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Computers in Education

A COMPUTER IN EVERY CLASSROOM

In a recent message to educators, President Reagan gave hardware manufacturers more incentive to go after the education market. The proverbial promise of a chicken in every pot will be replaced with the equivalent of a computer in every classroom, in keeping with the Chief Executive's recommendation that every student take a half year of computer science.

MAY 21, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Willard at 7:30 PM. There were 28 members present.

The minutes of the meeting was approved as published in the newsletter.

TREASURERS REPORT

Jim Cox was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report.

CONNITTEE REPORTS

LIBRARY: Al Cecchini would like any member with material on loan to please return the items to the library. Raffle tickets are on sale for the weekly drawing and also for the June drawing of SUPER SKETCH. The winner had a choice of 10 disks or 10 cassettes.

HARDWARE: Bernie Miller reported that the prototype for the 99/8 is now a reality and a member of the Washington Users Group will be testing it. The promised delivery date is June but this is not definite. Bernie hopes to have some information for review in the next newsletter.

TEXTWARE: Jack Sughrue reported that the 99/8 will be a limited edition and it will be compatible with about 97 to 98% of the 99-4A software, it will also be CDR CDMP compatible.

TIMY PLAN 2 has been placed on disks and will run automatically. He also plans to start reviewing software again.

OLD BUSINESS

There are copies of the MUNCH constitution available.

Any member that is due for reneval of membership can sign up at the meeting. NEW BUSINESS

The software exchange with Gramby will be delayed as Don Mason has been very busy.

Bon Mason has put a lot of time and energy into the software library and Jack Sughrue recommended that the club acknowledge this. Bon would also like some input as to what can be done with the master disks between meetings for copying as VIDEO CONNECTION no longer has the equipment for copying the disks.

Jack reported that there are two magazines that are excellent tutorials for the 93/4A. MINI-MAG which costs about \$12 per year . The second issue is now available and is published by TEX-COMP. MICROPEDIUM is also an excellent tutorial strictly for the TL.

Bruce would like a volunteer to take charge of the newsletters that we receive from other groups. The price of the tickets for a large generic raffle are prohibitive. He would like to form a committee to plan this raffle.

The next meeting will be a demonstration of the NAVARONE DATA BASE presented by COMPUTER SENSE of Westboro.

Lisa Cecchini won the raffle and chose the 10 diskettes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Brian O'Brien demonstrated the SUPER SKETCK.

Respectfully submitted, V. Foster-Erlandson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (***** NOTICE *****)

There are many items to cover this month in the President's Message. First, and foremost, our meeting location, the U of M Medical Center, may not be available anymore. It seems the Med. School has put our meeting room on a priority list. That means that all meetings affiliated with the Med. School get first option on the priority rooms. I'M NOT EVEN SURE AT THIS TIME IF THE ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE JUNE MEETING. Call me, your vice presidents, or your treasurer to be sure of the meeting location.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Falco for all of the very well written programs he has submitted for the newsletter. Besides the fact that they are so well planned for the membership, they are perfect for the newsletter staff; all camera ready. I have taken some basic programming courses in the past, but could never put into words what Tony has for us. took for his article in this memsletter. Thanks again, Tony. Keep up the good work.

Technologies Support Group, Inc. has sent the club their product-line catalog for reference at the M.U.N.C.H. business meetings. This catalog is well laid out and more detailed than most so that you pretty much know what the software is before you buy it. Its contents covers what you've heard about in the past and much, much more. If you would like your own personal copy it will cost \$4.00 and you will also be put on their mailing list. Also, a special note. If you have a small business and can't find the software you need for it, T.S.G., for a price, will design it for you.

NEW II-99/4A COMPATIBLE COMPUTER --- Come to the meeting to get the latest info on this marvelous machine.

I very much enjoy M.U.N.C.H., its meetings and its members. I have not many people and learned a great deal as your President. I read every newsletter and advertisement that comes in the mail so that I can keep you abreast of all the happenings regarding our computers. With our meeting place up in the air, trying to work up fundraising plans, trying to put together committees, etc., I NEED HELP. I would greatly appreciate an hour or two a month anyone could spare. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very, very much.

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AGENDA for June 18, 1985

- 7:00 7:15 Open Demonstrations

 New Member Registration

 Software Exchange (members only)
- 7:15 7:45 Business Meeting:
 Approval of Minutes
 Treasurers Report
 Committee Reports
 Old Business
 New Business
 Announcements
 Raffle
- 7:45 9:00 Special Interest Group Meetings and Open Demonstrations and Discussion

Basic Programming -- by Jack Sughrue Navarone Data Base Management System Assembly Language -- by Dan Rogers

Plan for July meeting:

BAMES, BAMES, BAMES

Regular and advanced programming to continue.

