

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE K-TOWN 99/4A USERS' GROUP

AND

THE ATHENS COMPUTER CLUB

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OCTOBER MEETING

The K-TOWN 99/4A Users Group will meet at the MLB (Mechanicsville, Lonsdale, Beaumont) Building on the second Thursday of the month. The date is October 13. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. The agenda has not been announced at press time. Bob Buehler will favor us with a demonstration of some of the files from PLUS!. PLUS! is a disk full of companion files for all the popular word processing programs available for the 99/4A. You don't want to miss this demo.

E.M. will again have his TI \$\$\$ SEARCH in operation, trying to match serial numbers of \$1.00 bills with numbers registered in his program. Cash awards for matching numbers.

Please remember that we must vacate the building by 9:30.

DISK OF THE MONTH

The McGoverns of Australia have favored us with another update of their super duper FUNLWEB. This is version 4.10 and offers more enhancements to an already super program.

This is another flippy, priced at \$4.00.

KINDER KORNER-11

By Bob Buehler

PRINTER CONTROLS. In 1975 I lost my job! Good reason. In those days senility was automatic for folks who were born in 1910. Didn't tell anyone, though, and there followed 13 fun-years of profitable, rewarding consulting. For the first much of this time an electric typewriter, retirement gift from my kids, was a mainstay in the business. Now, though, it is pushed to the back burner. Up front in latest, happy years has been electronic word processing stemming from a 1983 Christmas gift from my son. I know you know what it is. **THE ORPHAN** of course! I added printing by Dot Matrix because of its economy, speed, and versatility. My printer is a Star Gemini-10X, now superseded by later models. Mine doesn't know it is superseded and is still going great! Its PRINT CONTROLS is the subject of this Kinder Korner.

The Printer Controls that I'm talking about select pitch (10, 12, or 17 characters per inch); contrast by Emphasize, Double Strike, Double Wide, Underline, or Italics; Superscript or Subscript; and even Line Spacing.

I use them all in my own word processing, but there must be a huge bunch more when sophisticated graphics are involved.

The printer manual covers print controls in Basic. Transliterates do a good job in TI-Writer when in the Format Mode. But, by golly, I most often want PRINT CONTROLS IN EDITOR MODE. SO KEEP READING. It applies specifically to Gemini-10X, probably also to Epson printers, but can be adapted to other printers using their appropriate User Manuals.

Double Wide. Let's suppose that you want to caption a page in capitol, Double Wide letters. Try this: In Editor Mode, after setting margins and tabs, hold down the CTRL key and press letter U. Then hold down the SHIFT key and press the letter M. Finally, repeat the hold-down of CTRL and pressing of U. Now type in the caption statement in caps, ending with a carriage return by pressing ENTER. Now hold down FCTN and press 9. Next key in PF (Print File) and ENTER. Of course, you should have the printer turned on!! You should see something like this: **ALL ABOUT PRINT CONTROLS** That's all there is to this one. You don't need to store

a document on diskette, exit Editor Mode, call up Foreater, and then print. But don't get over confident. This is one of the eezzeesst!

Now Let's Slow Down Awhile. CNTRL U is the GREAT MAGICIAN! It puts the computer into SPECIAL CHARACTER MODE. You will know this mode exists because the normal, plump, vertical, blinking cursor becomes a blinking underscore character. This mode allows entry of ASCII character codes to send 1.) escape sequences or 2.) special commands to a printer. And that's the whole "ball of wax" on Printer Controls when in the Text Editor Mode, that Mode where I so often want Print Controls. So you press CTRL U to enter Special Character Mode. Then you enter appropriate ASCII characters to do the job, and then your press CTRL U again to return to Text Editor.

You don't have to believe me, In fact I hope you don't. It will do you good to read it for yourself on page 98 of TI Writer. This would be easy to miss. Fact is, I think almost all K-Town 99er's have missed this JEWEL!

