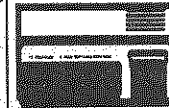




# West Penn 99'ers

Supporting the TI-99/4A Home Computer



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## FOR THE RECORD

The meeting of the West Penn 99'ers was opened by Mickey Schmitt at 7:18 PM. She thanked Art Gardner for the printer he donated to the club. We also received some modules from another member which will be checked to see if they will be added to the module library, sold or used as raffle prizes. Frank Zic would have said the minutes were OK if he was here but someone pointed out Emil Barca's name was misspelled but I have a hard enough time with names myself let alone getting them spelled right. Bob Sandusky reported on the disk library. Corresponding secretary Paul Brock reported exchanging catalogue disks with another group and has turned in 2 pages to publish in the newsletter and has copied several pages of other newsletters to send to the editor.

Commercial Break; Mickey for the club store. Art Gardner 3.5" disks and other goodies. Emil Barca a Hewlett Packer printer (sold to Judy and Ralph after the meeting). Someone had a complete TI system for sale at \$135. Micropendium changes should be given to Mickey.

Lima show reports by several persons. Raffle prizes were Mine Field, used TI console, Galactic Empire and a box of disks. Lynn Gardner demoed the Mine Field game and the Rave keyboard was shown which Lynn did not seem to have any problem with. In checking with other groups at the Lima show about newsletter printing Mickey asked that Judy and Ralph check on the cost of copies at an Office Max or Office Depot since we have only about 50 paid for newsletters and over 200 sent out. Any one having items for sale should give the info to Mickey to have a notice in the newsletter. One newsletter renewal received this month.

May replacement for Frank Zic,  
Ralph J Vasko

## WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFORMATION

### NEXT MEETING DATE

JUNE 16, 1992  
7:00 P.M.

### MEETING LOCATION

PENNS WOODS  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JUST OFF ROUTE 30  
N. HUNTINGDON, PA

### LIST OF WEST PENN OFFICERS FOR 1992

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### GENERAL ITINERARY OF THE CLUB'S MEETING

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| 6:45 P.M.  | DOORS OPEN         |
| 7:00 P.M.  | GENERAL MEETING    |
| 7:45 P.M.  | DEMOS AND NEW INFO |
| 9:45 P.M.  | ONE ON ONE HELP    |
| 9:45 P.M.  | SOCIALIZING        |
| 11:00 P.M. | DOORS CLOSE        |

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

- \* LATEST T.I. NEWS AND SOFTWARE DISCOUNTS
- \* SPECIAL CLUB OFFER - MORE TIPS PICTURES
- \* "SCREEN DUMPS" - DEMO BY MICKEY SCHMITT
- \* "DISK OF THE OLD WEST" -- BY PAUL BROCK
- \* "ON-LINE GRAPEVINE" DISK #9 BY VONRICKY
- \* » SURPRISE DEMO BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS «

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## From the Editor...

The Multi-User Group Conference in Lima, Ohio was May 15th and 16th. I was fortunate enough to attend this year. I had a wonderful time at the show. I spend quite a bit of time socializing with those of you who made it too...gee, I can't wait until my next trip to Pittsburgh!


For those of you who could not attend and were expecting my report in this newsletter I am going to have to disappoint you. My scanner is not functioning properly so I don't have any photos in this issue from the faire (maybe next month). However, here are a few highlights: NoTung Software impressed me with several new packages including a new Casino disk, soon to be released Funnelweb 5.0 was demonstrated by Charles Good, and the most exciting announcement was Bud Mills talking about a new SCSI card!!!

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--WP♦

**TI-99 / "P.V.I." VIDEO**

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THIS VIDEO IS RIGHT ON TARGET WITH SUCH SUPER DETAIL YOU CAN READ THE MODEL NUMBER ON THE CONSOLE! - IF A PICTURE IS WORTH A 1000 WORDS, THEN THIS VIDEO IS WORTH A 1000 WORDS. -- TO GET YOUR COPY, SEND \$9.95 & \$3.00 S&H TO: H.U.N.C.H. VIDEO, c/o JIM COX, 885 ELMHURST DRIVE, BOYLSTON, MA 01526.



Last month I listed a few of the articles that I thought may have been of interest. This month I thought that I would do things a little different. A lot of the articles are interesting to me, but I have trouble finding them

n I need them in a hurry. This is why I like a hard copy, but this isn't the answer I am looking for. Anyways a little difference may help.

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### DATABASE CONVERTER

Appeared on the TI-ECHO DATED DEC. 28, 1991:

Hi there! I'm back to announce to you, a new freeware that I made in c99. DATABASE CONVERTER converts DBASE files (.DBF) to

TI-BASE format (/S&/D).

