



Cedar Valley 99'er User Group News

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** SECRETARY'S REPORT **

The last regularly scheduled meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 12th at the Junior Achievement Building. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Bruce Graves read the treasurer's report and commented on the purchase of an expansion box and accessory equipment for the club. There was a discussion of the need for a club printer. At the present, the club is dependent on various sources for the printing of mailing lists, newsletters and the like. We would like to become self sufficient in the regard. Therefore, a motion was made and passed to allow the purchase of a printer.

A technical committee was formed, consisting of Gary Bishop (Chairman), Dave Beckwith and Jim Trainor. This committee will help with any technical problems that need to be solved and perhaps provide some repair capability or information. The committee members can be contacted by the following addresses/telephone numbers:

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There was a discussion by Chuck Moats on some problems associated with the connector contacts in the command module slot. He has further details if required. Chuck also passed out information on various correspondence he had received from other clubs.

A demonstration of a sprite editor was shown during the program portion of the meeting. Also, Pete Bradbury gave a demonstration of his budget program, which he is intending to market.

There was the usual question and answer session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

Bryan Hawkins

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**** THE TREASURY ****

	THRU OCT 83	NOV 83	TOTAL
INCOME			
Memberships	\$710.00	\$512.00	\$1222.00
Sales of software listings	\$217.80	\$114.40	\$335.20
Sales of cassette tapes	\$277.95	\$33.60	\$310.95
Dividend	0	\$2.45	\$2.45
TOTAL	\$1205.75	\$661.85	\$1867.60

DISPERSALS

Receipt book	\$3.00	0	\$3.00
Meeting rent	\$79.00	\$4.00	\$83.00
Postage	\$77.00	\$20.00	\$97.00
Checks charge	\$5.92	0	\$5.92
C-20 tape purchase (300)	\$336.90	\$82.00	\$418.90
Software purchase	\$28.50	0	\$28.50
Cassette recorder(qty 2)	\$109.19	0	\$109.19
Expanded system	0	\$415.98	\$415.98
Advertizing (Gazette)	\$30.60	\$24.00	\$54.60
TOTAL	\$670.11	\$545.98	\$1216.09

ASSETS

Savings account	\$5.00	0	\$5.00
Cash balance	\$16.35	\$13.15	\$29.50
Checking account balance	\$519.29	\$97.72	\$617.01
TOTAL	\$540.64	\$110.87	\$651.51

Bruce Graves

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**** GRAPHIC CODE GENERATOR ORDER ****

Pertaining to the Graphic Code Generator program demonstrated by Chuck Moats, only six members signed up to place an order. We would like to have sixteen names in order to receive a price break. If you are interested in ordering this program, contact Chuck Moats prior to or during the January meeting.

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**** JANUARY MEETING REMINDER ****

Don't forget, our next meeting is Thursday, January 12, 1984 at the Junior Achievement Bldg., 330 Collins Road N.E.

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**** NEW GAME CARTRIDGES AVAILABLE ****

Atari is now providing a new line of software called Atarisoft which adapts to the TI-99/4A. An arcade game, such as Donkey Kong, is now available in local stores. Other games to follow are: Defender, Pac Man, etc. Atari will keep you updated on the newest arcade games if you send your name, address, telephone, and what type of computer you own to: ATARI, INC., P.O. Box 2943, So. San Francisco, Ca. 94080

The Funware company has decided to terminate their production of software for the TI-99/4A. Because of this, a discount price is being offered to user groups. If you are interested in purchasing games such as Rabbit Trail (19.95), Henhouse (19.95), Driving Demon (22.95), Ambulance (17.95), St. Nick (29.95), Schnoz-Ola (29.95), or Shanghai (29.95), contact Chuck Moats at the January meeting.

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**** THANK YOU, PETER! ****

I'd like to thank Peter Bradbury for a very interesting and informative presentation of his Home Budget program at our December meeting. I think I can say for the entire membership that we wish him all the luck in the world and hope he has all kind of orders for it.

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**** SCHEDULED PROGRAM ****

Our January program will be a presentation by Bruce Graves on ADVENTURE games. That is to say, if it isn't re-scheduled again for another time!!!

