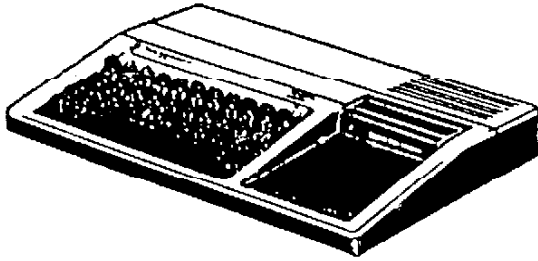


HOUSTON USERS GROUP

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HUG NEWS
DECEMBER.5 1988

MEETING SCHEDULE SUNDAY JAN 15, 1:00

AGENDA: NEW PLACE - NEW IDEAS 1989
Q A Session Programs

>> New Place and Time: NPOA Clubhouse
Claridge Drive (see map) Key 530Z
2nd Sunday each month (we hope!)

HUG TIBBS - 24-hour BULLETIN BOARD : Meetings: Dec. 04, 88 // Jan. 15, 89
(713) 781-4844 300/1200 bps : Feb. 14, 89 // Mar. 13, 89

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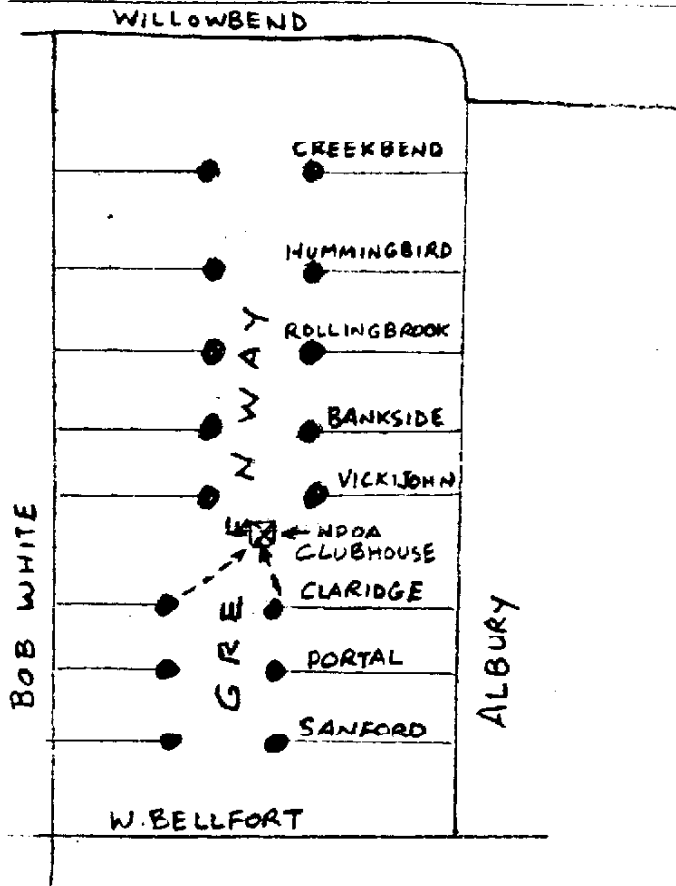
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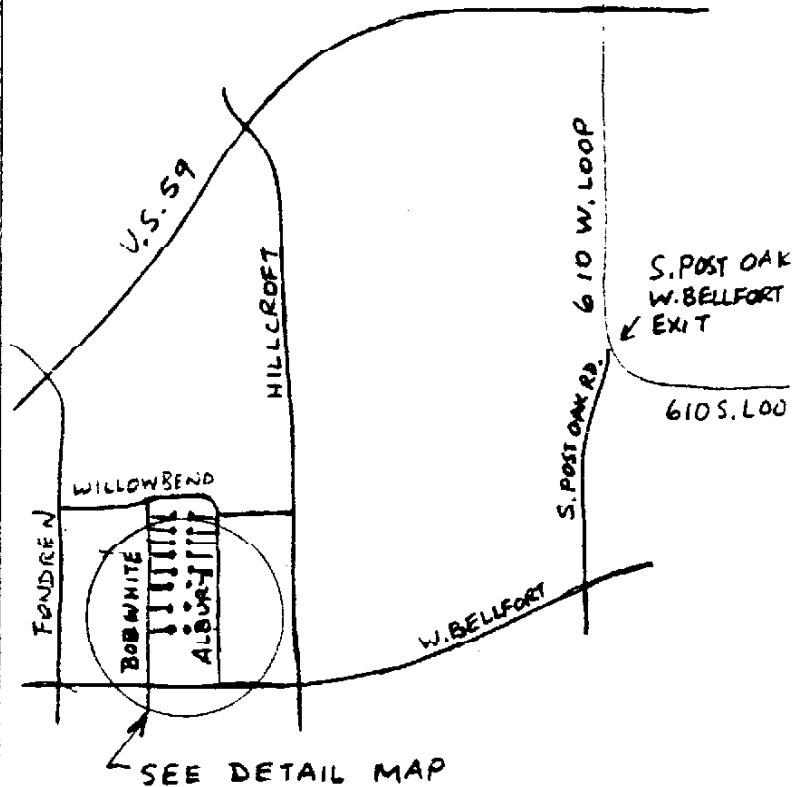
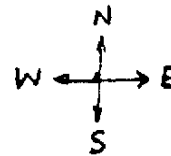
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DETAIL MAP



