Next meeting DEC. 5th
At the North Richland Hills
Community Center at 9:30 AM

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THE EDITOR SPEAKS (again)

    This issue is something special. My Mom and Dad are in town from Chicago and my Dad is helping me with this
issue. Christmas came early to my house this year. (I think my wife and Santa have something going.) One day
after work I found a package on the kitchen table all wrapped up. As I unwrapped it my family bought me an
Avatex 1200 baud modem. The reason I recieved it early is because I could use it now to help getting the files
off of Startext for the newsletter. It was great! Now I know what all my friends have been telling me for
sometime about 1200 baud and auto dial. Well this was only part one of the early Christmas. Next Friday I was
going to the Post Office for lunch and Pat told me to come home to get some files off of Startext and call James
to let him know they were transmitted correctly. Well I came home and was directed to the computer. As I turned
it on the menu program didn't look like the one for the supercart. I hit the space bar and the second screen
came up and it said MERRY EARLY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. Could this be a ram disk? Yes as the directory
scrolled it turned out to be a triple sided ram disk. Who could go back to work after this. Reluctantly I had
to return to work. My thanks go out to my family and a certain club member named Lee who helped my wife in this
series of events. Well I guess thats enough about me. I feel the urge to play with my new toys. Till next
month. ken
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President's Memory Dump

    The next meeting of the NET 99'ers will be on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 9:30am at the NRH Public Library which
is on the corner of Rufe Snow and Loop 820. We have discussed moving our meeting place and now it is going to
happen, so please make a note of this NEW location. Nominations for club officers for next year will be made at
this meeting, so please try to attend and see to it that your choice is heard.

    I would like to thank Charlie Bathman for the excellent demo he gave on the Myarc 9640 at the last
meeting...very impressive. Now if ONLY Myarc will come across with all of it PROMISES, maybe we will all have
something to brag about. I was impressed enough to get one myself...maybe others are thinking the same
thing...remember Christmas is just around the corner, so maybe Santa Claus will be nice to you this year....I
originally has a 512K Grand Ram on order, but after learning from Galen Read of Innovative Programming that there
was going to be an additional delay in them being delivered, I said forget it and ordered the 9640, which took a
little over a week to get here due to what was surely a mix-up on my supplier's part. Kit's are now being sold
for the 1 Meg HRD, so as you can see, there are still a few goodies to be had out there. Plenty of good new
software too, so looks like our little orphan will go on to live for yet another year....

    As mentioned previously, we will be nominating new officers for next year at the next meeting and thus far,
I have had one person who has volunteered to man a post. Lee DeForest has stated that he will gladly take over
the Treasurer position and I am in full support of Lee for that post. That still leaves a bunch of spots to
fill, hope others will step forward to give some of the long time officers some relief...they do deserve a break.

Remember that we are a user GROUP and only by ALL members giving of their time at some point can your group continue to be what it has been. 'Nuff said.

The following opinion is included for your information and consideration:

NOTE: Opinion of Bob Fowler...I tend to agree with his views. This is a partial expert of a file I got off of GENIE.

