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A TI-99/4A user group

Newsletter for members and exchange

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FROM THE DESK OF  
C. R. McDONALD

Here is a little something I found in one of my publications, I hope you enjoy it.

Promulgating your esoteric cogitations or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications demonstrate a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, or coalescent conglomeration or precise quality, jargon bafflement or asinine affections. Let your extemporaneous verbal vaporations and expatiations have lucidity, intelligibility and veracious vivacity withoutrodomotade or thespian bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous propensity, psittaceous vacuity, ventroloquial verbosity and valiloquent vapidty. Shun double entendre, obnoxious jocosity and pestiferous profanity, unobservable or apparent.

In other words, say what you mean.  
(Victor valley ARC, Victorville, CA)

Well here it is the middle of the month of January and I still have not received any input from club members. I guess that this means that the club doesn't want a newsletter. Or is it just a case of letting George (Charles) do it? I don't know, but I may find out at the February meeting. That is if anyone shows up. Apparently most of the former members of TICD have gone on to other machines, other interests or they don't need anyone to help them get the answers to the questions that might arise when using the machine. I know that I don't fit any of the above categories; however, I am apparently a majority of one.

I still have not been able to get the Personal Auditor program to do its thing, so I guess the next step is to write to the author/programmer and give him the symptoms and see if he can help answer the question.

I was thinking of ordering PRCSS when it is released so that I could do better job on this newsletter; however, it doesn't look like that will be necessary now so somebody else will have to review that one.

I will miss the newsletters I have been privileged to read because I know that they are only sent in exchange for newsletters which we send out, and I cannot afford to join all of the clubs to receive their newsletters. Retirement and Social Security doesn't go as far as regular paycheck. Another reason I haven't been in the market for some of the wonderful upgrades in hardware which are available. Maybe if I save enough of my quarters I can occasionally get one and do more things with my orphan.

I just had a wonderful thought! What if somebody bought out TI and started making 99/4As again! Wouldn't that be a blast?!

Just signed up for Genie. At least that will take up some of the time and give me (maybe) some of the information I could get from the club. I will probably take six to twelve months to learn my way around the thing and still never be very sure of myself, but at least I will try to get on to some of the TI roundtables or whatever they are called. I



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPUTER GROUP  
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18-19 February 1989  
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San Diego, CA 92104

Announcing TI-FEST WEST '89 sponsored by the Southern California Computer Group of San Diego in conjunction with the Los Angeles 99er User Group and assisted by the Tucson 99er User Group.

Date/Time: 18-19 February 1989, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Admittance: \$4.00 (good for both days) at the door, \$3.00 if ordered in advance (minimum 6 tickets). Family members over 15 years of age, \$1.00, under 15 admitted free but must be accompanied by adult at all times.

Location : Clarion Hotel at Balboa Park (formerly Lafayette Hotel)  
2223 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92104

