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# WEST MUSIC, COLLINS ROAD SQUARE

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## FEBRUARY MINUTES

Our February 9th meeting at West Music, started at 7 PM with a total of 6 members in attendance.  It was not a good evening for our out of town members to make it because of thick fog.  Bruce Winter had the treasurer's report and it shows that we are looking good for our finances.  We were missing the minutes from last months' meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: We had a discussion on whether or not to set up a table at the up coming Eastern Iowa Computer Fair, as we have in the past.  We voted not to do so this year, due to lack of interest, and the availability of people to staff the table all day.

NEW BUSINESS: The lost programs from the Chicago Newsletter on Chem and Physics were not familiar to any of our members. Bob Wahlstrom received a newsletter from the newly formed Midi Master User Group "The Enterprise", volume 1 Number 1.  Gary Bishop received a disk from Jim Peterson, listing his programs that are available and also includes some of Jim's articles.  Gary is going to make copies of this disk to be available at the next meeting for anyone that wants a copy.  Just bring along blank disks and make him a swap. Gary also mentioned that he has a bag of known bad disk drives that he is willing to make a deal with someone for.

Might be good for some spare parts.  John brought in a copy of TI Writer 5.1, that he recently received from Rag Software.

PROGRAM: John showed us a program he downloaded from TEXAMET BBS called Video Bowling.  Our program also included trying to get a disk of Rays to work that he was having trouble with.  I think the disk won out, as we never did get it to run.  Fill in Secretary, Bob Wahlstrom

## The Prez's Blurb

Trivia..When is the 10th anniversary of our club? When is the 10th anniversary of the orphanization of the TI-99/4A? You look at a disk with a sector editor. About all you see is E5's. What is wrong?

CUG Faire..The date for the next one has already been set. See the blurb on their newsletter for the exact date. Also it will be in the same place. Some of the people there bought complete TI systems. While we're on the subject of hardware, if you have or know of an E/A module that our Club could use please contact me or bring it to the next meeting. We have inherited a Widgit and only need that module to get the "poor mans ramdisk" working. That is a Widgit with an XB, E/A, and DM2 module. Also on the subject of the CUG, their BBS now has MIDI and Digital Sound sections.

Thanks..to Dave Askelson who took the minutes of the last two meetings.

Misc.Misc..Wanted: A 2400 baud modem, NOT. Best buy had new low prices on theirs. How about $69 new? This external modem comes with a FAX chip. How about a FAX program for the TI? Shareware authors take note. As I noted at the last meeting. When one of my used disk drives went bad last week I replaced it and noticed something. All the good drives I have, have 48 TPI DSR written on the inside of the front door latch. These drives say IBM on them but Gary Bishop says the ones made by Tandon are the best. Look on the bottom. I think I may have found a new job for when I retire. My son has a few games for his PC. (:)) One of them lists the people who worked on it at the end. Would you believe 12 people were listed as testers?

And Etc..I have two almost identical TI systems. I recommend this highly. If you have any troubles with hardware or software, having two systems can save hours. Both these systems use a 13" color TV as a monitor. The best TV gives a clear picture. The other set has big problems with pick up from the computer. Switching between the systems showed the problem to be completely due to the set itself. The upstairs system sits on a used metal desk from work. I hoped putting the poorer set on the metal desk would shield it from the interference. No luck until I accidentally touched the modulator case to the metal desk. Bingo! Clear as a bell. A six inch wire won't do. I just left the modulator sitting on the metal edge. I picked up an XB bowling game on the Texaments BBS. It has a few quirks I find interesting. Short demo at the next meeting.

Ans..Our Club 10th anniversary is in April. The orphan 10th birthday of the TI is in Oct. All E5's on disk probably means it is freshly initialized.

EOF..Jack Johns..CR                    2

Chicago Times, January 1993: A randomized dot front cover picture. It didn't work for me; Membership News..Smoke at meetings is problem, Renewal time, BBS getting better and better; The Library Corner..A review of 42 programs from their library, An article on lost TI software due to copyright problems; A review of the program "Tapemaster".

[I saw it! The dot pattern on the cover worked for me. -Editor]

K-town 99ers UG of Knoxville, TN, Feb 93: Potpourri by Bill Sheridan - A condensed version of "TURBO SPEECH" using CALL LOAD instead of CALL SAY to speed up the speech function. Chatterbox XXIII by Bob Buchler - using a Jim Peterson disk tp print a catalog of disk files. He also includes the recipe for "SENATE BEAN SOUP." Try it, you might like it. Stumblings by Joe Simmons - playing around with the BROWSE utility of TI-BASE>

LA 99ers TOPICS FEB 93: Funnelweb V5.0 Help screens, Print File options and EuroWriter for foreign languages. XB miscellany #17 on CONVERT file conversions. XB miscellany #18 on elementary XB programming and a users experience of a TI virus.

Received in my mail at home: a Texaments flier; they still carry a lot of neat stuff. I will bring the flier to our next meeting to pass around. -Gary Bishop

Rocky Mountain TIC TOC Dec 92/Jan 93 Newsletter: Articles for CC40 computer include: word processing, quick disk mass storage, printer 80 hex bux, and RS232/TI Writer computer to computer file transfer.
General TI articles include: Installing a faster crystal in your TI, using 3-1/2 inch disk drive, buying new floppy drives, basic program storage, booting Funnelweb from DSKU, a program that identifies keyboard ASCII numbers.

BRING DISKS TO THE NEXT MEETING!

I have un-archived the disk Jim Peterson sent us. I will have copies at the next meeting. Bring two disks if you want the double-sided versions; bring 4 disks if you only have a single-sided system. Jim has a lot of good stuff on here. Lets peruse the contents and send him an order, no matter how small! - Gary Bishop

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday

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