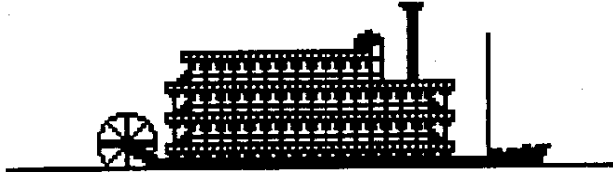


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PRESIDENT'S BIT

by Gary W Cox

At last months meeting we had yet another TI and PC auction where some items were sold for as little as 25 cents! These type of meetings are something not to miss! Plus we had shareware programs obtained in Chicago available for FREE copying and we provided the disks...

At this months meeting we will be having our annual potluck Christmas Party/Meeting! The group will be providing the drinks, cups, plates, forks and knives, you provide the food! Just bring anything such as a covered dish, sandwiches, deserts, chips etc... This is the most important meeting of the year so please make every effort to attend!

I would like to welcome back some previous members, Carlisle Browning in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Tim Walker in Chattanooga, Tennessee and Wallace Knight in Glendale, Arizona. Furthermore, we had several renewals including Lynn Crow, Mac Swope, Marshal Ellis and myself. Please check your mailing lable for dollar signs (\$) to see if your dues are past due.

We will also have available the shareware programs obtained at the Chicago TI Faire at this months meeting and we will be demonstrating some new programs...

As for upcoming TI computer fair's the next one is the Fest West 96 February 17th from 9am until 6pm at the Ramada Inn University located at 1601 Oracle Dr., Tucson, Arizona (800) 777-2999. The faire is being hosted by the Southwest Ninety-Niners, P.O. Box 17E31, Tucson, AZ 85731. For more information call BJ Mathis at (520) 747-5046 or Tom Wills at (520) 886-2460 or the Cactus Patch BBS (520) 290-6277. Tom can also be reached VIA Internet EMAIL at twills@primenet.com.

Following the TI Fest West is the Multi Users Group Conference May 25th. The event in the past has been held in Lima Ohio but this year it is being held in the Cleveland Ohio area at the Ohio National Guard Armory. For more information contact Glenn Bernasek, 13246 Harper Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 or call (after 9pm Eastern time) at (216) 846- 0865 or EMAIL: dd314@cleveland.freenet.edu .

C ya at this months party/meeting....

WHAT'S NEW

----- by Gary W. Cox

Believe it or not a lot is going on in the world lately.

Texcomp is currently having a sale. TI PEB with flex cable interface in original TI packing for only \$35 each. Texcomp is also selling Super AMS memory cards. The Super AMS memory card breaks the 32k barrier allowing for very large programs E/A programs to multiple XB programs using the included SB packer.

The number of SB programs loadable at one time depends on the memory option ordered. . . 128k version is \$85, 256k version (recommended) is \$100 plus \$5 shipping. Texcomp is also selling "Magic Memory" is described as bringing the average user needs right into one handy cartridge. With features like disk manager functions that rival DM1000 and editor assembler loader functions. It also offers the advanced user easu access to many programs that are used regularly like memory manager, advanced sector editor, debugger and editor / assembler. Price is \$49.95. Check out Texcomp's add in the November 1995 Micropendium for more details or contact Texcomp at 1-800-846-3474 or write 425 E. Arrow Hwy. #732, Glendora, Ca. 91740. Send \$2.00 for a 30 age catalog!

Competition Computer of 350 Marcella Way, Millbrae, Ca. 94030: 1-800-471-1600 has quite a collection of hard to find cartridges including a funware cartridge called Schnoz-ola as well as other funware cartridges like St. Nick, Video Vegas, Ambulance, Driving Demon, Hen House, ad Rabbit Trail. Furthermore they have a variety of Navarone nad R.S. Software cartridges. Call for a free TI Buyer's Guide. Competition Computer is also the company providing the public domain and shareware programs for the TI on a CD-ROM. We currently have a demo copy of TERM 80 in ur library which is a new terminal program for the TI/99/4A which allows an 80 column screen on a TI-99/4A without having to have an 80 column card! However, you can order the full version for \$15 from Jeff Brown, 2111 Montreal Rd. #102, Gloucester, Ont., Canada K1J 8M8; (613) 746-1013; email: bb737@freenet.com

Vern Jensen (author of TI Games The Castle and Maze Mania) has announced the release of Virus Attack based on a hit Nintendo game. The game is described as having great graphics, sound effects and music! The program which has been in development now for 2 years is now available and requires XB or E/A, and a SS/SD drive and 32K memory. The program sells for \$15 plus \$2 shipping from Vern L. Jensen, 910 Linda Vista Ave., Pasadena, Ca. 91103.

