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Please call Mickey Cendrowski at 412-265-5201 before venturing out to our meeting on January 16th just in case the meeting is cancelled, due to weather conditions.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

This year (like most years) I was inclined to make my "USUAL" New Year's Resolution - which is to organize and catalog my personal disk library.

Heck, most of you might even remember the year that "I had 10 disk cases and 12 months to do it in" - which meant I could fail at my monthly goal twice, and STILL make my New Year's Resolution.

Needless to say, I did get close...but I never quite reached my goal.

So...once again I was ready to make this same resolution... That is I WAS ready until I counted up my disk cases this year.

That "10 disk cases," a few years back has now EXPLODED into 30 cases, which means that even if I organized and cataloged 2 disk cases a month, I would still have 6 disk cases left over!

Hamm...uhat a dilemma...

Then it hit me - those fine words submitted by our very own member. John Cline...

"Use your TI for kicks in '98".

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Now does organizing and cataloging my disks every day for the next 365 days sound like kicks...

HECK NO!

Thus, John has kept me from making a very big mistake, in making my New Year's Resolution for this year.

So...uhere does this leave me, you ask...

Well...right where I have wanted to be for such a long time now...

Let me explain...

When asked what I wanted

for Christmas this year, my usual response was TIME...

TIME...to play around with some of the many things I have aquired recently for my II-99/4A system.

Between writing and mailing out our newsletter each month, I've rarely had much FREE TIME left to just play around with things and experiment and learn and play and laugh...

But John's words caught me just in the nick of time this year...

So...my New Year's Resolution this year was to start at the beginning...READING all of my TI books, PLAYING with all of my modules, and USING some of those disks in my disk library, rather than CATALOGING them.

In short, I'm using my TI for kicks in '96!

To date (and this is only January 7th), I have read one book and am almost done with a second. Some of the stuff that I am reading is "OLD HAT" right now, but that's OK because it makes me feel like I've learned something over the years.

Heck, to be honest, I even learned two new things so far too! It's a wonderful feeling, to be able to just play around with my II again, just for the fun of it!

I've even taken the time recently to do something that I've always wanted to do - which I felt would help me out with all the different printers that I have connected to my II.

Truth is...once I accomplished my task, I thought that it just might help others out as well...

So...check out pages 5, 6 and 7 of this newsletter for a very special surprise from this avid TI-99/4A supporter!

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WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFO

Next Meeting Date:

January 16 1996

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		Doors Open
7:00		General Meeting
7:45	P.M.	Demos and New Info
8:45	P.M.	Questions and Answers
8:45	P.M.	One on One Help
8:45	P.M.	Socializing
10:30	P.M.	Noors 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 Collection of Donations for Cheswick Christian Academy Demo - Page Pro Titles - Demo by Mickey Cendrowski

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

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The West Penn 99'ers Users Group is a Non-Profit organization, dedicated to encouraging the continued use of the II-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 II-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 II-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 NEUSLETTER member - and enjoy our NEW NEUSLETTER FORMAT done ENTIRELY on a TI-99/4A computer.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR OUR WEST PENN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.



FOR THE RECORD BY PAUL BROCK

NOVENBER MINUTES

The November meeting close to 7:00 P.M. son was the snow cast. Mickey opened with a story about Bug. Someone (or don't remember the air out of her thus she could not



windshield wipers! Lynn gave a good treasurer's report. The Librarian had a few complaints that got straightened out. It looks like we all got our offices back, except for Lynn Gardner. Ed Mandich will now be taking over as our new treasurer.

We talked of Bud Mills and of how busy he must be. It must be that time of the year. Hang in there, the equipment is on it's way.

Jim Wiegand wired up Mickey's Atari Kids Controller to work on the TI. Mickey will let us know how it works.

There was talk about the newsletter costs. It was estimated that the cost was about \$684.00 a year. There were alot of compliments on our newsletter. Mickey is our EDITOR! Guess who was Santa? That's right, Mickey, and Art was Rudolph.

Gifts were passed out to outstanding members. We are going to start bringing in cameras. Art had horns and Nickey had a red tossel cap. We then discussed ways to use our II's. Mickey showed the colorful rings made from the tractor feed edges of colored paper.

There were two prizes this month, Jiffy Flyer and Page Pro Pix. The Pizza arrived and the main meeting was adjourned. Ed Mandich volunteered to eat Norm's pizza, since Norm was unable to make it to this meeting.

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FOR THE RECORD BY PAUL BROCK

DECEMBER NINUTES

Due to the fact that our December 19th meeting was cancelled because of bad weather conditions, we have no minutes to report this month.

HOWEVER...

Be advised that our January 16th meeting may also be cancelled if our bad weather conditions continue.

Your club president, Nickey Cendrouski is requesting that ALL members CALL HER on January 15th to find out if the January 16th meeting will be held or cancelled.

Nickey says that it is FAR EASIER if EVERY MEMBER makes ONE CALL (calling her) rather than her trying to get in touch with everyone. (Not to mention the cost of her making all of those calls, which are all TOLL CALLS for her).

Mickey's phone number is 412-265-5201.

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UPDATING THE MEMBERSHIP

The West Penn 99'ers would like to acknowledge the following members for renewing their memberships for the 1996 season...

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This brings our 1996 menbership count up to 7 menbers.

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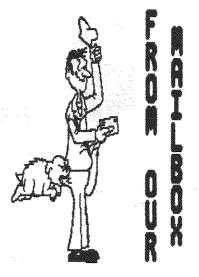
Please see Ed Mandich, our West Penn 93'ers Treasurer, to renew your membership.

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.

See page 10 for our West Penn membership application.

