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This newsletter is the official publication of the DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP, a non-profit organization serving member/users of the Texas Instruments 99/4A HOME COMPUTER. For more information you are invited to attend our next meeting or send a SASE to:

DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP  
P.O. Box 29863  
Dallas, Texas 75229

**NEXT MEETING:**  
Saturday, October 15, 1988  
The Dallas INFOMART

99er Connection BBS  
24 Hours, 300/1200 baud  
214-233-1750

\*\*\* Note \*\*\* BBS Phone Number CHANGE \*\*\*

----- October Highlights -----

Meeting Day:

Hardware SIG: Realtime Clocks  
Main Meeting: PRODUCTIVE Graphics  
Special SIG: Disk Drive Diagnosis

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Coming Events  
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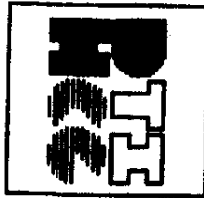
MiniSig, October 23, 1988  
Multiplan Workshop

Next-Step Workshop,  
October 28, 1988

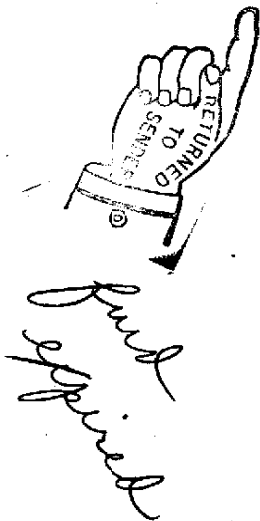
\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTICE \*\*\*

The 99er Connection BBS is moving to a new home. The new number is

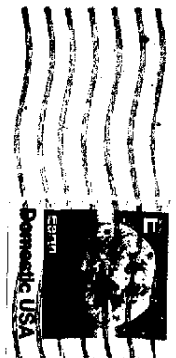
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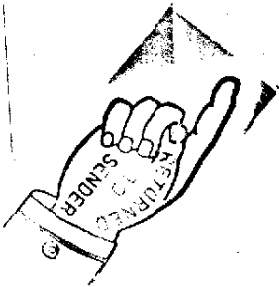
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FIRST CLASS

SUBSCRIBER 17 EXP: 10200 NEW  
CLIPBOARD USER'S GROUP  
P.O. BOX 30  
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7201 RUSTIC WOODS DR  
HUBER HTS, OH 43424



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**Schedule of Coaing Events**


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Event	Date	Time
SUPER SATURDAY meetings at INFOMART	10/15/88	
REAL-TIME CLOCK options, by John Guion.		9:00 am
Main Meeting - PRODUCTIVE graphics (Mix 'n Match) with Dan Johnson		10:00 am
DISK DRIVE diagnostics with Jon Hodges		1:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting, at Guion's DTIHCG Officers Committee Chairmen	10/22/88	1:00 pm 2:30 pm
MiniSIG Classroom Workshop covering Microsoft Multiplan at St. Mark's School, 1201 Alma Drive, Plano. Angela Parker, hostess. Charlice Althar and friends as gurus.	+* 10/23/88	2:00 pm
NEXT-STEP Workshop Held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Josey and Beltline in Carrollton.	* 10/28/88	5:15 pm
Newsletter Deadline	11/ 2/88	6:00 pm
DTIHCG's PREMIER ANNUAL EVENT! THE FREE COPYING FRENZY, FEATURING ALMOST UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE DTIHCG LIBRARY OF PUBLIC DOMAIN & SHAREWARE SOFTWARE, PLUS CHILI COOKOFF/SUPPER	+** 11/ 6/88	
Library swap CHILI COOKOFF!		1:00 pm 5:30 pm
Scheduled at TDI with the Justice Family as hosts, with chili for fuel and free copies as inspiration.		
SUPER SATURDAY meetings at INFOMART	11/19/88	

## NOTES:

- \* = Attendance Fee
- \*\* = DTIHCG Membership Required
- + = Reservations Required

**FATCAT'S TALE - Rip Dowling****"AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH."**

Well, being in the business I'm in you might expect something like that from me, but what does it have to do with computers? Not much. But it does have a lot to do with computer clubs.

