

UpTime

MUSIC CITY 99ers USERS GROUP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FIRST QUARTER 1988

TI-SDOM FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello again! Happy News! We are alive and well and growing again! We have our BBS up and running at 1200 BAUD. Terry Johnston is our new SysOp and the BBS telephone number is 615-331-7344. We purchased a Hayes compatible AVATEX 1200e modem for \$85.00 from Megatronics. We need to thank Herman Mosakowski for his cable set which is required to run the TIBBS. This is a local BBS for persons in the Nashville area and so call it up and get On-Line! Don't forget that our regular meeting is the Third Tuesday evening at the same old place and you are of course invited to come. We received a lot of response to our recent ad in the Trader's Post. There were many inquiries about buying and selling TI equipment. Our TI Fair at the Cumberland Museum was a real success and many people could not believe the genuine enthusiasm that prevails in the TI community. They were KNOCKED OUT by the Myarc 9640!

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IT'S AGAIN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY MAY, 17th 7-9 p.m. in ROOM #312 at the WEST END METHODIST CHURCH. DON'T FORGET IT! WE WILL MISS YOU, TOO! DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET WITH YOUR GROUP WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR TI NEEDS AND RESPONDS TO THEM WITH ANSWERS, TUTORIALS, & TECHNICAL HELP.

For further information, write our Post Office box or call me at home, (615)889-5852 or at work (615)242-9634. I'll be listening for you! Make it a point to get involved in this great club experience! JOIN, LEAD, ENJOY! If you would like to contribute some Time or some articles for UpTime, contact me or any of our officers and know that your input will be well received. Our club program library is really growing and to date, we have well over 1000 great programs. These are all available to you for copying at either of our regular meetings. We manage to get together a full DISK-OF-THE-MONTH for each meeting & we have a good cassette library. Our 300/1200 BAUD TIBBS is now running and is in need of callers. We want you to enjoy this service and also upload some of your articles, programs, and messages. It's fun and educational too! Don't forget your \$15.00 annual membership. Your dues include membership, library, and this newsletter. The Music City 99ers Users Group offers complete support for the TI-99/4A HOME COMPUTER. Tell us how we can serve you better.

A T T E N T I O N ! ! A T T E N T I O N ! ! A T T E N T I O N ! !
Please let us know your needs and we will surely help all that we can. This group is worth every thing that you put in to it and more. Sometimes if you feel that you are not getting enough out of this group or any group, try donating your Time and talents to making it better. You as a group have purchased a sometimes idling dual-disk system with double-sided/double density drives. You should determine how to make it useful to you, to benefit you, to help you, and also to nourish your desires to be productive with your own TI-99/4A Computer.

MEETING MAY, 17th, 7 p.m. BE THERE !

CREATIVE GROWTH COURSES - SUMMER SEMESTER

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| 100A Creative Suffering | 601B 1000 Other Uses for Vacuum Cleaners |
| 100B Overcoming Peace of Mind | 700A How to Convert a Wheelchair into a Dune Buggy |
| 101A You and Your Birthmark | 700B Creative Tooth Decay |
| 101B Guilt Without Sex | 701A Exorcism and Acne |
| 200A The Primal Shrug | 701B The Joys of Hypochondria |
| 200B Ego Gratification Through Violence | 702A High Fiber Sex |
| 201A Molding Your Child's Behavior Through Guilt and Fear | 702B Suicide and Your Health |
| 201B Dealing with Post Realization Depression | 702C Biofeedback and How to Stop It |
| 500A Whine Your Way to Alienation | 703A Skate Yourself to Regularity |
| 500C How to Overcome Self-Doubt Through Pretense and Ostentation | 704A Understanding Nudity |
| 500D How I Made \$100 in Real Estate | 704B Tap Dance Your Way to Social Ridicule |
| 500E Money Can Make You Rich | 704C Optional Body Functions |
| 501A Packaging and Selling Your Child | 705A Self-Actualization Through Macrame |
| 501B Career Opportunities in El Salvador | 706A How to Draw Genitalia |
| 501C How to Profit From Your Own Body | 800A Needlecraft for Junkies |
| 502A The Underachievers Guide to Very Small Business Opportunities | 800B Gifts for the Senile |
| 502B Tax Shelters for The Indigent | 801C Bonsai Your Pet |
| 600A Looters Guide to American Cities | 900A Cultivating Viruses in Your Refrigerator |
| 600B How You can Convert your Room Into a Garage | 900B Sinus Drainage at Home |
| 600C Burgler Proof Your Home -- With Concrete | 900C Basic Kitchen Taxidermy |
| 601A Orgasm Through Acupuncture | 901A The Repair and Maintenance of Your Virginity |
| | 901B Christianity and the Art of RV Maintenance |

**** HOW COMPUTERS WORK ****

The first computers were big clumsy machines that used vacuum tubes and took up the space of an average A&P. By today's standards, they were extremely primitive. For example, they believed that the sun was carried across the sky on the back of a giant turtle. But the modern computer is much more sophisticated, and far smaller, thanks to a device called the "microchip", which, although it is less than one thousandth the size of a modern zit, is capable of answering, in a matter of seconds, mathematical questions that would take millions of years for a human being to answer (even longer if he stopped for lunch).

How does the computer do this? Simple. It makes everything up. It knows full well you're not going to waste millions of years checking its answers. So you should never use computers for anything really important, such as balancing your personal check-book. But they're fine for corporate use.

GLOSSARY OF STANDARD COMPUTER TERMS

BUG: A cute little humorous term used to explain why the computer had your shipping department send 150 highly sophisticated jet-fighter servo motors, worth over \$26,000 apiece, to fishermen in the Ryuku Islands, who are using them as anchors.

DATA BASE: The information you lose when your memory crashes.

GRAPHICS: The ability to make pie charts and bar graphs, which are the universal business method for making abstract concepts, such as "three", comprehensible to morons like your boss.

HARDWARE: Where the people in your company's software section will tell you the problem is.

SOFTWARE: Where the people in your company's hardware section will tell you the problem is.

SPREADSHEET: A kind of program that lets you sit at your desk and ask all kinds of neat "what if?" questions and generate thousands of numbers instead of actually working.

USER: The word that computer people use when they mean "idiot".

**** FIVE ALPHABET PUZZLES ****

Instructions: Below are 5 puzzles using the letters of the alphabet. In each puzzle, the letters above the line all have something in common, as do the letters below the line. Figure out what it is and complete each sequence by placing the last 5 letters in their proper places above or below the line. The solutions will appear in our next newsletter.

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