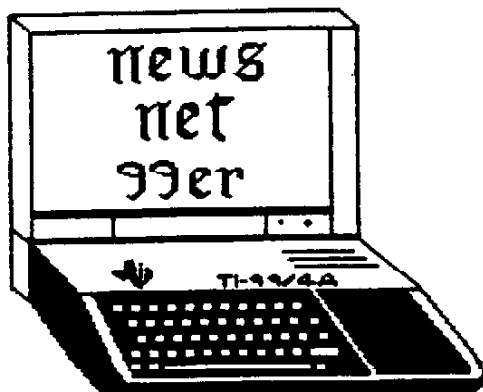


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Next meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>  
At the Hurst Public Library  
2 pm

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articles in this newsletter are the authors' own  
and do not reflect the views of the NET 99er KCUG.

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#### President's Memory Dump

Well, one meeting down. I thought the last meeting proved pretty interesting. There was alot discussed and I am glad we brought it into the open. I hated to be hard nosed about the Newsletter, but I value a person's time whether it be paid or volunteer. We have been fortunate that we have had someone to reproduce the Newsletter and I hope it will continue. But as of now it is still a month to month situation.

A suggestion was given as to members receiving Newsletters by Startext. Please let John Lambert know so we can figure out if we really can reduce the cost of the Newsletter.

If you would like to see a demonstration on a particular program or cartridge, let me know. If you have a cartridge or program that you would like to share, we would like to know that too. There has been a mention of programs in the library not working. If a program is not working, let me know and maybe we can work on this as a group project.

Since we ran out of time at our last meeting, the demonstration of Personal Record Keeping will be shown at this meeting.

Craig Coffman of B&K Computer Service visited with us last meeting and said he could help us locate computer accessories for any computer. You may reach Craig at (214) 238-7741.

From the Newsletter "Chicago Times". To Cancel Call Waiting:

Before you place a call, listen for dial tone.  
Dial \* 70 (or 1170 from rotary dial and 10-button phones).  
Listen for dial tone again, then dial your call.

Call waiting is cancelled on that call, and is automatically restored when you hang up.

When you cancel call waiting, someone calling you will get a busy signal.

You must cancel call waiting before making a call. However, with threeway calling you can also cancel call waiting during an important call.

Depress the switchhook briefly to put your call on hold.

Wait for dial tone and dial \* 70 ( or 1170).

Call waiting is then canceled for the remainder of that call.

From "Portland Oregon Users Group". Spiral Bound Reference Strips Available.

The fast term reference strip is only one of many that are included on a product called "Flip Strips" available by mail from:

Tom Rhodes  
320 Tiverton Way  
Lexington, KY 40503

The cost is \$3.50. Included are strips for DM 1000, TK Writer, Fast Term, TE2, Editor Assembler, Disko, Corcomp Disk Controller, Forth, Multiplan, TI and four (4) blank strips you can fill in with whatever. The whole thing is neatly spiral bound and small (1 1/2 in. by 9 in.). 15 pages you can flip to whichever one you are using at the moment.

One last bit of information, I would like to thank Marilee Catalano with Yellowrose Info. services for donating an Infocom Enchanter which will be given away at our next drawing.

See you at our next meeting,  
Ken Dominiec

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#### MINUTES

NET 99ER HOME COMPUTER USERS GROUP  
FEBRUARY 8, 1986

The NET 99er Home Computer Users Group met Saturday, February 8, 1986, at 9:00 a.m. in the Hurst Public Library. President Ken Dominiec called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The first item of new business was the proposal to change the meeting date of future meetings. The current date of the second Saturday in the month is in conflict with the Dallas User Group meetings. They have joined the Dallas Computer Council which meets at Infomart the second Saturday. Over 80 groups meet there at that time. Dealers are also available. There are over 3400 members in the groups which all meet at Infomart on the same day. Because many of our members would also like to be able to attend those meetings, it was suggested that we consider changing our meeting date. A motion was made and seconded to hold future meetings on the first Saturday of each month. The motion was tabled until it was determined whether or not this would require an amendment to the by-laws of the club.

Members were assured that NET 99er HCUG would continue to meet at the Hurst Library.

The second item of new business concerned the problem of getting the newsletter reproduced. Several suggestions were made. The possibility of dropping from the mail list those members who are also STARTEXT subscribers was mentioned, as they can read the newsletter on STAFTEXT before they receive it through the mail. This brought up the question of whether or not this would reduce the number to below that necessary to

receive bulk mail rates. It was mentioned that it cost \$130 to get the newsletter reproduced this month. Lee DeForest reported on the research he has done regarding the possibility of leasing or buying a copy machine for the club. He has checked with several companies regarding service and price. No decision was made. Charles Bathman volunteered to check with his company concerning the possibility of paying a fee to copy the newsletter. Others volunteered to help with assembling it.