"So I paid my dues," you say, "what has this got to do with me?" Everything. Clubs are made of people, not money. People doing things for themselves and for one another. People doing lots of things, big and little, for the group that no one person could do for himself. And the bigger the group, and the more things are being done, the more folks it takes to do them.

"So where does the free lunch stuff come in," you say? Well, maybe it doesn't for you. Let's see. O.K. how many of you just want to take and take from everyone else and never want to contribute anything yourself? Good enough, you three can leave the room. We're not concerned with you. You other folks, and you know who you are, who have given till it hurts, you can leave too, with many thanks from all of us. But don't go too far, we want you to be able to hear our anguished cries for help in the future.

That leaves the rest of us. Those of us who want to help, and who know that if we don't help someone is going to have to pay our share of the tab because there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. That leaves those of us who always meant to jump in but never quite knew when or how. It leaves a pretty good size bunch of us to roll up our sleeves and help when and where we can. Luckily, there are lots of jobs to do, so no pushing or shoving.

If you are a super techie or a super programmer in any language or a super user who always knows just how to do everything a TI can do, you probably already left the room with our thanks. If not, come on down 'cause those boys have been worked to death. If you know any specific part of TI use to any significant degree, come on down 'cause there are lots of us who don't know it as well as you. If you crave glory and adoration and can't live without the roar of grease paint and the smell of the crowd, come on down. The president's job is just what you need to satiate your depraved cravings.

If your spirit craves challenge and you love to fill your hours sacrificing yourself for others, then any of the executive committee posts are exactly what you need. If you have any organizational talents, any skills in communications, business, sales, public relations, finance, personnel, or inventory control there are any of several chairmanship jobs begging for your support.

If you can donate any of the most precious thing of all, time, please, please offer to help the next time someone asks for it with any club project. We need your hands to do any of the many jobs which really demand only the willingness to volunteer and the determination that you will not stand idly by while someone else provide you with a free lunch.

**HEARD ON THE BUS: Louis Guion**

I know that eleven of you members have inquiring minds and that you really want to know... Yes, there has been activity on the DataBioTics GrandRAM scene! It seems that the president of DataBioTics, Bill Moseid, was given a copy of the GrandRAM product review that appeared in this newsletter's September edition. Moseid called Dr. Kennedy as a result. He wanted to know why we hadn't contacted DataBioTics about the problems with the GrandRAM. Folklore has it that Dr. K responded that since they hadn't bothered to ship but one of the twelve GrandRAMs that both Bill Moseid and his sales manager, Mike Evanbar, had promised us over the last year, we had decided that there wouldn't be very much action if we bothered to complain that the one-and-only card they had shipped had come equipped with a few gremlins!

Of course Moseid then promised that our final eleven GrandRAMs would be shipped within two weeks. This from the "man", himself. Euphoria!

Since I don't know, at the time I prepare this column, who is going to cover the 99er Connection move, I'll just say that when the move takes place the new number will be (214)233-1750. I don't know WHEN the move will take place, but if the present number doesn't answer, please try the new one.

This is the month that your nominating committee meets to not only nominate officers for next year but to suggest to the nominees some of the people to head our many committees. This is the situation. We have about 120 members. We have only some 22 names listed in the back of the newsletter as holding formal positions in the club. While a few others do help the club (such as Joyce Justice and Faith Johnsen, just to name two) we have come to the stage of our development where we need to rest some of the old horses and we need to recruit some new ponies. Simple arithmetic tells me that there are some 90+ of you readers out there that have a chance to become involved with DTIHCG.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Tom Hall, Metro (817)267-5987, operates under the handicap of not knowing what some of you can do. They don't know your talents, so to speak. I think El Presidente Muy Grande del Ripper has outlined the formal jobs to be done. PLEASE, especially you newer members, let Tom or Rip know if you'd be interested in chairing a committee or in helping out on a committee.

