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NEWSLETTER

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CLASSES OFFERED

Beginning October 11th, the Miami County Area 99/4A Home Computer User's Group will offer a series of six Tuesday night classes to help familiarize members with programming in TI Basic. Although these classes will be aimed at those members with no programming experience, everyone should find something of interest. Topics to be covered include: Inputting and Outputting, Creating Subroutines, Using Arrays and forming Conditional Loops.

This class is being offered at no charge and is available only to group members. In order to participate members will be asked to bring the following:

1. TI 99/4A console
2. Cassette deck with interface cables
3. TV or Monitor (BW Acceptable)
4. User's Reference Guide
5. Extension Cord

So as to allow hands on experience with the computers, we will try to have only two people or a single family to a system.

Also, we are asking interested group members to fill out the attached registration form and return it to Cindy Cattin as soon as possible. If your form is not received by October 8th, you will be asked to wait for the next opportunity to take this course.

If you really want to get the most out of your computer you need to speak its language. This course affords you the opportunity to learn just that. Let's see if we can get 100% participation.

NEW SOFTWARE

Because of a lack of space in this issue, I have only listed the titles of the newest software.

Basic:

Counting Fun	Chomp
Sketches	Chopper
Switch A Row	Frogger
Tax Estimator	Wumpus
Record Collection	Raceway
Rag Wagon	Sam Slot
Space War	TI Towers
Snakes & Ladders	Enemy Attack
Robot	Tic-Tac-Toe
Harrried Housewife	Maze Race
Lunar Lander II	

Extended Basic:

Diamond Drop	Mainline
Connect Four	Closeout
Cacti Kill	Egg Wars
Golf	Cat & Mouse
Air Traffic Controller	Island Jumper
Alien Destroyer	Dog Fight
Air Rescue	Piano
Verbose(speech)	Stock Records
ReadFast	TI Cadette
Learning the Alphabet	Sprite Editor
Mystery Spell	DogFight
Insanity	Dodge'em
Interplanetary Rescue	

TE II

Rocky Robot sings Old MacDonald

BOOK REVIEW

The User's Guide to Texas Instruments TI 99/4A Computer, Software, & Peripherals by the Editors of Consumer Guide was sent to the Group.

When I first opened this book I thought "what a good book for someone who knows absolutely nothing about computers." But, as I sat down to actually read it I found many inaccuracies. The data may have been correct when it was written, but it is definitely not correct now, nor has it been correct for several months.

As an example, The book states on page 60 that you MUST have a serial printer to operate with your TI. This has not been true since the RS-232 card has been available.

In conclusion, this book is outdated already, and really inaccurate when it talk about upgrading a system.

BEST OFFERS

We have received many flyers advertising the Expansion Box Offer. The best price so far is \$399.95 plus \$10.00 shipping from Calculators, Inc. They are offering the Box, Disk Drive, Disk Controller, and 32K Memory Expansion; plus your choice of: TI-Writer, TI-Multiplan, or TI-Logo II. For details of this offer contact Cindy Cattin at 473-3776.

Softworx is interested in marketing cassette based software. Interested programmers can contact me for their address.

Steve Davis Publishing has just announced a new book. Introduction To Assembly Language For The TI Home Computer was written by Ralph Molesworth "for the person who is familiar with Basic but cannot understand the Editor/Assembler Manual. There are program examples included that may be used by those with Editor/Assembler or Mini-Memory." The price is \$16.95. Tenex will be the first distributor to receive shipment and we have an order placed. If anyone else wants a book, please let me know.

Membership:

Annual Membership is \$12.00 payable each January. Membership entitles each member to access to the Software Library, voting and meeting privileges, and receipt of this newsletter.

Submitting Articles:

We actively recruit articles from the membership. Please give credit when submitting a non-original article. Entry deadline is the Fourth Wednesday meeting.

Meetings:

Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday (business meeting) and the Fourth Wednesday (workshop & classes) of each month. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the NIPSCO building located on State Road 24 West of Peru. For more information contact Greg Greenwald, 472-1202 or Les Cattin, 473-3776.

Classes will be held every Tuesday at NIPSCO starting October 11.

SHORTCUTS

We have found the useful Control Codes mentioned in PUG. You use these codes by pressing the Control Key and the key designated at the same time. When you list the program, the complete word is given, not the abbreviation. These Codes only work in Extended Basic.

(CTRL)	; PRINT	/ AND
=	CALL	1 TO
2	STEP	8 OPTION
9	OPEN	0 THEN
A	ELSE	B ::
F	GOTO	G GOSUB
H	RETURN	I DEF
J	DIM	K END
L	FOR	M LET
N	BREAK	O UNBREAK
P	TRACE	Q UNTRACE
R	INPUT	S DATA
T	RESTORE	U RANDOMIZE
V	NEXT	W READ
X	STOP	Y DELETE
Z	REM	