

# SouthWest Ninety-Niners

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## ATTENTION MEMBERS

Next meeting, Thursday, October 4th at Devon Gables Health Care Center in the Executive Dining Room at 6150 E Grant across from the Price Club at 7pm. Ida McCargar will demonstrate encryption programs from Larry Tippett, Jeff Bunting, and Jim Peterson (Tiger Cub).

### EXEC MEETING

Monday after general meeting at 6:30pm (September 10th).  
Johnie's Restaurant 22nd & Alvernon - All SW99ers welcome -  
Call BJ in advance if you plan to attend.



### GENEVE USERS

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm (October 9th).  
**THIS MONTH** at Ida McCargar's home - 5428 Madison  
Stravenue - 294-3024. Contact other Geneve owners to share  
the ride!

### GENERAL USERS

Third Tuesday of each month (October 16th) at 7:30pm.  
Mathis' home - 5941 E 26th - 747-5046.

### ADVANCED LANGUAGES

Fourth Tuesday of each month (October 23rd) at 7:00pm. Rod  
Stallard's home - 7575 E Logan Dr - 745-6071.

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## The Cactus Patch

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### GENIE ANNOUNCEMENT



The following is a press release from GENIE, an online service accessible by those owning modems.

ROCKVILLE, MD, Aug. 29, 1990 -- The GENIE (GH) service, one of the leading online information services, has announced the introduction, effective Oct. 1, 1990, of a flat subscription rate of just \$4.95 (U.S.) per month including unlimited, non-prime time access to more than 100 products and services.

Bill Loudon, general manager of the GENIE service, said, "Our market research told us the number one thing our subscribers wanted in an online information service was a flat monthly rate for accessing a wide variety of products and services."

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Twenty-six people signed in at Devon Gables for the September meeting. Dale Ussery, Don Keller, and Jim Chapman renewed their memberships.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!



Don't miss the October demonstration by Ida McCargar on cryptograms. Complete copies of the proposed changes to the SouthWest Ninety Niners constitution will be available.

In November Tom Wills will present Checkbook Manager III. We will also vote on the changes to the SouthWest Ninety Niners constitution as outlined elsewhere in this newsletter and a Nominating Committee will be appointed.

The December meeting is our Christmas Party, please plan to bring some goodies to share with other SW99ers and make sure your spouse gets this event on his/her calendar also. That's the 6th of December!



In January we will elect new officers. Would you like to run for an office? The Nominating Committee will be appointed in November, be ready with your answer when they call YOU!

Jack Mathis will finally get back to explaining how your diskettes store information and how to recover "blown" disks in February.



## FEST WEST '91



*The Happiest Fest on Earth!*

February 16 & 17, 1991 many SW99ers will be in Anaheim, CA for Fest West '91. The question is "How Many?" Fest Tickets are on sale now (\$6.00 for both days). Ticket requests with a post mark before January 1, 1991 are eligible for a drawing for one free night at the Ramada Main Gate Hotel where Fest West '91 will take place. You can write direct to Fest West 91 Committee, c/o Bill Nelson, 11692 Puryear Lane, Garden Grove, CA 92640. OR interested SouthWest Ninety-Niners can order tickets through the Group! Let's get on the ball!

SouthWest Ninety-Niners will do the registration and have a booth at Fest West '91. If you are planning to attend we hope you will help at the booth! Remember, after last year, doing registration and working our booth will seem like a breeze!



## SEPTEMBER SW99ERS' MINUTES

Thursday September 6, 1990



1. The Question & Answer period was conducted by Vice President Ed Hallett.

A. Are you familiar with the change in the GENIE rate structure?

I understand they have added a flat-rate charge for certain services during non-prime time of \$4.95 per month. Also, the non-prime time hourly rate is \$6.00 per hour for Products and Services. Prime time rates are \$18.00 per hour.

