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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Three of our LONG-TIME TI-99/4A hardware and software distributors have recently sold-out their businesses.

These three include, Rsgard Software (again), Competition Computer and Tex-Comp.

(Talk about some MAJOR

Fortunately for us, there were some II-99/4A supporters who felt that these MAJOR DISTRIBUTORS were worth keeping in our II world.

Thus, the following, is a list of those addresses for our NEW supporters:

RamCharged Computers (Asgard Software) c/o Ron Marcus P.O. Box 81532 Cleveland, Ohio 44181

1-800-669-1214

Competition Computer c/o Kyle Crichton 350 Marcella Way Millbrae, California 94030

1-800-471-1600

Tex-Comp LTD. 425 E. Arrow Hway #732 Glendora, California 91740

818-339-8924

Please, remember to show your support, for those who are supporting us.

I have it on very good authority that Norm Rokke, our very own Vice-President has already placed an order with Tex-Comp LTD. for their II WORKSHOP program which Charlie Good reviewed in his Micro-Reviews column in Micropendium.

(See Micropendium - July issue - Page 18 for a full review).

Anyway, once Norm receives this product (and has had some time to check it out) we should see a demo of this product at our West Penn 99'ers meeting.

Again, please remember to show your support for those who are supporting us!

NEW SOFTWARE

Rumor has it that Mickey

Cendrowski is currently working on a new disk utility package for the TI-99/4A that will be "Mouse Driven" and "Window Sensitive."

Although it is too early to release any of the specific details of this package, we do know that the name of this new program will be MOUSEWORKS, and it will be released to the II Community as FAIRWARE.

Mickey states that she expects this program to be like Funnelueb - DMLY to the extent that the program will see many working revisions, as more and more features are added to the program at the request of its users.

Release date of Version 1.0 is expected to be at the II New England Fair on September 30th, with backup release dates set for the Chicago show on October 28th, and Fest West '96 on February 17th.

Those wishing to get in on the ground floor with their SUGGESTIONS should write to Mickey at the following address:

> MOUSEWORKS c/o Mickey Cendrowski 100 Pine Street Russellton, Pa 15076

Please keep in mind that the program is not yet ready for release, so any requests for this program should not be made at this time.

In the meantime...

...if you don't already own a Horizon Mouse...

...nows the time to get off your duff and buy one!

Tell them, Mickey sent ya!

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WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFO

Next Meeting Date:

August 15, 1995

Meeting Location:

Penns Woods Civic Association

Just off Route 30

N. Huntingdon, Pa

Time of Meeting:

7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ITINERARY OF OUR CLUB'S MEETING

6:45	P.M.	Ooors Open
7:00	P.M.	General Meeting
7:45	P.M.	Demos and New Info
8:45	P.M.	Page Pro 99 SIG
8:45	P.M.	One on One Help
8:45	P.M.	Socializing
10:30	P.M.	Doors Close

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

Latest T.I. News - Software Discounts - And Show Reports

Latest News Concerning Our West Penn 99'ers Disk Library

Demo - Bruce Harrison PD Software - Demo by Norm Rokke

Demo - Open Slot For Any Member Wishing To Demo A Program

Page Pro 99 SIG - Immediately Following The Main Meeting

LIST OF WEST PENN OFFICERS FOR 1995



The West Penn 99'ers Users Group is a Non-Profit organization, dedicated to encouraging the continued use of the TI-99/4A home computer.

Our membership fee is:

- * \$15.00 per year for an INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY membership.
- * \$10.00 per year for a NEWSLETTER ONLY membership.

Those having FULL memberships are entitled to the many extra benefits our club has to offer.

Some of those benefits are:

- * Demos of the latest TI-99/4A software.
- * Free copying of our West Penn 99'ers Disk Library.
- * Latest T.I. news Local National International.
- * One on one help / Problem Solving.
- * Participation in our Module Lending Library.
- * Participation in our Video Lending Library.
- * Ribbon re-inking for just \$1.00 per ribbon.
- * Various computer supplies at a substantial savings.
- * Participation in our Coke / Pepsi Wars.
- * And ... entertainment by one of the biggest TI-99/4A supporters around.

We meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Penns Woods Civic Association in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, at 7:00 P.M.

If you can't make it to our meetings ... at least become a NEWSLETTER member - and enjoy our NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT - done ENTIRELY on a II-99/4A computer.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR OUR WEST PENN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.



FOR THE RECORD BY PAUL BROCK

JULY MINUTES

The July 18, 1995 meeting started at approximately 7:15 P.M. The Vice-President was not present. It seems that he was in South Dakota, but not to worry, as Mickey took charge in getting the show on the road. I can't think of whom would take over if she were not there. It seems that we can always depend on Mickey.

