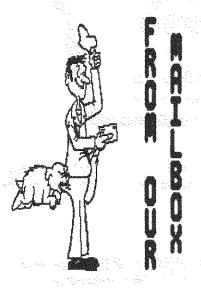
WEST PENN 99 ERS NEWS

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This month we will catch up on the remaining mail "From Our Mailbox".

Dear Mickey,

I saw in Charlie Good's column the review of wour LOAD MASTER product. That sounds like a good thing for many users in our "community". Some time ago, I created my own version of a mixed XB/Assembly program which loads E/A Option 5 files from Extended BASIC. I'm passing along today the disk which contains the source code and sample program, in hopes you might be able to use some of this in the next phase of LOAD MAS-TER. This is pretty complex source code, as it must be to function as intended. It

will probably need lots of modification for use mixed in with your own code, but at least having my source code might give you some needed clues for your own. Enjoy!

Best Regards,

Bruce Harrison

5705 40th Place Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

Dear Bruce.

Many, many, thanks for your kind generosity in sharing your program and source code with me.

Although your level of expertise is far above mine, I am definitely very interested in incorporating your E/A Option 5 loader into my Load Master program.

Thanks again for sharing your work with me!

Mickey

Dear Mickey.

Hello, I'm Olden Warren from the Bluegrass 99'ers in Lexington, Kentucky. I have read in your newsletter on several occasions that you were attempting to write a program to utilize a mouse on the II. I don't know if you recall any of the articles in my newsletter stating my desire to do the same thing, but I have developed several Assembly programs to link the mouse with the II.

My first programs were written as Assembly links for XBRSIC which allow a programmer to incorporate mouse input into his/her program. I much prefer the mouse to the joystick; besides. the rest of the computer world uses mice (or some facsimile thereof), so why shouldn't the II join them? Mu not-so-secret desire has been to make the use of the mouse commonplace with the II as it is with other platforms I figure the more we can make the II "keep up with the Joneses" (so to speak), the longer people will stick with it. I even have a farreaching vision to emulate some of the PC-based Windous software on the II because of its power and ease of use.

Recently I ran across something that I think could help make this "dream" come closer to reality. Buried in some archived files I have found a program called "Windows for c99" which was

written by Tom Bentley in 1987. It furned out to be a series of c99 libraries that allowed a programmer to implement a window environment in his/her program. After studying his work carefully (the source code was included). I saw a way to incorporate my mouse routines in it. It took a little doing (he wrote the code to run in text mode but the mouse works in graphics mode), but I succeeded! What you have on this disk is a sample of what my programs can do in XBASIC and in c99.

Since you seemed to share my interest in the mouse, I thought I would share this with you to get your opinion of it. I have included the files and the documentation to allow you to

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WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFO

Next Meeting Date:

May 21 1996

Meeting Location:

Penns Woods Civic Association

Just off Route 30

N. Huntingdon, Pa

Time of Meeting:

7:00 P.M.

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6:45 P.M. Doors Open
7:00 P.M. 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

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

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

Latest News Concerning Our West Penn 99'ers Disk Library

Load Master Version 2.1 - Questions and Answers Session

Demo - The Southwest 99'ers' ANS Card - Demo by Norm Rokke

Handouts - Our West Penn 99'ers Membership Address List

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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 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 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 NEWSLETTER member – and enjoy our NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT – done ENTIRELY on a II-99/4A computer.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR OUR WEST PENN NEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.



FOR THE RECORD BY PAUL BROCK

APRIL KINUTES

Mickey called the meeting to order at 7:13 P.M. No corrections on the minutes. Corresponding Report was: I wrote Tom Jakabfy about the information that was in his March newsletter, about Gates & the II. As of 4/16, I received no reply. We are all wondering if Bill Gates is really interested in the II.

The Treasurer's report was very favorable / there was a delay in the printing, Mickey had to go Whelsewhere to have the printing done. It seems to have worked out O.K. Ed also mentioned that there were a few new members joining the club, & but I didn't get any names, but welcome to the best II club in Western Pa. We also talked about most clubs switching to II & IBM. The Atlanta U.G. wants to have a disk of the month exchange. There were only eleven members present. No volunteers at this time, but we will discuss this more at the Nau 21st meeting. We were goofing off as Mickey passed around a cartoon about the Treasurer.

Art showed up without Lynn, and Mickey was behind on her Pepsi. Mickey was fighting the flu, but she said that there was no way that she would miss a meeting! She also spoke of the School and how excited they were with their II computers. Mickey and her husband, Mike, are teaching the teachers.

