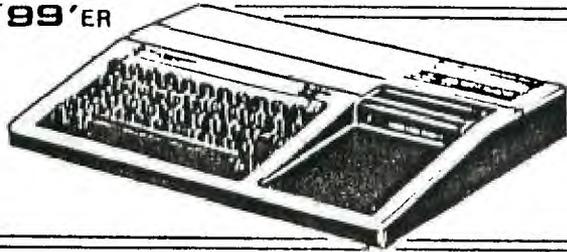


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NEWS

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA
MARCH 1985

"STUFF" . . . the Editor

This month's Newsletter is very important for the continued success of our group. A lot of hard work has been done in Reorganizing our Library, Newsletter, and Monthly Meetings for the benefit of our members. Hours and hours of meetings have taken place to better serve YOU. We need your INPUT TODAY. A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE has been provided for this purpose. The main reason we are going to this added expense is to get your INPUT by completing our USERS' GROUP SURVEY III even if you are NOT a current member!!! Due to the added expense (this Newsletter would cost our Group \$1.62 for each mailing if it were not for the generosity of Randolph Jones) you could ease the burden of this expense by bringing your dues up to date. If you are not sure of your status - send us a Check anyway as we could use the Money to purchase our IN-HOUSE SYSTEM. We will also accept Donations for which we will give you Library Credits. If you are no longer a member but would like to continue receiving our NEWSLETTER then send us \$6.00 and we will continue to do so. If you do not have any interest in our group and your conscious bothers you because of our SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED-ENVELOPE then be at ease with yourself and drop a check for \$1.62 in it.

"MORE STUFF" . . .

Recently I was speaking with a fellow member about our user group and our discussion was on the lack of interest in our group. He seems to think that too much emphasis was placed on our Library and not enough on COMPUTING. I disagree. First off, we had to experiment with the Library to find ways to serve our Group and we had a few people doing the job of many. Secondly, it was hard to schedule Programs on Computing because again few people doing the work of many. We are learning from our past mistakes and I believe we are on the RIGHT TRACK in Satisfying our ORIGINAL GOALS. Our Prez, Chip Weakley has GOOD Programs lined up for the next few months. Our Librarians, Clay Manly and Frank Rawden have Organized our Library so that you may get the Programs you want, when you want them, without being discouraged because a member did not return the Program as he was supposed to.

"STUFF IT" !!!

By now I am SURE that you have decided whether or not you are going to take advantage of our S.A.S.E. If you have decided to answer our Survey then DO NOT read the rest of this paragraph, turn the page and enjoy this newsletter then REPLY! STOP! Now those of you have decided to carefully remove the Stamp and glue it on your personal correspondence....to hell with you.

WIREGRASS 99/4 USERS-GROUP

INTERFACE

..... Notes from the Prez

HOLY MEGA-BYTES BATMAN....A NEW COLUMN!!

Since being elected president, I have wanted to do two things. The first is to inform all members as to what the group is doing (such as programs, library reorganization, etc.) and secondly, to learn what the membership wants the users' group to do. This monthly column is one of those things which will help me accomplish my first goal. The attached survey will begin to accomplish the second.

■ The library reorganization is complete and each member will receive a copy of the library operating rules in two parts. Part I will set forth the procedures for submitting and purchasing programs. Part II will be a catalog of the public domain programs. This part will take the librarians (Clay Manley & Frank Rawden) some time to accomplish since it also involves the gleaning of any worthless programs. Part I should be available at the April meeting.

■ Here are some of the upcoming educational programs planned for future meetings:

March - TI-WRITER (word processor) demonstration
April - COMPANION (word processor) demonstration
May - MICROSOFT MULTIPLAN (information mgt) demonstration
June - DISK FIXER (disk utility) demonstration

■ We have many talented individuals in our users' group. (I am not speaking of the ones with glazed eyes and a cronic twitch -- they're assembly language enthusiasts.) If you have a topic, subject, or demonstration which you feel would be of interest to the group, please contact any of the club officers. Conversely if you desire a specific type of program, just let us know.

■ DUES!!!!....DUES!!! Our "Super Sort'in Secretary" (Lloyd Picou) informs me that the majority of our memberships are up for renewal during January, February, and March each year. I know it is tax time but if your membership has, or is about to expire, please get your six bucks to Lloyd at our next meeting. Or just mail them to him at 104 Valley Hills Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330. We will be publishing a information directory of current members in the April newsletter so please don't make Lloyd slave to the last minute to come up with an active membership list.

After you read this newsletter, look on the address label for a red dot. This red dot is the editor's notice that this will be your last newsletter (until you renew your membership). Since membership renewals are staggered this red dot will also serve as a reminder to help you maintain an active membership. (Have I beaten this to death yet?)

■ Is anyone is interested in forming SIGs (Special Interest Groups) for such interests as TI-WRITER, MULTIPLAN, hacking, Editor/Assembler or some other specialized area? Give me you name, and if the interest is great enough we will see what can be done...

