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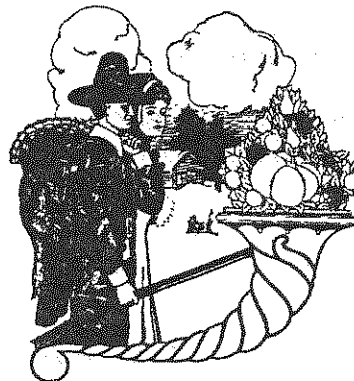
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Mickey started the October meeting promptly at 7:15 PM. First order of business as usual was to give thanks to Judy Muir (Posthumously) for all the fine work on the newsletters and for caring about our group as much as we know she did. A moment of reverence was held in Judy's honor. See the September NL for a nice write-up about her, written by her son, Patrick. Changing the order of business for the meeting, Mickey first held the raffle. Four nice prizes were given to four equally nice members. Art Gardner-colored printer paper, Ralph Vasco-gold marking pen, John Whelan- -colored disks and Norm Rokke-silver marking pen. Paul's NL front page sheets were passed around. The Lima tapes were once again re-distributed along with the Munch tape. Next, Norm gave his Sept. MICROpendium selections for review: (Seems like Mickey's job gets easier all the time. (Ha, Ha). Page 6, Geneve and D&L address correction, p18 Hardware speed-up, p19 Traver's "Pegs and Puzzles", p25 Miller's MDOS, TI-Writer manual \$2.06 and p30 full screen editing correction.

Nominations for 1993 officers were held. President- Mickey Cendrowski, VP- Norm Rokke and John Willforth, Treasurer- Lynn Gardner, Recording Sec.- Frank Zic, Corresponding Sec.- Paul Brock and Mike Sealy and Librarian- Bob Sadusky. Next the long awaited moment we have all waited a year for, has arrived. November will be our annual free Pizza night. All our old club friends are cordially invited to come and renew acquaintances. We really would like for you to come and join us. It's always a great night and could be better (only) if you attend. Yes, I know you missed the October meeting but did you know you missed the biggest free give away of excess TI equipment East of the Mississippi. Yes, John Willforth's wife Fay made John do a massive clean-up. For all the supplies to be given freely by John to anyone that wanted them, was more than anyone had a right to expect. But our MAN John is just this type of individual. Thanks from all of us, John. Where would we be without our renown founder? A reminder that the November PUG meeting will be on the first Sunday, Nov. 1st. BTW Mickey, if you can arrange it, we would still like to see your wedding VCR tapes. Mike coming in would be nice too. Chris, here is a little extra room for you.

May the good 4's be with you.



WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT MEETING DATE

NOVEMBER 17, 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 REPORT ON THE CHICAGO U.G. SHOW
- * ELECTION OF WEST PENN OFFICERS FOR 1993
- * PAGE PRO CATALOGER - DEMO BY NORM ROKKE
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From the Editor...

This month I am on my way to Las Vegas to attend the world's largest computer conference, COMDEX. I'll be looking at many things, but I think most importantly I will be stopping by the numerous Texas Instrument booth's to see what their latest technologies are. I expect to see, in addition to their PC based computers, notebooks, and printers, a wide range of innovations. Many of them including *speech recognition*. Remember the MBX Voice Recognition System for the TI-99/4A made in cooperation with TI by Milton Bradley? Well, TI has taken speech recognition much farther today. Perhaps they will have a few items I'm not expecting too. You can expect a full report of when I get back in next month's issue.

I was surprised not to see any discussion on a new editor for next year in this month's minutes. I realize the post is a Presidential Appointee, but discussion must start now...the transition period can be smoother that way. I will be available for help with the transition, and all of my template files and graphics will be passed on to the new editor. I also have all of the issues I put out archived on diskette (a total of 24).

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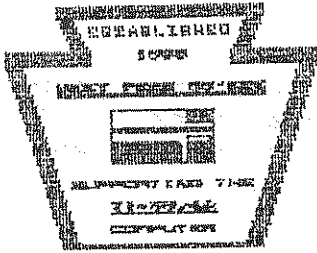
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The following information comes from disk #4 of the CIN-DAYusers group.
 The 99/4A Gets Down To Business
 By Art BYers, CW-99ers

I was very impressed by the short demonstration that Steve Nickerson, who has a very responsible job with the County Park Commission, gave at the May meeting. It was still another way he is using his TI-99/4A computer at work. This is about the fourth time Steve has shown us his ingenuity is making the TI useful on his job.

Al Trudeau and Nils Soderman have also shown us their original programs that they use for business. I too have been using the TI-99/4A for my varied businesses. To somewhat paraphrase the poet, "Let me Count the ways" the 99/4A is earning money for me:

#1: Along with my modem and terminal software such as FAST-TERM or TELCO, I use it as a dumb terminal, to access the real estate multiple listing service data base. This is a very necessary part of one of my endeavors. I gave a demo of this at a past meeting and will do it again if there are enough members who are interested.

#2: I have a "Customer" for whom I do programming at \$25.00 per hour. Believe it or not, this customer uses a full house TI, in his retail store, for a miriade of business purposes from banners and price lists, to calculating markups and printing price labels for items in the store. He uses a 1/2" x 3" or 1" x 3" pin fed label and gets lots of info on it such as count of package contents, retail list, discount retail, percent of saving for the customer, etc. At one time he

even did bookkeeping on the TI but switched to a "one write" manual system at the suggestion of his accountant as the store's requirements were simple enough that a computer was not needed.

