
CONGRATULATIONS DAVID RENKENBERGER !!!

DAVID WINS A YEARS MEMBERSHIP TO THE USER'S GROUP.
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ENTERING !!!

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

TI has sent us a copy of the Software Directory as promised. It has a complete listing of all the software available for the 99/4A.

Jeff Bowen has promised to write up a review of Z-Bert. Hopefully other software developers will send us programs to critique. Indy is planning to invite Ed Wiest from TI to speak; we will try to arrange an agreement so our group may attend.

ADDITIONS TO SOFTWARE LIBRARY

BASIC:

Chase - Game
Air-Sea Battle - Game (very good opening)
Alpine Skiing - Game (very good)
Index of Tapes - Utility
Alphabetizing Sub-Program - Utility
Choropleth Map - Business
Overland Flow - Utility
Pyramid Adventure - Game
San Francisco Tourist - Game

EXTENDED BASIC:

Helicopter Attack - Game
Connect Four - Game
Freeway - Game
Indy 500 - Game
Game of Duck - Game
Home Value Estimator - Utility
Krazy Koala - Game
Chuck-A-Luck - Game
Rule of 78 -Financial

ANSWER TO PUZZLE

Here are the Twenty words which are found in the puzzle published last month:

Computer	Joystick	Module	Basic	Speech	Cassette	Disk
Monitor	Printer	Program	Sprite	Command	Subprogram	Load
Run	Save	Error	Memory	Characters		Strings

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CES SHOW

Bill Jones of the Hoosier U.G. reports that Atari, Milton Bradley and Disney will be announcing modules for the TI. TI has introduced a new card for the P-Box. The Video Disk Controller Card allows integration of computer program control over video recordings. For example, you watch a lesson on assembly of an army machine gun. The computer then quizzes the viewer. If you miss a question, the computer goes back to the frame with the correct answer, showing you your mistake.

NEW MEETING SITE

We are going to be meeting at NIPSCO from now on. The NIPSCO building is located on West Main Street, across from the Miami County Lumber Company and next to Farm Bureau Co-Op. It is West of the intersection of Business 31 and Main Street. The meeting room is upstairs. If you need more direction please call one of the officers.

Next Meeting Dates:

JULY 12, 27

AUG 9, 24

Meetings at 7:00 pm.

QUESTIONS

Mail or Bring forms to:
Miami Co. Area 99/4A HCUG
163 West Third
Peru,In 46970

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

In an attempt to allow everyone to participate in the group's activities we have written the following questionnaire. Please return it to the Group before July 12th.

COMPUTER FAIR

Greg is coordinating the Computer Fair,so please contact him at 472-1202.

What part of your system can you bring?

- _____ Console
- _____ Cassette Recorder
- _____ Monitor
- _____ Speech synthesizer
- _____ Software (NO games)

The hours of the Fair will be from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. What one or two hour period can you help man the booth? We will be passing out literature and showing software to interested people.

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| _____ 9 - 10 | _____ 11 - 12 | _____ 1 - 2 | _____ 3 - 4 |
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CLASSES

Please check off those areas in which you would like more education.

- _____ Basic
- _____ Extended Basic
- _____ Assembly
- _____ Technical aspects of the computer
- _____ Other (please specify)

Please Rank the following areas according to how well you feel you know them.
(3=very well, 2=avg., 3=No knowledge)

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| ___ Basic | _____ Speech |
| ___ X-Basic | _____ Sprites |
| ___ Assembler | _____ Graphics |
| ___ Music | _____ Other (specify) _____ |

Please check off those areas that you would be available for future teaching or tutoring.

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| _____ Basic | _____ Speech |
| _____ X-Basic | _____ Sprites |
| _____ Music | _____ Graphics |
| _____ Other (specify) _____ | |

Check off those committees on which you would like to serve.

- _____ Newsletter
- _____ Organizing tutoring or teaching sessions
- _____ Program committee
- _____ Reviewing new software/hardware releases
- _____ Software Library
- _____ Liason with other area User's Groups.

If you have any suggestions or comments that might help us to better serve your needs,please include them on a separate sheet of paper.

The following program (in Basic) will sort a list of strings into alphabetical order. There is one problem, however, the program will not sort items into order past the first letter. How can this program be fixed?

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100 REM SORT A LIST INTO ALPHABETICAL ORDER
120 REM INPUT ITEMS INTO LIST
130 REM WHEN FINISHED TYPE "*"
140 DIM A$(900)
150 CALL CLEAR
160 N=1
170 FOR X=1 TO 900
180 INPUT A$(X)
190 IF A$(X)="*" THEN 240
200 IF A$(X)="" THEN 170
210 N=N+1
220 NEXT X

230 REM SORT LIST
240 Y=65
250 CALL CLEAR
260 IF ASC(A$(X))=Y
    THEN 280 ELSE 290
255 FOR X=1 TO N
260 PRINT A$(X)
290 NEXT X
300 Y=Y+1
310 IF Y=91 THEN 330
320 GOTO 255
330 END
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SOFTWARE LIBRARY

Enclosed is an up-to-date software library index. The next index will be published in January. New members will receive current listings when they join, everyone else is expected to keep their list current from the newsletter announcements.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To our new members I would like to say welcome. To our old members I would like to say thank you for bringing in many new members. As our membership grows we will be able to offer more and better services to everyone. As you know, we have outgrown our original meeting place. Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has been kind enough to allow us to meet in their building on Business 24 West beginning with our first meeting in July. It is unusual for a private corporation to allow meetings such as this so let's show our appreciation by keeping the trust.

During a previous Officers Meeting we discussed ways to improve group participation. The letterhead contest for the Newsletter came about through suggestions at that meeting. We are still looking for other activities that would stimulate members to work with and learn more about their computers. If you have any suggestions please feel free to pass them along to myself or any of the other Officers. We are currently running another contest. This time the prize goes to the member who brings in the most new members by December 31st this year. So let's get out there and find more 99/4A users! Along that line, I have finished the copy for a mailer to be sent to all registered 99/4A owners in this area. This should be mailing soon, courtesy of Texas Instruments.

Our group will be participating in the upcoming Computer Fair sponsored by the Miami County Computer Society. The fair will be held Saturday, July 23 from 9:00AM to 5:00PM in the North corridor of the courthouse. Yes, for those of you who are quick on dates, that is during the Circus City Festival. With thousands of people downtown for the parade and other activities we should get a lot of exposure. We will be displaying three systems: 1. A fully expanded system with PE box, memory expansion, disk drive and printer. 2. A system with console and cassette recorder for storage. 3. A bare console running plug-in cartridges. TI has donated a Meteor Multiplication cartridge for our use and is sending some brochures to pass out. By the way, the Computer Society has banned game software during the fair. I whole-heartedly agree with this rule! We want to show that Home Computers are more than expensive (?) toys. We are looking for volunteers who can help man our display. If you can help contact me at 472-1202. Even if you can't help, please stop by the fair and say hello!

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I do believe I have rambled enough for this issue, after all we want to mail this with one stamp! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting and remember it is at the NIPSCO building.

Greg Greenwald

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