In addition we have some odd jobs that need doing. A few of these that come to mind are: Someone to bring an "extra" monitor to the Next-Step meeting each month. Someone with "Certificate Maker" to make a few signs for the CCD's vendor tables in the basement. Someone to make and update a "display" program to run on the basement DOM table's system. Someone to insure that a DTIHCG meeting notice gets put into the "Greensheet" EACH month. Someone to see that the information "kiosk" inside INFOMART's front doors is manned and stocked with forms, brochures, and prospective membership information. Someone that can fix a SAVIN copier. Someone that can upload the latest copy of the newsletter to Startext. Someone that can keep up with our current membership (as provided by the club's secretary) and make the nametags we use at all our events. Someone to assist in gathering software for the DOM Chairman. Someone to see that each new member gets a current new-member packet. Someone to insure that the DOM table's plastic pipe sign frame and sign get to each INFOMART meeting. Someone to do the setup of our INFOMART computer system before each meeting and to see that it is safely stored in the INFOMART storage room after the meetings are over. Someone to hold a new-member/guest meeting somewhere around noon at INFOMART. Someone to carry a small package of club merchandise to the Next-Step and to Minisigs instead of the whole works that now appears only at INFOMART. Someone to be in

charge of a telephone committee. Someone to work on a telephone committee. Someone to type in news articles for the EBS files. Someone to handle the DOM table in the vendor area at INFOMART. Someone to make the INFOMART reservations for the DOM table. Someone to write a column or columns for the newsletter.

If your name is "Someone", boy have we got a job for you! Please give Tom a call and tell him you'd be willing to help! You see, you don't have to be an officer to help the group. Besides, getting involved is fun, and not really a lot of work. Won't you help us, Someone?

**(F)SPECIAL Special Functions - Rip Dowling**

In addition to all our regular club activities, we have some special functions coming up in the near future.

At INFOMART this month we will again be having a drawing for two of the club systems which we obtained earlier this year. This month both systems will go to any club member. The "unexpanded" special drawing will be in effect again next month. As you will remember these systems include a monitor, P box, several cards, and a console with all necessary cables for the very reasonable price of \$250. At this price it would make a good Christmas gift or even be used for a backup system.

The other special function coming up is the library swap and Chili cookoff on Nov. 6th. at TDI. The library swap is to start at 1:00 pm and the feast will begin at 5:30 pm. We need lots of help for this event as the usual huge crowd is expected to glean from our library and this year we have another whole library to pick from. Charlice Althar is taking volunteers to supply systems and help with the copying. If you can do either or both please contact her. We also need some closet Terlingua champions to supply us with some good 'ole Texas chili. There will be a prize for the best chili of snow and a prize for the hottest chili of show. We will need lots of chili for this bunch so please jump in and supply a sample of your specialty.

**YOU'RE A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW, DAN**  
(compiled from numerous sources)

Dan Johnsen has resigned as Editor of the Dallas 99 Interface and SysOp of the 99'er Connection. Although the club will miss him in both capacities, perhaps he will continue to be active in the group.

Those of us lucky enough to hear Dan's presentation of the DTIHCG History at our main meeting in November of 1987 learned a lot about how we became the kind of group we are. Dan Johnsen has played a large part in this development. Newsletters from past years have provided much information about Dan's activities in the group.

Dan first attended a DTIHCG meeting at Northlake College in late 1983 or early 1984. By June of 1984 he had become program chairman for the group. He then conducted a membership survey and discovered that about two-thirds of the group owned modems. He also learned that most members enjoyed games and that almost as many were interested in utilities. He began doing program demonstrations at meetings, writing newsletter columns and reviews, and tried to establish special interest groups in telecommunications and Forth.

After Dan's discovery of the large interest in telecommunications, Bill Kauth proposed setting up a TIBBS bulletin board for a trial period of two months beginning in early 1985. Over 3 1/2 years and 21,000 messages later, the board is still going strong!

**MINISIG REPORT - Tom Hall**

During this past year, we have had good MINISIGs and we have had GREAT MINISIGs! Thanks to Angela, Carolyn and Charlice, the TI-WRITER MINISIG at St. Mark's Catholic Church School was a GREAT MINISIG. Because the attendance exceeded my expectations, it was necessary to bring extra TI99 Work Stations into the Computer Lab. Charlice kept the presentation aimed at the basics. Is anyone interested in an Intermediate Level TI-WRITER MINISIG?

October 23rd will again find us at St. Mark's Catholic Church School Computer Lab. This time the subject is MULTIPLAN. If you plan to attend, be sure and sign up early, as I am sure we will have to limit attendance.