Now back to Double Wide. CTRL U produced Special Character Mode. SHIFT M (See page 146 of TI-Writer for all of this stuff) entered ASCII Code 14, Function Acronya SO, which shows on the monitor as a lower case 'e' with a wee dot above. Look at the last column to see this thing in print. The significance of all this sinks in when you look at the FUNCTION CODE SUMMARY of your printer manual. CODE SO, Decimal equivalent 14, turns on Double Wide. By gosh, that all ties together! Note in the printer manual that Double Wide is cancelled by Carriage Return. That's why I told you to do this. Double Wide usually is a one-liner. Mighty handy, what?

But if you do want to end Double Wide before end of line, look in the printer manual to see that DC4, Decimal 20, will do the job. Then back to page 146, SHIFT T is ASCII 20, DC4. So, CTRL-U, SHIFT-T, CTRL-U is the way. This time we looked in the printer manual to learn what to do and then in the TI-Writer book to learn how to do it. That's the real way all this stuff should be figured out, but way up there at the beginning the backward way seemed easiest to get a good bite on things.

ESC. This means ESCAPE, of which there are more than one kind. A printer needs an ESCAPE each time it is told to do a newly prescribed job. Prisoners dream and sing about escapes. When I worked in the Ford Garage "The Prisoner's Song" was number 1 among the mechanics. You should have heard us guys in greasy coveralls, lying on 'creepers', under Model T's break forth in resounding, emotional tremolo ---

If I had the wings of an Angel,
O'r these prison walls I would fly.

I would fly to the arms of my sweetheart,
And there I'd be willing to die!

Not just once a day; more like about 20 times. Well the FUNCTION CODE SUMMARY in Gemoni's Printer Manual lists 54 ESC s!! We'll talk about one or two this time, a few more next time, and others sometime.

The first and simplest in Function Code Summary is just ESC, Decimal equivalent 27. That should ring a

bell. When printing in Basic we use CHR\$(27) preceding the specific job instruction for the printer. But now take a look at p 146 of TI-Writer. ASCII CODE 27 is ACRONYM ESC! So do this: Hold down CTRL and press U. You get the slender, horizontal cursor. Now hold down FCTN and press R like you are told to do in the fourth column. On the monitor you see a symbol like a lower case b, but with a tiny vertical line above. You can see this in print in the last column, p 146. Next, again hold down CTRL and press U. The plump, vertical cursor returns, but now the keyboard has special powers.

Suppose you want to print in Italics.

I've used Italics a bunch in KINDER KORNER, but no more, because sometimes it messed up Art Gibson's super duper Newsletter Program.

But try it yourself. Note from the Printer Manual that ESC4 does just this. So, while the wee b is showing on the monitor, and that means while the key board has special powers, press numeral 4 and type your stuff. Of course, you will want to end Italics sometime, but you'll have to figure that out for yourself. Still I can't bear to have you suffer, so I'll give a hint. Cancel ESC4 with ESC5.

PLEASE LISTEN A MOMENT. I'm the first to admit that the above appears to be too complicated to be usefull. SO LISTEN GOOD, IT JUST PLAIN AIN'T! If it were, this KINDER KID, who has been senile for 13 years, who hasn't even finished X-BASIC, who can't make head nor tails from Assembly in a half-dozen tries (see, I can't even spell it); if it were tough I wouldn't be able to use this stuff. But I can, SO THERE!! Fact is, I have it all reduced to a 4" X 6" file card which is always on my copy holder for instant reference. I hope to be able to help you to be so lucky!!

BB, First full draft, 8/6/88. Corrections 8/19/88

GRAND RAM. Do you remember when this FAST, battery-backed memory expansion appeared to be the answer to a TI-99er's dream? Strange, and suspect too, how this jewel seems to have faded from the scene! Back in June, it was reported in MICROpendium that the long back-log of orders would be cleared for prompt shipments in the fall. That's right now! Yet, July MICROpendium makes no mention of GRAND RAM. August is equally, conspicuously silent! I wonder why there hasn't been a comprehensive review of such a promising TI-99 accessory. I've saved birthday and Father's Day gifts to get me a GRAND RAM, but I'm awaitin' 'till I hear or see enough impartial supporting good stuff. Then I'll write the check.

