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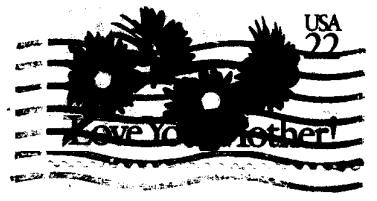
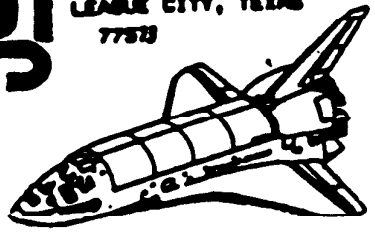
- WAYS TO GET JOG DISKS - JOHN BURT
- (1) SEE JOHN OWEN AND BORROW THE LIBRARY THAT IS KEPT IN BLD. 45 AT JSC.
  - (2) ATTEND THE MEETING AND COPY ONE (1) DISK DURING THE MEETING.
  - (3) GO TO JOHN OWEN'S OFFICE (BLD. 45) DURING LUNCH HOUR AND COPY WHAT YOU WANT. (CALL AT HOME FIRST, 954-2844.)
  - (4) MAKE A LIST OF DISK YOU WANT AND CALL WILSON RECORDS, 473-5992.

This newsletter is a monthly publication of The Johnson Space Center T1/77/4ca) Users Group. The JOG meets at 7:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> TUE of each month in the Dillard Center at J.S.C. (NASA) Visitors are always welcome. Please bring a friend. (NEW DAY FOR MEETING) - 3<sup>rd</sup> TUE (NOT MON - credit is given to the author. source is disclosed and proper hereby granted, provided that the permission to copy articles is person other than the author.

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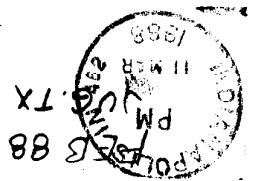
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FEB 88 - EXPORT



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TO THE NEW  
 INDIANAPOLIS  
 OPENED JUNE



*By way - Hope you got the STARTER KIT & are BUSY! Call if you need help.*  
STATUS REPORT - "UNDB" *John G.*

The United 99/4 Data Base" (UNDB) is growing nicely. We now have three single-sided disks full of data (more than 1000 screens) and more groups are sending \$1 for Starter Kits. We are now in the process of mailing Disk UN99DB/1B, UN99DB/2B and UN99DB/3 to all UNDB participants. ("B" denotes Revision B, etc.)

Thanks to a comment by Deanna Sheridan (Editor, Cleveland Area 99er's) the "instructions" on Disk "UNDB-START" \* have been revised and expanded to provide a quick look-up of several "HOW-TO-FRB" screens. We are trying to make UNDB "user-friendly". Quick look-up of commands such as "INDEX(Selective)", "GLOBAL" (search), "FIND" (search), "USE" (search), "OPTIONS" (select), "CONTROL" (printer codes) have been added. It now only takes the UNDB user about 10 seconds to "FIND" the detailed instruction needed to execute many of the hard-to-remember commands. Several other "HOW-TO" screens (aids and tips) have been added with the same objective.

The PRINTER set-up instructions have been corrected as follows: If your printer DIP Switches are in "factory" positions, a simple "PIO" should work. If not, try PIO.EC, PIO.LF, PIO., PIO.CR, etc. (See UNDB99/1B for more details).

The "REPORTS" formats have been revised and each type is shown in EXAMPLES. Note that Report #1 can be set for either 1 line or 2 lines. This provides two types of reports for one report design. Report #4 is suitable for direct input to newsletters, i.e. "What's New" columns. Report #5 allows the user to add "trailer" screens of text to Report #4 without repeating the "header" lines. (see Example below). Report #2A is a good report for "stand-alone" printouts of one or multiple screens. By setting the "Number of Lines" of Report #2a to 4, trailer screens will follow the lead screen without a line skip. (See Examples of Report #2A below).

The Print Control codes have been set to allow the user to easily select: (1) Cancel all codes; (2) Double strike "ON"; (3) Emphasize "ON"; (4) Double Width "ON"; and (5) Compressed (132) "ON". Note: Emphasized Print can't (can not!) be used with Compressed (132) Print but Double Strike can be used with Compressed (132) Print.

Address labels have been added (Use "L" command). You can now do a "SELECTIVE INDEX" on last name (1st line of text) and ADDRESS in the Category block and print out all addresses on standard labels, either single or double wide type. If you print the addresses to disk in D/V 80 format, they can be used by the TI-Writer Mail Merge capability. Also you can perform a Selective Index on ZIP Code (Line #4 of the text) and Addresses category and print out all labels in ZIP Code order. You can have up to 700 addresses on "UNDB" format (D/S disk) or you can have an address screen with several "trailer" screens to save information you want to go with that address. The UNDB can be used as a "ready made" mail list program that is very flexible.