Other new items is TI BAR CODE to produce bar codes for letters for routing at the post office, available from Ceure Electronics. Work on PC99 TI Emulator for PC's continue to be under way by Mike Wright. A new card for the PEB from Germany speeds up the 4A up to six times its present speed. Bruce Harrison continues to release all sorts of programs and his programming tutorials series in Micropendium has been great! A lot of new items are being developed overseas including many items debuting at a recent TI faire in Germany. At this event a professional stock market analysis program was demonstrated for the TI-99/4A. A teletext package for the TI and Geneve was

shown where when this system is hooked up to a satellite receiver, cable system or broadcast station where information from a teletext service can be captured. . Furthermore many new programs were released such as MYMENU2+, MYBASE, DDI-ICON, TIPSPAIN, GRABBER and PXLGRABBER. . Work on the SCSI card for the 4A and Geneve continue as updated EPROM's add additional features. .

By the way, Bruce Harrison has released three disks full of Christmas music for the TI-99/4A (not Geneve compatible). Ten pieces on 3 SS/SD disks which run in E/A or Extended Basic. Price is \$4 per disk or all three for \$10, defintely a bargain! Send check or money order to Bruce Harrison, 5705 40th Place, Hyattsville, Md. 20781.

This just tops the surface on what all is available now days. . To keep up with the latest subscribe to Micropendium magazine! Cost \$35 a year (U.S.A.) and I also recommend subscribing to their monthly disk full of programs in the magazine (so you do not have to type it in) as well as it contains additional programs not printed in Micropendium! Write to Micropendium at P. O. Box 1343, Roundrock, Tx. 78680 or internet EMAIL: jkoloen@io.com, Genie: J.Koloen or call (512) 255-1512.

- - ANNOUNCING - - TI FEST WEST '96

A Texas Instuments 99/4A and Myarc Geneve
Computer User Convention

Friday, February 16, 1996 (setup)
Saturday, February 17, 1996 - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 18, 1996 - 9:00 AM to Non. (Packup)

FEST WEST '96 IS THE BEST FEST IN THE WEST! !

Fest West in past years has been held in Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Anaheim, Tucson, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles. This year in what promises to be the best Fest West yet, it will again be held in Tucson, Arizona and hosted by the Southwest Ninety Niners User Group.

Fest West will have a new format! Vendors will set up Friday evening and as many people as possible will be pre-registered at the same time. Saturday will be the main Fest West event. Door prizes will be given out during the day, and raffle prizes will be given out at the end of the day. The Hospitality Room will be available for the usual "Fest West gab sessions both Friday and Saturday evenings as late as needed. Vendors will not have to pack up until Sunday morning, so they can join in on the gab sessions.

Dealers, vendors and user groups from all over the United States will be present, offering a ccomplete selection of hardware, software, and accessories for the TI-99/4A and the Myarc Geneve 9640 computers.

Ramada Inn University, 16601 North Oracle Road, Tucson, is giving Fest West attendees great rates at the peak of the

TI-99/4A REFERENCES FROM BYTE MAGAZINE

by Bill Gaskill September 1995

The following information pertaining to the 99/4A was taken from my collection of Byte magazines. I hope you enjoy the reading.

TI AND HP PC SYSTEMS RUMORS

Texas Instruments and Hewlett-Packard continue to maintain tight lips on their rumored personal computer systems. As TI said, "TI will not discuss products that have not yet been announced." However, information has leaked out on these units which are expected to have a tremendous impact on the personal computer market. Several rumors have been reported in previous Byte columns. The latest is that TI will introduce their entry at either the NCC (National Computer Conference) show in June or the Consumer Electronics Show in July. In either event, it is expected to be ready for the 1979 Christmas market.

Both HP and TI are expected to have \$500 list prices for the basic unit. Key retailers have already been approached by both TI and HP to set up for selective distribution. It is rumored that they will favor selected personal computing stores that can do justice to software requirements. (Byte, June 1979, p.129).

