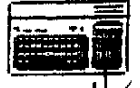




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required for the dinner. Plan to be there and also be at the May Meeting on May 7th in room 2B at the North
Richland Hills Community Center at the corner of 820 and Rufe Snow Drive. Bill Duncan - President

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well it's time for another meeting and this time I won't be there as I had planned. Some time back I was invited to go on a vacation trip with a friend and his wife, along with my wife, naturally. As such as I would like to be here for the meeting, I couldn't turn down a free trip, after all that is what retirement is all about.

Last month the S.I.G. met at Phillip Chappel's house for a demo of the BBS. We all enjoyed the demo and the friendship of the other SIG members. Perhaps in the near future we can do this again and invite more people to the meeting to join in the fun and partake of the learning experience.

If you have never used a modem and never called our BBS, you don't know what your missing. This is one of the best parts of using our little orphan.

Since I won't be at the meeting I will leave the super-carts with James Croxon for the meeting and the keys to the shop for anyone needing to come over to use the workshop. I am certainly going to miss not being here, not just because of the meeting, but I will also have to miss the TI-Faire, which I really wanted to attend. but you know how it goes. I hope to see everyone at the following meeting and you can tell me what happened at the meeting before, and I can tell you what we did on our vacation, provided we don't get into trouble. See you then.

= Doc Graves = jc/dg

FROM THE EDITOR

As I get further along as the newsletter editor I find that in general about ninety percent of newsletter material is gleaned from other newsletters. This means that there is not a lot of original stuff to publish every time. This also means a LOT of repetition. I am sure that the current user group membership has seen virtually every article at least 4 times. For me though most of the material is new because I haven't been a member very long. I recently was able to browse through the newsletters that come from other groups around the country and although some material is fairly new I think that most members have seen them either on BBS's or in other newsletters. I was impressed with Anne Dhein's article on the different graphics programs for the 99/4a and have decided that although it would make great filler material, I will not reproduce it in our newsletter. The TI community as a whole has a great abundance of articles and reviews for the user base. I don't know how many new users out there can use this material but if needed it is available. Roy Willis has done a tremendous service to us by taking the job of handling these newsletters. He is to be applauded. It is a job that I personally couldn't handle (at least right now) and I really appreciate his efforts.

Our BBS has experienced some hardware problems lately and hopefully the new drive will fix this. I noticed some new users from afar and wide. Even some non TI users. I would like to see more topic conversation on the BBS though. I am not sure what it could be about but on a few other BBS's I use we discuss just about everything from A to Z. Religion has a great many debaters. Chess is okay for the intellectuals. A few have trivia sub boards. The BBS is what we make it. As long as we follow the guidelines set by the sysops, we should be able to get some serious conversations going. I think that one problem is that most of the BBS userbase is in some way acquainted with one another. This may be a hindrance to topic conversation. I don't know why but it's just a thought.

I spoke to Ron Miller about the library and he has some RLE graphics for us to view, print or whatever. I downloaded some from Federated BBS recently and I wasn't very impressed with them. I like the ones we have. They seem to be of better quality. The decline in quality may have been due to the system differences. I believe the RLE pics that they have are displayed on IBM and Atari systems.

I don't know how many people have tried TELCO but I find it to be great! It's a very versatile program. I didn't like the lower case provided so I deleted the CHARAI file from the disk and I find that I prefer the TI small caps. I still use Mass Transfer because of some D/L problems but I would recommend this fine program to everyone. Please continue to support the authors of FAIRWARE. They deserve the support. I have included a brief review of TELCO.

The upcoming TI FAIRE will I hope be a great success. I have never attended one so this will be new for me. Also new for me will be helping out at the booth/table. I feel that I should help out the group in some small way. I have recieved more help from this group than I could have ever gotten on my own from other sources. The newsletter is undergoing some changes soon. We are kicking the idea around about changing it to a bi-monthly letter. This will make it easier for me to find more info to include but is being done to help defray the expense in printing and mailing. If there is anything you want to see here in the newsletter please don't hesitate to call me or the club officers and suggest it. It doesn't need to be TI oriented to be interesting. graphics, reviews, articles are all welcome from all members. Time to wrap it up so....bye!

Tom Collins - Editor

TREASURY REPORT

We started with \$444.23 in the treasury. We had a deposit of \$156.00 and the expenses were \$139.68. With the interest and service charge we now have a total of \$463.19. Respectfully Submitted, Lee DeForest

BBS REPORT by Co-Sysop Phillip Chappell

Well, I'm happy to report that the BBS is back up and running again...hopefully for good. We still have some minor bugs to work out, but that case of extermination should be completed shortly. James has been working double duty to get our hardware in shape and Gary has been doing more than his fair share to get those little varmint bugs out of the software. Me? Well I'm spending just enough time with the BBS to keep it up. I'll be spending a lot more time with it once I complete my next phase of training and have some more time on my hands. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience and support. We certainly need both. Our download section seems to be slowly growing and with the future addition of another drive, we should be able to give you quite a selection. For those of you who have not downloaded TELCO, I urge you to do so and to get it working like you want it. I guarantee you'll never look back!!!

