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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by
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This month has been a busy one. We got alot accomplished at the July board meeting. First I want to thank those attending. I appreciate the extra effort you put forth to help me make this club a success. One of our board members, John Johnston, wasn't able to attend due to eye surgery. While I'm on the subject of sick folks, some of you may not know that Mac had a serious heart attack in June.

Eddie Green has agreed to try to form a Public Relations/Retailer Relations committee. Eddie is also a club vice-president, the Commodore SIG chairman, and in charge of contacting former members of the club. If Eddie should call you about helping us with this important committee, please consider participating. This committee should be able to accomplish its task in a month or two, so you won't be looking at a long term commitment.

We've decided to add some features to our newsletter. One of these I mentioned in last month's newsletter. Starting with this months newsletter you will find what we will call THE HELPLINE. This will be a list of LCUG members that can be called on to provide help with various programs. It will take some fine tuning over the months, but I decided to include THE HELPLINE in this months newsletter rather than waiting until I had contacted everyone personally to make sure all of my data is correct. If your name is listed under one of the programs, and you are unable to provide assistance to other club members, for whatever reason, just let me know and I'll update the list for the next month's newsletter.

Another new feature can be found under the ONLINE article. It is a list of other local area bulletin boards. If you know of a bulletin board in the east Texas area that we need to include on this list, please let me know. Let's only add bulletin boards that are consistently available. If you are a SYSOP of one of the listed bulletin boards, I would be interested in getting some information about your BBS so I can include that in our newsletter, also.

We are also going to include in the August and December newsletters each year a list of the computer related college courses available at Kilgore College and LeTourneau University. You will find this information available in this month's newsletter under CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Also included in our newsletter from now on will be a tear-out LCUG Membership Application. It has been revised and has instructions for returning it to us on the back of the application. When your membership expires (see your mailing label for the date your membership expires), just tear out the membership application, fill it out, enclose your check and mail it to us.

Remember, if you want to include an item on the agenda for a board meeting, just leave the SYSOP a message in Section 1 on our bulletin board, or call me at home.

On to another subject. At a board meeting earlier this year we decided to recommend to the membership an amendment to our constitution. Our constitution indicates that should we continue to exist as a club all of our physical assets would become the property of the public library. At the July general meeting we officially announced that we would be taking a vote at

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TI Report

by
Leo DuBry

August is here and the kids will soon be in school. Then, the next thing we know the FAIR will be here. Does your SIG chairman have the people signed up in order as who will man the booth. What new thing have you aquired for your computer to show off to the people.

This past week I was able to convert my TI99/4a printer to use the PIO port. If you have an Epson RX 70 or 80 printer that is using the RS232 port and would like to convert it to the PIO port come to the next TI SIG meeting. The biggest problem is making up the new cable, but I will show how to do this also. My printer runs much faster and is capable of doing graphics without changing the DIP switches. The printer, in the past, while printing graphics would print about an inch of graphic, and then the printer head would stop printing proceed to the end of the line return to the beginning of the line and return to the spot that it stopped printing. Then, it would print another inch of line and do the same thing over again. Now, it prints an entire line, returns to the beginning of the next line, and prints another line. It uses all eight pins in the printer head, not leaving any white lines in the graphic. This speeds up the printing of graphics about ten times. Also, it types out letters much faster.

One of the files on the DOM of June has a Card X routine that can be a lot of help to clubs and churches. After booting up the program it displays a screen which has spaces for file numbers, names and addresses, the person's telephone, and there are spaces for information about the person. These can be corrected, printed on the printer, or sent over a modem. The person receiving the information can then boot up his copy of the program, using the information on his computer. The program has the ability of calling up the file by address, and name or file number. This DOM also has some graphics that are excellent, such as a picture of the space shuttle, a train, and earthday.

Here is something that someone wanting to expand his TI system will like to hear. The ATARI Shop, out in the Greggton area, has a couple of full TI99 4/a Systems on hand. The price is around \$250.00. These would have cost over \$600.00 if purchased new. Now, if you are thinking about purchasing one of these and wondering about service, TI is still running its repair service in Lubbock. Any person wanting to know the repair costs of any parts that TI manufactured just call 1-800-TI CARES and the operator will give you that information. It took less than a week for them to return two cards that fit in my expansion box.

I HAVE BEEN WANTING TO GET BACK TO A LITTLE PROGRAMING. HERE'S A WAY TO MAKE SOME MUSIC ON THE TI99 4/A:

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100 OPTION BASE 0
110 DIM S(26),K(65,3)
120 LET FREQ=264
130 FOR N=0 TO 25
140 LET S(N)=FREQ*1.059463094^N
150 NEXT N
160 FOR R=1 TO 64
170 PRINT R,
180 INPUT K(R,1)K(R,2),K(R,3)
190 NEXT R
200 LET D=250
210 FOR R=1 TO 64
220 CALL SOUND(D,S(K(R,2)),0,S(K(R,2)),0,S(K(R,3)),0)
230 NEXT R
240 GOTO 210
250 END
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Now, if every thing works properly, your computer will play "Frere Jacques". If you have problems, you can either place it on a cassette, or a disk, and bring it to the next TI SIG, and I will help you make the corrections.

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1990 Fair Report

by
Leo W. DuBry

The year is passing very quickly and the time of the FAIR is not far off. It is time that the SIG's start planning what their part will be. We will have a double-booth again. The local Junior Chamber of Commerce has given us the same booth we had last year. We are going to need tables to extend twenty feet across the back of the booth. About twelve feet at the front of the table will hold material about the computers and the Users Group. The table in the back will be used to display computers belonging to the members. In the past, I have taken my computer home each evening from the FAIR as I use it in my business. I suggest that each member do the same as the computers could become sticky to someone's fingers.

The people that man the booth are the average members. People asking questions are usually those that know very little about computers; some don't know how to turn a computer on. This qualifies every one in the users group to be a booth person. The people that help with the booth are the ones that really gain. First, they make new friends in the users group, plus this is a wonderful place to learn how to use a program that you have been having trouble with. Nine chances out of ten the person with you has used the program and you are a winner.

We need some people who love to decorate. There will be a booth ten by twenty feet with a blank back wall and the front of the literature table crying for help. Don't hold back - call me and we will get together. I have been the chairman of the FAIR operation since the first exhibit, and I would love to have some more help in setting up. Each SIG is responsible for its demonstration at the FAIR. Yes, the SIG Chairman has the ball and he needs help.

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ONLINE

The following is a list of local BBS's. If you are aware of any others that are online consistently, please leave a message for the SYSOP on the LCUG BBS with the details.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Baud Rates</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>
Barnco BBS	(214) 643-2256	9600 thru 300	8N1 5pm-8am & Weekends
Central Int. Command	(214) 753-8874	2400/1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day
ET Commodore User Group	(214) 759-8885	1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day
Clearinghouse	(214) 757-6950	2400/1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day
LCUG	(214) 236-7434	2400/1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day
LeTourneau University	(214) 237-2742	2400/1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day
Stratford-On-Avon	(214) 753-9622	2400/1200/300	8N1 24 Hours every day

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