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The PUNN Newsletter--Portland, Oregon

From the Prez. . .

Individually we each have ideas about what we want to do with our TI computer. We also have our own ideas about what the club should be, should do and what the club should become.

As interim president I want to hear from each of you, new members and old members alike. Let's pool our ideas about club objectives and programs. Our "collective wisdom" can be far greater than our individual thoughts--We must have your input for the next president to use.

Tell me or tell another officer or board member what you would like to see the club accomplish in 1988. Program suggestions, workshops and special interest groups are areas where the members needs must be addressed. What do you think of the extra activities such as the Pizza Feed and the Summer Picnic?

Do you know anyone with a TI in the closet? Why not tell them about our club and bring them to the next meeting? You will be doing both them and our club a favor.

--Dale Kirkwood

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News & Views

You will not want to miss the meeting this month! The board has authorized a raffle to give away to some lucky member valuable software. It won't cost you anything and you might be the winner. Our Librarians want you to know they have over 1000 programs--including 3 full disks of Christmas music. Walt Morey and Ron Mayer will have this available at each meeting. Don't forget that Jim Thomas our expert for you cassette users is always available when you need programs or help. Your editor broke his finger in his right hand--if you see errors you'll know why--this would be an excellent opportunity for you out there to contribute something for next month's WordPlay. Exciting improvements are being considered for the BBS--watch for them. Ron & Walt plan a demonstration of their computer commication via short wave radio at this month's meeting--see inside for details. Further nominations for office will be in order at this coming meeting--so far those nominated are--Al Kinney; President--Mike King; Vice-president--Don Barker; Secretary--Chuck Chuck Neal; Treasurer. Having trouble with your console?--Jim Smith will make you an exchange for \$25.00 (special to members) and guarantee it as well--see him at the meeting for details. There were 13 members present at the board meeting in October--all members are invited to attend these meetings. Often you can obtain valuable information from attendance at these meetings.

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Love your neighbor, but don't take down the fence.

TI-Power

If I had a nickel for every time someone said "why don't you get a real computer. . .", I'd have enough money to buy a MYARC 9640. Actually, I have gone through various stages of responses ranging from "Oh yeah!, well #!%!" to you" to laughing in their face.

Let's be realistic though. The TI has had a lot of bad PR (public relations) since it first came out years ago. Why is that? First, look at the crap that TI passed off as software. I have written BASIC programs that were more powerful than some of the modules TI sold for \$30.00 and up. How about peripherals? You want a PEB for \$300.00? It doesn't do anything except let you add other \$300.00 peripherals I'll take a dozen please.

Those were my "Oh yeah! . . ." days, when I felt that I had been taken. Black Friday (when TI pulled out) was like a knife in the back. However, now that I can look back on my first year (and laugh) I can honestly say that TI dropping us was as if our chains of bondage had been broken! Let's look at what's available.

MEMORY: This is frequently where the "power" of a system shows up. You can't read an ad without getting the RAM specs, what comes with it and what it is capable of doing. I say this is the "power" of the system because anything that is done must be done by a program. The more memory available, the bigger (i.e.) powerful the programs can be. The stripped down TI only came with 8K of ROM, 18K of GROM, 16K of RAM (some used by the screen and the BASIC interpreter) and a 256 byte scratchpad (working) CPU RAM. A cartridge adds as much as 42K of ROM-RAM-GROM. This was great in the early 80's but peanuts now.

Then along came peripherals. Most peripherals require some type of machine code interface (disk controller, RS232's etc. . . have at least 4K of ROM (RS 232) and in some instances (CORCOMP and MYARC disk controllers) have more than one bank of 8K. Now we have a big pile of peanuts. But wait! Look! Up in the peripheral expansion box! It's a green light! It's a red light! It's a RAMDISK!

Whether Foundation, Corcomp, Myarc, New Horizon, Mechatronic or whatever, RAMDISKS have revolutionized my TI life. Each with merits of its own, these cards (and more appropriately called RAMCARDS since they do more than emulate disks), can put the TI back into the lead concerning powerful home computers.