DATABASE CONVERTER will not take into account more than 17 fields or 16,129 records in the source file. Supplementary fields and/or records can, however, be

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converted to another TI-Base file. If you are interested, send me \$5 (Canadian or U.S. funds) for postage, program on disk (SS/SD), a little manual and 3 DBASE files (2 little for example and one archive of Startrek database).

Canada, J1H 3R3  
Or, you can file request on MY-BBS AT 1:167/450.0 (2400 baud minimum). File name: DBCONVRT.ARC  
SIZE: 70656 bytes (276 sectors). \* Origin: MY-BBS. BROMPTONVILLE QC, (819) 846-4539 (1:1677/450)//

My address is:  
MICHEL MONTMIGNY  
432 Boul. Queen Nord  
Sherbrook, Quebec

Copied from the { BYTEMONGER March 1992 }

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Texaments: A TI software company is also now dealing in used TI software, hardware, and books. There is a list from their BBS, is found in the February 1992 issue of the {BYTEMONGER}.

hurry.  
For those TI-ARTIST buffs There is 10 disks with 12 pictures on each/ \$5 EA. or \$40 for 10. Check the January 1992 issue of the { OZZARK 99'er }

In the { MUNCH } April 1992 issue, Has come up with a Video tape that is professionally-produced and features tutorials on how to take apart your TI beige as well as black & silver consoles//I didn't know there was a difference!! Sounds like a good idea for those that might need some help in a

Those interested in 3-1/2 in disk drives on the TI99/4A. Don't pass up your chance to read the article by Frank Aylstock. I could rewrite the article, but it is a full page, all you have to do is check the NEWSLETTERS. Look for DOWNEAST 99 ER'S MARCH 1992, and read all about new things.

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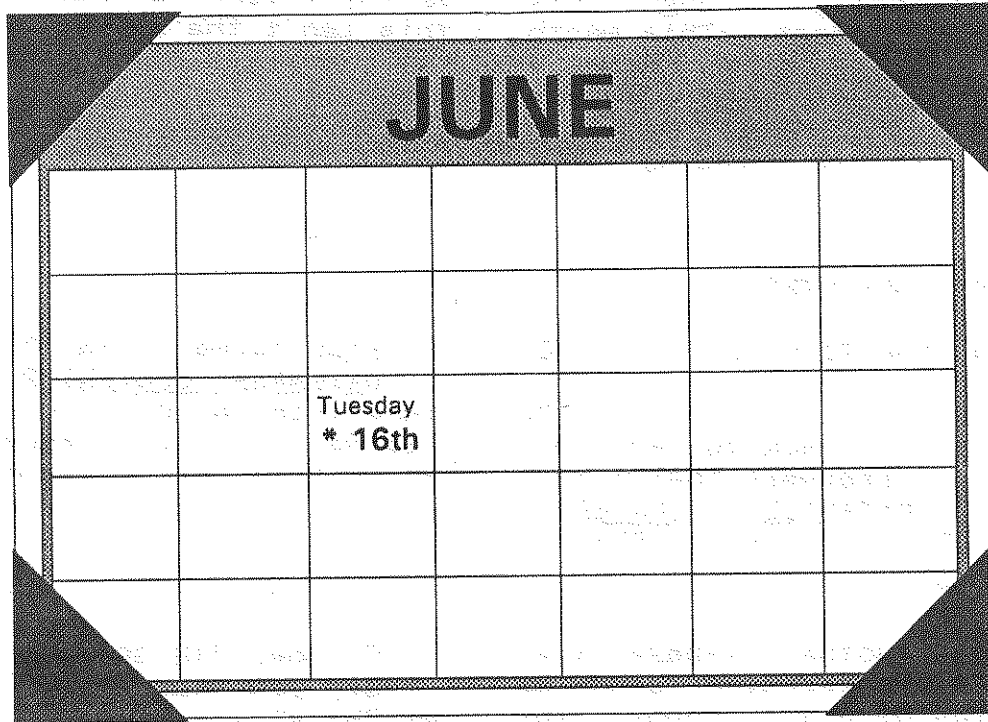
### UNLOCKING A ZIPPED FILE:

What does DRZIP do you may well ask? Well it takes IBM graphics or text files, in particular, and unlock them so that our TI 99 can use them. I found this in the OSHTI March 1992 page 3.

recongition chip. He also wants some information on similar projects. LOOK in Cleveland Area TI-994/A January 1992 page 3

HARDWARE HACKING by Ken Gladyszewski. Radio Shack has discontinued the VPU200 speech

THANKS, JOE EKL for those nice professional computer strips. I have mine in use already. I also want to thank you for the nice T-shirts that has our logo.



**The West Penn meeting is on the 16th of this month.  
Mark your calendar!**

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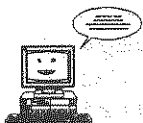
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