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LIMA 99/4A USERS GROUP

Announcing the 1998
MUG Conference.
Friday/Saturday May 15/16
The Ohio State University Lima Campus
Lima, Ohio.

As in previous years this all TI/Geneve computer show will be totally free. There is no admission charge and no charge for display tables. To schedule a seminar or request display tables or for further information contact Charles Good, phone 419-667-3131 or email good.6@osu.edu. Soon a web page will be established as a branch page off of www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/2761/ with up to the minute details.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
THIS WILL BE THE LAST REGULARLY PUBLISHED ISSUE OF THE LIMA USER GROUP NEWSLETTER.

The Lima newsletter has been published regularly 10 times a year since August 1984, and unfortunately this will be the last regular newsletter. We have lost our lost cost copy facilities at the OSU Lima Campus, we have lost most of our local membership, and the editor, Charles Good is tired of all the work. Throughout the years the Lima newsletter has been known for publishing lots of original material, material that has not previously appeared in other TI newsletters, such as the Shamus maps in this issue. Such original material is hard to come by these days.

The Lima User Group will continue to meet monthly at the OSU Lima Campus and the software library will still be available to local and to our of area members. The newsletter will in the future be published irregularly. For example, updates of the 1998 MUG conference will be mailed to those on the newsletter mailing list.

OTHER TI SHOWS

CHICAGO TI FAIRE. Saturday November 8, 1997. 9:30-4:40 with an organized after-the-faire evening meal. Evanston Public Library, Evanston Illinois. This is the longest running annual 99/4A show in the world and is sponsored by the Chicago User Group.

INTERNATIONAL FEST WEST 98. Friday/Saturday February 13/14 at the Texas Instruments production facility at Lubbock Texas. This is where the 99/4A was made. TI will provide some guest speakers who were involved in 99/4A marketing and development. Up to the minute information, including special hotel rates, is available on the internet at http://personal.riverusers.com/~twills/fw98.html and is also available from Tom Wills by phoning 520-579-6014 or (fax) 520-579-6002. The event is sponsored by the SW 99er user group and Texas Instruments. TI even has a link on its official web site to the Fest West 98 web site.

1998 PETERSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Hello!

The Jim Peterson Achievement Award, Class of 1998 is now accepting nominations!

The nomination process will end on 31 December 1997. AT that time the results will be posted and voting begun!

The areas are the same: Hardware, Software, Community, and 9640!

I will take the nominations via email, or snail.
My email address is: ab453@cleveland.freenet.edu

Jim Krych
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USA   **DONE**

"TI INTERN" AND OTHER MATERIAL BY HEINER MARTIN IS NOW IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Date: Thu, 21 Aug 1997

I stopped working with the TI 99/4A in 1987 due to my job. I just have given all my TI 99/4A equipment to another guy here Germany. I also gave him the permission to make all my programs/developments accessible to the public as freeware. Though it will take some time, I hope he will do this. He also promised to me, to convert all the textfiles of my book TI 99/4A Intern to a MS-DOS PC. My intention is to upload these files here in the forum.

Take care
Heiner Martin

TI INTERN is available as DV80 text files on Lima User Group disks 1071 - 1074. The book is also now in Compuserve's TI forum in Adobe Acrobat format.
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DELPHI ENDING SERVICE TO TIERS

Date: Sat, 06 Sep 1997 00:08:41 -0400 (EDT)

Delphi has just closed down its TI SIG with its Forum and large TI database - all in spite of Jerry Coffey's best efforts on our behalf.
    John Bull
    . bulljh@delphi.com
                                    DONE

AMS AND NON-AMS ENHANCED MIDI MASTER NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 99/4A FROM BRUCE HARRISON

Today is a happy day for another reason, that being I've again kept my word to the TI "community", for what that's worth.

Back at this year's Lima affair, I promised to try making a new version of MIDI-Master for those who've bought the Super AMS card. As of yesterday, that new version is completed. It has all of the improvements that were put into my new non-AMS version (2.5Z), but with the ability to use the AMS to handle very large works of music. On my own 256K card, for example, I can use pieces 10 times the size of what the old MIDI-Master could handle.

For testing purposes, Harold Timmons (from the Cleveland Faire) kindly sent me the SNF source files for Rhapsody in Blue. That was four large files, and would have to be loaded and played one-by-one on MIDI-Master. It's hard to get the "flow" of a composition like that when it's interrupted three times to load a new file.