You think I've lost my mind? Consider this: A modified New Horizon RAMCARD (my term) contains 256K of RAM. Since this card can occupy any CRU address, you can fill any empty slot in your PEB with one of these beauties. I have four slots open in my PEB at home - that's 1 megabyte of CPU memory available to me, battery backed up! These cards can be used as extremely fast RAM disks or can contain CALL routines for BASIC or Extended BASIC (with appropriate linking routine) programs. I also have a 512K MYARC RAMDISK. The machine code provided with the card makes using it as a disk or print spooler extremely easy - But I could use it to store routines if I wanted to. CORCOMP also has a similar card and has developed a word processor/formatter spell checker which will (if the description is true) blow the overlays off an IBM or clone.

Have you heard of a "super cartridge?" This module doesn't add a lot of memory to your system, but it is usually battery backed and is like having a portable chip set. Plug it in and your program is available (machine code, not BASIC OR Extended BASIC).

I have only mentioned the memory aspect of the TI, without going into comparing the colors, speech, sound registers, tec. of other home computers.

If I may tell a short story, I believe I can get my point across: the company where I work has 38 VAX 11/711's, IBM mainframes, hundreds of micro's etc. I have access to most of these systems through a Local Area Network. After trying MASS11 (word processor) on the VAX, I broke down and brought in a TI setup. Three office buddies (including my boss) who own IBM's (or clones) started the ribbing. I plugged in my Q-bert cartridge and showed them the graphics - they stopped laughing. I plugged in the Terminal Emulator and let the TI talk to them - they listened. I played "Axel F" with three sound registers and a noise register (IBM can only make one noise at a time). One of them wanted me to see "CENTIFEDE" as written for the IBM. It was pitiful. I walked them over to my cube and demonstrated the real thing for them. They haven't asked me to look at any more of their programs.

Sure TI has far better games, but what about Lotus? Flight Simulator? dBASSIII? You've got me there. I admit there aren't programs of that magnitude available - yet. These RAM cards I mentioned are still in the infant stage. Give programmers some time (and incentive) to develop programs that use TI's new-found power.

The TI is capable of programs such as these, but we must want them! Millers Graphics has developed a fantastic emulation program called Explorer. A finer program hasn't been written for the TI (personal opinion). Yet, within a few months (weeks) of its release, there was a pirated version available. If TI owners supported BOTH commercial developers and fairware authors, instead of pirates, MORE excellent programmers would stay with us. Unfortunately judging by the speed in which pirated programs make it around the country, I'd say as a large group of computer enthusiasts, we have a bad reputation. Moral of the story. For the price of a RAMCARD (about \$200.00), you could have it all. You must also not support pirates but support commercial developers and fairware authors. If you can't do either of these, go buy a clone (\$600.00 to \$2000.00) and start shelling out hundreds of dollars for "the neat stuff"

Curtis Allen
--New Hampshire 99er's

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*   Murphy's Rule:
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*           A $300.00 picture tube
*   will protect a 10c fuse by
*           blowing first.
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November Program

This month we have a good program by Ron Mayer K7BT, and Walt Morey WA7SDY, our club librarians.

They are both amateur radio operators and will show their equipment that is being used with our TI-99/4A's. They will have 2 different transmitters, both using printers, one at each end of the room and will send RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PACKET, FAX, CW, etc., all using the 99/4A computer.

With new equipment, that is now for sale, we can use our computers and do almost anything.

To show facsimile printing capabilities, a previously recorded audio signal will be used. For instance, it takes about 8 minutes to print out the full weather map that will be demonstrated.

They are both using their 99/4As on amateur radio. They demonstrated this same program to a large Amateur Radio club meeting this month and the program was well received. Most of the radio club members had other types of computers, but they became interested in ours.

Next month we will have a program on Christmas music. There are many different programs in our Library that you may want to look at. More information about this in the next issue.

More ideas for programs are needed. Do you want the type of programs we have had the last 2 months or some other type? Let Program Chairman Ted Peterson know. You'll find his phone number on the front page.

