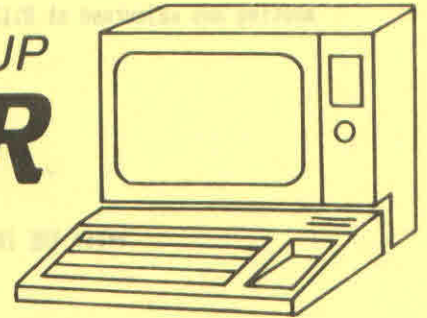


CEDAR VALLEY 99'ER USER GROUP

NEWSLETTER



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**** MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING ****

The October meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Treasurer Ed Hayek. There were 48 members present for the meeting. Minutes from the September meeting were approved as printed in the September newsletter. The treasurer's report was also approved as printed in the newsletter.

General topics of discussion included an inquiry of how many people were present because of the ads advertising the clubs meeting. It was found that only one person had responded. Ed Hayek informed the club that Home Computer magazine was increasing their prices to \$3.50. Our club price is at \$2.50 and there were 6 copies still available.

Discussion of old business concerned establishing a book library where members could borrow books and literature from each other. Jim Trainor suggested

that the club distribute a list containing the names of members and the material they would be willing to loan out. A vote was taken to have Jim Trainor keep track of the material and to have the club distribute the listing. The motion was approved and seconded.

Additionally, Dave Rynhart proposed that members be allowed to sign out any table literature over 30-days old. A vote was taken and approved to allow an honor sign out and allow members to take this literature home for one month.

The last item of old business concerned interest in members taking an Extended Basic class. A count of hands indicated that 11 members were interested in taking the course. The cost to take this class has not yet been determined and will be dependent on the number of participants.

Discussion of new business centered around next month's renewal of membership. It was announced that a questionnaire will accompany the newsletter. This questionnaire will help provide your officers with information about the kind of equipment and level of knowledge that our members have. This will hopefully provide insight as to what kind of programs to provide in the forthcoming year. In order to encourage a large turnout, the door prize to be given away will be a cartridge expander which retails at \$39.95. Advertisements for next month's meeting will be for members and non-members.

Chuck Moats provided some club trivia. Our total membership stands at 152 members, 82 of whom live in Cedar Rapids, 25 in Marion, 6 in Hiawatha, and the balance in surrounding areas. (Note: 3 members live outside of the state: 1 in Florida, 1 in Kansas, and 1 in Illinois. Ed.)

We were given an excellent demonstration on the speech synthesizer by Dave Dalton. The demonstration was well presented and gave all of the

members an idea of what the TI computer could do with speech.

The door prize was won by John Johnson. The prize given away was a Cosmic Math command module. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Dean Helander
Secretary

**** THE TREASURY ****

INCOME	THRU		TOTAL
	AUG 1984	SEPT 1984	
Memberships	\$1687.00	\$ 0	\$1687.00
Sales of software	697.95	1.00	698.95
Sales of cassettes	564.95	26.00	590.95
Programming classes	195.00	0	195.00
Dividend	10.07	2.17	12.24
Group S/W purchases	953.25	109.00	1062.25
TOTAL	\$4108.22	\$138.17	\$4246.39

DISPERSALS

Receipt book	\$ 6.00	\$ 0	\$ 6.00
Meeting rent	165.00	14.00	179.00
Postage	326.68	20.00	346.68
Bank/Check charges	10.92	1.00	11.92
Cassettes purchase	661.94	0	661.94
Software purchase	64.00	10.35	74.35
Subscriptions	34.50	0	34.50
Class teacher salary	370.00	0	370.00
Class tuition refund	5.00	0	5.00
Address labels	24.18	0	24.18
Recorder purchase	109.19	0	109.19
System purchase	953.16	0	953.16
Advertising	71.80	0	71.80
Group s/w buy	979.75	103.70	1083.45
TOTAL	\$3782.12	\$ 149.05	\$3931.17

ASSETS

Savings account	\$ 153.37	\$ 2.17	\$ 155.54
Cash on hand	24.00	3.00	27.00
Checking account	148.73	(16.05)	132.68
TOTAL	\$ 326.10	(\$ 10.88)	\$ 315.22
PROOF	\$ 326.10	(\$ 10.88)	\$ 315.22
	\$ 326.10		\$ 315.22

Ed Hayek
Treasurer

**** NEXT MEETING REMINDER ****

The November 12th meeting is an important one to you and to the entire Cedar Valley 99'er User's Group. Every member is asked to renew his or her membership for 1985. The form near the end of this newsletter should be used for renewal. During the November meeting we will have our first ANNUAL SWAP MEET, giving each member the opportunity to borrow or buy the software or hardware that may no longer be useful to the owner. Terms are between swappers. So come to the JA Building, 330 Collins Road, at 7:00 p.m., November 12th, renew your membership, and spend time making bargains with your fellow group members!!! This month's door prize is a \$35.00 value!