If members of your User Group are interested in learning about data bases and having fun looking up TI-99/4 TIPS, TUTORIALS, ADDRESSES, HARDWARE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, etc., in a "ready-built" data base, get a UNITED 99/4 DATA BASE (UNDB) Starter Kit by sending \$1 to JUG. TX. JUG. TX will send you a "flippy" containing Disk "UNDB-START" and a "UNDB-INFO" (DV-80). All you have to do then is load PR-BASE (Version 2.0) and then load "UNDB-START". Then read the "INSTRUCTIONS", enter "A" (ADD) and start adding an index of your Users Group 1987 Newsletters (or anything else you want to encode).

\*NOTE: UNDB INSTRUCTIONS WERE ON "UN99DB/1", THEY ARE NOW ON "UNDB-START".

Send JUG.TX a copy of your completed disk with 56 cents for return postage and JUG.TX will send you a copy of UNDB Disk # "UN99DB12" (DISK #1) (SINGLE SIDED DATA DISK). JUG.TX will integrate your index with others that are being prepared. Disks # 2, # 3, 4 ETC. (ALL DATA DISKS) WILL BE sent you for \$ 1.00 EACH (S/S) (WE QUIT MAKING "FLIPPIS" - LABOR COST WERE TOO HIGH!).

Join us now in making the United 99 Data Base as complete as possible. All TI-99/4 Users need an index of YOUR newsletter plus all the "good stuff" that has been published about the TI-99/4 over the past several years. You can easily search 10 single sided disks (3500 screens) in about 15 minutes. (This is a powerful search capability). If you make special disks for all TIPS, ADDRESSES, HARDWARE PROJECTS, etc., you can find anything that is on these special disks in about one minute (after PR-Base and the first disk has been loaded).

As you use "UNDB" and find new or better ways to manipulate the data (or PR-Base) please make new "HOW-TO PRB" screens and send them to JUG.TX on your input disk. Also please send us your comments, questions, "likes" and "dislikes" about UNDB. Hopefully we can answer your questions but we are still learning more about PR-Base every day. Join us in this learning experience and have fun utilizing your TI-99/4 as a Data Base manager.

John Owen, JUG.TX  
(Johnson Space Center Users Group)

PS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO UNDERSTAND ALL ABOUT PRBASE OR THE "UNDB" IN ORDER TO GET STARTED! Just load the PRBASE disk (Data Mgm't selection) and the UNDB START disk with the disk drive number and a question mark (DSKn?). You can look at some of the screens if you wish and then press "A" to get to the first blank screen and start typing. "E" allows you to Edit a screen once it has been entered and "H" gets you to the HELP definitions. Most of the Tips and Instructions are for sorting, searching, or printing special reports and may not be needed at the beginning.

J.O.

TI99/4A System for Sale.

JAMES KEITH/SN3  
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System consists of:

- 1 TI99/4A with 48K of RAM (TI made)
  - 1 color monitor with modulator (Ohio Scientific)
  - 1 Peripheral Expansion System with SSSD 5-1/4" drive (TI made)
    - disc drive card PHP 1250
    - disc control card PHP 1240
    - 32k memory expansion card PHP1260
    - RS232 card
    - extended BASIC card PHP 3026
  - 2 SSSD 5-1/4" drives with own power supply in one box.
  - 1 Epson MX-80 dot-matrix printer (TI nameplate)
  - 1 300-baud modem (Mark III, TI)
  - 1 Brother typewriter with 2K buffered interface functioning as letter-quality printer (also can be used as typewriter)
  - TI99/4A with 16K of RAM (TI made, used as spare, never out of box)
  - 3-plug firmware cartridgeholder (Navarone)
  - 1 line filter, 8 outlets, Radio Shack 26-1451
  - External TI disc controller PHP 1800C
- The following software/firmware:
- TI-Writer
  - Spreadsheet (TI Microsoft Multiplan)
  - Disc Manager (2)
  - Terminal Emulator II
  - Personal Recordkeeping
  - Home Financial Decisions
  - Household Budget Management
  - Data Base Management (Navarone) disc
- 2 5-1/4" floppy file boxes and about 20 SSSD Maxell floppies.

FEB 88 MEETING: JUG.TX

1. DEMO OF FUELWEG 4.0 - "CONFIGURE MENU"

2. ELECTION OF OFFICER FOR 1989:

CANDIDATES:

DARRELL KANKEL: PRESIDENT

TOMMY THOMPSON: V.P.

PHIL VAN NORDSTRAND: TREAS.

JOHN OWEN: SECRETARY (AND EDITOR)

NOTE: NEXT MTG (MAR)

WILL BE ON TUES - 22 (4<sup>TH</sup> TUES)

DUE TO "LUNAR" SCIENTISTS!  
LUNAR USING GRC.

