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FOR THE RECORD

By: Frank N. Zic

Mickey started the August meeting promptly at 7:14 PM.(That's an improvement). Doesn't it make you wonder what other exciting things are in store for us? The new Mickey I just referred to was not Mickey Schmitt but our new leader Mickey Cendrowski. She's still the Pepsi kid. As usual she started the meeting by thanking Norm Rokke for filling in at the July meeting. She then thanked everyone who attended her and Mike's wedding. They brought in many very nice wedding pictures. Next month they will bring in a VCR tape. Looking forward to seeing it since it was such a nice event. A favorable Treasurer's report was passed around. We all missed Lynn & Art Gardner. Bob Sadusky said the library was in good shape. Paul Brock had a new Page Pro sheet to hand out. Paul will be bringing to the meetings only the most recent newsletters from other clubs. Let him know if you need a particular older issue. Three VCR tapes of the Lima Faire were made available for sign out. Get on the list as this is a good way to see the people in the TI community and to keep up with what is going on currently. Another VCR tape from the Munch users group is available that deals with cleaning your computer. July MICROpendium interests are: p19 Lima Update, p20 TI standards, p21 Asgard mouse, ps22 & 25 ImageWise, p24 TI Casino, p27 MS Express and p31 cassette program. Also note on p20 that Beery Miller is talking with Lou Phillips about the Geneve 9640 software and could use some contributions as they are nearing an agreement. BTW, the June Micro p18 has the address of the company that repairs Myarc cards. The company address is: Cecure Electronics, 7759 So. Scepter Dr. 7, Franklin, WI 53132-2201. Phone (414) 529-2173. It was mentioned that their prices are reasonable and the turn around very fast. What more could we want? Let's get those cards in for repairs and help this new company help us.

It is nice to see that Bob McGinity is still attending our meetings. An update on Judy Muir's health was given by Ralph Vasco. We want her to know we miss her and pray for her recovery. Demonstration time at the meeting was hogged up by the new Cendrowski group. How did she ever convince her hubby Mike to put on a demo? Mickey showed Centipede. She did quite well too but then she was using my special joysticks. Mike showed us War Zone II, which he likes to play from time to time. The last order of business was to have our raffle. An event that is looked forward to by all. The prizes are always nice, so what's not to like. Prizes were the game demoed War Zone II, a speech synthesizer and a packet of computer paper. In closing Mickey said she and Mike were appreciative of the many TI friend that attended their wedding. I'm sure they were especially pleased to see Chris Pratt (Washington, D.C.) and Ken Gilliland (California). Remember, if you haven't been to a meeting recently, please come as we would like to renew old acquaintances and the meetings are always interesting.

May the good 4's be with you.

WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING DATE

SEPTEMBER 15, 1992
7:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION

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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
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From the Editor...

The West Penn 99'ers wish to extend their sympathy to Ray Bronder, whose wife recently passed away. May our prayers be with you at this difficult time.

Fest West "North" '93 will be held February 13th and 14th in Salt Lake City, Utah. The festival site is the Howard Johnson's hotel across the street from historic Temple Square. If you need additional info about Fest West "North" '93, you may write or call, 1396 Lincoln APT B, Ogden, UT 84404. (801) 393-9605 or (801) 394-6815 and BBS: (801) 394-0064.

Quick side note...For those Star Trek fans who are interested...The National Air & Space Museum's Star Trek exhibit is extended through January 31st, 1993. Hope you can make it down to Washington and pay a visit. Admission is FREE.

The following advertisement is from Asgard. According to Chris Bobbitt the new Asgard Mouse is less expensive and more reliable!
CDP

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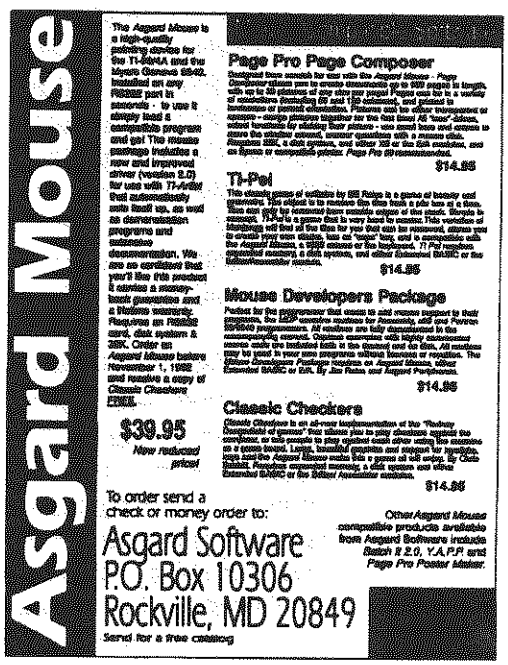


PAUL 'S PAGE

WEST PENN 99 ERS

To continue with last month search for interesting articals. I hope that I have made searching a little more interesting. I don't read ALL the newsletters, I make an effort to read as many as I can. I want to get this information to you as soon as possible. Some of the articals are very large, this is why I use the short cut, of just listing the Sorce and date. I bring all the newsletters to the meeting, for those interested to browes.