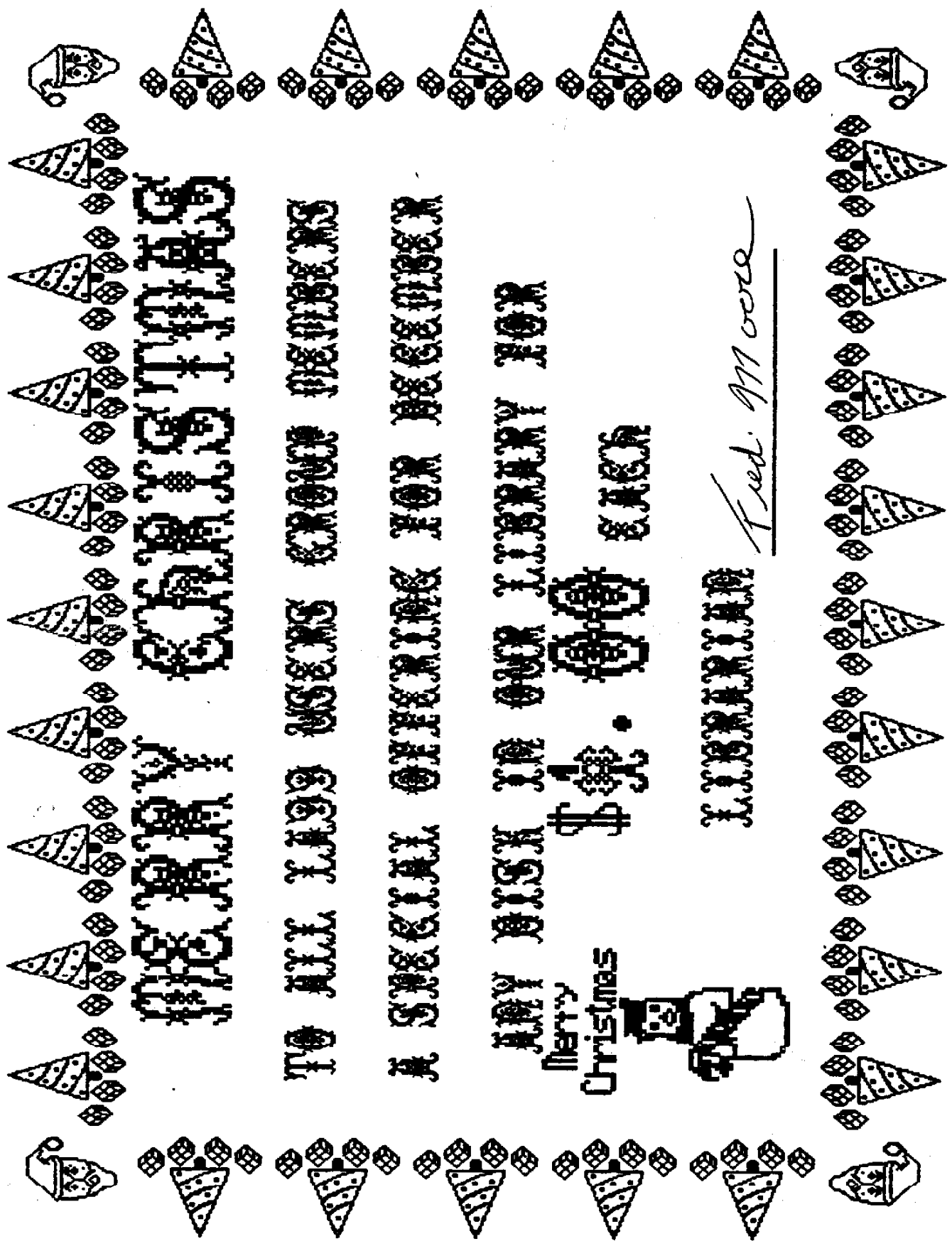
Room Rates : Garden Room \$52.92\* (1 queen size bed, 1-2 persons)  
Manor Room \$63.72\* (1 queen-size bed, 1-2 persons)  
Cabana Room \$74.52\* (2 queen-size beds, 1-2 persons)  
\* 8% city room tax is INCLUDED in these rates

For more information on hotel and rooms call  
from San Diego: 296-2101  
from California: 800-423-1935  
outside Calif.: 800-843-9988

You may reserve your room directly by calling the numbers listed above but please make sure to indicate that you are attending the TI-FEST. Reservations must be received no later than 1 February 1989. Advance deposit for the first night is required and is refundable if cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival date.

5200 sq/ft of exhibit space are available. There is no charge for booths and tables for commercial exhibitors and user groups. To reserve exhibit space or for an information package, including hotel reservation form, write to TI-FEST WEST c/o the SCCG address given above or leave private message to SysOp with your name and full address. You may also download a hotel reservation form (TEXT file #2) and/or an exhibit space request form (TEXT file #3) from our BBS.

San Diego offers many outstanding attractions such as Sea World, its world-renowned Zoo and Wild Animal Park, shopping centers like Horton Plaza and Seaport Village and much more. So plan to come on down and bring the family. The Fest happens to fall on a 3-day holiday weekend so you will have an extra day afterwards to take in some of the sights.



# THE VERY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL USERS FROM MEMBERS

A SPECIAL GREETING FOR

EVERY ONE OF US

Merry Christmas  
EVERYONE

EVERYONE

*Fred Moore*



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EXHIBIT BOOTH RESERVATION REQUEST

Please reserve an exhibit booth for:     Vendor         User Group

Name of Company/UG: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code and Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following items:

1. Will you be staying at the Clarion Hotel     Yes     No

2. Tables required:    ---- ea. 9 ft. x 30 inches \*)  
                              ---- ea. 8 ft. x 18 inches \*)  
                              ---- ea. 6 ft. x 30 inches \*\*)

\*) 1 ea. furnished free, extras free as long as supplies last  
\*\*) limited number available

3. A/C outlet needed?     Yes     No

4. Bring own equipment?     Yes     No

4a. If 'NO', would you like the SCCG to furnish it?     Yes     No

If your answer to 4a is 'Yes', attach a complete list of the specific components needed. The SCCG will make every effort to secure the items required, but no guarantee can be given. However, you will be notified of any shortage we might encounter.