BB final effort, 8/31. Later final effort, 9/3. Last one, 9/17

A BRIDGE REVIEW

by
Joe N. Simmons

John H. Bull of the K-town Computer Club has just completed and released version 2.25 of his Bridge tutorial and version 2.27 of his Rubber Bridge.

As you may recall, I first mentioned John's Bridge

program in my July "Stumblings" article. John is a retired minister who enjoys the game of bridge. Wanting to generate an interest and later enjoyment by others in the game of Bridge, John has developed a tutorial. Unlike TI's Bridge tutorials by Robert Hamman and Robert Wolff in 1980, John's tutorials allows one to bid and see what his actions may develop into. TI's on the other hand is a step by step tutor allowing the user up to three chances to make the predetermine "correct" action. Being an American, I prefer John's method which allows one to profit by his mistakes.

John's tutorial begins with a narrative of how to count bid points, determine bidable suits, and how to score the hands. After a short exercise on the counting of the card points, one is allowed to bid with the computer bidding the west, north, and east hands. All of these hands are visible so that you can see what they contain. If you, your partner or your opponets win the contract bid, then you can see your action and theirs (the computer playing the other hands). After the games is won or lost the score is computed and displayed by the computer. This continues until one completes the rubber.

TI's Hamman and Wolf's tutor teaches one the conventions of bidding; however, John's arrives at the same point through the avenue of repeated experiences.

The second portion of John's Bridge program is Rubber Bridge. Rubber Bridge is much like the tutorial except that one may not see his partners nor his opponets hands. After having played John's program through seven Rubbers, I like it! The only weakness I see is that the computer does not see the void in the dummy's hand. Perhaps the more experienced Bridge players will see other flaws.

However, you will not find a better \$20.00 investment. If you should want a copy of this "fairware" program, you may contact John H. Bull at 7700 Gleason Road #25B; Knoxville, Tennessee, 37919. If on the other hand you have received a copy of this program by mail, be certain that you send John his \$20.00 for you will certainly his program. seemed to be willing so I suspect we will see this enhancement sometime in the near future.

Also a part of this LD weekend was spend working on inserting Irving's new Summarize routine within his existing program.

Enough stumbling for this month...Joe//11:50 hrs.
Aug. 21, 1988.

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REBUTTAL
by E.M. Smith

In our September Newsletter our V.P. invited us to participate in a dialog pertaining to the future course of our users group. And if you were present at our September meeting you witnessed a rather lackluster and indeterminate discussion of the subject. My effort

herein is a rebuttal to his proposition and is directed to those members who missed our September meeting.

In our V.P.'s proposition to open the group to IBM and clone users, he also presented the best argument (in my judgement) to why this would not be a wise move. He stated that the Athens Group thrived as a multicomputer group for as long as there was a leader of the group who was learned in both computers. When that leadership folded so did the interest in the group with the end result that the two interests were split and chose to go in separate directions.

The key word here in this discussion is leadership. Without enthusiastic and dedicated leadership we can not likely survive as a users group of any persuasion. I doubt that any of us would question the enthusiasm or dedication of our V.P. but I suspect that he is like many of our past leaders. "Burnout" has taken its toll. It is very difficult to lead in the absence of any "course of interest" on the part of the membership. In recent meetings we learned that there was no interest in SIGS relative to any subject and that no members were experiencing any problems with software or hardware that required assistance from other members of the group. It appears that most of us have aquired our own little niche for the use of our computers and are well satisfied with the status quo. So what is there left for us to do? Do any of you have some suggestions?

With the future prospect of a continued decline in membership we should indeed follow the council of our V.P. to give serious thought as to what course we might follow. We need to garner a consensus on this subject very soon. For what ever it might be worth I submit the following rational in opposition to a multi-computer users group:

I do not envision any growth in the number of TI Users in our group, and any growth that develops as a result of merging with those of different computer interests, will more likely be persons who do not own a TI. Considering the small number of active TI Users which now participate in our group the TI Users would be overwhelmed by the dominance of the Big Blue. Also, when considering our small numbers we would be unable to muster the necessary leadership from those who are willing and able to serve in a manner that would support our divergent needs and interests. The knowledge I have gained, relative to our membership, while being most active in the group since its inception causes me to perceive any proposed merger as a poor marriage. Keep in mind that this is just one members viewpoint. Those who say they will drop out of the group if it remains strictly a TI Users Group are choosing to desert us. It is not us deserting them. I will truly miss their fellowship.