MY THOUGHTS ON THE GENEVE 9640
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THESE COMMENTS ARE MADE AS AN OWNER OF A 9640. I HAVE BEEN AN OWNER OF A 9640 SINCE AROUND JUNE 1987. TO MY FIRST SURPRISE AND I EXCITINGLY OPENED THE BOX WAS NO SOFTWARE!!!! SITTING THERE WITH A 9640 CARD, A BEAUTIFUL KEYBOARD AND NOTHING THAT I WAS ABLE TO DO WITH IT. LUCKLY BECAUSE OF MY CONNECTIONS AS A SYSOP OF A BBS I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN AT LEAST THE MINIMUM FILES THAT I REQUIRED TO AT LEAST FIRE UP THE THING. (WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT DO NOT HAVE MY CONNECTIONS? I WONDER WHAT THEY DO?). OH, BY THE WAY, I DID RECEIVE A WONDERFUL MANUAL IN A THREE RING BINDER, THAT DID ME NO GOOD AT ALL!!! SEEMS THE OPERATING SYSTEM THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET AT THE TIME HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MANUAL AT ALL. ALSO IN THE MANUAL IS A 254 PAGE DOCUMENT TELLING ME EVERYTHING THAT I CAN DO WITH THE MYARC ADVANCED BASIC. LOOKED GOOD ON PAPER BUT WHERE IS THE ADVANCED BASIC??? WHERE IS THE COMPLETED MDOS??? TRUE WE NOW HAVE A MDOS VER. 99B THAT IS ALMOST!! WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BUT CLOSE DOES NOT COUNT.....WHERE IS THE NEWEST VERSION 4.21 PASCAL RUN TIME TO ALL THE LOADING AND RUNNING OF STANDARD PASCAL SOFTWARE? WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED THESE FEATURES IN ADS THAT SELL THE 9640 AND WE ARE STILL SITTING HERE AND WAITING AND WAITING AND WAITING. THE LAST DATE RELEASED BY MYARC (OFFICIALLY AS FAR AS I KNOW) WAS EVERYTHING WOULD BE MAILED OUT TO USERS ON THE END OF OCTOBER... WELL HERE IT IS THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER AND STILL AGAIN NOTHING... MAYBE SOME MAIL BLITZ TO MYARC WILL DO SOME GOOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK??? I THINK IT IS TIME FOR THE BUYERS OF THE 9640 TO START TAKING SOME ACTION ON THEIR OWN AND MAYBE WE CAN GET SOMETHING DONE. THE ADDRESS FOR MYARC IN CASE YOU DO NOT HAVE IT IS: MYARC, INC. P.O. BOX 140 BASKING RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07920 PHONE: (201) 766-1700 I AM GOING TO CARRY ON A CRUSADE ON MY BBS. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, PLEASE CALL MY BBS AT: PC-PURSUIT (202) 292 1482 -OR- NON PC-PURSUIT (301) 292 1482. IF I GET ENOUGH RESPONSES ON MY BBS I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET THE MSGS ONTO A FILE AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT GETTING THEM ON THE SERVICES (THAT IS: GENIE, DELPHI, COMPUSERVE). IF I GET ENOUGH RESPONSE I WILL ALSO MAKE A FILE OUT OF THE RESPONSES AND MAIL THEM MYSELF TO LOU PHILLIPS DIRECTLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PLEASE DO NOT GET ME WRONG ON THE ABOVE COMMENTS. I PERSONALLY THINK THAT THE GENEVE 9640 HAS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL AS A COMPUTER. I BOUGHT THE 9640 WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING COMPATABILITY OF THE 4/A PROGRAMS WHICH I HAVE BEEN TOTALLY SATISFIED WITH. THERE ARE A FEW PBLMS (FOR EXAMPLE. PLATO) THAT DO NOT RUN ON THE 9640 BUT I AM SURE THAT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE THIS EVEN WILL BE STRAIGHTENED OUT.

I ENJOY THE SPEED OF THE 9640. I ENJOY THE MYWORD PROGRAM, WHICH I AM USING AT THIS VERY MOMENT FOR THIS FILE. I LIKE THE MDOS 99B, EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT WHAT WAS PROMISED, IT IS CLOSE!!! I ENJOY THE COMPATABILITY OF THE 9640 WITH THE GRAM KRACKER FILES AND THE ABILITY TO CONVERT MY MODULES TO DISK. I HAVE NOT PERSONALLY USED THE MULTIPLAN FEATURE BUT HAVE HEARD COMMENTS FROM USERS THAT HAVE. I ENJOY THE BUILT IN RAM DISK FEATURE.

WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IN THIS FILE IS I WANT WHAT I PAID FOR!!!! NOT PROMISES AND MORE PROMISES!!! NOT RELEASE DATE AFTER RELEASE DATE AND NONE OF THEM BEING MET. I WANT THE FULL!!! POTENTIAL OF THE 9640!!!!!!

