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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In spite of the heat, I declare that it's time to begin the Fall season! There are several good reasons: first, this Fall is when we can expect to see the new TI products actually in stock; next, this Fall we anticipate even more growth in the Hoosier Users group; and finally, this Fall we'll see even more technical/programming aids becoming available to members of the Users Group. So, you see, it HAS to be Fall!

Accordingly, I'd like to announce the new Fall schedule: **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, MEETINGS OF THE HOOSIER USERS GROUP WILL BEGIN AT 2 P.M.** This change in meeting time will help accommodate all who have to travel some distance, or who find the earlier meeting time in conflict with other Sunday events. We hope to be able to attract a larger audience by this scheduling change.

Special recognition this month goes to our Newsletter editor, Pam Sims, and the efforts she and the Newsletter staff have been expending on behalf of the HUGGERS. This vital communications link would not be possible if not for special efforts of Pam and her team. A hundred hearty Hoosier thank you's.

An audience is what we had hoped to provide for the TI 'Road Show'. However, a recent phone call to Ed Wiest (Users Communications Coordinator) indicated that he had 'just opened' our invitation and, as yet, had not been able to put us 'on the list'. TI, understandably, wants to meet with large, established groups. Accordingly, you'd expect places like Cincinnati, Columbus, Pittsburgh, etc. to be in that league. Well, TI, you haven't heard the last hoorah from 'us Hoosiers'! I encourage you to write (or call 1-800-TI CARES) and let your feelings be known as to why YOU would like a product demonstration here in INDY. The other Officers and I will continue collaborating with TI to 'schedule a meeting', but we'd like to have your personal (if not political) clout backing us up. What do you say!?

Keep your fingers to the keys, computer punchers! See you September 11th! Don Donlan, President, Hoosier Users Group, Indianapolis.

NEW MEETING TIME

NEXT MEETING WILL BE **SEPTEMBER 11, 2 P.M. AT MICROCOMPUTERS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

DEMO FOR THIS MONTH: The Care and Feeding of Disk Drives.

JUST A REMINDER: The Customer Appreciation Picnic sponsored by MicroComputers will be September 4 at Eagle Creek Park's Mount Pleasant North Shelter House from 12 to 6 p.m. Those who plan to attend, please bring a covered dish of one of the following: vegetables, salads or desserts. Please call MicroComputers at 291-8882 to sign up for this special event.

THE EXTENDED BASIC CLASS is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., September 7 at MicroComputers. It is suggested that those members attending the class should bring their Extended BASIC Manuals. There are still a few seats left for those who have knowledge of BASIC programming and want to attend this 6 to 10 week class. If you wish to attend, please call MicroComputers at 291-8882 to reserve your seat.

INDIANA COMPUTER EXPO --- On September 15 and 16 there will be the Indiana Computer Expo at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The Expo will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 daily. Admission is \$3.00 at the door. Applications for free admission tickets are available at Micro's. The theme of this computer show will be business computer oriented. There will be eight different "Shirt Sleeve Seminars" at 12, 2, 4, and 6 p.m. each day, free. Look for MicroComputers at this show in booths 142-150.

ACLD REMINDER: The Indianapolis Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities Show will be on October 14 and 15, 1983, at the Atkinson Hotel. For those who would like to participate in this show, inserted in this Newsletter will be a reservation form for your convenience.

CARE PACKAGE: Elsewhere in this Newsletter, look for the Users Group News Briefs which were enclosed in the August 1983 Care Package. There was no major item in the Care Package from Texas Instruments this month.

BEST OF 99'er UPDATE: There is no news about the Best of 99'er from the staff of 99'er Magazine. Stay in touch with Micro's for future developments. Whoever said no news is good news, anyway?

HUGger PROFILES

In the July Issue of the Newsletter was a reprint of the "HUGger Profile" which first appeared in April. Several of the HUGgers graciously returned their profile, but 99.9% of the members chose not to. The Officers wish to thank all those members who did return their profile from the April and July printing.