In an effort to gain a consensus on this issue you will find a questionnaire inclosed in this newsletter. You are urged to fill out this questionnaire immediately and return it to the group address. Questionnaires which are not returned will be construed as a negative response to both sides of the issue and that your interest in the group is so negative that it is not worthy of investing

the price of a postage stamp and an envelope. Decision time is now! Your vote will determine whether we make plans for a future or to dissolve the group and dispose of our assets.

Vice Comments

Joe White and his IBM gave some "neat" graphics! and added "pizzaz" to our newsletter. Thank you Joe. Hopefully, elsewhere in this newsletter we will have the thoughts of others on the subject of becoming a multiple computer club. Remember... Ignoring this problem is not the answer. Let us get some feedback one on one and in this newsletter.

Best Wishes
Joe 9/17/88.

Irving Crowley's
CHECKBOOK MANAGER VER 5.3.1
a review by
Joe N. Simmons

PART III

The following is a continuation of a review of the above program which I started last month.

As with most good programmers, Irving is never satisfied... always improving his program. His most recent improvement is a summation of his colations with a listing by category of the monthly budget, sum total of the budget through the month of the users choosing as well as a sum total of the actual expenditures.

An added feature - one which I feel is real "neat" - is the ability to print this summation to either the printer or to your diskette in DV/80 format. As we all know DV/80 format allows us to insert this summation into a ti-writer manuscript. He has also modified his PRINT/SORT file to have this same utility.

I have inserted these modifications into the SS/SD version which the K-town Club received in their Disk of the Month in August. In so doing I found that one has to remind himself where his files are located so that he does not get I/O ERRORS! One way to avoid some of the nuisance and aggravation is to use the Mid-Town 99er's "Jacket" program. This program is another "neat" (sorry Col. North, but I like the term too) program which will print a jacket either in either SS,DS,or floppy formats to your printer. Afterwhich with a pair of scissors and scotch tape, one can have a diskette envelope (jacket) with a catalog of his diskette listed on the outside of the envelope. By the way if you get an I/O ERROR just press Function 4 and place the correct floppy side in your drive#1.

As I mentioned previously, you need to play with

this program to discover how useful it can be for you.

I will continue to review the new improvements of Irving's program in my Stumblings coluan in the K-town/Athens Computer Club newsletter. I hope this review has inspired you to jump into trying this program out. For, if you do, you will find that it will become a mainstay in you software library.

This time I completed this in the day time 19:20:34 on 9/17/88!JNS

A WORD ABOUT FREEMARE

FREEMARE ISN'T FREE!!. your library committee and group officers want to encourage you to remember that the **FREEMARE** is not free!! It is only a way of marketing software that permits the user to see what he should pay for before he pays for it. Like the honor system, this contract can be broken and is every day, but that doesn't make it right. If you are using a freeware program and haven't sent the author a contribution, you are stealing. If you are not sure if a program is "freeware", list it out and the REM statements will usually so state. If you don't send your \$5.00 or \$10.00 now, tomorrow may be too late -- the programs won't be there and your TI will have lost even more value.

The more recent fairware programs we have had as our Disk of the Month are Marty Kroll's Catalog Program and Irving Crowley's Checkbook Program and Plus+

STUMBLINGS

by
Joe N. Simmons

Have you ever stumbled on to a new technique either at the computer or in another club's newsletter? If so, this coluan is for you. The geniuses will be so deep in thought that they will never know that they missed these stumbles! Enough gibberish.

John Bull of our K-town Club has just released version 2.27 of his Rubber Bridge Program. Those of you who have not gotten a copy of this program ought to send John a twenty dollar bill plus a disk and disk mailer with postage paid. I have spent three sessions one September weekend totaling seven hours for a total of four rubbers. He has improved the randomizing and the contract bidding logic. Two areas which need more improvement are the dummy hand being seen by everyone and your partner not responding to a jump shift bid. The most noticeable flaw is when you are the dummy and your partner fails to see the void in your hand. A note to John: several times I get a Bad Subscript error in line

1460.