The demo for the evening was LOADMASTER V.2.1. It has a cataloging system, along with a disk sleeve printout. It will be ready along with documentation at the May meeting. As for the Artist Plus demo, if there is any interest I will attempt to demo it again. Some things just don't work out when they are supposed to.



It's that time of the year to wish everyone a
HAPPY NOTHER'S DRY

and

NENORIAL DRY!!!

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cover the last used address (i.e. if the last used address is >6980 then you only have to do it twice).

15) Switch to the E/A cartridge, load the Editor and type in the following program:

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COPY'DSK1.CART22'
(if needed)
COPY'DSK1.CART33'
(if needed)
COPY'DSK1.CART44'
(if needed)
END

Save this as "CARTSS" in VARIABLE 80 format. Load the Assembler and enter "CARTSS" as the source file, "CARTS6" as the object file and assemble under the "R" option. When it is finished, just load and run the program using "START" as the program name.

If it doesn't look right, use the editor and look at the first and last lines of the disassembled code to see if lines have been duplicated between files or left out. Correct any problems, reassemble and run.

Editors Note:

Sorry about the "flow" of this article's pages. I try very hard not to do this, but sometimes it just can't be helped!

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.

UPDATING THE MEMBERSHIP

The West Penn 99'ers would like to acknowledge the following member for renewing his membership for the 1996 season...

Lew King

In addition to the above, the West Penn 99'ers would also-like to welcome their newest member...

Matt Juppo

who comes to us from the TI/PC Users Group of Puget Sound.

This brings our 1996 membership count up to 27 members.

Remember...



Please see Ed Mandich, our West Penn 99'ers Treasurer, to renew your membership.

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program for the mouse in XBAŠIC. I did not include the c99 libraries because I did not know if you programmed in that language and the libraries are a bit large. I did include demo programs that you can run to see what is possible. The c99 programs are E/A Option 5 files called WINDEMONS and WINDEMOPC. depending on what type of mouse you have. As you will read in the mouse documenfile MOUSEDOCS. tation there are two types of mice. Microsoft (NS) and Mouse Systems (PC). If you are not sure which type of mouse you have, run the XBASIC test programs TESTMS and TESTPC: you should be able to tell which one you have after that. The in-structions for running the c99 deno programs are contained in the READNE2 file on this disk.

I want to do a couple of things. First, I plan to contact Tom Bentley to let him know what I've done to his program as a courtesy since he is the original programmer. I have a 9 year old Canadian address for hims if you happen to know a current address please forward it to me. Second, I have been trying to reach Tony and Will McGovern of FunnelWeb to see if theu would be interested in allowing me to convert FunnelWeb to use a mouse. I figure that manu TI'ers use FunnelWeb so this would be a natural place to start. with something that is familar. I see their program as a springboard for other useful programs, similar to the way Microsoft Windows is used on the PC platform. Last, I plan to convert the entire program into Assembly language for greater speed and compactness.

Iry out the programs and let me know what you think. I'm not in it for the profit, fame or fortune (if I was, I'd be in real trouble!!). I just genuinely love to play with my II and like to see it do things like this. If you are interested in helping me in this effort (or know of others uho some mau) contact me:

Olden Warren

4016 Weber Way Lexington, Kentucky 40514

Dear Olden.

Wow, what a letter!

Where do I begin...

First, let me apologize for taking so long to respond to your letter. Although my intentions are always good, sometimes I get a bit behind in things - I know, I know, I shouldn't try to do so much, but I just can't help myself. I have a real helping nature and, like yourself, a real passion for the II-99/4A computer!

I'm sorry that I don't have a current address for Tom Bentley, but perhaps someone reading this letter can provide you with one.

Although I have never had

the pleasure in talking with the McGoverns. I doubt that you will be able to convince them to share their source code with you. so that you can add mouse routines to FunnelWeb. No doubt. Funnelleb is their baby, and they just might not appreciate an outsider messing with their program. (However, I agree with you that it would be great if FunnelWeb had mouse support since FunnelWeb is probablu the most used program in the II community!)

Your "V-I-S-I-O-N" of mouse products is very similar to mine. In my recent FAIRWARE program, "LOAD MASTER," I still envision adding mouse support, however, that will be a little ways down the road, after I'm done adding ALL the features that I've got in the back of my mind.

And...

Like yourself, I too would like to see my FINAL product written in Assembly language, for speed and compactness, HOWEVER, I do NOT know how to program in Assembly (or c99, for that matter), so I will have to find someone to do that for me.

Perhaps, if you know how to program in Assembly or c99, you may be willing to tackle this task.

Give it some thought.

Mickey

P.S. If you're going to the Cleveland show on May 25th, look me up!

