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FROM THE EDITOR

Because of the requests in the few surveys returned to me, I am including a few of the BBSes in the Denver area in this months newsletter. The information is accurate as far as I know. If anyone finds any inaccurate information, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

There is also a new BBS in town that runs on a TI-99/4A. It is called BOOT CAMP, and is sponsored and operated by Dan Fritzler (known as the BRASS HAT). Phone # is 989-8257. It's only up part-time at present, but if traffic gets heavy will go up 24 hours a day. Present hours are: Weekdays..4:00 to 10:00 PM, Weekends..10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. There are boards for just about everyone. A Main board for chit-chat, an Editor/Assembler board, a Programmers board, Shortcuts and Tips to name a few. It is a bit slow(as are all BBS written for the TI at present), but worth a call.

I did not get as much response from the survey as I had hoped. Evidently a lot of people out there do not wish to have any say in what happens with the club. Those few that DID respond to the survey, I thank you. Those of you who did not...YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! Seriously, if you do not respond to the survey, you have no right to complain about what is put into the newsletter or presented at the meetings. Those who DID respond your voices are heard and I will do everything I can to comply with your wishes.

MAY MEETING

May 7

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Auditorium 7:00 PM

6th Ave. West to Indiana Ave.

SIG MEETINGS

The EDITOR/ASSEMBLER SIG will meet on Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 PM at Unique systems located at Bates and Broadway behind the Oak and Pine store.

BULLETIN BOARD LIST

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AD-COMM TBBS 300/1200 BAUD
PHONE: (303) 755-3888
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: ??
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: ADVERTISING COMMERCIAL
MESSAGES, SIG SECTIONS

GBBS II
PHONE: (303) 693-1064
HOURS: (SEE COMMENTS)
SYSOP: GREG SCHAEFER
SPONSOR: GREG SCHAEFER
COMMENTS: WEEKENDS: 24 HOURS
WEEKDAYS: 3:00-7:00 AM

APPLE PI GBBS
PHONE: (303) 469-7541
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: STEVEN MARTIN
SPONSOR: APPLE PI CLUB OF DENVER
COMMENTS:

INTERCOMEX
PHONE: (303) 367-1935
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: BERNARD SAULTER
SPONSOR: BERNARD SAULTER
COMMENTS:

THE ASYLUM
PHONE: (303) 989-5215
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: SYS/DOC
SPONSOR: SYS/DOC
COMMENTS: RUNS ON A COMMODORE 64

LAKEWOOD RCPM/BBS
PHONE: (303) 985-1108
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: GARY SHAFFSTALL
SPONSOR: INT'L SOFTWARE SERVICES
COMMENTS: LARGE CATALOG OF CP/M 2.2
PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE

ATRARI BBS
PHONE: (303) 758-6233
HOURS: 6:00 PM-10:00 PM MON-SUN
SYSOP: STEVE
SPONSOR: VIDEO WORLD
COMMENTS:

ODYSSEY 1
PHONE: (303) 691-8169
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: ??
SPONSOR: ODYSSEY MAGAZINE
COMMENTS: X-RATED BOARD
FEE REQUIRED

AURORA-NET 300/1200 BAUD
PHONE: (303) 343-8401
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: KEN SCROGAN
SPONSOR: THE COMPUTER-LINE
COMMENTS:

OFF THE WALL
PHONE: (303) 443-3367
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: ROB POLAND
SPONSOR: MICRO SQUIRE
COMMENTS:

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THE BAHAI BBS

PHONE: (303) 449-3386
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: FRANK HAENDEL
SPONSOR: FRANK HAENDEL
COMMENTS:

PARAPSYCHOLOGY INFO NET

PHONE: (303) 722-6210
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: BILL TEDDER
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: BBS DEVOTED TO EXPLORING
VARIOUS PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

THE CONTROLLER BOARD 300/1200 BAUD

PHONE: (303) 690-9423
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: MIKE HASTINGS
SPONSOR: MIKE HASTINGS
COMMENTS:

PHOTO TECH BOARD

PHONE: (303) 781-1079
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: JIM GERRITZ
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: FORUM FOR CAMERA TECHS TO
EXCHANGE IDEAS AND INFO

CORPORATE HQ TBBS

PHONE: (303) 297-9127
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: BILL GEORGE
SPONSOR: BILL GEORGE
COMMENTS: VARIOUS TRS-80 DOWNLOADS

PINECLIFFE RCP/M

PHONE: (303) 442-3034
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: CRAIG BAKER
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS:

DATA BANK

PHONE: (303) 0167
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: HARRY BOLLS
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: DOWNLOADS MESSAGES
IBM WITH RBBS

