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D-TAILS by Dee Turner

Time flies when you're having fun. The last contest is bring out the best of our new programmers. One of our newer members is winning all the 1st place awards in the beginner's catagory. Now I hear she is going to enter both beginners and expert catagories for the Christmas contest and will problely win those also. Good Luck Wanda. I hope the discussions about programming have enfluenced more people. If there is a subject that we are not covering at the meeting let us know. I know we have some exciting discussions comming up for the new year. In January we will have Bill Harms demostrate his newest effort in CAD. If your want to design your dream houses, don't miss the January meeting. The December meeting will finish the contest for the year. The next string of contest will be streached out further apart. So stay tuned. CUL Dee

How You Might Benefit From Belonging to User Group

Using a computer is often a solitary undertaking, but that doesn't mean that most computer users are an antisocial lot.

Most computer aficionados that I know are outgoing and like to share their experience with others. We do this informally among our friends and co-workers, but there are plenty of user groups where people gather to help each other and share information.

Many of the groups are open to any computer user, while some are formed for a particular company or institution. Most user groups focus on a particular computer "platform." such as the IBM PC or Macintosh. Others are more specific, dedicated to a particular software program.

The size of the groups may range from a few people to hundreds or thousands. The Boston Computer Society, for example, has more than 25,000 members throughout the world. The society, like other large user groups, has lots of special interest groups that focus on particular software, hardware or types of users. The group can be reached at (617) 252-0600.

Most groups publish a regular newsletter and operate a dial-up computer bulletin board where you can exchange electronic mail with members or download public domain and "shareware"

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software for your computer. Many groups also sell shareware disks at nominal prices. Users are free to try the shareware and, in most cases, are expected to send the author a "registration fee" if they use the program on a regular basis.

Some groups provide community service, said Judy Brown, president of the Assn. of PC User Groups (APCUG). It's not uncommon, says Brown, for groups to mobilize during emergencies. User groups helped set up databases to coordinate supplies and services during natural or civil disasters, such as the Los Angeles riots or Hurricane Andrew, Brown said. The APCUG represents 300 user groups with more than 300,000 members. There are an estimated 10,000

user groups nationwide when you include internal company groups.

User groups have become a major force in the computer industry, according to a study conducted by Cal State San Bernardino professor Arthur Saltzman. The study, co-sponsored by APCUG, Lotus Development, Intel and IBM, found that members generally have enormous influence on software and hardware buying patterns at their workplaces.

More than 28% of members are either the chairman, president or owner of their company. And about three of four members either recommend or approve hardware and software purchases totaling an average of about $90,000 a year.

As a group, members tend to be male (87%), educated (nearly 70% have college degrees and 27% have advanced degrees) and relatively affluent ($63,000 average household income). It's easy for a newcomer to feel lost at a large user group meeting, said Jerry Schneider, past president of the Washington, D.C.-area Capitol PC User Group. "The better user groups," said Schneider, "are learning to attract and maintain new users."

Steve Bass, president of the Pasadena PC Users Group, worries that some newcomers might feel intimidated when they encounter the 350 or so people who attend the monthly meetings. To ease those fears, each meeting has segments for beginners, intermediate and advanced users.

The group also sponsors a special interest group for novices, along with groups that concentrate on spreadsheets, word processing, database and other software.

One way to find a user group in your area is to call the Assn. of PC User Group's locator line (by modem) at (914) 876-6678.

Computer File welcomes your comments but regrets that the author cannot respond individually to letters. Write to Lawrence J. Magid, P.O. Box 620477, Woodside, Calif. 94062, or contact the L. Magid account on the MCI electronic mail system.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TI FEST WEST "NORTH" '93
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Gene Bohot
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11 November 1992

Dear Gene,

Your recent letter has been forwarded to me, as I have the package ready for mailing to all the vendors and it provides quite a bit of the answers you need. It just happens that my wife is preparing a similar package to all the TI 99 User Groups. She is the registration chairperson. That may even contain more information as to specific schedules, etc.

The event in Phoenix last year was our first and we had a total of six from the Ogden TI Users Group there. We were all thrilled with what we saw and learned, so it was no wonder we jumped at the chance to host it up here. And I note that you have had that demanding pleasure, too.

