


THE SUNCOAST DEEPER

T I USER'S CLUB

SUNCOAST 99er's

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MEETING NIGHT SECOND THRU. OF MONTH

PRESIDENT:-----WEB LAY 347-3053
 EXEC VICE PRES:---RICK HALMARK 535-9620
 VICE PRES:-----SHERYN DAVIS 527-0809
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 EDITOR:-----SHERYN DAVIS 527-0809

FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK (con't)

Any and all gripes, suggestions, etc. for the various committees shall be submitted first to the Chairperson of that committee and then to the Executive Committee officer responsible and if still not resolved or acted on then it shall go to the President.

Rick Hallmark, Executive Vice President, will have reporting to him the following:
 Activities/Program Chairperson Walt Maes. 347-3053
 Education Chairperson Charlie Chisholm 391-3889
 Equipment Chairperson Roy Moglia 384-0261
 321-5719

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP-----LEE LAY 347-3053
 LIBRARY-----SYLVIA NEDING 391-3889
 PROGRAM-----WALT MAES 384-0261
 EQUIPMENT-----ROY MOGLIA 321-5719
 EDUCATION-----CHARLIE CHISHOLM 527-2729

Sheryn Davis, Vice President, will have reporting to her the following:
 Membership Chairperson Lee Lay
 Newsletter Editor Sheryn Davis
 Wes Lay, President, will have reporting to him the following:
 Executive Committee Officers
 Library Committee Chairperson Sylvia Neding
 Special Committees as needed

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

I sit here starring glassy eyed into a gray streaking screen, having just hit the function and + key after entering 200 lines of programming, wondering what is ahead for the Suncoast 99er Club in 1984. I remember last years club leaders and many thanks to those who willingly picked up the load of organizing the club. We won't miss them as the Past President is being retained as a member of the Executive Committee, I hope. This is an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws up for approval at the March meeting. There has been an infusion (hope that's the right word) of new blood on the Executive Committee. New on the committee are: Rick Hallmark, Executive Vice Presiden; Sheryn Davis, Vice President. Hold overs from last year are Wes Lay from Vice President to President; Don McCutcheon, Treasurer; and Irene Boyett, Secretary.

How about some positive input from the members on what you would like to see explained, presented, or whatever at our monthly meetings.

One suggestion received was for a picnic this year at For DeSoto, with families, girl friends, boy friends, or whatever.

What about a fund raising of some type? Come on members help out, get your input in.

Programing Tip:

You want to write a program, ok, FLOW CHART it first. What is flow charting, well it's a way of putting

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your program on paper, before you touch the computer.

1. Write out what you want your program to do for you.
2. What inputs will you require?
3. What is your output to look like?
4. Do I want joysticks or just arrow keys or both?
5. Do I need cassette/disks or whatever?

Write it all down then block it out into sections. Then do the FLOW CHART. More on how to flow chart next time. If you would like a demonstration of this at a meeting let me know otherwise I will expand each time in the newsletter.

Wes Lay, President

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Please contact Charlie Chisholm (527-2729) for the types of classes you would like to see and the types of program applications you would be interested in.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Welcome to these new members who joined us at our February meeting: Edgar Melton & family, Adam Noble, Charles Fenesy, Robert Johnston & family, Philip Englett & family, J.D. Javans & family, Randall Peavy & family. We are glad that these people have decided to join us.

MAILING LABELS:

Now is the time to look at the label on the front of this newsletter and check for the following:

No * Means you are up to date on everything.

* Means you are behind on your assessment.

** Means your dues are due.

*** Means both your dues and assessment are due.

THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:

We have purchased the following so far out of the assessment money:

- 2 TI Tape Recorders
- 1 TI 99/4A Computer
- 1 Set of TI Joysticks
- 1 Cassette Cable
- 1 TI Extended Basic Module

Approximately \$120 has been expended on the above equipment. We are anticipating new bids from suppliers on the peripheral equipment. Hopefully these bids will be in by the April meeting. These bids are expected to include cost for TI equipment and the cost for third party manufactured equipment.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The list of program donors has been misplaced. Please go through the catalog and make a list of what you have given to the library with your name on it. We need this information for our files. If we do not receive your list we cannot exchange programs. Either bring your list to the Library Committee at the March meeting or mail it to:

Sylvia Neding
13324 2nd Street East
Maderia Beach, Fl. 33708

Beginning March 8, 1984 all orders for programs and material from the library must be paid at the time the order is placed. No orders will be processed until payment is received.

If you are donating a program to the library it is recommended you name, address, and telephone number be either the first lines of the program or in a label on the cassette, module, or disk so proper acknowledgment can be made to donors.

FROM THE TREASURER:

Anyone with *** on your label will no longer get a newsletter if your assessment and dues are not paid by the March 8, 1984 meeting.

Anyone with ** on your label will have until the April meeting then you will no longer get a newsletter.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL NOW!!!!!!!

