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July Meeting:

We will hold our meeting on the FOURTH Monday of the month. This month's meeting should prove to be interesting: Doris Ingrahm has agreed to share some of her secrets on how she uses her TI-Writer. For those of you who have not tackled their TI-Writer she will give a little background, she will also explain how to set up your computer and periphherals for maximum efficiency and best comfort. What should be of interest to all of us is the letter writing formats she has developed to use with the TI-Writer.

Either this month or at our <u>September</u> meeting (depending on his summer school schedule at Fresno State University) Billy has three things to share with us that should be of interest 1) How to clean your key contacts (what you need to do if your computer double prints letters, etc.) 2) How to switch keyboards to a dust free keyboard 3) or if your so inclined how to attach and use a seperate keyboard such as one of the LBM clones or simular keyboard and use the keyboard with an extension cable (I've seen Billy laying on his bed with the keyboard attached by cable to the console at his desk).

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June Minutes:

Harry Allston demonstrated such things as how he puts in error traps in all of his programs so he dosen't get stuck-ie. "What was the name of that program?", "I didn't want to end the program now", etc. Then he explained how he has changed other programs auch as "TI Mail Labler" and "Pointer" a routine that he drops into other programs. And then he showed us the magic of how he uses and modified Multiplan. Harry makes fantastic use of Jim Petersons TigerCub hints and programs he has purchased from Jim. When I asked Harry how many hours a day he spends using his computer he appologized because he now only gets to use it THREE hours every day. To quote "I love my TI, the best home computer in the world, a little slower than I'd like, but there is no other home computer in the world that will do what our TI will do". When Harry was done, I regretted all of the times I haven't used our Multiplan (he made it look so easy.) Thanks allarry for a job well done!

August Meeting:

No August newsletter:

As has been our tradition, we will not publish an August newsletter, nor hold an August Meeting. This has always been a time I need to rest, take last minute vacations and get ready for school to start (for those of you who don't know, I'm a school teacher). For the truth of the matter may I refer you to the last article on page 70 of the August issue of Rooder'

TI-Writer Simplified:

If anyone has TI-Writer and no manual (a manual can be ordered from TI by phoning 1-800 TI CARES they will tell you where to send your \$3.00) or you find you are even more confused by reading the manual there is a fantastic three page simplification and step by step directions on pages 2-4 of the July issue of LA TopIcs.

Kids Korner:

If any of you have young children, I'd like to remind you that each month the LA (TopIcs) newsletter has a kids Korner-a program each month for you to type in. Again as a reminder, this and other programs mentioned in other newsletters can be found in our blue binder on dispaly at each meeting.

Geneve? Or one Step Closer:

According to the article on page 12 of the June issue of MICROpendium Myarc's new fully TI-99/4A compatable computer with such things as: 80 column display, Basic 3.0 and MS-DOS built in and an IBM style keyboard-should be ready for customer shipments as of July 30th with a suggested retail price of \$495.

3-D Graphica:

Interested in learning how to draw 3-D graphics on your TI? You know the kind where they show an engineer on TV who merely by the push of a button the graphic representation of a car or other item on the screen rotates to show a different perspective. Well your TI can't do it quite as well as they can with their million dollar computers and ad agencies, however, if you are interested in seeing what your computer can do please refer to the series of articles starting on page 14 of the June issue of MICROpendium.

Error Codes:

Although it is only a one page article, I did not reprint it to save space (and some of us already have it) but the June issue of the West Penn newsletter contains a very complete listing of ExBasic, Basic, TI-Writer, Dsik manager and I/O error codes. If you don't have it its well worth the time to copy it. The same issue also contains a page of quick reference facts.

Control Codes:

See page 8 of the June issue of the Orlando 99er for a one page listing of all the control codes.

Peeks and Pokes:

Pages 7 & 8 of the June issue of San Fernando Valley's new newsletter has two pages of call load commands to play with and especially useful to true hackers like Billy, Harry and others.









Freeware:

The June issue of LA TopIcs contains a 6 page listing of freeware programs. Please remember if you order any of these programs aftr you receive them, try them out and them send the author either the suggested asking price or \$10.00. Also refer to the three page listing in the May Issue of Spirit of 99.

Tiger Cub:

Remember each month our newsletter and most other newsletter contain two pages of hints by Jim Peterson. These are excellent and well written items. Take the time to read them carefully then also place an order with Jim. If nothing else take advantage of one of his \$15 specials. You can't loose!

Gram Kracker:

A few months ago I wrote a review on Craig Millers Gram Kracker. If you missed it, or weren't convinced, see the reviews in the June LA TopIcs by Terry Masters (their president) and in the May issue of the Spirit of 99. As a said before this is MAGIC!

TIBBS (bulletin boards):

The June issue of the Spirit of 99 has a one page listing of known TIBBS listed in order of area codes. Also their July issue has an article telling how to get the most out of a modem.

Speech:

For those of you interested in using your TE II to it's maximum capacity, I firmly suggest you follow the upcoming series in Spirit of 99. The Columbus Ohio users group just elected a new ppresident sho happens to be blind and it appears he has learned to do magic with the speech capacities of our little wonder. Start by refering to the article about him in their June issue and then read the first of his articles on the use of speech where Irwin tells his secrets. (Basic in July and E.B. to follow in August.)

Raffle:

Remember to bring in items for this month's raffle.

Computer Age?

According to a poll recently taken by Roper Poll, Inc. 11% of American families currently have home computers, 6& plan on getting one soon, 25% will get one sometime and a whopping 56% have no interest at all (2% didn't know where they stood).

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