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The January 15, 1990 meeting was called to order by President Mickey Schmitt at 7:15 PM. She started the meeting with thanks to John Willforth (relief pitcher), for his save at the last meeting. Yes, folks the Pirates can't be far away. By the way, I told you the Steelers some how would make it to the play-offs. They did just fine. Thanks also went to Ed (Scoops) Bitner for his recent efforts. Is he still around? Lynn gave a brief treasuary report. Bob said the latest addition to the library was Contact Bridge. Joe and Rob came in later with some nice goodies, thank your Wife for us Joe. Meanwhile, John W. gave Joe's membership report by saying 8 new members have joined in the last 2 months. John Vukman signed in Albert Kozlesky, best wishes Al. Welcome to all and happy computing. The TCI cable free public announcements, that I placed, stirred only mild responces. The new Assembly looks are in, and blank disks and disk bones are available. The FUG III has been down and Gene again missed our meeting due to a hectic schedule.

NORWIN

Check out page 41 of Dec. 23 Micropendium for an update on our 2 Adventure programers, Lynn and Mickey. Thanks to Frank Foster for his recent Assembly disks and John W. for the forth coming 'Y' cable. Anyone interested (member or not) in their 1990 Income Tax is invited to the FUS meeting on February 18th to hear Bill Chavanne present his fine tax program. Upcoming dates on TI fairs are as follows: Ontaric. Canada, April 28; New Jersey. March 17 and Lima. Oh. May 26. A local Ham Fest with some computer equipment usually available will be held March 4 at the Rostraver Fire Hall. Check out the 7 InfoCom games being released by Asgard. These are unreleased TI originals.

TI Forum is no longer being carried by Computer Shopper. What is turning out to be a fine TI news area is the new Asgard News publication. Check it out and give support if you like it. Perhaps a club discount will be forthcoming? Mickey wrote for a catalog from Quality 99. Check page 605 of the February Computer Shopper for 3 1/2 in. 720k disk drives for only \$33.

Demos for the night included: Bob Sadusky, Contact Bridge: Norm Ribbe. TI-Artist Flus and your truly on the game Entrapment. Faul Erock showed a program he wrote that indexes a magazine or newsletter. A raffle was held as is the custom. See what all you missed by not attending. Why don't you rearrange your busy schedule and come join the fun next minth? Art Gardner is thinking of buying a ribbon inker that may be made available to club members, thanks Art. Bob Sadusky has a Multi-Flan available for \$12.95.

Well, I guess that's about it for this session. If I quit now John may have an inch to play with. May the good 4's be with you.

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Last month I ended with a little program that printed my three initials "JFW" as a single graphic character. This month I'll expand on that program.

To the left you will see four graphics which actually consist of nine 8x8 graphic characters, three in the top row and three rows high, And since there are 8 eight-bit characters in each graphic character, there are 72 characters sent to the printer to print a single complete image printed (8x3x3).

The top graphic is in the Standard-density mode. The second one down is in Double-density graphics, the third down is in Double-speed double/densitygraphic mode, and the bottom is in Quadruple-density graphic mode.

You can create even much larger graphics either as I did using a CHR\$(xxx) or by creating a series of DATA statements and reading ABOVE ARE FOUR them into a DIMension and then printing out that file to a print-

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AVAILABLE.

The program below was designed to be simple to understand rather than short and fast. From what you learned in Printers #4, line # 120 is setting the line spacing so that the 8 dot high character

will not have a window-blind-effect between them (white lines horizontally). The line 130 simply is used by my demonstration program to select Standard-density graphics mode first and line 140 is a definition of commands so that I can use a brief command to reimplement the graphic mode, GMODE\$ as seen in lines 150,180, and line 210. The actual printing is done in lines 150 through 230. Lines 240 to 300 are there to change the modes described above. Lines 110 through 230 will do a standard graphic printout.

