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SAYING GOODBYE

ENJOYING SOME FREEDOM

DEMOS Scheduled

As most of you already know, Nickey will NOT be seeking another term as President of the West Penn 99'ers come election time n November.

Additionally, Mickey will NO LONGER act as Newsletter Editor, nor will her husband, Mike, act as the Assistant Newsletter Editor.

Make NO mistake! Mickey is NOT mad at anyone at the club. It is just time for her to take a much needed retirement, so that she can spend more time with those on the "HOME FRONT".

This means that there will be a lot of changes taking place in leadership, in the production of our newsletter and our By-Laws.

As Mickey does NOT wish to influence this NEW WAVE, she has asked Norm Rokke (our Vice-President), to preside over this CHANGING OF THE GUARD.

Hopefully our NEW GUARDS will have a report in our next newsletter.

Although Mickey's club obligations have not changed as yet, she has already started to "FEEL THE FREEDOM" – and reports that it has been wonderful!

Some of this "FREEDOM" is taking place behind her own computer, where, after many years of receiving some VERY CREATIVE packages, envelopes and letters, she is finally finding some time to do some CREATIVE work herself.

Another aspect of Mickey's "FREEDOM" is having more time to spend with her husband, Mike.

Recently, BOTH Mike and Mickey have gotten motor-cycles, and are enjoying the "FREEDOM" of the open road.

Currently, both Mickey and Mike have been attending SAFETY COURSES, and if all goes well, Mickey should pass her test on Sunday, October 13th.

All in all, Mickey "CAN'T WAIT" till her club obligations have come to a close. Although it is ALUAYS Mickey's intention to demo EACH piece of software that our club intends to raffle off at our meetings, sometimes this is not possible due to special equipment needed for the demo, time restrictions, or lack of adequate knowledge of the software itself.

This month proves to be an EXCEPTION in that ALL of our scheduled demos WILL actually be demoed at our next meeting on Tuesday night, October 15th.

The following is a list of our scheduled demos...

- * Son of the Disk of Dinosaurs
- * Bride of the Disk of Dinosaurs
- * Disk of the Old West
- * Disk of Medieval Times
- X The Label Maker

Note, all of the above software products are from Notung Software, except The Label Maker, which is from OataBio⊺ics.

In addition to the above demos, Mickey also hopes to SHOW OFF a few of the things that she has been doing lately with her computer.

All in all, this should prove to be quite an interesting meeting.

Please mark this date, October 15th, down on your calendars and plan on being in attendance.

Remember...

We ALL need to take part, IF we want to continue.

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WEST PENN 99'ERS CLUB INFO

Next Meeting Date:

October 15 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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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
		Socializing
10:30		Doors Close

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH

Son of the Disk of Dinosaurs ... Demo by Mickey Cendrowski Bride of the Disk of Dinosaurs . Demo by Mickey Cendrouski Disk of the Old West Demo by Mickey Cendrowski Disk of Medieval Times Demo by Mickey Cendrouski The Label Maker Demo by Mickey Cendrouski

LIST OF WEST PENN OFFICERS FOR 1996

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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 INDIVIOUAL / FAMILY membership.
- * \$10.00 per year for a NEUSLETTER 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 copuing 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 neet 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 TI-99/4A computer.

SEE PAGE 10 FOR OUR WEST PENN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.



FOR THE RECORD BY PAUL BROCK

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

At 7:13 P.M. the President called the meeting to order. The first thing after calling the meeting to order was to introduce the new members. I misplaced my notes and can't remember their names. Just to mention that Harrisburg and Industry and West Virginia were here. A representative from the Christian Academy also attended to express her thanks and also get another car load of goodies. Thanks were given to Jim Wiegand for fixing a printer for the Academy.

Recording Secretary reported no changes in the minutes. Corresponding Secretary was in touch with Dick Ohi and a few others by phone. The Treasurer's report was looking good. The Vice-President was not in attendance.

