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MYARC SOFTWARE

On November 4, Lou Phillips of Myarc announced that the company was making copies of the finished versions of Advanced BASIC (V3.0) and MDOS 1.14G for an imminent mailout to registered users. An exact date of the mailout was not forthcoming however. He only said that it would be soon. The Hard Disk version of MDOS may not be completely debugged, so it may not be shipped along with the other disks.

And From Asgard

PRESS still isn't ready and it isn't going to be soon, either. According to Chris Bobbitt, when it does come out it will floor a lot of the TI users. Progress is being made steadily.

Asgard has announced several new software programs again this month. Among them is Karate Challenge, a martial arts game in which dragons have taken over the minds of

Joy!

Merry Christmas



From the FAST User Group

students and teachers at your Karate Dojo and you must defend your former freinds and masters to get a chance to engage the dragons in mortal combat.

Also there is Mission Destruct! in which robots have taken over the moon and you must destroy as many moon base reactors as you can before your ship is taken over.

For further information on these or other Asgard products contact them at P.O. Box 10360, Rockville, MD 20850 or call (703) 255-3085. Incidently, the price on the above 2 games is \$9.95 each or both for \$17.95 + shipping and handling.

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VAST INFORMATION

The VAST Computer User Group is a support group for Home Computer users. We primarily support the TI-99/4A computer and compatables, but all computer users are welcome. We meet at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center in Tempe on the second Saturday of every. This month's meeting is on December 9. The business meeting starts at 10 a.m. with socializing starting at 9 a.m.

The yearly group membership fee is \$15 which includes the monthly newsletter mailed to your door!

Our meetings are open to all. Only dues paying members may vote in elections or use the club library.

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The date that appears in the upper right corner of your mailing label is your newsletter and/or club membership expiration date. Address renewals to VAST User Group, c/o 1425 E. Del Rio Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

The VAST User Group BBS operates 24 hours a day at (602) 242-9868. There are several interesting message bases and a TI/Geneve 9640 download section. Why not call and give it a try.

Deadline for submissiom of materials for this newsletter is the first Saturday of the month. Materials may be submitted in any form, but the preferred method is by phone uploading to "Jim's Newsroom" section of the BBS.

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Software programs are available from the User Group library at the following rates:

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If a copy of documentation is required, a charge of \$.10 per copy page will be made. If the Group supplies the disk, add \$1.00. We do have an exchange program for new software added to the library. Contact the librarian for further details.

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Secretary's Slate

MINUTES VAST User Group November 11, 1989

The November meeting of the VAST User Group was held at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center in Tempe on November 11, 1989. We were called to order by President Mike Grogan at 10 a.m. All officers were present.

Since there was no official meeting held in October, there were no minutes to read. The treasurer reported a balance in our account of \$121.57.

Standing committee reports are as follows:

TI Committee: Mike reported on our preliminary plans to attend the FEST WEST in Tucson in February. The plan is to have a booth from which we will sell TI related equipment supplied to us by Rene Mitchel of Sofware. Walt reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Mitchel and had worked out a tentative arrangement whereby we will keep 40% of any money we make. Walt Brown and Wallace Knight will get together with Rene and work out the details.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to allocate \$25 for the purchase of a table at the FEST.

Other Computer Committee: Bill Wedmore reported that there had been no activity by the Other Computer Committee this month.

There were no other standing committee reports because of the lack of attendance from their chairpersons. It was noted that some of these chairpersons had not attended meetings or given reports for the last 3 months.

Picnic Comittee: Chairperson not here. She sent a report to the treasurer which reflected

that we spent \$167.62 for the picnic. We had given Stephanie a check for \$150. A check in the amount of \$17.62 will be sent to her to cover the balance.

Publicity committee: Chairperson was again not in attendance. Mike reported that the publicity cards will be ready by the FEST WEST at the latest, hopefully by December's meeting.

Old Business:

Mike pointed out the we had blank disks for sale at \$.25 each. They were sold out during the meeting.

New Business:

Bud Barnes made a motion which was seconded by Walt Brown and approved by the membership that we hold a special election at the December meeting to amend the club constitution. The purpose of the changes would be to return the group to a TI and compatable user group as it was originally formed. After some discussion an amended motion was made by Ian McGregor to change the wording of the proposed amendment so as to include all TI computer related products and not just TI compatables. The amended motion was accepted.

