

ISSUE #9Ø

FOR THE RECORD

by Frank N. Zic

Mickey started the February meeting seven minutes later than usual, as was duly noted by her arch rival the Coca Cola Kid. We all knew the Kid was going to lose out this particular evening because there were two Pepsi cans already at the head table. Mickey gave thanks to: 1. All dues paying members, 2. Authors of the various newsletters submitted, acknowledged or otherwise, and 3. Bob Sa-dusky for the awesome TI (PC compatible system). Lynn gave favorable Treasurer's rea port. It was favorable only because Lynn keeps refusing Mickey's request for a salary increase, (inside joke). She also noted check contributions to the Penns Woods Civic Association and Mike Wright. Norm mentioned MICROpendium articles; p28 TI Virus, p6 & 7 Authors comments, p8 Regina, p16 DISKLABELing, p21 Asgard moves, and p23 Page Pro Cataloger. This last item was only a subtle reference, due to the shy nature of our talented

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assembly programmer. Norm The new address, for Rokke. those of you not receiving the MICRO, is: Asgard Software and Asgard Peripherals, 1423 Flagship Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22192. May 14 & 15 are the dates of the Lima Faire. The 1992 Lima VCR tape #2 was redistributed. Everyone is just trying to keep it out of Mickey's hands. Lynn gave a demo on Disk of the Ancient Ones. Nice demo and the print-outs showed good graphics. This was one of the raffle prizes. Mickey continued with her personal project for 1993, and she hopes it's yours too, that of getting ber disks and files in order. She discussed and passed around hard copies of her achievements to date. She used TI Base which was another raffle prize. TI Sort is a must to compliment the features of TI Base. The 5 disk set of tutorials on TI Base by Martin Smoley has been ordered. The really big raffle of the night was the TI system that Bob Sadusky brought in and described very fully. The system came with colored monitor, 10 meg hard drive and printer. What a tremendous deal. Really folks, you've got to come to

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WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFORMATION

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NEXT MEETING DATE:	MARCH 16 1993	FOR SALE			
MEETING LOCATION:	PENNS WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION				
	JUST OFF ROUTE 30	Modules			
	N. HUNTINGDON, PA				
TIME OF MEETING:	7:00 P. M .	Home Financial Decisions\$2.00 Household Budget Management\$2.00			
LIST OF WEST PENN	OFFICERS FOR 1993	Cassettes			
VICE PRESIDENT: NO TREASURER: LI RECORDING SEC: FR CORRESPONDING SEC: PA		Beginner's Basic Tutor\$2.00 Market Simulation\$2.00 Oldies But Goodies Games I\$2.00 Personal Financial Aids\$2.00 Programming Aids I\$2.00			
		Cassettes (no books)			
GENERAL ITINERARY OF	THE CLUB'S MEETING				
6:45 P.M. D 7:00 P.M. G 7:45 P.M. D 9:45 P.M. O 9:45 P.M. St	OORS OPEN ENERAL MEETING EMOS AND NEW INFO NE ON ONE HELP OCIALIZING	Adventureland\$1.00 Personal Financial Aids\$1.00 Pirate Adventure\$1.00 Teach Yourself Basic\$1.00 The Count\$1.00			
11.00 P.M. D(DORS CLOSE	Cables			
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS	SOFTWARE DISCOUNTS	Cassette Power Cord\$2.00 Dual Cassette Cable\$3.00 Single Cassette Cable\$2.00			
REPORT ON THE FEST-WES		Books			
TI BASE (VERSION 2.00)	- DEMO BY MICKEY				
TI SORT (VERSION 1.02)		36 TI-99/4A Programs\$.50			
MARTIN SMOLEY'S - T.		If interested contact:			
* SURPRISE DEMO BY ONE	OF OUR MEMBERS *				
RENEW YOUR MEMBER	RSHIP DUES!	Mickey Cendrowski 265-5201 (after 5:30)			

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The President's Two Cents

FLASH...Rumor has it that my column, "The President's Two Cents," is now being published in other club newsletters. Hmmm...Does this now make me your "President"...or your "President's PRESIDENT." Just wondering...

