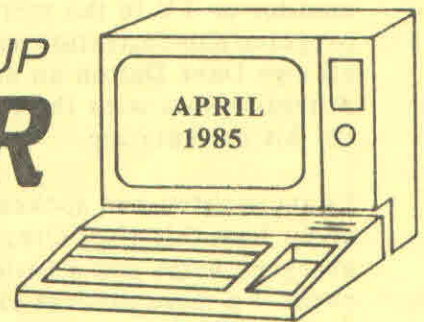


CEDAR VALLEY 99'ER USER GROUP

NEWSLETTER



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NEXT MEETING REMINDER

The May meeting will be Monday, May 13. The Extended Basic class will be there to demonstrate to the group some of the things they have been learning about extended basic programming. Jonathan Green will give a demonstration on the flexibility of a dot matrix printer and how it can increase the utility of your TI99/4A. See you there!!!!!!!

MINUTES FROM APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Jim Green. 29 members and several prospective members were present and it was noted that many members were at the Extended Basic class offered by the club. The minutes and Treasurer's report from the March meeting were read and approved as printed in the March newsletter.

A motion was made and approved to delete publication of the Treasurer's report from the monthly newsletter. Instead, the report will be read at each meeting, and a quarterly report will be available at the meetings for member review.

It was mentioned that meetings will continue during the summer months even though there is a slight increase in room rental. Last summer saw approximately 30 people at each meeting.

It was suggested that some point about programming is printed in the newsletter and then discussed at the next meeting. (Note from editor: sounds like a good idea, but members must submit the points for discussion to the editor)

Several sources of software and hardware were mentioned at the meeting:

1. Unisource catalog @ 1-800-858-4580
2. Tenex catalog @ 1-800-348-2778
3. 2/3 high disk drives \$45 ea or 2/\$85 - contact

Jim Green

4. TI National Assistance Group in Ft. Lauderdale

contact Bruce Winter

A new BBS is available in Mt. Vernon @ 319-895-8083

Dave Dalton then gave a complete and very interesting talk on graphics generation software.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:33pm.

****COMMENTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT****

We had a small problem at the April meeting that, frankly, I thought would have happened much earlier. No one volunteered to bring a monitor or TV to the meeting, and our program/demonstration suffered accordingly. We all owe Dave Dalton an apology for not providing him with the tools he should have had for his presentation.

I have written and spoken to you many times about how this User Group will function only if everyone helps just a little. Last month's event is a more evident example that what I say is true. We are not the only group with these problems; many of the newsletters we exchange have pleas in them for more member involvement. I choose to think that our group can be just a little bit better than the others, because we have members that really want to learn, and we are adding new members each month. To those of you who have brought equipment to be used for meetings, I thank you! To the majority of you who have until now sat back and let others do the work, I say that it's time for you to change. We need you, we need your ideas, and we need your help.

Dave Dalton is our new program chairman, and he needs equipment for the May meeting. Isn't it your turn to call him?

Jim Green

****MEETING DATES****

May 13 June 10 July 15 Aug 12

****NEW MEMBERS****

We would like to welcome the following new members to our group:

Ronda Hopkins - Larry Guhl - David Askelson - Warren Lacy

****HOME COMPUTER MAGAZINE****

We still have several copies of the latest Home Computer Magazine available @ \$2.50. Contact Ed Hayek if you want a copy.

****SPEND YOUR MONEY WHERE IT COUNTS****

Unisource Electronics, one of our reliable mail order sources, has initiated a user group program that the CVUG should take advantage of. Unisource will credit our club's account for four percent of the value of any orders placed through a designated User Group coordinator. This credit may then be used to buy software or hardware for the group. If you intend to make purchases from Unisource for your computer system, simply call our coordinator, who will combine individual orders under the club's name. We then get 4% of your purchase in our account! I can recommend Unisource; their prices are good, and they always deliver promptly.

In order to set up our account, we need to designate a coordinator, and we need to send names & addresses of our members. Call me if you want to coordinate this activity. If you don't want Unisource to get your name & address, let one of the officers know soon. We will protect your right of privacy.

Jim Green

****USE IT OR LOSE IT DEPT****

Due to lack of usage, the club's large collection of newsletters and product mailings will no longer be available for check-out at the J.A. building. We will, however, try to have all mail available on the rear table each meeting.

****PROGRAMMING TIPS****

The following program will dump a screen full of text to a printer. It takes about 60 seconds for a full screen dump!

```
100 *
110 FOR R=1 TO 24
120 FOR C=1 TO 32
130 CALL GCHAR(R,C,D)
140 PRINT #1:CHR$(D);
150 NEXT C
160 PRINT #1:CHR$(13)
170 NEXT R
180 CLOSE #1
```

* Line 100 should be your printer configuration to open the RS232 channel.

Dave Dalton

****NEW LOWER PRICES FOR SOME TI PRODUCTS****

Triton's new catalog has the TI Expansion system for \$299.95 - Extended Basic for \$49.95 - TI-Writer for \$49.95 - Auto Spell Check for TI-Writer for \$39.95. Tex-Comp is still offering a second stand-alone disk drive for \$129.95.

Free Software: A tax template for Multiplan is available from Mike Conway, 911 Dover Dr., South Bend, Indiana 46614. John Taylor of 2170 Estaline Dr., Florence, Al 35630 has a Sprite builder program which takes two disks. It includes 115 predefined sprite patterns. Micropendium is offering an Extended Basic loader for TI-Forth. This eliminates the need to have Ed/Ass. to use TI-Forth. Send to Freeware c/o Micropendium, P.O. Box 1343, Round Rock, TX 78680. For all of the above, send initialized disks and a return mailer with postage. Ed Hayek

****BUY AND SELL****

For Sale:

1. Chisholm Trail
 2. Alpiner
 3. Tombstone City
 4. Equations
- \$4 each - Dave Reinhart @ 377-0661

For Sale:

1. TI Logo II Disk - Cartridge & Manual (Note: disk system not necessary 32K required) Best offer or trade for equal value - Joe or Mike Bonifazi @ 1-462-3445 or @ 712 S. Garnavillo, Anamosa, IA 52205 or see at May meeting.

For Sale:

1. Volksmodem for RS232 with cable and power adapter - \$65 or best offer
2. Super Demon Attack - Cartridge and manual - \$6
3. Typewriter Word Processor - For X-Basic Only! On cassette. \$15 or best offer. Contact Dave Dalton at the next meeting or call him at 377-1715.

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 Tryon's new white for TI products
 system for 2500 - 2500 standard drive for \$49.95
 - TI-Printer for \$49.95 - 2500 standard drive for
 TI-Printer for \$59.95 - TI-Printer & drive for
 offering a second standard drive for
 \$129.95

Free Software: A free computer for Multiplex is
 available from Mike Conroy, Bill Derry, Dr.
 Scott Brad, Richard - Mike, John Tyson of
 1100 Estelle Ln, Florence, IA 52002
 Scott's number program which runs on his
 it includes his graduated speed printer
 Micrographer is offering an Extended Basic
 loader for TI-Printer. This eliminates the need
 to have EDVAC to use TI-Printer. Send to
 Edwards the Micrographer, P.O. Box 134, Board
 View, IA 52002. For all of the above, send
 \$10.00. Bill Derry
 2811 1st St
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For Sale:
 1. Commodore 128
 2. Apple II
 3. Commodore 64
 4. Spectrum
 5. Atari 400
 6. Atari 800
 7. Atari 1300
 8. Atari 1300X
 9. Atari 1300XE
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