Mickey then passed around a few pictures of her and Mike with his and hers motorcycles. This is their new toy. Many stories were told about their bikes. Letters from members that were impressive were passed around to show how other members use their II's.

Five software packages were given out as prizes: 1> E-Z KEYS PLUS, 2> GOFER, 3> SCREEN PREVIEW, 4>SGW, 5> MINI-MEMORY DIAGNOSTIC TESTS.



The President then turned the meeting over to me. The topic was HOW TO GET A NEWSLETTER OUT. There weren't any volunteers at this time. We also spoke again of the fact that we were going to continue as a club. We will be getting a newsletter out somehow! Until we get organized again, we will have a newsletter.

A -SPECIAL THANKSvolunteered and our dilemma.

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Here's hoping (THANK)

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goes out to all those who have those that are helping out with

that everyone & SRFE

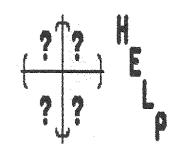
See you on the Until then....

15th

has

My quill has run out of ink!

NEW LEADERSHIP AND NEW DIRECTIONS



Just yet another reminder that Mickey's last meeting as Club President and Newsletter Editor will be the month of November.

Discussions have been taking place at both our August and our September meetings about the future of our club.

Once again, this discussion will continue at our October 15th meeting.

Please make it a point to attend this meeting and be prepared to help out when called upon.

Remember ...

If YOU want the club to continue, then YOU need to do YOUR part in helping out.

UNOFFICIALLY, I believe that Paul Brock has volunteerd to step forward as President and Recording Secretary.

UNOFFICIALLY, I believe that Ed Mandich has said that he would continue to act as our Treasurer.

These are the ONLY positions that I believe that someone has spoken up and said that they would do.

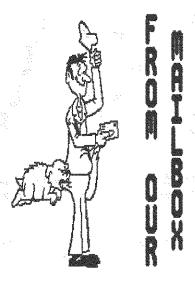
Since Vice-President Norm Rokke was not in attendance at last month's meeting, I am not sure as to his status in wanting to act as Vice-President for another term.

Additionally, there has been much discussion about downsizing the offices in the club.

(PERSONALLY, I think this discussion is just leading way because NO ONE wants to take over the RESPONSIBILITIES of any of the other offices!)

What will the future hold for the West Penn 99'ers?

Hopefully, we will continue, and that we will continue to be strong. (However, yours truly will no longer be running the show. The time has now come for someone else to take over the reins!)



Since last month's newsletter, I've received quite a few pieces of mail, which could be grouped into the following three categories:

Exchange Newsletters TI Correspondence Load Master Updates

First, lets take a look at our Exchange Newsletter situation.

For the most part, newsletters throughout the summer months were very few and far between. Now that fall has arrived, I've already seen the number of exchange newsletters start to pick up. In general, most newsletter editors are running "OLDER" articles because no one seems to want to do much "NEW" writing these days. Fortunately for most of us, this "OLD" stuff is actually "NEW" to us, for the simple reason that we just weren't around back then, or perhaps hadn't progressed to that level of expertise. At any rate, we ALL need to THANK those who are still putting out newsletters month after month after month.

Moving on...

Lets take a look at some of the II Correspondence that I have been receiving latelu.

The BIGGEST CHANGE in this category doesn't deal with content so much as it deals with STYLE.

What's this STYLE you ask,

STYLE is being CREATIVE in what you send.

This month alone I have received some VERY CREATIVE packages, envelopes and letters from...

Paul Brock Craig D. Burkey, Sr Bruce Harrison Ed Mandich

Keep up the good work guus. as it ALVAYS helps to INSPIRE yours truly...

And not to mention the fact that I LOVE to see ALL those many things that our TI-99/4A's can do!

Last, and certainly not least, this past month I have been swamped, betatesting the many disks that Bruce Harrison has been sending to me in the mail.

