviews on this machine, in the future, with some real objective comments. In that same light, Larry Pipkin, our fine Prez/Librarian is setting aside some room in the HUG Program Library for new programs written in the 9640 lingo. Anyone out there "speaka-da" 9640? For those of you who missed the 9640 presentation, I have several brochures left. Just holler at me at the next meeting - well, not really holler, but you know what I mean. I also have copies of several (but not all) past issues of the HUG Mewsletter, mostly mid-to-late-1986 and early-1987 models (the spouse wants me to get'em-out-of-the-garage). So, let me know if you need some of those also. Get'em while they last.....

Speaking of HUG programs, Larry recently received some 40-odd disks full of public domain programs courtesy of Richard Lumpkin with JUG (Johnson Space Center TI 99/4A Users Group - 2321 Coryell, League City, Tx 77573). Larry's been going through all of the disks and weeding out the duplicate/copyrighted/bugged programs and will have a fistfull of catalog updates to pass along in the upcomming months. Larry's put a TON of effort into keeping the club 800+ program library into good shape, so show him you're appreciation next time you see him. Also, it's rather hard culling out "weeds" when ones got a bum finger. (Hope you're hands comming right along Larry - Ed.)

For those of you who happen to have just come in out of the rain, the newsletter exchange library is FINALLY open for buisness. The club has been exchanging newsletters with user groups throughout the U.S. and Canada for some time now and HUG has accumulated a sizable number of newsletters. These newsletters have been set up into individual folders which may be checked out by current members, taken home for leisure reading and brought back to the next meeting. I try to incorporate exceptional articles that come in the mail, however, there are not enough pages to cover it all. Be sure to stop by during the next meeting and look for yourself. There's a LOT of good stuff being written out there, CHECK IT OUT!

When Scott and I took over as newsletter editors, there was no up-to-date file with past issues of the HUG Newsletter. Therefore along with the newsletter exchange library, I'm in the process of setting up a permanent file on all of club's newsletters and am I'm in dire need of back issues. If you have have a good set of back issues you'd like to donate to the club or would loan for photocopy purposes, please leave a message on HUG-TIBBS, contact me either at the meeting or give me a call.

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	229.95	SUPER SKETCH(1 LEFT!) TI-99/4A BLACK/SILVER COMPUTER	28.95 74.95
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PRINTER PAPER, RAINBOU PACK 75 ENV., GOLD, RED & BLUE	8.95	ARCADE SPECIAL: PACMAN, DONKEY KONG, CENTIPEDE	11.50

WE SELL SOFTWARE FOR THE AMIGA, ATARI, APPLE, COMMODORE & IBM @ 20% OFF LIST! WE SHIP UPS OR US MAIL. ORDERS CAN BE PREPAID OR SHIPPED COLLECT. WRITE OR CALL FOR A FREE COPY OF OUR CATALOG.

HUG MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Annual membership fees to HUG are only \$15. A "one time only" initiation fee for new members is \$10. The initiation fee is applied toward the purchase of club hardware/software and entitles a new member to "SIX FREE" programs of their own choice from the club's own public domain club library. Membership to HUG entitles the member to: 1) a monthly newsletter, published and mailed prior to the monthly meetings; 2) a HUG Library catalog listing over 800 public domain programs; 3) full access to the club's electronic bulletin board: HUG-TIBBS and 4) a new bunch of friendly 99'ers with all kinds of help and advice. So, if "YOU'RE" reading a borrowed copy of this newsletter, give some serious consideration toward joining up with us. "Try it, you'll like it" (yeah, even HUG has a Mike'y).

THE HISTORY OF HUG TIBBS

CELEBRATING OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE

HUS TIBBS will have been in operation for three years the last week of June. I thought you might be interested in how this system got started and its history.

In late 1983, the first TIBBS went on-line in Atlanta, 6A. and was the first BBS run off a TI99/4A system. Houston was not long in getting it's first TIBBS. On February 1, 1984, the TI ZONE was put into operation by Ralph Arnold and sons (HUB members). Many of us quickly went out and purchased modems and entered the world of communication with our computer. The TI ZONE was a big hit, receiving over 2000 calls the first month. But fate was not with it and Ralph Arnold was transferred to Indonesia (his job) and the first Houston TIBBS was no more.