ATTN OTHER SYSOPS:::::

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU HAVE ROOM ON YOUR BBS THAT YOU PLEASE TRY TO GET THIS FILE ONTO YOUR BBS. WOULD FURTHER APPRECIATE IT IF YOU GET ANY RESPONSES FROM YOUR USERS ON YOUR BBS IF YOU WOULD MAKE A FILE UP OF THE MSGS AND SEND TO BOB (SYSOP) OF THE BBBB IN CLINTON, MD. PC-PURSUIT (202) 292 1482 -- NON PC-PURSUIT (301) 292 1482.

Memory Empty
Gary

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VP REVIEW

The next meeting is December 5,1987 for the Net99ers will be held at the North Richland Hills Community Center next to the Library on 820 loop and Rufe Snow drive. Notice I said NRH Library and not the Hurst Library. I believe that we have found a new home for the Net 99ers. If everything works out, as I believe it will, then

things couldn't look better. Well, maybe a little bit better, Gary is starting to get worried if any one is going to run for the offices being vacated by the current officers.

For the first time since we started meeting at the Hurst Library, somewhere about 5 years ago, we are taking up new residence, partly because the Hurst Library went up on the rent and mostly because they would pre-empt us at any given moment almost without warning. In a way I feel sad that we had to move, because the old Library had been sort of a home for the Net 99ers and its not easy to just cut the strings and move along. However, I feel confident that after the transition, it should get even better. One of the worst things that we have had to contend with this year is moving our meetings around so much that hardly anybody knew from month to month what our schedule was. Hopefully after this change we shouldn't have to worry about this again, because the NRH Library had promised that we have the first Saturday of each month for the next six months.

At the last meeting we voted to donate some consoles to the NRH Library with at least one having a 32k installed in the console. I have finished making one of the 32k kits ready to install in the console if I had the console. As of now, none of the people have come across with the consoles that they said they would donate. If you have several consoles stashed away and you know you want be needing them, then please share with others and let someone else experience the thrill and joy of working on this great little machine. If you only have two consoles I wouldn't let go of one if that is all you have, but I know of some people that have as much as a dozen stashed away in their closets, these are the people I am talking to. If your like me when I first got my first computer I said that I was in business at last, until someone told me that these instruments could with out warning simply stop working, I mean like quit, cease functioning. Oh!!!! no#### what would I do. Suddenly it struck me, I must get a back up, just in case. Today my first back up went to my older son, and my next back up went to my younger son, and finally I have a back up, after Gary got through using it, or until my wife decides to take one for herself.

I guess I had back out of here, its getting late and 5 a.m. comes too soon, so hopefully I will see each of you at the next meeting. Remember not Hurst, but North Richland Hills Community Center next to the Library.
    ‡ James ‡

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DEPT OF THE TREASURY

Due to conflicting schedules of your treasurer as well as other members of our group the treasury report was not ready for this publication. An account of the months transaction will be given at the meeting, ken

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----NET99'ER MINUTES-----

NOV 7, 1987

Gary Higgs opened the meeting after trying to delay it to give time for equipment repair. He gave a brief overview of the different topics for the meeting.

The RF modulator was the faulty equipment which failed. It was repaired soon after the start of the meeting.

The minutes were read and excepted. The treasurer was not present to give his report.

The new chief librarian, Ron Miller, was thanked for all his recent effort and updates.

A reply was received back from North Texas State University concerning all the used TI equipment which they no longer need. The letter said they could not give us the equipment because we are not a state funded agency. A question was asked if they might have a auction. This was not known. Ron Woolf said he would try to look further in to the matter.

Databiotics is not taking more orders for the Ramdisk. It seems they are having trouble filling the present orders.

James said there was a problem with a few of last month's Disk of the Month. If anyone is having trouble, they are to bring it to James attention so he can help correct it.