**** A PROGRAM CORRECTION ****

There was an error in the short program I inputted last month for revving up an engine. Line 20 should read: 20 CALL SOUND(-99,111,30,111,30,F,30,-8,0)

Editor

**** ADVENTURE GAME HELP ****

For anyone who has any Scott Adams Adventures---I have the hints book for them. If you want help, call me between 4-9 p.m. weekdays and 9-9 weekends at 366-4541.

John Johnson

**** DONATIONS WANTED ****

One of our members, Charles Porter to be exact, is an instructor at the Men's Reformatory in Anamosa. He has come up with a very special request for other members in our club. He is requesting donations of educational programs (math preferred) and/or hardware for the reformatory. If anyone is interested in contributing to what I think is a very worthy cause, contact Charles at 462-3504 ext. 353, or at the November meeting.

Editor

**** PROGRAMMING HINTS ****

In the August newsletter I wrote on how to disable the "QUIT" function on the TI. Of course, there is a way you can enable it again. All you need to do is change the last digit in the CALL LOAD statement to a "0" instead of "16". The new statement should look like this: CALL INIT :: CALL LOAD(-31806,0)

I forgot to mention that you should have memory expansion in order to do this. Here are some more CALL LOADS that may be helpful. (Use with memory expansion only!)

HINT: Always use the CALL INIT statement prior to the CALL LOAD statement that you wish to use!!

CALL PEEK(2,A,B) :: CALL LOAD(-31804,A,B)
(This brings up the title screen)

CALL LOAD(-31962,255)
(This is the power-up execution program in which the computer looks for a program called LOAD)

CALL LOAD(-31878,X)
(Moves sprites faster. X= number of moving sprites)

CALL LOAD(-31878,0)
(Makes program run faster. No sprites!)

CALL LOAD(31748,X)
(Changes speed of cursor flash and also shuts off the sound processor. X= speed of cursor. 0= not flashing (use only in programs). 1= normal, 255= fastest)

CALL LOAD(32700,0)
(Stops program without ready prompt)

Michael Bonifazi

Here are some more helpful hints that may help you beginners:

1. If errors are detected in a program you have typed, check for interchanged "0" (zero) and "O" (the letter O).
2. If you have your TV and cassette recorder mounted on a metal table, and you are having trouble with inputting data (outputting, too), try raising the cassette recorder off the table about 4". Use a book or special stand.
3. To present a scene all at once, rather than the viewer having to watch it being made, use a CALL SCREEN (2) to black out everything until the graphics are ready.
4. When using Extended Basic, and you want to get movement slower than the CALL MOTION (1) will allow, try using CALL LOCATE statements and a loop. For example:

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100 CALL CLEAR :: FOR X=10 TO 190 :: FOR  
I=1 TO 100 :: NEXT I :: CALL SPRITE(#1,  
65,2,X,X) :: NEXT X
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The "FOR I=1 TO 100" statement determines how fast the sprite will move. Sprite's use dot row and column and move in smaller increments than CALL HCHAR.

John Johnson

**** ASSEMBLY BOOKS ARRIVED ****

Our group order for "Introduction to Assembly Language for the TI Home Computer" has arrived from Steve Davis Publishers. The following members are reminded to bring \$8.50 (half price) to the Nov. 12th meeting to pick up their copy:

Peter Bradbury	Paul Mortenson
Jerry Canady	Mike McClellan
Ed Hayek	Bob Walstrom
Dean Helander	Howard Dubishar

The club has one more copy available for purchase.

**** LOCAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR TI ****

For you fortunate modem owners benefit, the local Apple bulletin board at 319-366-5615 now has a section dedicated to TI owners. The word is out--but not spread too far yet.

The first time you get on, answer the questions about which boards you wish to see--and when you sign off, leave a comment to Sysop James Nanneman that you wish further authorization to the TI board. It doesn't come up automatically the first time you get on! In a day or two, try again and you will see a different board menu--including the TI one if you were authorized.

Right now only Dave Dalton has been active (the last time I was on) and the feeling is that if it doesn't get more participation the TI section might get dropped. Space is being reserved for activity which limits other sections, so----"USE IT OR LOSE IT!"

Bruce Graves

***** SURVEY TIME *****

It's again time to evaluate the computing power of our membership, and we ask that each of you take time and answer the questions below. Your answers for the following questionnaire should be marked on the enclosed membership renewal form and returned to the club officers at the next meeting. For those of you who will not be able to attend the meeting, we suggest you fill out the questionnaire and mail it, with your membership dues, to either Jim Green or Ed Hayek. Each input is IMPORTANT! Thanks for your help!!

