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Next meeting October 4th
At the Hurst Public Library
9 am

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President's Memory Dump

Another newsletter another month gone. Hope everyone gets this one before the meeting. We are trying another approach at it. Let us know how you like it. This issue should be jamed packed with goodies. The next demonstration will be by Gary Higgs on downloading programs from BBS and putting them into program form. Roy Willis will show us around the Source.(a computer information network) James Crosson and John Creviston will try to get a 3meg hard disk from The CCAD. This should be a very good line up so please don't try to miss this one.

The time is comming around to look for new officers. (where has the time gone) We will be asking people to be on a nominating committee to look for good candidates for our next officers. Also think among yourself who would like to be an officer. Well hope to see you at our next meeting

memory empty
Ken

THE NEXT MEETITING DATES ARE::OCT 4 :: ??NOV 2 ??:: DEC 6

:::note the reason for the question mark for the Nov. date is that the Library is being used for the first Sat. and they held open the first Sunday.

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From the TI Riverside Users Group : Beware of a program which may be floating around the country's BBS's called SUPERTRACK. At first appearance, it seems to be a track copier, but in reality it is a DISK EATER. This program was uploaded to my BBS recently and I suspect that it will show up around the country. I was suspicious at first because the program tells you to remove the write protect tape

from your master disk. I could not understand why this would be necessary, so I stuck two junk disks in my drives. When the program starts, BOTH drives come on and the heads chatter like crazy. Whatever was on your disks is now in byte heaven. Your disks are zapped and I doubt that the action the heads are getting is doing them any good also. The noise is quite loud. I have heard of similar programs for IBM which will zero out a hard drive, but this is the first one I've seen for the TI. I just wanted to warn everyone so that no valuable programs or data are lost.

Ed Butcher TI RUG

This article came from the West Penn 99er Club Newsletter. Authors are unknown.

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#PROGRAM #BASIC PROGRAM # XBASIC # YES # YES #
#INTERNAL V254 #BASIC PROGRAM # XBASIC # YES # NO #
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Minutes NET 99ER 9/6/86

The meeting was opened by President Ken Dominiec with an explanation of the missing newsletter from last month. It has been printed, but not delivered for mailing.

Ken said Gerry Myers would demystify many of the facets of TI Writer next month making it more attractive for regular use by the majority of our membership. A similar program will be held the following month on Multiplan. Both programs are under-used due to lack of familiarity.

The raffle for the full-blown 99/4A system was postponed as we have not yet accumulated a fund equal to what the Club Treasury paid for it. We are over 1/2 of our goal.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 4; the normal first Saturday, as will be the Dec. 6 meeting. For November, however, the Library has a conflict. It has tentatively been reserved for Nov. 8, the second Saturday; not a conflict with the DAL99er whose meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15.

Ken repeated his announcement that name tags are available for our members for \$3.50 each. Order these through the Treasurer.

A new BBS has been established by CCAD for the computer disabled. It is operated by a junior group and can be reached at 214/907-0429. Donations are solicited, and the Club voted to contribute \$100 to its start up expenses. Danny Thomas estimated 131 disabled users. Ideas from the mechanically "handy" are also needed, such as, how to operate with only one hand the Function and Control keys.

A letter from Dr. John W Ellis was circulated soliciting help in the programming for other computer brands and later sale, of the game program.

One of the newsletters received from other clubs contained hope of restitution for those ripped off on their subscription to Home Computer Journal. The owners of the publishing firm HCJ have called it defunct, but started up a new firm called Emerald Valley Publishing. There were so many fraud complaints, there is now interest in legal recourse for criminal prosecution--address a description of your personal experience to:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
CONSUMER RELATIONS
400 LANE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
EUGENE, OREGON

John Lambert's Library Corner had a report of the latest library update. It contained among other goodies, the documentation for TI Count (an elaborate business accounting program) and GPL (Graphics Programming Language) demonstrations. We also have a cataloging program that can alphabetize all programs in the library, and also sort on other bases. The newsletters from other clubs can also be checked out for return the following month (see Roy Willis).

A Texas-wide computer festival is to be held at Marriott Hotel in Austin Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8:00am to 5:00pm, to exchange ideas, a flea market, etc.

Roy Willis will demo "The Source" next month. Based on the interest, the should be an excellent program.

James Crosson has modified a module to add GROM chips, a reset button, and toggle switches in order to hold up to four separate module programs (games). It would then function similar to a Widget. If sufficient interest, these could be assembled at a mini-SIG workshop.

John Creviston gave a demo on his RAMdisk. He said it was a simple one evening project and worked much like a floppy disk in the way it would be addressed and its storage capacity. It has a battery backup so that the storage is not lost when the computer is turned off or during power failure. He also demonstrated a utility program which supports the RAM disk.