After checking the constitution, John Lambert reported that a date change did not require an amendment. Therefore a vote was taken on the previous motion to change the meeting date to the first Saturday in the month. The motion carried.

A question about the possibility of changing the time for meetings was brought up. After a brief discussion, it was agreed by those present to leave the meeting time at 9:00.

It was announced that the library will be in use on Saturday during the next two months, so the next two meetings will be on Sunday instead. Motion was made and seconded to hold those meetings at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the library.

President Dominic called for a buy, sell, swap session.

Announcements were made by several members:

B K Service can get virtually anything for the TI you might want. Draw up a "wish list" and submit it to them for a price and other information. The address of B K will be printed in the newsletter.

TI Parts in Lubbock still has parts for sale.

The Chicago newsletter contains instructions to cancel call waiting and the code to cancel 3-way dialing.

The Portland, Oregon newsletter has information on a company that prints a booklet of "flipstrips" for various software.

The TI Employee in-house User Group has opened its membership to the public.

A new addition to the library is the Freeware software called MASS TRANSFER. A new version of DM1000 has also been added. This is version 2.2.

DM1000 will have version 3.0 soon. Send them a disk for the update.

If you would like to see a program demonstrated, or if you would like to demonstrate a program, please let the president know.

Dick Webber won the drawing for a TI Writer, which had been donated by Robert Stone.

After the break, John Lambert demonstrated DM1000, v.2.2, which loads in either E/A or XB.

The Assembly Language SIG meets the Tuesday after this meeting from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 at the First Baptist Church on Loop 820. In addition to studying the assembly language, some time is devoted to the study of FORTH.

Jim Stewart gave the treasurer's report of a January balance of \$746.45. Because of a bank statement received after January, he stated that there may be a deposit of over \$400 which he does not have recorded. An accurate report will be made at the next

meeting.

Jim Stewart then gave a demonstration of Multiplan as a list processor.

A further demonstration of Multiplan was given by Mike Bowen.

Fulton Cook demonstrated his method of putting several word processor programs on one disk.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexie Glenn, secretary

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RANDOM ACCESS  
by LeRoy Thompson

After looking over the several pieces of information that I wanted to include in this month's column, I began thinking back to the first days of my TI 99/4A. It all began when I made my traditional shopping trip for Christmas on the day after Thanksgiving back in 1982. After shopping all day in the rain, we settled on the 4A purchased from Kmart. Well after getting it home, I couldn't just let it sit until Christmas--what if there were something wrong--it would need to be returned. Well, I carefully unpacked it and proceeded to check it out. It worked. However, I kept checking it out. I even put in Silent Night for the kids to play on Christmas day. My first impression was that using BASIC was *much* easier than the batch run FORTRAN that I had learned (?) back in college.

From that point on, things really began to look up. Just after Christmas, I met a friend at work who offered to sell me the three stand alone peripherals. I thought about it and then decided to buy them for \$250. I didn't really know what to use them for, but I knew it was a good idea. For a while, I just used the memory expansion. Then I purchased my first stand alone disk drive for \$200. It was worth every penny of it! About that time I met Charlie Bathman and participated in the forming of the NET 99ers. Next, I decided to use my RS232 peripheral for something--I bought a Radio Shack modem. It took a long time to figure out how to make it work. Then I joined up with STARTEXT in April of 1983. After that it all seems to run together. There were many memorable events, but they all happened so fast that I have lost track of exactly what happened when.

The look back is for a comparison reason. Nowadays, the third party market is the only market that we have. Oh! If only we could have the third party suppliers and TI peacefully co-exist. I can only wonder what would have been if TI had had the open architecture that the Itty Bitty Machine Co has used since introduction of its product. What all this rambling is for is to introduce a rumor that I heard recently. A friend who works for that company that used to build our computers and is high enough up to be able to talk to the people who are high enough up to make some difference, is trying to impress the higher ups with the currently existing market. The desire is to convince that company to go into a limited production of all the neat gadgets that are already invented but are resting in peace hidden away. By the way, it is also rumored that TI *still* will not sell/give away any license for 4A-related stuff. Wonder what this means . . .

While wandering around Infomart last month, I found what I think is a nice disk library. It is not cheap, but it is a quality product. It has a capacity of 140 disks and is made of teak wood. It is the Teak-Tech FD-141 and (according to my wife) looks like a roll-top bread box. It cost me about \$46 including tax. It has proven to be very

handy and looks nice when it is closed. The Teak-Tech products are available from J S Computer Services phone 239-4991 in Dallas.