B. Is there a way to control the pagination when using II-BASE?

In the SET-UP, change the page length to zero. The only problem you will have is that you will print over the perfs. The best procedure is to write your own command routine.

2. Last Friday, an interview was taped of several members of the club showing three different system configurations. It will be shown tomorrow evening at 6:30PM over TV Station KUAT, Channel 6, as a part of the program, "Arizona Illustrated". Several of us are planning to tape it.

3. We need to start making our hotel reservations for FestWest 91.

4. At our last meeting, the members decided to have the Executive Committee establish the policy for controlling the hardware (console and cassette player) that we had proposed to loan out to shut-ins and prospective new members. The committee decided that a group member would check out the system, take it to the individual in question, and teach him or her how to set it up and use it properly. The group member will be the sponsor for the individual, will be available for answering questions and provide help as needed. If the individual becomes a member, he or she could purchase the equipment. Otherwise, when the system is no longer needed, the sponsor would retrieve it and return it to the group. The loan period should be approximately three months, unless special arrangements are made to extend the time.

5. Jack Mathis has obtained several items for sale to the members: cables for modems, printers, disk drives; quiet fans for PE Boxes; Disk Drive cleaner kits; console power supplies and keyboards.

6. Larry Newman has obtained a listing of all the Bulletin Boards in our area - 51 of them. The list will be up-loaded to our Bulletin Board, Cactus Patch. Also, you may obtain a copy by contacting Larry.
7. Larry Newman demonstrated the "Animator" and "Rock Runner", from Asgard.

*Ed McCullough, Secretary*



## DISK-OF-THE-MONTH OCTOBER 1990



*by Ida McCarger*

DOMs are available FREE to SW99ers attending the membership meeting each month. If you are unable to attend the meeting, members may buy DOMs for \$1, either at a later meeting or by mail (no extra cost by mail).

Cassettes are prepared each month for members with "cassette only" systems. The COMs are FREE to "cassette only" members who attend the membership meeting each month or for \$1 as outlined above for DOMs.

This month's disk contains a demonstration of the ANIMATOR program by Brad Snyder, available from Asgard Software. LOAD will load and run the program from EXBASIC. The Demo includes the following files: ADEMO, ASSH/D, BASEBALL, CATS, HELP 1,2,3,4 and LOAD.

Also on this disk are:

GEOM#1,2,3 - programs with formulas for solving geometric problems.

PLANET - a German program which calculates the position of the 9 planets and shows them on the screen. To choose new data, hold down the ENTER key. Instructions in German, but I think the program is self-explanatory.

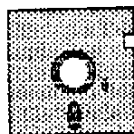
PRB-DF2 - converts your PRBase data to DF files. 2 drives are required.

PRINTVAL is a TI-Artist instance printer.

WINDOWS/XB is a little program to put a window on your screen.

MARIA is a song programmed by Harold Timmons...The song is from West Side Story, and we have a disk in the library with more songs programmed by this author.

Suggestions or requests for programs you would like to see on future DOMs are always welcome.



## DOM INDEX



At a member's request. I prepared an index of all the DOM's from #1 in June '88 thru 9/90, using Harry Brashear's Useable Disk Cataloger. With this program you can view the files, alphabetize them, print them in regular or space-saving print, add or change comments (I have commented most of them) and add to the file to keep your records up-to-date. For a small fee you may have this disk. If you want it this month, I suggest you call me.