THE POLICE STATION

PHONE: (303) 373-1417
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: MR. SOFTWARE
SPONSOR: MR. SOFTWARE
COMMENTS:

DENHUG BBS

PHONE: (303) 423-3224
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: LARRY MEANS
SPONSOR: HEATHKIT ELEC CENTER
COMMENTS: NON-MEMBER SIGN-ON
IS 'PUBLIC'

RCPM/RBBS

PHONE: (303) 479-9169
HOURS: (SEE COMMENTS)
SYSOP: JACK RILEY
SPONSOR: JACK RILEY
COMMENTS: WEEKDAYS: 7:30 - 11:30 PM
WEEKDAYS: 12:00 - 9:00 PM

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DENNY'S HOUSE

PHONE: (303) 751-2544
HOURS: ??
SYSOP: DENNIS DYER
SPONSOR: DENNIS DYER
COMMENTS:

STAR BOARD

PHONE: (303) 455-3113
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: MARK JOHNSON
SPONSOR: MARK JOHNSON
COMMENTS: HAS A SUB-BOARD FOR TI-99

FIDO-NET

PHONE: (303) 973-9338
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: OSCAR BARLOW
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: IBM PC; DOWNLOADS
AND MESSAGES

TBBS #1 300/1200 BAUD

PHONE: (303) 741-4871
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: CLIFFORD WINDSLOW
SPONSOR: APPARAT, INC
COMMENTS: NEWDOS/80 SUPPORT
PROGRAM DOWNLOADS

FIDO-NET #334 300/1200 BAUD

PHONE: (303) 534-5456
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: MIKE PORTUGAL
SPONSOR: MICRO BROKER
COMMENTS: MESSAGES AND DOWNLOADS

TBBS #2 (UFO-NET)

PHONE: (303) 278-4244
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: BOB DRATCH
SPONSOR: BOB DRATCH
COMMENTS:

FIDO-NET SANYO

PHONE: (303) 431-0051
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: ??
SPONSOR: ??
COMMENTS: SANYO USERS BBS

TBBS HEADQUARTERS 300/1200 BAUD

PHONE: (303) 690-4566
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: DAVE EBERT
SPONSOR: EBERT PERSONAL COMPUTERS
COMMENTS: SHOWCASE BBS FOR EBERT'S
TBBS SOFTWARE SYSTEM

GBBS EXPERIENCE SOFTWARE

PHONE: (303) 798-0792
HOURS: SEE COMMENTS
SYSOP: ??
SPONSOR: EXPERIENCE SOFTWARE
COMMENTS: MON-FRI: 6:00 PM-10:00 AM
WEEKENDS: 24 HOURS

THE UNKNOWN BBS

PHONE: (303) 988-8155
HOURS: 24 HOURS A DAY
SYSOP: HENRY BIRDSEYE
SPONSOR: HENRY BIRDSEYE
COMMENTS: ALL JOKE BBS
DENVER AREA BBS LIST

TI-WRITER

Did you know that you could do bit graphs using TI-WRITER ?
The list below may look familiar to you. I took it out the TI-WRITER book and changed it for the Gemini 10X printer. All the display characters were made with the bit graphs mode of the printer, and the transliterate command.

Some simple graphs can also be done with these commands. The problem comes when you use a CHR# greater than 127 ,why, hint pg.145.

The most important ASCII CODE is 27 to see anyway.

ASCII CODE	FUNCTION ACRONYM	FUNCTION	PRESS KEY	SCREEN DISPLAY
0	NUL	Null	SHIFT 2	o
1	SOH	Start heading	SHIFT A	1
2	STX	Start text	SHIFT B	2
3	ETX	End text	SHIFT C	3
4	EOT	End transmission	SHIFT D	4
5	ENQ	Enquiry	SHIFT E	5
6	ACK	Acknowledge	SHIFT F	6
7	BEL	Rings Gemini's Bell	SHIFT G	7
8	BS	Backspace	SHIFT H	8
9	HT	Horizontal tab (Gemini)	SHIFT I	9
10	LF	Line feed (Gemini)	SHIFT J	10
11	VT	Vertical tab (Gemini)	SHIFT K	11
12	FF	Form feed (Gemini)	SHIFT L	12
13	CR	Carriage return (Gemini)	SHIFT M	13
14	SD	Double-width (Gemini)	SHIFT N	14
15	SI	Condensed print (Gemini)	SHIFT D	15
16	DLE	Data link escape	SHIFT P	16
17	DC1	Offline (Gemini)	SHIFT B	17
18	DC2	Device Control 2	SHIFT R	18
19	DC3	Device Control 3	SHIFT S	19
20	DC4	Device Control 4	SHIFT T	20
21	NAK	Negative acknowledge	SHIFT U	21
22	BYN	Synchronous idle	SHIFT V	22
23	ETB	End transmission block	SHIFT N	23
24	CAN	Cancel	SHIFT X	24
25	EM	End medium	SHIFT Y	25
26	SUB	Substitute	SHIFT Z	26
27	ESC	Escape (Gemini)	FCTN R	27
28	FS	File separator	FCTN Z	28
29	GS	Group separator	FCTN T	29
30	RS	Record separator	SHIFT 6	30
31	US	Unit separator	FCTN U	31