Stephen Foster, who had become our friend and a HUG member thru the TI ZONE, thought that a great void needed to be filled in Houston and thus proposed that HUG purchase a TIBBS program and the necessary equipment. Stephen also volunteered to house the system and serve as our first SysOp. So, during the last week of June 1984, HUG TIBBS started receiving calls.

MUG TIBBS started out with the following equipment: console, TV, P-Box, RS232, Hayes Smartmodem, 32K and 2 drives— one DSSD and one SSSD. Now, there was almost 1000 sectors available for the program and files. The HUG TIBBS menu featured reading messages, entering messages, chat and about 4-5 textfiles. Stephen was soon to realize that a program could be listed to disk and placed in these file areas, then the user could download it and use a conversion program to convert it to a runable program. This was really something to get programs for FREE. Stephen changed these files often and added more selections.

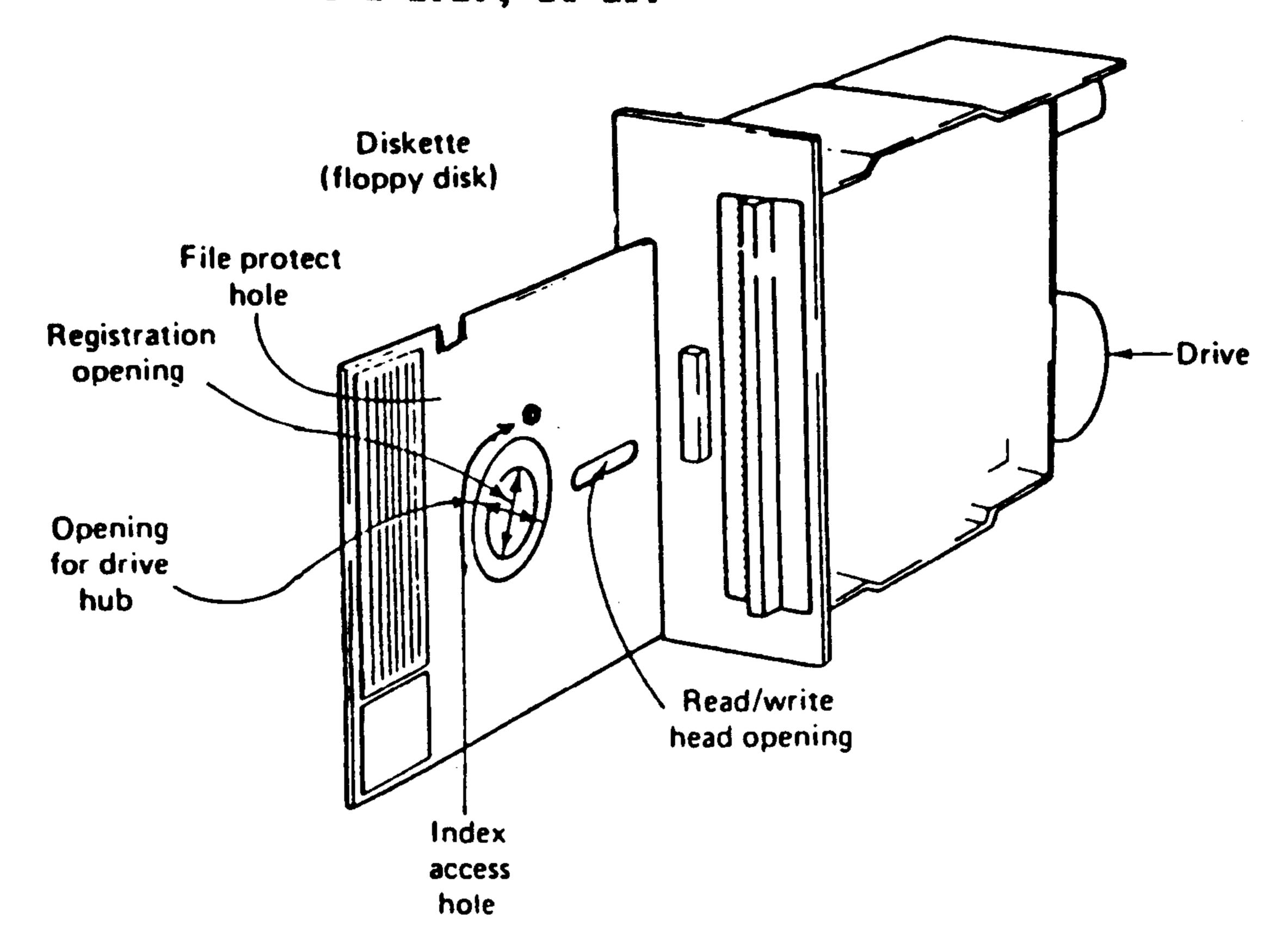
MUG TIBBS eventually added a CorComp Disk Controller and doubled our disk space (to around 2000 sectors), and a Foundation 128K card. Larry Pipkin assembled us a real-time clock card. And Stephen added a FORUM section in addition to the message base. Around this time, HUG TIBBS was getting quite a bit of national recognition and many out of state callers. Stephen was making many friends thru users and his calling around the nation to other systems letting them know about HUG TIBBS. While Stephen was still SysOp, we decided to purchase a new TIBBS program that featured TE2 Uploading and Downloading. And soon we went to 300/1200 baud. HUG TIBBS was now being called "one of the TOP 3 TI Bulletin Boards in the nation". Then the day came when Stephen's health would no longer let him serve as SysOp and someone had to be found to replace him.