We went on to the Treasurer's report which was very good. As Corresponding Secretary, I pointed out a few articles that were in our exchange newsletters. The ribbon reinking was going strong, and John Whelan, our Librarian was kept real busy, too!

The Pepsi war was still on, when Mickey brought some salt and pepper shakers made of miniature Pepsi and Coke cans. We asked how she got them that small - According to Joe Ekl this was accomplished by putting the cans in the dryer. At any rate, they were really nice.

Mickey is going to put the disk listing of the Jim Peterson library into our library. This way if you desire any programs you can order them. There will be more information at the next meeting. Don't forget to bring your blank disks. Mickey also brought in her mouse. It was white and had a long tail. She kept it on a pad and we all had a chance to pet and play with it while playing around with Page Pro Composer. When I was playing with the mouse, it got away, and Mickey had to bring it back.

There were three raffle prizes - A disk of unknown (whoever won the disk let us know what it was). Prize #2 was a TI-99/4A flip strip pack, distributed by the Ozark 99'ers Users Group. Prize #3 was a package of envelopes.

Thanks to Lynn and Art for bringing the Pepsi and Coke.

Last, but not least, Mickey said that she had to send Norm a memory card in the mail, so he would be able to find his way back from South Dakota. (Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th of Rugust).

THE JIM PETERSON PUBLIC DOMAIN COLLECTION

This disk contains a slightly altered version of the Peterson catalog #6 issued in May 1992. The C.O.N.N.I. User Group has given the Lima User Group a single copy of each disk listed in this on disk catalog, plus Jim's NUTS & BOLTS 1, 2, and 3, plus a NUTS & BOLTS demo disk. A few disks listed in the original catalog #6 are not available and have been deleted from the listings on this disk.

Yes, NUTS & BOLTS are now public domain. Each NUTS & BOLTS (1-3) comes as a two disk set with the software on one disk and the docs on another.

As a service to our members and to the entire II community the LIMA USER GROUP will do its best to make the NUTS & BOLTS disks and all the other Public Domain disks listed here available to the entire II community.

LIMA USER GROUP MEMBERS can order in the normal way by sending disks, a want list and a paid return mailer, OR can order by sending \$1.00 for each disk desired which pays for the disk and return postage.

Others please send \$1.00 for each disk you want which pays for the disk and return postage.

PLEASE ORDER DISKS BY NUMBER AND NAME. Almost everything is in SSSD format and as noted in the listings some numbers are multiple disk sets. (Eg. each Nuts & Bolts is a 2 disk set). Please send the correct number of disks or \$'s.

Send your disks (LIMA-USER GROUP MEMBERS ONLY) or money and your list of disks desired to:

LIMA USER GROUP c/o Charlie Good P.O. Box 647 Venedocia, Oh 45894

Your order will be filled as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Charlie Good

and

The Lima User Group

UPDATING THE MEMBERSHIP

The West Penn 99'ers would like to acknowledge the following member for renewing his membership for the 1995 season...

Ed "Lucky" Bronder

This brings our 1995 membership count up to 28 members.

We still have 13 people who have yet to renew their memberships.

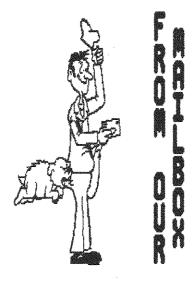
Remember...



Please see Lynn Gardner, our West Penn 39'ers Treasurer, to renew your membership.

If you can't make it to our meetings...at least become a NEWSLETTER member — and enjoy our NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT - done ENTIRELY on a TI-99/4A computer, using Page Pro 99 and Page Pro Composer.

Note: If you are one of the 13 people who has yet to pay their dues for the 1995 season - you have been taken off our mailing list!



This month has been pretty slow as far as the mail goes.

For the most part, the only mail that we have received has been our exchange newsletters.

So what's been happening out there in TI Land these days ... Well, the best answer that I could give you is "Read our exchange newsletters and find out for yourself."

NO - I am not trying to be nasty or sarcastic.

Different things appeal to different people.

While I may be interested in adventure games and Page Pro 99 products, you may be interested in hardware articles or Assembly tutorials.

The point is — There is something for everyone in our exchange newsletters.

So, check them out at our next meeting.

John Whelan is still working hard on getting our disk library cataloged.

Please do what you can to help John accomplish this MONUMENTAL TASK!

Remember...

Our West Penn 99'ers disk library is available at ALL of our West Penn 99'ers meetings.

There is NO CHARGE for disk copying and there is NO LIMIT to the number of disks you may copy.

This is YOUR disk library.

If you need assistance in finding a particular program, ASK!

Note: In the coming months ahead, John hopes to have our entire disk library cataloged.

At that time, we will make hard-copy catalogs available to the membership at a very nominable charge (or even for FREE if arrangements can be made).

In addition to that, we also hope to start reviewing our disk library in our newsletter, (to give you a more in-depth look at what we have in our library).