The place is St. Mark's Catholic Church School, 1201 Alma, in Plano. From Central Expressway, take the Plano Parkway Exit. Go West on Plano Parkway, until you come to Alma. Turn right (North) on Alma and go to 1201 Alma. This is St. Mark's Catholic Church. Park behind the Church. The school is part of the Church. We will start promptly at 2pm. PLEASE plan to arrive early. We will try to conclude by 6pm, but may run over - so it is very important that you arrive early. Once again we are indebted to Angela and Carolyn for hosting us, and to Charlice for leading us in this MINISIG.

Maps will be available at SUPER SATURDAY. Remember, PLEASE, plan to arrive early.

**NEXT-STEP WORKSHOP - Tom Hall**

The September NEXT-STEP was well attended, about 20 folks, and we had no trouble meeting our minimum meal guarantee. There were a number of "regulars" absent and a larger number of new faces present. Where the interest in August was hardware, the interest at this meeting was on Software. There were an adequate number of TI99 Systems available for folks to run programs. Surprise, surprise the food had improved and it was hot! WYATTS has a new Manager and she even let us stay a little later.

October 28th, 5:15pm, WYATTS at Beltline and Josey is the date, time and place of the OCTOBER NEXT-STEP WORKSHOP. We really have a good time at these unstructured meetings, where we talk about YOUR problems and interests. This is a good chance to meet other Group Members in a more relaxed setting. At SUPER SATURDAY everyone is trying to present an outstanding program, stay within the time limits, cover all the points and get set up for the next presentation. There's not much time for casual conversation. NEXT-STEP is different. There is a lot of opportunity for casual conversation.

It was a delight to see the new faces, hope you folks return. AND I really hope there are more new faces at the NEXT-STEP in October!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Tom Hall**

President Rip Dowling has appointed Charlice Althar, Doug Garretson, Jackie Guion, Tom Hall and Robert Jones as the Nominating Committee for 1989. This Committee will nominate officers and recommend Chair Persons for the various committees. Some of the present Officers and Committee Chairpersons will be available for 1989 and some won't. If you can serve, PLEASE, contact one of the Nominating Committee. And if you would like to nominate someone, or suggest someone for a

Committee, PLEASE, don't be shy. Someone on the Nominating Committee will talk to the person and see if they are willing to serve. IF we don't get enough names, expect some friendly arm twisting. Remember, everyone who walks thru the door to attend a Group Meeting has something worth while to offer to the other members. Very few of the jobs require that you are a Techie".

**From the Program Chairman - Jim Stewart**

Plato Software, Desktop Publishing and TI Printer Techniques were nicely presented at our September INFOMART meeting, and with the TI Writer SIG at St. Marks School shortly thereafter, September was a good education month well taught by Tom Hall, Doug Garretson, Bill Pry and Charlice Althar.

Our October meeting will begin with John Guion's Real Time Clock Options. At 11:00 you'll need your thinking cap for Dan Johnson's intriguing question.... "A I-You can't do that on a 99/4a...or can you?" Jon Hodges will make our day complete with "How to Diagnose Drive problems".

At our November meeting Louis Guion will instruct us in the proper ways to buy computer supplies through Mail Order Catalogs. Our main meeting will deal with Ram Disk Comparisons, and if possible a review of the new Myarc Hard Disk Controller which Jim Leshar will be selling. And...hold on to your wallet...the 1:00 hour will herald bargains galore, at Richard Roberts annual Computer Swap Meet. Great fun and great buys, and a wonderful way to recycle some equipment you no longer use. Convert it to cash and help some members with less exotic systems than you have. Christmas presents we can actually use! What a deal. See you there. Don't miss these DTIHCG support services and programs.

\*\*\* LATE NEWS FLASH \*\*\*

Message 21256 10:57:05 10/07/88  
Re: CHILI DINNER/SWAP  
To: ALL  
From: JACKIE GUION-DALLAS

Several questions have been posed as to the plans for the chili cook-off on November 6. It is meant to be the usual dinner associated with the Library Swap. The contest part is secondary to the meal itself. We need volunteers to bring their favorite chili in crock pots or such. Cooking on the premises is NOT required. Amounts needed will depend on the number of volunteers. Luckily chili is always better the second time around so too much is not too much. The club will be supplying the extras, crackers, bread, tea and coffee, etc. We need a volunteer to handle this job. "Judging" will be by informal consensus. Contact Rip Dowling to volunteer help or chili.