SEE DETAIL MAP

ED. ECHOES

There are products such as "Light" salad dressing, "Lite" beer, etc. Well, this is a "Lite" newsletter. Fewer words and less filling on your mailbox.

As shown on the front page, we will be meeting in January 15th at the Clubhouse in the development where Ruth and Gandy Herman live. The MAP ABOVE will help you find your way there, especially since the Clubhouse DOES NOT HAVE A PARKING LOT of its own. That is why you have to park on the cul-de-sacs as shown. Hopefully that situation will be satisfactory for all parties, and we will be able to have a long "RUN" there.

Also indicated is that the meetings will be scheduled for the "second Sundays" each month. This is being tried as a way to make scheduling for the meeting facilities simpler, and maybe easier on the members also! So the very first meeting scheduled that way (Feb. 14) falls on a "celebration" day anyway! (Valentine's Day is not an official holiday, I guess). Oh, well, we TRIED to make it easier for you to come to the meetings! Actually, there ARE several months with holiday weekends in the first week, so that is what we are trying to get around.

RECAP of the DECEMBER MEETING:

The December 04, 1988 meeting, being the annual meeting, featured the election of officers. The nominees for the positions, as recommended by the Nominations Committee, were accepted by acclamation, with the addition of Larry Pipkin as Alternate Sysop, and Richard Lumpkin willing to be nominated (by Ruth Herman) as Program VP (temporary). There were no other nominations from the floor for the other positions. These positions will be held by the 1989 Officers:

President: Robert McCarthy	SIG/VP: Wayne Jobe
Membership VP -open-	Program VP: Richard Lumpkin
Secretary: Jim Hutchinson	Treasurer: Ruth/Sandy Herman
Librarians: Larry Pipkin	BBS Sysop: Henri Schlereth
M/L Editor: Richard Lumpkin	Alt Sysop: Larry Pipkin
Non-elected VOLUNTEERS Hoorah!	Asst. ED.: Bob Seddon
Back-up Librarian: Ruth Herman	
Newsletter Librarian: Bill Mautner	

The proposal to change the Bylaws of the Group to allow changes at other than a special meeting or the annual meeting, passed by a vote count of 22/0.

IMPACT/99
BY JACK SUGHRUE

TI-BASE: PART TWO

LAST TIME IN IMPACT I WAXED ENTHUSIASTIC OVER DENNIS FANERTY'S TI-BASE. IN THE FEW DAYS SINCE I WROTE PART I OF THIS REVIEW I HAVE GROWN EVEN MORE FOND OF THIS FANTASTIC DATABASE.