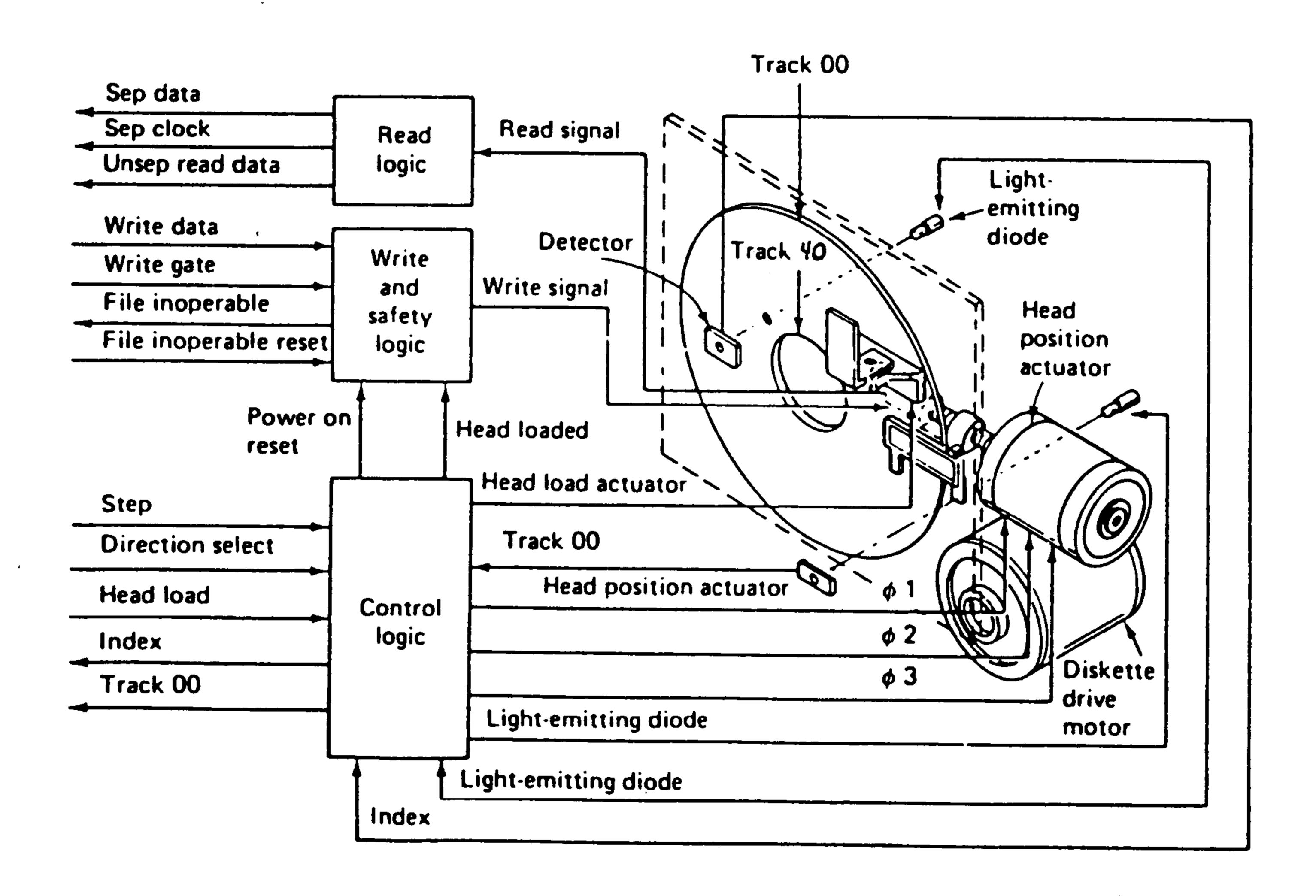
Cecil Crowder was a close friend of Stephen's and had worked with him on the TIBBS program (mainly disk repair). So Cecil volunteered to become SysOp. During Cecil's reign, 3 more DSDD disk drives were added to the system (over 5700 sectors available, which is far more than the original 1000 sectors). Cecil's main asset to HUG TIBBS was his ability to repair disks when the system crashed and thus keep it running most of the time. Cecil continued to make a good variety of programs available to download, as well as interesting textfiles. But the hours Cecil worked was making it impossible for him to devote his time to the system, plus his blood pressure was rising, so a new SysOp was needed.