UPCOMING TI SHOWS

T.I. NEW ENGLAND FALL FAIR

Sponsored by M.U.N.C.H.

Saturday, September 30 1995 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Free Admission - Free Parking - Refreshments - Fun & Games for all!

Emanuel Lutheran Church 200 Greenwood Street Worcester, Massachusetts

Contact: Jim Cox 508-869-2704

Chicago International Fair

Sponsored by the Chicago Users Group

Saturday, October 28, 1995

Evanston Public Library

Contact: Hal Shanafield 708-864-8644

Fest West '96

Sponsored by the Southwest 99'ers User Group

Saturday, February 17, 1996

Ramada Inn 1601 Oracle Drive Tucson, Arizona

Contact: Tom Wills Cactus Patch BBS 520-290-6277

THE MAKING OF A FLIPPY

By Ed Mandich West Penn 99'ers

What's a flippy? It came into the TI Community as a floppy – for use in single-sided disk drives.

True, most of you in the TI Community have double-sided, double-density drives and have been on the highway since TI's inception. As for me, it's been about a year.

I started with the cassette recorder and recently went to disk drive — single-sided at that. (I can imagine that there are still a lot of single-sided drives still in use today). I have read in catalogs, flippy kits are on the market to change over disks to double-sided disks. I changed my disks over with a single-edge razor blade and a hole-punch. (Cost 86 cents plus tax — less tham a dollar).

The hole-punch, purchased at Office Depot was exactly what I needed, producing a 1/4 inch hole. (Any office supply outlet should stock this item).

I used a carpenter's I-square, measured down from the top of the disk to the top of the write-protect notch and measured 1 3/16 inch from the top of the disk to the top of the notch. I then measured from the top of the disk to the bottom of the notch and measured 1 7/16 inch. The notch length is exactly 1/4 inch by 1/8 inch deep.

Using the T-square, I marked the area on the back side of the disk with a felt tip pen (fine point), and cut a notch into the disk's protective jacket, using my single-edge razzor blade.

Again, measuring from the top of the disk, opposite head-access window, which is 1/3/8 inch by 1/2 inch, you get a measurement of 2/3/8 inch from the top of the disk to the center of the index hole window and 1/5/8 inch from the edge of the disk to the center of the index hole window.

Again, mark dimensions with a felt tip pen only, any other type of pen is a definite no-no.

Next, slip a piece of paper through the centering hole (large hole in center of disk), to protect the disk. Then, gently lift the disk's protective cover up with your finger nail and slip the hole-punch gently into the centering hole and punch your index hole. Do the same on the other side. This index hole doesn't have to be precise, as the hole that lets the light through is 1/16 inch and the hole that you punch is 1/4 inch. Alas, a flippy is born!



Although it was never my intention to start writing another series of articles concerning our II-99/4A computers...

... I find myself in front of my monitor screen, with the words "PART 3" in front of me.

For someone who once hated "THE MOUSE," I find myself now among it's supporters.

Uhu the change in my opinion of the mouse?

For starters, "THE MOUSE" belonged to "THOSE OTHER COMPUTERS - and since I am a TI-99/4A supporter 100 percent, "THE MOUSE" represented "THE ENEMY."

Next, my first II-99/48 experiences with the Asgard Mouse left a lot to be desired. (Of course, we tend this article was written to to forget that we were making remind each of us just how progress in a field that was far our little II-99/4A's totally NEW for our computers at that time - What we do remember was that there was onlu one program capable of using "THE MOUSE" - and at best it performed badly).

Years later, through the efforts of the programmers and hardware gurus, that just wouldn't give up - we now have a very fine Horizon Mouse and AT LEAST two fine pieces of software that put our mouse to the test - these being Asgard Software's Page Pro Composer program and Asgard Software's II-Pei program.

Least I forget to mention, there are probably more mouse programs out there in like Funnelueb - ONLY to our TI-99/4A world - it's just that I haven't come will see many working reacross them wet!

By now you shouldn't be sur- program at the request of prised to find out that since last month's article, we have added yet another nouse to the Cendrowski household.

Our newest mouse belongs to my husband, Mike.

You see. Mike loves to play Asgard Software's TI-Pei game and when he saw just how nice it was to play this game using my Horizon Mouse, he just couldn't wait to get one for himself.

And it's a good thing, as I was getting tired of finding my mouse on his system every day when I came home from work.

Anyway, the above part of Please keep in mind that

have come over the years and that our opinions can (and do) change over time.

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> RamCharged Computers P.O. Box 81532 Claveland. Oh 44181

1-800-669-1214

or contact Bud Mills Services at the following address:

> Bud Mills Services 166 Dartmouth Orive Toledo, Oh 43614

419-385-5946

Tell them Mickey sent ya!

So...