YOU CAN THROW OUT ALL YOUR OTHERS, JUST AS YOU DID YOUR OLD TI WRITER AND DISK MANAGER CARTRIDGES AFTER FUNNELWEB CAME OUT.

TI-BASE IS PERFECT FOR BUSINESS, SCHOOL, HOME, AND PLAYTIME. THIS CAN HANDLE ANYTHING YOU WANT A DATABASE FOR AND LOTS OF THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU WANTED ONE FOR BEFORE SEEING THIS CREATIVE PACKAGE.

BUT BEFORE I LIST A PILE OF ITS OPERATIONAL PROPERTIES, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO START (AS I HAD TO) WITH THE SIMPLE THINGS. LAST MONTH I SAID I WANTED TO CREATE A PERSONAL LIBRARY CATALOG OF WORKS BY COMEDY AUTHOR P.G. WODEHOUSE. IT COULD JUST AS EASILY BE A VIDEO LIBRARY OR RECIPES OR A CHECKBOOK OR MAILING ADDRESSES OR WHATEVER. IT DOES ALL THESE SIMPLE TASKS MORE EASILY THAN ANY OTHER DATABASE I HAVE USED FOR THE TI. ITS INPUT HAS NO RESTRICTIONS, NOR DOES ITS OUTPUT, AS YOU WILL SEE.

THE WODEHOUSE COLLECTION I HAVE INCLUDES PAPERBACK BOOKS, HARDBOUNDS, MULTI-BOOK ANTHOLOGIES, SHORT STORIES, TAPES, VIDEOS. I HAVE A NUMERICALLY-ASSIGNED BIBLIOGRAPHY. I ALSO HAVE SHEETS OF PAPER WITH THE VARIOUS TITLES UNDER WHICH THE SAME BOOKS WERE PRINTED. AND I HAVE A LOT OF ODD PIECES OF INFORMATION ABOUT MANY OF THE PRINTED MATERIALS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES, INCLUDING SOME LIBRARY RESEARCH. AND, OF COURSE, I HAVE MANY OF THE BOOKS.

SO I FIRST HAD TO DECIDE HOW I WANTED THIS INFORMATION COLLECTED AND NOW I WANTED IT TO APPEAR IN FINAL SCREEN DISPLAY AND HARD COPY FORMS.

I HAVE OVER 200 SEPARATE ITEMS, BUT FOR OUR PURPOSES I'LL USE THE FIRST FEW. ALL BOOKS.

AT FIRST GLANCE I REALIZED THAT THE PRE-COMPUTER OPERATION IS SIMILAR TO MANY DATABASES. I HAVE TO CONSTRUCT A FIELD (TITLE, ORIGINAL PUBLICATION DATE, ASSIGNED NUMBER FOR CROSS-REFERENCING [LIKE K235 FOR MOZART'S WORKS] AND SO ON).

I'M ALLOWED 17 DIFFERENT FIELDS ON EACH RECORD PAGE. MORE THAN I'LL EVER USE. I'M ALLOWED UP TO 255 CHARACTERS FOR EACH FIELD. AGAIN, MORE THAN I'LL USE. AND I'M ALLOWED OVER 8,000 RECORDS PER DATABASE. DEFINITELY MORE THAN I'LL EVER USE. AND I CAN CREATE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF BASES.

SO, I PUT MY TI-BASE IN DRIVE 1 (THOUGH I CAN ASSIGN IT TO ANY DRIVE OR RAM) AND MY INITIALIZED BLANK DISK FOR CREATION OF THE DATABASE IN DRIVE 2 (THOUGH I COULD INITIALIZE IT FROM INSIDE THE PROGRAM ITSELF WHILE I'M USING IT). I LOAD TIB AUTOMATICALLY BY CHOOSING EXTENDED BASIC.