Seattle TI-Faire

A busy day and a busy time for all. Vendors present at the Seattle TI-Faire included: MYARC-a demonstration of the 9640 and the "final" version of DOS. RAVE COMPUTERS-showed both versions of their keyboard and speech synthesizer with hints of more fine hardware to come. MILLER COMMUNICATIONS-displayed a flex-card. This card will allow the 9640 to do graphics and titling for videotapes. They say it should be ready for the CES in Las Vegas. MECHATRONICS-were displaying it's mouse and software, as well as other products. No new products from them at this time. NAMELOC SOFTWARE (our own Paul Coleman)-had a booth offering his software. Designer Labels for use with TI-Artist: a combination disk containing Labelmaker, Disk Jacket and a calendar program; and a disk full of fonts and instances for TI-Artist. COMPUSERVE was represented by Jim Horn and GENIE was represented by Scott Darling.

The local dealers in the Seattle area, BITS & CHIPS, COMPU-SHOP and QUEEN ANNE COMPUTER SHOP all had booths with products for sale.

There were many USER GROUPS present including the Vancouver, Washington club. Our club did not participate this year but many of our members who attended the show feel that we should be represented in future events of this kind.

There was no major announcement of new products other than MYARC's DOS for the 9640. Attendance seemed to be at least as many as last year, however the tables seemed to be busier throughout the day.

Disk Jacket

Jacket is a program that made it's appearance on the PUNN BBS several months ago. It is a very interesting program that allows you to make your own disk jackets and print all the information that is on the disk.

It prints an outline on the paper so you can accurately cut, fold and paste it into a proper size disk jacket.

The program listed here has been on the BBS and many members have down loaded it and found it useful.

We are making it available to those PUNN members that do not use the BBS. You can type it in or like all the programs that appear in WORDPLAY, it will be available in the PUNN library at the November meeting. This is just a small example of what you can get when you use the service of the PUNN BBS. Computerists from all over the country are continually uploading games, utilities and useful information that can make your TI-99/4A more powerful.

You can buy a new or used modem for a modest cost and once you enter this fascinating phase of computing, I guarantee you'll wonder why you waited until now.

(You will find the listing for the "Jacket" program on page 6. It is rather long so you may wish to get it from the library for the usual copying fee.)

Charles Ball
--Editor

Turn White

This neat little program comes to us from the Twin Tiers User Group and was written by Harry Wilhelm.

It is easy to type in. Just load the program and it will remain in memory until you turn the computer off. It will be especially handy when you type in programs as it will distinguish the letters apart from numbers and punctuation. I've tried it and I find that there is less chance for error when typing in long Call Characters codes.

You can keep it as a separate program or resequence it to run ahead of any program if you wanted too.

---Charles Ball, editor

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10 REM Turns all numeral and
punctuation white! by Harry
Wilhelm in Twin Tiers User
Group Newsletter.
20 REM Turn it on by CALL LO
AD(-31904,63): Turn it off
by CALL LOAD(-31804,0)
100 CALL INIT
110 CALL LOAD(16128,2,224,38
,0,2,0,8,17,2,1,63,36,2,2,0,
3,4,32,32,36,2,224,131,192,3
,128)
120 CALL LOAD(16164,240,240,
240)
130 CALL LOAD(-31804,63)
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Letter from "Paolo" Super Extended Basic

We have received a letter from Paolo Bagnaresi from Milan, Italy. (He is the author of BA Writer.)

We are reprinting it here as it has interest for the TI community.

"I am currently working on an IBM interface program that should allow CorComp or Myarc Floppy Disk Controller owners to transfer IBM PC TEXT files directly from an IBM PC diskette to a TI diskette as a DIS/VAR 80 file. Then with BA-Writer you'll be able to use the original IBM files you may have developed. Also the reverse will be possible, that is, you will be able to transfer TI DIS/VAR 80 files to an IBM PC diskette.