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"---RAFFLE...RAFFLE...

The raffle prise for June is SUPER SKETCH, donated by Brian O'Brien. Next wonth we are having three games raffled off. They are HEN PECKED, ANTEATER, and PICNIC PARAMOIA. These were donated by The Video Connection on Lincoln Stret, Worcester. Thanks goes out to Jim Cox at The Video Connection.

Now, the rule of being present to win still applies. What if you are unable to make the June meeting? Well... Let's use our old Yankee ingenuity. Perhaps you have a friend who can make it to the June meeting. Then print his or her first and last mames on the ticket. Your friend can then put his or her name including the middle initial on his tickets. This will keep you both in the running.

The raffle is open to all who attend. The drawing will be held immediately after the business meeting before we break into the various Special Interest Groups. Remember:

**** YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN ****

Bruce Willard, Pres.

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PROGRAMMING TIPS

by Bob Gagnon 4/26/85

(A) To incorporate a graphics character that moves in response to pressing of the arrow keys into a game program written in Ti BASIC, the following can be included within the program.

100 CALL CLEAR 1 10 CALL CHAR(42,"FFFFFFFFFFFFFFF") 120 CALL COLOR(2,10,1) 130 ROW-12 140 COL-16 150 CALL HCHAR(ROW, COL, 42) 160 OLDROW-ROW 170 OLDCOL-COL 180 CALL KEY(O,K,S) 190 IF S-0 THEN 440 200 IF K-69 THEN 250 -2 10 IF K-68 THEN 280 220 IF K-88 THEN 310 230 IF K-83 THEN 340 240 GOTO 440 250 NEWROW-OLDROW-1 260 NEWCOL-OLDCOL 270 GOTO 360 280 NEWROW-OLDROW 290 NEWCOL-OLDCOL+1 300 GOTO 360 3 10 NEWROW-OLDROW+ 1 320 NEWCOL+OLDCOL 330 GOTO 360 340 NEWROW-OLDROW 350 NEWCOL-OLDCOL-1 360 IF NEWROW-1 THEN 440 370 IF NEWROW-24 THEN 440 380 IF NEWCOL+1 THEN 440 390 IF NEWCOL=32 THEN 440 400 CALL HCHAR(OLDROW, OLDCOL, 32) 410 CALL HCHAR(NEWROW, NEWCOL, 42) 420 OLDROW-NEWROW

the rest of your program

440

430 OLDCOL-NEWCOL

Although advanced programmers will recognize that the intent of this program can be accomplished with fewer statements, keep in mind that this is intended as a vehicle for learning programming techniques. Thus for the beginning programmer, this is a valid technique for gaining control of screen graphics when programming games.

100-150: Clear screen, create character, and place character at starting position.

160-170: Initialize character motion control loop.

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180-240: Accept arrow key depression and go to motion control statements and/or go to the rest of the program.

250-350: Determine new position for character from arrow key depression and go to the screen edge detector.

360-390: Detects edge of screen and prevents character position coordinates from going out of range.

400-410: Erases character at the old position and display's it at the new position.

420-430: Sets up for another pass thru the character position control loop.

440-***: The rest of the program followed by a jump back to the character position centrol loop.

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To obtain your free copy of the TI 99 addendum. Containing 12 pages of special instructions and programs along with dip switch settings and tips for using italic tips plus info on graphics and other features.

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- 82 We the backup. Store the Master. 83 Identify and label innediately.
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 - 46 Never turn computer on or off with diskette in drive.
- 87 Leep away from magnetic fields(Newiter, Phone, TV, etc.)
 - ## Keep away from food or drink.
 - 89 Keep away from excessive heat or dust.
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 - #13 Spring for a plastic diskette holder.
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This comes from TI USERS NEWS, Sacramento Area TI-99 4/A Home Computer User Broup, VOL. 1 No. 4, November 1984.

sest BASIC/EX BASIC YIP

by Brad Kinne

fired or black letters on a light blue screen? Change it to white letters & numbers on a dark blue screen. I think it's much easier on the eyes to read. Put the following at the beginning of your program:

- 10 CALL CLEAR
- 20 CALL SCREEN(5)
- 30 FOR 1=1 TO 12
- 40 CALL COLOR(1,16,5)
- 50 NEIT I



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There is still a good supply of software available, but it is selling fast.