TIB TAKES ABOUT 97 SECONDS TO FULLY LOAD. THEN YOU ARE ASKED FOR THE DATE IN THIS FORM: 09/18/88. THIS INFO GOES ONTO YOUR DISK AND DATABASE, SO BE SURE THE WRITE-PROTECT TABS ARE NOT ON EITHER DISK. AND BE SURE YOU MADE BACKUPS (AS RECOMMENDED BY FANERTY) AND KEEP YOUR ORIGINALS SAFE.

NEXT YOU'LL BE PRESENTED WITH A STATUS REPORT WITH THESE DEFAULTS:

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DATDISK=DSK2.  
PRGDISK=DSK1.  
PRINTER=PIO.  
LINE=80  
PAGE=56  
HEADING=ON  
TALK=ON  
SPACES=1  
RECNUM=ON  
LSPACE=256  
DATE=09/08/88
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I STUCK WITH THE DATA AND PROGRAM DRIVES AND WITH THE PRINTER. I CHANGED LINE TO 134 BECAUSE I WANTED A CONDENSED PRINTOUT. I KEPT THE PAGE LENGTH OF 56 LINES. I SHUT OFF THE HEADING BECAUSE I PLANNED TO PRINT OUT LOTS OF DIFFERENT HARDCOPIES AND DIDN'T NEED THE HEADING. I RETAINED TALK WHICH DISPLAYS THE COMMANDS AS THEY ARE BEING EXECUTED. AND THE SPACES BETWEEN COLUMNS AT 1 AND THE 256 CHARACTER LSPACE FOR THE VARIABLES I WAS ABOUT TO CREATE. I SHUT OFF THE RECORD NUMBERS BECAUSE MY ASSIGNED NUMBERS (WHICH START AT 1 INSTEAD OF 0) WOULD GIVE ME A CLEANER, MORE RELEVANT PRINTOUT, AS WELL AS SCREEN DISPLAY. THERE IS NO CURSOR HERE. JUST A DOT IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER. THAT MEANS TI-BASE IS READY FOR YOUR COMMAND. I HAD TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES ABOVE, SO I JUST TYPED SET LINE=134 (ENTER) AND SET HEADING=OFF (ENTER) AND SET RECNUM=OFF (ENTER). I THEN TYPED AT THE DOT DISPLAY STATUS JUST TO SEE THAT EVERYTHING GOT

IN OKAY. IT DID. SIMPLE.

NOW I TYPED CLEAR TO CLEAR THE SCREEN (AND ENTER, OF COURSE, AFTER EACH COMMAND).

BUT I DON'T LIKE THE SCREEN COLORS OF WHITE ON DARK-BLUE. SO AT THE DOT I TYPE COLOR BLACK DARK-YELLOW. VOILA! A NICE CRISP BLACK-ON-YELLOW SCREEN, THOUGH I COULD HAVE CHOSEN ANY COMBINATION I WANTED.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THAT AT THE COMMAND DOT I SIMPLY TYPE IN A WORD OR TWO THAT DIRECTLY AND INSTANTLY PERFORMS THE OPERATION? AT LAST, I AM READY TO CREATE A STRUCTURE FOR MY P.G. WOODHOUSE DATABASE.

AT THE DOT I TYPE CREATE DSK2.WOODHOU (8-LETTER DB TITLE). THIS SETS UP THE BASE AUTOMATICALLY FOR MY PERSONALIZED STRUCTURE.

UP ON THE SCREEN COMES A #1 FOLLOWED BY A LONG SLASH AND A COUPLE SHORT ONES. I TYPE NUMBER IN THE LONG SLASH AND ENTER. THE CURSOR JUMPS TO THE FIRST SHORT DASH. I TYPE N OVER THE DEFAULT C BECAUSE THIS IS TO BE A NUMBER INSTEAD OF CHARACTER. WHEN I GET TO THE NEXT SMALL DASH I TYPE 3 BECAUSE MY NUMERATION WILL NEVER REACH INTO THE THOUSANDS, SO A THREE-PLACE DIGIT IS SUFFICIENT FOR MY NEEDS. AN EXTRA BOX APPEARS. THIS IS FOR DECIMALS. I TYPE 0 BECAUSE I'M ONLY GOING TO DEAL WITH WHOLE NUMBERS. (WHEN I EVENTUALLY DO MY CHECKBOOK DATABASE SOMEDAY, I WILL USE THIS.) WHEN I PRESS ENTER HERE, THE CURSOR JUMPS DOWN ONE LINE AND A #2 AND SIMILAR SLASHES APPEAR.