John says he will correct some of these flaws; however he does not plan to modify this Bridge program. He plans to begin a new one from "scratch" as he feels it would be easier to start over with the new techniques and logic he has learned since the beginning of this project.

John has also released in the same program version 2.25 of his Bridge tutorial. He has enhanced the bidding instructions.

Labor Day Weekend was spent by me trying to and finally succeeding in modifying our Athens Club's Jimmie Gordon's Church Budget program to have subtotals. I also increased the number of printable columns to 10 from its original seven. Although I did spend...can you believe it... nearly 16 hours at it, I had a grand time! That (a good time) is why we enjoy this little toy. For those of you who have enjoyed Jimmie's enhanced Wordsearch program, his Church Budget Program is an improvement of his original program. Also this program reads Irving Crowley's Checkbook transact file. I have talked to Irving and to Jimmie about the possibility of inserting Jimmie's routine into Irving's Checkbook Manager. They both seemed to be willing so I suspect we will see this enhancement sometime in the near future.

Also a part of the LD weekend and other spare moments have been spent working on inserting Irving's new Summarize and Print/Sort routines within his existing program. Irving: the correction you gave me for the Summarize program also needs to be inserted into line 1100 of the Print/Sort program. Also it would be nice if the Summarize program would also give sum totals. Also, can you give me a tutorial of how to use Call statements? I'm finding them through out your programs...

For those of us who write articles for newsletters and who often find ourselves all messed up when we make inserts and reformats as we continually change the contents of our articles, the inserting of(cr)'s down the page prevents having to make corrections. Joe it might be better not to write the end of the article first. If you would not, you would not have the problem! he,he!

Enough stumbling for this month...Joe//19:57 hrs. 9/17/88 at Etowah, Tennessee Aug. 21, 1988.

AUGUST ATHENS MEETING

We had a poor turn out this month. Only Joel and Joe met. Joe demonstrated his modification to the FunnelWeb 4.0 program.

Joel was fascinated with the Mid-South 99er's Jacket program and obtained a copy. Joe also showed how to change the program to reload the Funnelweb from the Jacket and Irving's mail label programs.

DEBERT Those of you who missed Ellen's Banana Pudding should have come to our meeting. Joel and joe enjoyed their share and yours!!

For those of you who enjoy the 994A come and share

your ignorance with the rest of us.

Respectively submitted, JNS

**TI-WRITER PROBLEMS
from SFV 99er Times**

PUNCTION

Typists will always use two spaces after a punction mark ending a sentence. TI-writer, for some strange reason, does things a little different. For example:

The period(.) - TI-Writer will always put 2 spaces after every period that has been followed by a single space. This is fine if the period is at the end of the sentence. But what if you are using an abbreviation withen a sentence? The formatter will put 2 spaces here also, but you properly only want one. What you need to do in this case is use the required space symbol (^) after the period of an abbreviation. This will give you the desired one space when using the formatter. (A period followed by no space will appear as just that.)

The exclamation and question marks (!) (?) - In these cases the formatter will not automatically give you 2 spaces as it properly should. To make your document look correct you will need to add one space and one required symbol (^).

THE PERIOD AND DECIMALS

The formatter thinks that any line which begins with a period is a formatter command and will delete the whole line. If by chance your document contains a value such as (.10) and the wraparound caused by Fill and Adjust of the formatter puts it at the beginning of the line, the whole line will disappear. To correct this you could put a zero in front of your decimals (0.10).

ASTERISK AND NUMBERS

If you are printing out of the formatter and your document contains an astrisk followed by two or more numeric digits, the asterisk and the two digits will disappear. For instance, A(4)256 becomes A6. What's happening here is that TI-Writer program misinterprets the astrisk and two digits as an instruction to input data from a "value file", as in mail merge. This is described on page 111 of the TI Instruction book. To correct this problem, you will need to type two astrisks followed by two dummy numbers, then the actual digits. For example, type A(##)25256 to print A(4)256.