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100 ! DEMO OF MULTI-CHARACTER GRAPHICS.
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- 110 OPEN #1: "PIO"
- 120 PRINT #1:CHR\$(27);"A";CHR\$(8)
- 130 G\$="K"
- 140 ESC\$=CHR\$(27):: L\$=CHR\$(24):: M\$=CHR\$(0):: GM\$=ESC\$&G\$&L\$&M\$:: GMODE\$=GM\$
 150 PRINT #1:GMODE\$;CHR\$(254);CHR\$(240);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);
 CHR\$(255);CHR\$(255);
- 160 PRINT #1:CHR\$(255);CHR\$(255);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(224);CHR\$(240);CHR\$(250);
- 170 PRINT #1:CHR\$(000);CHR\$(128);CHR\$(255);CHR
- 180 PRINT #1:GMODE\$;CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);
- 190 PRINT #1:CHR\$(255);CHR\$(255);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);
- 200 PRINT #1:CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(255);CHR
- 210 PRINT #1:GMODE\$;CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(001);CHR\$(003);CHR\$(007); CHR\$(255);CHR\$(255);
- 220 PRINT #1:CHR\$(255);CHR\$(255);CHR\$(007);CHR\$(003);CHR\$(001);CHR\$(000);CHR\$(00 0);CHR\$(000);
- 230 PRINT #1:CHR\$(000);CHR\$(001);CHR\$(255);CHR

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240 IF G$="K" THEN 280
250 IF G$="L" THEN 290
260 IF G$="Y" THEN 300
270 IF G$="Z" THEN STOP
280 G$="L" :: GOTO 140
290 G$="Y" :: GOTO 140
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300 G\$="Z" :: GOTO 140

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12.5 VOLT CONVERSION FOR MECHATRONICS EPROMER

Back in June I received mv Mechatronics Eprom Burner. Reading the directions, I noticed that it burns in 21 and 25 wolt eproms. Going through my junk box I found some 2764 12.5 volt eproms. Looking through Jameco and other electronics publications I found that most 8K and 16K (2764 or 27128) eproms are designed for 12.5 volt burn in voltage. 21 volt eproms are available but harder to find. I then decided to see how the Mechatronics Epromer got it's 21 and 5 volts and if I could add a 12.5 volt circuit.

The epromer uses a 7805 voltage regulator to produce the 21 and 25 volts. The 7805 is a 5 volt regulator but can be used as variable regulator by controlling it's ground leg. With the ground (center) leg at 20.4 volts it outputs 25.5 volts, with it at 16.2 volts it outputs 21.2 volts. It does this through a series of Zener Diodes. An 11, 4.7 and 4.3 volt diode are used with a lead between the 4.7 and 4.3 to change the By grounding this lead you voltage. get 21 volts, by pulling it up to 5 volts you get 25 volts. This lead is software controlled. By trial and error I found that disconnecting the ground lead and applying a 7.8 voltage I got 12.7 volts output. Experamenting with Zener diodes I found an 8.2 volt Zener gave me 13.2 and by adding an LE D and an 1800 ohm resistor in series with the diode, I got 12.7 volts output.

The last trick was adding a switch with the center lead to the regulator and the outer leads, one to the original diodes and the other to the diode LED combination. I used a miniature SPDT switch and an LED same size as the ones on the board mounted in front between the ZIP socket and the power plug. Any convenient location will do.

Testing went fine, when in 12.5 volt mode the LED is illuminated, it doesn't matter what voltage you tell the software you are using, if the switch says 12.5 you are in 12.5 mode and if not in 12.5 mode, the software takes over for 21 or 25 volt mode.

I'm including some drawings with this article to show locations and where I cut the trace, also locating where I added my components.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Jack Zawediuk 719 N. 12th St. Allentown, PA 18102 (215) 821-1043

8.2 VOLT ZENER DIODE 1.8K 1/4 WATT RESISTOR LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) S.P.D.T. SWITCH

* THANKS JACK FOR THIS ARTICLE. MANY*

* HAVE RECENTLY ACQUIRED THIS DEVICE*

ZERO INSERTION 7805 PRESSURE SOCKET C 0 I ADDED THE 8.2 VOLT CENTER LEAD 7805 ZINER DIODE AND THE SWITCH-OF REGULATOR 5V 1.8K RESISTOR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BOARD 12-21V 12V-LED TO ORIGINAL GROUND ZINER DIODE +5V or GROUND. POWER 9.7V PLUG 8.2 VOLT ZINER 41.2V LED I CUT TRACE HERE THREE ZINER DIODES 1.8K GROUND LED

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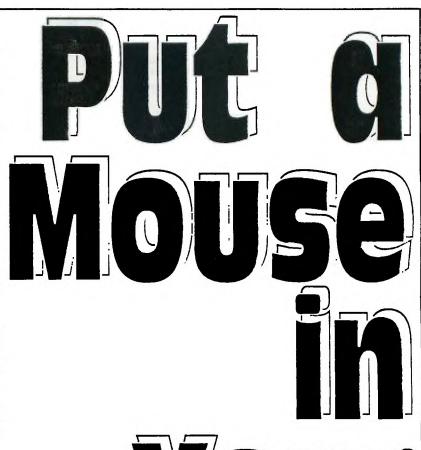
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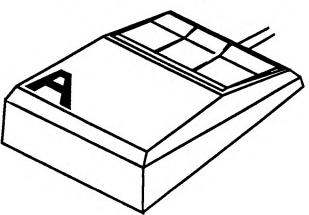
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Douglas E. Kilarski Editor-In-Chief The following program is by JACK SUGHRUE, Box 459, E. Douglas, MA 01516 and is his version of WORD SAFARI. This program written in XBASIC has many advantages.

