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NEWSLETTER

SUDBURY 99 ER'S

HOME COMPUTER CLUB

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WELCOME to our NEXT newsletter! Hopefully we will be able to keep this up and continue with our attempts to publish a Newsletter on a quarterly basis. This issue is a little later than I had hoped it would be but at least it is getting out.

"FUTURE MEETINGS" For 1985: (First Wednesday of the Month)
PLACE: Lockerby High School - Room ??? - 7:00 PM
July 3 - CANCELLED August 7 - CANCELLED
September 4 October 2 November 6 December 4

Please note that our meetings for July and August ARE CANCELLED by a decision of those members present at our last meeting. We had decided that many people may not (or could not) attend these meetings. Our normal schedule should be back in place for the fall meetings. Please watch the Sudbury Star and Northern Life for the announcement of a Room number, or call Randy Beland, our membership co-ordinator.

"EXECUTIVE MEMBERS"

Chairman:	John D. Majkot	522-5665
Treasurer:	Marcel Clement	560-0821
Software Librarian:	Gerry Hortness	983-2646
Technical Advisor:	Ernie Hywarren	566-6794
General Advisor:	Jim McLaren	866-2668
Membership Co-Ord	Randy Beland	522-5744
Module Exchange	Srephen Etlinger	560-1911

"SPECIAL MEETING"

While discussing future plans with several other members, it was decided that it would be nice to have an informal gathering of our club during the summer months. This is the idea behind this meeting (open-house). We will have several computer systems set up and can allow program exchanges, tutorials on how to do something, and answers to your questions. We may even just talk about our computer or demonstrate some of the many programs which we have in our software library.

For those members that have a full disk system, can you please volunteer to bring at least part of your system. To date we have two complete systems and a third expansion box. Please call to advise your attendance, so that we have an idea of the number to expect, and whether or not you can provide some equipment.

For those members that hope to copy some of our programs, we would suggest that you bring your own tape recorder. Experience has shown that the best results are obtained when you play-back from the same tape recorder that was used to record the program. We will have some tapes for sale (C-10 at \$2.00) but don't hesitate to bring your own.

Please note that this meeting is being held for paid members only! If you are not a member, but have been thinking of joining, we will be happy to accept your dues at this time.

DATE: SUNDAY JULY 14, 1985
TIME: 12:00 (Noon) to 6:00 PM
PLACE: 2530 IDA ST. (Directions Below)
Home of John and Glenda Majkot
522-5665

DIRECTIONS: From the four corners at Paris St. and Regent St.S.; travel South on Regent St. (Hwy 69 to Toronto). Go past two sets of traffic lights (not counting those at the four corners). At the third set of traffic lights TURN LEFT. There is a sign on the highway indicating Ida St. The South-West By-pass (to Lively and Hwy 17W) is to the right at this point. Once on Ida St. look for the fourth house on the right hand side (Travel Trailer in the driveway). This is the place! For those people coming from the West on the By-Pass, go straight through the intersection at Hwy 69.

"OUR CLUB UPDATE"

Since our last Newsletter we have expanded on the hardware owned by our club. In addition to the X-Basic module, we now own a Computer Console with Power Supply and RF Modulator. As suggested in the last newsletter, this system will be available on a loan basis to our paid-up members, for their use while their own system is being repaired. It can also be used as a back-up computer for our meetings.

In response to the mailing of our newsletter, we have had two replies: SHER-TI CLUB in Sherbrooke, Quebec and the FREDERICTON AREA USERS GROUP. We welcome these clubs to our outside contacts and hope that our mutual exchange will prove beneficial to us all.

We have found a chairman for our Module Exchange! Steven Etlinger has agreed to take on this task. Since Stephen is one of our Junior members, I am sure that everyone will assist him by submitting a list of the Modules which you have that you would be willing to trade. If you are interested in looking at a particular Module, please let Stephen know this as well. The Module exchange will take place at our meetings (or otherwise, if agreed by the parties involved) and will be for a limited period of time. Records will be kept to show who has borrowed a Module and the date. The period of exchange can be agreed between the persons involved.

Our club continues to receive Newsletters as put out by several groups: Channel 99 (Hamilton Users Group); The Ottawa Users Group; Tigercub Software; Corcomp; Millers Graphics; to name a few. These, along with all the other information we receive, help to keep us informed and allows us to expand our knowledge. Don't forget to ask at our meetings to have a look at this information.

"NEW ITEMS"

As of April 1985, a new group has started which hopes to unite the TI 99/4A Users of Canada. The organization is called: TI-99/4A Users Association of Canada, c/o Jane Laflamme, 83D Glen Park Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, K1B 3Z1. (613) 837-1719. Some of the projects which they hope to achieve are a Newsletter; User Group Highlights, (a different group each time); News of interest to users; and Product Reviews. Ultimately, they may be able to sponsor National or Regional Conventions and Swap-Meets; a National TI BBS; and more. The Membership fee is set at \$20.00 Individual and \$30.00 for a Club. They need everyone's support. Our club has already joined.