294-3024 *Ida McCarger, Librarian*

## SW99ERS DISK LIBRARY UPDATE

### NEW FAIRWARE

14. Mack McCormick's Master Catalog
52. Mike Dodd's Resident Disk Manager
219. HI-RHS Screen Dump
236. GIPFY 0.7 - B.Boone See GIF pictures with TI
287. TRAP TRACK - Sector track editor
514. ARCADE 2 More arcade-type games

### NEW PUBLIC DOMAIN

- PD/A021,023 Plane Drawings with Viewer
- PD /E011 Elementary Education
- /E012 Geometry, Algebra, Trig, Typing
- /E013 Bible quizzes, Journeys of Paul, w. map
- PD /GA007 Bigfoot, Buck Rogers, Mash, 2 others
- /GW004 12 logic and puzzle games
- /GG001 Core War for Geneve only
- /GI012 Games using Joysticks
- /GI013 A dozen games in EXBASIC
- PD /R006 Bio-rhythm, Numerology, etc.
- PD /R031 West Side Story-selections programmed by Harold Timmons
- PD /R032 Classical selections -R.Timmons
- /R033 Selections from Porgy and Bess. Timmons



## OCTOBER DEMO PREVIEW!

*by Ida McCarger*



The October demonstration will include encryption programs by Larry Tippett, Jeff Bunting, and Jim Peterson (Tigercub). Larry Tippett's program encrypts text and has a file of amusing sayings. After encrypting the sentence, the program prints them out in a form for you to work them with a pencil. He did this so he could print them out for his mother (who has no computer), instead of buying puzzle books.

With Jeff Bunting's Cryptographer's Aide, you enter the code, the computer allows you to substitute letters, change letters, etc. and solve the puzzle on screen without using pencil and eraser.

The latest offering from Jim Peterson's Tigercub allows you to choose from 100 Bible verses on the disk, displays the encrypted puzzle on the screen, a working copy underneath, and another copy at the bottom showing the completed puzzle as you (this means YOU) work it and an alphabet showing the substitutions - neat but too easy since the book titles included in the code give it away. He has written another version with song titles, which I didn't download.



## SOUTHWEST 99'ERS ON T.V.!

On Friday, September 7, 1990, at approximately 6:53 P.M., a story was aired on KUAT-TV's Arizona Illustrated about our User Group! The segment was a regular feature of Arizona Illustrated called by The Side Of The Road, and is produced by Kim Lamb.

A week and a half earlier, some members of our User Group gathered at Woods Library for the filming session. Members were present for about three hours, and Kim and her associates used about one hours worth of film. Six members of the group were interviewed. They included BJ Mathis (President), Tom Wills (Vice President), Ed McCullough (Secretary), Ida McCargar (Librarian), Tim Mathis, and Chris Mathis. The remaining members served as "extras" by milling around the computers like we would at a normal meeting. Even though not everyone was interviewed and named on television, their presence at the filming was very important.

What was not conveyed verbally, but was obvious to the viewing audience, was the broad spectrum of people involved with our computer and User Group. Young and young at heart, children and adults, men and women, etc.

Verbally it was explained that we are a "classic computer". We were compared to taking an old VW car and souping it up to meet today's emission standards. It was also noted that we never use the big "O" word ("obsolete!"). We were referred to believing that newer and faster is not necessarily better.

It was hard to say everything we wanted to say in a five minute spot (edited down from the one hour of tape). But Kim Lamb did a superb job of presenting our User Group in a good way. The SouthWest Ninety Miners User Group would like to publicly thank Kim Lamb and Kuat-TV for having us on their fine station. "Thank You Kim and KUAT-TV!".

Hopefully this will give other User Groups incentive to try to get themselves on a local TV station and before the viewing audience of the local community. Using the angle of the "Classic Computer" and comparing the TI-99/4A to a classic car seems to do more for attracting the TV people's attention than just telling them we are an orphaned computer seven years after the fact.

## MYARC UPDATE

*by Tom Wills*

A couple of months ago, I wrote an article wondering what was happening with Myarc. Well, here we are two months later, still wondering. I have been on CompnServe a number of times trying to determine if any information was available about Myarc, and left numerous message inquiring into the status of Myarc, and more specifically, the hard and Floppy Disk Controller Card.

All I get from Myarc's representative on CIS is "I'll contact Lou and see what I can find out.". Needless to say, no answer is forthcoming. I will admit that I feel sorry for the Myarc liaison on CIS, as he apparently isn't getting the backing of the company that placed him on CIS. That is a shame.