TI MICROCOMPUTER PICTURE IN TRANSITION

Although Texas Instruments finally introduced its 99/4 personal computer system in June, it is expected to be an interim product. TI failed to get FCC approval for the original version (of the computer) and also ran into processor production difficulties which forced the introduction of a high-priced personal computer system (\$1150). TI is still pursuing a rule change request with the FCC and the development of its 9985 stripped down version of its 9940 16-bit processor. TI hopes to then introduce a personal computer system for under \$500 which connects to a standard color-television receiver.

TI has also expanded its small business computer (99/7) marketing efforts. The 99/7, which starts at \$5000, will be marketed by Moore Business Forms, through over 750 sales offices as well as through computer stores and TI's own retail outlets. (Byte, Nov 1979, p.81).

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO OWN THE TI HOME COMPUTER

The genius is built right in. Superior color, music, sound and graphics and a powerful extended BASIC...all built in. Plus a unique new Solid State Speech Synthesizer. 26K ROM, Up to 72K total memory capacity, 16-color graphics and a built-in equation calculator. Order now and save \$150. Retail price \$1150, your price \$999.95. Available software includes;

Beginning Grammar \$29.95, Diagnostic \$29.95, Early Learning Fun \$29.95, Early Reading \$29.95, Football \$29.95, Home Financial Decisions \$29.95, Household Budget Management \$44.95, Investment Analysis \$44.95, Personal Record Keeping \$44.95, Physical Fitness \$29.95, Speech Editor \$44.95, Statistics \$44.95, Tax/Investment Record Keeping \$69.95, Video Chess \$69.95, Videc Graphs \$19.95. Factory Direct Sales 1317 East Colorado St. Glendale, CA 91205 213-245-1417. (Byte ad, Nov 1979, p.226).

CTC HAS IT. TI-99/4 CONSOLE AND 13" COLOR MONITOR \$1099

26K ROM extended TI BASIC, 16 color graphics, and music and sound effects. High quality 13" color monitor and 16K RAM user memory. CTC (The Computer People) 5560 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123. (Byte ad, Nov 1979, p.246).

TI RF MODULATOR FCC WAIVER GRANTED

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has granted Texas Instruments a waiver which permits TI to connect its personal computers to home color television receivers using a radio frequency (RF) modulator. TI Originally petitioned the FCC for approval of the RF modulator system in February 1979. The petition was rejected since the regulations require that the complete system be submitted for approval: TI submitted only the RF modulator for approval. Subsequently, Texas Instruments applied for a waiver, provided that the modulator unit met the standards.

The FCC asked other personal computer system manufacturers to comment on the TI request. Radio Shack, Apple Computer, Commodore, Mattel, and Atari responded negatively to the request. Apple, Atari and Mattel went to great expense to comply with the FCC regulations. The Radio Shack and Commodore systems, which contain integral displays and do not use RF modulators, do not come under the FCC regulations.

The FCC decision further waives testing by FCC and merely requires that the manufacturer provide the FCC with test results showing compliance. In a related action, the FCC relaxed the standards on RF interference generated by commercial and personal computer systems.

Several personal computer manufacturers that compete with TI have already stated that this waiver will give TI a competitive advantage. Furthermore, several firms publicly questioned the FCC's rule-making methods in making this decision. The likelihood now is that the other personal computer makers will offer systems with RF modulators. It will probably take these manufacturers at least a year to bring out such competing systems. (Byte, Jan 1980, p.115).

PERSONAL COMPUTER INTRODUCED BY TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

Texas Instruments has introduced a personal computer featuring easy-to-use computing power for personal finance, home

management, family entertainment and education. Designated the Model TI-99/4, the system consists of a console with 16K bytes of programmable memory, a wide range of sound effects, sixteen colors for graphic display, a powerful extended BASIC programming language, and a 13-inch color video monitor.

At the heart of the TI-99/4 is a library of Texas Instruments Solid State Software command modules. These command modules allow users instant program accessibility. Solid State Software command module titles include: Demonstration, Diagnostic, Early Learning Fun, Beginning Grammar, Number Magic, Video Graphs, Home Financial Decisions, Household Budget Management, Video Chess, Football, Physical Fitness, Speech Construction, Investment Analysis, Personal Record Keeping, Statistics, Early Reading and Tax and Investment Record Keeping.

