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# DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP DECEMBER, 1985

Meetings: 7:00pm, 3rd Friday each month at Northlake College, Room B-206, Irving, Texas

>>> NEXT MEETING: Friday, 20 December, 1985 <<<

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Secretary: Louis Guion (STARTEXT: 77536)      Treasurer: Earl Bullock      Editor: Robert Lee Hoffpauer

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Richard Roberts

This will have to be a short newsletter this month, so I will get right to the important stuff. The Nominating Committee met on Saturday, November 23, and put together the following slate of officers for next year.

President - Louis Guion  
Vice-Pres - Dan Johnson  
Secretary - David Martin  
Treasurer - Robert Hoffpauer

Each of the members nominated for these positions are fully capable, and willing to serve, and should help to insure that our group will continue to grow in 1986. Personally, I think 1986 is going to be an exciting year for all 99/4A owners, and these nominees will certainly do their part to make it exciting for us.

The application we have filed to become affiliated with the Dallas Computer Council was accepted, and discussed at their last meeting. The final vote will be on December 16, but in the meantime, we have been given approval to hold a December meeting at the Infoart.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 - 10:55 am, and from 1:00 - 1:55 pm. It will be more of an introductory meeting, rather than the usual monthly meeting. Assuming approval of the application, we would then be allowed to establish a regular slate of meetings, which could range from the monthly main meeting, to SIG meetings of every kind.

However, all that is still in the future. Right now, we as a group, must decide if we want to make this move, and that is the main importance of the two meetings on December 14. It's a hard decision, and one that I personally could not make. In the final analysis, it will be YOUR decision. If you want to have a voice in that decision, you need to attend the Infoart meeting, and decide for yourself.

We will still hold our regular Friday night meeting on December 20 at North Lake College. The planned program for December will be presented, as well as the monthly software raffle.

Speaking of the raffle, congratulations to Jackie Guion for winning the November raffle. She chose the Oscar Software Library for her prize. The three items offered for the December raffle are listed below. The winner may choose one. Remember, you can enter as many times as you like.

- > Faceaker
- > Return to Pirate's Island
- > The Story Machine

For those members of the Executive Board, the next meeting will be Saturday, December 29 at 1:00 pm. Mark it on

evaluate to true or false. As you will discover, zero will evaluate to false while all other values will evaluate to true. We can evaluate very simple expressions or quite complex expressions, and these expressions can be evaluated alone or evaluated across a relational operator.

There are several relational operators:

=	EQUAL TO	<	LESS THAN
>	GREATER THAN	<=	LESS THAN or EQUAL TO
>=	GREATER THAN or EQUAL TO	<>	NOT EQUAL TO

Additionally, BASIC provides the ability to test (in one statement) whether both of two expressions are true, whether one of two expressions (or the other or both) are true. These are the logical AND and the logical OR functions. For instance, in a payroll application, we might have our program look at the hours logged for a particular day, and test whether the hours worked were more than eight OR whether the hours worked for that day plus the hours worked so far that week were greater than forty -- in either case we will need to pay overtime.

IF (WEDSDAY>8)+(WEDSDAY+HRSWK>40) THEN ....

The plus-sign (+) is the OR operator, the times-sign (\*) is the AND operator. This may seem a bit clumsy at first, but it is easy to get used to. You will notice in the example given above that the two conditions are isolated by the use of parentheses. The plus-sign between the two conditions is read as 'OR'. Likewise, we could have used 'I' to test if both conditions were true.

At the October meeting, those in attendance expressed their interest in file handling, so at the November meeting we will continue with that topic. I have a fairly short program that creates a file of 8800 records, and orders these records in very interesting way called linked lists. I also will have a challenge for those who are not 'advanced' programmers, yet.

**FOR SALE: C-ITON "Gorilla Banana" Printer and AXIOM "Parallax-TI" direct connect Parallel interface, \$150.00. Printer and interface is less than one year old and is identical to the AXIOM GP100, still sold for \$250 by Tex-Comp. Call Jon Hodges at (214) 950-4428 evenings**



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your calendar, and plan to be there.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Louis Guion**

November's meeting of the Dallas TI Home Computer Group was held on November 15, 1985. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Richard Roberts. The minutes from the October meeting were read and were accepted. Two of the three visitors present joined our users group. They are Mike Stanfill of Dallas and John Creviston of Irving. The other visitor was Gene Houser from Dallas.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Richard Roberts informed us of special prices being offered by Navarone Industries of Dallas. He briefly discussed a list of used equipment they are offering for sale. A sample of "Christmas Paper" for computers was shown. It came from Rabbit Reproductions, if anyone is interested in purchasing a supply.

President Roberts read from the Bylaws concerning the 1986 officer nominating procedures. A form was passed to all members for their input to the nominating committee. The nominating committee was appointed to include Louis Guion, Robert Hoffpauer, Dan Johnsen, Bob Viering, Richard Roberts, and David Martin as alternate. They were asked to meet Sunday, November 24, 1986.

President Roberts spoke about the Executive Committee's application to the Dallas Computer Council, and introduced Mr. John McGinty, the Chairman of the DCC. John explained in great detail the purpose, workings, and advantages of membership in the Council. He said that at the November DCC meetings over 80 sessions were held by the groups for the 1700+ attendees at Infoart. After he had spoken, several members asked questions. A thorough discussion followed. After the discussion, Glen Ashe moved, and a vote confirmed, that the group would accept the DCC's offer of a two-hour meeting to be held by us at Infoart in connection with the December 14th meetings of the Council. We decided to meet at 10:00 AM and again at 1:00 PM for an hour each time. The room numbers will be available at Infoart on the 14th of December.

The monthly "dollar" raffle of three items was held, with winner Jackie Guion choosing the "OSCAR" programs offered by Tex-Coap from the three prizes offered. The Open Forum highlights included a system for sale, a \$49 modem/speakerphone deal, and an offering of two cartridges.

**MAIN PROGRAM:** Robert Hoffpauer presented the next in his series of "Programming in BASIC" lectures. He discussed a modified Professor Hall Pocket Program. Robert had modified it to use the modular concept that he has been stressing in the series. The modules were diagrammed on the board to show their relationship. The program in question maintains a "linked list" of nodes, and is designed to illustrate this concept.

**CLOSING NOTES:** The Secretary announced that "trader" disks could be brought to Infoart to exchange for the Christmas disk being prepared by the club. Under the watchful eyes of the campus police department, the meeting adjourned to Crystal's Pizza at 10:20 P.M.

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