Comments from other persons on CIS have been the same as mine, "...what is the status of the HFDCC" and "...are we sure Myarc is even in business any more", etc. No one seems to have any answers.

Comments echoing my views have been seen on CIS. "Why doesn't Myarc treat us like intelligent human beings and give us some information so we can work with them on any problems they may be encountering!". Well, maybe the lack of information says it all. Does Lou and/or Jack think we are too stupid to digest any information from Myarc? I know if you get through to Lou, he is extremely informative. But, try to get in touch with him. As to Jack, I have no opinions (that I dare print!!)

I received a letter from Pennsylvania the other day from a person who did finally get in touch with Lou. But what he went through is an article in itself. To summarize it, he spent many hours literally going door to door in Martinsville, New Jersey until he finally located Lou's home. Lou wasn't at home, but Lou's lovely wife took the gentleman's name and phone number and had Lou call him.

According to Lou, the HFDCC's were ready to be shipped, and should be (have been??) in the users hands by the 10th of September. Here it is, the 18th, and no HFDCC. I even made sure there was no snow in my sunny Arizona driveway to hinder the delivery of the card. No card came anyway.

I tried calling Myarc. Thirty five times in 90 minutes I dialed Myarc's Alabama number, and 35 times a busy signal! By the end of the 35th try, I could dial the Sprint number, Myarc's number, and my calling card number without looking or making a mistake, and that was almost 40 digits!

Well, the next day, all prepared to do battle with the phone again, I started dialing Myarc. And guess what? Susan answered on the first try! Interpret this any way you want. Anyway, Susan informed me that they had just

received the cards from the "card house" and were going to the "assembly house", and that the HFDC's should be shipped in 3 weeks (haven't we heard this line somewhere before?). That was on September 14th. According to my calendar, we should get them on or about October 5th. Want to place your bets on whether or not they show up then?

If they do not show up as promised, I would recommend a letter writing campaign to Myarc (address: Myarc, Inc., 2624 Ranier Drive N.E., Birmingham, Alabama 35215), and a telephone calling campaign (Telephone: (205) 854-5843) to Myarc by every person who has ordered the HFDC. Get on that phone, and call Myarc (hours are 9 to 11 central time) and demand to know what is happening! Express our extreme displeasure to Jack (if he just happens to be around). Let us make ourselves heard in a loud voice! And that, coupled with a ton of letters, may get some action. I only say "may", as with Myarc, you never know. Whatever you do, don't jump all over your Myarc dealer. It's not his fault. He is caught in the middle of this mess. Go after the source! Myarc, Inc!

## TIGERCUB OFFER

by *Ida McCargar*



One of the best-known members of the TI community is Jim Peterson, the TIGERCUB. He has perhaps the largest collection of PD and Fairware programs in existence. For years Jim has been contributing to the TI community by sending newsletter editors free tutorials called Tips from the Tigercub filled with all kinds of programming hints and programs. When I was just starting with my computer I spent hours typing and studying the routines and programs in each issue. In addition, Jim has written articles, tutorials on programming, which have been published in many newsletters. We have these on file in newsletters in our library available for anyone to read.

In addition, Jim has written more than a hundred original programs for sale at just \$1 each, and has 3 disks full of programming routines called Nuts Bolts.

The latest contribution from the Tigercub is a catalog of his collection of PD and FW programs, the best selected from his thousands of programs, debugged, cataloged by subject and type and on full disks with the famous Tigercub loader listing them by full program name. He gives the author where known, which is certainly a help to librarians trying to decide whether this is yet another version of Othello or one we already have. Now, for the great news. Jim is making these disks available for only \$1.50 per DISK, and this includes cost of shipping! This is truly the greatest giveaway of all time and a fine chance to build up your library of programs.