No external hardware will be needed (no RS232 or extra cables). The software will be a TI-IBM PC disk catalog program, with full access to all IBM Sub-Directories. Further, a SECTOR EDITOR program will come as a bonus with the package.

The Sector Editor will be able to handle both TI and IBM diskettes, as well as the MYARC WDS 100 Hard disk (finally a Sector Editor for Hard disk!).

And lastly a Disk Formatting routine that will initialize a diskette to either the TI or IBM format.

Minimum configuration for this software includes:

- 32K Expansion Memory and PEB.
- 2 DS/DD drives.

-Myarc or CorComp Disk Controller (TI Controller will not work)

-One of the following modules: Editor/Assembler; Extended Basic; Mini-Memory; Gram Kracker; or any module or card that allows Machine Language execution.

-RS232 and a Printer are optional

So much for the good news. Now for the bad. It is taking my friend Luigi Grilli and myself a lot of time to complete this package. We have been working on this project in our spare time, as all the TI developers now do. So far, only the Sector Editor is a finished and fully tested program. The rest of the software is working but it is still scattered among many unrelated files. We have to bundle them together, add some further software for the user screen interface, prepare the manual, get somebody to distribute it in the USA and finally submit the package to MicroFendium for review.

Honestly, I do not think what we will be able to release anything before Christmas time. I understand Tex-Comp has already released a similar package and that is just too bad for us. At any rate judging from the long development time we were experiencing, I always feared that somebody would eventually come up with a similar idea before we could be ready with ours. Unfortunately this is something that happens in real life.

It will handle any kind of disk densities/formats: SS/SD, DS/SD, SS/DD 16 sectors, SS/DD 18 sectors, DS/DD 16 sectors, DS/DD 18 sectors, SSQD 80 tracks 16 or 18 sectors, DS/QD 80 tracks 16 or 18 sectors.

Thank you for supporting the TI. Happy computing.

Paolo Bagnaresi
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At last a major improvement to the TI-99/4A that I can really use. SUPER EXTENDED BASIC is the best thing since DM1000 and the most used since I learned FUNLWRITER. If you have TI Extended Basic, you can throw it away, and if you don't have it yet, don't bother. (Although you will need the TI Extended Basic manual to learn and use the commands).

I read a review called Super Extended Basic in a MICROpendium of 1985 that was apparently disk-based and needed CALL LOAD's to use, but the ad in Triton's spring '87 catalogue said it came in a module and supported up-down arrow in line editing. Since the price was only \$59.95 I decided to try it out.

WOW! It works just like TI Extended Basic and has been compatible with every program I have in "old xb" and some of the commands have been upgraded so you can specify Line Length with LIST and RESequence a segment of a program. You can also move the cursor immediately to the start or end of a line, or up and down a line in a statement, or tab left or right in a statement. You can even erase everything up to or after the cursor.

But this is just the icing on the cake! Super Extended Basic also adds 33 new commands. I think the best are:

COPY, MOVE, or DELETE a segment of a program, CALL CATALOG, CALL CLOCK, CALL CHIMES, CALL NEW or BYE, CALL QUITOFF, and CALL RUN- (a string variable program). It will also return the position of the ALPHA LOCK, CONTROL, FUNCTION, and SHIFT keys. Most of these commands can be accomplished with long programming techniques or assembly language aids, but now they are so much easier. Many times I have spent hours trying to do them in "old xb".

And this is not all! Super Extended Basic also includes "DRAW" PLOT from Quality 99 Software built in as fifteen assembly language subroutines you can use like TI-ARTIST or GRAPHX to draw pictures, then dump them to a printer or disk. (You do need memory expansion to use DRAW 'N PLOT.)

Altogether, I feel this is the best value I have found for the TI-9094A in a long time. The 24 page manual is laid out like the "old xb" manual and very easy to use. The only fault I have been able to think of with this module is that users with "old xb" cannot run a program written in Super Extended Basic since the new commands are not supported. Can you imagine your "old xb" when it encounters CALL ALL(42) to fill the screen with asterisks? But this is similar to trying to run an XB program in BASIC and not really a fault of Super Extended Basic.