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TOP DOWN DESIGN WITH TI EXTENDED BASIC (PART 2)

by Tony Falco

Last month we developed a program which would provide practice at adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. We used top down design, making the main program (lines 10 - 150) call a series of modules or subprograms (in lines 170 to the end). Top down design postpones the details and in that spirit, we delayed completing the subprograms until this month. The program listed here is now complete and ready to use.

There are some advantages to using modules or subprograms. Here are a few:

- -they are useful for tasks to be repeated often.
- -they free programs of unnecessary code.
- -they facilitate top down design.
- -they are easy to test and debug.
- -They are (should be) short and self-contained.
- -they make programs easier to read and follow.
- -they are portable.

You will notice that most subprograms have a parameter list. (The list in parentheses after its name.) It is through this list that the program interfaces or communicates with the rest of the program. This is done when the subprogram is called and depends only on the order and type of the expressions in the parameter list. CALL HCHAR(3,5,65) does the same thing as CALL HCHAR(X,X+2,A) provided X=3 and A=65. It works the same for user defined subprograms.

A subprogram once it is written and in operation behaves like a "black box". You need only know what goes in and what comes out. After testing one need not be concerned with what goes on inside. The variables not in the parameter list are LOCAL to the routine. They exist when it is called and cease to exist on return to the calling program. This frees the programmer from concern about variable names. In the program listed here for example CALL REDUCE(6,8,A,B) sends in the fraction 6/8 and returns the reduced fraction 3/4 in the form A=3,B=4. Likewise, if X=6 and Y=8 using CALL REDUCE(1,Y,A,K) still has 6 and 8 as input with A=3 and K=4 (the reduced fraction) as output. This feature makes subprograms truly portable. All you must know is what gets sent and what gets returned. That is why they are called MODULES. They are truly interchangeable parts and can move freely from one program to another.

Perhaps users groups like MUNCH would do well to think about "extending" Extended Basic. We might develop a series of subprograms as useful additions to Extended Basic and make them a part of a disk LOADer program that would automatically load if Extended Basic is selected. (For more information see CALL, SUB, SUBEND and SUBEXIT in your manual.)

5 ... FRACTIONS..BY......Tony Falco..... 10 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREEN
310 S\$=CHR\$(-43*(OP=1)-45
(15):: L\$=" ... R\$=" ... P=2)-88*(OP=3)-47*(OP=4)) 20 CALE CHAR (95, "000000FFFF" ,47,*001800FFFF0018*} 30 CALL PICK OP (OP, S4) 40 INPUT "HOW MANY PROBLEMS_ >":NOPROBS :: CALL CLEAR 50 FOR PROBLEM=1 TO NOPROBS 60 CALL SET_UP(L\$,S\$,R\$) 70 CALL GET PROBLÉM (OP, N1, D1 .N2,D2} 80 CALL SHOW_PROB(NI,D1,N2,B 2) 90 IF OP=1 THEN CALL ADD(N1, D1, N2, D2, NA, DA) 100 IF OP=2 THEN CALL ADDING ,D1,-N2,D2,NA,DA) 110 IF DP=3 THEN CALL MULTIP LY (N1, D1, N2, D2, NA, DA) 120 IF OP=4 THEN CALL MULTIP LY(N1, D1, D2, N2, NA, DA) 130 CALL BET_ANS(X,Y) 140 CALL CHECK ANS (NA, BA, X, Y 150 NEXT PROBLEM :: 60TO 30 160 DATA ABBITION, SUBTRACTIO N, MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, EX IT PROGRAM 180 SUB SET_UP(L\$, 0P\$, R\$):: DISPLAY AT(12, B):L\$LOP\$LR\$: : SUBEND 190 [11110111111111111111111] 200 SUB SHOW_PROB(N1,D1,N2,B 2):: DISPLAY AT(11,8)SIZE(-3): Ni 210 DISPLAY AT(11,14):N2 220 DISPLAY AT(13,81512E(-3) :D1 :: DISPLAY AT(13,14):D2 1: SUBEND 230 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 | 1882 240 SUB GET_ANS(A, B):: ACCEP T AT (11, 21) SIZE (3) VALIDATE (D IGITIBEEP:A 250 ACCEPT AT(13,21) VALIDATE (DISIT)SIZE(3)BEEP:B :: SUBE MD 260 !####################### 270 SUB PICK_OP(OP,S\$):: DIS PLAY AT(1,11) ERASE ALL: "FRAC TIONS 280 DISPLAY AT(4,4): "PICK ON >" :: RESTORE £ 290 FOR T=1 TO 5 :: READ MS :: DISPLAY AT (3#1+3,5):STR# (]}&"-"&H\$;: NEXT [