Each member of the group as of 11/1/89 will receive a copy of the proposal and a ballot by mail within the next 2 weeks. Also included will be a numbered envelope. This numbered envelope will be registered to the member receiving it. The member will mark a ballot, place it in the envelope, seal it and return it to the club. Voters may return the ballot by mail or in person at the December meeting. At the December meeting all envelopes will be See "MINUTES", Continued on page 4

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opened and the ballots placed in the ballot box. After all ballots have been cast, a count will be made and the results of the election announced. In order to be accepted, the proposed amendment must receive 2/3rds of the votes cast.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Marfisi, Secretary

From the Editor's Desk

Merry Christmas!

I feel I must give a bit of explanation for the newsletter last month.

As you all know, I have been trying for the last 6 or 7 months to make a go of a print shop here in Tempe. In late October, we were locked out of our shop due to a problem with our rent. For all practical purposes, my shop is now closed. I gave it my best shot and it looked like, given just a little more time, we could have probably made it work. Unfortunately, the time and the necessary money were not forthcoming.

All of my desktop publishing equipment is, at the moment, still locked in the shop, so that is why Mike Marfisi put together last month's newsletter. Thanks, Mike, for doing a good job on the newsletter on a last minute notice.

This Month's Newsletter On page 5, REALLY, is part 3 of the TI-Writer articles by Stan Katzman, Last month, it made it to the table of contents but didn't quite make it to the printed page. Our annual index of articles is on page 6. Page 8 has a report of the Chicago TI Faire along with a list of names and addresses of the folks who had booths there. And on page 11 is a review by Mike Martisi of TI Writer version 4.0. And for this month, that's about it.

Special Election
You should have all received a ballot in the mail in November for the special election to take place at this month's meeting. This is just a reminder that if you have not already returned your ballot, please remember to bring it with you to the December meeting.

And Finally...

I hope you all have a very Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. See you at the December meeting on the 9th. Jim Ely, Editor "NEWS", Continued from page 1...

From Texaments

A new database application specifically designed for the TI Base datebase is now available. Called Mailing List Manager, it is written in TI Base command language, and is a complete management system. It is available for \$14.95 + \$2.50 shipping. It requires TI Base V2.0 or higher. Contact Texaments for more information at 53 Center St., Patchogue, NY 11772 or (516) 475-3480.

Upgraded RAYE 99 Software

MX01 Software has been upgraded to version 1.3 by Company. Rave 99 keyboard macro program is now compatible with the RAMdisk and Menu screen programs. New directory commands have been added. and modifications to the Rave 99 software have been made to allow proper operation with 80 column cards. The upgrade is \$14.95 + \$3 shiping from Rave 99 Co., 112 Rambling Rd., Vernon, CT 06066 or (203) 871-7824.

From Comprodine

Comprodine at 1949 Evergreen Ave., Fullerton, CA 92635 has releases several new programs. Among them are Color Card and Color Flyer which are designed to print to Epson/Star color See "WEWS".

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T.I. WRITER (Part 3) By Stan Katzman

From the *Pug Peripheral*, Newsletter of the Pittsburgh User Group

Up to now we have created a file and have made corrections of any errors produced. The next thing we have to do is save the file to a disk so we can use it in the future if we so desire. (Later when we get into the Text Formatter the document must be on disk.)

To save a document to a disk do the following: 1) Get T.I. Writer Editor, 2) remove the program disk, 3) insert a formatted disk for your document, 4) compose your document. Now we will save your document and here is how.

At the end of your document go to the command mode (Fctn 9) and now type F for Files. You will now see a menu of "LoadF, SaveF, PrintF, DeleteF, Purge or ShowDirectory". Now type SF <enter> and you will now see "SAVE FILE, enter filename:" at this point for a one disk drive system type DSK1.filename <enter>. For "filename" type anything you want to call your document. Your document will now be saved to the disk. When the "saving" process is finished you are returned back to the Edit mode in your document. (To the point where you left it when you used (Fctn 9) to get to the Command Mode). You can now add or change your document and when you go back to the "SAVE FILE, enter filename:" section you will see the last entered filename and all you have to do is press <enter> and your entire file will be saved under that name.

If you want a different filename you can change it, if you so desire.

We can also save part of a file, if we so

desire. This is done the following way: At the "SAVE FILE, enter filename: "enter the starting line number, a space the stop line number, a space and then DSK1.filename. The starting and stopping line numbers are obtained from those numbers you see on the left of the screen. For example you could enter 32 45 DSK1.LETTER and you will only save the material starting at line 32 and ending at line 45 to disk.

By the way you can "get rid" of the line numbers on the left by pressing (Fctn 0) (zero). To get the line numbers back press (Fctn 0) again. This is called "toggling".

We can now save documents to disk (very important). More next time. S.K.

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printers. The programs are nearly the same as Jiffy Card and Jiffy Flyer and are written by Roger Merritt and are enhanced by a color printing routine written by Adrian Robinson. Contact Comprodine at the above address for more details.