ALL FUTURE MTGS WILL BE ON  
3<sup>RD</sup> TUES. OF EACH MONTH

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EXAMPLES OR RPTS

RPT#(LINE) ONE OF TWO LINES - INDEX

REPORT #1(42) - 2 LINES (THIS CAN BE MADE INTO A 1-LINE REPORT)

SUBJECT	CAT.	FROM	MO/YR	ID#	TEXT
ADD 64K IN CONSOLE	H/W PROJ.	JUG.TX / PENN.OH	07/87	49	ADDS 64K RAM TO CONSOLE, ONLY 32K PRESENT LY USABLE. USES 2 64LS128, A 74LS21 & A 74LS153. (COST=\$37). BOTH THIS AND CLULOW 'S VERSION GIVES 50% SPEED INCREASE.
ADDRESSES-USER GRP'S	ADDRESSES	MICROPEN	05/87	71	See MAY, JUNE, 1987 !Add U6 Addresses to (& sub.) issues of !UNDB. Abbreviate MICROpendium for U6 !States (i.e. JUG.TX Addresses(Scrn#71) !CLEV.OH etc)
ADS FOR 99/4 H/W	BUYING	W.PENN.P	09/87	038	SEPT. 87 COMPUTER SHOPPER: ALPHA SCIENTIF IC HAS AD FOR 3.5" DISK DRIVE T1 CONVERSON(\$125); 128K PRINTER BUFFER(\$89); MECHA TRONICS ADF DR AVATEX 1200. MODEM (\$85).
ALPHA LOCK WARNING!	WARNING	MSP.MN	04/87	039	WARNING-DON'T FIX THE JOY STICK PROBLEM: IT DISABLES ALPHA LOCK PERMANENTLY! NOTE :THIS MAY BE THE RESULT OF A BAD INSTALL ATION AS FIX WORKED FOR JUG.TX MEMBER.
AMAZING ASK-KEY FILE TUTORIAL		CLEV.OH	06/87	040	The Many ways ASCII files can be manipul ated from various programs for other purposes or printing

REPORT # 2

\*Subj:ADD 64K IN CONSOLE \*Mo/Yr 07/87  
 Cat:H/W PROJ. Pg# 8 LY USABLE. USES 2 64LS128, A 74LS21 & A  
 From:JUG.TX / PENN.OH ID# 74LS153. (COST=\$37). BOTH THIS AND CLULOW  
 Auth:BALLMAN, MIKE 49 'S VERSION GIVES 50% SPEED INCREASE.

\*Subj:ADDRESSES-USER GRP'S \*Mo/Yr 05/87  
 Cat:ADDRESSES Pg# 16 (& sub.) issues of !UNDB. Abbreviate  
 From:MICROPENDIUM ID# MICROpendium for U6 !States (i.e. JUG.TX  
 Auth: 71 Addresses(Scrn#71) !CLEV.OH etc)

UNITED99/4 "INDEX" (ONE LINE)

REPORT # 3

SUBJECT	ID#	FROM	MO/YR	PG#	AUTHOR	CAT.	#S	BY	SECT/UGO	TEXT
ADD 64K IN CONSOLE	49	JUG.TX / PENN.OH	07/87	8	BALLMAN, MIKE	H/W PROJ.	1	JUG.TX		ADDS 64K RAM TO CONSO
ADDRESSES-USER GRP'S	71	MICROPENDIUM	05/87	16		ADDRESSES	?	JUG.TX	R1/88/JRO	See MAY, JUNE, 1987 !
ADS FOR 99/4 H/W	038	W.PENN.PA	09/87	7	WILLFORTH, JOHN	BUYING	1	JUG.TX		SEPT. 87 COMPUTER SHOP
ALPHA LOCK WARNING!	039	MSP.MN	04/87	6	MSP99.MN/JUG.TX	WARNING		JUG.TX		WARNING-DON'T FIX THE
AMAZING ASK-KEY FILE	040	CLEV.OH	06/87	3	SHERIDAN	TUTORIAL		CLV.OH		The Many ways ASCII f

RPT#4A-7 LINES(40/40)HEAD.+TEXT

REPORT # 4 (ALONE)

"WHATS NEW"  
 =====  
 Subj:ADD 64K IN CONSOLE Cat:H/W PROJ.  
 From:JUG.TX / PENN.OH Mo/Yr:07/87  
 Auth:BALLMAN, MIKE Sect.:  
 ADDS 64K RAM TO CONSOLE, ONLY 32K PRESENT  
 LY USABLE. USES 2 64LS128, A 74LS21 & A  
 74LS153. (COST=\$37). BOTH THIS AND CLULOW  
 'S VERSION GIVES 50% SPEED INCREASE.