As most of you know, I had high hopes of adding some additional routines to my Load Master program, but Ī lacked the knowledge to pull them off.

Well...

Low and behold, my prayers * The ability to load and were answered.

Not only is Bruce helping me by sharing his knowledge but he is also making most of the programming changes himself.

What's more, Bruce has even ADDED some NEW features that I hadn't even thought

What this means is that the next release of Load Master should again include some pretty MAJOR changes, but ALL in keeping with the same flow and original intention of my first release.

One NAJOR change you'll notice will be that of the title screen.

Because of Bruce's MAJOR contributions, I felt it only right that both Bruce and I should be co-authors of the program now.

Additionally...

and ALL FAIRWARE contributions made for this version shall be equally split between Bruce and muself.

Some of the NEW or IMPROVED features of our next release include:

- * Faster speed execution. once Load Master has been loaded.
- * Greater accuracy in identifying files.
- * The ability to identify more file tupes.

- run Editor / Assembler Option 5 files.
- * The ability to load and run Editor / Assembler Option 3 files.

and...

* Built in error-trapping rout ines.

All in all, we've added some pretty MAJOR changes to a program that has already proven to be something that most of us in the TI community have needed.

My PERSONAL THANKS to Bruce for all of the time that he has been putting into this program, helping to make this program the best that it could be.

Who knows, MAYBE I might even learn a thing or two about Assembly programming in the process...

But...

No matter how much I may learn in the process, I'd never be able to hold a candle to the expert, MR. BRUCE HARRISON.

When will this next release be made available to the public...

At this point, it's a little too early to tell, but I feel fairly confident that the next release will be made before the end of this year.

(Now, if only I could keep up with Bruce.....SMILES)

WEST PENN LIBRARY REVIEW PART 3

The following information has been provided to give you a more in-depth look at what we have available in our West Penn 99'ers Disk Library.

These disks (as well as the rest of our disk library), are available for copying at all of our West Penn 99'ers monthly meetings.

This is YOUR disk library.

Feel free to copy as many of these disks as you like.

DISK 0029

TIPS Pictures Disk 11 - A/B by the Nutmeg 99'ers. This is a DS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various TIPS pics. All files must be unarchived to use. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A TI compatible printer is recommended.

DISK 0030

TIPS Pictures Disk 12 - A/B by the Nutmeg 99'ers. This is a DS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various TIPS pics. All files must be unarchived to use. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A TI compatible printer is recommended.

OISK 0031

TIPS Pictures Disk O1 by Patrick Powell. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various TIPS pics. All files must be unarchived to use. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A TI compatible printer is recommended.

DISK 0032

TIPS Pictures Disk O2 by Patrick Powell. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various TIPS pics. All files must be unarchived to use. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A TI compatible printer is recommended.

DISK DO33

TIPS Christmas Disk by Ed Machonis. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various TIPS files especially designed for the Christmas Season. Runs out of Extended BASIC A II compatible printer is recommended.

DISK 0034

Page Pro Pictures Disk 01
(author / source unknown).
This is a SS/SD
Public Domain Disk
which contains various
Page Pro 99 pics. Runs
out of Extended BASIC. A
II compatible printer is
recommended.

DISK 0035

Page Pro Pictures Disk O2 (author / source unknown). This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains various Page Pro 99 pics. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A II compatible printer is recommended.

DISK 0036

Cassette Master distributed by the M.U.N.C.H. User Group. This is a DS/SD Public Bomain Disk which contains various cassette utility programs written by various authors. Runs out of Extended BASIC.

DISK 0037

Screen Dump by Danny Michael. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which was designed so that you could dump any TI screen out to your printer at the press of a key. Runs out of Extended BASIC.

DISK 0038

Newsletter Editor / Printer by Art Gibson. This is a SS/SD Fairware Disk which can be used to produce a newsletter. All files must be unarchived to use. Runs out of Extended BASIC. A II compatible printer is recommended.

