CLEVELAND AREA TI-99/4A USER GROUPS

MARCH 1996

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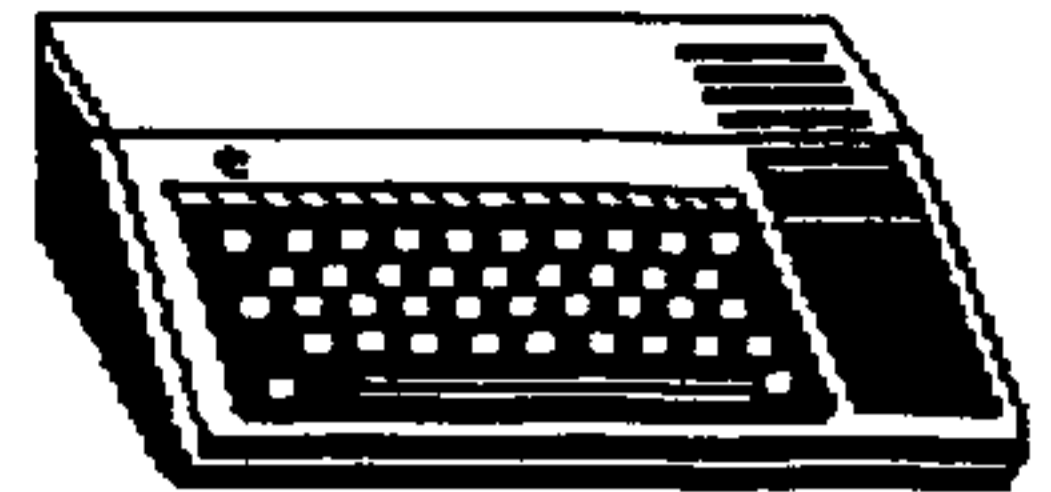
OFFICE	TI-CHIPS		MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Fred Ialacci	941-9397	10-12:00 A.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Jim Krych	111-1111	N. Royalton
TREASURER	Lin Shaw	235-3912	County Library
MEMBERSHIP	John Parken	331-2830	State Rd. SO. of
	4172 W. 217th St.		Route 82 1/4mi
	Fairview Pk., OH 44126		EVERY THIRD SAT.
SECRETARY	Glenn Bernasek	238-6335	
DISK LIBRARY	Les Kee	238-6938	JAN 20,1996
TAPE & MODS	John Parken	331-2830	FEB 17,1996
EDITOR	Harry Hoffman	631-2354	MAR 16,1996

OFFICE	NORTHCOAST 99'ers		MEETINGS
CO-PRESIDENT	Ken Gladyszewski	12163577274	1-4 P.M.
CO-PRESIDENT	Walt Ryder	921-8223	Euclidian Room
Treasurer	Frank Jenkins	283-8526	Euclid SQ. Mall
MEMBERSHIP	Martin Smoley	12162571661	E.260th off I-90
	6149 Bryson		(South)
	Mentor, OH 44060		EVERY THIRD SAT.
SECRETARY	Deanna Sheridan	333-5986	
DISK LIBRARY	Martin Smoley	12162571661	JAN 20,1996
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HARD COPY	Dick Alden	12162571661	MAR 16,1996

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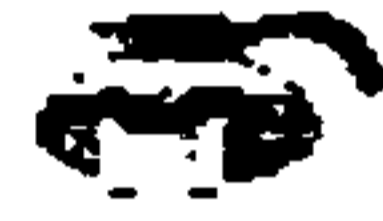
Hi TIers,

Nina & I really enjoyed Fest West except the fact of having to fly there and back. Without our car, it was impossible to take advantage of the many bargains available from individuals and User Groups. I've been wanting to go there for years and finally did meet many of the famous people of Western U.S. The list is long and I don't want to miss anyone.

First person met was Lou Brody, Club 99 - Palmdale, CA. He came with us from the airport. From SW 99ers, Pres. B.J.Mathis, Jack Mathis (DM1000-6.1), Tom Wills, Ed McCullough, Mike Doane, Matt & Jean Matthews (who may see us in Brookpark), Richard & Shawn Baron (Red Baron Software-Tetris & tutorials on Assembly, etc.). Missed some because of memory failure/didn't put it on paper!