WOFA HUNT

A\$ (728), A(7), B\$ (25) 110 C\$="0" :: FOR B=@ TO 8 : UB 750 130 GOSUB 200 :: PRINT " WOR 360 INPUT "ANY CHANGES? (Y/N D HUNT FUZZLE ": :: PRINT " ": E\$:: IF E\$ (> "Y" THEN 39 :: " CHOOSE" :: PRINT : " 0 1 SETUP (CHOOSE FIRST)":: 370 INPUT "WHICH NUMBER? ":B
PRINT:" 2 INPUT PUZZLE" 380 INPUT "MAKE CORRECTION?"
140 PRINT:" 3 OUTPUT LIS :B\$(B-@):: GOTO 360
T" 390 GOSUB 200 :: PRINT::: 150 PRINT:" 4 OUTPUT ANS " THINKING...":: A(150 FRINT: " 4 OUTFUT ANS " THINKING...":: A
WER": PRINT: " 5 QUIT": 0)=@:: A(4)=-@:: A(0)=E+@
... A(5)=-A(0):: A(2)=A(0)+@ : : : : 160 GDSUB 750 :: IF C<49 THE :: A(6) = -A(2):: A(3) = A(2) + 0170 IF C>53 THEN 160
180 DN C-48 GOSUB 770,230,97
0,870,190 :: GOTO 130
190 CALL CLEAR :: STOP
200 CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREE
N(11):: CALL VCHAR(@,@,96,48)
):: CALL VCHAR(@,31,96,48)::

1: A(7)=-A(3):: B=E+3
400 K=(E+2)^2-@-B :: FOR L=B
TO K :: A\$(L)=" "
410 NEXT L :: M=E+2 :: K=M*M
-M :: FOR B=0 TO K STEF M ::
A\$(B)="**" :: A\$(B+E+@)="**
" :: A\$(B)="**" :: A\$(B+E+@)="** FOR D=@ TO 8 #20 NEXT B :: K=0 :: FOR N=0

10 CALL SOUND(-999, VAL(SEG\$

("26226229433034939244049452

3587659698784", INT(12*RND+@)

*3-2,3)),0,VAL(SEG\$("1311751

220 NEXT D :: RETURN

420 NEXT B :: K=0 :: FOR N=0

TO J-@ :: D=0

430 D=D+@ :: E\$=STR\$(D)&" "

:: CALL HCHAR(23,25,ASC(E\$))

:: CALL HCHAR(23,26,ASC(SEG\$

(E\$,2,@))):: IF D<76 THEN 49 220 NEXT D :: RETURN N 240
250 IF C>51 THEN 240
260 E=(C-48) *10-5*INT(C/51):
EN 470
: GOSUB 200:: F=@ :: G=@ ::
H=@ :: IF I=0 THEN 280
270 INPUT " TITLE OF PUZZLE?
":D\$:: INPUT " HOW MANY CO
470 IF C=50 THEN 740
480 GOTO 450
470 P=INT(((E+2)^2-E)*RND 280 INFUT " HOW MANY WORDS? ":J :: IF J<26 THEN 300 ":J :: IF J<26 THEN 300

290 PRINT "SORRY: 25-WORD MA XIMUM." :: GOTO 280 300 FOR B=0 TO J-@ 100 @=1 :: CALL CLEAR :: DIM 310 INPUT " WORD "&STR\$ (B+@) &" ? ":B\$(B):: IF LEN(B\$(B)) >2 THEN 330 350 NEXT B :: A(5)=-A(0):: A(2)=A(0)+0 :: A(7)=-A(3):: B=E+3 420 NEXT B :: K=0 :: FOR N=0 0 :::::: 450 GOSUB 750 :: IF C<>49 TH THINKING...": : : : : 490 B=INT(((E+2)^2-E)*RND)+E :: IF A\$(B)<>" " THEN 430 500 FOR D=0 TO 7 510 IF K<8 THEN 530

