

CPUg NEWSLETTER



=====
Volume 9 Number 5 99er May, 1990
=====

Mini-Minutes

April 2, 1990

Dave opened the meeting at 7pm with 20 + members attending.

Barry read the Secretaries' Report and the minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Barry then updated the Group on the financial status of the Group. The largest expenditures have been for postage. This took into account the amount spent by the EXPO committee for mailings to vendors etc. As of this date, no vendor has replied. The costs for the Group will continue to rise due to expenses associated with the EXPO. The Group is still solvent.

It was announced that Tony DeDonatis was in the hospital. He is reported to be doing better, but recovery will take a while. Barry brought a banner that he had made and asked that all the members present sign it for Tony. Terry Longenecker will present the banner to Tony when he sees him in the next day or so.

Terry gave an abbreviated update on the EXPO. The committee is still trying to locate enough tables. The insurance company still has not filled in the blanks on our liability policy and it was decided that since another insurance carrier has expressed an interest, we would get their quote first before a commitment is made. We still need many more volunteers for the EXPO. If this is to be a success, WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Dave discussed the new RAVE 99 expansion chassis(box) for the TI and Geneve. He was greatly impressed with the demo model at TICOFF and will probably order one soon. The layout will give the TI or Geneve the appearance of a PC, with much desired enhancements over the old PE box.

Last on the order of business was the nomination committees' list of nominations for the up-coming election. Following is a list of nominees.

President:	Tony Dedonatis
Vice-President:	Dave Hultberg
Secretary/Treasurer:	Barry Long
Executive Board:	Dot and Henry Swartz
Newsletter Editor:	Rich Lindway
Education:	Marty Gutekunst
Software Librarian:	Gary Harmaon
Events:	Terry Longenecker
	Bill Robinson

All nominations were announced and the ballot was accepted. Barry will make up the ballots and see that every member receives theirs in plenty of time to vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 and the members gathered around the various consoles to observe and copy the library.

Till next Time,
Barry Long, Secretary, CPUg.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1990

Page 1

The Executive Washroom
by Dave Ratcliffe,
Da Prez (last time) of
C.P.U.G. Harrisburg, Pa.

Made it to May. Longer days, good weather, picnics, yard work, gardening and the traditional slack time for User Groups. Well, if past experience holds true, this Summer will see sparse attendance at our monthly meetings. Remember, we usher in a new President this month and whoever it may be will need YOUR help, summertime notwithstanding.

Remember the RAVE99 Peripheral Expansion Box I wrote about last month? Well, I recieved some flyers from John McDevitt regarding the unit and ordered it right away. Price was \$288 (included 5% SH) and I just received confirmation on my order on April 20. As soon as it comes in, I'll let you know. In response to my question of whether a cooling fan would be included, John answered: "... we are going to be putting in a fan in the first 10 systems we sell. After that time, we will perform a detailed study to determine if one is actually needed. Even though we don't believe it is required, we firmly believe it's better to be safe than sorry." THIS kind of thinking I appreciate. I don't know if I'll be getting one of those first 10 (depends on whose orders get there first I guess) but it will be interesting to see how well the cards run with a REAL power supply. Any of you who have seen my settup know that I run my system in a 'tower' configuration. That is, my P-Box is on it's end with the disk drives at the top. I intend to run my Rave box in the same manner. And with 2 3.5" hard drives, 1 3.5" and 2 5.25" floppy drives, a Geneve and an HFDC, it'll be a good test. Stay tuned for more.

The Data Factory BBS continues to chug along although local callers for the TI/Geneve areas are VERY limited. Remember folks, if it's in the UG Library, it's available on the BBS first! And all you need is a modem and Telco and you can get new software anytime, NOT just once a month at the meetings. We now have both lines running at 3/12/2400 bps and as of this writing, here are the stats for the TI area....

404 files available as of 4/21/90
Total of 11,017,342 bytes!

This is not even CLOSE to what I have in my own library and I'm adding what I can as time permits. We DO have an extensive supply of PagePro and TIPS artwork so if you're into art, here's the place. Call The Data Factory at:
<717>657-4997 or <717>657-4992
Open for business 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Yes, we have a Geneve area as well. At last check it contained:

79 files, Total of 2,001,863 bytes

If you're reading this from another User Group and have access to any of the data services like BitNet, Internet or uunet, my system mailing is:

dave@compnect.uucp -or- uunet!wa3wbu!compnect!dave

Feel free to drop me a line anytime.

That's all for this month. Next month, there'll be a new person with the Prez's message. If the Newsletter editor lets me, I'll keep writing stuff once in awhile. He tells me he NEEDS stuff from members for the NL so maybe I'll get lucky <grin>. Now all I need is a new name.....