In addition, when Jim heard about my Fairware project, he sent me a list of about 50 FW programs he has that are not in our library. I will have copies of all these lists at the meeting and am asking each member to consider ordering at least one disk. I will send for the disks you choose adding my own order for as many more as I think we need, and get the order off to Jim. This is an excellent chance to build up your library as well as add to our club's library at small cost, so come to the meeting prepared to browse and choose from this wealth of programs. You'll never find a better bargain! Let's show the Tigercub we appreciate his work and are willing to support him.

## CACTUS PATCH HELP FILES PART III - TIPS & TRICKS

by *Tom Wills*



This month's Help file will deal with some Tricks & Tips on the use of the Paradigm BBS software. I think you will find some of these pointers very useful.

### TIPS & TRICKS FOR USING THIS BBS.

Here are a few tips that you can use to save time (and money if you are calling long distance) while using this BBS.

About the title screen, you've seen it before, right? Send the letter A or control C as soon as you get a carrier. Then use the quick logon feature, that is, stack your user number and password. (Example:99;PSWD)

If you have not done so, and you so desire, you can mask out topics in the message base that you don't want to read. Press <M> at the message base menu, you will be given instructions there. If you have read the instructions before, abort them, it will show you your present mask, and ask for a new one. A carriage return keeps the old setting. Also set your screen width to 80 columns by pressing <S> at the main menu (Set Screen Width).

Start a log file at this time, see the instructions for your terminal program to do this if you don't know how. Now hit <Q>quickread from the main menu and let the new messages go to your logfile. When you get to the last message, hit "!" and get off the system quick! You will be given a proverb or a thought for the day on the way out the door, it only takes a second, if you don't want to wait for it, drop carrier after pressing "!". Don't drop carrier in the message base, or it will not update your file.

Now that you are off line, and the phone bill is no longer racking up, close out your logfile and switch to TlWriter or Funnelweb. Load the logfile into the word processor, and take your time reading messages. If you see one you want to reply to, jot down the user number of the person

that left it, or the message number. Now compose your message to that person. If you like, set your margins to 39 columns so you can see all you type without having to window over. When you are finished, reset to 80 columns, and reformat the message. When you save it, use PF (Print File) not SF (Save File). Then precede the file name by a "C" and a space. This strips the control characters out.

Let's use TELCO (c) to send the message. Boot up TELCO, select SETUP OPTIONS, then FILE TRANSFER SETUP. Toggle ECHO LOCALLY to on, change CHARACTER PACING to 005, and LINE PACING to 100. You may want to set it to send a line at a time, instead of all at once, especially if it is larger than 17 lines. Press function 9 to exit, and save the changes. Then go to TERMINAL MODE or load the auto dialer and call the BBS.

Call the BBS (and hope it's not busy), and after going through the logon procedure (aborting as much as you can), get ready to send your message. There are a couple of different ways to do so, depending on what you want. If you want a direct response to a particular message, then press (R) for message base, then (I) for individual read. Enter the message number that you want to reply to. As soon as you see the header, and you are sure that is the right message, hit (R) to reply. You don't have to wait for the menus or prompts, you can reply to the message without reading the whole thing. You will get a chance to change the subject if you want, doing so will not cause the system to count your message as a reply. It just allows you to use the address. If you are at the ENTER TEXT prompt now, press function 6, then ASCII type transfer. Enter the filename that you saved it as, and follow the prompts. When finished, press enter, the save menu should come up, you can P)review the message to see that all went well, if it looks good, save it and get off the system.

If you want to download files, but you're not sure what you want, then download the entire list of files. Go to the drive that interests you, and download a file called "\$DN". Get off line again, and load it into your favorite word processor. If you see something you want, then you can call back and download it without having to read the whole disk again. Or you can L)list the disk, and as soon as you see the filename come up, and you are sure that you are not interested in that file, hit "N" to get to the next filename and description. You can keep doing this until you get to the end of the file. You could also spool the list to a printer, and then you would not have to list the drive again, just refer to your hard copy. See the docs for your terminal program to find out how to turn your print spooler on and off.

