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June Meeting:

This month we will have a demonstration of Dragon Slayer, spelling checker program. Several people have asked about this type of program to use with TI Writer and other word processing programs. We will also use the TI Writer program, this will be an audience participation program, so those of you who use TI Writer come prepared to share your favorite tricks.

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May Minutes:

Billy demonstrated Navarone's new Paint N Print. Thanks to a couple of our friendly members for bringing their Axiom printers, we were able to see a printout of the demonstration picture Billy drew at home. According to Navarone it takes about two weeks to become proficient with the program. However, the program arrived from Navarone the Friday before our Monday meeting, which didn't allow much time to get used to the program. We would like to express our special thanks to Navarone for letting us preview this FANTASTIC program. We highly urge you to purchase their fine products.

Following the Paint N Print demonstration, Don Thurber gave us a short review of data base programs. Then he demonstrated Navarone's Data Base Management program. He used a simple program format using the users group roster. One of the things he stressed is not to fill your disk more than half full, in order to leave room to sort and allow space to place the items sorted. One of his comments was to the effect that the program is fantastic, but the manual was as bad as some of the old TI manuals-leaves a lot to be desired-HOWEVER, Navarone now has new manuals and will send them to anyone who has the old manual.

Again thanks to Billy, Don and Navarone for a most informative evening.

By the way, it was nice to have such a large crowd-spread the word and let's have a big turnout AGAIN this month.

Membership Renewal:

Remember, our users group membership goes from July 1 to June 30. With that in mind, all memberships will expire at the end of this month. Please send your renewal form back by mail or bring it to the June meeting, at the latest. We will not be able to afford to carry over unpaid memberships as we have done in past years. If your newsletter contains a renewal form, that means we did not receive your 1985-86 dues, return the form immediately.

Computer Clock:

For those of you who missed out on the computer clock I spoke of and illustrated in the April newsletter, Allards in Fresno has these for sale for only \$2.99. Walk in and pick one up.

Reminder:

If you enjoy the Tiger Cub hints from Jim Peterson: 1) We have all of his hints , starting with #1 (check the blue binder) 2) Better yet, order some of his programs, they are great! Plus your ordering will allow him to continue to produce his hints, they are only available through users groups.

New Items:

Last month we (the users group) received an ad from RAMPOR. According to their brochure, their product will "TI Menu Access, menu screen access for assembly language programs; ROM module Backup, copies all non banked ROM only cartridges to disk; Memory Expansion, 8k of unbanked memory allows larger user written programs (expands usable memory from 32k to 40k); Romlock, prevents accidental overwrites in language such as FORTH". According to their disclaimer "RAMPOR cartridge backup capability is intended for personal cartridge backup only" Their suggested retail price is \$57.50 or \$50.00 if three or more people order jointly through the users group. Order forms and further information are in the blue binder.

Jeani can now order you a buffer card for your expansion box. With this installed in your expansion box you will no longer have to wait for the printer. You can transfer-immediatly-up to 45 pages of material, give a print command and then continue to use your computer as your printer does its own thing. Plus as an added benefit, the total print time is reduced . If interested see Jeani.

Geneology:

Several of our members are interested in geneology. The April edition of the Central Ohio newsletter has a very good review of the program GENEOLGY WORKSHOP on pages 16 and 17. If interesasted in this excellent use of your computer (what a fantastic combination of two hobbies) see Jeani, we would like to know who else shares this interest.

Additional Data Base:

In addition to Jeani's and Don's excellent information on data base, there was an excellent data base review on page 8 of the May issue of the LA TopIcs newsletter.

Banner:

Want to know how to print a block letter banner lengthwise on computer paper? See the program on page 14 of the May issue of the LA newsletter (the program origionally appeared in the Milwaukee Area Users Group newsletter).

Graphics with TI Writer:

If interested in including graphic in your text see the article on pages 6 and 7 of the May issue of the Denver newsletter. This, like all other users groups newsletters are kept in the blue binders for your use.

Disk Mailer Protection:

Want a short program that will print out labels to protect your disks in the mail? See page 4 of the May issue of the Riverside newsletter.

Raffle:

We would like to remind you to continue to support our monthly raffle. Members are asked to bring items to the meeting to donate. At the May meeting we had: Mystry Melody, Sams 51 Fun and Educational Programs, a Scott Adams Adventure, a TI Hangman and two kits to turn your single sided disks to double sided (or to properly notch double density/double sided disks). We have two more of these kits for the June raffle, what will you bring?