St. Mary's Catholic church has many unused TI equipment. They already have plans to sell them at a school flea market. Club members might check out other churchs and also find that there is more TI equipment out there which is unused. It was asked of the members if they would be interested in another meeting place if one could be found which was cheaper. Presently we are paying $20.00 dollars a month. The City Hall of North Richland Hills could be gotten for $10.00 the first two hours, and $5.00 there after. The general consenses was that a cheaper price was good, but a more consistent meeting schedule would be most desirable. Something we have not been able to do at the Hurst Public Library. One other thing to consider was whether a large screen TV would be available. This was not felt to be a problem, as several monitors might possibly be connected up together to

give the same display around the room.

James said that North Richland Hills library had some TI equipment and no console. The members moved that $30.00 dollars from the club be spent to purchase a console from a member to be donated to the library.

Fulton Cook mention the Discovery SIG meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting would be on Ramdisks and the supercart. Doc still has supercarts for sale. Both standard and double sided.

The buy, sell, and swap session was held. There was a very large variety of items offered which was bought and sold.

Gary mention that we are about the only club without a BBS (BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE). Phillip Chappell and his wife have offered there home for this purpose. It would require an additional phone line and the monthly bill paid by the club. Several members asked if it could have a metro line. The BBS was agreed upon without a metro line initially.

The Fairware seems to be failing. Users of the Fairware software are not sending in thier fare share for the programs they use. Two well known programers of the Fairware circuit are dropping out.

The club must start thinking of next years officers. This year is almost over.

The meeting then finished off with an excellent demonstration of the 9640. Charles Bathman showed his 9640, explaining why he chose it and what he got.

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November 7, 1987

I would like to welcome new members:

Frank Pettigrew   M11/88
3604 Kell ST.
Fort Worth Tx 76109
294-2879
921-3577

Ron Freels   M11/88
7312 Yolanda Dr
Fort Worth Tx 76112
654-0035

The following members renewed their membership:

James Ashcraft M11/88, Mike Bowen M11/88, Marvin "Doc" Graves M11/88, John Nesburg M10/88, Leo Paredes M8/88, David Shivers M11/88, Rosie Steele M9/88,

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

Clint Joplin, Mike Reeves, Sarah Rupe, Danny Soto, Jim Stewart, Danny Thomas,

The following members will be dropped if dues are not paid at the next meeting:

Phillip Chappell, Donna Chesser, Charles B Guys, John S Kishpaugh, James T Long, Sidney Parker,

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.

John Lambert
Membership Chairman

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CASSETTES

Remember last month when I asked for a donation from anybody that had a old cassette recorder laying around the house not being used, well guess who came to the rescue, our own Ron Miller donated, not just one, but two, yes two cassette recorders! Not only did he donate the recorders, but he also donated a bunch of tapes and books that go with the tapes. If your new to the 4a and you feel embarassed to ask questions aloud in the group, for fear you would make yourself look stupid or dumb or something like that, here is your chance to learn something with very little amount of cash outlay. These tapes include some titles like teach yourself basic and extended basic and many many more. If you haven't used your cassette library lately then thats too long. Oh by the way the person guilty of checking out the other set of teach yourself basic, is a little over due, by about 6 months. I personally favor capital punishment for such dregs, say for instance, death by hanging or possibly a slap on the wrist or something like that. I mean to have those tapes back or I will personally cause your tennis shoes to have a blow out. And if thats not enough persuasion, then next month you will be forced to listen to a opera tape at least 3 times over and this tape is a mess, and you will be to, after listening to it. All kidding aside if you have some of the club materials at home, please bring it back, because there are other people waiting to use them. Lest we forget, the meeting is 12/05/87 at the NRH Community Center next to the Library, see ya then. And one more thing, I would like to thank the nice people at Lewis Label for donating some cassette labels to the club.