Subj:ADDRESSES-USER GRP'S Cat:ADDRESSES  
 From:MICROPENDIUM Mo/Yr:05/87  
 Auth: Sect.:R1/88/JRO  
 See MAY, JUNE, 1987 !Add U6 Addresses to  
 (& sub.) issues of !UNDB. Abbreviate  
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 Addresses(Scrn#71) !CLEV.OH etc)

REPORT # 4 + 5

(TWO SCREENS - ONE HEADING)

"WHATS NEW"  
 =====  
 Subj:BASIC# OR XBASIC Cat:PROGRAM  
 From:CIN DAY.OH/HOCUS.W Mo/Yr:02/87  
 Auth:CHAPMAN, STEVE Sect.:  
 100 REM STEVE CHAPMAN & BILL WALLBANK 11  
 0 REM STONE & WEBSTER ENG. CORP. 120 RAN  
 DOMIZE (0) 130 V=INT(RND#100) 140 IF  
 V<>21 THEN 170 150 V\$="EXTENDED BASIC"  
 160 GOTO 180 170 V\$="TI BASIC" 180 PRIN  
 T V, V\$ USING A RANDOMIZE SEED OF 0,  
 BASIC RETURNS 82, IBASIC RETURNS 21.

RPT #4

RPT #5

(4)

# Funnelwriter 4.0

by T. ARNOLD

(reprinted from CLUBLINE December, 1987)

Not another version of Funnelwriter!? Well yes, but this is not just another version, it is totally new in many ways. There are two main improvements, there is a configuration program that is on the main menu and the Directory function is very much improved!!!

Let's start at the beginning. Funnelweb is now compatible with all Ramdisks including Myarc and Horizon. It can be run from any drive number but I found it works best with drive #1, my drive #1 kept coming on when running from the Ramdisk. It will also run from Myarc XBII which is really neat. I am running this configuration as I write this article and loading time is super fast. The main menu of FW is similar to the previous version but it can now be altered very easily with the Configuration program. By running this program your programs are added to the load program automatically. It prompts you for the name you wish to add to the menu and the file name and type. A word of warning, be sure you know the correct names and types. Several programs I thought ran in E/A #5 were XB! It does not like this.

The two main options from the main menu, TI Writer and E/A lead as before to the secondary menus. As the space bar toggles these two, it really makes no difference which menu you select. This version contains version 3.5 of DM1000, it seems to work fine. These menus are the same as before. The word processor or TI Writer is slightly different. It now has a cursor position at the bottom of the file or EOF line. This makes it handy to determine where you are on the line. This is especially good as the split screen makes it difficult to find out where you are on the 80 column line. The screen colours can be changed in the Editor by pressing CTRL 3. A right margin warning is now included. Another nice feature is an Alpha case conversion. What's that you ask? Well if you happen to type some text in the wrong case then you simply place the cursor over the text involved and press CTRL. to convert to lower case and CTRL; to convert to upper case. Really neat! Apparently the screen rewriting has been speeded up so that you get "crisper" screen scrolling. Also the delay in word-wrap has been reduced so that there are fewer problems with loss of keystrokes.

The big difference (BIG improvement) between this version and the previous is the Show Directory command. This can be used from other areas of FW by pressing FCTN 7. When executing this command you get a quick directory of your disk in the disk drive. The normal directory information is included: names, size, type, disk name, sectors used, sectors available, etc. At the bottom of the screen is the following menu: Back, Next, Program check, Mark file, View file, Print directory, Old file, Delete file and Exit. Back and Next toggle you through the pages of the directory. The Program check checks your files and tells you what type of files they are. For example BX is BASIC or XB, EA is Assembly types (DF80 and Program). Mark File is used to mark files for viewing or deleting files. Viewing files? Yes, you can now view files on your disks while still retaining your text in memory!! This is going to be handy when you need to reference previous work. Your directory can be printed out in two column format. The Old file command resets your file name so you will save to the correct file name after viewing a file. Delete file and Exit do just what you would expect. All in all, this feature of FW 4.0 makes the ownership of this software a must.

Funnelweb also has additional features, most of which I have not had time to work on. These include a cartridge Ram loader, a batch file loader for c99 programmers, a low memory loader and a DSR Ram loader. I have just tried the print spooler and it works!!! The old printer is running off the previous copy while I type this. Old versions did not always do this.

I hope I have wetted your appetite, Funnelweb has several other improvements which you should explore. Get it at your next Users Group meeting or order it from our Librarian. And by all means send Tony or Will McGovern a donation, they certainly deserve it. I send Money Orders in Canadian funds which they seem to cash easily. By the way, rumor has it that Will is writing an MS DOS type operating system for your TI. If you ever expect to see this send them some encouragement.

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FUNNELWEB VERSION 4.0 will be available at the February 4, 1988 meeting of the BLUEGRASS 99 COMPUTER SOCIETY, INC.