Home Computer Magazine is now turning up in the strangest places! About a month ago, I saw it at Coles Bookstore in downtown Sudbury (before they closed). I would expect other Coles stores would be carrying it as well. Stranger than that, about two weeks ago, I saw the same magazine on a news-stand in Blind River (about 160 KM West of Sudbury). If a small town like Blind River has HCM, then I'm sure the bigger centres would have it as well. HCM covers four computers: TI, IBM, APPLE, and C-64. I would bet this coverage is adding to it's popularity. For those who have not seen this magazine, I would recommend it highly. Look for a copy at our meetings.

Answer to a question (from TigerTips #3, in Jim's own words): "Tigercub Software is a Kitchen Table Enterprise, Mom & Pop Division - and all that Mom does is make the coffee. I have 110 absolutley original programs to sell for only \$3.00 each, and I will be most happy to send you a catalog for one measly dollar which is refundable on your first order. I'm just a one-man user's group pretending to be a business - not a business pretending to be a user's group!" The program list has grown to 140+. I'm sure you'll find TigerTips to be entertaining and informative. Full address as follows:

Tigercub Software 156 Collingwood Ave., Columbus OH 43213; USA
Attn: Jim Peterson

Wentworth Supplies has expanded into the Full Retail Market by opening a store in downtown Hamilton. For those who don't realize it, Wentworth Supplies has been supplying TI 99 hardware and software for many years now. I'm not sure how this dealer would stack up against your favorite dealer, but I will not order from anywhere else without checking with Wentworth first. Even some of the great deals from the US have not been as great (after exchange, shipping, duty and tax). In addition, you can find out the Pro's and Con's before you buy. Full address as follows:

Wentworth Supplies Box 1005, Station A Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3R1
224 Locke St. S. (416)-529-8031

Hours: T&W 10:00-6:00; T&F 10:00-9:00; S 10:00-5:00; S&M Closed

If you are on holidays in that area, why not stop and see them. Anytime I've stopped I've been treated fine!

For those members that may have some competitive blood in their veins, both the Hamilton and Ottawa Clubs are having on-going program competitions. Why not enter? Sure, you say you can't program, but have you really tried? When some of these contests end up with no entries, then I would say the one person that may have entered could have a pretty good chance! The prizes offered are not too bad! Ask for details. Don't forget, the best way to learn, is by doing!

"FUTURE ITEMS"

Our September meeting will require an Election of Officers for the coming year. According to our Constitution and By-laws, the Membership Year follows a Calendar Year (Jan to Dec) and the Slate of Officers follows a Fiscal Year (Sept to Aug). If you feel that you would like to be part of the executive and help to make it all happen, then make sure that you get nominated! Even if you feel that you do not want to be part of the Executive, don't be afraid to volunteer to do some task that might have some interest for you. Let's see some latent talent come to the fore-front!

This Newsletter hopefully will keep going, but, to be really great, we should have MORE information from our membership! If you are interested in seeing your ideas in print, then please indicate your interest. As a thought for your consideration, what about the idea of a Newsletter Night, where at least one other individual can help to put together some ideas? If each of our members would volunteer one night per month, they would only have to do this once a year. Not too much of a sacrifice, is it?

This issue of the Newsletter was to contain a listing of our membership as paid to date. Unfortunately, time was against me and this plan will have to be delayed until some time in the future. Maybe in the next Newsletter.....?

A mini project which has been started by our club is a listing of known TI User Groups in Canada. Sher-TI (Sherbrooke User Group) has offered to start a complete listing of TI books. What do other groups think of these ideas? If you are in agreement, all you have to do is send the information to either group and leave the rest to us.

"TRADING POST"

:: FOR SALE :: (Contact John Majkot for details)

3 only Computer Console c/w RF Mod and Power Supply, some Modules (good for a spare system or for a friend)	\$50 to \$100
1 only Return To Pirates Island (Adventure Module)	\$17.00
1 only Combo Pack: Personal Record Keeping (Mod) and Pirate's Adventure (Mod and Tape)	\$40.00
1 only "Mission Impossible" Adventure (Tape)	\$22.50
1 only "Savage Island" Adventure (Tape)	\$25.00
1 only Personal Financial Aids (Tape)	\$12.50
1 only Teach Yourself Extended Basic (Disk)	\$22.50
2 only Teach Yourself Extended Basic (tape)	\$15.00
1 only Alpiner (Module)	\$10.00
1 only TI Invaders (Module)	\$ 5.00
1 only TI-LOGO I (Mod and Disk, Reg'd 32K Mem)	\$65.00
1 only Financial Wiz (Tape, Not TI)	\$ 5.00
2 only File Manager (Tape in Basic, Not TI)	\$ 5.00

The Above equipment is New, Used or Like New Condition. If you are interested but don't feel the price is right, then make an offer.

:: WANTED :: (Contact John Majkot for details)

1 only Speech Synthesizer	\$??.??
1 only Extended Basic Module	\$??.??