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COPYING A CARTRIDGE

Reprinted From The FOLCC Newsletter

Edited by Olden Warren Bluegrass 99'ers

To do this, make sure you have Extended BASIC, the TI Disassembler and a cart-ridge with ROM chips only. You can find out by opening it up and looking at the chips. If it has all large chips, then it is ROM only. If it has any small chips then, too bad, you have GROM which hasn't worked for me since the code is in GPL. A Widget can be used to switch between cartridges or you can cover Pin 1 of the cartridge being copied with tape (Pin 1 is the rightnost pin on the bottom side). Also. a printer would be convenient to have but not necessary,

- 1) Cover Pin 1 of the carttridge being copied (not necessary if you have a Widget).
- 2) If you have a Widget, plug E/A in Slot 1, the cartridge you want copied Slot 2 and Extended BASIC in Slot 3.
- 3) Make sure that you have a totally blank disk ready. which you will be using to copy the cartridge onto.

- 4) Switch over to the E/A cartridge (either with the Widget or just insert it). insert E/Å diskette select "LOAD AND RUN" and enter "DSK1.DEBUG". When it is loaded, press ENTER and tupe "DEBUG" for the proqram name.
- 5) When the debugger prompt appears switch over to the cartridge being copied (Slot 2 on the Widget or insert it with Pin 1 covered). Make sure the computer doesn't reset. If if does, make sure Pin 1 is deactivated and stant over. Now. make sure the debugger is still operative (press ENTER a couple of times).
- 6) Now type in "M6000 8000" and press ENTER. The screen should start scrolling upward and display different kinds of numbers. If all uou get is "6000=00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ×*********** or zeroes only, make sure you have a ROM-only cartridge and that you are switched over to the cartridge being copied (or that it is inserted). Otherwise. you should be getting all kinds of numbers. You will probably see the title of the cartridge in the first few lines on the right. Mow, let the screen display the numbers for a while and make sure that everuthing is OK. Make a note of the last address used in the program (zeroes will trail the last used address).
- 7) Press QUIT to go back to the main title screen.
- 8) Load the E/A. se lect "LOAD AND RUN aqain.

insert the diskette with the TI Disassembler on it and load it.

- 9) Press ENTER once, type "START" and ENTER. The disassembler title should appear. Now, switch over to the cartridge being copied (or plug it in again). Make sure it doesn't reset or otherwise stop the machine. For the starting address, enter "6000". for the ending address enter "6500". Insert the diskette you want to copy it on, type "OSK1.CART1" for the device name and press ENTER to start the disassembly process. The disk drive comes on and the disassembled code should appear on the screen. To pause the disassembling. press any key; press it again to continue. When the number on the left equals >6500 (or around that number) the screen will stop scrolling. Press ENTER twice for the E/A menu.
- 10) Press QUIT. Switch to the Extended BASIC cartridge, load it and enter the following program:

100 CALL CLEAR

110 INPUT "SOURCE FILE?>DSK

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120 INPUT "OBJECT FILE?>DSK 1.":8\$

130 OPEN #1:"DSK1."&A\$.UARI

ABLE 80,INPUT 140 OPEN #2:"DSK1."&B\$,VARI

ABLE 80, OUTPUT

150 LINPUT #1:C\$

160 O\$*SEG\$(C\$.6.27)

170 PRINT #2:0\$

180 IF EOF(1) THEN 200

190 GOTO 150

200 PRINT "FINISHED"

210 CLOSE #1 :: CLOSE #2

220 DELETE "DSK1." &A

- 11) Run this program. For source file input "CARTI"; for the object file input "CARTII". If you receive an error check to see if you have the right disk inserted and that the source and object files are valid. If that isn't it, check to see if you have enough disk space available. When done, press QUIT.
- 12) Switch to the E/A cartridge, insert the "A" diskette, select the Editor and load in the CARTII file.
- 13) When loaded, press FCTN 9 to get the Editor command list. Select "R" for replace, then type in "V,1000/6/A/" and press ENTER. Now press "Y" whenever the cursor stops on an instruction (i.e. LI, JMP, SB, CB, B, A. BLUP) that has a "6????" in it. Don't change DATA statements or ones that only have 2 digits ("6?"). After completing the last one, repeat this step using "V.1000/7/B/" as the replacement string. When finished, save this file in VARIABLE 80 format on the Editor command list.
- 14) Do steps 8-13 again, changing the starting address in the disassembly step to 6500, the ending address to 7000 and the filenames to "CART2" and "CART22"; the third time use 7000, 7500, "CART3" and "CART33"; the fourth time use 7500, 8000, "CART4" and "CARTHH". You only need to do this enough times to

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MEETING

MAY 21st

7:00 P.M.

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