With the new Version 2.5A (for AMS) MIDI-Master, all four sections load in together, and then get saved as 12 memory image files. The work can be played from start to finish without any more loading, and in as "seamless" a manner as possible. This is a truly remarkable new capability.

Pricing and other terms have yet to be worked out, as the Copyright still belongs to Mike Maksimik, and Don Walden has distribution rights for the original. None the less, it's time for the word to go out that there's another new product for the AMS Card owners of this world.

As with the original MIDI-Master 99, the entire program, including all the code to manage the AMS, fits into the Low memory, with 150 bytes left over for "expansion". This version, like the non-AMS version 2.5Z, also includes MIDI Album at no extra cost. The buyer MUST already own MIDI-Master, as I cannot supply the special connecting cable, but that's the only "caution" that needs be said. My usual lucid instructions are on the disk, and in them the user will find out about some undocumented features of MIDI-Master that have been in the software, but not in the "docs". For one thing, the user can have his instrument play a full octave below what Mike's docs indicate, and two octaves above his stated range as well. Not all MIDI instruments can go that far, but most newer ones can. There was more there than we knew.

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FEST WEST INFO

Date: Mon, 01 Sep 1997

Last week three members of the Fest West '98 - Lubbock Committee went to Lubbock to meet with Texas Instrument officials and hotel officials. While in Lubbock, we stayed at each of the hotels that will be used as official hotels for Fest West '98 - Lubbock.

The first night was spent at the Villa Inn, sister hotel to the Koko Inn. These two hotels are very similar, so the comparisons between the Villa and Koko Inns are basically the same. The Koko Inn is letting us have the rooms for $44 a night. If and when the block of 100 rooms is used up at the Koko Inn, then the rooms at the Villa Inn will be used. The Koko and Villa are two blocks from each other and about three miles from the Sheraton Four Points where the vendor portion of FW98 will take place. Anyone staying at the Koko and Villa will be responsible for their transportation to the Sheraton.

The Koko and Villa, while adequate hotels, are not near as nice as the Sheraton. These inns are older motels that have been remodeled and enclosed. The rooms are comfortable. The rooms along the interior are quiet enough even with a swimming pool in the center of the enclosed area. There are no extras with these rooms. Coffee is available in the morning and there is a restaurant in the motel for breakfast. The meal was good and fairly priced.

The one advantage is for those who really feel they can't afford any more than the $44 a night. With the $44 you can get up to four people into a room. People on a budget will be satisfied with this hotel. Think of it as a older Super 8 or Motel 6 that has been remodeled in the past few years.

As for the Sheraton, the rooms will cost $54 a night for one or two people. It will be an additional $10 each for a third and fourth person. The amenities of this hotel are many. The rooms are very nice. If you need to iron some clothes, there is an iron and ironing board in the room. There is also a hair dryer in the bathroom. Included is a in room coffee maker with real coffee, not instant. The Four Points is a Hotel, not a Motel. It was an older hotel that Sheraton spent lots of money on to bring up to modern day standards. If you wish, you can even play Nintendo (for a modest fee). There is also a data port telephone in each room. There is a pool and an exercise center here also. In the morning there is a free USA Today delivered to the room, although we didn't see on the night we stayed there. There is a restaurant in this hotel also, however, we felt it was a bit pricey, at least by our standards.

Each hotel has a swimming pool. Each hotel has a shuttle service to the airport. However, this cannot be used for shuttling to the TI facility. The SouthWest 99ers will try to see to it that everyone who needs a ride to the TI facility has it. There are plenty of places to eat and shop near both sites. Both hotels have two handicapped rooms available. If you have such a need, call early and make arrangements for these rooms.

To reserve a room at the Koko Inn, call 800-782-3254 and request the special FEST WEST 98 room rate. To reserve a room at the Sheraton Four Points, call 806-747-0171 and request the special room rate for the TEXAS INSTRUMENTS COMPUTE FAIR.

It was the opinion of the FW98 Committee members that while the Sheraton was $10 and night more (for two people), the amenities made it well worth the extra money. The Sheraton, as would be expected, if a much nicer hotel.

When reserving your room, remember that the activities will be taking place at the TI facility and at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. To assure a ride to the TI facility for those who need it, it will be necessary to register with the FW98 Committee at the Sheraton on Friday, 2/13/98.