Others we met were: Earl G. Raguse-UG Orange Cnty (Gave me his XBasic Tutorials 1-51!), Larry & Carey Hoffman - Tex-Comp, Frank Aylstock (Brea & Orange Cnty), Kyle Crichton (TI-CD for Emulator), Steve Merr & Roger Merritt (Comprodine - Fullerton,CA), Don O'Neil (SCSI). Ken Gilliland & fiance were present and getting ready for their marriage in late April! Congratulations!!! Bill Gaskill (MLManager, Card File, etc., Expert on TI History!), from Colorado. From Puget Sound 99ers, Matt Juppo & Larry Waldon (Redmond, WA), who will be exchanging newsletters with us! There were more vendors and visitors, but I have no names, sorry.

The weather was terrific and we did get to go into the Saguaro National Park to enjoy & take pictures. We missed the Spring flowering... too early. I did not stay at the hospitality room long, as I was wore out and went to bed early. This is usually the best time to learn things, but this old guy can't hack it anymore!!!

The Ohio MUG is moving right along and Glenn is on top of everything and keeping tabs on all! THANKS GLENN!

See you all at the meetings.
Harry

NORTHCOAST 99ERS
EXECUTIVE NOTES - FEBRUARY 1996

Meeting was called to order by Walt. There was a dearth of reports, old or new business. Ken agreed to contact CHIPS and if it was needed, would volunteer to fill in for a demo.

Thus, we got right down to the demo by Ken. This wasn't really TI related, so beware. Ken has interest in restoring old cars...notably a 1967 Renault Caravalle with a removable hard top which he got a couple of years ago from a friend in Dayton. The information on this car is very scarce, and he has been attempting to find a way to retrieve and store the data he needs to restore this car.

He has turned to his computer for this project...namely the IBM compatible with all kinds of memory and storage capabilities. He walked us through his various options to get information from technical manuals (mostly out of print) to a permanent storage area where he could access them as needed.

1. He could type in the information from these rare manuals as he came across them; however, he would not have the graphics available, which sometimes wax crucial to assist in the project in which he was interested.

2. You could use a video camera to shoot copies of the data.

3. You could have someone fax the information to you from their source.

4. You could scan in the information from either a hand-held or flat-bed scanner.

Ken determined that scanning in the image would give him the best of all options in that he could have the text and attached graphics that would show him how to complete his projects. That led to a quest to find the best hardware and software to accomplish this goal. He settled on a Canon IX415 with OmniPage Professional OCR software.

In case you haven't run into the terminology, OCR stands for "Optical Character Recognition". In other words, you can scan in text (as in this page) into a word processor and won't have to retype everything. Depending on the sophistication of the software, it may recognize most of the words down to a few of the words. Because scanners also come with software capable of scanning pictures, he could also have the exhibits which related to the text stored in his computer to assist him in his restoration projects.

He went into the different types of files and how much memory and space they would take up on your hard drive. He is still struggling with refining his project so that he can exchange files with others across the country who are also interested in the Renault Caravelle.

All in all, it was a very educational process to determine what kind of scanner and software is needed for different projects. Any of us who work in an office setting know what an advantage it is to be able to just scan in a page and not have to retype every word. Little page scanners that will sit on your desk between your keyboard and monitor are becoming more sophisticated and less expensive as I write this article. In fact, in the office where I work, we have a desktop scanner that allows us to scan in a typewritten page at a time without retyping relieving the secretary of many hours of tedious work.

Since I made such an issue if it, I would like to mention that I have received my CD Rom for the TI. Because of some other projects I have been involved in, I haven't been able to really check out all the files by category to see what is in there.

