

JUNE

- 15 INFOMART -- I-35 East at Oak Lawn
9:00 to 9:30 Business Meeting
9:40 to 10:00 Open Forum
10:00 to 11:45 Program - Butch Spill
"Hands on with 80 Columns"
11:45 to 12:55 Social hour, Newsletter
Library Checkout, etc.
1:00 to 2:55 MiriSIG - Thierry Weber
"XB Graphics & Sprites"

16 FATHER'S DAY

21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

- 22 EC MEETING -- Mr. Gatti's
Walnut Hill at Marsh Ln.
Officers 2:30 pm.
Chairpersons 3:30 pm.

- 28 NEXT-STEP -- Wyatt's Cafeteria
5:15 pm. Josey at Belt Line
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JULY

4 HOLIDAY -- Independence Day

6 SIDEWALK SALE

- 13 INFOMART -- I-35 East at Oak Lawn
9:00 to 3:00 pm.

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26 NEXT-STEP



Shaking The Bushes

By President Mattie Bush

I'm Rock'n and Roll'n and SHAKING THE BUSHES, letting you know about the special event at INFOMART on the 15th of JUNE. It's their ANNIVERSARY and we want all our members to come and show them how we as The Dallas TI Home Computer Group are still working in full strength with our TI/994A's. So mark those calendars for this SPECIAL DAY.

We will have DOOR PRIZES and OTHER PRIZES of all sorts throughout the day.

The program is going to be the INSTALLATION OF THE TIM and SON-OF-A-BOARD. This is a new program and it is very interesting. So let's mark our calendars for this SPECIAL DAY.

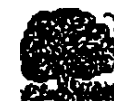
This is something that we all have and I know that it is there with us all the time.

ENTHUSIASM

"ENTHUSIASM IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ENGINES OF SUCCESS. WHEN YOU DO A THING, DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT. PUT YOUR WHOLE SOUL INTO IT. STAMP IT WITH YOUR OWN PERSONALITY. BE ACTIVE, BE ENERGETIC, BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND FAITHFUL, AND YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH YOUR OBJECT. NOTHING GREAT WAS EVER ACHIEVED WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM."

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON-

So put that enthusiasm in your pocket and come on out to INFOMART on SATURDAY, JUNE 15. SEE YOU THERE.



MATTIE



Updating The Database

By Charlice Althar

At our May INFOMART meeting, J. B. MASON of Fairfield, TX., BILL ADAMS, and TOM LEARD (Mary's husband) registered as guests. We're glad to have had all of you with us, and hope you'll return many times!

Signing in as a new DTIHCG member is JOHN MAYES. John is really an "old" member, but he'd dropped off the roster late in 1990, so we're very glad to welcome him back as a "NEW" MEMBER.

RENEWALS! HOORAY!! This month we've received membership renewals from several valuable members. Thank you, JOHN DIPRIMA, JENNIFER HALL, TOM HALL, GUY HUNTER, IMOGENE OSBORN, ROBERT SMITH, and MICHAEL CHAPMAN!

Spiral Spool Statistics

By Jim Leshar

There are books in my house that have formulas for all kinds of geometric shapes, from simple circles to cones, pyramids and frustrums, but not a one gives a formula for a spiral. Especially the parameters I'm looking for. Suppose you want to wind a length of tape on a spool and you have the spool size and you want to know what the diameter of tape and spool after 100 feet has been wound upon said spool. Of course, we must also know the thickness of the tape. Or if you wanted to know the length of tape on a certain roll, you can measure the core then the thickness of the tape and use this pgm to find the answer. The first prompt is the size of the core of the spool. The second prompt is the thickness of the tape. The third prompt is how many turns or layers of tape you may have. The printout to the screen will be first, the total length of the tape, the next number will be the Diameter for its respective number of turns. The third number will be the circumference at a given number of turns and the last number on the screen is the actual number of turns the spool has completed. The accuracy of this pgm is not guaranteed.



50 ! This pgm is for calculating the length of a ribbon wound on a spool. Two factors must be known: the DIA. of the spool and the thickness of the ribbon.