1. I own the following hardware:

a. Speech Synthesizer	f. Modem
b. Peripheral Expansion Box	g. Disk Controller
c. Expanded Memory	h. Disk Drive
d. RS-232 Interface	i. 99/4A Console
e. Printer	

2. I own the following utility software:

a. Extended Basic	e. Multiplan
b. Terminal Emulator II	f. Logo
c. Mini-Memory	g. Editor
d. TI Writer	Assembler
	h. None

3. Most of my computer time is used for (one only):

a. Education	d. Data Storage/ Handling
b. Games	e. Word Processing
c. Programming	f. Other (Specify)

4. The second most common use of my computer is (one only):

a. Education	c. Data Storage/ Handling
b. Games	d. Word Processing
c. Programming	e. Other (Specify)

5. List the computer magazines you subscribe to/ read regularly:

a.	d.
b.	e.
c.	f.

6. I do/can do my own program writing:
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not interested in programming

7. I would be interested in attending an 8-12 week programming course:
 - a. Yes, Basic
 - b. Yes, Extended Basic
 - c. No

8. I would be glad to help with the following committees:

a. Library	d. Program
b. Newsletter	e. Education
c. Technical	f. Not Interested

9. My PRIMARY reason for attending the monthly meeting is:
 - a. To learn about available software.
 - b. To learn about available hardware.
 - c. To learn about additional uses for my computer.
 - d. To learn how to get started with my computer.
 - e. To Socialize.

10. My second most important reason for coming to the group meeting is:
 - a. To learn about available software.
 - b. To learn about available hardware.
 - c. To learn about additional uses for my computer.
 - d. To learn how to get started with my computer.
 - e. To socialize.

11. List the computer books you own and would be willing to lend to another member:

a.	e.
b.	f.
c.	g.
d.	h.

12. My intentions toward the 99/4A are best summarized by:
 - a. I will spend money to upgrade my system.
 - b. I will spend money to acquire a different home computer.
 - c. I will use my system as it is.
 - d. I probably won't use my home computer much.

13. If I could plan a monthly meeting, I would schedule a program about _____

***** MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM *****

Bring the completed membership renewal form (attached at the end of this newsletter) to the November 12th meeting, or mail it to Jim Green or Ed Hayek by November 30. Old memberships will expire December 1, 1984.

***** INFORMATION FROM THE SOURCE *****

1) TI Computer Faire

The Chicago Users' Group is sponsoring a TI 99/4A oriented computer faire November 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the College Center Building of Triton College in River Grove, Ill. The college is just west of Chicago, about 3 miles north of I-290 from the 1st Avenue exit. At last report, at least 16 vendors will be there along with featured speaker Don Bynum, former head of TI's Home Computer Division. There will be hourly presentations on software packages such as TI-Writer, Multiplan, and Forth. Software door prizes will be awarded, a Zenith color monitor will be auctioned, and an Arcade game contest for cash prizes will be held. Best of all, admission is free to holders of membership cards in recognized Users' Groups such as ours, \$2.00 to others. Last year's attendance was over 1,000!! Anyone interested in going may contact me at 337-9817 evenings; 351-0250 afternoons (work number); or write me. I may stay overnight in order to spend the evening catching some blues or jazz at the area clubs.

Jim Hess
2013 10th St Court
Coralville, IA 52241

2) Dual Cassette Cables

Dual cassette cables are available for \$3.88, or 5 for \$13.00, from Electronic Supermarket, P.O. Box 988, Lynnfield, MA. 01940. Phone: 617-532-2323.

Jim Hess

3) Peripherals

The CorComp DSDD disk controller is available for only \$160 and TEAC DSDD 1/2 height drives for \$145; mounting plate and cables to put 2 in a PEB for \$20! Also, educational and game modules for about \$10 each, complete PEB system for \$450. Contact Tom Choporis, 727 Stichman Ave., La Puente, CA 91746, phone: 818-960-8921, or TI7098 on the Source.

Jim Hess

4) TI Systems for sale

Several used systems are listed for sale, along with software, at reasonable prices. PEB box with drive and 32K---\$360. Black console---\$50. Speech synthesizer---\$60, etc. If you have access to the Source, check "POST READ TI"; otherwise contact me with your wants and I'll see if I can find it for you.

Jim Hess

5) The SOURCE

Texnet is pretty bad, except for the software exchange run by the International Users' Group. I don't think its been updated for over a year. However, "Post Read TI" at the source command level will get you to a board which includes ads, notices, questions and answers, and general chatting with about 10 new notices a day! There is also a TI conference in the Source "PartI" conference.

Jim Hess

***** WELCOME NEWCOMERS *****

We would like to welcome the following new member to our club:

Susan Breiner
South English, Ia.

***** HOME COMPUTER MAGAZINE STILL AVAILABLE *****

Ed Hayek would like to sell the last three remaining issues of Home Computer Magazine that the club has left over. Anyone interested should contact Ed at the November meeting.

***** BUY/SELL *****

For Sale: Two brand new TM-100-1 Tandon disk drives, single-sided, single density (does not include power supplies or controller cards)----\$100.00 each.

Dual disk drive case---\$25.00

Contact Bruce Steele at 377-8732 after 5:00 p.m.

For Sale: Adventure game cartridge with Pirate
adventure cassette-----\$20.00.

Call Bruce Winter at 362-6196 (he will
also bring it to the November swap meet.)

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