>> Dave <<

Letter from the Editor or
In the dumper, again...
by Richard Lindway.

As you read this, the ballots for the election are probably being counted. Good luck to all concerned. Dave, in his article, stated he would like to continue to submit articles to the newsletter. Making a BIG assumption on my part that I will become the next editor, of course Dave and anyone else may submit an article. I do have one minor concern, however, Dave probably shouldn't use "Executive Washroom" as the title for his articles. Maybe it could be changed to "Dave's Outhouse" instead. ;-)

And speaking of Dave, he is doing an OUTSTANDING job with The Data Factory. Those of you who use TDF know what I'm talking about. But those of you who don't are missing out on something good. I realize some of our members live outside the area and it's a long distance call to TDF, but rates do fall on the weekend. And some of you may not realize that access to TDF is free, Dave will NOT send you a bill for the time you use the system. Later...Rich. Page 2



THE DATA FACTORY

P.O. BOX 6269 HARRISBURG, Pa. 17112-6269

UUCP ADDRESS: uunet!wa3wbulcompnect!postmaster

<717> 657-4997
3/12/24/9600 bps

-
8/N/1

<717> 657-4992
3/1200 bps

Serving the Harrisburg, Pa. area since 1978

Providing support for:

TI-99 <> APPLE <> GENEVE

IBM-PC/CLONES <> MACINTOSH

UNIX

The Data Factory provides public access to USENET, an internationally circulated message system. In 2 weeks during February, 1990, Usenet handled 71,763 messages totalling 156.98 MEGABYTES through 17941 sites for 1064 newsgroups for a rough average of 8.8 MEGABYTES of data per day!

=====
Sponsored, in part, by the Central Pa. 99/4A Users Group
=====

A FREE

WIZARD



SERVICE OF

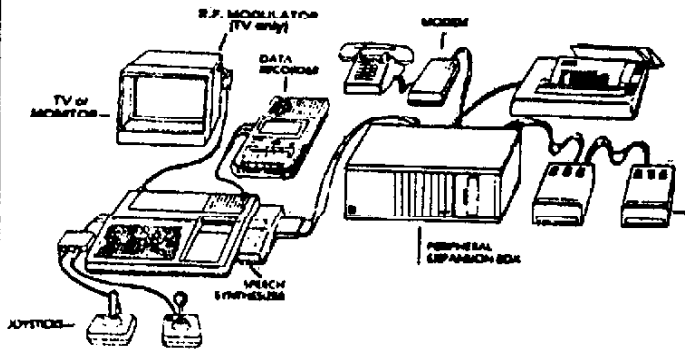
SYSTEMS

**RAVE 99 CO. PRODUCT
PRELIMINARY DATA**

**Professional Expansion Chassis
MODEL PE/2**

**It's time to get organized!!
You need to PE/2 it!!!**

Does your computer area look like this?
Yes, look right to see how it could be .



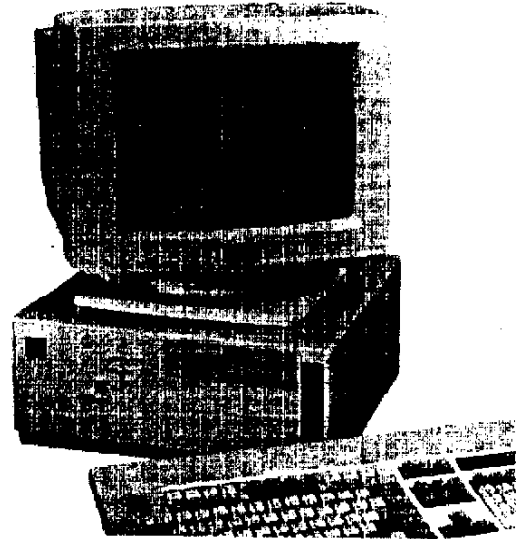
The development of the original TI-99/4A computer system was an evolutionary process with "NEED" causing new accessories to be developed and designed into the existing TI-99/4A computer as best possible.

The results gave us expansion modules connected to the side of the TI-99/4A as well as the "FIRE HOSE" and the P.E. Box. This type of system, due to its many connections, has inherent reliability problems as well as consuming large amounts of space on desks and tables.

It is for these reasons we developed our own Model PE/2 EXPANSION CHASSIS for the TI-99/4A.

As a result of the very favorable response to our new EXPANSION CHASSIS at the TI FAIRE in New Jersey, we have made the decision to build ten systems which shall be available in six to eight weeks. Any paid orders taken at this time shall be guaranteed not to be more than the estimated prices of \$275 for the GENEVE MODEL and \$325 for the TI-99/4A, even if the actual units cost more. Three of the ten units were purchased at the FAIRE in NJ. Call or write if you would like to reserve one!