## Dallas TI Home Computer Group

## Program Schedule - INFOMART

October 15, 1988

9:00 - 9:55 Hardware SIG:

Real-time clock options and alternatives  
presented by John Guion.

10:00 - 11:55 Main Meeting

10:00 - 10:30 Business Meeting

10:30 - 11:30 Dan Johnsen presents some "interesting" ways  
to use graphics and text together.

11:30 - 11:55 New Member / Guest Orientation Session

12:00 - 12:55 LUNCH BREAK

1:00 - 2:55 Combination SIG:

Diagnosing disk drive problems, using  
the world famous "Jon Hodges" technique.

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Meeting room numbers can be obtained at our booth, or check the master list posted on the two overhead projectors, located just past the Registration booths. Children under age 16 MUST remain with their parents at all times, in accordance with INFOMART regulations!

All meetings will begin promptly on the hour, since other groups may be scheduled to use the room after us. Please be on time.

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**WHICH MEETING FOR ME?**


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The Dallas TI Home Computer Group features a wide variety of meetings, held throughout each month. One or more of these is bound to be just the one for which you're looking.

**MAIN MEETING AT INFOMART:**

This meeting has a little bit of everything. We open with a short business meeting and announcements, follow with an audience participation "open forum," present an informative program on preannounced topics and wrap it up with merchandise sales and new member/visitor orientation.

**SIG MEETINGS AT INFOMART:**

Topics of a little narrower range of interest are presented in these Special Interest Group Meetings. Two such meetings are held each month, one preceding the main meeting at 9:00 am and the other following the lunch hour at 1:00 pm. Subjects include application software, hardware, programming and other fascinating topics.

**MINISIG MEETINGS:**

For "hands-on" sessions and in depth looks at literally ANY subject, MiniSIG meetings are held at members homes or businesses throughout the Dallas area. Generally at least one of these meetings is planned and scheduled by the group during each month. Additional meetings may be held at any time by any member with adequate enthusiasm for the topic; the group stands ready to help you find and contact people with like interests.

**NEXT STEP WORKSHOPS:**

Originally a MiniSIG, the NEXT STEP has taken on a life of its own. This is the informal meeting at which to get your questions answered, your hardware problems diagnosed (and probably fixed), to get to talk casually with the "experts" and, often, to eat! Many of the NEXT STEP meetings are held in cafeteria meeting rooms; bring your appetite and help us buy enough food to pay for the room.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Held the Saturday following the INFOMART meetings (generally at the vice presidents house), these are the meetings where the real planning and execution of group business take place. DON'T miss 'em if you are a group officer or committee chairman!

**SOCIAL MEETINGS:**

As if we didn't eat enough at the other meetings, several times a year the group sponsors social meetings combined with DINNER! Each has been different, each has been GREAT! Watch for announcement of the next one.

**TIB-DITS by Jim Stewart**

TI BASE expands our computer's potential. But, like TI Writer, Super Disk, Multi-Plan, TI Artist, Fast-Term and other fine programs—you must know how to run it to produce real results. Of the 22 DTIHCG members who have purchased TI BASE only a few have actually worked with the program, but I have. In fact, it has helped me twice meet deadlines I would have missed using our office computers.

Dennis Faherty, who has already updated TIB twice, paid sincere tribute to the evaluations done by Jon Hodges by asking us to become a Beta site for test and comments on Version 2.0 which is only a few months away. Until then DTIHCG (For example: Jon's Quick Reference chart is a big time saver, so keep it handy.) will help keep you current as this program evolves and matures through this new "TIB-DITS" column.

You can speed up data entry in large files by starting with .SORT OFF, as the program will try to place each new record into sorted order and recopy the entire balance each time. Insert is really a mode, which toggles in and out with Function 2. Note that Edit 5 permits changing record 5, but PRINT 5 actually prints out the next 5 sequential records. If you are new to Command Files, learn to manipulate data the way you want manually, and then use Command files to automate the repetitions of these steps.

A November Mini-Sig on TI BASE will be supported by Jon Hodges and myself using Roswell Whitmore's "Wild Flowers of Texas" data base to illustrate TIB applications.

A few months back, TEXAMENTS, the distributor of TI-BASE, announced that they would be starting up a support section on their TI-SOURCE BBS (516)475-6463. Jon Hodges got on a few weeks ago and picked up on the following tips.