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HARDWARE

By now I hope that everybody has seen and done the modification on their console to clarify the screen. It makes a little difference on monitors, but it makes a whole lot of difference on a T V. If you haven't done this yet, but you would like to or have some one else do it for you, then I would suggest that you come to the next Discovery meeting where we will have a console torn down to show you where it goes and how to do it. Speaking of the Discovery sig, which stands for special interest group, had one heck of a meeting this last time and as you know, Fulton Cooke is in charge of this group and assisted by our able friend Tom Hall. These guys are working hard to get you people to come to the meetings and share in the activites. So, if there is something that you don't understand or something that you would like to learn to do with the 4a, then come to the next sig meeting and share in the fun. Gary tells me that all the stuff that supposedly doesn't work on the 9640 is working just fine on his, since he recieved the current DOS for the 9640. This machine is starting to look like it may be the machine to take the place of the 4a in the near future. The hardware and software problems are being worked out almost everyday now according to people like J.Peter Hoddie. So far the only thing that Gary has tried to run and won't is a mail program that I have. Virtually everything runs except Plato and speech. In fact it looks so good if I could swing it, I would probably get one myself. Well its getting late, so I guess I had better get out of here, so see ya at the meeting.

  ‡ James ‡

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THE Cutting Edge Of Technology In Computer Science

BELIEVE IT OR NOT! SCIENTISTS ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH BRAIN TISSUE FOR COMPUTERS. THE ARTICLE SAID THAT SOME SCIENTISTS ARE TRYING TO PROGRAM FETAL BRAIN TISSUE TO IMPLANT INTO IMPLANT INTO AN ADULT. FETAL TISSUE BECAUSE IT IS STILL GROWING AND WILL MERGE INTO ADULT BRAIN TISSUE. THE SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THEY CAN PROGRAM THE TISSUE FOR MATHMATICS, CHEMISTRY, FINANCE, OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT. FOR EXAMPLE ONE PROGRAMMED FOR MATH AND IMPLANTED INTO YOUR BRAIN, YOU WOULD BECOME A HUMAN CALCULATOR WITH ABOUT THE SAME SPEED. ANYONE WANT TO BE THE FIRST TO SIGN UP FOR THE EXPERIMENT? ON A LIGHTER NOTE, KODAK WHO IS THE PRODUCER OF "VERBATIM" FLOPPY DISKS IS COMMING OUT WITH SMUDGE-PROOF DISK. KODAK IS PUTTING A COAT OF TEFLON ON THIER NEW DISKS WHICH WHEN TOUCHED BY HUMAN HANDS IN THE OVAL WINDOW, WILL QUICKLY WIPE OFF AT THE FIRST TURN OF THE DISK IN ITS JACKET. THEY SAID THE PRICE WILL BE COMPETITIVE WITH PRESENT FLOPPIES ABOUT $23.80 PER BOX WHICH IS ABOUT 15% HIGHER THAN THE REGULAR FLOPPIES AT $20 PER BOX. YOU CAN SURE TELL THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN TO INFOMART BASEMENT. $2 PER DISK FOR VERBATIM?

  Jim Lesher

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FER SALE

1 - 32K, 16 bit "turbo" console -
$150.00
1 - Commodore 1802 monitor -
composite or monochrome - $150.00
1 - Disk Drive case with power supply
for external drives - $50.00
1 - 3 slot "Captain's Wheel"
exspansion box - $50.00

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                    (817) 738-9290

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JUST A NOTE

We are in bad need of people to take over the club officers jobs for next year. without your help your club might not be here next year. If its like last year it will get down to the last day and people will sorta be forced into it. If you think you have no experience or great knowledge of the computer, try it anyway. Every person who has taken an office apealed to different people with different talents. What a better way to learn and have fun. Remember the past offficers of the club are just a phone call away. They will be eager to help in many ways. Time is short so please think about taking one of the positions below.