I think that the efforts being made on both sides of the Metroplex are comendable. I think that if we and the Dallas TI users' group can maintain our meetings on non-conflicting dates that it will benefit both clubs. It will be a benefit to all interested persons and both clubs if it is possible to attend both meetings. Personally speaking, Infomart is very impressive. It is awesome to see that many people with similar interests all together at the same time. We should have no trouble at all the next two months since our meetings have been forced off of Saturdays by the Library (probably to the following Sundays). I encourage anyone living anywhere near Infomart to attend the Dallas TI user group meeting there. Incidentally, it can happen to something as large as the Dallas Computer Council--the March meeting is on the 15th (a third Saturday)--Infomart is booked for the 8th.

Leroy Thompson

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### EXTRAS

Marilee Catalano, who sells the TI Lewisville UG disks and other products at our meeting, says it's ok if you call her to make an order or for information, but if you have an 817 area code she can't call you back because that's long distance for her. Those folks with 817 can write or leave a message on Startext MC144758.

Which brings us to the next item: If we can get enough members together, she will order 300 and/or 1200 baud Anchor Automation modems for us at dealer cost. The more of us on Startext, the better!!!

Marilee won't be at the March meeting because of basketball league conflict.

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From Tom Hall:

Just when you thought you had everything possible for your computer - How about a Clean Air Machine for your computer room? NORELCO has them from \$139.95 (System IV) to \$9.95 (Clean Air Machine Compact). The one I purchased, Clean Air 5000, keeps the dust off the surface of my desk, PE Box etc.

If you have a TI Printer - PWF2500 you can change it to a parallel by removing the serial card from the printer, changing a few DIP Switches and reconnecting with a parallel cable. The printer will receive data faster but it will still print at the same rate of speed.

I wrote EPSON, and they said they OEM'd the PWF2500 for TI, and that it is not EPSON compatible. "...there is no way to enhance the printer you have. The firmware on the TI is completely different from the EPSON MX printer." I called TI about a larger print buffer or any other enhancement. I was told there were none and if TI didn't offer it, not to try to put it on the printer because they wouldn't fix it if I did. So there! If TI doesn't sell it, I don't need it.

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Modem Review  
by Roy Willis

I recently purchased a 1200 Baud Modem from DAK Industries Inc., 8200 Remmet Ave., Canoga Park, Ca. 91304.

This company is presently listing in their Winter 86 catalog the aforementioned Modem as "Smart Duck". Thinking that I might be getting "A Pig in a Poke", I did some investigating and discovered that ADC (the listed Manufacturer) Model 1202 Modem is actually manufactured by BSF Inc. Due to several causes they put the ADC name on it.

The unit is a Auto Ans/Dial with full Hayes compatibility. The one thing I have found is that the ADC has the dip switches on the bottom of the unit for easy setting. The Hayes has the switches inside the case.

I won't attempt to tell you the advantages of 1200 vs 300 baud. You probably know that already. I will just say that it is swift.

The unit has a built-in clock and speaker, that is programable with a few simple commands. In fact the documentation is very easy (User Friendly) to understand.

There is a Limited 1 year Warranty. If you decide that you don't like it you have a 30-day Return privilege from DAK, with full REFUND.

The next thing I would mention is that the catalog only shows applications for IBM and Apple. When ordering a cable (available from DAK) you will need to know if your RS 232 card has a Male or Female connector. When you order the cable you will also receive an Emulator program for the type of cable you order.

If you order for the 99/4a, I suggest the following: 1-4334 Modem, 1-4353 Cable Assy, for a Total Cost (including shipping) of \$208.00.

Now when you receive your unit, you will need to make a minor change to the cable. Wires 2 3 will need to be switched on the end for your RS232. It seems that IBM is a little different. All that is left to do is get ONLINE.

If you wish to order and charge to a Credit Card there is a TOLL FREE Number 1-800-325-0800. The phones are open 7 days a week and 24 hours a day. For information about shipping after the order call 1-800-423-2866. They can tell you about shipping dates.

I will have a catalog and the unit at the next meeting for those that are instrested.

Happy Telecommunicating  
Roy Willis

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WHERE HAVE THE MAGAZINES GONE?  
by Tom Hall

My attitude toward products being produced for the 4a, is that we owners have a selfish intrest to support these folks. Although the following is critical in tone, I strongly advocate that 4a owners subscribe to at least one publication addressing the 4a.

MINI-MAG 99

I received a complementary copy of the May 1985 issue (in July). It looked OK. So, on August 6, I sent \$20 to S.D.S. Publishers. After a few weeks I received the March and April issues. After that - nada.

I wrote, no response. I called, to find their phone wasn't being answered. In January I wrote again, the letter was returned to me, stamped "FORWARDING ORDER EXPIRED." On January 20,21,22 I called 818-704-0145 several times. Although this seems to be a working number - no one is answering.

### THE SMART PROGRAMMER

This is a super newsletter type of publication. Some of the information is a little too sophisticated for me. I sent my \$12.50 for this monthly publication. I have received seven issues. The last one was received sometime in 1984. I never received a renewal notice, so I don't know the status of this publication. Indications are Craig Miller doesn't plan to continue this publication. I sure do miss this one.

