
DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP

Meetings: 7 pm, 3rd Friday each month, Northlake College, Room B-206, Irving, Texas
 Officers: Robert Bayne - President, Keith Althar - V.P., Richard Roberts - Secretary,
 Earl Bullock - Treasurer, Robert Hoffpauer - Editor

This is the newsletter of the DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP, a non-profit organization serving member/users of the TI 99/4A Home Computer. For more information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP, 1221 Mosswood, Irving, Texas 75061.

PRESIDENT'S REM: Robert Bayne

With the new year we also have a new group of officers for our club. As one of these new officers, I am sure that I speak for all of us when I ask for the patience and support of our membership as we assume the duties of our offices.

During the course of our January meeting I will be asking for volunteers to act as chairpersons for the following committees: program, recruitment, library, equipment, and education committees. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the activities of our club by chairing one of these committees. I personally place great emphasis upon expanding the activities of our program and education committees.

SECRETARY'S RECORD: Richard Roberts

Elections for 1984 officers were held during the December meeting. Doyle Kelly, standing in for the vacationing Rod Paulson, announced the selections made by the Nominating Committee, and opened the floor for further nominations. A motion was made, and approved, to add the name of Keith Althar for the position of Vice President. After further motions were closed, the voting took place, and Doyle announced the names of those nominees who were elected. The new officers are as follows:

- President - Robert Bayne
- Vice-President - Keith Althar
- Secretary - Richard Roberts
- Treasurer - Earl Bullock

Since each of these officers are new to their respective positions, I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that we not only need, but will actively solicit any suggestions or help that can be offered by club members in order to make continued operation of the club a great success.

After the election, the formal part of the meeting ended, and everyone broke up into various groups for discussions, and software previewing. As is quickly becoming habit, Jim O'Flaherty brought some newly released modules for us to preview. Also, some disk-based versions of certain new modules were brought by Doyle Kelly, and previewed. The quality of some of these games easily surpasses anything produced by TI to date.

The need for a Hospitality Chairman was brought up again, as Keith Althar indicated that he would like someone else to take over for him. He had previously volunteered for the position, "...through the end of the year." The established pattern of retiring to the Pizza Inn after the meetings will apparently continue until someone steps forward to offer help in this endeavor. This is an area which would not require a great deal of time or of effort, but can be crucial to helping create livelier, more enjoyable Friday evenings. Please contact Robert Bayne if you would like to help.

THE EDITOR: Robert Hoffpauer

Congratulations to the new officers, and best wishes for the new year ahead. It is my hope that with their leadership and the contributions of the membership we will each feel that we have found something worthwhile in every meeting and in every newsletter, and count 1984 as a good year both personally and for the club.

As you can see, the editor is still assembling; however, I have run on a bit of cheer. TI, with the lay-offs in Lubbock, has decided to try an experiment - they have brought one of their Lubbock employees to Dallas, assigning him to the Campbell Road Exchange Center, to aid consumers in resolving problems with their home computers and systems. His name is Ross Williams, and I have spoken with him about my problem. He reassures me that we can solve it. I am very glad that TI has taken this step, one they should have taken when they first captured a significant share of the market, and I am especially gratified that they have done so even, now, that they have ceased manufacturing the equipment.

And, finally, my best wishes to each of you in 1984.

SOFTSTUFF:

The following CALL LOAD address is a very usefull one for anyone doing their own programming. This information comes from the TI FORTH manual (Chapter 4, page 5), and was brought to our attention by Chuck Mansfield, and submitted by Richard Roberts. Be sure to CALL INTF before the CALL LOAD statement is used.

<u>Bit</u>	<u>Use</u>	
0	On disables all of the following	CALL LOAD(-31806,128) = BIT 0 ON
1	On disables sprite motion	CALL LOAD(-31806,64) = BIT 1 ON
2	On disables auto sound processing	CALL LOAD(-31806,32) = BIT 2 ON
3	On disables the QUIT (FCTN =) key	CALL LOAD(-31806,16) = BIT 3 ON
4-7	Not used	CALL LOAD(-31806,0) = ALL BITS OFF
		CALL LOAD(-31806,48) = BITS 2 & 3 ON
		CALL LOAD(-31806,80) = BITS 1 & 3 ON
		CALL LOAD(-31806,96) = BITS 1 & 2 ON

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 21 January, 1984

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