Among peripheral accessories offered is a Solid State Speech Synthesizer with a price of \$150. By building a basic vocabulary into the language system, home programmers can place audible messages in their programs. The speech synthesizer module has a 200-word vocabulary and plugs into the console. Speech can be written into programs using BASIC programming language. Future command modules will call up spoken words automatically.

TI BASIC is a full floating point, 13-digit expanded version of BASIC that is fully compatible with ASCII and the BASIC specifications of the American National Standards Institute. TI BASIC includes a full complement of 24 BASIC statements, 14 commands, color graphics, and sound and music over four full octaves. A Beginner's BASIC Guide for self-teaching comes with the TI-99/4. For users knowledgeable about programming, McGraw-Hill has published Programming Basic With the TI Home Computer, a book by Herbert Peckham.

Remote controls are offered as accessories to the TI-99/4. Two of these controls may be connected to the computer at the same time. Each includes a multiposition (360 degrees) rotary lever with a side-mounted pushbutton. Other accessories offered by Texas Instruments include: a printer, disk storage, and an RS-232 interface for connecting the computer to other electronic devices.

The price for the TI-99/4 system is \$1150. Solid State Software command modules carry prices ranging from \$19.95 to \$69.95 each. For further information contact Texas Instruments Inc. Consumer Relations, Attn TI-99/4, POB 53, Lubbock, TX 79408. (Byte, Jan 1980, p.235).

STREET PRICE of TI-99/4A IS \$329.95

Advertisement from Olympic Sales Corporation 216 South Oxford Ave Los Angeles, CA 90004. Telephone 213-739-1130. (Byte, Apr 1982, p.190).

ADVENTURELAND, CAR WARS, THE COUNT, GHOST TOWN, PYRAMID OF

DOOM and PIRATE ADVENTURE

New software releases from TI. (Byte, May 1982, p.463).

MICROCOMPUTERS CORPORATION

Announces a new catalog and newsletter for the TI-99/4A computer user. The bimonthly TI LOGO SOURCE newsletter is said to be filled with reviews and news of the latest developments in LOGO software. The catalog is packed with lists of available LOGO programs. Both are free from Microcomputers Corporation Box 191 Rye, NY 10580. Telephone 914-967-8370. (Byte, May 1982, p.495).

TI-99/4A \$299

Advertisement from Computer Mail Order West P.O. Box 6689 State Line, NV 89449. (Byte, May 1982, p.424).

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, STRANGE ODYSSEY, TI INVADERS and VOO DOO CASTLE

New software releases from TI. (Byte, Jun 1982, p.487).

THE MARKETPLACE

TI has again slashed the price on its personal computer in an attempt to compete with the likes of the TRS-80 Color Computer, the Atari 400 (both priced at \$399) and the Commodore VIC (\$299). TI's price to dealers is now under \$300 with a suggested \$350 retail price. (The computer was originally introduced with a \$1000 price tag). (Byte, Jul 1982, p.428).

HIGH-RESOLUTION SPRITE-ORIENTED COLOR GRAPHICS

This is an 18 page article on using the TMS9918A chip. Written by noted author Steve Ciarcia of Glastonbury, Connecticut. It is subtitled 'You don't need LOGO to use sprites for animation with the illusion of depth'. (Byte, Aug 1982, p.57).

LOGO IN THE SCHOOLS

This is an 11-page article by Daniel Watt that includes information about The Lamplighter School Logo Project. (Byte, Aug 1982, p.116).

LOGO FOR THE APPLE II, THE TI-99/4A AND THE TRS-80 COLOR COMPUTER

This is a 29-page article by Byte Senior editor Gregg Williams which compares the performance of the LOGO language implementations on these three computers. The TI-99/4A version compared is LOGO I. Comments from Don Eynum discussing enhancements found in LOGO II are included. (Byte, Aug 1982, p.230).

THE LAMPLIGHTER PROJECT

A one and a half page article by Henry Gorman. (Byte, Aug 1982, p.331).

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LOGO ASSOCIATION

A one page article by James H. Muller. (Byte, Aug 1982 p.333).