HAVE FUN TILL NEXT MONTH



TI-WRITER

By Wayne R. Luedtka
344-5140

Don't go and  blow your brains out
over a little  thing like the graphics mode.

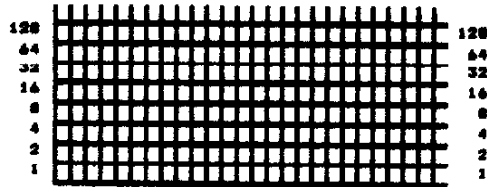
Last month I told you, you could do bit graphs with TI-WRITER. Well this month I'll tell you how to do it. First a few words of caution, remember that TI-WRITER will always put a carriage return (CHR\$(13)), and a Line feed (CHR\$(10)) unless you tell it other wise. We do this by putting a (.CR) or (.LF) after the output device, eg. PIO.LF. This tells the computer not to output that code at the end of the line. With the Gemini I found that I have to leave it in the mode in which the printer adds a line feed after the Carriage return is sent. Other-wise the computer will do wierd things. For instance with the 8 in the transliterate command ".TL 43:27,75,5,0,128,56,8,63,0" which makes up the character "4", if printed with the command "PIO.LF" the computer will see the 8 as some thing other than the correct character you wanted.

For example in the last months news letter, the characters after the ASCII codes 4,13,20, should have been: 4, 7, 4 respectively. When I printed out the letter, the printer put in that weird character, then spaced over half a page and printed the CHR\$(63) which turned out to be the "?".

The second thing you might keep in mind is that the computer and the printer have less intelligence than a common earth worm. After all the computer won't do anything unless you tell it; what, when, where, and most important HOW! Next, read through chapter 6 on THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DOT MATRIX PRINTING in the Gemini book. The next thing you need is some graph paper for your preliminary drawing. What-you say you don't have any graph paper? Well, make some. How? Well you have one of the most powerfull graph paper making tools right at your finger tips. With TI-WRITER, try (.TL 1:27,76,10,0,255,255,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3).

This will make the simbol "L". By putting a lot of these together, you can form one of these "LLLLLLLL". Next trick is to form a bunch of boxes out of your new found object. To do this, we must put the printer in a mode so that there are no spaces between the lines. All that is required for this is a line spacing of 15/144 of an inch. To do this, use the CTRL U, then ASCII 27, (FCTN R), 3, ASCII 15, (SHIFT O). Remember, change the spacing back to 1/6 inch when youre done. This can be found on page 128 of the manual.

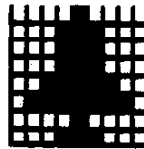
With TI-WRITER you should be able to make a box which looks like this.



The numbers on the side represent the values for the dots in that line. All the dots in each column must be added up to get the firing order of the pins in the print head. Now take the set of numbers you have compiled, and add the commands for the printer and transliterate command ".TL 5:27,75,??,0,". The "??" are for the number of dot codes to follow. The "0" tells the printer that you plan to send it less than 255 dot codes. When using TI-WRITER, you can only get one line of dot codes with the .TL "Transliterate" command.

Let's try and make a rocket. Draw it out on your graph paper first.

0 4 12 125 255 125 12 4 0



Then convert each column into dot codes,



and add the Transliterate command for a final result of ".TL 5:27,75,9,0,0,4,12,125,255,125,12,4,0"

Till next month 😊 🚀

<<<< DISPLAY ADS >>>>

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<<<< WANT AD RATES >>>>

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 insertion in the next issue. Call 458-7315 or mail to BOX 12605 Denver, CO
 80212. NON-MEMBERS must use DISPLAY ADS!

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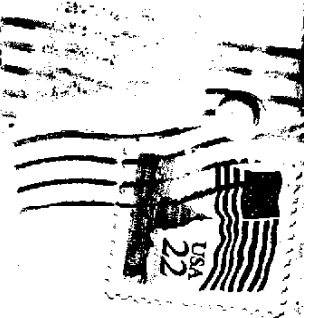
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