DM1000 has the capability for printing the disk directory although it is not obvious to the user. After calling up the directory on the screen, FCTN 7 will do the trick. Not as well known is that there is a hidden menu that allows the user to insert printer commands so as to change the print size or line spacing, etc. This menu can be called up immediately after entering DM1000, when the version number is displayed along with the first menu. FCTN 3 gets you the hidden menu. The first choice is type of printer. I set it for a default of PIO. The suggested printer command (27 83 01 \*) is the command for subscripted printing for the Gemini printers and presumably many others. I much prefer condensed print which can be obtained using the command 27 66 03 \*, or the simpler form 15 \*. To save paper length, use the command 27 48 \*. This eliminates most of the space between lines of print and is still easy to read.

To get both condensed print and compressed line spacing, use the command 15 27 48 \*. The ultimate in space saving is to use compressed subscripts with reduced line spacing, codes 15 27 48 27 83 01 \*. The Esc. character ,27, is needed twice in this sequence. The subscripts are not very dark but in the compressed mode, they are overstruck to give dense letters.

The format of the command is important in that it must have numbers in pairs and also must have the trailing asterisk, which is needed when programming print codes in Basic.

The command can be saved to the DM1000 system disk for later use if there is no write protection tab on the disk. The program then returns to the first DM1000 menu screen.

**NORMAL SIZE**  
CODE:64 8(RESET)\*

**COMPRESSED PRINTING**  
CODES: 15 \*

**COMPRESSED PRINT WITH**  
1/8in. LINE SPACING  
CODES:15 27 48 \*

MAIL-LIST Filename	Free Size	262 Type/No.	Used	98 6 P
CAT	5	PROGRAM		U
LOAD	6	PROGRAM		U
MSG/LABEL	3	PROGRAM		U
TI-MA/LST2	27	PROGRAM		U
UG/88/2	39	INT/FIX	150	U
UN99/88/1	16	INT/FIX	150	U

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UN99/88/1	16	INT/FIX	150	U

**SUBSCRIPTS**  
CODES:27 83 01 \*

**COMPRESSED SUBSCRIPT PRINT**  
CODES:15 27 83 01 \*

**COMPRESSED SUBSCRIPT WITH**  
REDUCED LINE SPACING  
CODES:15 27 49 27 83 01 \*

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CAT	5	PROGRAM		U
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LIBRARY CORNER

Dear Officers, Committee Persons, and Members:

how to RUN it.

There are several great Libraries among the TI-99/4A Users Groups and your LA99 Library is one of them. What makes our Library great is not only the hard work of myself but the hard work of other Users Group Librarians in exchanging Library disks with each other.

I know this month we will have an election and the officers will be somewhat the same, NOT because they want the job so much, but because there are no other volunteers. This goes for the Librarian as well. The Librarian is not an elected position but an appointed one by the President. Probably the President will ask me to again be your Librarian. My answer will depend on how successful my request to you for your help will be. So you see you do have a say in who your Librarian will be.

In order to keep our Library as good as it is I can not do it by myself and need your help. I know everyone of you have your own personal Library - some may be small and some are very large. What I am asking is that each one of you donate a disk to our Library from your personal Library. This will not only help our Library but will help you as well as other members. If you do not have a favorite disk, make one up with your favorite programs - be original.

LIBRARIAN  
FRED MOORE  
7730 EMERSON AVE.  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

← FRED'S ADDRESS

When you submit your disk please print "donated by \_\_\_\_\_" and a short paragraph what the disk is about and

P.S. To you other non LA99 members who use the LA99 Library, any disk received from you will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE:

IF YOU WANT ACCESS TO A GREAT TI 99/4 LIBRARY,  
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THEIR NEWSLETTER IS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY!  
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VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

BY OFFERING TO ALL MEMBERS A SPECIAL PRICE OF \$2.00 PER DISK OF ANY DISK IN OUR LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE IF DISKS ARE TO BE MAILED.

(NOTE: \$3/DISK NORMAL)

Two copies of all program disks will be made available to the members at the regular meetings. If you plan to obtain any disks from the library at the meeting it is best to phone or write the LIBRARIAN in advance to be sure they will be on hand. I will put your name on them.