The meeting was adjourned at the conclusion of the demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,
for Lexie Glenn
Gene Mouser

ATTENTION

As many of you know we are raffling off a full system. WHAT! You haven't heard about it. Well, here's the deal. We bought this system and decided to raffle it off. Huh, well we do things like this sometimes. The system consists of the following:

- a 99/4a beige computer
- PE Box
- 32k expansion memory
- a full height disk drive
- disk controller card
- Extended basic
- Editor Assembler
- Manuals
- Cartridge holder
- Muffin fan for cool computer
- Light pen
- Joystick adapter joystick
- 8 assorted cartridges
- 56 disks full of fun filled software
- Disk box with disk drive head cleaner

All you need is Five dollars in an envelope with vital information:

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER

Where else can you get all this for Five dollars?

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have almost raised the money that we spent to get the system, but we're not there yet. Please send more envelopes to increase your chances of winning (and of course, help us pay for the system). Also, this will decrease the chances for me to find another place to live. (My wife is tired of looking at it)

TV NOISE SOLUTION

From the Kentuckiana 99/4a Computer Society

When experiencing background noise, such as humming or buzzing, with the TI modulator and your TV, a slight adjustment of the modulator will usually clear up the problem.

- 1.) Turn the volume of the television all the way down.
- 2.) Select the Master Title Screen on the computer.
- 3.) Fine tune the television for best picture.
- 4.) Use a small screwdriver to carefully remove the cover from the modulator.
- 5.) Increase the television volume to 1/2 of the control range.

6.) Insert the blade of the small screwdriver into the slotted core of the coil marked L3 on the printed circuit board. This core will crack if too much force is used.

7.) While listening to the buzz on the television speaker, slightly rotate the core no more than 1/8 turn in either direction until the buzz is at a minimum.

8.) Replace the modulator cover.

STREET PRICE GUIDE

Taken from the Chicago Times

Here's a current street price guide for those of you who are thinking of upgrading your system in the near future. This guide will give a low price based on the lowest price seen for used items and a high price for new items.

Item name	Low Price	High Price
Full Height SS Disk Drive (bare)	\$ 30.00	\$ 60.00
Full Height DS Disk Drive (bare)	\$ 60.00	\$ 100.00
Half Height DS Disk Drive (bare)	\$ 80.00	\$ 130.00
Power Supply for Disk Drive	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00
TI-99/4a Console	\$ 40.00	\$ 85.00
Expansion Box (empty)	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00
32k Memory Card	\$ 45.00	\$ 95.00
128k Memory Card	\$ 185.00	\$ 210.00
512k Memory Card	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
RS232 Card	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
TI Disk Controller Card	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00
Corcomp Controller Card	\$ 115.00	\$ 185.00
Myarc Controller Card	\$ 150.00	\$ 185.00
Speech Synthesizer	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Monochrome Monitor	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Color Monitor	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
300 Baud Modem	\$ 10.00	\$ 125.00
1200 Baud Modem	\$ 150.00	\$ 275.00
Clock Card (blows up sometimes)	\$ FREE	\$ 100.00
SG-10 Printer	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
Gemini 10x Printer	\$ 75.00	\$ 175.00

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

September 6, 1986

I would like to welcome new members:

Philip Chappell M9/87
 7105 Harwick Ln
 Fort Worth Tx 76180
 (817)498-1551
 (817)540-7525

Sidney Parker M9/87
5020 Diamond Oaks Dr So
Fort Worth Tx 76117
(817)834-5081

The following members renewed their membership:

Ciro F Lopiccolo M7/87
Lee DeForest M8/87
Tom Woodard M8/87

Unfortunately we had some members who did not renew their membership:

Jerry Christian
Chad Davis
Al Easterling
Gary Fuquay
Bryan Lindley
Michael J Maier
Chuck Mansfield
Wayne Szot
Jimmie R Thompson

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS. Look on your mailing label on your newsletter for the date that your membership is renewable, such as M1/86 is January 1986, M5/86 is May 1986, etc.. The club does not send out reminders on dues because the postage is prohibitive. If you know any of the members who did not renew, please give them a call and see if you can learn the reason. Let your officers know so they can look into the reasons. Your help on this will be greatly appreciated.

Jo and John Lambert
Membership Committee

FOR SALE

nothing for sale this month.

If you have some 4a products for sale you can have them listed in this spot for free. Contact Jeff Gatlin, Editor 214-264-2925, Startext MC60053.

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS PHONE NUMBERS

TI Cares.....1-800-842-2737
TI Response.....1-800-232-3200
Business Computers...1-800-847-2787
Software.....1-800-858-4075
Technical.....1-806-741-2663
Manuals and Parts.....1-806-741-3064

Taken from the Hoosier Users Group

***EDITOR'S NOTE:

The deadline for contributions for the October newsletter is
Wednesday November 12th

Comments or questions about anything? Contact your officers:

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TREASURER---: Jim Stewart, 214-370-0922

Got some interesting info to share? Articles, letters,
paragraphs, & words of wisdom are yours to contribute. Contact Jeff
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