If you write your own programs and have been looking for a way to make life a little easier, I highly recommend Super Extended Basic.

Gene Bohot
--Pomona Valley User Group

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*           I N   M E M O R I A L           *
*   We are all saddened by the passing   *
*   of one of our members last month.   *
*           Bob Sidwell died on         *
*   September 27th. 1987 - He leaves his *
*   wife Betty and his Mother.         *
*   Our condolences to the family and   *
*   we will miss him.                   *
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Font Writer II

Until now, if you wanted to mix text with graphics, your solution was to type something with TI-Writer, draw something with TI-Artist and use scissors and paste to combine your pictures with the words. Of course, where there is a problem, there is a solution, and in this case someone called it "DESKTOP PUBLISHING". Assgard Software has come up with their method to do this work without the scissors and paste. It is Font Writer II by J. Peter Hoddie.

If you ever need to produce newsletters, reports, flyers, advertisements, papers, or the like then you will be able to appreciate something that does this work for you even more. Font Writer II provides the essential missing step between TI-Writer and TI-Artist. With Font Writer II you can quickly and easily insert any number of compatible fonts (typefaces) with TI-Artist, CSGD or GRAPHX pictures or instances anywhere in your TI-Writer file. You will be able to create text boxes, justify pictures and text, and do pretty much anything else you can think of. Font Writer II is a step in power beyond any others.

Unlike others, Font Writer II uses the well-known and documented TI-Writer interface. You create your document with the TI-Writer or equivalent (Funnelwriter, etc.) complete with "dot" commands for having the text printed in other fonts, including pictures, and placing borders. Then instead of using the TI-Writer Formatter you call up the Font Writer Formatter - which with assembly speed pieces together your text and the pictures and fonts you wanted, and prints it just as rapidly. Font Writer II also includes a Font Editor that allows you to design your own type faces or change an existing type face. You can also use all the fonts that TI-Artist provides as well as CSGD fonts.

Font Writer II includes a second disk that has many fonts and pictures along with five demo programs that illustrate the use of type and graphics. There is a 36 page manual that makes it easy to use the various programs.

I am using this program to help me prepare wordPlay and in my opinion it is the best on the market for this type of program.

Charles C. Ball

The Camels Back

This game demonstrates both a little program that can displayed on the screen at one time (commonly called a Tinygram) and also that real old game called "The straw that broke the camels back!"

After you type the program in and run it the instructions will appear on the screen. Normally the game is played by two people and the number of straws that will break the Camels back is picked at random by the computer.

It's a fun little game and should entertain children and adults alike. Whoever picks the straw that "breaks the camels back" loses. It could be you or the computer. Some of the lines in the program are long so remember is the computer does not accept the entire line, you can press function 8 (REDO) and you will then be able to complete the line.

HAVE FUN!!

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2 CALL CLEAR :: Q#="55767671
353235" :: K=-1 :: CALL COLO
R(10,16,7,2,11,11):: B,Q=0
3 P=2 :: W=INT(RND*20+9):: F
OR T=1 TO 7 :: CALL VCHAR(VA
L*SEE*(Q#,T,1))+5,T+12,42,VA
L*SEE*(Q#,T+7,1)):: NEXT T
:: FOR X=1 TO 7 :: FOR Y=15
TO 19 :: CALL SOUND(1,-5,0)
4 IF Q=0 THEN P=P+K :: K=-K
5 Z=11-X :: IF Q=0 THEN DISF
LAY AT(20,2):"GUESS?":*#1="
R(1):*#2=":R(2):: ACCEPT AT(
20+P,8)SIZE(1)BEEP VALIDATE(
"123456789"):0
6 F=P+K :: B=B+1 :: CALL HCH
AR(Z,Y,11):: IF B>W THEN B
7 Q=Q-1 :: NEXT X
8 DISPLAY AT(18,2):"*#":F:"WI
NS!" :: R(F)=R(F)+1 :: FOR J
=5 TO 10 :: CALL HCHAR(J,15,
32,5):: CALL S_LND(599,440-1
00*J,0):: CALL HCHAR(21-J,5,1
11,5):: NEXT J :: GOTO 2
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What you do speaks so clearly, I don't have to hear what you say.