If anyone has any questions, just send an email to either me at twills@theriver.com or to Mike Doane at mdoane@theriver.com.

VENDOR FEES

As has been the policy in years past, we are offering tables at a discounted rate if the SW99UG receives the fees before the end of 1997. Fees for tables will be $15 for the first table and $10 for additional tables if the SW99UG receives payment BEFORE January 1, 1998. After that the table rates will be $25 for the first table and $15 for each additional table.

Vendors, send your payments to the following address:

Fest West '98 Committee
SouthWest Ninety Niners user Group
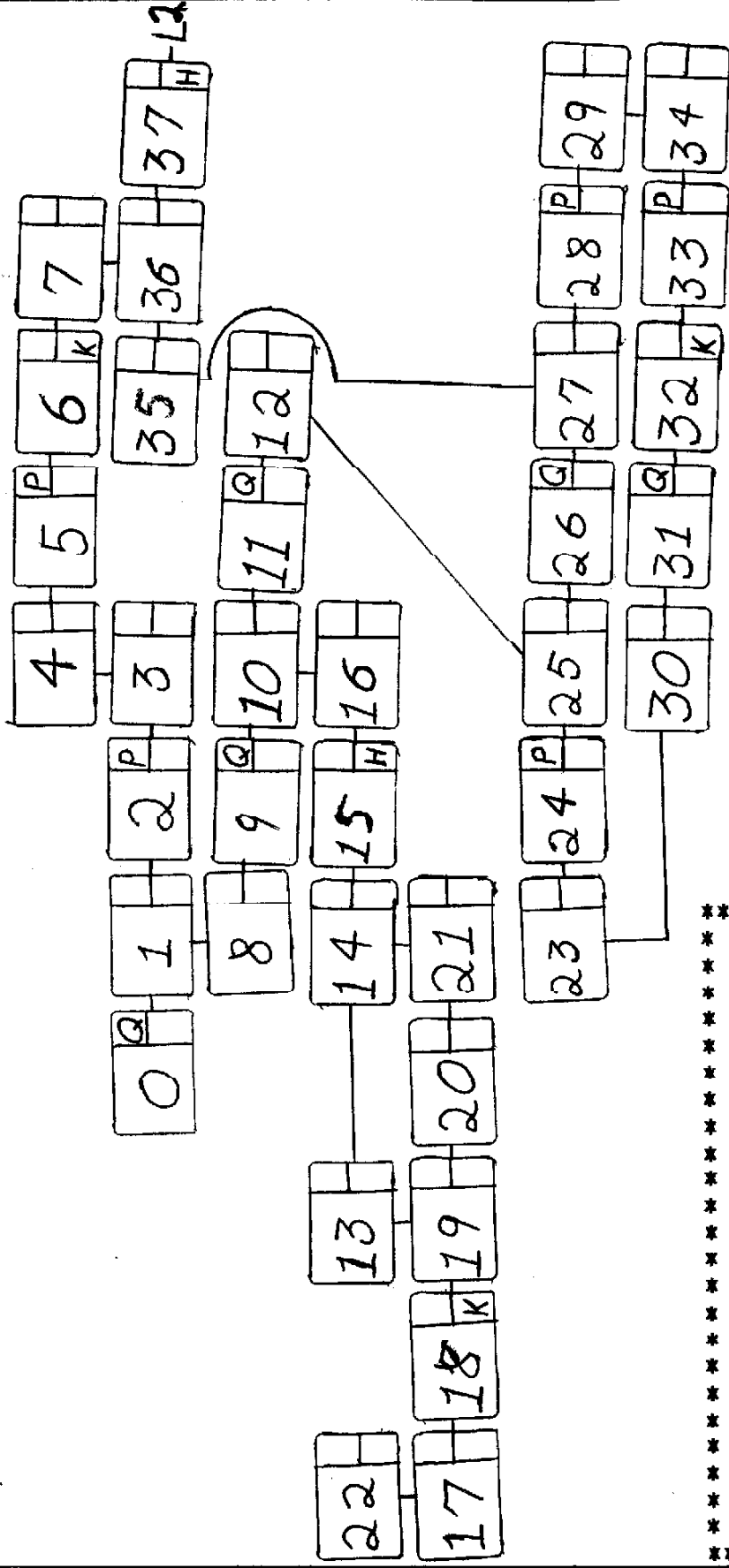P.O. Box 17831
Tucson, AZ 85731-7831

Make the check out to the SouthWest Niners User Group.