Now, as for the rest of the membership who didn't.....are you completely satisfied with the following: A. The time of our meetings; B. The day of our meetings; C. The format of the meetings; D. The format of the Newsletter; E. The content of the Newsletter; and F. _____ (you fill in here).

If you answered 'no' to just one of the above questions, then, to better serve your home computing needs, please fill out your profile and return it today.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello; I am Pam Sims, your HUGger Newsletter Editor. I hope that the Newsletter provides you with useful and informative reading about your TI computer. I would like to thank Jeff Maxwell, Bob Manville, and Kay Batta for volunteering their time to help bring you this, and future Newsletters to your home. I would also like to thank Bill Jones of Crawfordsville for getting the Newsletter going in the beginning, and thank him for the informative articles he submitted for the Newsletter in the past few months. I hope he will be able to give the membership more articles in the future issues of the HUGger Newsletter.

As the Newsletter grows, I hope that the quantity of "Regular Features" will increase. The first of these Regular Features was the Hoosier Trading Post. Looking on to the future, there are several other Regular Features coming soon.

In this issue, look for "Things TI Never Told Us." This column is about the little known subprograms that TI, knowingly or unknowingly, wrote into their software programs, and for one reason or another, was never printed in their instructional manuals. This month's column will include the Munch Man Test Mode, and the Time Clock in A-Maze-Ing. Look for this column to appear periodically as new access codes are discovered.

In the future issues, look for "Function 7 * The Users Aid Key" and "Letters To The Editor" as responses are received from the membership.

"Function 7 * The Users Aid Key" will be a question and answer column for your TI home computing problems. If your question cannot be readily answered, it will be printed in the Newsletter for the membership to reply.

"Letters To The Editor" will be just as it says. If you have suggestions or comments about demonstrations, meetings, the software library, the Newsletter, etc. that do not fall within the limits of Function 7, it will be printed here.

As you probably noticed last month, the August Newsletter was sent via Bulk Rate Mailing. This means it costs us less per month to send you your Newsletter, which in turn helps us prevent your membership dues from increasing. To send future Newsletters by Bulk Rate, we also need your cooperation. If your address changes, don't forget about the Hoosier Users Group when you fill out change of address forms for your friends, relatives, etc. Bulk mail is not forwarded. **THAT MEANS YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL NOT BE FORWARDED!!!!** Each Newsletter that was trashed because one member forgot to inform us of an address change still costs the Users Group money! Would you like your Newsletter to end up in the Post Office's trash? I know I wouldn't want mine there!

Happy Programming and I hope to see you at Micro's picnic! ----- Pam Sims

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

A Happy Birthday to these September 1982 members: Kevin Devitt, Phil Dubbs, Larry G. Griffiths, Jim Lawton, Andrew Crowley, Charles Hillman, Constance Luria, Richard Wehlerman, Steve Hodnett, Howard Miller, William Bensch, Helen Chastain, David Stinson, Phil Caldwell, Joe Wilson and Jerry Barrows.

WELCOME !

This month the Hoosier Users Group welcomes these fifteen new members: Steve Wilkins, Don Hufford, Mike McDonald, Mark Hand, Brian Mattox, Dennis Porter, Phyllis Bush, Jeff Black, Joe Walden, Gordon Horney, Adrian SyrK, Josephine Armes, Joseph & Charlotte Godsey, Mike Waskom, and Gregory Larson.

THINGS TI NEVER TOLD US

I do not know if this will be of any interest to anyone (probably everyone knows it already); however, for those of you who do not, using Function 3 (erase) key will give you a running clock in the lower left hand side of the screen when using the A-Maze-Ing solid state module. Likewise, the quickest previous time through the maze appears and remains until a person beats the time and then it is updated. I did not find any mention of this in the manual.

Submitted by Donna Griffin.