DISK 0039

The Ultimate Accept At by Bruce Harrison. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which contains an Assembly Language routine which can be incorporated into an Extended BASIC program. Runs out of Extended BASIC.

DISK 0040

Sandwich by Bruce Harrison. This is a SS/SD Public Domain Disk which can be used to convert an Editor/Assembler Option #3 file into an Editor/Assembler Option #5 file. Runs out of Extended BASIC.

DISK 0041

Calc рч Tine Bruce Harrison. This . is SS/SD Public Domain Disk which can be used ŧη do almost anu calculation involving time. Runs out of Extended BASIC.

DISK 0042

The Star Trek Album Ken Gilliland. This is a SS/SD Fairware Disk that contains var ious Trek graphics and various Star Trek music from Star the Trek uears. Runs out οf Extended BASIC.

PRINTING A LABEL USING TIPS

By Mary Leard Dallas II Home Computer Group

Put the TIPSLABEL disk in drive 1 and the disk with the image file you want to use in drive 2. The following shows what the on-screen prompts will say, and help you in answering them:

Select EXTENDED BASIC and the program will auto-load.

Select option #1 - TIPSLABEL.

The next screen will say to: PRESS ANY KEY TO PROCEED (have your printer turned on before you press any key).

ENTER DRIVE # FOR IMAGES: Press the #2 key.

ENTER 2 CHAR INAGE PREFIX: (that is the name of the file that has the images).

For example: H2AZXXX.

It will show on the screen what key you pressed. After you press the second key it will say on the screen: OK I WILL LOOK FOR ?? whatever you pressed. If it finds the file it will load:

THE FILE NAME from ??

to ??

CHOOSE:

(L) ist

(I)mage (B)

(B)ack (Q)uit

If you want an image on your label, press (I) for image.

The next prompt will say:

ENTER IMAGE NAME: ____. Enter the name of the image you want on your label.

For example: XMAS99.

The program will load the image. It will tell you on the screen what the image is. Then press any key to proceed.

The next screen will be:

CHOOSE:

(L) ist (I) mage

(O)ptions

(B)ack

(Q)uit

Press (0) for options.

YOUR OPTIONS:

CHOOSE:

(T)ext(only)

(I)mage(only)

(D)o both

(B)ack

Press (D) for do both.

TEXT OPTIONS:

CHOOSE:

(N)eu (0)ld

(L) ist

(B)ack

Press (N) for new. The screen will be:

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CHOOSE:

(A)ccept

(E)dit

(N)eufile

(B)ack

Press (E) for edit. After you press E the cursor will appear on line #1. Type in what you want on the label, pressing ENTER at the end of each line.

Next screen:

CHOOSE:

(E)dit (S)ave (P)rint

Press (P) for print.

The program will load in the image data.

CHOOSE:

(L)abel (H)ead

ead (P)ut

out (N)eufile

(I)maqe

(S)pace (B)ack

Press (L) for label.

ENTER NUMBER TO PRINT ?? Press ENTER.

CHOOSE STYLE:

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(S)tandard

4 lines each. Press (S) for standard or (V) for widehead if you want the first line of the label to be printed in wide print.

After printing, press (B) for back, then (Q) for quit. That's all there is to it!

PRINTER HEAD CLEANING

By Chuck Reinhard Long Island 99'ers Users Group

It takes only three things to get good dark print from your printer:

1. A properly adjusted printer

2. A good ribbon

3. A clean print head

The guide for the fine printer wires in the print head gradually gets clogged with a mixture of lint, ink, and oils from the ribbon. As this dirt builds up and dries out, the pin wires drag in the guide. The result is that you get light, low contrast print even from a new ribbon.

The following is a procedure for cleaning the print head that is quick, simple, and does not require removal of the print head.

Obtain an aerosol can of COLOR TV CLEANER (Radio Shack #164-2320 or equivalent). Make sure that the label states that it contains silicone, that it will not harm plastic and that it has a plastic tube to plug into the spray nozzle.