New FALL Catalog from TRITON

Well, I got mine. Did you get yours? They were sent in mid November. There are lots of reduced prices on software, but most is the same stuff that has been available for many years. If there was anything new in it, I sure didn't see it. One notable item was a reduced price on the Geneve/9640 computer from Myarc.

TI FEST WEST 1990

This year the Fest West is going to be in Tucson, hosted by the Southwest Ninety-Niners. It is an opportunity that we rarely get to go to one of the Faires for the TI without having to go quite a distance. It is being held Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18, at the DAY'S INN, 88 E. Broadway, Tucson. We will be giving more information as the dates draw nearer.

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CHICAGO TI FAIRE REVIEW

By Gary W. Cox

(From the Mid-South 99 User Group Newsletter, Memphis, TN Permission granted to be printed elsewhere as long as credit is given)

What has become an annual event is the Chicago TI Faire which this year was held November 4th, 1989 in Chicago Illinois. The faire provides a great opportunity to view and purchase products for the TI99/4a and Geneve 9640 on the spot as well as take a look at the latest developments. Plus the fair provides a great opportunity to talk with the software and hardware developers and attend demonstrations on their products. I do not have an exact count of how many people attended this years fair but estimates range around 400.

Among the TI personalities in attendance this year was Peter Hoddie, Paul Charlton, Terrie Masters, Tom Freeman, Bud Mills, Chris Bobbitt, Art Byers, Gary Bowser, Barry Traver, Barry Boone, Lou Phillips, Beery Miller, Roger Merritt, Steve Mehr just to name a few...

PRESS by Asgard Software was not yet available and is just promised soon... While PRESS was unavailable several new products were!

New from OPA Oasis (Gary Bowser) is RAMBO, a special hardware/software expansion kit designed for the Horizon Ram Disk. RAMBO is said to be compatible with all Horizon Ram Disks from the first HRD to the latest 3000 series. What RAMBO allows you to do is partition the space on the RAM disk from RAMDISK to PROGRAM space memory. Thus you can use this extra RAM space as program space which can be as large as your ramdisk is! In some respect this is a sort of "extended memory" for the T199/4a and Geneve 9640! Price for the chip and software is \$45.

Also new from Gary Bowser is Phoenix 2001 Diskodex which is designed to make up master catalogs of all your disks and allow you to print, update, delete, sort and display catalogs of all or some of your files/disks plus many extra features are included. Price is \$15. Program works for the TI99/4a and Geneve 9640.

Another new product from OPA OASIS is a "review module library" device. Many of you might have accidentally seen on your menu screen the option to "review module library" when a module has messed up. This "review module library" is apparently an option that Texas Instruments worked into their modules for a device to be made later to allow the connection of many different modules together through a device similar to a Cartridge Expander (Widget). Gary Bowser has come out with such a device which allows up to 5 cartridges to be connected all at once and the user may switch between cartridges by the use of a menu on the screen. However, not only can you switch between menu's but routines built into modules can be accessed. For example, if you are in XB and wish to have access to the unlimited speech capabilities of TE2 you simply write a short program as if you were in TI BASIC with the TE2 module plugged in and you have it! Cost for this device is projected at about \$100 and is expected to be available by the first of next year.

Yet one more new product from OPA OASIS is a new stereo music synthesizer card similar to that of the FORTI card except in this model an addition of a sound digitizer port will be added where you can digitize and replay sounds... Projected price for this card is around \$100 and is expected to be available the first part of next year.

New from JP Software (formerly Genial Computerware) is Maxflix Professional and Identifile. Maxflix Professional is an enhancement to the earlier Maxflix program which can read Macpaint pictures produced on a Macintosh computer... Among the new features is the ability to load larger picture files and the ability to write a mini batch file to print multiple pictures. Identifile is a program which will identify different file types on disks telling you what loader that you need to load a program or what program that file it is related to such as if it is a GIF file, RLE file or a TI BASIC program... Also next

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was The Bugger for the Geneve which is a debugging utility which accesses the RS232/2 port providing easier debugging abilities without effecting the Geneve screen. A terminal must be connected to the RS232/2 port for use with the Bugger. Also new was PC Transfer utilities which converts files from IBM compatibles over to TI including GIF files as well as other picture files and even Multiplan files. PC Transfer utilities requires the use of PC Transfer and a DS/DD controller. Firstbase was also available at a special discount price of \$25 (formerly \$49) which the special \$25 price can still be taken advantage of as Peter Hoddie, during his demonstration, stated that owners of TI BASE may send a photo copy of their cover page manual to them and they can receive Firstbase for \$25. Firstbase can use datafiles from IBM compatibles and Macintosh and can even use DBASE files... Another new product was AV Indexer which can be used to create and maintain audio and video tape labels. Also new was PRO which is a software development package MDOS (Geneve users). Furthermore is another new program called Triad which combines a disk manager, terminal program and text editor all in one. AV Index sells for \$15, Chainlink for \$12, GenPRO \$69, Identifile \$15, Maxflix Professional \$20, PC Transfer \$25, PC Transfer utilities \$10, The Bugger \$18.50 and Triad \$20.