Now, get organized with RAVE 99's NEW PROFESSIONAL EXPANSION CHASSIS for the TI-99/4A and GENEVE computers.



Our new EXPANSION CHASSIS has modern computer styling utilizing a space-saving design. The new chassis design allows the use of existing TI-99/4A or GENEVE computers, P.E. Box cards, and disk drives into a single enclosure.

A 200 Watt Power Supply provides more than enough power for the computer, P.E. Box cards, and FIVE Disk Drives.

Access to the cartridge port is available from the right side of the chassis.

The front panel has a Power Switch, KeyLock, Reset Switch, Turbo switch, "Power" LED, "Hard Disk" LED, and "Turbo" LED.

The Expansion Chassis has 8 expansion slots for TI type P.E. Box Cards.

This Product is required for those who wish to have both functionality and and neat appearance around their computer work area.

The estimated cost of this system is \$275.00 for use with the GENEVE and \$325.00 for the TI-99/4A.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE COSTS ARE ESTIMATES!!

ATTENTION ALL TI USER GROUPS AND CASSETTE USERS

The popular series, "Getting The Most From Your Cassette System," written by Mickey Schmitt for the TI cassette-based user, is now available directly from the author in an all-new format.

What is this all-new format?

This all-new format is a 52-page, professionally typeset, loose-leaf booklet (without the holes), containing all of the original articles which first appeared in the West Penn 99'ers newsletters (though all have since been updated, corrected, and improved). In addition, new material that surfaced since the release of the original series has been added, making this booklet as complete as possible for the TI cassette-based user.

Why the loose-leaf pages (without the holes)?

This particular format was chosen specifically so that user groups who purchase a copy of this booklet, directly from the author, could use their copy as a "master copy," making additional copies as needed for their own club's membership. Thus, a user group need only purchase one copy of the cassette booklet, the author will benefit by the sale to the user group, and the user group's members will all be able to benefit by their club's purchase.

What more can be said about this new cassette booklet?

This cassette booklet provides an excellent opportunity for all user groups to provide a source of help to those club members who are still using a cassette-based system, as well as providing a source of help to those who are just joining a user group. The future existence of all TI user groups is dependent upon meeting the needs of the membership. This booklet is intended to fulfill one of those such needs.

To order your copy directly from the author, please send \$9.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling in the USA, or \$9.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling outside the USA (in US Funds) to:

**Mickey Schmitt
196 Broadway Avenue
Lower Burrell, Pa 15068**

Please Note: This copying agreement is not offered to any commercial company, nor are user groups given permission to distribute copies of this booklet outside their own membership.

WE'LL LOOK FOR
YOU
AT THESE MEETINGS

Circle your Calendar with these meeting dates

JANUARY		JULY	to be announced
FEBRUARY	5	AUGUST	"" "" ""
MARCH	5	SEPTEMBER	"" "" ""
APRIL	2	OCTOBER	"" "" ""
MAY	7	NOVEMBER	"" "" ""
JUNE	4	DECEMBER	"" "" ""

All meetings begin at 7PM but the Group equipment will be up and ready for use at approximately 6PM.
All meetings are held at the CAMP HILL SHOPPING MALL COMMUNITY ROOM.

=====

CENTRAL PA 99/4A USERS GROUP
P.O. BOX 14126
HARRISBURG, PA 17104-0126



Dallas TI Home Computer Grp
P.O. Box 29863
Dallas TX 75229

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 4TH 1990 at 7pm

=====

This newsletter is published monthly by the Central Pa 99/4A Users Group. Material may be reproduced without permission provided the author and the source are acknowledged. The Central Pa. 99/4A User Group does not guarantee the accuracy of the enclosed articles and/or project modifications. The opinions expressed within are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the Users Group. If you desire more information about the Central Pa. 99/4a Users Group, contact:

Dave Ratcliffe
President
2832 Croyden Road
Harrisburg, Pa 17104
(717) 238-5414

Amos Meyers
Co-Vice President
383 No. 26th Street
Camp Hill, Pa 17011
(717)763-4189

David Hultberg
Co-Vice President
1407 Concord Road
Mech., Pa 17055
(717)766-0051

Barry Long
Secretary/Treasurer
2550 Brookwood Street
Harrisburg, Pa 17104
(717) 564-2975

Richard Lindway
Newsletter Editor
904 N. 21st Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17103
(717) 232-5697

Anthony De Donatis
Newsletter assistant
206 W. Granada Ave
Hershey, Pa. 17033

Data Factory 717-657-4992 or 717-657-4997 24hrs 7 Days-- SYSOP Dave Ratcliffe