REQUIRED SPACE

If you tie words together for the purpose of underlining (&) or overstriking (@) with the required space (^), the Fill and Adjust of the formatter will leave gaping blanks in your lines. If you tie too many together, the line will extend beyond the right margin. It would be better to put a seperate (&) or (@) in front of each word. Be sure to include the spaces between the words. If you want a (^) to appear in your text, you

will need to transliterate it(see page 107 of the TI Instruction book). The(%) and the(%) are typed twice in succession to get them to print.

OTHER PROBLEMS

Other problems have been noted in TI-Writer that cause erratic and destructive commands, but they are not fully documented.

WEATHER FORECAST ?

Reprinted in the Reader's Digest
From The Official Computer Freaks Joke Book
By Steve Mozniak and Larry Wild

Late one night a man answered the phone: "How do I know?" he asked. "Why don't you call the weather bureau?"

"Who was that?" his wife inquired.

"Beats me. Some guy wanted to know if the coast was clear."

BLIND DATES ?

Reprinted in the Reader's Digest
-Ed McManus, quoted by Steve Mozniak and Larry Wilde in The Official Computer Freaks Joke Book

Delbert and Fletch, two industrial robots, escaped from the engineering lab one Saturday night. They decided to separate, pick up some dates and meet later.

A few hours passed and Delbert arrived at the meeting place. He found Fletch standing in front of a mailbox and a fire alarm. "Who are your two friends?" asked Delbert.

"Forget them," sighed Fletch. "The short, fat one with the big mouth just stands there, and if you touch the redhead she screams her lungs out."

TIP OF THE HAT

TO
J.D. HANNAM
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Recently we broke the little black knob on one of our Teac disk drives. After exhausting local sources, I sent \$3.00 to J.D. Hannam with a little note telling of my problem and asking if they could help me out and to invoice me if I owe them more.

Promptly, they sent me two knobs and a new disk drive opening cover.

This was a small order. Not hardly worth fooling with; however they did and I appreciate it. If you, like us, have a need of a DSDD drives, or cassettes, or hard drives, Please remember a true friend and business people of J. D. Hannam of 303 N. Glonoaks Plaza; Suite 1110; Burbank, Ca 91502

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Update UPDATE uPdAtE:

Bob has sold one of his boxes to someone up North via UPS. He may donate his last two complete systems with PEB boxes to a local school systems unless he can get at least a decent offer.

Bob Lamb P.O.Box 309; Athens, Tennessee, 37303 has Reduced his prices on six black/silver consoles, two PEB boxes with 32k, TI disk controllers and drives and some RS232 cards and printers as well as XB cartridges for sale. Bob indicated he now wants \$300.00 for a console-PEB package with extended basic. The RS232 cards as part of the package will be on a first come basis. This is an excellent opportunity for those of you who have been looking for PE boxes. You need one to house the new GENEVE.

Larry Nelson has a bare (without power supply box) SSSD drive for sale at \$50.00 and has an Epson 80X printer for sale at your best offer. Call Larry at (615) 745-0648.

Joe White of the K-Town Group has a fully expanded PEB for sale at \$260.00. Included is 32K memory, RS232, Disk Controller, and two half height DSSD Disk Drives. You can reach Joe at (615) 687-0656.

OCTOBER Meeting

The Athens Club's OCTOBER MEETING will be held on Thursday, the 20th at 7:00 P.M. at Joe Simmons's home in the Seven Cedars Subdivision in Etowah, Tennessee. Joe will demonstrate Irving's new innovation in his checkbook program as well as John Bull's Bridge Program.

FROM TIGERCUB

We recently received from Jim Peterson, of Tigercub fame, a DS/SD disk filled with several new issues of Tips from Tigercub. The disk also contains Tigercub Software Catalog No. 8. As you know Jim has been a long time contributor of software for our 99/4A and his Tigercub Tips have been featured in most newsletters of Users Groups across the country. His programs have a reputation for quality, usefulness, and are reasonably priced. You may get a copy of this disk from our library or see E.M. Smith to view a printed copy of his catalog.