I have received, I believe, only four votes to the Jim Peterson award via the Internet. But, am not worried yet, since most of us wait until the last minute, or deadline date before we act.
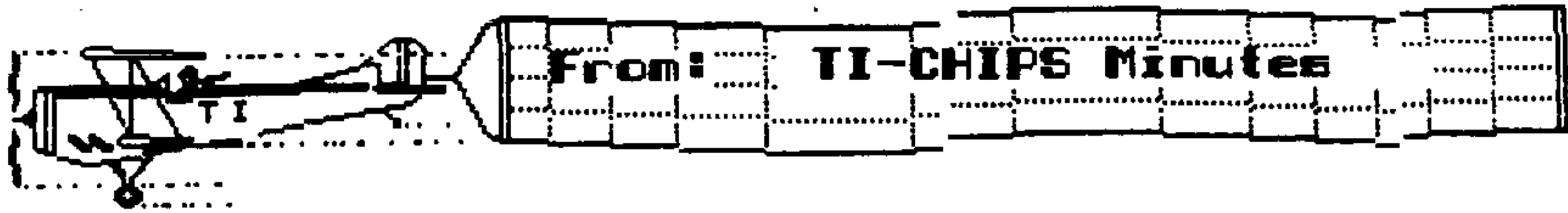
Jim Harris will be giving the demo at the March meeting. Hope to see you'all there.

Deanna - Secretary, NorthCoast' ers

Saint Patrick's Day   xxx   March 17th, 1996

By Glenn Bernasek

The February meeting of the TI-Chips was called to order by Fred Ialacci. At which time the Treasurer's, Membership and Disk Library reports were made.

Lin Shaw started the new year by carrying over the 1995 balance into the 1996 balance sheet. Lin had also prepared a separate accounting sheet for MUG'96. This sheet was copied and given to Les Kee to present to North Coast 99ers for their records.

John Parken reported that this is the interesting time of the year due to the relatively large number of membership renewals coming due. There are 4 memberships up for renewal in February/March period alone.

Les Kee brought in copies of the latest disk library update. Fred asked about how TI-Emulator works and if anybody had any experiences with this software. A lively discussion followed on what the emulator can / cannot do and how to operate the software. One of the points brought out was that some sections of TI-Emulator seem to operate independently of MS-DOS and/or Windows systems. This is because the routines are not able to be interrupted or stopped by any keyboard action or command. Yours truly stated that this was particuarly true when the demo routine was run. The only way the demo could be stopped was a complete power-down of my Compaq notebook. This meant pulling the plug and popping out the battery! I said that I wouldn't install any software into my hard drive that I didn't feel I had control over. Fred asked if the TI-Emulator was available on 3 1/2" disks and how much would be charged? Les was unsure of what the charge would be for software copies in 3 1/2" disks and he said he would have a price available at the March meeting.

I presented the monthly report on the status of MUG'96 and the results of the February 10 preconference tour of the armory. Copies of the Task & Planning Schedule were distributed and sent to N.C. along with a MUG'96 Reservation Confirmation list. Three points of conference planning were discussed.

1. Ada Markus asked if there be a welcoming committee at the entrance of MUG'96 and who will be on it?

Ans.: Yes, there will be a registration/welcoming committee at the entrance to the MUG'96 and the make-up of the committee will be decided set-up night (May 24). (It was stated that all committees will have rotating membership so that nobody gets stuck doing the job all day long.)

2. What equipment will be needed and who will bring it?

Ans.: A list of equipment and volunteers was generated by the Chips. The list included 25 foot 14/16 ga extension cords, 6-outlet power strips, composite monitor(s), microphone (P.A. system), 100 cup coffee maker, "stand-by" Geneve system, signs, 30 gal garbage bags, marking pens and video support equipment (including camera(s), tripod(s), cables, vcr, monitor and VHS tape). Any additions and/or offers from the North Coast 99ers will be most welcome.

3. Ada also inquired if there will be another article published about MUG'96?

Ans.: Yes! An article will be drafted and submitted to MICROpendium, Harry Hoffman (our newsletter) and posted on comp.sys.ti as well as TI.general BBS. This article will include the names of confirmed reservations for MUG'96 as of the date of publication/posting. Yours truly stated that we cannot assume that those who have attended the conferences at Lima can or will attend MUG'96.

Jim Krych reported that the JIM PETERSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD rules and candidate list has been published. A short discussion followed as to the type of award to be presented and photographic documentation (pictures). The Chips decided on four 6 X 8 plaques with suitable inscriptions, and both polaroid and 35mm pictures will be taken of the presentation.