Here's a few more time savers that may be of use to you.

### HOT KEYS!

Hottest on a TI! If you see something you aren't interested, the hit then 'A' to abort it, or the 'N' (in the message base and download list) to go to the next one. It's your dime, don't get trapped into something you didn't want or don't like. You can even abort the title screen when you logon on (but NOT the copyright notice!)

### FILE TRANSFERS

If you get stuck in an Xmodem download, control X is the key that aborts it. It should work for uploads too, but it doesn't always. If all else fails, send a control D (that's a end of transfer code) and it will confuse the system into thinking it was a successful file transfer. Just leave me a note about it and I'll delete the bad file. Also, if the file is in DV80 or DF128 (TEXT) format, you don't have to use xmodem to get it, you can use the ASCII (XON/XOFF) transfer protocol. You can use control C or the letter A to abort it if necessary. Use the ASCII protocol to read a RLE picture down if you are using OMEGA (written by PBBS co-author Travis Watford) to view a picture online. It works too!

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

*from the Executive Board  
("Officers' Council")*



Proposed changes to the Southwest Ninety-Miners Constitution:

- 1) All references to *TI-99/4A home computer* changed to *TI-99/4A and compatible computers*.
- 2) All references to *Officers Council* changed to *Executive Board*.
- 3) Article 4, Membership, section c. referring to "Group Membership" dropped.
- 4) Article 5, Fees, section a. changed to "Annual dues for all membership categories shall be determined by the *Executive Board* and approved by the majority of the membership present at a regular business meeting. *The proposal will be presented at a regular business meeting, included in at least one newsletter, and voted on at the following regular business meeting.*"
- 5) Article 7. Committees, section a. *Deleted*
- 6) Article 8, Meetings, section a. changed from "The first meeting of the month shall be a regular business meeting, but nothing in this article is to preclude social or informative activities in addition thereto." to "The regular monthly business meeting may include social or informative activities in addition to business."



7) Article 8, Meetings, section e. changed to "Executive Board meetings shall be called by the President at such times and places as the President deems necessary, or upon the request of two members of the Executive Board. However, except for emergency decisions, the Executive Board meetings shall be held on a date specified in the newsletter, and will come after the regular montly business meetings. Users Group members are welcome to attend these meetings an participate in the discussions, but will not have a vote."

8) Article 8 will become Article 7 due to the deletion of the old Article 7.

9) Article 9, Amendments, section a. changed to "The constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the active members at any regular business meeting, but no amendment shall be voted upon unless it has been presented to the membership at the previous regular business meeting, and included in at least one newsletter."

10) Article 9 will become Article 8 due to the deletion of the old Article 7.

Proposed changes to the Southwest Ninety-Miners Constitution - By-Laws

1) Article 2, Committees, section a. changed to "Special committees may be appointed by the President on an as needed basis or at the majority vote of the members at any regular business meeting." Drop all other sections under Article 2.

2) Article 4, Membership, section b. referring to "Group Memberships" dropped. The old section c. will become the new section b.

3) Article 7, Amendments, section a. changed to "These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members who are present at any regular business meeting, but no amendment shall be voted upon unless it has been presented to the membership at the previous regular business meeting, and included in at least one newsletter."



## GENIE ANNOUNCEMENT (CONTINUED)

"As a result, we will be launching, effective Oct. 1, 1990, our GENIE Star\*Services with a subscription rate of \$4.95 per month," said Loudon. "Our new pricing structure on GENIE is similar to the concept of Cable TV where viewers pay a monthly rate for unlimited access to basic services, and an additional coast for value added services," he explained. "With this new flat monthly rate, the online costs for many many GENIE subscribers could be reduced."