Other quirks on the TI computers:

For new TI computer owners, there is an easier way to edit program lines in BASIC. First, type in the line number that you want to edit, and press Function X (the arrow down key). After you finish editing the line, press ENTER. It is easier to use than the EDIT command, especially when doing multiple line editing.!

For those of you who have not been told yet, there is a way to access the TI Test Mode on the Munch Man Disk or Module. To accomplish this, after selecting the Munch Man option and the title screen appears, hold down the shift key and enter the sequence 8 3 8. But be quick because you must do this before the computer begins to play the music. You will then select the speed (RND 0-2), then the screen level (SS 00-19), and then the number of Munch Men (MM 1-9).

a real challenge, try level 20 (enter ...), but you will probably need all 9 Munch Men to finish this screen alone!

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM LUBBOCK

July 7, 1983...TI and Spinnaker Software Corporation have announced a relationship whereby TI will manufacture and market certain titles developed by Spinnaker. The first two titles will be the best selling FaceMaker 1* and Story Machine 1*.

FaceMaker is an educational program that allows children ages 4 to 12 to make a variety of faces and animate them while learning the rudiments of computing. Story Machine is an educational tool that helps children ages 5 to 9 learn to write sentences, paragraphs, and simple stories, then allows them to watch the stories come to life on the screen through full color graphics and sound.

Both FaceMaker and Story Machine software packages will be available on Solid State Software cartridges in the fourth quarter of 1983 at a suggested retail price of \$39.95.

July 7, 1983...In a joint announcement released today, TI and Broderbund Software have announced a relationship whereby best selling software from this outstanding independent software developer will be available for the TI-99/4A Home Computer on Solid State Software cartridges. The first two titles under this agreement will be Choplifter 2* and David's Midnight Magic 2*.

In Choplifter, players command a daredevil rescue chopper while fighting off enemy jet fighters, air mines, tank fire, and air-to-ground missiles. David's Midnight Magic is an award-winning, high-resolution pinball game with dual flipper controls and many special effects. Both titles will have a suggested retail price of \$39.95 and are planned for fourth quarter availability by TI.

July 21, 1983...TI and Sega Enterprises, Inc. today announced a long term agreement under which Sega will supply certain video game software designs for TI to manufacture and market for TI home computers. The initial offering for the agreement includes three titles: Congo Bongo 3*, Paramount Pictures' Star Trek 4*, and Buck Rogers 5*: Planet of Zoom.

Congo Bongo takes players into the jungle in a cartoon-like adventure. Star Trek Strategic Operations Simulator gives players a birds-eye view of what it would be like to command the Starship Enterprise. In Buck Rogers: Planet of Zoom, the player IS Buck Rogers and must guide the ship through a host of alien enemies.

Price and availability of the three packages will be announced at a later date.

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4* Trademark of Paramount Pictures Corp.

5* Trademark of the Dillie Family Trust

These News Briefs are courtesy of Texas Instruments and was sent in the August, 1983 Care Package.

COMPUTER CLUB MEMBERS

THE INDIANAPOLIS ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES is having a conference on October 14 and 15, 1983, at the Atkinson Hotel in Indianapolis.

One focus of this conference will be computers in education. The teachers and parents who will attend are interested in methods to better educate their children.

You are invited to set up computer hardware/software demonstrations to give them hands-on experiences with any educational software you would like to show.

As a fellow computer owner (TI 99/4A), user at work (Radio Shack TRS-80, Model III), and very beginning programmer (Apple II), I know how confusing it is to people who are trying to decide whether or not to buy a computer and how to choose the "best" brand for their use. Computer users sold me on my computer. Gain support for your brand by showing this group what your brand can do for them.

I am enclosing a table reservation for for stores and Users Groups that wish to engage in retail sales. There is no charge to groups which demonstrate, only.

ACLD will be grateful to any computer owner who helps us with this project.

My Name_____

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