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**** ANY IDEAS? ****

At our last meeting I commented on the fact that we need input on what you as members would like to see during our meetings. The input I would like to see from you is:

1. Program topics
2. Addition or deletion to the over-all meeting structure
3. Any idea of any kind

No idea will go un-noticed! We, meaning the Executive Committee, try to come up with ideas for every meeting. We have tried to structure the meeting so that it flows freely and takes us somewhere. However, sometimes things don't always go the way we plan. So, if you can suggest, demand, blackmail, etc. any ideas we would really appreciate it. You can contact any one of us by phone or at the meetings.

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**** BASIC CLASS REMINDER ****

Just a reminder to those of you who are planning on taking the basic class being provided by the club, that the class will begin on January 4, 1984 at the REC building in Marion.

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**** CLUB SOFTWARE ****

Our programs are now available on both disk and tape, since we have a club disk drive. Maybe in a month or so they will also all be available on paper (using the club printer).

We have many new programs, so if your software listing isn't December's version, you are out of date. Come to the next meeting and get a new one!

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**** NEWS AND VIEWS ****

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*** NEW SUPPORT ***

Rumor has it that a company called TOYS R US or GE may be interested in obtaining the necessary rights from TI to manufacture the 99/4A consoles, peripherals, and maybe even the software. Hmmmm, very interesting. Now we'll have to wait and see!

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*** NEW EXPANSION BOX FOR THE TI ***

It has come to our attention that a California company called Core Comp Inc. is in process of manufacturing a new peripheral expansion box for the 99/4A. The box is to include a 32k memory expansion card, an RS-232 card, and a double sided double density disk controller card. The cards will be selling (suggested prices) for 119.95, 79.95 and 119.95 respectively. The peripheral expansion box, with the above mentioned cards plus disk drive connection and power supply, may sell for approximately 249.00.

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*** NEW 65K COMPUTER ***

Also, if anyone out there remembers rumors from not long ago, TI was attempting to come out with a new 99/8 prior to the breakup. Well, we also understand that Core Comp Inc. may come out with a replacement with much more to offer. Such as, an RS-232, disk manager, 10 octaves of sound capable of generating 3 to 5 voices, extended basic, speech capabilities, 65k of RAM that can be expanded up to 512k, and possibly up to four different types of keyboards. The computer will provide two cartridge ports and may use the 6502 or ZX-80 processor's. What's the name of it you ask? The PHOENIX!, and should become available during March, 1984. The following retailers may have this new neat machine by then:

Computech Distributing
209 East Walnut
Springfield, MO 65806

Tex Comp
P.O. Box 33084
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Unisource
P.O. Box 64240
Lubbock, TX 79464

1940 REM * 99'er MAGAZINE NOTICE *

Those of you who subscribe to the 99'er magazine are probably wondering why you have not yet received the December issue. As we hear it, they scrubbed the December issue when TI came out with the bad news. The current schedule is that you will be getting a combined issue in January. The magazine may include articles for the Atari, Commador, and whatever.

2020 REM * TI SOFTWARE PRICES GOING UP *

We also hear that TI has instructed the retailers to up the prices of the software from where they have been lately. (Question is: "Where is the software?") Maybe TI is planning on staying in the software business!

2080 REM * SPRITE PROGRAM *

From the Rocky Mountain newsletter TIC TALK comes a neat little program you can use to confuse and frustrate any friends who own Atari, VIC-20, or TRS-80 units. Just type in the following program in the Command Mode with EXTENDED BASIC:

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CALL CLEAR :: CALL SCREEN(5) :: CALL MAGNIFY(2) :: FOR I=1 TO 28 ::  
CALL SPRITE(#I,64+I,16,80,80,3*I,8) :: NEXT I :: FOR J=1 TO 5000 ::  
NEXT J
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Hit ENTER and watch all 28 sprites do their tricks. It you want to see them again, press FCTN REDO and then ENTER. You can insert, delete, or whatever, to try different speeds, colors, characters, or even add a line number to make it a simple one-line program.

2240 REM * CAUTION *

Tis the season to be C-O-L-D and have the furnace on again. Just a reminder to you 30,000-volt humans ----- try and keep the static electricity down to a minimum around your computer. How, you may ask? Well for starters, get out the ol' trusty humidifier! I did see some anti-static mats at Target recently. However, I just couldn't see myself going to the local bank for a small loan in order to buy it. If my total recall is operable, I believe the price for the thing was around \$55 to \$60. Another idea just handed me is that you can also spray your carpet (sparingly) with an anti-static spray or fabric softener. However, you should use some caution so that you don't spot your carpet.

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