It is for this customer that I have written several programs designed to manipulate data from DV/80 files prepared on TI-WRITER. Simple versions of these programs have appeared in previous CALL SOUNDS Newsletters. One of the programs that he finds most useful will sort up to 252 full lines of DV/80 text, reprint it in ascending order and allow for calculation of varying price columns according to quantity purchased.

I'd like to mention that he bought his TI used, complete with TI Impact Printer, PE box and all cards and cables for less than \$250. At the time he bought it, he had considered an IBM which would have cost him well over \$1800. Now, after three years, he has yet to outgrow his TI -but this is a diversion. Let's go on.

#3: I do mailing list maintainance for another local business. The current list is about 4000 names and growing. My 99/4A prints out mailing labels by Zip code, by classification of customer, etc., - what ever my client requires.

#4: I do considerable and varied wordprocessing. This includes not only business letters, price lists, charts, outlines, etc. but also insurance claim forms, standard contracts,

leases and so on. All this as part of on-going businesses. Surprising as it may seem, I actually do "MULTI TASKING" with my 99/4A. Of course it's because I have TWO of them. <<that's a joke, son!>>. One is usually used for word processing while the

other is sorting a data base or printing out labels.

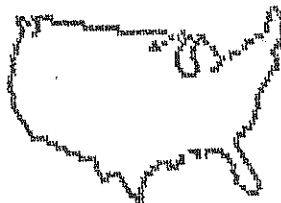
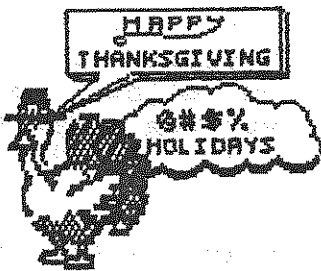
My TI-99/4A not only has "paid for itself" many times over, but also it continues to do so, - and that's good business!!!

In the Aug. 1992 of the TI SLAVES on page 6 is information about, adding super cart to 32/16 bit memory conversion. This is a bit of old info., but may be of interest to someone new.

Long Island U.G. Aug 1992 has an artical about Horizzon Ram Disk lock ups.

In the Bug News Sept. 1992 - a type in program called Memo Pad. interesting for those that need a program for a daily reminder.

I hope that this information is useful. I also wish everyone has a full table on Thanks giving!



MADE IN U.S.A.

The following TI items are for sale...

- 2 TI GROM Ports (NEW) -- \$5.00 ea.
- 2 40MB MFM Hard Drive -- \$100.00 ea.
- 2 20MB MFM Hard Drive -- \$60.00 ea.
- 32k Corcomp Standalone-- \$25.00
- RAVE Speech adapter card for PBOX (NEW) - \$35.00
- 2400bps external modem-- \$50.00
- GRAM Kracker -- \$100.00

The following PC equipment is for sale...

- 200MB IDE Hard Drive (15ms) Half ht-3 1/2" -- \$250.00
- 40MB IDE Hard Drive H Ht-3 1/2" -- \$100.00
- 2 40MB MFM Hard Drives H Ht-5 1/4" -- \$100.00 ea.
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- Intel 387 (16-33Mhz) Math co-processor -- \$70.00
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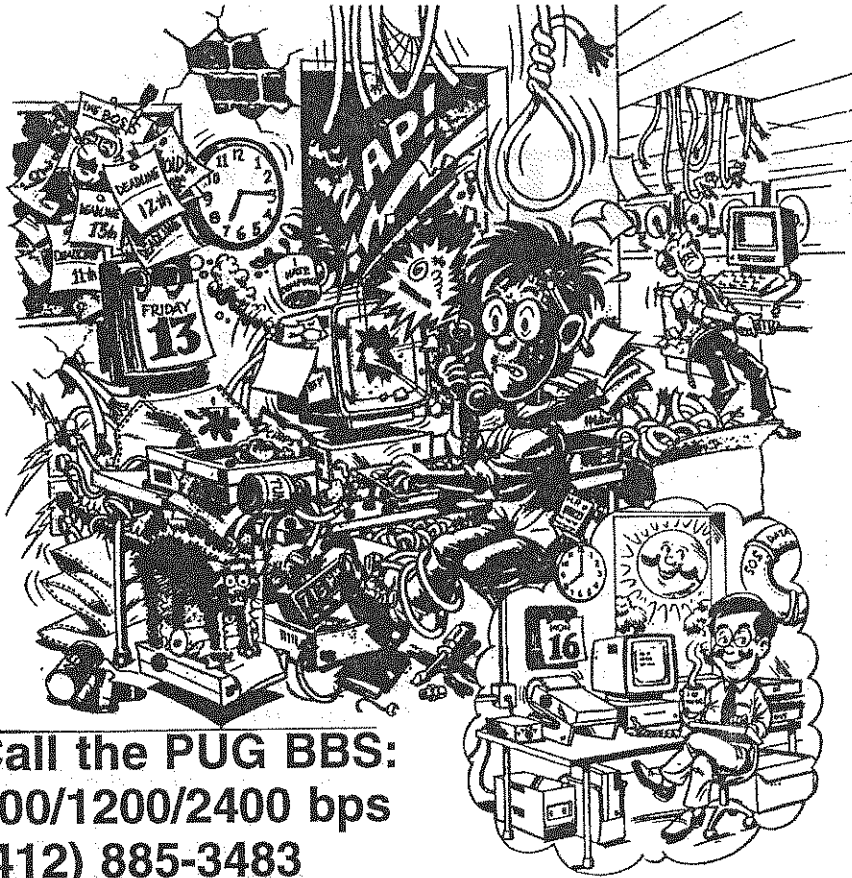
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