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(SPECIFY - DISK OR HARDCOPY)

2189 MEGA MENU Program to be used with SUPER SPACE II OR SUPER CART. PROGRAMS gives 3 pages of MENU of 9 items each. (SSSD)42

2190 MENU From M.U.G. 19301 NE 19th Ave. North Miami Beach, FL 33179. A program for the Horizon Ram Disk 256K-1024K where Batch MENUing system is used. (SSSD)304

2156 ARCHIVER #2 V2.3 Freeware by Barry Boone P.O.1233 Sand Spring,OK 74063 Updated version PACK FILES, UNPACK FILES, CATALOG DISK, CATALOG ARC-FILES, COMPRESS UTILITY, & RETURN TO FUNLWRITER. This version will save sectors space on a disk up to 5 TO 1 when compressed. Compatible with Barry Travers Archiver #1 #2143. auto load with E/A #5 Loader, or X/B (SSSD)31

SAMPLE LISTING

\*NOTE: ANOTHER GREAT LIBRARY IS MAINTAINED BY THE "CHICAGO TIMES" (7)

John Owen (FROM LA 99ER.CA - JAN 88) "TERRIE"  
Finally, after many years, and phone conversations, we were able to meet John. He attended our last board meeting, and gave us a hands on look at the incredible program for indexing all newsletters. That is of groups willing to participate. Kent Sheets tried to accomplish this a few years ago, good idea, little support. Hopefully this will come to pass. Look inside for further information. Thanks John, it was a pleasure. By the way, John Owen will be demonstrating this at our January 27th meeting. Let us show this gent from Houston how participatory we can be.

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LA 99ER - JAN 88 - CHICK DEMARTI  
The UNDB99 index ... What is it?

At our board meeting this month I was introduced to John R. Owen of Houston, Tex. He is the editor of the Newsletter we get from the Johnson Space Center. I spent the next two enjoyable afternoons with him (Danny Nelson joined us on the second day).

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John Owen (FROM LA 99ER.CA - JAN 88) "TERRIE"  
Finally, after many years, and phone conversations, we were able to meet John. He attended our last board meeting, and gave us a hands on look at the incredible program for indexing all newsletters. That is of groups willing to participate. Kent Sheets tried to accomplish this a few years ago, good idea, little support. Hopefully this will come to pass. Look inside for further information. Thanks John, it was a pleasure. By the way, John Owen will be demonstrating this at our January 27th meeting. Let us show this gent from Houston how participatory we can be.

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From: HUG.TX - FEB '88 (RICHARD LUMPKIN)

As a follow-up to the July 1987 article in MICROpendium on the Avatex modems: On checking out this product line, I found that Avatex has up-graded their units. This upgrade is NOT readily apparent, in that the 1200 is now replaced by the "1200E" (for "economy model") and since it is now in a cheaper looking case, it might be mis-understood as being a lesser piece of equipment.

The 1200E now has essentially all the circuitry and features of the OLD 1200HC, except for the missing front switches for speed selection and Data/Voice. The power switch is now located on the back. The modem performs and matches the features of the old 1200HC in all other respects, and is essentially "Hayes Compatible" and is further upgraded to allow the European CCITT system to be software selected. All eight DIP switch selections are available as pre-sets for the default "start-up" conditions of operation; other conditions may be set through software commands in the "Command" mode ('AT' Command Set). Price at most sources is DOWN by \$5.00 to \$10.00 and this unit is available at \$85.00 postage paid through one source.

The "1200HC" is available but has been up-graded. It is almost totally new in the internal circuitry, and incorporates many of the features of the Avatex "2400" models: it is actually a "Hayes Identical" unit with 12 DIP switches on the bottom, and has all seventeen of the Hayes registers (S0 to S16) plus a Register 1B (S17) which controls the speaker setting, call progress status, and speed selection setting. So far as I have been able to determine, this unit matches to the Hayes Command set, register positions and values, and DIP switch functions exactly, to the latest versions of the Hayes 1200 bps units.

One thing that Avatex did not change was the model name: "1200HC". AND, since they did not change the BOX it came in or even the picture on the front of the manual, the only indication of a changed unit inside was that the NEW 1200 HC has different front panel switches: Data/Voice; Orig/Answer; Syn/Asynchronous; plus the new location of power switch to the back panel and the DIPs to the bottom. If you order one, have your seller check to make sure you are getting the New model.

The New 1200 HC also has slightly different LED indicators on the front (they now match the Hayes LEDs except for the Hayes having a "MR" Modem Ready instead of just a "POWER" LED):

POWER	TR	SD	RD	HS	CD	OH	AA
"on"	"DTR"	"send- ing"	"recv- ing"	"high speed"	"carrier detect"	"off hook"	"auto- answer"
		"data"	"data"	"1200"			

Since the Messages that can be displayed include "NO DIAL TONE", "BUSY", "NO ANSWER", "CONNECT", "NO CARRIER", and "RING" for incoming ringing, a fairly complete call progress status can be maintained even without turning on the speaker. The only dis-advantage that I felt with this unit was in not having a speaker "on" all the time with a volume control--you can change the speaker activity and volume only by COMMANDS. Also, the front panel switch for "speed" is gone. You probably wont miss it, since the unit automatically adjusts to the speed of your RS232 signal whenever the first "AT" command is entered, OR adjusts to the distant terminal's speed when in Answer mode (auto or manual).