It was decided that on September 8, 1985, the system would be moved to Bill Knecht's house, where Cecil could still devote some time as SysOp and Bill would "operate" the system as Ass't SysOp. This setup worked well until December when Bill was elected SysOp. Bill continued to run the system and add features to this version, until May 1986 when the Version 5 TIBBS was released. This new version contained XMODEM file transfers which are about twice as fast as TE2. HUG TIBBS was one of the first TIBBS to start running this new program, and it was quickly updated to include all the good modifications that had been made to version 3.4. About this time our Foundation 128K card started giving us trouble and we purchased a Myarc 128K card for the system. The extra memory in this card allowed Bill to convert the 12 line message base to 18 lines, thus giving the users more space to post messages. Later Bill added another 128K to the Myarc card which gives us 256K Ramdisk space (which brings us up to about 6600 sectors available for the textfiles, messages, uploads and downloads.)

Many new features have been added to HUG TIBBS, but Bill thinks the best modifications he has made are those which have increased the speed that information is displayed to the user. Compared to the "Stock V5 TIBBS", HUG TIBBS runs about 35-40% faster.

So as we start our fourth year of operation, our thanks to the people who have helped to make HUG TIBBS a success. Houston is lucky to have TWO of the BEST TI Bulletin Board Systems anywhere and two of the most dedicated SysOps who work together by sharing ideas and giving variety to the Houston users.