Actually, this new series of mine, "The President's Two Cents," came about because I wanted to write (in a rather humorous way) about a very serious problem that many of us are encountering. My writing style was not intended to be "gramatically correct" - but rather "words from my heart."

In short, this series reflects "me"...the way "I" think...the way "I" talk...and the way "I" come across to those who attend our West Penn 99ers meetings.

I am honored to find out that there are other clubs out there who believe that my words are worth repeating. Thank You.

So...how am I doing in my endeavor to stop those "DISK BUNNIES" in their tracks...

Well...as you might recall from last month's column...my goal for the month of February was to organize all of my original third-party software. This included such disks as those from Asgard Software, MS Express Software, Notung Software, Texaments...etc.

In addition...I also needed to create another data base...as my first data base was created to handle ONLY my adventure disks.

To cut this month's story short... I again succeeded in my task... tho it did take me a bit longer to accomplish my goal than I anticipated.

For those of you who were not fortunate enough to make it to our last meeting...due to inclement weather conditions...here's a portion of my latest data base.

PROGRAM	SOURCE	COBES	MOD	TYPE	DC	DN	COMMENTS
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SALACTIC EMPERORS	MS EXPRESS SOFTWARE	CM074	X/B	GANE	80	24	STRATEGIC SIMULATION GAME - LIKE "SPACE MONOPOLY"
PAGE PRO CATALOGER	MS EXPRESS SOFTWARE						CATALOGS ALL PAGE PRO FILES EXCEPT HEADLINE FONTS
SLIDING BLOCK PUZZLES 1	MS EXPRESS SOFTWARE						ENHANCED VERSION OF THE POPULAR 14-15 TYPE PUZZLE
	MS EXPRESS SOFTWARE						ENHANCED VERSION OF THE POPULAR 14-15 TYPE PUZZLE
SLIDING BLOCK PUZZLES 3	NS EXPRESS SOFTWARE	CH094	X/B	GAME	96	28	ENHANCED VERSION OF THE POPULAR 14-15 TYPE PUZZLE
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SLIBING BLOCK SOLUTIONS 2							SOLUTIONS TO - "SLIDING BLOCK PUZZLES - SERIES 2"
SLIDING BLOCK SOLUTIONS 3	MS EXPRESS SOFTWARE	CM078	X/9	GAME			SOLUTIONS TO "SLIDING BLOCK PUZZLES - SERIES 3"

Next month I'll try to explain (step by step) how I created this data base...so if you like what you see...you'll be able to do the same with your own libraries.

In the meantime... if you are interested in creating a data base like mine, you'll definitely need to purchase two programs from Texaments. They are TI BASE and TI SORT.

No TI'er should be without these two excellent programs.

Quick...what's my goal for next month...Hmmm...(make it easy)...OK...how about all of my original TI disks. Sounds good to me...that will take care of yet another of my disk cases.

Catch ya'll next month...and remember...Only YOU can prevent DISK BUNNIES!

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I can't give a full report this month.because I haven't recived N-letters. There is a few Dec. items that I missed. I also wish to express my thanks for those that are contributing to the like articals of our newsletter. I to see those extra pages!

The Nov. 92. CLEVEAND AREA TI 99/4A U.G.page 8-A"CONDITIONAL "RELEASE TO PUBLIC DOMAIN.By Glenn Bernasek TI Chips Cleveland.Ohio.

I pleased to announce am 18.1992 I July that.as of have"conditionallv" released any and all software I have and will TI-99/4A.for author for the public usage, to PUBLIC general The "conditional" part of DOMAIN. this release is one in which I authorship of these retain per copyright routines, as my notification(s), the software Ť have or will author must be made available to TI-99/4A users at NO and CHARGE other themeny copying shipping reinbursement that may apply, and that software I have or will author be not incorporated in any product for profit without my written consent. G.BERNASEK

> information on There is more

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experiencing have been multiple Key entries. I use Page Pro a lot, and after making a lot of hours mastakes and retyping. I read the artical by the

the Guion in John late 9T9'ers(last mo. artical), I got another Keyboard and fixed the problem. It seems to be working O.K. now.

the RF MODULE REPAIR in the Oct.Dec.issue of GUILFORD 99'ers U.G. (92). One word of caution-when turning (coils) that are factory set, it is a good idea to to mark the spot where you start to turn. Sometimes it takes a scope to get it back if it is out wack. Also on page 5 is is some interesting BASIC TIPS 1: HOW TO DISABLE THE "FUNCTION-QUIT" HARDWARE RESET". HOW TO SPEED UP EXTENDED 2: BASIC.3: HOW TO RECOVER MEMORY IN TI BASIC/EXTENDED BASIC WITH DISK DRIVE.