Power off the printer. Leave the paper in the printer, but remove the ribbon. Gently move the print head to the middle of the carriage.

Cut a two-inch square from a lint-free cotton handkerchief.

Fold the cut cloth over the top of itself a couple of times until it is about the width of your printer ribbon and about 4 layers thick.

Insert the cloth into the print head exactly where the ribbon was, between the pin guide and the ribbon shield. The cloth should not fit too tight.

Insert the tube into the aerosol spray cap. Put the end of the tube in contact with the cloth next to the pin guide of the print head and give a short, quick squirt to wet the cloth.

Turn on the printer and send a page of print to the printer (selftest can be used). Now move the cloth a little to one side to a clean spot. It may be necessary, to give the cloth another squirt of fluid and print out another page.

Remove the cloth from the print head and print a page (without the ribbon). If you see any printing on the paper, put the cloth back into the print head and repeat the whole process until the page prints clean.

Finally, install the ribbon and enjoy the improved printing.

A BIT OF HUMOR FOR MY FELLOW TI-99/4A NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Taken from an old NANCY newspaper comic strip By Jerry Scott

> Edited for this Newsletter By Mickey Cendrouski West Penn 99'ers

MICKEY:

Check it out!

The perfect newsletter!

Every page is right and left justified.

This is probably the neatest newsletter ever created.

LYNN:

You misspelled a bunch of words.

MTCKFY:

Yeah, but they're NEATLY misspelled!



WEST PENN 99'ERS SCORES



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NATIONAL TI GAME SCORES

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER FILES THAT IS...

By Tom Jakabfy Oshawa Users Group

There are alot of times that you might use a wordprocessor and want to "patch" a lot of text from different files into a finished document. I have this problem every newsletter. Using FUNNELWEB (or II Writer) makes the solution easy.

Let's suppose that we have two files and we want to load several parts and have one file to save under a third name. The names of the files are simply FILE1, FILE2 and NEW.

First we can view the lines that we want using Show Directory. This is handy because we can see the actual line numbers. This is what makes the II text editing the BEST there is ... yes, even easier to use than Word Perfect.

To load the lines we desire we type in (after the LoadFile (LF)) prompt the following:

21 40 OSK1.FILE1

This loads the lines 21 to 40 into our text screen. To add the lines 145 to 180 to this at the end, we again go to LF and enter the following:

E 145 180 09K1.FILE1

This APPENDS the lines 145 to 180 at the END of the first 20 lines that we entered.

Now lets suppose that we want to INSERT some lines from FILE2 after line 20 of the new file. This is what we do. Again enter the command line and after entering LF we enter:

20 204 290 DSK1.FILE2

This will INSERT the lines 204 to 290 after line 20 of the new file.

Just remember that the FIRST NUMBER is WHERE we want to INSERT and the next two numbers are your MERGED LINES.

To INSERT lines at the BEGINNING of the new file use O for your first line number.

And remember ...

DON'T forget to SAVE the new file: (SF then DSK1.NEW).

UPCOMING TI SHOW INFORMATION

14th Chicago II International World Faire November 9, 1996

Evanston Public Library
Evanston, Illinois

Contact: Hal Shanafield, Faire Chairman at 847-864-8644 or write to him c/o Chicago Users Group, P.O. Box 7009, Evanston, IL 60204-7009.

Fest West '97 April 5, 1997

San Jose Civic Auditorium San Jose, California

Contact: Fest West '97, c/o Don O'Neil, 3297 Woody Lane, San Jose, CA 95132, or call 408-934-0352.

Multi Users Group Conference May 23 and 24, 1997

> Ohio State University Lima Campus Lima, Ohio

Contact: Charles Good, P.O. Box 447, Venedocia, OH 45894, or call, 419-667-3131, or Email at, good.6@osu.edu.

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NEXT

MEETING

OCTOBER 15th

7:00 P.M

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