Chip Weakley

Effective immediately, all programs submitted to or purchased from the program library must include a completed copy of the - LIBRARY PROGRAM RECEIPT - attached as shown below. (Phone orders will be completed by librarian.)

EXAMPLE

LIBRARY PROGRAM RECEIPT

CREDIT: __ (1) __ PURCHASE: __ (2) __ DISK: __ (3) __ CASSETTE: __ (4) __

TITLE: _____ (5) _____ BASIC: __ (6) __ EX-BASIC: __ (7) __ E/A: __ (8) __

DESCRIPTION: __ (9) _____

SIGNATURE OF LIBRARIAN

FOR CREDIT: Items (1), (3) or (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8), and (9) must be completed by the member submitting the program to the library. If the program is accepted, the librarian will complete item (10) and return to member.

FOR PURCHASE: Items (2), (3) or (4), and (5) must be completed by the member purchasing the programs.

LIBRARY PROGRAM RECEIPT

CREDIT: _____ PURCHASE: _____ DISK: _____ CASSETTE: _____

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"HACKING IT"

..... by Chip Weakley

As most of you happy hackers know by now, Elmer I is gone for good. Rich Pitts' wife received her PCS orders. Jack Burns' Elmer II (dataline: 347-0080) is up and running during these general periods - 1700-2230/2300 (weekdays) and 0900-1200/1300-2300 (weekends). The 1200 to 1300 downtime is for Sysops work. These times may vary slightly since Jack can not dedicate his TRS 80 full time. While this BBS does not benefit our group like Elmer I did due to its central location, I still hope that the Ozark, Dothan and Andalusia folks will check in from time to time.

Those of you who are acquiring modems and want to use the Elmer II BBS need to contact me at 347-8519. I have Sysop (system operator) status and can add you to the access list. More on Elmer II next month.

The Wiregrass Micro-Computer Society is petitioning COMPUSERVE to have them place a local access phone number in Daleville. This will make their data service more attractive to our wiregrass hackers since most of the expense in using that system comes from LDCs (long distance charges). If you have not already signed this petition you can contact Jim Ketcham, Clay Manley, Frank Rawden, or me. You don't have to have a modem (or even a computer). I am also sure that the W.M.C.S. SIGs will also have this petition.

If you have something that you want to buy or sell just let me know and I will post it on the Elmer II BBS if you do not have a modem. I will update it from time to time in order to keep it in the public eye.

Until next month, HAPPY HACKING and watch the Phreakin.

FREE PROGRAMS FOR TI-99

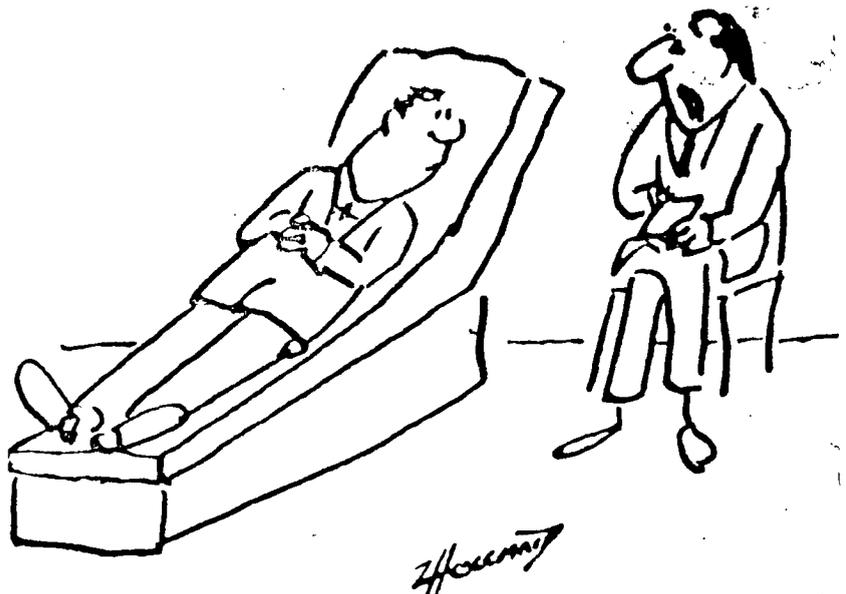
BCNU,
Chip

PSYCHIATRY

If you'd like to have several free programs, including Shooting Arcade, Duck Hunt, Mr. Kitty, and others, a fellow up in Pennsylvania is offering to send them to you. But only with the understanding that they not be sold!!! And since he is giving them away, all expense is born by you. Here's how to get them:

1. Send an initialized disk (it wouldn't hurt to fill it with programs, just to be nice) to Dave Hendricks, 1086 East Gordon St., Allentown, PA 18103.
2. Include return postage and a self-addressed envelope to mail your diskette back in.
3. Write a note asking for the I.S.S. programs so Dave will know why you send him the diskette.
4. Don't forget the RETURN TO SENDER. I usually put .88 cents on a 5 X 8 envelope with one disk in it, and a piece of cardboard to help keep it from getting bent.