This fee includes two free admissions.

Please indicate special requirements, such as electricity. The SW99UG will provide some additional systems, but due to logistic problems, we will need to know in advance if any such equipment is needed as there will be no way to go back home and obtain an additional system or monitor or whatever. Due to limited space, the tables will be assigned on a first come, first served. Hopefully we will be able to have tables for everyone.
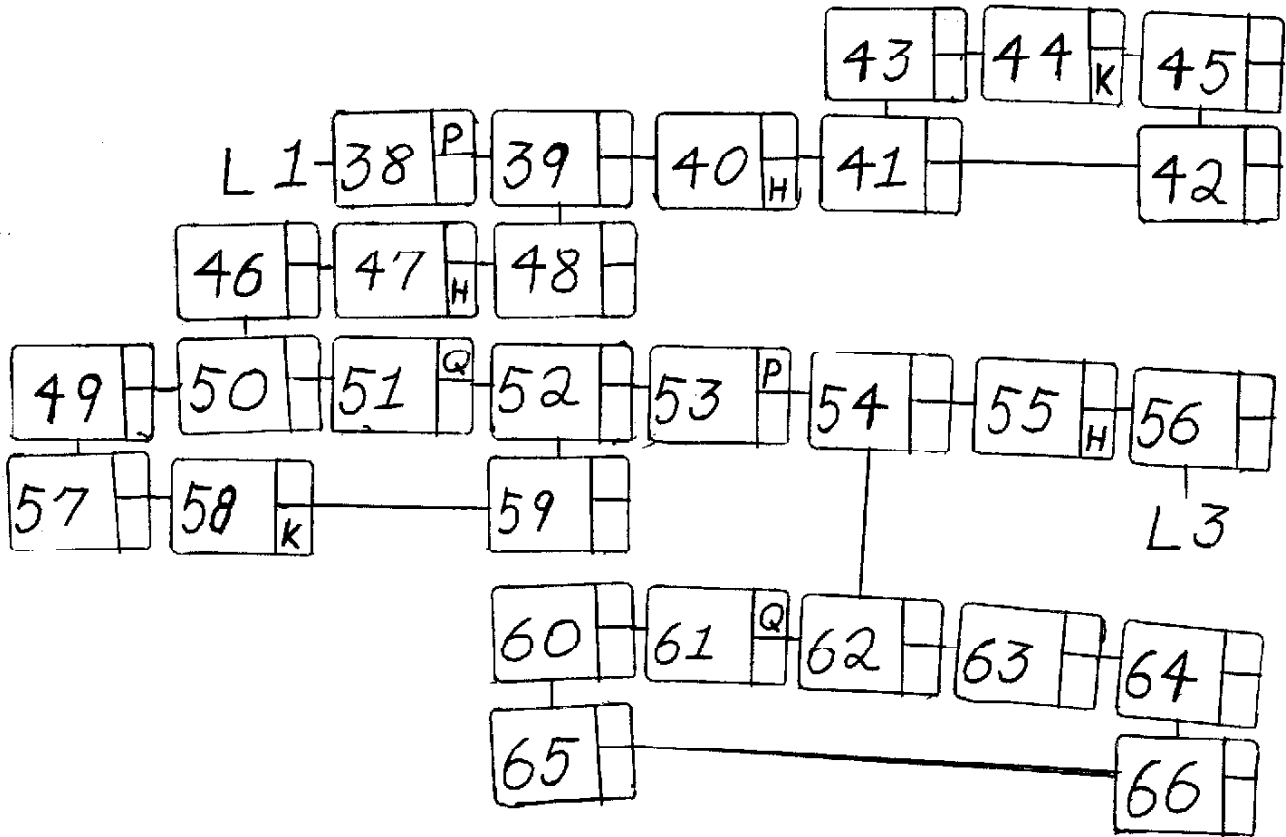
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ATARI "SHAMUS" MAPS
by Colin Good