New from Comprodine Software is Color Card and Color Flyer. These two programs are essentially the same as Jiffy Card and Jiffy Flyer but will work with color printers. Also new was Living Tomb a sort of Tunnels of Doom adventure game (Tunnels of Doom cartridge not required). War Zone was another game which is new written in 100% assembly language. War Zone sells for \$10 and Living Tomb sells for \$15 plus shipping.

Asgard Software was also showing off some of their latest games including TRIS, an implementation of a new game from the Soviet Union. Other recent publications available from Asgard Software and The Orphan Survival Handbook, The Communicating Computer, V9938 Technical Data Book,

Home Publishing Software on the TI99/4a plus new programs include Pix Pro, Hardmaster, The Animator, Page Pro 99, Page Pro Fonts, Page Pro Pics, Picasso Borders, Picasso Enlarger, Picasso Utilities, Picasso 2.0 and a book on using Picasso. Furthermore, other new programs include Zoom Flume, Witches Brew, Wizards End, Tunnel of Doom games III, Ledgends II and Karate Challenge.

New from L. L Conner Enterprise is a "Interface Standard and Design Guide" for the TI99/4a on which peripherals can be designed for the TI99/4a.

Bud Mills Services was selling their usual assortment of Horizon Ram Disks plus a new memory card for the Geneve called Memex.

One of the new companies at this years fair was Colonial Software whose catalog contains a wealth of public domain and Shareware programs.

Software and hardware both old and new was present from old TI cartridges to the latest software. Much used equipment was available from Competition Computer. If you are looking for a particular hard to find item Competition Computer is a good place to look as well as Hunter Electronics and L.L. Conner Enterprizes.

Many projects for the TI99/4a and Geneve are still in the works. One project from Peter Hoddie is a Desk Top Publishing system but no date was given as to it's completion. Barry Boone is nearing completion of a collection of utilities for owners of the MBX Voice Recognition System. No date is given as to it's release.

As a note from Barry Traver (Genial TRAVelER Diskazine and TI FORUM in Computer Shopper) noted that JZ and himself are still sending articles to Computer Shopper and continue to be promised that the column will re-appear. However, it is many people's opinion that we may be a test case in which if not too much noise is made about the TI FORUM section missing all Orphans may be dropped from

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the Computer Shopper! If you read Computer Shopper it is extremely important that every one of us write a letter in protest of the missing TI column section. If we do not stand up and be heard now it may be too late later!

The following is a list of those who displayed at the faire:

Asgard Software, P.O. Box 10306, Rockville, MD 20850 (703) 255-3085

Gary Bowser (OPA OASIS), 423 Tris St., Apt 502, Tronto Ontario Canada M4Y 2H3 (416) 960-0925 or 960-0925

Bud Mills Services, 166 Dartmouth Drive, Toledo, OH 43614 (419) 385-5946.

C & G Drives, 1241 Landwehr Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 (312) 272-0468.

Cadd Electronics, 81 Prescott Road, Raymond, NH 03077 (603) 895-0119.

CBUG, 4102 N. Odell, Norridge, IL 60643.

Chicago TI Users Group, P.O. Box 578341, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 869-4304.

Colonial Software, 15 Wyada Court, Colonia, N.Y. 07067 (201) 815-1279.

Competition Computer Products, 2629 National Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204 (414) 672-4010.

Comprodine Software, 1949 Evergreen Ave., Fullerton, CA 92635. (714) 990-4577.

Compuserve, P.O. Box 4170, Rockville, MD 20850.

C.O.N.N.I. Users Group.

Data Systems, 7326 Brynmawr, Chicago, IL 60631

Fox Valley Users Group, 1536 Amarillo, Carpentersville, IL 60110, (312) 426-6301.

Genial TRAVelER Diskazine, 835 Green Valley Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19128.

H & H Computer Supplies, 824 Garfield, Aurora, IL 60506.

Harrison Software, 5705 40th Place, Hyattsville, MD 20781.

Hunter Electronics, 4N370 Pine, Bensenville, IL 60106 (312) 766-0566.