The following should be avoided while using Vn 1.02, and will be corrected in Vn 2.0, due out in a few months.

1. If you try to display or print more than 8 fields you will receive an error message. Although it might not sound like much, this correction requires extensive rewriting of code.
2. While using the replace directive, if you have a combination of more than 11 concatenations and TRIMS, the directive will fail. This is a bit limiting, but can be worked around until Vn 2.0 is released. Again, this requires major code rewriting.
3. If you enter more than approximately fifteen characters for a filename (excluding the devicename), the system may crash.
4. When closing databases, make sure that the diskette containing your database being closed is in the proper drive. If not, erratic results may occur.
5. Don't CATALOG without adding a device name. It is not set up to catch one not specified, and can cause a crash.

6. There is a problem where FIND and SORT may overwrite certain parts of dynamic memory when used. The following patch should be inserted in the beginning of the SETUP/C file on your master disk. This is done by typing

```
.MODIFY COMMAND DSK1.SETUP to bring up a full screen editor.
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(Patch #1:)
CHANGE 294A 295D P1 V1.02
```

7. There may be a problem after SORTing a database, closing it, and using it again where the message ATTEMPT TO READ PAST EOF. appears. The following patch should be inserted in the SETUP/C file.

```
(Patch #2:)
CHANGE DECE 0460 P2 V1.02
CHANGE DED0 FFCC P2 V1.02
CHANGE FFCC 0911 P2 V1.02
CHANGE FFCE 3C20 P2 V1.02
CHANGE FFDD A76E P2 V1.02
CHANGE FFD2 0460 P2 V1.02
CHANGE FFD4 DED2 P2 V1.02
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8. From Tim Laswell comes this tip. It is not tested by us here in Dallas yet.

It seems MODIFY COMMAND creates a DF40 file but calls it IF40 so the first character is taken by X-BASIC as the length of the string to be read, generally between 32 and 64. A simple XB program will convert it back to DV80 so you can edit it with TIWR.

```
OPEN #1: DSKn.filename1/c !IF40 file
OPEN #2: DSKn.filename2/c !DV80 file
IF EOF(1) THEN CLOSE #1::CLOSE #2::STOP
INPUT #1:A$
PRINT #2:CHR$(LEN(A$))&SEGS(A$,1,39)
GOTO (line #3)
```

Vn 2.0 will have, among other things, a way to LIST any file to the printer. This has been one of the most-complained-about drawbacks. Also, SUM will be added. For now, you will need to define a numeric local and add items to it as you go. A partial sample command file follows:

```
*Count to ten and print "hello"
CLEAR
LOCAL COUNT N 2
REPLACE COUNT WITH 0
WHILE COUNT <> 10
  REPLACE COUNT WITH COUNT + 1
  WRITE 9 10 COUNT
*add a NEXT here to move to next
*record, if that is part of your plan.
ENDWHILE
WRITE 10 10 "HELLO"
RETURN
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And with that, we'll say "GOOD-BYE" until next month.

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**THE LIBRARY CORNER**


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**SOFTWARE LIBRARY:**

A copy of the DTIHCG Software Library catalog may be obtained from the librarian in one of the following formats. Copies are free, but you must provide blank diskettes to replace those you are given:

- 6 SSSD diskettes
- 3 DSSD diskettes
- Printed copy (by prior arrangement, only)

Programs are provided by COMPLETE disk only for a service charge of \$2.00 per disk (you provide the diskette) or \$3.00 per disk (we provide diskette, mailer and postage). Additionally, the group schedules periodic meetings at which you may copy as many disks as you wish for one, "flat" fee.

As of 6/1/88, there were over 300 diskettes in our library. Members are encouraged to donate copies of public domain or freeware programs at any time; please see the software librarian to do so.

Many programs are also available (or can be made available) on cassette. See the librarian for more information.

**CARTRIDGE LIBRARY:**

Over 70 DIFFERENT software cartridges are available for a one month checkout from our cartridge librarian! This service is an excellent way to try out some of these titles that are not available in any other format, before you buy a copy of your own. See the cartridge librarian during normal group meetings to get an up-to-the-minute list and check out your personal favorite.

As with the other DTIHCG libraries, members are encouraged to contribute modules that they find are no longer being used. Especially appreciated are those with complete, intact, original documentation.