PRESIDENT (YOUR NAME)
VICE PRESIDENT (YOUR NAME)
SECRETARY (YOUR NAME)
TREASURER (YOUR NAME)

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GAME REVIEWS
by Phillip Chappell and Dean Lacharite

We plan (over the next several months) to evaluate each of the games presently in the library. This may help those who are looking for a more complete description than is found in the catalog as well as those who are just looking for new games that they are interested in. Please bear in mind that the ratings we give are an average of our own opinions of each game and, as opinions, may or may not agree with your opinion of the game. At present we plan to review one disk per category (Assembly games, Extended basic games, and Basic games) per month. When our copies of the game fail to work for whatever reason, it will be noted as such in the review. If any of you can help us get it to work, we will review it as soon as possible. The rating categories (on a scale of 1 to 10) are pretty much self-explanatory. Performance rates how the game produces the expected results. Ease of use rates how easily the game can be made to work properly. Entertainment value rates how well the game holds our attention (whether by challenge, excitement, or just plain fun). Overall rates our assessment of the value of the game as a whole. We hope these reviews help you!

ASSEMBLY DISK #1

BUCK ROGERS: Could not load it - "Illegal Tag"
HOPPER: You are the kangaroo. Face then kick the boxes to squash your would-be captors. Documentation not on disk. Good action game. Screen 9 becomes challenging almost to the point of impossible. 1 or 2 player. Joysticks.
        Performance: 9
        Ease of use: 7.5
        Entertainment value: 9
        Overall rating: 8.5
TENNIS: Play tennis against opponent or computer. Outstanding graphics and sound. Speech. Documentation available in library. 1 or 2 player. Press FCTN-9 for options. Joysticks.
        Performance: 10

                    Ease of use: 9
                    Entertainment value: 10
                    Overall rating: 10

        EXTENDED BASIC #1

        BATTLE OVER TITAN: Kill enemy without entering their radar scan. 1 player. Joystick or keyboard. Auto-load.
        Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 6.5
                    Ease of use: 7
                    Entertainment value: 7.5
                    Overall rating: 6.5
PHARAOH'S TOMB: Gather treasures while avoiding pits and Pharaoh's ghost. Keyboard. 1 player. Auto-load. Good memory
        game. Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 7
                    Ease of use: 9.5
                    Entertainment value: 8
                    Overall rating: 9
CASINO BLACKJACK: Excellent teaching tool for blackjack. 1 player. Keyboard. Auto-load. Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 10
                    Ease of use: 10
                    Entertainment value: 8.5
                    Overall rating: 10
BLACKBEARD'S TREASURE: Gather treasures and return them to the boat safely while dodging octopi and sharks. Joystick.
        Auto-load. Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 6.5
                    Ease of use: 8
                    Entertainment value: 5.5
                    Overall rating: 6.5
ALPHABET SOUP: Good children's alphabet teaching game. Joystick. Optional speech. Auto-load. Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 10
                    Ease of use: 10
                    Entertainment value: 9 (for kids)
                    Overall rating: 9.5
CRAZY FUN HOUSE: Munchman variation. Joystick. Complex number of variations make game frustrating. Auto-load.
        Includes documentation.
                    Performance: 7.5
                    Ease of use: 5
                    Entertainment value: 6.5
                    Overall rating: 6
FORCE-1: Very slow space game. Awkward and slow response. Keyboard.
                    Performance: 6.5
                    Ease of use: 7.5
                    Entertainment value: 2.5
                    Overall rating: 3.5
GO(T): Could not get it to work. No documentation.
        MATCHES: Not bad for a game you cannot win. 1 player. Good graphics.
                    Performance: 10
                    Ease of use: 10
                    Entertainment value: 1
                    Overall rating: 2.5

        BASIC GAMES #1

        BLK/JACK: Does not play by Vegas rules. Multiple player. Mostly text. Includes instructions.
                    Performance: 8