TURTLE NEWS

The newsletter of the Young People's Logo Association 1208 Hillside Drive Richardson, TX 75081. Attention Jim Muller. Subscriptions are free to children, \$15 for adults. (Byte, Aug 1982, p.428).

CONCORDIUM RELEASED

Product is a strategy and tactics game on floppy disk for \$18. From Data Systems 2214 West Iowa, Chicago, IL 60622 (Oct 1982, p.468).

PERSONAL COMPUTER REBATE OFFERED

Following the example of the auto companies, Texas Instruments inaugurated a \$100 rebate on the 99/4A computer, which now retails for \$299. This is believed to be an attempt to reduce an inventory rumored at between 40,000 and 50,000 units. It also steps up the price war that has developed in the low-cost consumer oriented segment of the personal computer market. It is likely that Commodore, Atari and Tandy will respond with a new round of price cuts if Christmas sales begin to falter. (Byte, Nov 1982, p.542).

VISI-CHECKBOOK RELEASED

Visi-Checkbook is a program that stores a full year's worth of checkbook entries and allows you to balance your checkbook. On cassette for \$12.98. From Design Strategies 69-B Bethel Church Road Jackson, NJ 08527. (Byte, Mar 1983, p.486).

16-BIT COMPUTER COSTS LESS THAN \$100

The TI-99/2 Basic Computer from Texas Instruments may be the first 16-bit computer for less than \$100. Targeted at the technical enthusiast, engineer, and student, the TI-99/2 has a standard typewriter-like keyboard, 4.2K bytes of RAM (random-access read/write memory) that can be expanded to 36.2K bytes, a built-in RF (radio frequency) modulator, and monochrome display capabilities. For expansion, this system is equipped with a rear-panel peripheral interface connector for a variety of units especially designed for it, including an RS-232C interface, a digital tape drive, and a four-color printer/plctter. Later this year, Texas Instruments plans to release other peripherals such as modems, printers, a wand input

device, and a black and white monitor.

The TI-99/2 uses software on solid-state cartridges and cassettes. Initially, two cartridges are available: "Learn to Program", and "Learn to Program BASIC". In addition, 20 cassette-based programs covering education, personal management, and entertainment are scheduled for introduction this quarter. The suggested retail price of each cartridge is \$19.95, and most cassette-based programs cost \$9.95.

The TI-99/2 comes with a video cable and antenna switch for connection to any television, and interface cable that hooks directly to a cassette-tape player, an AC adapter, a user's manual and a demonstration cassette. It costs \$99.95. For details, contact Texas Instruments Inc., Consumer Relations Department POB 10508, M/S 5828, Lubock, TX 79408. Telephone 800-858-4565. (Byte, May 1983, p.528).

DIGGER DUCK RELEASED

Digger Duck is an interactive maze game that requires strategy and patience. On cassette for \$13.99. From Vaughn Software 5460 Harlan #84 Arvada, CO 80002. (Byte, May 1983, p.511).

MARINER RELEASED

Mariner is a maze-type puzzle game where you must navigate through waters of changing depths. On cassette for \$16.99. From Vaugh Software. (Byte, May 1983, p.511).

SUBMARINE WARRIOR RELEASED

Submarine Warrior is an arcade game where you pilot a submarine through enemy waters. On cassette for \$11.95. From JW Software 814 West Main St. Urbana, IL 61801. (Byte, May 1983, p.511).

PRICES CONTINUE DROPPING

Toys 'R Us, a large chain of toy stores, is opening computer sections that in some cases will occupy a quarter of the store's floor space. This is just a sign of the major changes occurring in the home computer marketplace.

The competition in the mass-merchandised personal computer market is getting fierce. I have already seen the Timex Sinclair 1000 advertised for \$66 minus a \$15 rebate (list price is \$79) and the Commodore Vic-20 for under \$135. Texas Instruments (TI), via its rebate program, has brought the model 99/4A down under \$150, and now Atari has introduced a rebate for the model 400 that brings its price down to under \$200. The more powerful Atari 800 is now retailing for under \$500. Mattel, Video Technology, Magnavox and Emerson are also entering the fray in the under \$200 market... (Byte, May 1983, p.495).