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE : WALT 384-0261

Don McCutcheon has agreed to bring his equipment and show TYPEWRITER, SCREENDUMP, AND MAIL IT. He has also agreed to give a short talk on cleaning the cartridge insert area on the TI KEYBOARD. I have been very lucky to find out our new Exec Vice Pres. Knows and is willing to show us LOGO and answer your questions about it without trying to avoid the questions like the TI Rep we had. In Feb. a new TI99/4a magazine began publication. The title is HOME COMPUTER COMPENDIUM, (ADDRESS P.O. Box 1343, ROUND ROCK TX. 78680.) The first issue was 24 pages of very interesting and informative articles on a newspaper print format. I will try to get Don to bring his copy to the March 8th meeting, but I'll guarantee you are going to want this one if you are serious about the TI99/4A. Subscriptions are \$12.00 for 12 issues mail to the above address.

2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF BASIC PROGRAM CLASSES.

The BASIC CLASS at AZALEA is trying to teach how to program the TI 99/4A. how to write programs yourself, explain the various commands used in BASIC.

A second BASIC basic class will be started if enough members would like it. This class will teach you to use the TI 99/4A. In such things as how to enter programs, save programs, retrieve programs. Use of Cassette's, Modules and various other types of equipment for the TI 99/4A. There will be explanations of the different special key functions. All of this plus demonstrations of TI-WRITER, MULTI PLAN, GAMES and etc.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT DON McCUTCHEON AT 546-9633 OR AT THE MAR. 8th MEETING.

IS YOUR TV ANY GOOD? TRY THIS PROGRAM

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100 CALL CLEAR
110 CALL CHAR(32,"FF18181818181FF")
120 PRINT :::::::::::
130 CALL HCHAR(10,1,88,5)
140 CALL HCHAR(10,28,88,5)
150 END
TYPE RUN AND PRESS ENTER
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This program will make you screen have 32 perfect vertical lines and 24 horizontal lines if the top 12 lines, and in the 10 row you should see 3 x's on the left side, and 5 on the right side. In the last 12 bottom rows row 1 and row 32 should be missing. That's if your set is perfect.

RADIO COMPUTER TALK SHOW:

For those of you that are not aware of it. OnSAT. mornings at around 8:13 AM. The call letters are WFLP 37 AM on your radio.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MAR.8,1984 AT SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL. THE TEACHERS CAFETERIA, ENTER OFF 131st ST. ON 82th AVE. FOLLOW THE FENCE TO THE LAST GATE. TURN IN, AND THE SECOND BUILDING IS THE ONE.

ST. PETE BASIC CLASS

WILL MEET AT THE AZALIA ADULT CENTER. 1600-72nd ST. N. ON MAR. 5, 12TH, 19, 26 1984 AT 7 PM. NOTE THIS IS THE LAST 4 MON. IN MAR. THE NEXT TIME WILL BE APR. 2, 1984. FOR INFORMATION CALL WALT AT 384-0261. WE ARE USING THE BOOK PROGRAMMING BASIC with the TI home computer by HERBERT D PECKHAM, AND YOUR TI COMPUTER BOOK THAT CAME WITH YOUR TI

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE REASON THAT NOT ALL THIRD PARTY CARTRIDGES, WILL NOT WORK ON ALL MODELS OF THE 99-4A IS THAT TI CHANGED THE LAST PRODUCTION MODELS SO THAT ONLY TI OR ITS LICENSEES PRODUCTS WILL RUN. YOU CAN ALMOST BET THAT IF AFTER YOU TURN ON YOUR COMPUTER AND THE BAR SCREEN COMES ON AND YOU LOOK AT THE BOTTOM LEFT AND IT SAYS 1981 YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RUN ALL CARTRIDGES, BUT IF IT SAYS 1983 DON'T BANK ON IT. CHECK FIRST.

Having a problem writing on those blank key FCIN/CTRL strip TI gives you with your computer? The NET 99er from HURST, TX says "that a Sanford (brand name) SHARPIE Extra Fine Point Marker works great even on glass."

FROM THE CENTRAL IOWA USERS GROUP NEWSLETTER.

This program will demonstrate a way to speed up your Joystick controlled graphics.

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10 REM JOYSTICK ##JEB## 3/82
20 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREEN(16)
30 CALL
CHAR(96,"CEFC7078DFCEBC08081933FFF
F33190808BCCEDF7870FCCE18183CFEDB1
83C7E")
40 CALL
CHAR(100,"7E3C18DB7E3C1818733F0E1E
FB7331101098CCFFFC9810103173FB1E
0E3F73")
50 CALL MAGNIFY(2) :: CALL
SPRITE(81,99,7,96,128)
60 CALL JOYST(1,X,Y) :: Z=.75*X-.25*Y ::
IF Z THEN CALL PATTERN(81,99+Z-(Z<0)) ::
ELSE 60
70 CALL MOTION(81,-Y*5,X*5) :: GOTO 60
MAKE SURE YOU TYPE ZERO AND NOT THE
LETTER O IN THE CALL CHAR'S.
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