           Ease of use: 8
           Entertainment value: 6.5
           Overall rating: 7
BLK/JACK2: Same as above with speech (TE II cartridge required).
     CARSCARC: Run over monsters with your car. 1 player. Fair graphics and sound.
           Performance: 8
           Ease of use: 8.5
           Entertainment value: 7
           Overall rating: 7
CRAP/GAME: Simulated craps game. No betting recorded. Good graphics and sound.
           Performance: 10
           Ease of use: 9.5
           Entertainment value: 8.5
           Overall rating: 9
CRAP/GAME2: Same as above with speech (TE II cartridge required).
     HANGMAN: Basic version of Hangman. Fair graphics and sound. Includes instructions.
           Performance: 9
           Ease of use: 10
           Entertainment value: 7.5
           Overall rating: 8.5
LUNAR/LAND: CALL FILES(1). Includes instructions. Fair graphics. Very slow but very challenging.
           Performance: 7
           Ease of use: 5.5
           Entertainment value: 6.5
           Overall rating: 7
MATCHUP: Good Concentration-type game. Includes instructions. 2 player.
           Performance: 10
           Ease of use: 9
           Entertainment value: 8
           Overall rating: 9
MUGWUMP: Coordinate grid search game. Includes instructions.
           Performance: 7
           Ease of use: 6
           Entertainment value: 6.5
           Overall rating: 6
SAILING: Graphic/text sailing game. Good challenge. Recommended for ages 12 and over.
           Performance: 6
           Ease of use: 6
           Entertainment value: 7
           Overall rating: 6
STARTREK: Good text adventure.
           Performance: 8.5
           Ease of use: 5.5
           Entertainment value: 9
           Overall rating: 7.5
TI-WARS: Couldn't run. "Memory full" - even with CALL FILES(1). (TAPE ONLY?)
     TICTACTOE: Computer keeps score for players. Fair graphics. Good kids game.
           Performance: 10
           Ease of use: 10
           Entertainment value: 3.5 (possibly more for kids)
           Overall rating: 10

    Genial Computerware is pleased to announce the release of five new programs just in time for the annual Chicago
TI Faire. Included are new programs by John Johnson, Mike Dodd, and J. Peter Hoddie, as well as two new
astonishing sets of fonts.

Remind Me!
By John Johnson

Remind Me! is a program designed to help manage a monthly schedule. Traditionally, the problem with calendar style programs was that they were slow and cumbersome to use. Because Remind Me! is written entirely in assembly language it is extremely fast, while maintaining a very user friendly interface. John Johnson, creator of Remind Me!, is the author of the extremely popular Menu program for the Horizon RAM disk.

The program presents a graphic view of a calendar where you can load in one month at a time to work with. By using the arrow keys you can select a particular date and open its window. Each day's window may contain up to 12 lines of text which is entered and updated with a scaled down TI-Writer style editor. All dates that contain reminders are highlighted to make checking your calendar easy. Furthermore, a fast search feature is included which ignores the case of letters and allows for multiple searches.

Remind Me! has two different print options. At any time you can print out the contents of a given day with a single key stroke. Using the Print function, you can print out a two column calendar for the entire month, or any range of days in a month. You can even print to disk and then load your calendar into TI-Writer!

Remind Me! may be customized for your own particular system configuration. You can choose screen colors, printer codes, printer device, and more. All of the configuration data is saved with the program so that it is automatically available each time you load Remind Me!, avoiding the hassle of keeping a separate defaults file on disk.

If you have a CorComp Clock Peripheral, a CorComp Triple Tech Card, a MBP Clock Card, the John Clulow Clock board, or a MYARC 9640, Remind Me! will display the current time while you are working. It will also provide the current month as the default when you beginning a session. A clock is NOT required to use Remind Me!. A version of Remind Me! that runs out of Super Space Cartridge is included so that you can have the program as an option on your main TI menu.

Remind Me! runs on a TI-99/4A or the MYARC 9640, and requires Editor/Assembler, TI-Writer, a Super Cart, or Extended BASIC. Retail price $15.

PC-Transfer
By Mike Dodd

PC-Transfer is the fastest and most convenient method available to transfer data between a TI-99/4A or MYARC 9640, and an MS-DOS based machine. Simply place an MS-DOS disk in one disk drive and a TI disk in another and PC-Transfer goes to work.