Level 1

Q = questionmark
K = key
H = keyhole
P = potient

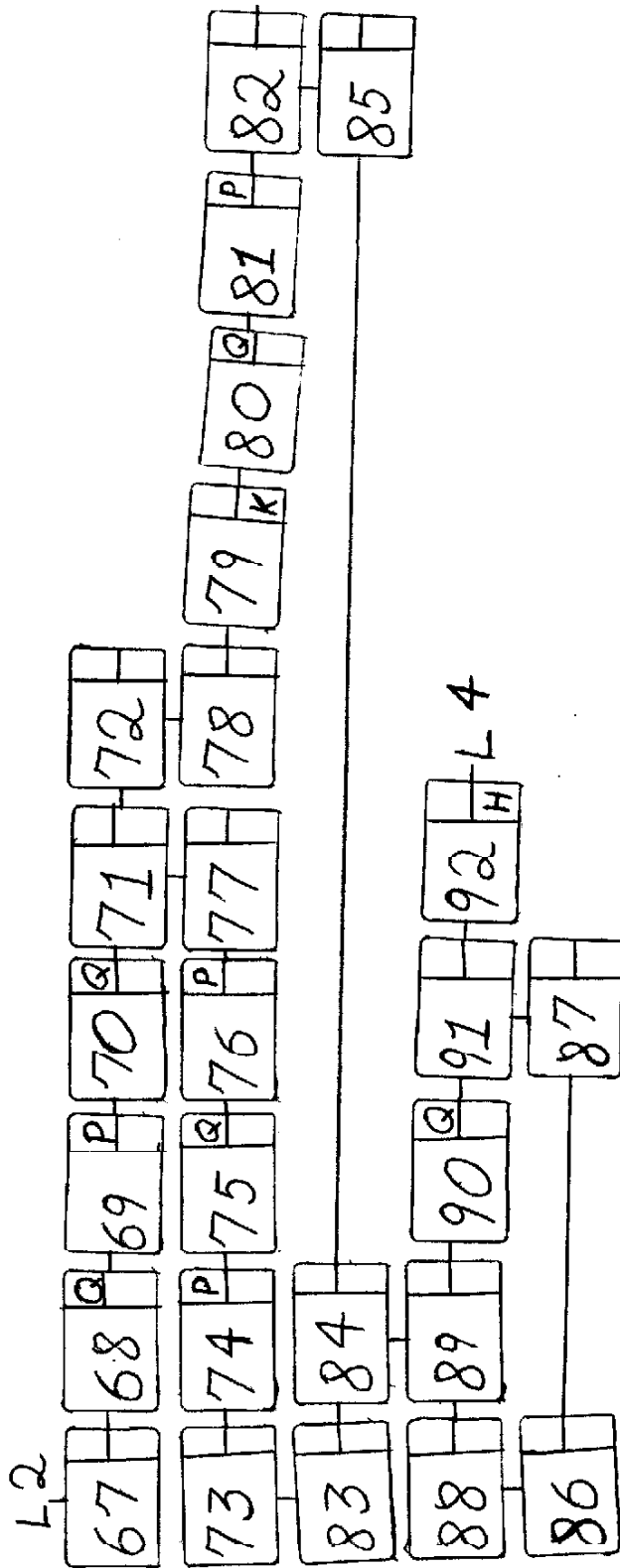L 1 - 38 [P] - 39 - 40 [H] - 41 - 42
43 - 44 [K] - 45
46 - 47 [H] - 48
49 - 50 - 51 [Q] - 52 - 53 [P] - 54 - 55 [H] - 56
L 3
57 - 58 [k] - 59
60 - 61 [Q] - 62 - 63 - 64
65 - 66

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ATARI "SHAMUS" MAPS
   by Colin Good

     Level 2

Q = questionmark
K = key
H = keyhole
P = potient
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ATARI "SHAMUS" MAPS
by Colin Good

Level 3

Q = questionmark
K = key
H = keyhole
P = potient

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                    TI/Geneve Bulletin Board Directory
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All TI BBS numbers verified by .... Timothy A Tesch
 Latest Revision... Sept 5, 1997
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 S&T Software Web Page (Under Construction).........
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     USA                              BBS   : User #4 (Chicago UG BBS)
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Since I moved in September, 1995 I have taken my BBS offline. As such I have made the Chicago UG BBS my "home base" for the BBS, but also try to frequent the other BBS's from time to time, like Jim Cavanaugh's active BBS. There are few TI / Geneve BBS's still around. It's too bad that activity is not what it used to be, but I for one am happy to see that there are still dedicated individuals who can cater to the community this way. Now that the Delphi TI SIG is closed, there is one fewer place that people can go for support using their TI's. And if the messages are true, Compuserve will follow suit shortly. So, please, support the existing systems. Perhaps the money spent on the commercial sites could be spent on a long distance call now and then? Give it a try... you might find a new "home" on one of these systems. Hope to see you there! Tim NOTE TO SYSOPS: Only those bulletin boards ACTIVELY supporting the TI/Geneve computers will be included in this directory. To assure we get your system information correctly and to help us verify your system, please have the following available upon connect: system name as desired in the listing, maximum baud rate, computer used, software used, hours of operation, and the SysOp's (your) name.