In relation to the Jim Peterson Achievement Award, I asked if anyone has come forward with a listing of Jim Peterson software. I stated that I found three cassette tapes containing his routines. I hoped that others will come forward with what they have.

Fred Ialacci said he attended the Peter Trapp show in Strongsville and had picked up a Cleveland Computer Society Directory. He wondered if we ever applied to have the TI-Chips included in this directory. John Parken said our initial attempts were not responded to. Fred said he would call the society and find out what, if any, are the requirements for inclusion.

Les Kee gave us a demo of a routine published in the November'95 issue of MICROpendium. This is a routine for the 99/4A that displays the dry bulb and wet bulb temperature and computes the percent relative humidity. The routine called "Tempcheck" was written by Loren West. Not only is this routine quick and easy to use, the demo worked perfectly the first time out!

Long time TIer, Ted Schillky, brought in his TI-99/4As as a donation to the TI-Chips to use as we saw fit. This included three consoles (two of which were BRAND NEW!), a PEB complete with two 5 1/4" drives (powered by a Corcomp controller) and a 260/520 mem card. We agreed to donate these systems to a church youth group that Jim Krych is affiliated with. Thank you Ted. Your generosity will long be remembered.

John Parken won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations John!

*** WELCOME TO ***

THE 1996 TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 MULTI-USER GROUPS CONFERENCE

YOUR RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED.
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MUG'96!
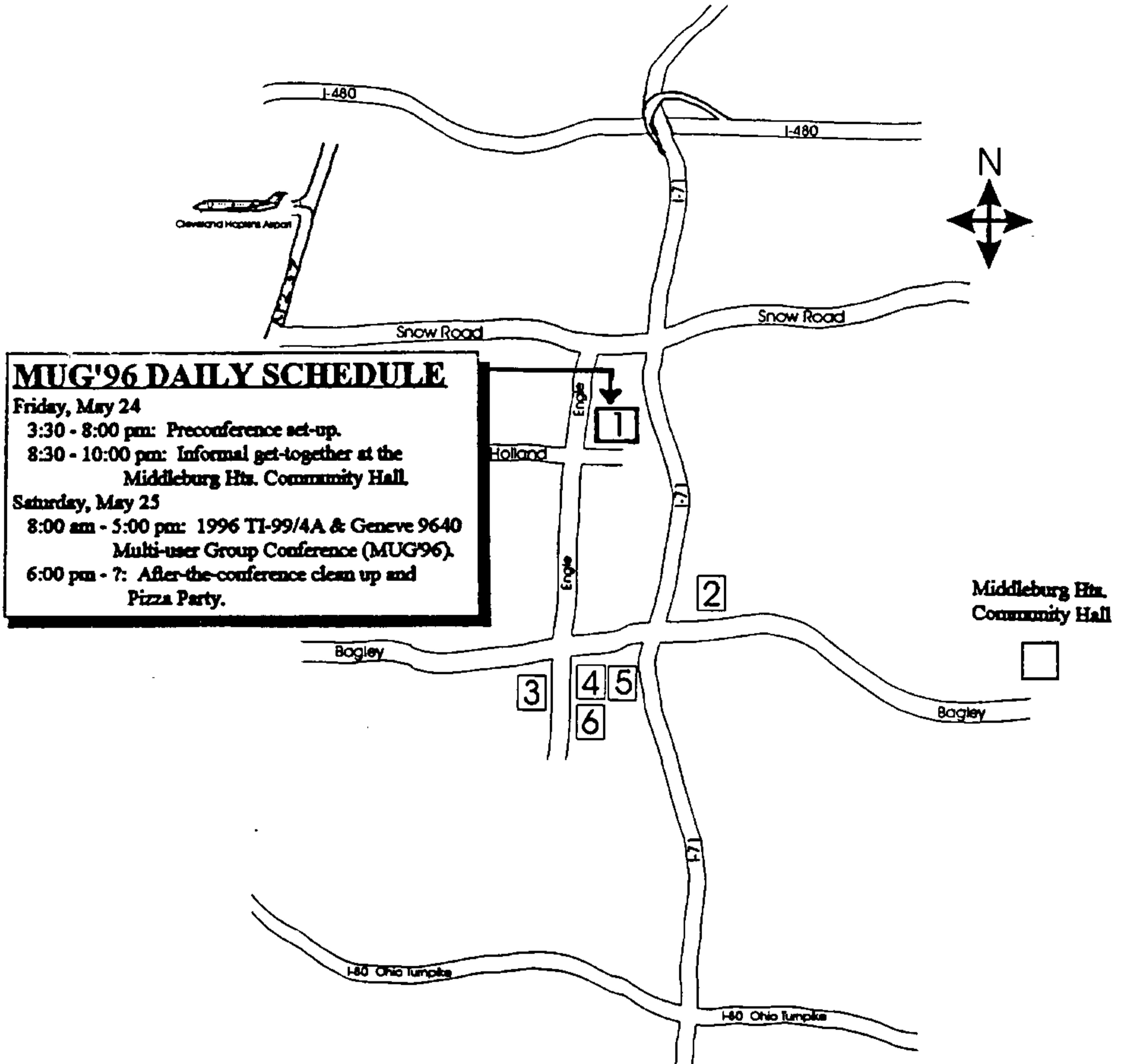**(If you're giving a demo, please mail the subject to us ASAP.)**