PC-Transfer allows you to catalog the MS-DOS disk and select the files you wish to copy to the TI disk. You can even search for files in sub-directories. All file selection is performed with a Disk Manager 1000 style screen, so you can look through all the file names before making your choices. You then enter a TI filename for each of the files, and PC-Transfer converts all selected MS-DOS text files into Display Variable 80 files that can be used in TI-Writer or MY-Word! Similarly, PC-Transfer also allows you to catalog a TI disk, select files, and write them out as text files on the MS-DOS disk.

Because you might not have an MS-DOS disk initialized when you need it, PC-Transfer provides an initialize function, supporting four MS-DOS disk formats. And PC-Transfer is prepared for the future. A special loader feature allows for new conversion routines to be added - conversions that could allow transfer of graphics, spreadsheets, and more. Mike Dodd, author of PC-Transfer, made significant contributions to Triton's Super Extended BASIC and is the monthly 9640 columnist in MICROpendium.

PC-Transfer will run on both the TI-99/4A and MYARC 9640 computers. It requires either a CorComp or MYARC disk controller, two disk drives, and either an Extended BASIC, TI-Writer, or Editor Assembler cartridge. Retail price $25.

Genial Font Packs

Genial Computerware's Font Packs are collections of 19 different fonts stored in TI-Artist format. These fonts are of very high quality, and most include complete upper and lower case letters along with numbers and symbols. These fonts cover a variety of sizes ranging from tiny to large. Perhaps most importantly, these fonts

are designed to be exceptionally readable. All fonts have been tested with Font Writer II. Because some of the fonts are to large to load into TI-Artist, a special program has been included on disk that will allow you to load in a TI-Artist or GRAPHX picture along with any TI-Artist font and type on the picture in any color. The picture may then be saved for use in TI-Artist or GRAPHX. All of these fonts may be converted to CSGD format using either Genial Computerware's Graphic Expander, or Font Writer II also by J. Peter Hoddie (available through Asgard). Each Font Pack comes with a manual which includes complete printouts of each font for easy reference. Each Genial Font Pack retails for $10.

Contents of Genial Font Pack 1: Alice, Andover, Berlin, Bubbles, Cartoon, Cream, Hanford, LED, Mars, MGX, Old English, Park Avenue, Poughkeepsie, Schematic, Spokane, Tile, Tiny, Tucson, and Western.

Contents of Genial Font Pack 2: Akashi, Apple, ASCII, Callisto, Canterbury, Chicago Gothic, Electronic, Eon, Franklin, Gangster, Genoa, Hood River, Ivy League, Long Island, Lilliput, Los Angeles, Moseisly, Pleasant Plain, and Saturn.

Graphics Expander
By J. Peter Hoddie

If you use graphics programs, have you ever found just the font you wanted to use, but it was too small for your use? Have you ever wanted to print a vertical banner? Have you ever wanted to use letters that were rotated 90 degrees so that a line of text can run up or down the page? Have you ever wished you had an upside down font for upside down text? If you wanted any of these special applications in the past, you had to create a whole new font to do the job. With Graphics Expander, you can quickly and easily enlarge a font, rotate the characters, create mirror images, or invert them. No drawing is required. You can also perform the same operations on small graphic instances. This program will save you hours of work and give you many more possibilities for your graphics and artwork.

Graphics Expander is written entirely in assembly language for speed and is compatible with fonts and graphics from both TI Artist and CSGD. You can also use Graphics Expander to convert fonts and graphics back and forth between CSGD and TI Artist formats. All graphics are displayed on the screen. Images and fonts may be scaled horizontally and/or vertically by factors from 1 to 9. For your convenience a full catalog routine is included as well as the ability to delete files. Complete documentation by Walt Howe is included.

Graphics Expander runs on the TI-99/4A and MYARC 9640 computers. Extended BASIC, Editor/Assembler, or TI-Writer is required along with 32K of memory. Retail price $10.

Ordering Information

All of these programs may be ordered by sending a check or money order to Genial Computerware, P.O. Box 183, Grafton, MA 01519. Please include $1 for shipping and handling. For a complete Genial Computerware catalog send a self addressed stamped envelope to the above address.

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