The enclosed should help you on Hotel possibilities. Registration will be $5.00 for the weekend and will be collected at the door at which time your badge will be made up and issued.

We will see to it that you are added to the User Group list so that you will receive any additional information direct, in addition to the Pomona Valley 99ers. They are on our mailing list. We do appreciate the help as we do so want to see this event get bigger each year. In fact, we are so confident of this growth that we have reserved twice the number of rooms at the Howard Johnson, over those reserved at Phoenix last year. And by the way, the Howard Johnson has already sold out all other rooms for that weekend, so if staying there, get your reservation into them early to assure a room.

Sincerely,

Harold M Hilburn
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Roy, Utah 84067-1704
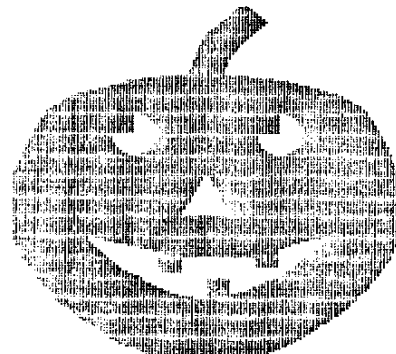Phone (801) 773-0622

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TI FEST WEST "NORTH" '93
SALT LAKE CITY HOTELS (a partial list)

The following five are a short walk distance:

Howard Johnson (Host Hotel), 122 West South Temple
Rates $55 single/double, $65 triple/quad. Airport shuttle.
Reservation phone = 1 800 654 2000

Red Lion Hotel, 255 South West Temple
Rates $69.00 and $89.00 Deluxe room. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 547 8010

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Rates $99.00 single, $109.00 double. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 228 9290

Double Tree Hotel, 215 West South Temple
Rates $79.00 per day, Airport shuttle
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Shilo Inn, West Temple at Second South
Rates $63.00 per day. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 222 2244

The following are a short driving distance:

Quality Inn/Airport, 5575 West Amelia Earhart Drive, and
Quality Inn/City Center, 154 West 600 South
Rates $73.00 both. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 521 9997

Best Western Olympus Hotel, 161 West 600 South
Rates $65.00 single, $75.00 double. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 528 1234

Clarion Hotel, 999 South Main Street
Rates $74.00 to $109 Suite. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 933 9678

Little America Hotel and Towers, 500 South Main Street
Rates $59.00 lower to $99.00 Tower. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = in Utah 1 800 662 5888
                    other States 1 800 453 9450

Days Inn, 1900 West North Temple
Rates $46.00 single, $51.00 double. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 325 2525

Airport Hilton, 5151 Wiley Post Way
Rates $79.00 single, $89.00 double. Airport shuttle
Reservation phone = 1 800 999 3736

Salt Lake Hilton, 150 West 500 South. Airport shuttle
Rates $89.00 to $199.00 single, $101.00 to $131.00 double
Reservation phone = 1 800 999 3736

For those with Campers, Trailers or Motor Homes:

Camper World, 262 East 3900 South.   10 Utah locations
Reservation phone = (801) 262 8166