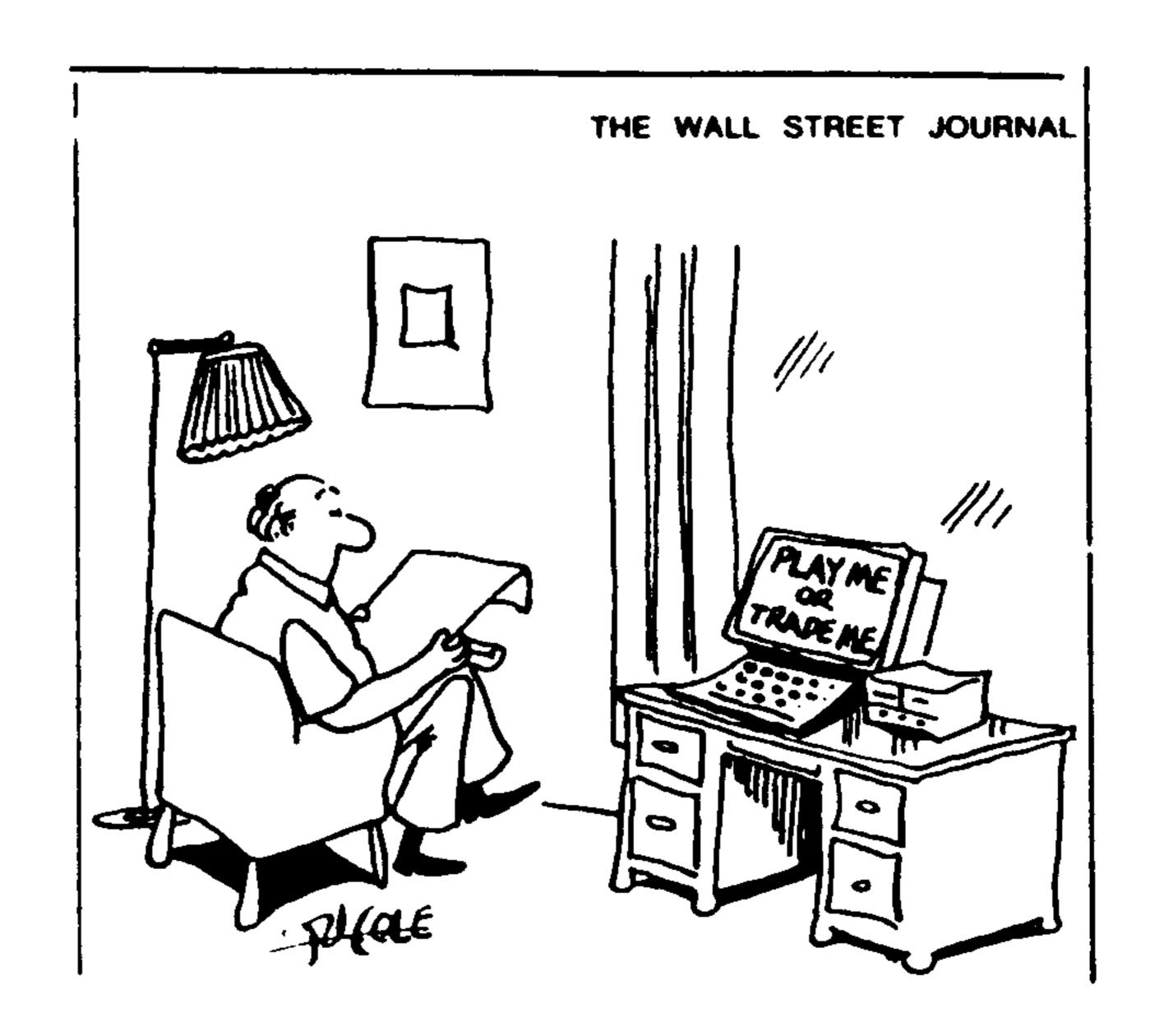


Only a few of you out there have taken advantage of obtaining ---> FREE <--- club programs. Remember last months offer of a credit for "SIX FREE PROGRAMS" for each "ORIGINAL" article submitted and accepted for publication in the HUG newsletter. Well, the offer still stands and there's a section in next months issue of the newsletter just waiting for YOU. The stat's are now in and the standings for free program credits are as follow:

- 1. Sandy Herman 12 progs
- 2. Andrew/Chris Kiresey 6 progs
- 3. Rev. Gary Curry 6 progs

Come'on guys, and gals (to be sure) don't get left out in the cold without the BEST of the HUG Library — and "FREE "to boot! Just throw a little something together, (original articles of course)... make a list of national TI vendors, or comments on the programs you like best, a handy Cheat-Sheet on your favorite program or pass on some info on some 6000 that you've experienced with a TI product or even some of the BAD the rest of us ought to beware.....
Put yourself in the drivers seat, and take us on a tour of your TI (but not FOR-A-RIDE). Here's "YOUR "chance to be a BIG CHEESE with your name up in lights (well, maybe not lights, but you get—the—drift....) Be next months "SUEST EDITOR" (whatever that is), but be the FIRST ONE to be one! Now's you're chance. I'll even take complaints on the "folkseyness" of this newsletter — but not for long. (This offer void where prohibited, not valid south of the 20th Parallel or in the municipality of greater Sugar Land, — sorry Scotty — grin).





YOU GOT A BUSINESS, GET THE WORD OUT !

