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January Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on our normal FOURTH Monday of the month. This will be our library night. We will have the club's library available for preview. So come and request demonstrations of different programs from our large list.

Monday, January 28, 1985 7:00 pm Special Education Center 1255 Beulah St., Hanford

Minutes:

As you are probably aware we did not hold a meeting in December (because of Christmas being on the fourth Tuesday). At our November meeting we had a very sucessful pot luck dinner. The turn out was small, but the food was GREAT! Somehow, as if we had planned it, we had a fantastic tasting and well balanced dinner. Following the dinner we were all treated to a demonstration and hands on experience with the Sketch Pad. We discovered there were some talanted artists in the group.

Christmas Past:

Now that we have survived another Christmas, I hope Santa brought you everything you wanted, especially everything you wanted for the computer. I know that my son received so many modules we're running out of storage room. He also got a Milton Bradley Expansion System to add to the computer. So now when he talks to the computer it really listens (and does something about it). With all the stories about this being the end of the TI produced modules (don't worry there are pleanty of other companies out there producing software now) and the fantastic prices. It seems like we bought one of everything, The MBX system is like science fiction.

Library Appeal:

We still need members for our library co-op. Remember, by joining our library you can have FREE copies of any/or all of the programs in the library. This privilege is good for a FULL year . (see the applicatin and reprint of the first article we wrote about the library elsewhere in the newsletter-only inserted in nonlibrary member's newsletters).

Remember, for existing library members, if you want copies of any programs-bring blank cassettes or INITIALIZED disks to the meeting with a list of the programs you want, depending on how many you want, we will either make the copies for you after the meeting or during the month and have them for you at the next meeting.

Tigercub Hints:

Since we did not publish a December newsletter this edition will contain two of Jim Petersons great editions of hints. By the way, as I have said before if you are looking for some great program bargins, you can't do better than ordering some of his programs and we have his latest catalog.

Extended Basic:

A third party company, Exceltec Inc. (formerly Sunware Inc.), P.O. Box 54380, Lubbock, Tx 79543, has finally come out with a non TI produced version of Extended Basic. There version is supposed to be identical to the TI produced version. This type of news is well received because it means the big companies are still supporting us. Lets not forget to support them!

Selection of Printer Fonts:

For those of you who are interested, the November edition of the LA TopIcs has a list of 11 short commands to pre-set a Gemeni printer. Even if you don't have a Gemeni this same system will work on your printer with a few modifications found in your manual. If you are interested in how to make your printer type in italic, elite, double strike, etc. see this interesting article on pages 8 & 9 of the L A Users Group newsletter (in the blue binder, of course).

Pin Locations:

In the past years several people have asked about a wiring diagram and pin locations for the various ports. Rather than reproduce this excellent diagram, let me refer you to a full page wiring diagram on page 7 of the November edition of the Atlanta Call Newsletter (also in the famous blue binder). If you are interested you can make copies at the meeting on the 28th.

Educational Software Bargins:

Scott, Foresman and Company is now selling their educational modules (origionally 39.95 each) for only \$4.95 each (Reading Skills 1st-6th grade, Math action Games K-8th and Math Courseware 1st-8th grades) If interested see me or Jeani for a list and the company address (this is a direst mail purchase only).

Baby Elephant Walk:

Looking for a clever program to type? The December issue of the Rocky Mountain Tic Talk has a great program reproduced from the Sydney News Digest. Well worth the effort to type in , in Extended Basic.

ABCs:

Trying to teach a pre-schooler their ABCs? The December edition (see page 9) of the L A TopIcs has a good program to type in, again thanks to our Austrailian friends.

Blue Binders:

As you can see from the past several articles, there is a lot to be gained from newsletters from the others users groups. For our newer members information, we keep all of these newsletters filed in large blue binders. These binders, one with newsletters, the other with current third party advertisements sent to the club, are always brought to the meetings for your use. We also have access to an excellent copy machine so you can copy articles, programs etc. for only 10 cents per page. The copy machine will also enlarge small type, making the typing in of some programs much easier.