Back before Christmas I sent Dave a diskette to take advantage of his offer to send me TE-III, and it was back in less than a week. Wish I was that prompt!



"I've cured you of your kleptomania, but if you have a relapse pick me up a nice office computer."

WIREGRASS TI-99ERS USERS' GROUP SURVEY III

This survey is your opportunity as a member/perspective member to help the club officers. We want your ideas, likes/dislikes, and general information concerning you and the club. We have provided a self addressed stamped envelop for your convenience. Thank-you.

Name: _____ : Please check one:
Address: _____ : 1. Member: < >
City,ST,Zip: _____ : 2. Past member: < >
Phone no: _____ : 3. Nonmember: < >

(Feel free to attach additional pages.)

1. What kind of services do you want the users' group to provide (i.e. programming classes, demonstrations of software, guest speakers etc.)?

2. What is the users' group now doing that you like?

3. What is the users' group now doing that you dislike (and how would you change it)?

4. How many programs have you added to the library? How many library credits do you have?

5. Do you like the scheduled meeting time (2nd tuesday of month 7 p.m.) or would you prefer another time (what time)?

(OVER)

6. Do you have any items that you would like to sell or trade? We will advertise them in our Newsletter. You must include \$ Price.

7. Our dues are currently \$6.00 per year, per family. Would you oppose an increase to say \$12.00 - \$15.00 per year, per family so as to provide a greater revenue for the groups use?

8. Do you favor the users' group purchasing an expanded computer system (if yes - why, if no - why)?

9. The group has an extensive public domain library on disk (downloading is available for cassette). Do you have any suggestions which would improve or enhance our library operations?

10. Would you be willing to serve on the newsletter, library or other staff/committee position?

THANK-YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ANY IDEAS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PERSONALLY, PLEASE CALL CHIP WEAKLEY (347-8519).

SOFTWARE NOTES

In an effort to better serve the needs of our members, several changes have been made to the group library software exchange policy. As a result, there are two ways in which an active member can obtain software from the library.

FIRST - Members may submit one functional program to the library, and if the program submitted is not already on file, that member may select five(5) non-copyrighted programs of his choice from the library. Members have the option to use either their own media to take programs out of the library, or they may purchase media from the library for a small fee. eg, Cassettes with plastic case for \$1.50 each, and Diskettes for \$2.50 each.

SECOND - Members now have the option to purchase non-copyrighted library software of their choice for the price of the library media plus Fifty-Cent equipment fee. Members may purchase five(5) programs on disk for \$3.00 or five(5) programs on cassette for \$2.00.

COPYRIGHTED - Programs, cassette or diskette, may be submitted to the library on a loan basis only. These original programs, upon request, may be checked out by members for their personal use only. For more information concerning the availability of these type programs, members should contact me at 347-4751.

To increase the accessibility of the library you may now arrange to come by and select your programs or phone me your selections and pick them up later or at the monthly meetings. Attached is a sample of the "Library Program Receipt" you will need for submitting programs or picking up purchased programs. This is new method to provide better service and statistical data so let me have some feedback please.

In the coming months I will try to tell you more of what is happening with the library, new programs and other topics of similar interest.

CLAY MANLEY

A "bit" of humor

By Phil Curry

By now we all know that Real Men don't eat quiche. What can be said about Real Programmers?

Here's a list of characteristics of Real Programmers which I have collected over the past year.

Real programmers:

- Write their own sorts.
- Aren't afraid to use GOTOs. (They realize the compiler is going to take those fancy multi-level IF-THEN-ELSE statements and generate branch and jump instructions anyway. So why not save the compiler some work?)

- Use arithmetic IF statements in FORTRAN, because they make the code much more interesting.
- Don't comment their programs—the code is obvious.
- Don't eat breakfast from the vending machine.
- Don't dress for success unless they are trying to convince others that they are going on job interviews.
- Don't get to work at 8 a.m. (If they are there at 8, it's because they were at work all night.)
- Don't use symbolic debuggers, since this would make program debugging appear much too easy.
- Roll up their shirt sleeves.
- Don't drink decaffeinated coffee.
- Started as operators.
- Don't write in BASIC past the age of 12.
- Don't play video games, they write them.

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"The 'running away from home' ploy doesn't work anymore. They know I'd never leave my computer."

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REMINDERS : : : :

MEETING: MARCH 12, 7:00 PM
TOPIC: TI WRITER

MEETING: APRIL 9: 7:00 PM
TOPIC: COMPANION

REMEMBER: NO DUES - NO NEWS

COMING IN APRIL NEWSLETTER
...MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY...

NOTE :

The letter from the EDITOR is his own personal opinion written by him and does not necessarily reflect the views of any officer or even the majority of the membership.

PS. I will second the Nomination and Vote for the affirmative a change in our BY-Laws that our USER GROUP OFFICERS are to serve TWO years in Office. RETRO-ACTIVE.

PSS. Again the phone number to call for the Feathered Speech Synthesizer is 347-1708. (I am afraid that the number published in last months newsletter must have been misprinted because the phone has not been ringing off the wall)?