The MUG membership is quite a varied group of individuals ranging from pre-schoolers learning numbers and the A-B-C's all the way up to businessmen who use their machines to "bring home the bacon". Without realizing it, we have gathered quite a congloweration of individuals with differing backgrounds and talents. You know, we OUGHT to take advantage of these talents. How long ago was it that you were looking for someone "you can trust" to help you out in one fashion or other. It might have concerned your personal income taxes, repairing your car or house or even a problem with your business. I don't know the background of all of our members, but I am sure that we do have many individuals who have a skill that you may need. Now I'm NOT talking freebies here, just hard working individuals one can trust (I mean they "ARE "99'ers after all) to do an honest job for a fair price. I'm in the process of compiling a resource list of goods and services available from HUG members. If you are interested in getting on this list please contact me either by HUG-TIBBS, at the meeting or by phone. We are starting a business card classified section. If you are interested in having your card listed (see the classified section) please advise. The latest count shows we have a little over 140 members along with 41 exchange groups nationwide (including Canada). That's a sizable group of individuals to have as potential clients.

HUG LIBRARY CATALOG ADDENDUM May 1987

0225 GRAPES OF WRATHESIB

Mike Stanfill's adaptation of "Grapes of Wrath" game. Sreat fun. 27 sectors

0226 BONDO:: Adventure Module red.

Adventure game by Buffalochip. Submitted by Bob Viering. 53 sectors

0227 ROBBERSSIB

A bank robbery game. Submitted by Sam Bishop. 24 sectors

0228 DANDIT##EA/5

A cute assembly language game submitted by Phillip Majorella. 33 sectors

0229 COMPUTER : MASVENTURE CARTRIDGE ROD.

A "Tunnel of Doom" game. Great fun. 52 sectors

1128 RLE-CHAIR\$189F/128 Printer required

A picture of a room that can be printed out using Program #1078. 37 sectors

1129 RLE-RALPH11DF/128 Printer required

A picture of a comic strip character that can be printed out using Program #1078. 19 sectors

1130 RLE-SAMMY 1136 Printer required

A line drawing of "Samey" that can be printed out using Program #1078. 22 sectors

1131 RLE-TISER##8F/128 Printer required

A great drawing of a tiger's head that fills a page that can be printed out using Program #1078. 81 sectors

3061 ASTRO CONVERTERSSIB

A program written by Tony Johnson that will convert various items such as miles to kilometers, miles to light years, miles to astronomical units, decimal degrees to minutes and seconds, etc. 28 sectors

3062 MULTIPLICATION IISSID OR TI BASIC

A program written by John Eng to help children with multiplication problems. 7 sectors

4277 CALENDAR PAKSSIB Printer required

A "Fairware" program by Richard Bailey. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Frints out a choice of 7 different sized calendars. Requires Semini/Epson type printers. 191 sectors

4278 BISK DOCTORSSEA/3

Disk Doctor Version 1.3 by Galen Read will fix fractured files. Will not work with Corcomp Disk Controller Card. 26 sectors

4279 HENU PLANSSIB

Plan a week's meal menu with this program adapted from IBM by Don Lobelle. 24 sectors

4290 INVOICE 1881B Printer required

This program will print a business invoice and make calculations. Originally written by Bill Knecht & adapted by James Oliver. 14 sectors

4281 TI WRITESSTI-Writer Bisk

Enhancements and patches for the TI-Writer files. Fixes several bugs. Also allows files to be loaded from E/A. a loader program, Super Cart or Horizon Ram Disk. Written by Michael Ballman. 103 sectors

4282 INSTA PRINTSSIB Printer required

The world's smallest word processor. 17 sectors

4283 CATALOG MANAGERSSEA/3 Frinter required

Catalog your disks with this program. Sorts in 1 second. Saves file in DV/80 format. Prints out in 2 columns. Submitted by Cy Leonard. 41 sectors

4284 SYSHEIGHER

A menu program built around Systex-loader but with added frills. Submitted by Jim Fisher. 17 sectors

4285 ARCHIVER IIIIIB

New version of Archiver written by Barry Boone. Compatible with Barry Traver's program. Very fast. 26 sectors

4286 FAST-TERM V 1.16881B

This a new version of Fast-Term which includes an one key "Auto-Dialer" written in Assembly Language by R. Jones of FLUS. It is not a repeat dialer. Comes with complete documentation. 291 sectors