At this time I wish to coment on the M.U.N.C.H VIDEO.I think that it was well done.Our own John Willforth has demo, this procedure a few times, at the meetings. With all the activities going on there was a few details that I missed. I did have parts left over the frist time I cleaned my TI.



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PAGE PRO PAGE COMPOSER BY DEANNA SHERIDAN NORTHCOAST 99'ERS

I HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN GETTING INTO THIS PROGRAM, SO PLEASE BEAR WITH ME IF I RAMBLE. FIRST OF ALL, THE WAY TO REALLY LEARN A PROGRAM IS TO EITHER DO A DEMO AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR A REVIEW FOR THE HEWSLETTER. THEY ARE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES, TO SAY THE LEAST!

ASGARD'S FLVER ON THIS SOFTWARE STATES THAT COMBINED WITH PAGEPRO, YOU CAN NOW CREATE AND PRINT AULTI-PAGE DOCUMENTS IN EITHER LANDSCAPE (SIDEWAYS) OR PORTRAITE MODE, WITH COLUMNS OF 60, 80 OR 120 WIDE. READING THE DOCUMENTATION GAVE ME VERY LITTLE IDEA OF HOW THIS WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. # SO, I DECIDED TO LOAD AND PRINT THE DEMO FILES TO SEE WHAT WAS REALLY HAPPENING. HN EXTRA PARAGRAPH EXPLAINING THE TYPES OF FILES PAGE COMPOSER WILL HANDLE AND WHY WOULD HAVE CLEARED UP THE MATTER IN SHORT ORDER

CLEARED UP THE MATTER IN SHORT ORDER FIRST TO USE PAGE COMPOSER EFFECTIVELY, YOU DEFINITELY NEED PAGE PRO, LOTS OF GRAPHICS AND LOTS OF FONTS AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU WANT TO ENHANCE YOUR DOCUMENT, SUCH AS BORDERS, ETC.

H TWO-COLURN PORTRAITE DOCUMENT FROM PAGE COMPOSER IS ACTUALLY TWO FULL-PAGE DOCUMENTS FROM PAGE PRO PRINTED SIDE BY SIDE IN HIGH RESOLUTION. IN OTHER WORDS, THE DOCUMENTS ARE "SHRUNK" TO FIT THE PAGE. HS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS PAGE, THE ONE-CHARACTER HIGH FONT IS REDUCED TO WHAT WOULD NORMALLY BE CALLED "CONDENSED" PRINT. THE PRINTING IS DONE IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DISTORT GRAPHICS BY ELONGATING THEM AS SORE HIGH-DENSITY PRINTING DOES.

YOU WILL DEFINITELY WANT A VERSION OF PAGE PRO THAT WILL SAVE A PAGE PRO PAGE AS A PICTURE. THIS "SEENS" TO BE THE ONLY TYPE OF FILE THAT PAGE COMPOSER WILL LOAD. SO IT TAKES AWHILE (OR AT LEAST IT DID FOR ME) TO CATCH ON TO THE FACT THAT I WOULD HAVE TO PREPARE EACH PART OF MY PAGE IN PAGEPRO, SAVE IT AS A PICTURE, AND THEN PLACE THE PICTURES WHERE I WANT THEM IN COMPOSER TO ASSEMBLE THE PAGE OR PAGES. YOU CANNOT TYPE TEXT ON THE SCREEN IN THE EDITOR...ONLY PLACE PRE-FORMATTED FILES IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS. INE PROGRAM USES A "MAC"-TYPE POINT AND SHOOT