**ADVENTURE LIBRARY:**

Like the cartridge library, our Adventure Library works on a one month checkout basis. Original, complete versions of these programs are available for you to try before you purchase your OWN copy. See the Adventure Librarian for a complete list of the games currently available.

A limited number of adventures are also available in cassette form!

**NEWSLETTER LIBRARY:**

Our newsletter library is unique because Mike Stanfill, our librarian, has taken all the work out of it for you! His compilations of the "Best Of the Newsletters" are broken down by major topics of interest. See Mike to find out what is currently available and check out one of these fine collections on a monthly basis. Tell him you read about it in a newsletter...

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**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**


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**99er CONNECTION BBS: \*\*\* NOTE CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER \*\*\***

Fire up your modem and call 214-233-1750. The group BBS answers both 300 and 1200 baud, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Be sure to let the SysOp know if you are a new DTIHCG member...

**STUFF FOR SALE:**

Each month a new Disk-Of-the-Month, packed with a little something for everyone is available at group meetings for \$3.00 each. A limited number of "back issues" may be available, be sure to check with the D-O-M chairman.

Blank diskettes are also available for purchase at most group functions. These high quality, generic diskettes may cost a nickel more than the "jerk stuff," but they ALMOST NEVER give you any problems; if they do the Diskette Sales Chairman will ABSOLUTELY NEVER give you any problem exchanging one!

Other "minor" hardware (GROM ports, keyboards, power supplies, cables, etc) are also available to members at most meetings. See the "Material Distribution" chairman to get the going rate on the things you need.

As opportunities arise, the group often sponsors "mass purchases" of major items of hardware. Watch this section of the newsletter and stay awake at the meetings to find out what the current "buy" is. asks for your help, give it!

**HARDWARE LOAN:**

A limited number of 99/4A consoles and acoustic modems (you thought they were all gone, didn't you?) are available for loan to members who experience equipment failures. The Hardware Custodian doesn't carry this stuff around with him though, so be sure to give him a call BEFORE the meeting to let him know your needs.

**"PEOPLE SERVICES":**

The Recruitment Committee is always on the lookout for new and better ways to let potential members know we exist. If you have a suggestion or (better yet) can lend a hand, give the chairman a call.

The Membership Committee handles enrollment of new members and distribution of information to guests and new members alike, as well as providing services to our existing members. If you're new, check with the Membership Chairman if you need a little assistance; if you've been around for a while, give him a hand in welcoming our guests and new members. That's one of the things that got you to sign up, isn't it?

Our Volunteer Coordinator has a multitude of thankless tasks. Each meeting requires organization of who is bringing what, who will help with the set up and tear down, to say nothing of notification to new membership. If the chairman asks for your help, give it cheerfully; better yet, volunteer BEFORE you have to be asked!

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HERE COME THE POCKET COMPUTERS. A JAPANESE COMPANY 'SAID' THEY HAVE A CHIP ABOUT THE SIZE OF A PERIOD, THAT HAS 16 MEGABYTES OF RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY. THEY CALCULATED THAT WOULD BE ABOUT 10 MINUTES OF AUDIO. IN TI COMPUTER LANGUAGE, THAT IS ABOUT 90 DOUBLE SIDED DISKS. A U.S. COMPANY HAS DEVELOPED A CHIP THAT CAN FIND A BIT OF INFORMATION IN 20 BILLIONTHS OF A SECOND, OR THE TIME IT TAKES LIGHT TO TRAVEL ABOUT 3/16". A NEW MAGNETIC STORAGE MEDIUM HAS BEEN INVENTED CALLED THE "DATA CARD". THE BUSINESS CARD SIZED "di-Lite card" HOLDS UP TO 200MB OF INFO. USING LASER DISK TECHNOLOGY TO WRITE THE INFORMATION ON THE CARD IT DOES NOT SPIN AS A DISK, BUT THE READER ELECTRONICALLY SCANS THE CARD FOR THE INFORMATION. CD-ROMS ARE STILL IN THE NEWS, THE INVENTOR OF THE HOME COMPUTER IS COMING OUT THIS FALL WITH A CD DRIVE WHICH WILL NOT ONLY READ TO THE COMPUTER BUT WITH AN OPTIONAL SET OF CHIPS AND HEADPHONES CAN USE IT AS COMMERCIAL CD MUSIC PLAYER.

