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

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 12th, 1992
at the Dallas INFOMART
I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit

UPGRADE.....
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By Wille Gupton

If you are one of the people who have been wanting to upgrade your TI-99/4A, here is the opportunity you have been waiting for. Now you can upgrade your SS/SD system with that one drive to a system with two DS/DB 1/2 height drives. Drives are available now, including all the hardware needed for installation. YES, even assistance to do the small amount of work required to install the new drives. If you are not mechanically inclined, the work can be done for you. So don't pass up this opportunity to get in the mainstream. Upgrade that system TODAY, at a very reasonable cost. So what are you waiting for now?

If you are interested, contact Mattie Bush at (214)637-4937; Mary Leard at (214)524-8057; or bring it to our attention at any of the meetings.

HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY !

Put an end to all that disk swapping. Save all that wear and tear on your present drive. Ask yourself, how much longer can this drive hold up under these circumstances? **ACT NOW!**
DON'T DELAY!



June's NEXT STEP met as usual at JOJO's, with an enthusiastic beginning as we helped our newest member, CHARLIE HUMPHREYS, get his system up and running. CHARLIE is akin to several of our newer members, in that he was given a TI-99/4A, then had to find out what could be done with it. He had a console, P-Box with 32K memory, RS232 card, and a disk drive, and even had a printer, but unfortunately had no cables to connect the components to each other or even to the wall! Thanks to JIM LESHNER, we were able to "get him connected", and since his primary interest is word processing, we showed him TI-WRITER, SUPERDISK, and DM1000 so he could get started right away. JIM also demo'd a disk of 42 programs linked together in THE MISSING LINK.

In addition, discussions were going on around the room on modems, hail damage, and laser speed detectors. ROBERT SMITH took pictures of the group, and entertained us with more of his "war stories", and along with JACKIE GUION briefed DAN LOWE on fonts and graphics. We all were glad to see 2 members who haven't often been able to be with us lately--RIP DOWLING and DON STEVENSON. MATTIE told us a bit more about her recent family reunion, and we discussed ways of using our computers for family and class reunions.



Shaking the
Bushes,
continued.....

getting the information from TI. Accelerator will allow or cause the TI to operate at 8 times the console speed or twice the speed of the Geneve.

"MEMEX CARD expansion up to 16 megabytes would be possible" quotes Don O'Neil. MID-MASTER V.3 with Mike Maksimik of Crystal Software is nearing completion of V.3.0, which is scheduled to do several configurations. MID-MASTER operates with TI and compatible keyboard, using the RS232 Interface. V.3.0S (standard) TI99/4A with 32K and disk drives. Two drives are preferred but are not required. V.3.0E 128K plus 32K will work with the RAMBO module or the forthcoming 4A MEMEX. This can load more music, including the converted CAKEWALK files from IBM. V.3.0EX runs 99/4a with extra memory, 9938 Video, and uses graphics with full screen display and notes. It will access RAMBO or 256K RAMDISK. V.3.0G is for the Geneve 9640 system with the mouse, 128K memory free, and accesses RAMBO or MEMEX card. Mike Maksimik says V.3.0S will probably be his last release for the 32K standard.

NEWSLETTER CLEARINGHOUSE has at least 18 Users Groups that belong. It has 11 libraries of original materials from Newsletters that member groups can upload or mail on disk.



National
Standards,
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The group selected as its first project to write a universal DSR for memory access to all current extended memory cards (Myarc/Cor-Comp 128/256/512K, RAMBO, Geneve, RAVE, etc.)

The group plans to exchange information about the current RAM cards at the Chicago TI Faire OCT31, O'Neil says. Once the DSR is completed and documented, the group plans to release it in the public domain. Persons with information on accessing RAM cards are asked to contact NCTIS at the Chicago Faire or members of the group which met in Lima.

They include O'Neil; David Connery, Used TI Equipment; Vic Steerup, consumer; Beery Miller, 9640 News; Mike Maksimik, Crystal Software; Bud Mills, Bud Mills Services; Mark Wacholz, Media Ware Software; Ken Gilliland, Notung Software; and Mike Sealy, MS Express Software.



A NEWS FLASH: COMPUTER MONTHLY will no longer carry anything except IBM news. They have dropped all other computers. The TI99/4A article is no longer in this magazine nor is the listing of the BBS's. Another one lost. Please let's let them know that we will miss

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These people are DTIHCG officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you, by giving much of their time in working to make this a better club for ay afternoon following the INFOMART meeting. Any interested memll of us. Most attend the Executive Committee Meeting the Saturdaber is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's portion of the meeting.

Please take the time to thank these people individually for their efforts. It makes their job easier.

DTIHCG'S SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 5 Sidewalk Sale
- 7 Labor Day
- 12 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
 - Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
 - Time 9:00 am
 - Program: To be announced...
- 13 Grandparent's Day
- 19 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 - Mr. Gatti's
 - Walnut Hill & Marsh Lane
 - Officers: 2:30 pm,
 - Chairpersons at 3:30 pm
- 25 NEXT-STEP
 - JOJO'S On Stemmons at
 - 1415 Motor Sreet, 5:15 pm
- 28 Rosh Hashanah

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- 31 Halloween