INTERFACE THAT SUPPORTS EITHER KEY DARD, JOYSTICKS OR NOUSE. I HAVE FOUND INAT THE JOYSTICK OPTION HAS VERY SLOW RESPONSE AND I HAVE TO CLICK ON SOME OF THE OPTIONS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THEY RESPOND. HLSO, THE JOYSTICK AUST BE IN EXACTLY THE RIGHT PLACE TO GET A RESPONSE. KEYBOARD IS A LITTLE SLOWER TO NOVE AROUND, AND THE RESPONSE "ENTER" KEY IS ALAOST AS BAD. I WOULD HOPE THAT A DOUSE USER HAS BETTER LUCK

A FILE NUST BE NAMED AND OPENED BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. AFTER THAT, YOU LOAD YOUR PICTURES TO PRINT, EITHER FULL PAGES OR INDIVIDUAL AS PREPARED IN PAGE PRO. DEPDENING ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PAGE, YOU SHOULD "DRAFT" A MOCKUP OF WHERE THE PICTURES ARE TO BE PLACED. AFTER THE PICTURES HAVE BEEN PLACED, THE FILE CAN BE PRINTED OR SAVED. THE OTHER MENU OPTIONS ARE "NEXT PAGE", "PREVIOUS PAGE" AND "GO TO". THE DOCS SAV YOU CAN HAVE UP TO 999 PAGES IN A DOCUMENT. However, oue to the large size of a full-page picture file from Page Pro, and two of these files to a page, you had better have a hard disk for those files.

WE COMPLAIN AND COMPLIAN THAT OUR TI'S WON'T ACCOMPLISH THIS OR THAT OTHER COMPUTERS CAN DO. I THINK WE EXPECT A LOT FROM OUR LITTLE 2 AEGAHERTZ SYSTEM WITH ABOUT 46K OF WORKING MEMORY. WHEN WE DO GET PROGRAMS THAT BRING US INTO THAT IBM WORLD, WE COMPLAIN AGAIN THAT THEY ARE TOO HARD OR TOO SLOW. I THINK THE FINISHED PRODUCT FROM THIS PROGRAM IS EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL. HOWEVER, I NEED TO STRESS THAT IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF PATIENCE AND TIME TO CREATE THESE PAGES.

IT HELPS A LOT TO HAVE EITHER A RAN DISK OR A HARD ORIVE BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO SWITCH BETWEEN PAGE PRO; FUNNELWEB; AND COMPOSER FREQUENTLY. IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR FAVORITE GRAPHIC OR FONT IN PAGE PRO FORMAT; YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE TIME TO DO SOME CONVERTING. IF YOU WANT SPECIAL HEADLINES WITH ADDITIONAL FONTS (PAGE PRO ONLY SUPPORTS TWO AT A TIME); YOU WILL NEED TO DO SOME CREATIVE WORK IN II-ARTIST AND THEN CONVERT TO PAGE PRO FORMAT.

LASTLY, BECRUSE THE DIFFERENT EFFECTS IN COMPOSER ARE CREATED THROUGH RESOLUTION RATHER THAN SIZE OF FONTS, PRINTING IS EXTREMELY SLOW. THE DOCUMENTATION STATES THAT THE SPEED OF COMPOSER IS TIED TO THE DISK DRIVES AND PRINTER, AND THE ONLY WAY TO SPEED IT UP IS TO USE A FASTER DRIVE AND PRINTER. IT ALSO STATED THAT RUNNING PAGE COMPOSER FROM A RAM-DISK CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO PRINT A SINGLE-PAGE 960 RESOLUTION PORTRAIT DOCUMENT WITH 10 PICTURES FROM 20 MINUTES TO 5 MINUTES. WELL, I PUT MY FILES ON MY RAM DISK AND USED MY LASER JET FOR PRINTING, AND FOUND THAT IT TOOK A LOT MORE THAM 5 MINUTES TO PRINT THE LEFT SIDE OF THIS ARTICLE SO IMAT I COULD GET A GOOD IDEA OF MY PLACEMENT. HEREFORE, IF THE FINISHED PRODUCT ISN'T WHAT YOU EXPECT THE FIRST TIME AROUND, IT WILL TAKE TIME TO REFORMAT AND REPRINT. PATIENCE IS THE KEY.