In the NORTH COUNTY 99ers (May/June-92) is a SYSTEM SEARCH PROGRAM. The program was written by ED HALL for those who have multiple subdirectories and drives. It set up for partial names so you can find all occurences of substrings within file names. Also on page 4 is a HANDY USER'S REFERENCE GUIED, (COMPILED BY Chuck de Marti. ERROR CODES.

For those interested in assembly, the SPIRIT of 99 has a series of tutorals. For more CALL LOADS EAR99ers Feb.-Mar.92, has three pages for you.

The FRONT RANGER OF DEC.91 has a TI-RS232 fixed by Jack Mathis

Because of the small print, I am coping the artical. Any mastakes can be my typing or spelling. I recomend that you look at the FRONT RANGER or contact Jack.

I'll do my best to copy the best I can.

I recently had a TI RS232 card go bad. The RS232 operations functioned normally,but the PIO would not output. On the TI the light would come on and stay on. On the Geneve, the light would flicker very fast, but still wouldn't print.

I found the 74LS259 (U12) controlled the strobe line for the PIO port. I also found CRU 1300 addresses the 74LS259.

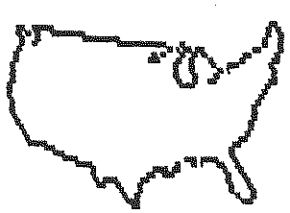
Bit 0 - turns on the card	Bit 4 - to 74LS259
1 - PIO sends data	5 - RS232 pin 5
2 - controls PIO strobe	6 - RS232 pin 13
3 - spare out pin 14 on PIO	7 - LED

If the light is able to come on, all address lines to the chip is working.

I further discovered the 74LS251 (U13) is for test bit functions.

Bit 0 - always off	Bit 4 - from 74LS259
1 - PIO sends data	5 - RS232 pin 5
2 - PIO acknowledge	6 - RS232 pin 13
3 - Spare in pin 13 on PIO	7 - LED

Bits 0,1,2 on both chips are needed for the PIO port to work properly. I replaced the 74LS259, tried the card to no aveil. Replaced the 74LS251 tried with same results. Again replaced the 74LS259 and it worked. I belive the bad 74LS251 took out the frist 74LS259. I would recomend replacing both U12 and U13 at the same time, should you decide this is your problem.



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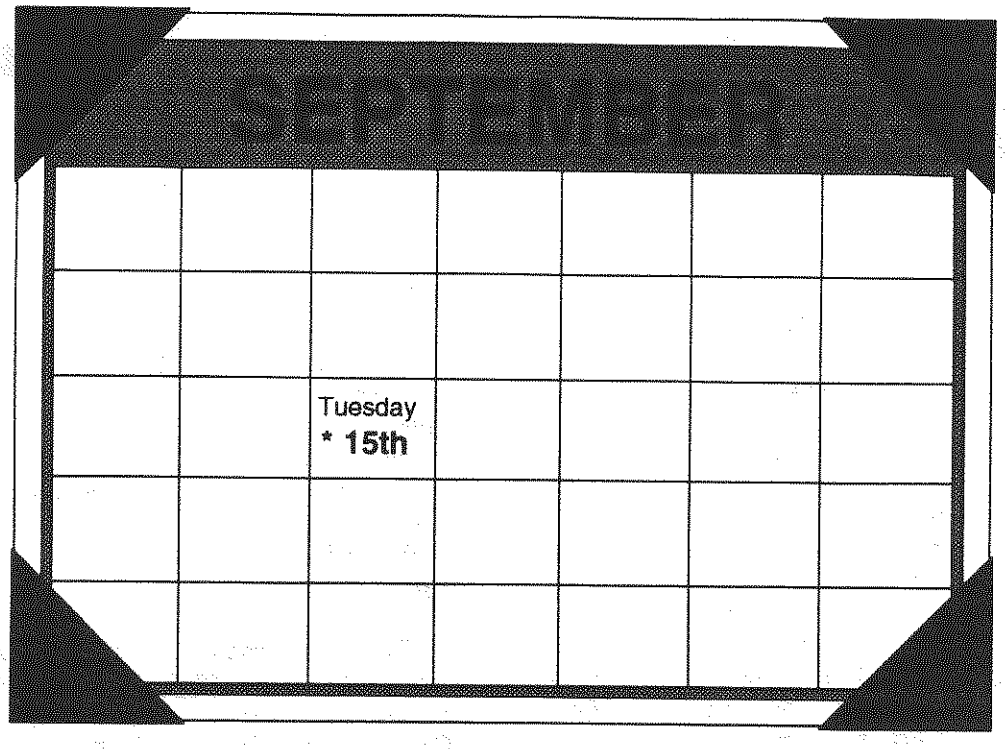

The West Penn meeting is on the 15th of this month.
Mark your calendar!

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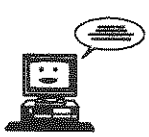

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