### HOME COMPUTER

Home Computer isn't what it once was (99'er Home Computer). It does have a lot of programs for the 4a and a few product reviews. There is no advertising. Originally this was a monthly publication. They have dropped it to 10 issues a year, and they have trouble keeping up with that.

It had been sometime since I received my last issue, so I called Customer Service at 503-341-1029 and asked them to check my subscription. Sure enough, they had failed to send my last issue. It took about three weeks for me to receive the latest issue (Vol.5 no 6).

If you want the programs in each issue on tape or disk the cost is \$49.95 for 10 issues. Without tape/disk the cost is \$25. In the past there have been some interesting programs.

### COMPUTER SHOPPER

This monthly publication is filled with an amazing array of low priced computer items. There are some real hardware bargains in the 250 to 300 pages of each issue. The price is \$18 per 12 issues.

There are a couple of articles and a little specific advertising for the 4a in each issue. I always enjoy reading the shopper, but there is a lot of stuff in it which does not interest me.

In closing, if any of you are receiving a magazine which you feel is worthy of mention in the newsletter, or if you have a different opinion about the publications I mentioned, please let me know and I will write an addendum to this article.

Tom Hall MC116172

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### USER GROUP NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

From Roy Willis

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NEWSLETTER OF THE BOISE 99'ers COMPUTER CLUB BOISE, ID

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		Speech Helper Program
		X-Basic CALL LOADS
		About AL: If you don't know anything

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Program: WEE Bomber

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X-Basic: Subprograms  
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Tele-Comm! Program by Al. Westerfield  
Review: Quick-Copier II  
My Wish List. by Jerry S. Hough  
Review: JUKI 2200/3200 Daisy Wheel Printer  
Letter: Modem Phone
- JUL 85 The Prez Sez  
An Epitaph: AL WESTERFIELD  
Program: 2 Columns, by Darren Leonard  
Program: Disk Cataloger/Printer  
TI-HP connection  
Hi-Lights of the News(letter)  
In the Mail Box  
Program: Zero/  
Lending Library: Computer Literature, Software and Hardware
- AUG 85 The Prez Sez  
Program: Assembly Language Sprites  
Program: Gemini 10X Demonstration  
What's New  
In the Mail Box  
Tips from the TigerCub #24  
Glossary: Common Data Processing Terms  
99 Tips for the 99/4a  
"Freeware" Available

NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN ANTONIO AREA 99er. UNIVERSAL CITY,

VOL1 #4  
SEPT 84

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Tips Tricks; Installing  
& removing copy protection

VOL1 #10  
APR 85

President's Corner  
Going Forth  
Review: Cor-Comp Controller  
Tips from The TigerCub #20



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		VOL2 #1 JUN 85	President's Corner News/Views from Mike Tips from The TigerCub #22 Going Forth
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The following members renewed their membership at the February meeting.

Thomas D. Atkins M1/87	James D. Crosson M1/87
Mike Bowen M11/86	Gerry Myers Kyle M1/87
Marilee Catalano M12/86	Ed Wolfram

The following are new members as of 2/8/86.

Jim Louis M2/87	Warren Pemberton M2/87
1215 Doublee Dr #1112	VF 202 W/C13A
Arlington, Tx 76017	NAS Dallas, Tx 75211
468-1125	(214)327-6660
477-3136	(214)266-6273

The following members were dropped from the membership roster as of 2/8/86 for non payment of dues.

Charles D. Ashley	Mark Bishop
Danny Clark	Ron Clark
Leo Hendersin	Charlie D. Howard

Trent A. Marion  
Brett Pijan  
John Wells

James P. Morrisroe  
Ron Sallabedra

The following is a list of members whose dues will be due by the next meeting.

Bill Beekman  
Ronald R. Cook  
James Cowan  
John Creviston Jr  
Bob Derryberry  
D.A. Dougherty  
Larry Fick  
Bill Germany  
Steve Graham  
J.B. Hamilton  
David E. Holt  
Timothy Kelly  
Edwin R. Knutson  
Alan J. Martin  
Joseph Monterosso  
David Petika  
Stewart Reeder  
John B. Rizo  
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Jon Tergerson  
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Dan Diamond  
Franklin M. Fest  
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Larry M. Hayes  
E.B. (Ben) Hurdle  
Joe Barton King  
Les Long  
Roy Maxwell  
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Dean Powell  
Fred Richter  
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Jack W Van Hauen  
Gary Watts  
David L. Williams

(Editor's note)

Thanks for all the contributions! Keep'm coming. Any suggestions, comments, or contributions for the newsletter? Contact Jeff Gatlin (214) 264 2925 or Startext MC60053.