Campground V I P, 1350 West North Temple
Reservation phone = (801) 328 0224

Ideal Trailer Park, 2955 South State Street
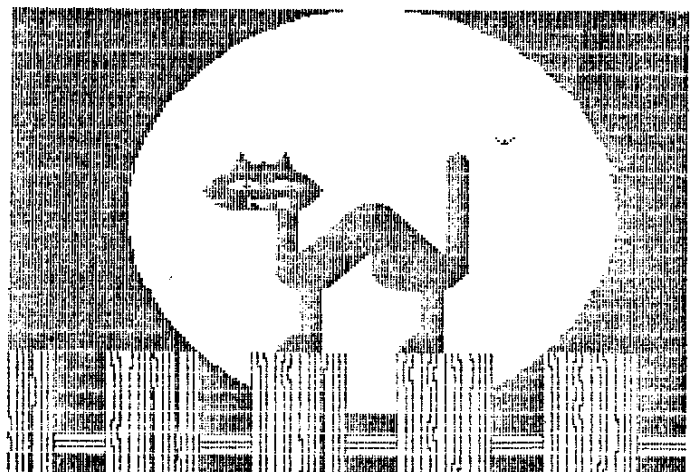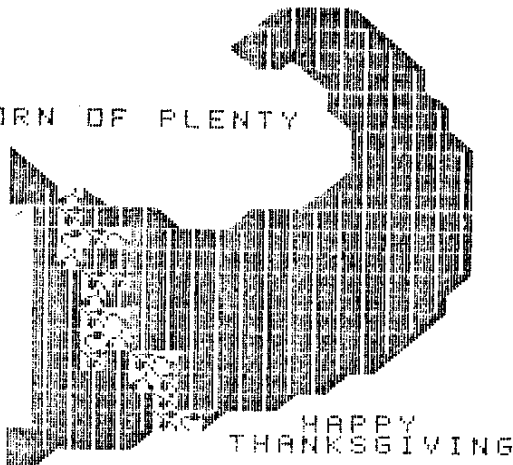Reservation phone = (801) 487 1922

K O A Campground Salt Lake City, 1400 West North Temple
Reservation phone = (801) 355 1192

We are advised by our Salt Lake City contact that rooms are
available at this time at these Hotels, but there will be
several other conferences in town in mid February, plus that
is the middle of the Ski season. In other words, you should
reserve your rooms at the earliest or you'll have to stay far
f-a-r away from the TI FEST WEST '93 location. The quoted
rates are for the February time frame and should remain valid
with early reservations.

Many other hotels and motels are available in the downtown
area and in all the areas farther out. An example would be
Motel 6, which has four Motels serving Salt Lake City with
rates currently below $30.00 single plus $6 for each
additional person.   If you need more listed, please let me
know upon your Vendor Registration form and I'll dig deeper
and get an update on location, prices and availability.

You may want to come in even earlier for skiing, touring or
whatever. Remember, Regina has invited all coming from the
south and west to come early, contact her and spend time
skiing with her family the week before in the Cedar City
area. And then come on up to FEST WEST on the 11th.

THE HORN OF PLENTY

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

SIDE*PRINT 3.4 by JIM SWEDLOW
Review by Jim Wanda Ferguson
        This article is the first
written effort that hasn't gone into
a courtroom, be forewarned we're not
programmers so anything in this
article is from a keyboard
operators point of view.
        First of all Jim I would like
to thank everyone in the club for
helping us re-establish a TI system
and especially Gene Bohot for
numerous Fairware/Shareware
programs, and loans of cartridges
without which our system would have
only been sitting, and for answering
all those DUMB questions;"HELP! I
FORGOT!" "How do you load a program,
which dosen't auto load?"
        WARNING:THESE STATEMENTS ARE ON
THE DISK LABEL
IMPORTANT USE PRINT*DOCS TO PRINT
THE DOCUMENTATION DO NOT USE THE
TEXT EDITOR OR THE TEXT FORMATTER.
THIS DISK MUST BE IN DRIVE # 1!
        If you already have files that
have been saved for version 3.3 as
we do there is no modification to be
done to your files, and you'll find