1996 Cleveland TI-99/4A Mug Conference

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MUG'96 DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, May 24
- 3:30 - 8:00 pm: Preconference set-up.
- 8:30 - 10:00 pm: Informal get-together at the Middleburg Hts. Community Hall.

Saturday, May 25
- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm: 1996 TI-99/4A & Geneve 9640 Multi-user Group Conference (MUG'96).
- 6:00 pm - ?: After-the-conference clean up and Pizza Party.

1=Brook Park Armory (Conference Hall)

2=Harley Hotel
216-243-5200

3=Holiday Inn
216-243-4040

4=Motel 6
216-234-0990

5=Red Roof Inn
216-243-2441

6=Cross Country Inn
216-243-2277

Come To The Faire! by Nina Hoffman

HELLO out there,

Harrison and I just returned from our trip to Fest West. It was a very pleasant time and we did meet quite a few people that we knew by name only. It was nice to see them in person. I also received a few tips on managing the kitchen. I would like to thank the ladies who were kind enough to help me out. I do apologize however because I lost the list with their names on it. Arizona was beautiful and we did some sightseeing. The desert is fascinating and Hoffy was busy with the camera. One thing that amazed me about Tuscon was that all of the restaurants had all home cooked meals, and they were all delicious. Our time in Tuscon was short because we flew down instead of driving. Flying is Okay, but you are very limited in what you can do and the amount of time you can spend in one place. It was a good experience for us as it enabled us to understand.some of the problems travelers will have coming to Cleveland in May.

Ada Markus and I did some research on the area surounding our hall for the Mug Conference. The motels in the area are all pretty nice but we were told that another event is scheduled for that weekend. The Holiday in is already booked up solid. The others still have room but we were advised to tell people to call as soon as they can. We do have 800 numbers for the following: Cross Country Inn...1-800-621-1429... Harley Hotel...1-800-321-2323... Holiday Inn...1-800-HOLIDAY... Motel 6...1-800-437-7486... Red Roof Inn...1-800-THE ROOF... Residence Inn...1-800-331-3131... Comfort Inn...1-800-228-5150

Restaurants abound in the area. Bob Evans, Friendlys, Perkins, Dennys, and the Olive Garden. The fast food restaurants are McDonalds, and Burger King. There is also a Dunkin Donuts.

There are many churches in the area and we will have a list of them for anyone interested. If there is a specific one you are interested in we will gladly research it out for you giving time and place.

Shopping is okay, there is a K Mart and several shopping centers nearby.

Hospital: Southwest General is right down the road on Bagley.

If you need more info: Call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-321-1004 and 1-800-321-1001. You can also call 1-800-BUCKEYE for the Ohio Heart of it all tourism book, the Ohio calendar of events, and the Ohio passbook which contains coupons for places and things going on in the Ohio area.