**NEW NON-PRIME TIME HOURLY RATE** The rate for U.S. access to those GENIE service products/services not covered under the flat monthly rate -- such as all personal computing bulletin boards, all software libraries, financial services, value added services, chat lines and Real Time Conferenced, Computer Assisted Learning Center (CALC) and multi-player games -- has been set at just \$6 per hour during non-prime time for all three access speeds (300, 1200 and 2400 baud). This is a \$4 per hour reduction in the current 2400 baud non-prime time rate. This prime time rate remains at \$18 per hour for all three access speeds.

Since more than 60 percent of the 209,000 subscribers on the GENIE service have 2400 baud modems, this lower non-prime time rate of only \$6/hour for 2400 baud access also will result in faster, more cost-effective software downloads on GENIE, which has more than 85,000 files available for downloading.

### CANADIAN RATES

To access the GENIE Star\*Services in Canada, the monthly subscription rate is \$5.95 (Canadian), with a non-prime time rate fo \$8 (Canadian) per hour for all three access speeds. Prime time rate is \$25 (Canadian) per hour.

### SIGN-UP FEE ELIMINATED

The \$29.95 sign-up fee for the GENIE service also has been eliminated for all new subscribers effective immediately.

### MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

After trying the GENIE Star\*Services for the first month, if a subscriber does not like it, he/she can cancel his/her membership and GENIE will refund the \$4.95 subscription fee to them. (This offer applies only to first time new subscribers to the GENIE service, once per household.)

### BENEFITS OF MONTHLY RATE

"We feel this new monthly rate for non-prime access to GENIE wivll be eagerly accepted by many of our subscribers as they will no longer have to watch the clock when they are using the GENIE Star\*Services," said Loudon.

"The GENIE service will now provide its U.S. and Canadian subscribers with the most extensive and cost-effective package of online services available today for a flat monthly rate. GENIE's original motto of 'Stay Online Longer for Less' is even more appropriate now with the introduction of this flat monthly rate," Loudon remarked.

First operational in 1985, the GENIE service is one of the fastest growing online information services with more than 209,000 individual subscribers. Available throughout the U.S. and Canada, the GENIE service also can be accessed in Japan, West Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

For further information in the U.S. and Canada on the GENIE service, offered by GE Information Services, please call 1-800-638-9636. GE Information Services, a division of General Electric Company, U.S.A., is headquartered in Rockville, MD.

## WISE BUYS



The following information is provided as a service to our members. The items listed are for sale by the individuals indicated and are subject to prior sale. The group assumes no responsibility for items listed and makes no claims as to their condition or interface capability with the TI-99/4A computer. Only computer related items will be accepted for publication in this newsletter.

Printer Cables 4'=\$8, 6'=\$10, 10'=\$12; 6' Modem Cables \$8 (Telco ready); Personal Real Estate, Household Budget Management, Home Financial Decisions, Securities Analysis, Nunchman, Chisholm Trail \$2 ea. **BOOKS:** Compute's Guide to TI-99/4A Sound & Graphics, Programs for the TI Home Computer, Texas Instruments Software Development, Compute's Programmer's Reference Guide to TI-99/4A \$3 ea; 36 Texas Instruments TI-99/4A Programs for Home, School, & Office, Free Software for Your TI-99/4A \$2 ea. Call Jack or BJ (602)747-5046.

Complete TI System, Console, Expansion Box w/all TI cards & SSSD drive, TI Color Monitor, TI Printer, Cartridges and books. \$400 takes all. Call Les Neff (602)327-6437.

TI-99/4A Console, Microsurgeon, Facemaker, Blasto, TI Invaders, Fractional Numbers, Equations, all for \$35. Call Catherine Van Duesen (602)887-1410 or Hallaj Bowman (602)888-3321.

TI-99/4A Console, TI-99/4A Monitor, Axiom Interface, Personal Real Estate, Home Financial Decisions, Home Budget Management, several books, \$140 takes all. Call Ed Hill (602)744-1169.

Parsec \$4, Donkey Kong \$8. Call Dick Paschal (602)790-4779.

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