Computers in Surgery

The Cleveland Clinic is using computers to monitor patients during surgery. The computers are used in a variety of operations, but there is a special focus on brain and spinal cord procedures.

Intraoperative (real-time) computer monitoring is a research effort and is not being used routinely for neurological procedures, according to Dr. Richard Burgess, director of Neurological Computing for the clinic.

"We're trying to develop methods that will use brain wave recordings while a computer processes data necessary for decision making. We need to look at those patterns to determine when an abnormality has occurred. The computer assists the physician

who is trying to interpret those patterns."

Using specially developed techniques, physicians in the operating room can check the functioning of the brain and spinal cord. This is important during operations in which the spine is straightened with adjustable metal rods. In such procedures, it is important not to straighten the spinal cord too much in any one operation, because straightening it too fast can pinch it. Computer monitoring of the activity going through the spinal cord can alert the surgeon before damage occurs.

Computer monitoring also is useful in operations to remove malformed blood vessels or tumors that may damage the spinal cord if extracted with too much force.

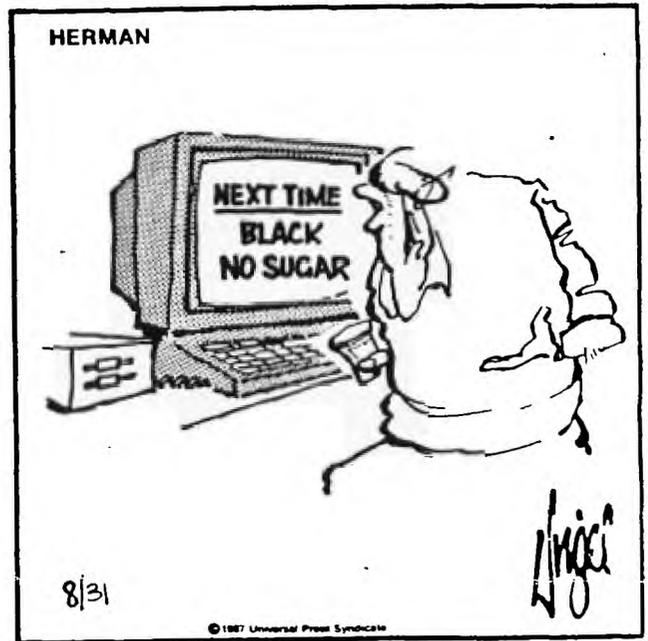
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),FN$(C+96,I),FN$(C+96,J),
FN$(C+96,);
1130 PRINT # :RB$ :: RETURN
1200 CALL SCREEN(4):: DIF=L_A
Y AT(16,I):"Using floppy dis
ks?":":N": Y|yes A|ask on
each" :: GOTO B 820
1210 DISPLAY AT(18,26):"I?"
1220 CALL KEY(@,K,S):: IF K=
78 THEN FLIP=0 ELSE IF K=89
THEN FLIP=1 ELSE IF K=65 THE
N 60SUB 1400 :: GOTO 1290 EL
SE DISPLAY AT(18,26):"I J" :
: GOTO 1210
1240 DISPLAY AT(18,27):CHR$(
K)&"J"
1290 RETURN
1300 DISPLAY AT(16,I):"Flip
disk":":press ENTER when r
eady" :: GOTO B 820
1310 CALL KE:(@,K,S):: IF K=
15 THEN RETURN ELSE 1310
1400 CALL SCREEN(4):: DISPLA
Y AT(16,I):"This next disk w
ill be":":":IF|flippy [N]|n
ormal"
1410 DISPLAY AT(18,22):"CF/
J" :: CALL KEY(@,K,S):: IF K
=70 THEN FLIP=3 ELSE IF K=78
THEN FLIP=2 ELSE DISPLAY AT
(18,22):"I /NJ" :: GOTO 1410
1420 DISPLAY AT(18,22):"I "&
CHR$(K)&" J" :: RETURN
1429 !OP+
1430 END
1500 CALL MAGNIFY(3):: CALL
CHAR(36,RPT$("FF00",4))&FF$(
"0",16)&RPT$("FF00",4)&RPT$(
"0",16):: CALL DELSPRITE(AL
L)
1510 CALL SPRITE(#1,36,5,105
,1,0,C,#2,36,5,105,17,0,C,#3
,36,5,105,33,0,C,#4,36,5,105
,49,0,C)
1520 CALL SPRITE(#5,36,5,57,
192,0,-C,#6,36,5,57,176,0,-C
,#7,36,5,57,160,0,-C,#8,36,5
,57,144,0,-C)
1530 CALL SPRITE(#9,36,5,153
,192,0,-C,#10,36,5,153,176,0
,-C,#11,36,5,153,160,0,-C,#1
2,36,5,153,144,0,-C)
1590 RETURN