Symbols before names:
    "*" stands for a board that is temporarily down.
    "#" means a new or recently updated bbs number/listing
    "%" (before bbs type) indicates hard drive storage capabilities

SECTION 1: BBS's operating on a TI or Geneve (24 hours/day, 8N1 unless noted)

	City	ST	xx	BBS Name	Phone #	BPS	SysOp
down?	Indianapolis	IN	%3	HUG BBS	317-782-9942	14.4	Bill Lucid
down?	Calumet City	IL	%3	Chicago UG BBS	708-862-0182	14.4	Mike Maksimik
	Buffalo	NY	%3	AM-CAN Friends	716-835-5316	14.4	Jim Cavanaugh
	Sperry	OK	%3	Orphanage BBS	918-288-6708	14.4	Harold Mayo
down?	Walnutport	PA	3	The First Floor	610-760-0527	24	Brad Snyder
	Dallas	TX	5	99'er Connection	214-233-1750	24	[701] Louis

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down?  Milwaukee      WI  3 Milwaukee UG BBS   414-422-9669  2400 Don
Walden
        Vancouver     BC %1 Dial a TI PBBS     604-522-9830  24   Ron
Warfield
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DISCONNECTED OR NO ANSWER (will leave here until verified)

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 Sacramento    CA  5 Sac TIBBS   [701] .  916-927-3012  24 [701] Woody
Large
 San Diego     CA  4 S.C.C.G.            619-263-9135  24   Ernest Pepper
 Covina        CA  4 Club 99 BBS         818-339-1134  24   Larry Hoffman
 Louisville    KY %3 KYANA TI BBS        502-495-6389  24   Dan Gittings
 Phila         PA  7 Bullwinkles Corner  215-729-0401  24   Steve Clarke
 Renton        WA  3 TI Orphans BBS      -disconnected-14.4 Lloyd Wagner
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* xx: BBS SOFTWARE: 1-PBBS, 3-S&T, 4-99BBS, 5-TIBBS, 7-OTHER

SECTION 2: IBM PC BBS Support SIG's for TI/Geneve
         Please note that John van Wheelie has taken over this list and
         has been maintaining it.   I keep these numbers for reference
and
         as a "starting point".

         (** denotes Fidonet TI-ECHO link)

City	ST	xx	Name	Phone #	Bps	Sysop
Costa Mesa Hatheway	CA	**	U.G.O.C.	714-751-4332	96	Ben
Miami Mosher	FL		Miami UG	305-625-8520	24	Carl
Safety Harbor Leonard	FL		Cy's Swap Shop	813-725-4568	96	Cy
Springfield Goldberg	MA		Mass. Gold Mine	413-736-0667	96	Edward
Raleigh Tietjen	NC	**	TI-Raleigh	919-833-3412	96	Walter
Pittsburg McCalla	PA		Hydra	412-481-5002	96	Don
Columbia McGaughey	SC	**	Why Knott	803-781-4626	96	Mike
Sioux Falls Binkerd	SD	**	Dakota Infonet	605-336-3578	96	Rory
Memphis Miller	TN	**	9640*NEWS BBS	901-368-0112	14.4	Beery
Round Rock Burns	TX		MICROPENDIUM	512 255 1557	24	Laura
Salt Lake City DeHeer	UT		Salt Flats PBBS	801-394-0064	14.4	Dave
Port Washington Stasiowski	WI	**	Harborside	414-284-6108	28.8	Scott
Aurora Anderson	ON		Trailing Edge	905-727-0195	14.4	Steve
Toronto Anderson	ON		Trailing Edge	416-733-5726	14.4	Steve
Toronto	ON	**	TIBM Wizard	416-743-6703	14.4	Ray Dyer

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