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100 CALL CLEAR
110 INPUT "      DIA      ":D
120 INPUT " INCREMENTS  ":I
130 INPUT " REPETITIONS ":R
140 PRINT : :
150 PRINT "TOTAL "
160 PRINT "LENGTH DIA.CIRCUMFERENCE"
170 FOR K=1 TO R
180 C=PI*D
190 N=N+C
210 C=100*(C+.005)
220 C=INT(C)/100
230 N=100*(N+.005)
240 N=INT(N)/100
250 PRINT N;D;C;K
260 PRINT
270 D=D+I
280 NEXT K
290 PRINT : : :
300 END
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Special DOM

Our DOM Chairman, Rip Dowling, has told us that we will be helping to celebrate the birthday of the Computer Council of Dallas at our meeting. Since this is a special occasion, he has prepared two DOM's this month. And, because he wants us all to join the celebration, we will be getting both disks for the price of \$3.00! that's the kind of celebration we like, Rip. Thank you for the extra effort.



WILL You Or

WILL You Not?

By Jim Stewart

I've proposed on our TI Bulletin Board a Special Interest Group meeting to promote signing of simple Wills for the protection of your family, using the abilities of our TI 99/4A and the willing contributions of time and effort by DTIHCG members. This really isn't a Special Interest — every one of us, single or married, needs a will, because you would not believe the mess you leave behind if you leave no will. Several of our members can attest to this personally.

What, then, is our objective? Just a cut-rate Will? Another social event with a theme? Some revenge on the beloved lawyers discussed on TIBBS? No...none of these...and frankly I will not feel the time wasted if you choose to come only to listen to the discussions and actually sign no documents. Once you are made aware of your responsibilities, opportunities and alternatives, then our goal of providing helpful guidance has been met. But, I can tell you it would be a wonderful chance to have willing witnesses, a professional Notary available, plus a friendly forum where you can ask and give opinions relative to the Wills being offered.

"WILLS?" you say? How can there be more than one? That's part of the reason for this SIG. The traditional will identifies the kind and type of possessions you wish to pass on, and to whom, and under what circumstances. Old stuff, right? OK, have you heard about "Living Wills" or "Texas Natural Death Act" or "Directive to Physicians" or "Health Care Power of Attorney"...well, perhaps we're NOT as well informed as we thought we were. If this sounds callous, or stuff only for old timers, or something you can wait for like senility...then you forget that every one of us will die, and our family members will die, and an increasingly large number of us

will not die quickly, but instead will believe we are fully rational long after we have lost our ability to make cool, calm, rational decisions. NOW is the time to learn, consider and make our own decisions. AND we have learned we can discuss tough subjects like this within DTIHCG, where you will get honest opinions, caring support, and our best available wisdom. No one will put you down, or belittle your feelings or the size of your estate.

If we hold this SIG, it will be based upon simple, generic wills, similar to those prepared for other members or described in "do-it-yourself" will books available from the library, since I'm not aware of any lawyers in our group. We can take no legal responsibility for inclusiveness or legal phrases, but getting you to take the first step and actually putting something in writing is our primary objective. You can always update your Will later, or have it done in a more professional way. DTIHCG can provide the stimulus and facility...if its members agree this is a worthwhile activity, and one that you would attend, support, and participate in. There would be a fee for the Notary, and possibly a charge for special paper and envelopes, but this would cost only a fraction of what any lawyer would charge.

Ten people have already expressed their feelings that this is a worthy project, but it would require considerable preparation by those putting on the meeting...AND also by the person expecting to end up with a suitable will. You would have to identify in general terms what your estate consists of; to whom would this be distributed on your death; how and by whom would you expect this to be handled? Exact spelling of beneficiary names and addresses, banks, real estate, etc. will be needed. It will take time to prepare for a Will signing session.

Please make your feelings known to DTIHCG leadership. Do you want this enough to prepare for it and participate? IF there is enough interest and support, I, for one, will gladly help contribute my efforts to this valuable family program, made possible by the TI Home Computer Group.