Our gameroom area is growing also. We presently have 12 members, but I am expecting more shortly. Many of those in the gameroom are non-TI users, but by paying their dues will be able to help support our BBS (Hooray!!!). If you haven't tried the gameroom, you're missing quite an adventure, especially if you enjoy Role-Playing Games. Until next time, see you on the BBS! >Phillip<

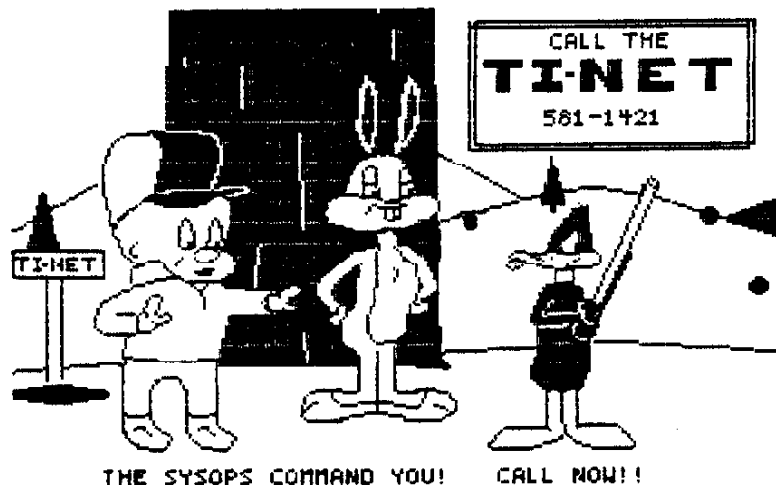
THE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Bill Duncan, President. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as written. The meeting opened with a discussion about changing the mailing of the newsletter from monthly to bi-monthly. A motion was made to mail the newsletter bi-monthly to cut expenses and keep the newsletter on Startext and the group BBS. The motion was passed by majority vote. Ron Miller gave a report on the club's library and updates. Bill Duncan expressed a concern about the availability of the lending library. No action was taken at this time.

Bill Duncan told the club that he received the buyer list from TI that consisted of approximately 5000 names in the west part of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. A motion was made to form a phone committee to call the names on the list. This motion was passed by majority vote. Bill Duncan will conduct a sample calling, from the list and will report the results at the May meeting.

Gary Higgs gave a brief report on the BBS. He reported that it is going well with only a few minor bugs which have been worked out with a lot of help and work from James Crosson.

James Crosson demonstrated the Disk of the Month and TI Faire Disk. A short buy, sell, swap session was held then there was a short break. After the break Bill Duncan discussed the TI Faire and the need for volunteers to help man the tables. This was followed by a demonstration on Super Extended Basic by Fulton Cook. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50. - Dave Shivers



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I would like to welcome new members:

S J (Jack) McCollum M4/89
RT #1 Box 4960
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870-8104

The following members renewed their membership:

Jo Nell Thompson M4/89

Unfortunately we had some members who did not renew their membership:

John R Hill
Mrs Betty Z Slaughter

The following members will be dropped if dues are not paid at the next meeting:

Roy E Camp Jr
Les Long
Jim Louis
Michael Moore
Ed Wolfram
Sidney Parker

A NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS. Look on your mailing label on your newsletter for the date that your membership is renewable, such as M1/86 is January 1986, M5/86 is May 1986, etc.. The club does not send out reminders on dues because the postage is prohibitive. If you know any of the members who did not renew, please give them a call and see if you can learn the reason. Let your officers know so they can look into the reasons. Your help on this will be greatly appreciated. - John Lambert - Membership Chairman

Assembly Language Humor

Everybody is familiar with the programmers guide. Here is one for the assembly language programmers.