COMPUTER LITERACY

TIPS FROM NEIL E WEBNER

I'm far from being a expert programmer, but perhaps you'll enjoy a few programming shortcuts that have helped me.

(1) If you're programming your tax return and have trouble keeping track of all of the variables, try this. Assign names to the variables that correspond to the appropriate line #.

For instance, assign variable L9A to the value of dividends, variable L9B to the exclusion of \$100 for a single return or \$200 for a joint return, and variable L9C to the resulting subtt..

I keep the variables for the tax form separate from variables on worksheets by assigning variable names to worksheet entries with the prefix "W". Tax form variables have the prefix "L".

(2) If you've done any charting, you know how imprecise it is work with a screen that contains only 24 rows. To chart stocks with precision, that's just not enough to show each one-eighth of a point change.

I solved that problem by using each of the eight pixels in a row of a character position. Each pixel in ascending order represents an incremental one-eighth of a point.

Now I can show on the screen a swing of 24 points in a stock's price.

(3) Are there any options traders out there?

I have a fairly nifty program to analyze the results of various options trades at a range of stock prices.

What I need is a program to analyze fair market value of options at various striking prices and expiration

BY BRIAN BOGGS

What is meant by the term computer literacy? A definition of the concept is as follows. To be computer literate, one must be able to define, demonstrate, and/or discuss:

- *How computers are used
- *How computers do their work
- *How computers are programmed
- *How to use a computer
- *How computers affect our society

Computer literacy education begins with an appreciation of the immense capabilities of the computer and also an awareness of its limitations and its complete dependence upon human guidance. The student learns how to use the computer intelligently as a tool. Computer literacy education is the key that will unlock the potential both of the computer, and more importantly, of the computer user.

The computer has a very important application in the classroom in the teaching of the problem solving process. This process consists of an algorithm (method of computational procedure) development, and representing the mechanics of problem solving has helped make the study of mathematics, chemistry, physics, and other subjects more dynamic and individual experience for the student. The computer has also eliminated many tedious calculations that were once required to solve complex problems.

During the past few years, a large number of secondary schools have graduated students with BASIC programming experience and a basic knowledge of microcomputers. Today, many elementary and junior high schools are teaching computer literacy and giving the students hand on experience in solving problems.

What are your opinions?????

Professional Computer:

We have just received a package from TI (remember them?). They are offering the professional computer at a fantastic savings (I didn't do the math, but it looks like about 45% off the list price), plus they are throwing in a 300 baud internal modem. If interested see Bill at the June meeting-offer expires August 19th.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance (May 1st)		\$150.62
Deposit: dues & Lib.	\$83.00	
Raffle	12.50	

	95.50	95.50

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Paid out:		
Newsletter printing	\$21.24	
Ray Graf-loan payment	20.00	

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		\$204.88

Membership Renewal:

If you have NOT paid your 1985-86 dues renewal this is your LAST issue of the newsletter> Please do your self a favor and send in the enclosed renewal form TODAY. The club can only be as successful as YOUR participation makes it.

Thank you:

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Harry and Frank at the Fresno GEMCO for all their referrals. As customers ask about TI products they always take the time to tell them about our users group. Thanks again.

Bargins Galore:

Even though Jeani can generally beat the price on modules and various perephials, the latest Triton catalog has several fantastic bargings. For those of you who do not have complete setups: TI Writer 49.95, Multiplan 49.95 and Extended Basic 49.95. Jeani can get you a stand alone 32k memory expansion (you need 32k to run any of these bargins) for only 100.00. If anyone in the club has an expansion box without the memory expansion let us know, one of our members has an extra memory card.

Diskettes:

A couple of months ago we ordered diskettes at a good bulk reduced rate. If enough people are interested, we will place an order at our June meeting. Double sided, double density disks for only \$1.15 each, these are Nashua disks. Our order must be in multiples of 50 and prepaid. (You don't have to order 50, but the total order must be in multipless of 50,100,etc.) Also, we ask that people ordering disks be willing to donate one blank disk to the club's library. (If you would rather donate a full one; that's even better, that's how the library grows.)

Library Reminder:

Remember to join and use the library, the programs are there for you to share.

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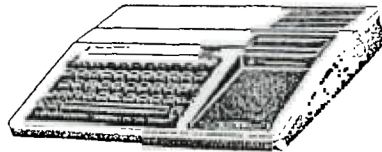
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