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"I spilled my coffee
on the computer!"

Electric Typewriter

In the last two meetings we have all learned a little about our printers and how to address them. The various programs such as Funnel Writer, TI-Writer, BA Writer and others have been explained.

If you have just a short typing job to do, you may not want to go to the bother of loading up one of these programs. Well, you don't have to because there is a simple and easy way to turn your printer into an electric typewriter. Four lines of Basic code will do it.

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1 OPEN #1:"FID"
2 INPUT A$
3 PRINT #1:A$
4 GOTO 2

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This simple program enables the user to type a line of text, edit it as desired, and then print it by hitting the enter key.

Whenever a line of text is to be indented or contains a comma, that line must begin and end with a quotation mark ("). The quotes will not be printed nor will they be counted in the width of the line of text.

To skip a line, just hit enter.

If you want to print in expanded, condensed or another version as allowed by your printer you can load the printer up before typing using one of the various programs available for your printer.

You'll also want to note the number of characters that will print out on each line and press ENTER before over running each line.

By adding a few more lines, the program can be made more useful. You can specify the maximum line length you want and what the left and right margins will be. A check can be added to insure these limitations are not exceeded and a prompt is included to display what an overly long line can be shortened to. User instructions are also included with this expanded version. Here is what this 10 line Basic program looks like:

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1 PRINT "TO INDENT TEXT OR T
0 USE A COMMA, BEGIN END
THAT LINETH WITH QUOTATION MARK
S" ::
2 INPUT "PRESS ENTER TO SKIP
A LINE.
HOW WIDE?(80 CHARAC
TERS MAX)":WIDTH
3 MARGIN=INT((80-WIDTH)/2)
4 OPEN #1:"PIO"
5 INPUT "
INPUT LINE OF TEXT:
":TEXT$
6 IF LEN(TEXT$)>WIDTH THEN 7
ELSE 9
7 PRINT "LINE TOO LONG! SH
ORTEN TO":WIDTH;"CHARACTERS
MAX.":SEG$(TEXT$,1,WIDTH)
8 GOTO 5
9 PRINT #1:TAB(MARGIN);TEXT$
10 GOTO 5

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When typing notes, etc., where it is desirable to start printing at column one, input a line width of 80 and monitor the line width on the screen.

A simple way to use this program for correspondence is to use a line width of 56. This will fill exactly two lines of the TI screen. Right margin justification can be accomplished by inserting spaces between words until the second line of text is completely filled.

The OPEN statement in Line 4 should be changed as required for the particular printer in use. The line width feature is designed for PICA print. Line 3 can be changed to accommodate ELITE or CONDENSED styles.

Try both of these little programs. They may be just what you need for small typing jobs.

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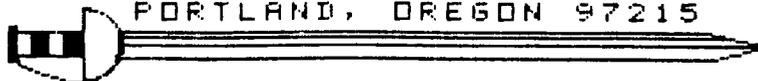
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