5. Any comments?



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ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

Please take a moment to read the following important information:

- \* Check-in time is 3:00 PM, check-out at noon.
- \* Room rates shown below do NOT include the 8% city tax. Actual costs (tax included) are shown on enclosed general information sheet.
- \* Advance deposit for the first night must accompany your room reservation request and include tax.
- \* Deposit refunded only with 72 hour cancellation notice prior to arrival
- \* Do not mail this form if reservation has been made by telephone. If you reserve your room by phone, make sure to indicate you are attending the SCCG TI-FEST WEST.
- \* Note that on this form the event dates are given as 17-19 February. The hotel counts the night before the FEST toward our total occupancy.
- \* Reservations must be received no later than 1 February 1989.
- \* Fill out, clip, enclose deposit and mail to:

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 San Diego, CA 92104                    800-843-9988 (outside California)

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RESERVATION REQUEST

NAME OF GROUP: SO. Calif. Computer Group TI-TEST WEST '89		ARRIVAL DATE:	DEPARTURE DATE:
DATES OF FUNCTION: 17-19 February 1989		ARRIVAL TIME:	
FULL NAME:		GARDEN ROOM (1 or 2 persons) 1 queen bed                    \$49.00 + tax	
COMPANY:		MANOR ROOM (1 or 2 persons) 1 queen bed                    \$59.00 + tax	
STREET:	TELEPHONE:	CABANA ROOM (1 or 2 persons) 2 queen beds                    \$69.00 + tax	
CITY, STATE & ZIP:		FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: \$	
ROOM MATE'S NAME (other than spouse)		ROOM MATE ARRIVAL DATE:	DEPARTURE DATE:

FORM SHOP -  
A REVIEW

BY GABRIEL ASENAS

T.I.C.O  
TRI-VALLEY  
L.A. 99ERS

THE FOLLOWING IS A REVIEW OF THE NEWEST BRAIN STORM OF RODGER "MR IT" MERRITT, CALLED FORM SHOP. I GOT THE PROGRAM AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM MY ELDEST SON SO I FIGURED THAT I HAD BETTER USE IT. THE PACKAGE INCLUDES ONE PROGRAM DISK AND A SET OF INSTRUCTIONS ON NICE HEAVY ORANGE PAPER SO THAT YOU CAN FIND THEM IN ALL YOUR CLUTTER. THE INTRODUCTION IS STANDARD, GIVING CREDIT TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR HELP. NEXT IS THE SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND PRINTER RATINGS.

GETTING STARTED IS PROBABLY THE EASIEST AS THE PROGRAM IT LOADS AUTOMATICALLY FROM DIRVE ONE IN EXTENCED BASIC.

NEXT COMES THE TITLE SCREEN AND IS IT IMPRESSIVE. NICE JOB RODGER !

NOW COMES THE TWO OPTIONS OF EITHER CREATING A FORM OR PRINTING ONE OUT. PRESS '1' TO CREATE AND YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO YOUR HEART'S DESIRE. AT THIS TIME I SHOULD SAY THAT IT PROBABLY BEST TO PRINT OUT THE SAMPLE FILES THAT COME ON THE DISK . ONE OF THESE DUPLICATES THE SPECIAL CHARACTERS ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN WITH THE CORRESPONDING KEYS ON THE KEYBOARD. AFTER CREATING YOUR FORM, YOU PLACE LINE FEEDS AT THE END OF THE LINES BY PRESSING RS IN COMMAND MODE, NOW TYPE 79 79 / /CTRL U "J"/ "REPLACE ALL" AND ERASE ANY AT THE END OF "."COMMANDS. SAVE FILE AND QUIT

NOW YOU GO TO OPTION "2" TO PRINT YOUR FORM. ENTER YOUR FILENAME. NEXT USE ".CR" TO MAKE "PIO.CR" OR "RS232.CR". GO THROUGH THE REST OF THE OTHER OPTIONS AND SIT BACK AND SEE THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR. TALK ABOUT EASE AND THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS.

THANKS,  
RODGER

HOW WOULD I RATE IT ? THE ANSWER IS I WOULD BUY IT. THE DOCS ARE WELL DONE, THE PROGRAM DOES WHAT IT SUPPOSED TO DO, THE PROGRAM IS VERY EASY TO USE AND THE USES ARE AGAIN LIMITED TO ONLY YOUR IMAGINATION. DEFINITELY AN 'A'.

\$15 + \$1 SHIP/HANDLING

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