Exec Meeting

9-1-88 held at E.M.'s house. 4 souls ventured out, Mssrs. Sheridan, Bull, Smith, White (me). Bull's Bridge program is coming along fairly well. He said it needs cleaning up and speeding up. He said it needed these things because he used neither the top-down nor bottom-up method but rather the shotgun

approach. It features 2 versions of Bridge, a rubber one and something else, a tutor, and strategy. The previous problem, ahh, you remember, (random vs. method of load) he has taken care of by incorporating random in a call key statement.

We cut some of the mailing list where some groups have not been reciprocating on the exchange, are defunct, or have ignored--> the address change.

E.M. suggested the group purchase a color tv for the clubs system, I argued for a monitor, having used both.

E.M. expressed the thought that both group and officers were lethargic, wondered how to counter, but offered no suggestions.

In lieu of adjourning to the donut shop, E.M. provided ropes and cookies - and YOU missed. He tried to construct a SS/SD version of Funnelweb 4.1 for Bull, even went so far as to cheat by peeking at the docs. Being somewhat perplexed by the statement, "Load these files etc." then naming only 3 or 4, we relied on trial and error, they were still at it on my exit.



Monthly Meeting

9-8-88 MLB Bldg. Called to order by Joe Simmons. Bill Sheridan thanked all who had contributed articles for the newsletter. E.M. thought there should be some method where he and Bill could put in the newsletter, what would be on the agenda and the DOM for the upcoming meeting.

Tying in to this, Bob Buehler wondered where all the demos are, since we now have a system at each and every meeting. The Exec meeting has been the traditional place for planning then and planning was 5 weeks in advance. With, (4 on average) attending, it has become increasingly difficult since those 4 cannot plan activities for others to do, if others do not volunteer to do them. "John may be tired, never-the-less, let John do it."

OCT-- Demo by Buehler of some PLUS templates, DOM will be Funnelweb 4.1 ** The Question came up of how one can get back to the XB list (or 1st screen) without re-booting. Has anyone overcome that?

NOV-- Mike Epperson will again conduct a console cleaning. DOM is open at this time. Bring your console, 2 small screwdrivers (phillips & reg), pencil with good eraser. I still have some denatured alcohol. You may be encouraged by the fact that no one encountered any problems after this experience the last time, and there were a good many more doing it than there will probably be this time.

DEC-- We are penciling in a demo of a TI running CPM on an 80 column monitor. (Hah! Bet you thought you'd have to have a Geneve for anything like that.)

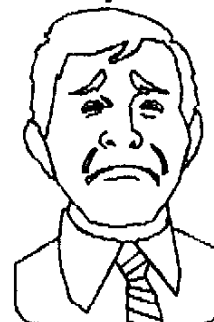
If any outlanders have info or experiences with installing 32k inside the console, please get in touch. We have a member who is interested but would like to correspond with someone with 1st hand experience.

LIBRARY-- Harold Falkner is going to get in touch with Frieda Griffin and see about getting our pitiful library to a meeting, perhaps to be passed among those interested in seeing what's left of it. Epperson said he has around 300 disks of programs in his personal library, I doubt there are 50 left in the club's. Evidently a swap meet would be your best chance of finding out what's available. It's BS and part is archived and very little catalogued. The next project will be double sided drives for the club system.

NOTE TO TREASURER, wherever you are. The group voted to buy Epperson's color monitor @ \$140.00. (Send Check)

Food For Thought: The rest of the meeting was discussion on "Where to, What next." Membership stands at 29, many are out of town/state, average attendance = 12.5. Past/present members with ibm capability/interest, Brykalski, Coleman, Epperson, Gilbert, Kwik, Johnson, Shelton, White, Wilson. There may be others I've lost track of. Some clubs have tried multiple machines, many without success. The Boston Computer Society and NACS have succeeded. Should we find out how or slip quietly under the still waters?

Define -- User Group. Where do YOU fit in the overall scheme of things. User? Helper? Doer? ??



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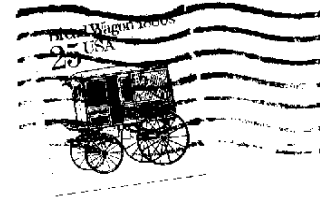
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