... How much is Ron Marcus of RamCharged Computers and Bud Mills of Bud Mills Services paying me for promoting their product...

...NOTHING (I'm promoting their product because its good and I like it!)



Recently I received the following note from fellow West Penn 99'er member. John Vukman...

Hi Mickey.

Received enclosed copy from Ray Bronder, last night.

Can you come up with right info to help him out.

This would be a good Ray Bronder article for our newsletter. I am sure most of us have Page Pro and TIPS programs and being able to convert TIPS pictures to Page Pro. would be of great help to all of us.

Thanks for your help.

The following was Ray's note to John Vukman...

West Penn 99'ers Club.

I am looking for someone who knows how to change the TIPS pictures into Page Pro format.

I saw it done long ago (but wasn't interested then). Now that I am working with both of these programs, I sure could use the help.

I believe that you convert TIPS into MAC, then MAC into Page Pro.

It will work one way, but not in reverse.

It is a long drawn-out process. but I am not worried about that.

Please. someone. PLEASE HELP!

Fax it to me 412-668-2316 (24 hours a day) and I will reimburse you for the call. or call my home phone at 412-668-7416 (and my answer machine will pick up after 4 rings), or you can write to me at the following addressi

P.Ö. Box 344 New Alexandria, Pa 15670

Thanks

Ray

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR PLEA

Dear Ray (and John).

As luck would have it, a couple of weeks ago, I, too was searching for such a program...

...and I found such a program listed in the February 1994 issue of the Altman Fairware List (distributed bu the SouthWest 99'ers).

This was disk number 333,

TIPS to Page Pro. written by Ed Johnson.

I sent the SouthWest 99'ers \$2.00 (their disk copying fee), and I am happy to report that I've already received my disk.

Unfortunately, I have not had the time to try this disk out yet, but I will make every effort to do so by our next West Penn 99'er meeting on August 15th.

Who knows. I might even be persuaded to do a demo.

Since this disk is Fairware, you will be able to make copies of this disk at our August 15th meeting. and a copy of this program will be placed into our club's disk library interest future and requests.

Those not able to make it to our West Penn 99'ers meetings should order copy of this disk from the SouthWest 99'ers at the following address:

> SouthWest 99'ers P.O. Box 17831 Tucson. Az 85731

Don't forget to enclose \$2.00 with your request to help cover the disk, copying and shipping expenses.

Again...

You will be requesting a copy of Fairware disk number 333 - TIPS to Page Pro, written by Ed Johnson. ...AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND ED YOUR FAIRWARE DONATION

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Bruce Harrison's Orawing Program - A poor man's way to draw bit-map pictures on your II. Also allows use of TI-Artist Instances and Fonts. Includes printing capability. (Public Domain)

Bruce Harrison's Video Titler - Allows use of either Harrison Orawing program pictures ٥r TI-Ārtist pictures titles for video taping. Provides for two complete pictures to be in memory, and allows smooth "wipes" from one picture to the next. (Public Domain)

Note: For those of you who have not yet viewed any of the 1995 Lima Multi-User Group Video Tapes, you are missing something special.

Charlie Good, of the Lima User Group used Bruce Harrison's Video Titler program in the production of this year's video tapes, and it is quite impressive.

Why not sign one of these tapes out at our next user group meeting, and see for yourself just how impressive Bruce Harrison's program is. You won't be disappointed!

WEST PENN 99'ERS SCORES

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JUST A REMINDER.....I continue to BROKER II stuff because I want to be satisfied to know that IF someone needs SOMETHING 4A that there's a good chance that I will be able to at least LEAD THEM TO IT through this non-profit effort. THIS IS NOT A BUSINESS!!!

If you have something to sell...let me know and I will list it here.

If you see something here you wish to buy...let me know and I will arrange the transaction and shipment to you.

I NEED SELLERS ALL THE TIME. GET RID OF WHAT YOU DON'T NEED, someone else just might need that item.

My mailing will be made about every other month as long as there is an interest.

Note: We will pass around a copy of Ray's most recent list at our next meeting on August 15th. (If you cannot attend our meetings - write directly to Ray, at the above address for a copy of his most recent listing.)



WANTED - Printer Control Code information for a Seikosha SP-1000AP printer

Contact - Mickey Cendrowski 100 Pine Street Russellton, PA 15076



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216-243-1244 or 800-669-1214

Note: This joystick requires a TI Joystick Adapter, (Ram-Charged Computers Stock #7510 - Cost \$6.95).

In addition to the above, RamCharged Computers also carries a complete line of II-99/4A and Geneve products. Give them a call if you are looking for something in particular.

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THIS NEWSLETTER WAS COMPOSED IN IT'S ENTIRETY USING A TEXAS INSTRUMENTS TI-99/4A COMPUTER

NEXT

MEETING AUGUST 15th

7:00 P.M.

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Please note new address
and update your mailing list





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