HLSO; IF AFTER YOU PRINT THE FIRST TIME, AS I OID, AND FIND THAT YOU PREFER TO USE A DIFFERENT RESOLUTION; YOU WILL NEED TO CREATE AN ENTIRELY NEW FILE, AS YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE THE RESOLUTION AT THE TIME YOU CREATE THE FILE AND CANNOT BE CHANGED AFTER IT IS SAVED AND CALLED BACK TO EDIT. H SEPARATE UTILITY FILE IS INCLUDED ENTITLED "CLIPIX" WHICH WILL CLIP GRAPHICS FROM LARGE FILES FOR USE WITH PAGE PRO. BOST OF THE "CLIPPING" PROGRAMS WILL ONLY SAVE A GRAPHIC THE SIZE OF THE SCREEN AREA, OR THE LARGEST SIZE THAT TI-ARTIST WILL SUPPORT. WITH CLIPIX, YOU CAN PAGE DOWN AND GET PICTURES THAT WERE TOO LARGE BEFORE. HOWEVER, THE PICTURE MUST BE IN PAGE PRO FORMAT BEFURE IT CAN BE CLIPPED. THAT MEANS THAT IT WAS HAVE TO PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVERTED FROM ANOTHER FORMAT, USUALLY PLX OR MAL BY ANOTHER CONVENSION PROGRAM. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BUCH MORE CONVENSION PROGRAM. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BUCH MORE CONVENSION PROGRAM. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BUCH MORE CONVENSION PROGRAM. AND SAVED IT TO PAGE PRO.



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I have the following TEXAS INSTRUMENTS 99/4A Computer accessories which I'd like to sell. All are in excellent condition as they have not been used or have been used but a few times. I will accept the best offer for the entire package or individual items.

- 1. 99/4A Computer TI 2. TI Peripheral Expansion System with a. Disc Drive Controller Card (PHP 1240) RS-232 Interface (PHP 1220) Ъ. Memory Expansion Card (PHP 1260) c. 3. TI 900 Video Modulator Personal Record Keeping Command Module 4. TI LOGO Command Module (& accompanying booklet) 5. TI LOGO Sampler Cassette & Diskette (& booklet) 6. TI-Writer Word Processor 7. YAHTZEE Cartridge Command Modules - 2 8. 9. TI Solid State Speech Synthesizer 10. Wired Remote Controllers - Joy Sticks TI 24 Basic Programs (#26172) by T. Knight 11. TI Graphics and Sounds (#26219) 12. TI Basic Programs (#26218) by Knight & LaBatt 13. TI Basic Tricks (#26217) by A. Wyatt 14. **15**. Terminal Emulator II Teach Yourself Basic 16. 17. Speech Editor 18. ALPINER 19. BLACKJACK & POKER 1. Using & Programming the TI 99/4A Including Ready to Run Programs by Frederick Holtz
 - 2. <u>TI User's Reference Guide</u>
 - 3. 2 Beginner's Basic

Anyone interested should call 431-2598 and leave a message. I'll return the calls.

FROM THE EDITOR

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The fun of being an editor was enjoyed doing the Feburary issue. Made a trip down to OfficeMax to have the newsletter copied but they had a big order and said to pick it up

the next day. When I went to pick up the newsletters I found that only the odd pages were printed with the even pages blank. Good thing I checked before paying the Well back again the bill. next day to get the newsletters and this time they were OK. 3 trips for that issue but the second trip was only a slight detour on my way to a dance. Fun fun.

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the meetings to get in on the hundreds of nice gifts and prizes being given away regularly. Appropriately, the system was won by Ralph Vasco. By the way Ralph, tell your friend Janet we all said hello. The meeting was adjourned early due to the snowstorm that was starting to cover the ground. Hope everyone made it home safely. Report any mishaps at the next meeting. May the good 4's be with you.

SHOW SCHEDULE

APRIL 17, 1993 10 AM - 4 PM NORTHEAST TI99/4A HOME COMPUTER FAIR WALTMAN HIGH SCHOOL 617 LEXINGTON ST WALTHAM MA MIKE FRANCIS (617) 965-5653 FOR SALE

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