UNOFFICIALLY YOURS

A bimonthly newsletter for owners of the Texas Instruments' TI-99/4 and TI-99/4A computers, UNOFFICIAL 99/4A features programs, news, and a question-and-answer forum. Subscriptions are \$10 a year. For a free introductory issue, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to UNOFFICIAL 99/4A Box 651 Clute, TX 77351. (Byte, June 1983, p.458)>

TI-99/4A STREET PRICE DOWN TO \$149.95

Advertisement from Olympic Sales Company, 216 South Oxford Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90004 213-739-1130. (Byte, Jun 1983, p.139).

CHEMTUTOR 1 RELEASED

Chemtutor 1 is an Extended Basic chemistry quiz that covers high school chemistry topics. On cassette for \$10. From Data Systems 2214 West Iowa Chicago, IL 60622. (Byte, Jul 1983, p.509).

HOBBYIST GAME PAC I RELEASED

Product is a collection of 12 inexpensive games written in BASIC and Extended BASIC. On cassette for \$9.95. From Microworld 45 East Norman Drive Palatine, IL 60067. (Byte, Jul 1983, p.509).

DROP DEAD, TWICE

friend got me invlved with small computers we both thought our second machine would probably come from Texas Instruments. We were sure that, as with scientific calculators, TI would lay back until it could deliver a machine that did more for half the cost.

We expected that right up to the time when TI came out with the 99/4. Then we knew better. Not only was the TI-99/4 slow, but you couldn't get into it. TI published almost nothing about its innards, nor was there the kind of software, such as assembler and debugger, that encouraged tinkering. TI's message was loud and clear: "Drop dead, hobbyists!"

Last year at the West Coast Computer Faire, I talked to a number of TI people and was convinced that TI had reformed-that it would encourage outsiders to write software for its machines. Today I learned better. According to the Wall Street Journal, TI is using ROM-based hardware to ensure that unlicensed software cartridges won't work on the 99/4A. Anyone who wants to write programs for the TI-99/4A must sell all rights to TI, who will be the software supplier. It will it says, pay royalties to the authors.

I haven't seen the contracts TI offers, but if they at all resemble those IBM tried to foist off on authors, it shouldn't

have many takers. TI is altering its computers so that only software making use of a GROM can work on the 99/4A. TI owns exclusive rights to the GROM, and it won't license it to anyone else. That way, TI keeps a monopoly on software that runs on its computers.

A number of software designers have decided they'd rather work with other machines; and according to the (Wall Street) Journal, Charles LaFara, president of the TI Users Group, says, "TI hasn't given us enough quality software itself, and now its stifling the efforts of others."

I've always thought the TI machine had more potential than it ever showed. When TI told me that it was going to encourage hobbyists to write software for its machines, I predicted that TI was still a company to watch. Hobbyists are an insignificant part of the market, but having them working on software is like having a large unpaid R&D Department-its takes only one VisiCalc to make a computer successful. Now, TI once again tells the hobbyists to drop dead. That may be good strategy, but I wouldn't bet on it. (Jerry Pournelle in Byte, Jul 1983, p.338).

TI-99/4A STREET PRICE DOWN TO \$99.95

Advertisement from Olympic Sales Company, 216 South Oxford Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90004 213-739-1130. Price is \$149.95, but net price of \$99.95 is possible after \$50 rebate from TI. (Byte, Aug 1983, p.325).

TI-99/2 CANCELLED, TI-99/8 IN THE WORKS

Texas Instruments, which cited the turbulent home computer market as the reason for a projected \$100-million second quarter loss, has cancelled its plans to produce the low-cost 99/2 computer announced in January. TI said it has shipped more than one million units of its 99/4A home computer and plans to introduce the 99/8, an "advanced home computer", in the fall. (Byte, Aug 1983, p.8).

TI-99/8 CANCELLED

Texas Instruments, Lubbock, TX, cancelled plans to introduce the 99/8 home computer this fall...(Byte, Dec 1983, p.8).

COSMIC CRUISE and RUN THE RAPIDS RELEASED

New entertainment software available on cassette for \$11.95 each. From JW Software 814 West Main St. Urbana, IL 61801. (Byte, Dec 1983, p.541).