The 1200HC I purchased works nicely in all the "modes" I have attempted. I have not found anything it is supposed to do that it does not do clearly and directly. The model 1200 HC is available from some Computer Shopper sources for less than \$100.00.

The Avatex 1200E is probably as such modem as most TI users (and even PC users) need or can even find a use for, in terms of features and usefulness, and "compatibility". If you want to be a little more sure of never "needing" a feature or compatibility OR if you ever expect to need Synchronous operation into a mainframe, you could consider the 1200 HC. If you were REALLY into buying for the future or if you are buying for a BBS setup, you could consider a 2400 bps modem, which might also be useful in inter-office or to-office local communications, but the 2400 bps arena is not yet well stabilized as to "standards" such as error setting and correction methods, regardless of CCITT v.22 and V.42 error correction being widely used.

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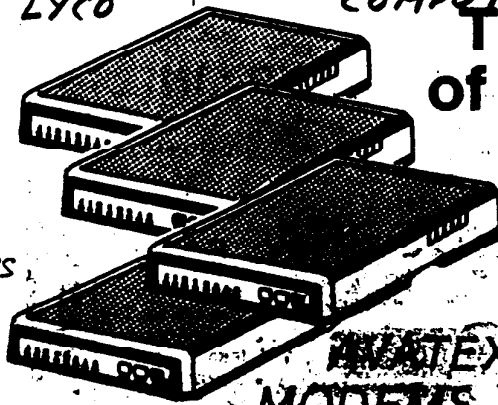
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NEWS FROM THE PECAN GROVE  
by Edgar Dohmann - 2/18/88

Well it's getting time to get back into action for the 1988 pecan crop. Soon I will have to start spraying, fertilizing, and mowing on a regular basis. We're keeping our fingers crossed that we won't have a repeat of last year's spring freeze that pretty well wiped out the 1987 crop.

This month I thought I would write a little different type of article. One of the things that fascinates me about the TI-99/4A is the variety of languages available for it and how well suited the machine is for learning these languages. One language that hasn't gotten too much press lately is FORTH. Since Jim Wray and I wrote SUPER 4TH, I thought I would write a FORTH article once.

There are two pages of screens at the end of this article with some interesting features. In 1986 I started working on a package I was going to release as Fairware called SUPER 4TH TOOLKIT I. This project got put on hold due to the demands of TI WORKSHOP but I hope to resurrect it this year.

As a preview, I thought I would publish some of the screens in the SUPER 4TH TOOLKIT, then later make them available on a Fairware disk.

The first set of screens (200-202 & 240-242) shows a shadow print concept where two sets of screens can be printed side by side using compressed print. The thought here was that you could write your code on one set of contiguous screens (200-202 in this example) and document them on another set of contiguous screens (240-242 in this example). Then when they are printed using the shadow print feature, the code will be down the left side of the page and the documentation will be down the right side of the page.

First some basic utility words are defined on screen 201. These are the words .2LINE, 2LR1, 2LIST, and 2PRINT. These are the basic words that support printing 2 screens on a page. Then the words STRIAD, STRIADS, 2TRIAD, and 2TRIADS actually print the screens on the page.

The screen printout included with this article was printed using STRIAD as follows:

240 200 STRIAD

This prints 3 screens starting with 200 down the left side of the page and 3 screens starting with 240 down the right side of the page. The STRIADS word is similar but prints multiple pages of screen information. For example the command: )

240 200 2) STRIADS

would print 7 pages of information with screens 200-220 down the left side of the pages and 240-260 down the right side of the pages.

The STRIAD and STRIADS words are specifically intended for printing code and documentation as demonstrated on the printout following this article. Another set of similar words, 2TRIAD and 2TRIADS print 6 screens per page but these print consecutive screens. For example, the command:

200 2TRIAD

would print the screens 200-205 all on one PAGE. Screens 200, 202, and 204 would be down the left side of the page while 201, 203, and 205 would be down the right side of the page.

The second set of screens included with this article is a handy D/V80 to <sup>from</sup> FORTH converter. Screens 206 & 207 contain several basic utility words. Screen 208 contains the words that actually read & write Forth screens as D/V 80 files. (You may note that I haven't formally documented these screens using my shadow print routine yet -- this is as far as I got before getting waylaid by TI WORKSHOP).

The D/V 80 conversion words are as follows:

- FLIST - writes a single screen to disk in D/V 80 format
- FTRIAD - similar to the standard TRIAD word but writes 3 screens to disk in D/V 80 format
- FTRIADS - similar to the standard TRIADS word but writes the range of screens specified to disk in D/V 80 format
- FPRINT - similar to FTRIADS but the SCR# header and line numbers that normally are printed with screen data are omitted. Screens stored with FPRINT can be recalled with FREAD.
- FREAD - reads the contents of a D/V 80 file into Forth screens.