300 ACCEPT AT (4, 22) SIZE (1) VA LIDATE ("12345") BEEP: 0P 310 S\$=CHR\$(-43\$(OP=1)-45\$(O 320 IF DP=5 THEN CALL CLEAR :: END 330 CALL CLEAR :: SUBEND 340 (**************** 350 SUB SET_PROBLEM(OP, N1, D1 ,N2,D2):: RANDOMIZE 360 NS=INT(120RND)+1 :: D1=[MT(11#RMB)+2 :: M2=INT(12#RM D)+L 370 B2=[NT{110RND}+2 :: 1F D P=2 AND(N1/D1)(={N2/D2}THEN 360 380 IF OP(3 THEN CALL REDUCE (M1,D1,N1,D1):: CALL REDUCE(N2,02,N2,021 396 SÚBEND 400 : \$1888\$1188\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 410 SUB REDUCE(N,D,I,Y):: IF N(D THEN G=N :: P=D ELSE G= D :: P≠N 420 R=P-G#INT(P/Q) 430 IF R()0 THEN P=0 :: 0=R :: 6010 420 440 X=N/G :: Y=D/G :: SUBEND 450 | \$386183838613888888831 460 SUB ADD(NI,DI,N2,D2,NA,D A):: NA=N1\$D2+N2\$D1 :: DA=D1 **#D2** 470 CALL REDUCE (NA, DA, NA, DA) :: SUBEND 490 SUB MULTIPLY (N1, D1, N2, D2 ,NA,DA):: NA=N10N2 :: DA=D1t **8**2 500 CALL REDUCE (NA, DA, NA, BA) :: SUBEND 520 SUB CHECK AKSINA, DA, X, Y) 530 IF NA=X AND DA=Y THEN DE SPLAY AT (16, B): "THAT IS CORR ECT!!" :: 60TO 580 540 IF NA/DAK>X/Y THEN 560 550 DISPLAY AT (16, 8): "D.K. N ON REDUCE IT" :: CALL GET AN S(X,Y):: 60T0.530 560 DISPLAY AT(16,8): "SORRY IT IS_> 570 D[SPLAT AT (15,23):NA :: DISPLAY AT(17,23):DA 580 FDR D=1 TO 1000 :: NEXT D :: CALL CLEAR :: SUBEND

SORTING OUT THE SCOTT ADAMS ADVENTURE WINT DUCK

by: Joe Hail

If you finally got frustrated with trying to solve the Scott Adams Adventure series, and in desperation surchased a copy of his Official Mint Book, you might find the following extended basic program helpful. It greatly simplifies the process of locating clues in the format used in the hint book. All you have to do to this program is to add the data statements. These consist of the dictionary for each adventure as printed in the Scott Adams Hint Book. The first two data statements should be the adventure number and title, and then simply type in each word in the dictionary, in the same order as it appears in the book. After the last word in the list, add one final data statement, the "2" symbol. This tells the program that it's reached the end of the list.

What I did was to type the data statements as a separate file, beginning with line number 500. I then saved the data statements in merge format, so all you have to do is to load this program, then merge the data statements, and run the program. Then simply type in the number sequence for each clue, and when finished, just hit the (ENTER) key, and the clue will be printed on your screen. To terminate the program, simply hit the (ENTER) key without typing in a number. This way you can use the program with any of the adventures covered in the Scott Adams book!

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100 PADVENTURE HELP PROGRAM
110 !BY TOM HALL
120 !EDMONTON 99'ER USERS GROUP
130 !
140 !A PROGRAM TO USE WITH THE SCOTT ABAMS HINT BOOK
150 !
160 CALL CLEAR
170 DIN A$ (25), $$ (300) 180 READ C$, $$
190 DISPLAY AT (2,3): "CLUES FOR ADVENTURE
#";C$:TAB(14-INT(LEN(T$)/2));T$
200 I±1
210 SEAD D&(I):: IF D$(I)="0" THEN 22 ELSE I=I+I :: 60TO 210
220 CX$="" :: FOR 1=1 TO 25
230 ACCEPT AT(8,1)BEEP:A$(1):: IF (A$(1)="")*(I=1)THEN CALL
CLEAR :: END ELSE IF A$(I) = " THEN 260
240 CIS=CISEAS(I)&* "
260 DISPLAY AT(B,1):**
270 X$="" :: FOR N=1 TO 1-1
230 X$=X$&D$(VAL(A$(N)))&" * 290 DISPLAY AT(12,1):X$: : : : :
: 300 NEXT N
310 60TO 220
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Thanks to the Edmonton 99/er for the preceeding review.