THE TOP LINE NOW READS LIKE THIS: 1 NUMBER (THIS IS THE FIELD FOR THE BIOGRAPHICALLY ASSIGNED NUMBERS) N 3 0. THE NEXT LINE WILL BE TYPED IN AS THIS: 2 ORIG_DATE N 4 0 FOR THE ORIGINAL PUBLICATION DATE AND A NUMBER WHICH WILL TAKE UP FOUR SPACES.

THE NEXT SIX FIELDS (ALL CHARACTERS) ARE DONE AS FOLLOWS:

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3 TITLE C 26
4 H_P_T_S_O C 1
5 JV_BL_OTHR C 2
6 FIRST?YHM C 1
7 OWN?YN C 1
8 COMMENTS C 255
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I ASSIGNED TITLE 26 CHARACTERS BECAUSE THAT IS THE MOST CHARACTERS ANY NOVEL OR PLAY TITLE HAS; #4 MERELY TELLS ME IN ONE CHARACTER IF THE MATERIAL IS HARDBOUND, PAPERBACK, TAPE, STORY, OR OTHER; #5 LETS ME KNOW IN TWO CHARACTERS IF THE ITEM IS ABOUT JEEVES, BLANDINGS, OR OTHER; #6 ASKS IF THIS IS A FIRST EDITION. THE N IS FOR MAYBE (TO CHECK LATER). #7 WANTS TO KNOW IF I OWN IT; AND #8 LETS ME INPUT COMMENTS UP TO 255 CHARACTERS LONG. THAT WAY I CAN LIST ALTERNATE TITLES, DESCRIPTIONS, CHARACTERS, PLOT; WHATEVER.

SO MY VERY PERSONAL 8-FIELD RECORD STRUCTURE IS FINISHED IN ABOUT A MINUTE. BEFORE WE LEAVE THIS, THOUGH, I CHECK IT OUT. THE CURSOR CAN BE RUN ALL OVER THE SCREEN FOR ANY CHANGES EASILY. NOW I EXECUTE (FCTN/8) TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF CREATING MY DATABASE. AT THIS POINT I WAS ASKED IF I WANTED TO INPUT DATA. I DID, SO I PRESSED Y. (AT THIS POINT I COULD HAVE CREATED SOME MORE TEMPLATES, AS TI-BASE HANDLES 5 DATABASES SIMULTANEOUSLY BY PROVIDING SLOTS FOR EACH BASE.)

MY NEXT STEP (AS RECORD #1 APPEARS ON THE SCREEN) IS TO SIMPLY FILL IN THE BLANKS I CREATED. HERE IS WHAT I TYPE FOR THE FIRST RECORD:

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1 001 (FOR BID #)
2 1902 (ORIG PUB DATE)
3 POTHUNTERS, THE (TITLE)
4 P (PAPERBACK)
5 OT (OTHER THAN JEEVE OR BLAND)
6 N (NOT FIRST EDITION)
7 Y (I OWN THIS BOOK)
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8 FIRST BOOK OF PGW. "TURN OF THE CENTURY" ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL TALES. MOSTLY BOXING. ST. AUSTIN'S BOARDING HOUSE. IN SINGLE-BOOK COLLECTION WITH A PERFECT'S UNCLE & TALES OF ST. AUSTIN'S (#2 & 3).

I CHECK IT OUT, MAKE ANY CHANGES, AND PRESS ENTER. IT AUTOMATICALLY RECORDS ON DSK2, MY "WOODHOU" DATA DISK.