AS ALWAYS...

PEPSI IS BEST!



This month I'd like to share a very inspirational letter with you that I received from fellow West Penn 99'er, William D. Burkey, Sr. from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Hi Mickey,

I read the newsletter for November and decided that I just couldn't live without your Load Master program. Therefore, find enclosed a check for \$20.00. Please send me a copy at your earliest convenience. I was going to write the check out for the amount the program is probably worth, but I didn't think I could explain to my wife why the mortgage payment was missing.

I got my copy of Micropendium for November the other day and the articles regarding the Chicago fair made me wish I could afford to take time off and travel to one of these fairs. Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately) for me, my job

description has changed again and I am now committed to work 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday thru Friday and Saturdays till Noon. Not much free time when you work like that. I will have to do this for about two years and at that point I should be able to hire a support staff to give me some time off. This is a great opportunity for me, however, I hope I can stay same. When I read the newsletters and Micropendiums and some of the other publications that I receive on stamp collecting (another one of my passions), I am able to escape for a few moments to the place where I like to be, drawing on Graphx and experimenting with my TI-99/4A.

Oh well, the phone has started to ring again and I must get back to the grind. Mickey, please do not stop writing programs for the II and don't get discouraged by the people who criticize our computer dinosaur. This computer is more than a machine, it is a state of mind. My wife says it may be a state of "out of my be a state of "out of my mind," but I will never shut it down until it won't boot up for the last time.

Sincerely,

Craig D. Burkey, Sr. 1410 Washington Blud. Williamsport, Pa 17701

P.S.

I am working on a program using The Missing Link and Graphx drawings that is showing some progress. This

has been an on again, off again project of mine for the past three years. The key point of the idea is that you can load a picture drawn in Graphx and converted to II-Artist into IML and then put text on it, open windows in it and use sprites over them. The programming is very similar to Extended BASIC.

More to follow on this subject...

Dear Craig,

Thank you so much for the very kind words about my Load Master program (and your generous donation). It is people like you who make us programmers feel appreciated.

Enclosed you will find a copy of Load Master V.1.2. This is my most recent release.

Version 2.0 is forthcoming and the added features will be highly noticeable.

I will send you a copy of Version 2.0 when it is released, (although I can't promise any specific release date yet).

"Your program" sounds very interesting. You'll have to keep me posted on your progress. When it's finished I'd love to do a write-up on it for our newsletter. (Especially if you plan on releasing it to the rest of the II community, whether Commercial, Fairware or Public Domain).

MICKEY'S PRINTER COMMAND REFERENCE SHEET - 9601 - PAGE 1/3

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A PLEA FOR HELP

West Penn 99'ers member, Ed Mandich, is in need of a printer manual for a Panasonic printer (Model KX-P1695).

If anyone can help Ed out, you can reach him at the following address:

Ed Mandich 304 Chicora Street East McKeesport, Pa 15035

Thanks in advance for helping this guy out!

PRINTER ESCAPE CODES SOUGHT!

For those of you who may have been wondering why I did not include ALL of the printer escape codes for ALL of the printers that I listed on pages 5, 6, and 7 of this newsletter, let me clarify...

First, and foremost, I do NOT own ALL of those printers, NOR do I have manuals for ALL of those printers...

However...

In my personal quest to find the printer escape codes to a Seikosha SP-1000AP printer, many people have sent me "other" printer codes, in hopes that they might help me in my dilemma.

Well...to make a long story short...my dilemma still exists, but I thought it might prove beneficial to many of us in the II community if SOMEONE published a listing of printer escape codes for the various printers that one could use on a II-99/4A.

Thus...I elected myself for the task...

And there you have it!

So...If anyone can add to this list with additional escape codes, additional printers, whatever, please write to me at the following address, so that I may update this listing as necessary.

My address is:

Nickey Cendrouski 188 Pine Street Russellton, Pa 15076

Additionally, this listing will ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE to ANYONE in the II community, FREE OF CHARGE, by sending a LSSEE, (large, stamped, self-addressed envelope) to me at the following address:

Mickey Cendrowski 100 Pine Street Russellton, Pa 15076

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Mickey Cendrowski is still seeking DONATIONS of II equipment, hardware, software, books, magazines, modules, etc., on behalf of Cheswick Christian Academy in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

All donations are tax deductable.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at any West Penn 99'er meeting, any Pittsburgh User Group meeting, or by phone at 412-265-5201, to make other arrangements.

Regretfully, Mickey does NOT have the funds to pay for any shipping (if anyone wishes to make a donation through the mail).

However, anyone wishing to make a donation through the mail to this good cause can include shipping charges in the dollar value of their donation when requesting a receipt for income tax purposes.

Ideally, the school would love to have 10 to 12 complete systems for school use.

Should more systems become available, they most likely will be "SIGNED OUT" to individual students to take home (much like a library book), so that the students might be able to continue their learning experience, once they go home.

HATS OFF!

Hats off to Tom Jakabfy, newsletter editor of the OSHTI newsletter from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, for a SUPERB December 1995 issue.

This folks, was a TI User Group Newsletter at its best!

Just take a look at the table of contents...

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See what I mean!

This is one newsletter that everyone in the II community should take the time to read from cover to cover.

Believe me, I know firsthand just how hard it is to put together a club newsletter, and I can really appreciate the effort that Iom put into this particular issue.

My ownly regret was that in wasn't longer...

20 pages was great...

But I could have read a million of them! (Thanks Tom!)

WP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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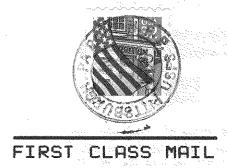
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