Terry Atkinson's routine to redefine the cursor has aroused some interest. So i fiddled around and came up with this version to change the cursor automatically to whatever character, normal or redefined, that you input.

100 CURSUR LAANGER by Jim P eterson 110 INPBI A\$:: 4=45C(4\$):: CALL CHARPATIA, A\$1:: FOR J=1 10 16 STEF 2 :: H\$=566\$ (A\$, J. 2):: CALL mex DEC(Hs. D):: î=[+1 :: H(])=D :: NEXT J :: 120 CALL INIT :: CALL LOAD(8 196,63,248) 130 CALL LOAD (16376,67,85,82 , E3, 79, 82, 48, B) 140 CALL LOAD(12283,H(1),H(2 1.h(3),h(4),h(5),h(6),h(7),h ((6)) 150 CALL LOAD(12296,2.0.3.24 0.2.1.48.0.2.2.0.8.4.32.32.3 6.4.91) 160 CALL LINK ("CURSOR") !THAN KS TO TERRY ATKINSON 170 SUB HEX DEC(HS,D):: N=1 :: DEC=0

180 FOR J=1 TO LEN(H4):: A5*
SEGS(H5, LEN(H5)-J+1, 1):: IF
ASC(A5)>SB THEN HT=ASC(A5)-5
5 ELSE HT=VAL(A4)
190 DEC=DEC+N5H1:: N=N316:
: NEXT J
200 IF DEC(>32768 THEN B=DEC
ELSE D=-165536-DEC)
210 SUBEND

And of course you can always color the cursor with CALL COLDR(0,5,11) or whatever colors you like.

little routine that will set up your printer to slash the D's until you turn it off.

IDD OPEN #1:"PIO"

110 PRINT #1:CHR#(27);CHR#(4

2);CHR#(D);

120 PRINT #1:CHR#(27);CHR#(4

2);CHR#(1);CHR#(4B);CHR#(D);
CHR#(92);CHR#(30);CHR#(81);CHR#(8);CHR#(8);CHR#(2);CHR#

(65);CHR#(34);CHR#(28)

130 PRINT #1:CHR#(27);CHR#(3

6);CHR#(1)

140 STOP

Thanks to Jim Peterson (alias "the Tiger Cub") for the tips on this page. While he reports that the software business is on the rocks, but he'd still like to hear from anyone who either has a trick to share, or needs a trick to solve a problem. His address: 156 Collingwood Ave., Columbus, OH 43213

Yes, we know it's early, but since at least 75% of the Newsletter Staff will be away for all or part of the month of July, we must have as much material as early as possible, if we are to have any chance at all of getting out the Newsletter! While we're on the subject, we'd like to sincerely thank Members Jack Sughrue, Tony Falco, Bob Gagnon, and Bernie Miller who have contributed Reviews of "textware" and software, original programs, tips and tricks, and useful routines on a regular basis. However a monthly Newsletter is a voracious beast, and has a habit of consuming all available material and begging for more: so her we are, still begging for some new "faces" to contribute to YOUR Newsletter. As we mentioned, much of the staff is going on vacation in July, and we feel that our regular contributors deserve the same opportunity; so if the next issue is thin or nonexistent, you have only yourselves to blame! Let's hear from YOU! Ed.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Please return all borrowed materials to the MUNCH library at each meeting. This will give other members a chance to enjoy our collection of "text", ware as much as you have !!!

OTHER CURSORS for TI WRITER by Dave White

Don't forget about the fixed mode cursor on page 44 of TI-WRITER manual. Often I find it easier to insert a few characters by switching to fixed mode (CTRL 0), insert character mode (FCTN 1), then inserting the characters, then turning off fixed mode (CTRL 0). This eliminates the need for reformat.

Another special function which seems to be hidden in the manual is the SPECIAL CHARACTER HODE, referred to on page 146 of the manual. Page 98 describes its use, similar to the transliterate command. By pressing CTRL U, special printer control characters may be put into the document, without using the text formatter. Then the document can be printed directly from the text editor.

Some common control characters are shown below:

PRESS	FOR
(FCTN R)	escape character
(FCTN R) H	ELITE mode
(FCTN R) P	PICA mode
(FCTN R) 4	italic mode
(FCTN R) 5	italic off
(FCTN R) 0	space 8 lines to the inch
(FCTN R) 1	space 6 lines to the inch
•	ift R] 1.5 lines to inch
(shift 0)	compressed mode on
(shift R)	compressed mode off

(Parentheses above indicate special character mode.)

Have you tried printing return address labels? Try 8 lines per inch, compressed print format. This will print 4 return labels on one standard size address label. (This article was from the PUNK. Ed.)

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