For people flying in there is a Sheraton Inn right at the airport 1-216-267-1500. The cost factor there is quite high and the facilites are noisy.

For anyone interested in the Rock and Roll Hall of fame you can call 1-216-361-ROCK. If you are a member of AAA or want tickets we can get more info concerning it for you. There are so many things to see and do in the Cleveland area Museums, Concerts, Special events, Theater, Metro Parks, the Zoo, Art Galleries, The Greenhouse just to name a few. The day of the conference we will have food on the premisis. Our menu will be varied and we will try to have something for everyone. There will be coffee and donuts in the morning along with fruit and no sugar treats for those on a special diet. For lunch we will have sloppy joes and sandwiches along with desserts and snacks.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay easier please feel free to call Glenn and he will get the message to us. Hope to see you in May.

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Happy Saint Patrick's Day - March 17th, 1996

**** UPDATE FOR MUG'96 IN BROOK PARK, OHIO ****

BY NOW, MANY OF YOU KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A *** FREE *** MULTI-USER GROUPS CONFERENCE FOR THE TI-99/4A AND GENEVE 9640 IN BROOK PARK, OHIO THIS COMING MAY 25.

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE IS BEING HOSTED BY THE CLEVELAND AREA TI-99/4A USER GROUPS (THE TI-CHIPS AND THE NORTH COAST 99ERS). AND AS AN ADDED FEATURE, FOOD SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE FOR THOSE WHO WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO GO TO ANY OF THE NEARBY RESTAURANTS.

SO, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE TI-99/4A AND/OR GENEVE 9640 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHOW, SHARE, SELL OR JUST TALK ABOUT, COME TO THE 1996 TI-99/4A AND GENEVE M.U.G. CONFERENCE (MUG'96).

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MANY OF THE CONFERENCE FAVORITES, THAT HAVE ATTENDED THE LIMA AFFAIR IN THE PAST, HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR TABLES AND/OR DEMO TIME. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE PHONED, WROTE OR E-MAILED THEIR REQUEST FOR SPACE AT MUG'96 SO FAR.

        TIM TESCH - S&T SOFTWARE
        BRUCE HARRISON - HARRISON SOFTWARE
        MICKEY CENDROWSKI - WEST PENN 99ERS & NOTUNG SOFTWARE
        JIM KRYCH - SW99ERS (SuperAMS)
        RON MARKUS - RAMCHARGED COMPUTERS
        MIKE WRIGHT - CaDD ELECTRONICS

INVITATION/FLIERS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE ADDRESSES FOR. IF WE MISSED ANYONE, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGY AND CONSIDER THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OUR INVITATION TO ATTEND AND TAKE PART IN MUG'96. ALL WHO MAKE RESERVATIONS WILL BE MAILED A MAP TO THE CONFERENCE AS CONFIRMATION OF THEIR RESERVATION.

IF YOU HAVE OR WILL RESERVE DEMO TIME, PLEASE LET US KNOW THE EXACT SUBJECT OF YOUR PRESENTATION BY THIS APRIL 1. THIS WILL ALLOW US ENOUGH TIME TO SET UP AND PUBLISH THE DEMONSTRATION/PRESENTATION SCHEDULE. PRESENTATIONS AT MUG'96 WILL BE SCHEDULED IN 30 - 45 MINUTE SESSIONS. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE IS ONE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AVAILABLE TO US AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY. WE SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE TWELVE 45 MINUTE DEMOS DURING THE CONFERENCE.

ONE LAST WORD OF ADVICE ....
TABLES AND/OR DEMO TIME ***CANNOT*** BE RESERVED OR ALLOCATED ON SET-UP DAY (MAY 24) OR CONFERENCE DAY (MAY 25).

HELP US TO HELP YOU ....
PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE CAN NOT ASSUME THAT ALL WHO HAD ATTENDED THE CONFERENCES AT LIMA CAN OR WILL ATTEND MUG'96 IN BROOK PARK THIS YEAR.

    CONTACT: GLENN BERNASEK
                13246 HARPER ROAD
                STRONGSVILLE, OHIO 44136

    PHONE: (216) 846-0865 (After 9:00 pm EST)
                (ALL MESSAGES ***WILL*** BE ANSWERED!)
    E-MAIL: dd314@Cleveland.Freenet.Edu

                SEE YOU AT **** MUG'96 ****

LAKE COUNTY HAMFEST......