4287 RAG LINKSSIB Frinter recommended

A "Fairware" program by R.A. Green. A tool for building assembler language memory image programs from tagged object code. Comes with complete documentation. 231 sectors

5267 EASTER 1987111B

A cute Easter card with graphics and music by T. Murphy. 38 sectors

NEW ADVERTISING FEATURE:

I borrowed a great idea from ROM Newsletter (Orange County U.S., 1107 Primrose Br. Orange, CA. 92668) this month and an incorporating it into the HUS Newsletter. Beginning this month you'll note a new section devoted exclusively to business cards. The subject matter is open to ALL categories, which includes non-computer advertising. During the ensuing months, I'll spread these "card-ads "throughout the newsletter to make for easier reading and higher visibility. If you have any goods or services you would like to offer the HUS membership contact me regarding the placing of an ad or mail a business card to the return address of this newletter. Single month placement of an eight line business card will cost just \$2 and a full year for only \$15. Imagine, having you or your company's name out in front of the HUS membership and national exchange user groups of an ENTIRE year for ONLY \$15. You'll not find a more reasonable advertising format anywhere!

Wayne E. Wright

US Tech

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Commercial Advertising Rates

Individual HUG Members

ITEMS

Full Page:	\$15.00/mo	List your "PERSONAL"
Half "	\$10.00 "	hardware/software ITEME
1/4 "	\$ 7.50 "	wanted or for sale for
1/8 "	\$ 5.00 "	> "F R E E" <
minimum	\$ 3.00 "	in this section.

(inq. about Multi-Mo. disc.)

FOR SALE

PRINTER: Comrex 1 daisy wheel printer. This is the Epson version of the Brother HR-1. Speed around 20 CPS. \$150.00 Also:

SYSTEM: 2 silver consoles, PEB w/2 DSDD Quae drives, 32K, RS232, Corcomp DD Contrle XB, Mini-Mem, E/A, TIW, Multiplan, Approx 25 sodules, 200 disks of progs, magazines, extra PS for drives, also 300 baud modem. \$550.00 -JERRY ILLING (713) 664-7059 (home) or (713) 666-9880 (office)

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COMPLETE SYSTEM: Black & Silver Console, PEB, RS232, TI Disk Controller, 2 SS Drives, 32K, TI Printer, Joysticks, Modes, Zenith Monochrose Cassette, Monitor, spare console, books, disks. \$400.00 - 6ARY MUX (713) 991-0979 or leave essg on HUG-TIBBS.

FOR SALE

Teac SSSD 1/2 height Disk Drive \$40.00. - WAYNE JOBE (713) 654-6052 or leave essg on HUG-TIBBS.

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SYSTEM FOR SALE: Black & silver console, PEB, TI Disk controller, Myarc RS232, 32K, Speech Synthesizer, MBX system, XB, E/A, TIW, BM-2 and disk software. \$400.00 - ERIK KEELINE (713) 528-1425 or leave assg on HUG-TIBBS.

11 SYSTEM: \$300 Includes console, PBOX with quiet fan, 32K card, RS232, EA, XB, TI-W, Multiplan, cables, MANY disks, books, mags. Also:

Andek COLOR MONITOR: \$175, Anchor 1200-B MODEM: \$150 - DON LEWIS (713) 353-5295

FOR SALE

MEVER USED "NEW" SOFTWARE with manuals: 4A/TALK Terminal Emulator \$12.00, GRAPHI COMPANION III \$5.00, MG NIGHT MISSION Game \$6.00 (cassette w disk version included on cassette). Also:

BOOKS IN NEW CONDITION: Best of 99er \$10, BASIC TIPS by Amlist \$12, SAMS Tool Kit Series \$2.50, SAMS BASIC Ref. Manual \$3.50, SAMS Basic Tricks \$2. - BILL KNECHT, leave eessage on HUG-TIBBS.

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Place LISTINGS: free YOUT advertisement "personal" here ("current" HUG members only).

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Houston User's Group

HUG Newsletter
c/o Kim Peterson

Houston, Tex. 77099-2244

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NOTICE!

This will be the "LAST" issue for those members whose membership has expired as of June, 1987 (8706). "BE SURE" to check your address label! For any problems - questions, call BOB McCARTHY @ 955-7939.

FIRST CLASS