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MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

AUGUST 3, 1992

After socializing upon arrival, Tony called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with 13 members and 2 guests present. Gary Harman introduced his guest, Bob Hensch of New Bloomfield, who might become a TI owner, and our Florida member (still in town this month), Jim Westcott, who introduced John T. Smith of Joppa, Md. We also welcomed Dave Buchanan and Rich Lindway who are not always able to attend the meetings.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter.

The treasury report was given by Rick and accepted as read.

John Maul announced he'd gotten back his HFDC from Myarc at long last, but hadn't checked it out yet. He promised to bring his VCR to the September meeting to show the M.U.N.C.H. tape on console maintenance, along with one or two of the tapes from the Lima Conference. The secretary will give a demo of TI Base also at that meeting.

Gary added 6 new disks to our library and remarked that he was impressed with TIWriter v 5.0

There was a general discussion about Hamfests and also the local Silver Springs flea market (Sundays on the Carlisle Pike) as a good bet to pick up parts for Tony's crippled printer.

By 8 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Our system was balking at copying disks, so the Exec Committee met hastily to approve buying a disk head cleaner. Rick offered to go buy one at a nearby store in the Mall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Swartz, Secretary

ACCELERATOR ANNOUNCEMENT
by Don O'Neil
Western Horizon Technologies

As of June 1992, the Accelerator, as it was known, is NO LONGER going to be available. Due to technical incompatibilities between the TMS99105 and the TI-99/4A, the accelerator will not function without MAJOR modification to the 4A console. The original concept for the accelerator was to have a user-installable CPU upgrade, but with the modifications needed to make the 99105 work in a 4A, it would no longer be installable by the average TI'er. The cost of the unit was also determined to be out of range of too many TI'ers, and thus the project has been canceled.

HOWEVER, WHT is devoted to you, the user, and promises an upgrade for your 99/4A system. We will develop an INEXPENSIVE alternative to your 4A, using the 9995 microprocessor (found in the Geneve) so you can enjoy 100% 4A compatibility with increased speed. We are currently researching such a project, but NO decisions have been made about how it will be configured. We will keep you updated on this project as progress is made.

As printed in the August issue of Bluegrass 99 Computer Society newsletter Bytemonger.

TI MPS TIPS

By Steve Zimmerman
Source was GENIE

One of the most useful features of Multiplan (and one that I miss on my Tandy 200 portable!) is WINDOWS! Windows are a BIG THING now--just read the magazine reviews and ads for programs such as Framework and Symphony. Windows enable you to see two parts of the screen, in different areas of the worksheet, at the same time. Sounds simple enough, but what good is it? Well, let's say that you have a worksheet with about 60n rows of labels in Column 1, and that you enter data for each day in a month in columns 2-32. Since basic column width shows only 4 columns, you can see the labels only while entering the first 3 days data. If you make the columns narrower, of course you can see more -- if the numbers aren't too long! If the numbers are too long, and you make the columns narrow you just see "#####", an error symbol which means that you have too many numbers to display in that column width. To enable you to enter later columns of data in the proper rows, you need to create a window.

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To do this, position your cursor (the cell pointer) in R1C2 (one column to the right of your labels, and hit the W key for Windows). On the next menu, you want to key S (for Split). On the next menu, key V for vertical, and Multiplan will respond with "at column 2", linked yes no, with the No highlighted. Use the tab (Ctrl 2) to move the command cursor 1 from the 2 in "at column " to the Linked field, key Y to link the windows, and then key Enter. With practice, this command sequence becomes W S V Tab Y Enter. You now have a window, linked vertically. As you move the cell pointer down in the active window (the one you just created), the labels move along. As you move the cell pointer to the right, columns will disappear on the left side of the second window, but the labels will remain in view. To 'uncreat' this window, key W (for Windows) c (for Close); Multiplan will respond with #2, key Enter and the window closes.

You can do the same thing with horizontal windows, if you have labels across the top and you want to see them as you move 1 up and down. One thing you cannot do, however, is to link windows which intersect in the same cells. R1C1 cannot be in 2 linked windows, one for R1 (horizontal) and one for C1 (vertical).

You can move the cell pointer between windows by using Ctrl 6 (change window), which makes a different window the active window. Ctrl 6 again will take you back to the original active window.

I hope that this 'raises the shades' for those of you with windowing questions! I don't know of any way to load the recalc routines when you start out in Multiplan. This will, of course, cause those with only one drive to have to swap disks, starting with the Multiplan disk, then your data disk, and then back to the Multiplan disk to load the recalc routines. The program will also have to access the system disk to set up Names to do Xternal copies to show you your disk directory, and to load the routines for logical operators. It appears that these are handled by some type of overlay, which is loaded from the system disk only when needed. I don't know for sure, but it is possible that one or more of these routines uses the same (or overlapping) addresses in memory. Oh yes, one more thing which requires access to the Multiplan system disk is the Help files. These can be quite handy, though! To get Help, just move your command line cursor to the command you need Help with, and key Fctn? To get Help with Help, move the command cursor to Help and hit Enter.

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One more handy hint on recalculation -- to recalculate a single cell, move your cell pointer to that cell, key E (for Edit). DON'T CHANGE ANYTHING, and hit Enter. This will cause the contents of THAT CELL ONLY to be recalculated. Of course, if you left recalc turned on ...

Other handy hints -- To Un-Name Names, enter the Name and delete the reference in the "to refer to" field -- this deletes the name by making it refer to nothing. To delete an Xternal reference or link, the same procedure is used. You enter X (for Xternal), C (Copy), from sheet (sheetname), Name (enter the name), to: (delete anything in this field), linked (yes), Enter. This redefines the Xternal copy link to refer nothing, and the value placed in the cell by the Xternal Copy command will disappear, and the cell will now be unlocked. To change the target of an Xternal copy, use the same procedure, but specify the new cell or cells in the "to" field. Since each cell or range on the supporting sheet can have only one target (on the dependent sheet). The old link will be replaced by the new.

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AT THESE MEETINGS

Circle your calendar with these meeting dates :

JANUARY	JULY
FEBRUARY	AUGUST
MARCH	SEPTEMBER
APRIL	OCTOBER 5
MAY	NOVEMBER 2
JUNE	DECEMBER 7 *--CHRISTMAS --*

All meetings begin at 7pm except Saturdays 12 noon at the CAMP HILL SHOPPING MALL COMMUNITY ROOM. The Group equipment will be UP and READY for use at approximately 1hr prior to meeting time.

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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 5th, 1992, at 7pm *--MONDAY--*