THIS TI-BASE IS FAST, SIMPLE, AND DIRECT. MY SECOND RECORD TEMPLATE IS WAITING FOR ME TO JUST FILL IN THE BLANKS. I CONTINUE ON AND ON UNTIL ABOUT TWO DOZEN RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED. THEN I QUIT FOR DINNER BY TYPING CLOSE ALL. THE PROGRAM TAKES CARE OF ALL MY DATABASE RECORDS. THEN I TYPE QUIT.

STUFFED WITH ROAST TURKEY, I RETURN TO MY TI, LOAD UP TI-BASE AND TYPE AGAIN THE DATE.

ONCE THE COMMAND DOT APPEARS I TYPE USE DSK2.WOODHOU. BANG! IT'S READY FOR ME. I TYPE DISPLAY STRUCTURE JUST TO SEE MY TEMPLATE. STILL THERE. PERFECT. I TYPE EDIT 5 JUST TO SEE IF IT'LL PULL UP MY FIFTH RECORD PAGE. IT DOES. INSTANTLY. I RUN MY CURSOR AROUND JUST PLAYING WITH THE EDITING FUNCTIONS. THE PROGRAM COMES WITH A KEY STRIP AND MOST FUNCTIONS (SUCH AS INSERT (FCTN/2)) JUST TOGGLE ON AND OFF. IN THE EDIT MODE I PAGE FORWARD AND BACK WITH THE 5 & 6 KEYS. NEAT AND EASY. AND INSTANTANEOUS.

BUT I'M READY TO ADD MORE. I JUST TYPE APPEND AND THE NEXT BLANK RECORD (#25) COMES UP. I JUST GO ON FILLING UP RECORD AFTER RECORD AS EFFORTLESSLY AS BUTTERING HOT CORN MUFFINS. THIS IS FUN.

ALL THE TIME I'M DOING THIS STUFF I KEEP THINKING OF MORE AND MORE USES FOR TI-BASE.

AFTER A WHILE I STOP (AFTER 83 RECORDS) TO TRY OUT SOME OTHER FEATURES.

FIRST, I WANT TO GET SOME SCREEN DISPLAYS.

I TYPE SORT ON TITLE. Zip!!! My 83 records are now sorted alphabetically by title. To prove it I next type DISPLAY ALL TITLE NUMBER. You guessed it. This gives me two columns: the titles alphabetically with its biblio number in a neat column just to the right in the 27th screen column. So I type DISPLAY 10 and get the first 10 records displayed alphabetically with all 8 fields. Then I type SORT ON NUMBER. Zip!!!

I TYPE DISPLAY ALL TITLE NUMBER ORIG_DATE OWN?YN (I MUST TYPE MY ORIGINAL TEMPLATE NAMES.) NOW I GET FOUR NICE COLUMNS ALL IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

I PLAY, THUS, FOR ABOUT A HALF HOUR TRYING ALL KINDS OF CONFIGURATIONS.

HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE ONE GOES ABOUT GETTING A HARDCOPY? RIGHT! I TYPE PRINT WITH ALL THE SAME COMBDS AS DISPLAY. WITH THE IDENTICAL RESULTS ON PAPER. THE PRINTER IS ON AND STARTS RIGHT UP PRINTING EXACTLY WHAT I ASKED FOR IN NUMERIC ORDER: PRINT ALL NUMBER TITLE ORIG_DATE OWN?YN. I HAD ALREADY SET MY MX-1000 FOR CONDENSED. A BEAUTIFUL FOUR-COLUMN READOUT IS IN MY HAND. I TYPE SORT ON TITLE; THEN PRINT ALL TITLE COMMENTS AND GET A QUICK, ALPHABETICAL COLUMN OF TITLES FOLLOWED BY MY COMPLETE COMMENTS.

I GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO GO ON WITH THIS, BUT IF I WANT TO DELETE I TYPE DELETE (AND WHAT I WANT DELETED) AND LATER I CAN RECALL IT (BY TYPING RECALL AND THE ITEM).

I CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT COULD BE EASIER. THIS IS WONDERFUL! AND I HAVEN'T EVEN TRIED THE TUTORIAL DISK YET, NOR HAVE I EVEN BEGUN TO EXPLORE EVEN A SMALL PART OF WHAT THIS DATABASE DOES. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE ME MONTHS. I DON'T CARE. I CAN USE IT INSTANTLY FOR 99% OF ALL MY DATABASE NEEDS WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AT THE MANUAL ANY MORE. IT'S THAT EASY. BUT I STILL WANT TO DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF TI-BASE STILL HIDDEN FROM ME.

HOWEVER, MOST TI USERS (IF YOU'RE LIKE ME), WILL NEED JUST THE STUFF I DEALT WITH DURING THESE FIRST FEW HOURS WITH THIS NEW SOFTWARE. FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED A PROFESSIONAL DATABASE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER, THEY ARE IN LUCK. IT'S HERE, ALSO.

I'VE NEVER UNCONDITIONALLY RECOMMENDED ANY COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE IN THE 7 YEARS I'VE BEEN REVIEWING STUFF FOR THE TI. BUT I DO NOW WITH TI-BASE. THE PRICE OF \$24.95 IS RIDICULOUSLY LOW FOR SUCH SOFTWARE AND IS OFFERED EVEN LOWER TO USER GROUPS ORDERING IN ANY SIZE BULK. IT COMES WITH TWO DISKS, A 40-PAGE MANUAL (WHICH I WISH WERE BIGGER AND IN BLACK AND WHITE INSTEAD OF BLUE AND GREY AND HAD SOME STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL-TYPE INSTRUCTIONS), AND A FUNCTION KEY STRIP. SEND YOUR ORDER (WITH \$1.50 SH) TO TEXAMENTS, 53 CENTER STREET, PATCHOGUE, NY 11772 OR CREDIT CHARGE AT 516-475-3480.

I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE SEEING LOTS OF COMPANION DISKS, TEMPLATES, AND TEXTWARE FOR TI-BASE FROM USERS WORLD-WIDE.

EXCUSE ME. I THINK I'LL GET STARTED ON A FEW MORE TEMPLATES.

(JACK SUGHRUE, BOX 458, E. DOUGLAS, MA 01516)

Dec 88 ED.ECHOES, Cont...

The newest member of our group, Bob Sweet, was introduced also. Bob is also a member of the JUG Group.

The New Business included a proposal by Ruth and Sandy Herman to grant Larry Pipkin a Life Membership status, for his dedicated service to the Group. This was seconded by Bob McCarthy and Jim Uzzell, and the vote was unanimous in favor. Our congratulations and thanks go out to Larry--he certainly has done a great job as Librarian, as a previous President, and in just general steady support for the Group.

The other New Bus. was concerning a new meeting place, and the outcome so far to that date was that we had none lined up. It was also proposed by Frank Reidy and seconded by R. Lumpkin that a letter of thanks should be sent to St. John's School and to Tom Jay expressing our gratitude for their support during the past 4 years. cont.

Also discussed was the relation of the HUG Group concerning the Geneve. The two members who are selling the Geneve indicated that they felt the Group has not been supporting fully the Geneve development, and they pointed out that the charter of the Group indicates support for ANY 9900 processor equipment. Comments from the group members in attendance pointed out that there are other members with Geneves, and many programs in the Library are Geneve-based, and that several meetings this year were in form of demos, etc for the Geneve, and other "non-4A" equipment, and this was greatly appreciated, because the Geneve IS probably where the long-term future is, for most TI Groups. On the other hand, it was pointed out that since most members have and use 4A's it was only fitting that the greatest efforts of the Group should be directed to support these members and the 99/4A and its related programs. It was indicated that the Geneve IS and WOULD BE an integral part of the HUG Group activities in 1989, but most DEMOS of programs will be done on a 4A.

The meeting was adjourned at that point, and everyone went down to the cafeteria to enjoy the informal "Christmas Party", being food, drink, and talk provided impromptu by many of the members, and enjoyed by all. A good way to celebrate and a good way to start a HAPPY NEW YEAR.///ED.EC/