The Classifieds



UPGRADE YOUR SYSTEM TO HARD DRIVE?

MYARC HFDC disk controller with H-11 eprom, 1-owner Seagate ST225 20 meg hard drive in stand-alone case with power supply and cables. Drive is formatted, and has the Myarc NGR program installed. BOOT has been placed in root directory, and has been sector edited to write back to WDS1 after up-dating menu selections. Several directories are installed with many programs; one with all games, and one with all music.

No problems have been encountered with either the crive or the HFDC card. The card was sent back to MYARC only for the up-date eprom, and the Ver. 1.29 software. The card and drive will be at the DTIHCG meeting on June 15, and will be sold for \$275 firm. Anyone desiring to insure a purchase may call (903) 849-6868, and I'll hold for you.

----John Teague
Chandler, Texas



If You've Ever Wondered...

By Jackie Guion

One of the most frequently heard questions from someone who has just started to attend any of the INFOMART meetings on the Super Saturday sponsored by the Computer Council of Dallas is "Why do you keep changing Saturdays instead of having your meetings on the same Saturday every month?" Believe it or not, there is a very good reason for the changing dates. Let's see if I can help you understand why those dates change.

In 1985 several user groups were having problems in finding suitable space for their meetings. After some discussion, they decided to form a group with the purpose of promoting communication between different user groups, educating computer users, and representing the affiliated organizations in arranging for meeting locations, etc. The first meetings of the group then known as the Dallas Compute Council were held at INFOMART in June of 1985. Those first meeting rooms were paid for by rent received from vendors in the basement, just as the Computer Council of Dallas now uses the money received from vendors in the basement to pay the rent.

One of the things that has made it possible for the CCD to rent INFOMART at an affordable price has been our willingness to accept different Saturdays in the month. As long as we have the use of the necessary meeting rooms and vendor area one Saturday of the month, INFOMART is free to change our meeting dates if they give us 120 days notice.

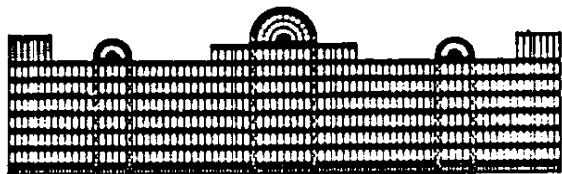


Although having meeting dates that are not the same every month can make planning difficult, the groups that form the CCD feel that the benefits gained by having the ability to visit any user group present at no charge, the chance to have over 90 meetings on one day, and the access to the group of vendors in the basement make it worth any inconvenience.

What does our user group gain from membership in the CCD? We have an opportunity to learn more about all types of computers. We get a chance to visit with our friends over breakfast or lunch at the cafeteria or while we are shopping for things in the basement. Where else will you find over 100 tables of vendors of computer-related equipment all under one roof when you are attending your user group meeting? Although it is true that most of the computer equipment sold in the basement is for IBM clones or for Apples, Jim Lasher is there every month selling TI 99/4A software and equipment. Members of our user group can also get excellent buy on printer ribbons, paper, labels, and other such products that are not specifically designed to use with one type of computer.

If you have never been to one of our meetings at INFOMART, you have missed out on a real experience! All of the offices at INFOMART are rented to computer-related businesses. A number of these companies will have their show rooms open on June 15. In addition to the bookstore and cafeteria that are always open on our "Super Saturday", the Hi-Tech Mexican Restaurant will be open. INFOMART has told us that the Crystal Palace Restaurant be also be open. I understand that the Crystal Palace Restaurant is quite expensive, so take plenty of money if you plan to eat there.

Try to join us at this special meeting celebrating the birthday of the Computer Council of Dallas. We think you will enjoy it.



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These people are DTIHCG officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you by working to make this a better club for all of us. Most attend the Executive Committee Meeting the Saturday following our INFOMART meeting. Officers meet for an hour and are then joined by committee chairmen. Any interested member is invited to attend these meetings.

Thank these people when you have the opportunity. Remember that one of the best ways to learn more about using your own computer is to volunteer to help the club!