Raffle:

Don't forget to bring articles for our monthly raffle. Each club member is asked to bring (or send) a minimum of one item per year (more is gladly accepted, in fact several of us bring almost monthly, the more items brought the more successful the raffle). Items donated can be a module you no longer need, a program you wrote, a program you typed in. Remember, this is a fun way for all of us to support our club, and an inexpensive way to enlarge your personal library. Please remember to bring or send in a donation to this months raffle.

Library Again:

Don't forget to join and use the library!

Suprise:

Well it finally happened this week! On Saturday, and the last Saturday in 1984, we finally received the March edition of Home Computer Magazine (please don't ever say our newsletter is slow!) It (when it comes out) is still the best computer magazine that supports the TI 99/4A. At least they keep extending our subscription. Now the second miricle would be to receive an issue of Enthusiast 99.

One Line Programs:

Speaking of Home Computer Magazine, they have a current contest (for all four of the different computers the magazine is written for), to write a ONE line program in any language the computer will handle. This editions winner was the one written for the TI (naturally). See page 34 for a good one line program, written in Extended Basic (\$50.00 for a one line program sounds good!).

Promising Statistics:

Again quoting Home Computer Magazine. The majority of the "closeting" is done and what is left is real positive use of the TI 99/4A. In fact according to their survay information, 40% of the owners are currently adding to or expanding their systems or purchasing back up computers (speaking of that Jeani can still get new computers, expansion boxes with disk drives, fantastic deals on the end of the TI software-especially the libraries).

Second Request:

The clubs library is still badly in need of a donation of a 50 disk flip file. Help!

Chain Letters:

We (the users group) have received our second set of pyramid or chin letters, other users groups have mentioned the same thing. Maybe we should take advantage to the fabulous "Blue Chip Birthday Club", the "Bible Power" crusade or how about the "American Dream"? Depending on which sucker letter we would respond to we are "guaranteed " to receive up to \$64,000.00 in just the very first year. Do you think we dare let this gloden opprotunity pass us by?

Numeric Keypad:

Interested in adding a numeric key pad? The January issue of the Rocky Mountain 99ers newsletter, contains a two page article on how to adapt a used surplus keypad, the type with seperate spring type switches, to direct wire connect to the TI 99/4A (sorry, but it won't work on the TI 99/4).

I HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN STOCK. ALL BUT THE ENTERTAINMENT PACK AND VALUE PACK COME IN BEAUTIFUL PADDED BINDERS. ALL PACKAGES COME WITH PLASTIC BINDER INSERTS TO HOLD YOUR CARTRIDGES. CALL ME OR SEE ME AT THE MEETING IF YOU WANT ONE BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE.

SPEAKING SPELLING TEACHER \$29.00

- 4 cartridges & 4 workbooks
- * level 3
- level 4
- * level 5
- * level 6

HOME FINANCIAL MANAGER \$15.00

- · 3 cartridges
 - * Home Financial Decisions
 - · Household Budget Nanagement
 - * Personal Real Estate

THE MUSIC EDUCATOR \$15.00

- 1 cartridge & 1 cassette
 - * Music Maker
 - · Music Skills Trainer

THE ELEMENTRY EDUCATOR \$19.00

- 3 cartridges
- * Beginning grammar
- Addition & Subtraction I
- · Early Learning Fun

THE FAMILY ENTERTAINER \$15.00

- 3 cartridges
- * The Attock
- * A-Maze-ing
- · Hunt The Wumpus

THE ARCADIAN SPECIAL \$15.00

- 3 cartridges
- + Tombstone City
- + T.I. Invaders
- * Car Wars

INTRODUCTION SPECIAL \$19.00

- 3 cartridges
- * Household Budget Management
- * T.I. Invaders
- * Multiplication I

VARIETY PACK \$19.00

4 cassettes

- * Beginner's Basic Tutor (8 lessons)
- * Personal Financial Aids (3 programs to help you)
- * Oldies But Goodies I Word Scramble Number Scramble Biorythm Factor Foe Tic Tac Toe
- * Market Simulation (a great educational game)

ENTERTAINMENT PACK \$29.00

- 5 cartridges & 1 cassette

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- * Parsec
- * Adventure
- * Blasto
- * Connect Four
- * Oldies But Goodies II Hammurabi
- . Hidden Pairs
- · Peg Jump
- 3D Tic-Tac-Toe
- · Word Safari

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