DEVILISH GAME FOR THE TI-99/4A

Diablo consists of two tracks on each of 116 movable panels for a total of 232 tracks. Players must arrange the twisted tracks to keep a moving ball on a continuous path. Each section

of track is removed from play after it has been negotiated. Diablo becomes increasingly difficult as less and less track is available to support the advancing ball. Diablo can be played with joystick or keyboard and sound effects add to the fun. Requires 16K and Extended BASIC. On cassette or disk for \$19.95. From Extended Software Co. 11987 Cedar Creek Drive Cincinnati, OH 45240. Telephone 513-825-6645. (Byte, Dec 1983, p.591).

DOW-4 GAZELLE INSTRUMENT FLIGHT SIMULATOR RELEASED

Product is a flying simulation of a private, single-engine airplane. On cassette for \$30. From John Dow 6360 Caton Pittsburgh, PA 15217. (Byte, Dec 1983, p.541).

GROUP FOR THE TI-99/4A

The International 99/4A Users Group (IUG) is seeking members and people interested in the TI-9/4A. The group produces a bimonthly newsletter called 4A FORUM. Submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Annual membership fee is \$5. For details contact Jim Robinson, International Users Group (IUG) 1778 Hays Drive Louisville, CO 80027. (Byte, Dec 1983, p.547).

USING AND PROGRAMMING THE TI-99/4A BOOK

Frederick Holtz. Tab Books, Blue Ridge Summit, PA. 224 pages, softcover, \$9.95. (Byte, Dec 1983, p.551).

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SUPPLIERS OF TI99/4A PRODUCTS

Listing compiled by Gary W. Cox

(Last modified November 1995)

The following is a listing of vendors of various TI99/4a products, this is by no means a complete listing but it is as complete as I can determine... I would like to thank Tim Tesch the information that he provided for this list!

If you have any additions or corrections you can contact me at the following EMAIL addresses: Genie - GCOX1, Compuserve - 72060.1277, Internet - gary.cox@stjude.org or VIA the TI-ECHO or write to me at Mid-South TI99/4a User Group, P.O. Box 38522, Germantown, TN 38183-0522

9640 News, c/o Beery Miller, P.O. Box 752465, Memphis, TN 38175-2465, (901) 368-1169, BBS (901) 368-0112

Arcade Action Software, Gene Hitz, 4122 N. Glenway, Wauwatosa, WI 53222

Bill Gaskill, 2310 Cypress Court, Grand Junction, CO. 81506

Braatz Computer Services, 719 E Byrd St., Appleton, WI 54911 ;(414) Bud Mills Services, 166 Dartmouth Dr., Toledo OH

43614, (419) 385-5946.

CaDD Electronics, 45 Centerville Drive, Salem, NH 03079-2674, (603) 893-1450 or (603) 895-0119, EMAIL: mjmw@xyvision.com. (Developers of PC99, The Gramulator etc...)

Cecure Electronics Inc. c/o Don Walden, P.O. Box 132, Muskego, WI 53150 1-800-959-9640, (414) 679-4343, BBS (414) 422-9669 (Texas Instruments and Myarc Authorized Repair Centers)

Competition Computer Products, 350 Marcella Way, Millbrae, CA 94030, 1-800- 471-1600, (415) 697-1108, fax (415) 697-7406

Comprodine Software, 1949 Evergreen Ave., Fullerton, CA 92635 (714) 990-4577 (variety of software)

Dee Turner, 541 S. Laughlin Lane, Merced, CA 95340; (209) 722-7352 (home) or (209) 722-2053 (work) (distributor of The

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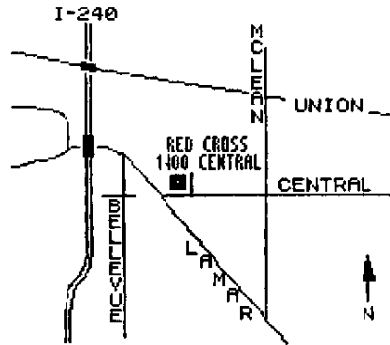
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LOCATION MAP

WORKSHOP : to be announced.

PROGRAM BIT - third Thursday

DEC 21ST , 1995

MEETING: 7:00pm - Red Cross Building - 1400 Central.

6:45pm - Doors Open

7:00pm - CHRISTMAS PARTY (POT LUCK)

8:00pm - Demonstration to be announced.

10:00pm- Party meeting end, cleanup.

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