Lake County Amateur Radio Association

Free Parking, VE exams, Alternate Activities, Lodging,
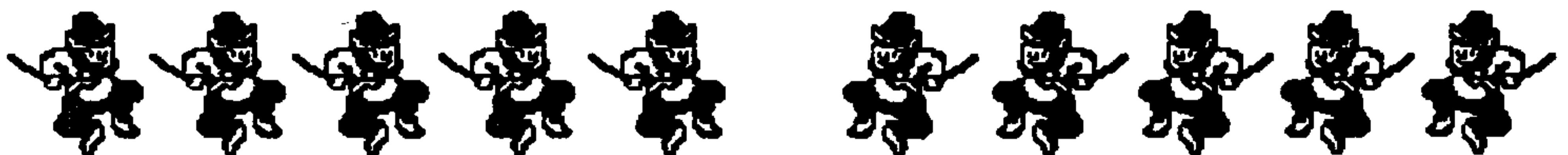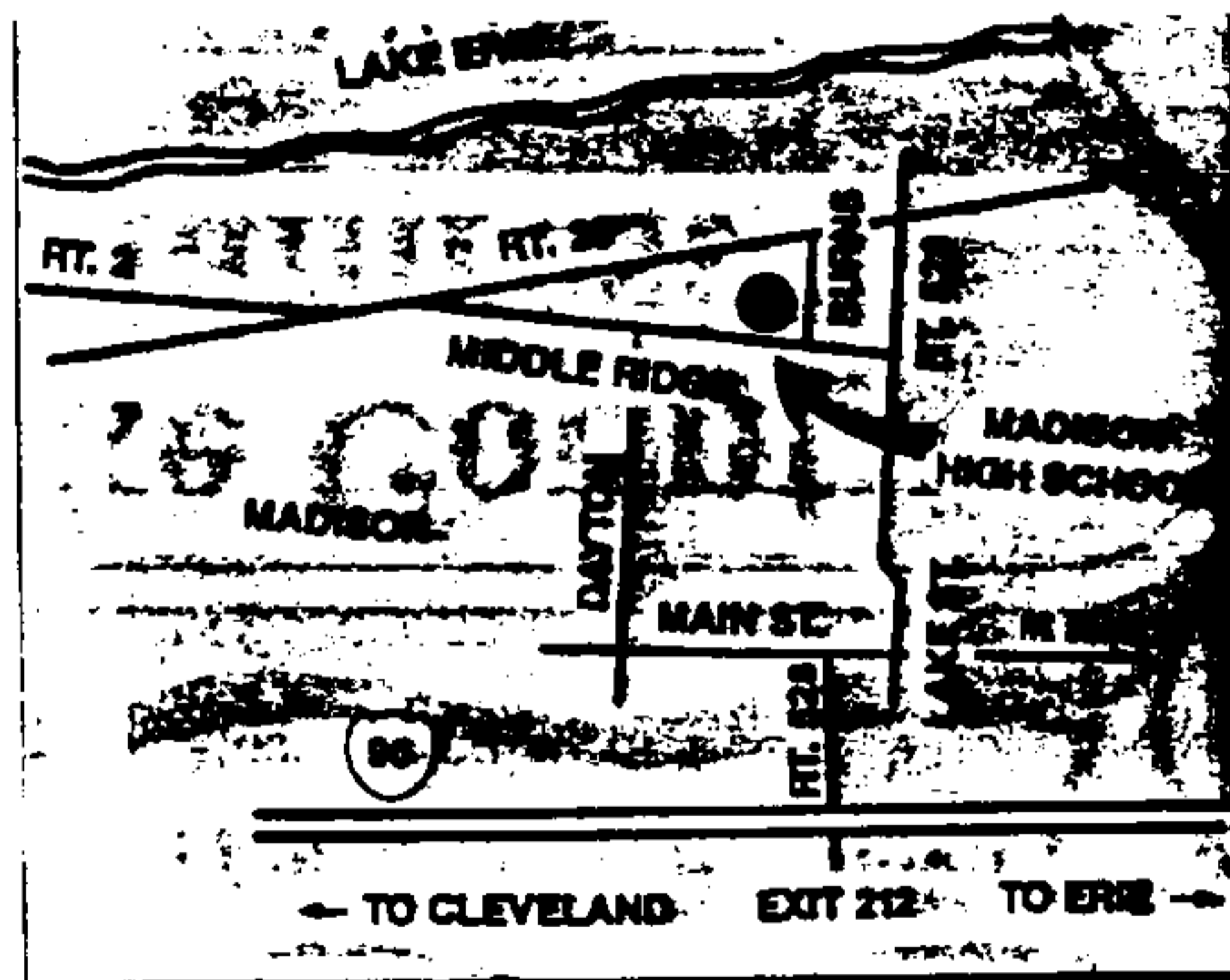Flea Market tables (6ft.$6.00 x 8ft.$8.00), open
Vendor set-up 5:30 AM, Food Service, Prizes-hourly &
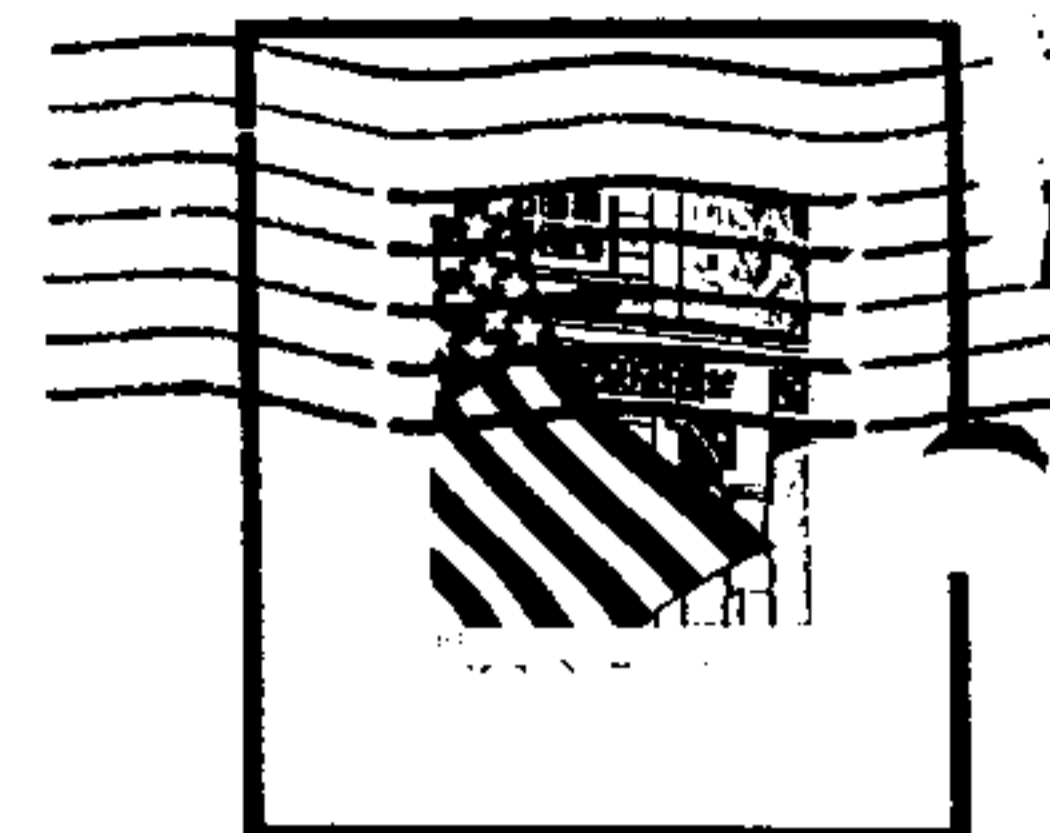Main prize @ 2:00 PM.   Admission $5.00

Sunday: March 24th, 1996

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL,   MADISON, OHIO

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Cleveland Area User Groups
% Harry Hoffman
3925 Trowbridge Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44109-1349

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