Illinois Micro, 515 W. Golf Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60005.

J.P. Software (formerly Genial Computerware), 2390 El Camino Real, #107, Palo Alto, CA 94303. (415) 328-0885

L.L. Conner Enterprises, 1521 Ferry St., Lafayette, IN 47904 (317) 742-8146.

Micropendium Magazine, P.O. Box 1343. Round Rock, TX 78680.

Midwest Engineering, 203 Arcadia Drive. Vernon Hills, IL 60011.

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Myarc Inc,

9640 News, 5455 Marina Cove #1, Memphis, TN 38115.

Rave 99, 112 Rambling Road, Vernon, CT 06066. (203) 871-7843.

St. Louis 99ers Users Group, P.O. Bex 26326, Crestwood, MO 63126.

Texaments, 53 Center Street. Patchogue, NY 11772.

Will County Users Group, P.O. Box 216K, Romeoville, IL 60441.

G.W.C.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS



TI WRITER VERSION 4.0

Reviewed by Mike Marfisi

Probably the single most popular piece of software for the TI to ever be written is good old TI Writer. This top notch, yet simple word processor is one of the first purchased and most used of arry of the TI offerings. This back bone of the TI world has been changed and improved over the years. The single biggest advance has been the Funnelweb program from the folks down under. This is a complete "system" of programs that turns the TI into a real work horse. It allows the quick loading of dozens of other programs in addition to TI Writer from a series of user created menus.

There have been several other improvements to TIW to come along. The latest being TI WRITER Version 4.0. This is the creation of Mr. R.A. Green of RAG software. The improvements over the original TIW are numerous. First of all it will load Ext Basic, thus eliminating the need for the TIW module. Mr Green has given us the capability to install defaults into the program so that when the program is booted, you start out with the screen color you like best, The tab settings, indent settings, and margins you like to work with. You can also specify if you want to start out with line numbers on or off and if you want to be in fixed or word wrap mode. You also install your printer specs. All of this is accomplished by use of the "Install" program. It is run through Ext Basic one time. Then until you change it, your screen will always boot to your preset specks. You may change any of these defaults during a session if you wish. The next time you boot the program, your original defaults are back.

Among the other improvements in the editor part of the program are:

Speed of operations like move, copy and delete have been vastly improved.

Syboard response has been speeded up.

A new command QQ has been added. This allows you to exit the editor immediately without further prompting.

A number entered in the command line executes a "show line" function. Enter "45" and see line 45. In command mode, simply pressing <ENTER > will return you to edit mode.

Two new "CTRL" commands have been added. "CTRL," (that's CRTL Comma) sends you to the top of the file {like "show line 1"}. "CTRL." (that's CTRL period) sends you to the last line of the file.

Over in the Formatter all operations have been speeded up.

Formatter commands can now be entered in upper, lower or mixed case.

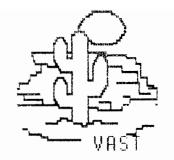
Eight NEW formatter commands have been added to allow you to: send control codes to your printer from within the text without having to use .TL; redefine the character you wish to use for "underscore", "overstrike" and "required space". Plus there are several others that make this a joy to use.

All and all, this is a fine effort at upgrading an outstanding word processer. The only thing that I did not like about it was its inability to go directly from editor to formatter. You must leave the program and re-boot the loader to get from one part to the other. Another thing I miss is the outstanding "show directory" feature in Funnelweb. I like being able to choose my file from the directory and do disk manager funtions from it. Other than that, I think this is an outstanding program.

Ti Writer 4.0 will be one of our Disk of the Month selections for December.

M.M.

SPECIAL



NOTICE



GOOD NEWS



Well here we are at the end of another year for our group. We have survived and are all Looking forward to another great year. Thats the GOOD NEWS...

THE BAD NEWS is that 1990 dues are due. Your check in the amount of \$15 brings you all of the benefits of VAST membership including a monthly newsletter mailed to your door, a fantastic picnic, use of the club BBS and library plus the help and companionship of a great bunch of folks WHY not get your check in the mail today, or better yet. Bringit to the December meeting.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE DUE TO RENEW IN DECEMBER...

Henry Bacon Leo Baker Stephanie Bannon Buo Barnes Walt Brown Virginia Davis Steve Gender Mike Grogan John Keck Jan Klabunde Hazel & Wallace Knight Jerry Liddell IAN McGregor Sue Miller Gloria Randle Ralph Rees Fred Ruppert Tom Sharp Dan Shell Bill Wedmore Bill Wedmore Jack Workman Gayle Zickeroose Bob Laubenthal Mike Marfisi



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