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520 K=0
530 L=B+A(K):: FOR P=2 TO LE
N(B$(N)):: IF L<E+2 THEN 570
540 IF A$(L)<>" " THEN 570
550 L=L+A(K)
560 NEXT P :: GOTO 590
570 K=K+@
580 NEXT O :: GOTO 430
590 L=B :: FOR F=@ TO LEN(B$ (N)):: A$(L)=SEG$(B$(N), P,@) :: A$(L)=A$(L)&A$(L):: L=L+A
(K)
600 NEXT P :: K=K+@
610 NEXT N
620 FOR 8=0 TO (E+2)^2-@ ::
IF A$ (B) <>" " THEN 640
630 A$ (B) = CHR$ (INT (26*RND) +6
5)&" "
640 NEXT B :: GOSUB 200 :: I
F I=0 THEN 560
650 PRINT " P R I N T I N G"
660 FOR M=@ TO F :: IF I=0 T
HEN 680
670 PRINT #1:CHR$(27)&CHR$(8
7)&CHR$(@):::" ";D$:"
    AAAAAAAAAANII.
680 FOR B=0 TO E+@ :: PRINT
#I:CHR$(27)&CHR$(87)&CHR$(值)
:" "::: FOR K=B*(E+2)TO (B
+@) * (E+2) -@ :: PRINT #I:SEG$
(A$(K), @, @):
690 NEXT K
700 NEXT B
710 NEXT M :: IF I<>0 THEN 7
30
720 PRINT :" FRESS ANY
KEY"::: GOSUB 750
730 PRINT #1:CHR$(27)%CHR$(8
7)&CHR$(@)::::
740 RETURN
750 CALL KEY(0,C,Q):: IF Q<=
0 THEN 750
760 RETURN
770 GOSUB 200 :: PRINT " CHO
OSE" :: FRINT :" 1 SCREE
N" :: PRINT :" 2 PARALLE
L PRINTER" :: PRINT 1" 3
 OTHER":::::::::::
: : : : :
780 GOSUB 750 :: IF C<49 THE
N 780
790 IF C>51 THEN 780
800 I=0:: IF C=49 THEN 860 the West Penn 99'ers are invited to 810 I=0:: F$="PIO":: IF C= attend. FEBRUARY 18th at any of the times listed above. Software will
820 INPUT " DEVICE ? ":F$
830 IF C$="0" THEN 850
840 CLOSE #19
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850 OPEN #@:F$.OUTPUT :: C$=
   "1"
  860 RETURN
  870 GOSUB 200 :: IF I=0 THEN
   890
  880 INPUT "HOW MANY COPIES?
  ":G :: PRINT : :: "PRINTING
  ANSWERS."
  890 FOR M=@ TO G :: IF I=0 T
  HEN 910
  900 PRINT #I: : : : " #D
  $:" ^^^^^^^^^
   910 FOR B=0 TO E+@ :: PRINT
   #I: :" "::: FOR K=B*(E+2%)
  0 (B+@)*(E+2)-@:: PRINT #]
  SEG$ (A$ (K), 2,@);
   920 NEXT K
   930 NEXT B
  940 NEXT M :: IF ICO THEN 9
   60
  950 FRINT :" FRESS ANY
   KEY"::: GOSUB 750
  960 FRINT #I: : : :: RETUR
  Ν
   970 GOSUB 200 :: IF I=0 THEN
    990
980 INFUT "HOW MANY COFIES?
":H :: PRINT : : : "PRINTING
  LIST."
   990 FOR M=@ TO H :: IF I=0 T
  HEN 1010
   1000 PRINT #I: : : :" ";
  Ds:" AAAAAAAAAA!:
  1010 FOR B=0 TO J-@ :: FRINT
   #I:" ";B$(B)
   1020 NEXT B :: PRINT #I: : :
   1030 NEXT M :: IF ICO THEN
   1050
   1040 PRINT " PRESS ANY
   KEY"::: GOSUB 750
   1050 RETURN
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TAX TIME..... BILL CHAVANNE author of TI TAX will be at the February meeting of the Pittsburgh Users Group. He will do a class on "BEGINNING MULTI-PLAN" from 4 to 5 PM, followed by a class on "ADVANCED TECNIQUES" from 5-6 PM as well as presenting a demo using his templates for doing your taxes during the regular meeting. All of available. Come! Learn! Enjoy!

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