Note: before using any of these words you must first execute the SET-FIL word to specify which file you want to read or write. After any of the words above are executed, the file will be closed. The SET-FIL word is executed as follows:

SET-FIL DSK1.MYFILE

where DSK1.MYFILE is the standard method of specifying disk number and file names.

There are several advantages to words like these. They allow you to create Forth code using your favorite word processor editor rather than being limited to the Forth editors. They also make it possible to easily transmit & receive Forth screens via modem.

All of the screens following this article were written for use with SUPER 4TH. They can be adapted for TI FORTH with a minimum of effort by writing a few new words for TI FORTH. For example, TI FORTH does not have the words DEC, 2DROP, and a few others that are used in these examples.

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SCR # 200

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0 ( SUPER 4TH TOOLKIT I by Edgar Dohmann )
1
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3 published and marketed by DataBioTics, Inc. It is protected
4 by U.S. Copyright laws.
5
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7 used in SUPER 4TH applications that are distributed as a
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9 disk may only be made for the backup use of the original
10 purchaser.
11
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14
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SCR # 201

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0 ( SHADOW PRINT SUPPORT -- screen 1 of 2 )
1 BASE->R DEC
2 : .ZLINE (LINE) TYPE ;
3
4 : ZLRI 2 .R SPACE DUP SCR ! ;
5
6 : ZLIST BASE->R DEC CR DUP ." SCR # " . S7 SPACES SWAP DUP
7 ." SCR # " . SWAP L/SCR 0 DO CR I ZLRI I SCR @ .ZLINE SWAP I
8 ZLRI I SCR @ .LINE SWAP PAUSE IF 0 LEAVE ENDIF LOOP DUP 0=
9 IF DROP 1 ELSE 0 ENDIF CR R->BASE ;
10
11 : ZPRINT SWCH ZLIST ZDROP DROP UNSWCH ;
12
13 : STRIAD SWCH 3 0 DO ZLIST IF UNSWCH ZDROP QUIT ENDIF CR 1+
14 SWAP 1+ SWAP LOOP ZDROP 15 MESSAGE 12 EMIT UNSWCH ;
15 R->BASE -->

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SCR # 202

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0 ( SHADOW PRINT SUPPORT - screen 2 of 2 )
1 BASE->R DEC
2
3 : STRIADS 0 DO STRIAD 3 +LOOP ;
4
5 : ZTRIAD SWCH 3 0 DO DUP 1+ SWAP ZLIST IF UNSWCH ZDROP QUIT
6 ENDIF DROP 1+ LOOP DROP 15 MESSAGE 12 EMIT UNSWCH ;
7
8 : ZTRIADS SWAP DO I ZTRIAD 6 +LOOP ;
9
10
11
12
13
14 R->BASE
15

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SCR # 240

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0 SUPER 4TH TOOLKIT I Credit and Copyright Notice
1
2 This notice provides author credit and publisher copyright.
3
4
5
6 The utilities and routines contained in this toolkit may be
7 used in SUPER 4TH applications that are distributed as a
8 commercial product or through public domain. Copies of this
9 disk may only be made for the backup use of the original
10 purchaser.
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SCR # 241

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0 SHADOW PRINT SUPPORT -- Permits the side-by-side print of 2
1 screens. All screens must be text only
2 .ZLINE ( a scr# --- ) Like .LINE but trailing blanks are not
3 deleted
4 ZLRI ( a1 a2 --- a1 ) Internal routine used by ZLIST.
5
6 ZLIST ( a1 a2 --- a1 a2 f ) Prints 2 screens side-by-side
7 on the terminal. a2 is on the left, a1
8 is on the right. f is the PAUSE flag.
9
10
11 ZPRINT ( a1 a2 --- ) Switches output device to the printer
12 then uses ZLIST to print the screens.
13 STRIAD ( a1 a2 --- ) Prints 3 screens on the left and 3 on
14 the right side of the page starting at
15 screens a1 and a2.

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SCR # 242

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0 SHADOW PRINT SUPPORT (cont)
1
2
3 STRIADS ( a1 a2 cnt --- ) Prints cnt screens along the right
4 and left sides of the page.
5 ZTRIAD ( a --- ) Dual TRIAD. Prints 6 screens on one
6 page starting at screen a.
7
8 ZTRIADS ( a1 a2 --- ) Dual TRIADS. Prints 6 screens per page
9 from screen a1 to screen a2.
10
11 ZTRIAD and ZTRIADS are similar to TRIAD and TRIADS
12 but with 6 screens per page. STRIAD and STRIADS are
13 for Shadow Print of screens and documentation. Care
14 should be taken to only print text screens with these
15 words because no ?ASCII check is made.

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