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**DALLAS 1ST SATURDAY FLEA MARKET**

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The First Saturday Sale is a monthly flea market/swap meet held on the FIRST Saturday of every month at the intersection of Central Expressway and Ross Avenue in downtown Dallas. It usually starts at around 6 am and continues until 10:30 or 11 am, and then quickly winds down. You can usually find 100 to 150 different vendors selling anything from antique radios to ham radios to satellite receiving systems to antennas to TVs to (I saved the best for last)--COMPUTERS!!! On any given Saturday, you can find hardware and software for any kind of computer ever made--including the TI 99/4A. You can also find such items as connectors, cables, disk drives, printers, modems, hard disks, diskettes, paper, mailers, new software, public domain software, and even complete computer systems, ready to plug in. At any given sale, you'll find such things as a used standalone ss/sd drive WITH power supply and chassis for only 30 (thirty) dollars! And also bulk diskettes -- 25 ds/dd 5 1/4" floppies for \$ 18.25 (including sleeves). Many people who sell stuff out there sometimes have a small collection of TI cartridges or other software. There are at least three different people I have met out there that seem to have a good supply of T.I. /4a standalone peripherals (the old style RS232, 32k, and disk controllers--going for about \$ 50-70. If you happen to be free on the first Saturday of the month drop on by and find something exciting to use or play with. Its also a good place to make new friends in the same line of hobbies.

(This column was written by Richard Fleetwood, former Sysop of FLUG TIBBS, the source of this article. ed.)

**THE EDITOR'S SCRATCHPAD - Greg Justice**

Well, it's been quite a month for the leadership of the Dallas TI Hone Computer Group!

As you've read earlier, assuming you read from the front to the back, Dan chose to resign his duties as editor. We, the Executive Committee, decided that due to the tight nature of the deadline, that the temporary replacement editor should have had some experience with newsletter production. Well, it came down to Jackie Guion or myself!

Officially, I have accepted responsibility for the newsletter until the 1989 officers are installed at which time a new editor will be chosen. By the way, Jackie has agreed to assist me if I get in a bind. Be forewarned... I am not going to continue editing after the January issue is done, so, if you want a newsletter you need to work on finding an editor for next year!

Like the earlier column's title, Dan, you are indeed a tough act to follow! The Dallas 99 Interface has developed into a publication we can all be proud of. I know it didn't come easy. I also hope my efforts can be as effective.

My apologies to those who miss the popular graphics! Since I gave up the newsletter last year my TI system was passed on to the kids and I am using a "different" system now. I have tried, in the absence of a convenient way to produce the graphics, to utilize the option to print different fonts for emphasis. Please let me know what you think of this first attempt.

As I said a couple of times during my previous stint as editor, I don't write a column unless I really NEED TO! Well this month I NEEDED to. Mike "Tinygram" Stanfill, who ALWAYS has LOTS of stuff for the newsletter, ran into some scheduling crises that preempted his column-writing. I'm sure we've all had this happen before. Mike assures me he'll be back in normal(?) form next month.

Well, it's now 11:00 Thursday night and I can't pasteup the master until I finish this page, so I'll close. Thanks for your contributions to this issue and encouragement to continue the tradition. And to you Dan, thanks for all you've done for us!

Until next month,  
Greg



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These people are the club's officers and chairpersons. They all are invited to, and most attend, the two and a half hour Committee Chairmen's meeting (the officers meet for an hour and a half before that!) on the Saturday one week after the INFOMART meeting. In addition to just belonging, they serve themselves and you by giving freely of their time to make this a better club for us all. Thank them individually if you have the opportunity.

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**NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE?**


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**UNCLASSIFIED ADS**


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DTIHCG members are invited to submit advertisements to buy or sell their personal computer equipment. Ads must be received by the normal newsletter deadline and will be published at no charge, on a space available basis.

DISK DRIVES - I have a brand new pair of Panasonic JJ-455 Half Height, Half Power, Double Sided, Double Density (with Corcomp or Myarc card), drives for sale IMMEDIATELY! Price is \$200.00 which includes the data and power cable to install them in place of the current P-Box drive. I can be reached on the 99er Connection, Startext, the DTIHCG PO Box, or by phone at (214) 240-6647. Greg Justice

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