BH	BRANCH AND HANG
BST	BACKSPACE AND STRETCH TAPE
CDCF	CONDENSE DISC AND CROSS FILES
CKSF	CONVERT KEY TREE TO SEQUENTIAL FILE
CN	CIRCULATE MEMORY
CPPD	CRITICAL POINT POWER DUMP
CRN	CONVERT TO ROMAN NUMERALS
DAO	DIVIDE AND OVERFLOW
ED	ERASE DIRECTORY
EDR	EXECUTE DESTRUCTIVE READ
EIBE	ERASE INSTRUCTION BEFORE EXECUTION
EIOC	EXECUTE INVALID OP CODE
ENU	EMULATE SYSTEM 3
ERCF	EXTRACT RECORD AND CROSS FILE
ESP	ERASE SECTOR POOL
FOTA	FAULT ONLY ON TECHNICIAN'S ABSENCE
FSRA	FORM SKIP AND RUN AWAY
HCF	HALT AND CATCH FIRE
IDPS	IGNORE DISC WRITE PROTECT SWITCH
IEDF	IGNORE END OF FILE

IETH	IGNORE END OF TAPE MARKER
IFL	INVERT FORWARD LINK
IIB	IGNORE INTERRUPT AND BRANCH
IRAC	INJECT RANDOM ASCII CHARACTERS
LCM	LOAD AND CLEAR MEMORY
MLR	MOVE AND LOSE RECORD
PACSP	PRINT ALL CHARACTERS IN SAME POSITION
PBD	PRINT AND BREAK DRUM
PPL	PERFORM PERPETUAL LOOP
RAST	READ AND SHRED TAPE
RCR	REWIND CARD READER
RI	RANDOM IGNORE
RIRG	READ INTER-RECORD GAP
RLF	REVERSE LINE FEED
RLL	RANDOM LOGIN LOCKOUT
RPA	RANDOMIZE PORT ASSIGNMENTS
RS	RANDOM SLEW
SFFR	SET FALSE FORWARD OR FAST FORWARD AND REWIND
SFOP	SET FALSE OUT-OF-PAPER CONDITION
SFTT	STRIP FROM TRACTOR TEETH
SH	SPONTANEOUS HALT
SMD	SPONTANEOUS MEMORY DUMP
SPE	SET PARITY ERROR SPEC SLEW PAST END OF CARRIAGE
SRSD	SEEK RECORD AND SCAR DISC
SRZ	SUBTRACT AND RESET TO ZERO
SSB	SCRAMBLE STATUS BYTE
SSJ	SELECT STACKER AND JAM
SSSD	SEEK SPINDLE SHAFT AND DESTRUCT
SMP	SELECT WRONG PRINTER
UDR	UPDATE AND DELETE RECORD
USML	URGENT-SENSITIVE MODEN LOCKUP
WMLR	WRITE WRONG LENGTH RECORD

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A SHORT TELCO REVIEW
by Tom Collins

Telco is a new terminal emulator for the TI-99/4a and GENEVE 9640. It has been well written in assembly language and provides excellent performance. It has many features not found in other terminal emulators for the TI. The program is menu driven from windows and you can also memorize the functions and run it exclusively right from the keyboard.

Some of Telco's features are:

1. Emulates different terminals. ie. ANSI, D410, ADM3A.
2. Automatic dialer that has room for 99 entries and will redial up to 15 entries. the list of phone numbers is displayed in the window. During setup for each entry you are asked the system parameters and these are set at that time. No more changing the configuration because you want to call a bbs at a different baud rate than you are currently set at.
3. Xmodem and ASCII transfers are simple to use also. Telco will strip out the cr and lf from a DV80 file for you before you upload it.
4. Telco has 26 programmable keys called Macros. These are character strings (up to 36) that can be sent to the remote system you are logged onto. You can link one to another. They can store your user number and password to be sent when the Func M key is pressed. You will be asked what one to send, and when you do you will see your user number and password(if it is displayable)placed at the remote systems prompts. Neat!
5. A print spooler is provided as well as device logging, screen dumps, and buffer reviewing.
6. At the bottom of the screen a status line shows you what system parameters are being used while you are online. A clock also is displayed in the lower left corner of the screen and is reset each time you log onto another system.
7. You can catalog a disk while online and you are able to delete files or modify file protection for fast efficient file handling.
8. Does your screen kinda set a little off to the right or left? Telco lets you set up and account for this, too. You can even load your favorite lower case font.
9. Screen colors can be set. No more toggling after boot up!
10. Runs from several environments - Extended Basic (LOAD), Editor Assembler Option 5, and from TI-Writer select Option 3. It will also run from Supercart but your battery backed MENU or UTIL program will be gone from it when you quit the program requiring you to boot your Supercart again.

This excellent program comes with complete documentation written in TI Writer and is very user friendly. It is User Supported Software and this author deserves the mere \$20.00 he is requesting for this program. This program may well become the standard. Support this author -

Charles Earl
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Canada, K2p 0Z5

The deadline for contributions for the May newsletter is wed. May 18th.

Got some interesting info to share? Articles, letters, paragraphs, or words of wisdom are yours to contribute. Contact Tom Collins, editor. 817-738-2428. Startext NC232653

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