3.4 to be alot more user friendly
particularly for people like us who
don't know how to change data in
programs yet, this program is set up
for a number of different printers
and will allow you to reset the
defaults, parameters, and filenames
and then save them directly to the
program disk all prompted by
instructions in the DOCS and easy
screen directions. Lucky for us the
disk came already set up for our
printer, the Gemini 10X, so it only
took about 2 minutes to set up what
we needed, and away the printer
went. We didn't even have to
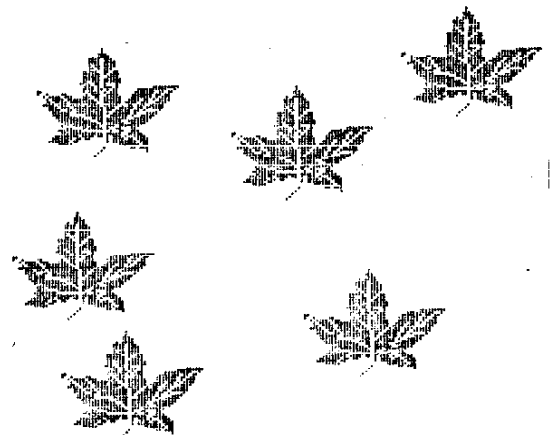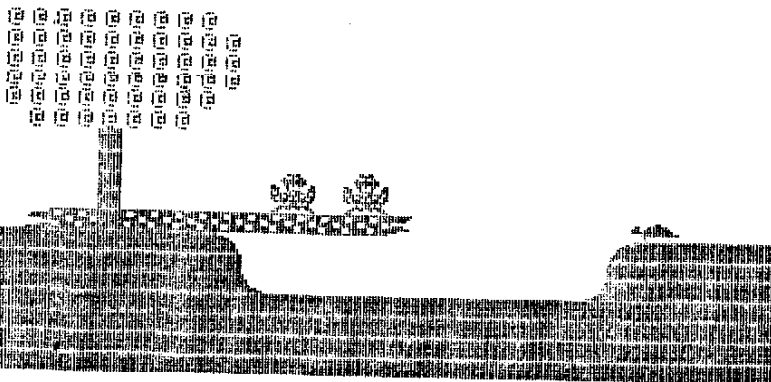call Jim or Gene this time, which is
an accomplishment in itself.
        Jim I found the program ran
the printer quite a bit faster than
the previous version and the
expanded letters were quite helpful
to me, especially since my puppies
decided to use my glasses as chew
toys.
        Something we haven't tried yet
but should be noted is a special
section in the DOCS for printing TI
Writer/funnelweb files sideways.

HAPPY   HALLOWEEN!!!!
FROM   THE
POMONA   VALLEY
99'ERS!!!

EDITORS NOTE: - Thanks to Bill Harms, for his
screen dumps of our Holloween and Thanksgiving
contests, I am including those that turned
out, on pages 3, 4, 6, & 7. Due to problems
with a screen dump, you don't always get what
you think you should. Also, I don't know the
author of each one, but I am certain, each of
you will recognize your great work of art.
Don't miss the final contest next week. The
theme is "Christmas", and we are looking
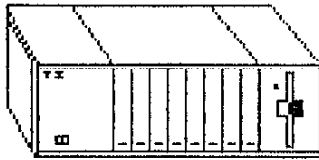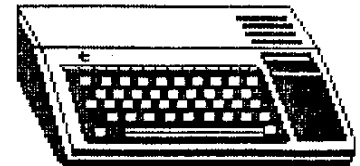forward to seeing your entry. --- Howard

Thanks giving

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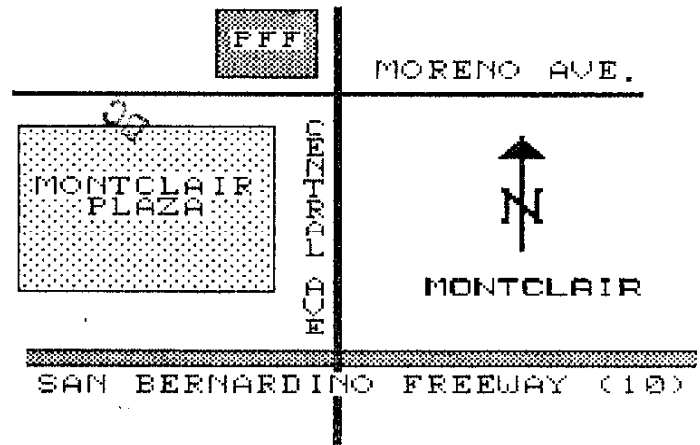
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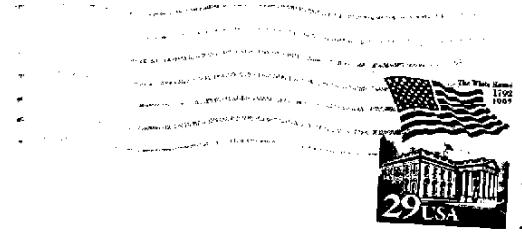9090 CENTRAL AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

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AT 7:00 P.M.

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