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MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING				

Our March 10th meeting was called to order by our president John Johnson. The treasurers' report was approved as read, and the minutes for February were approved, as printed, in the last newsletter. We had eight members at our meeting this month.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. We discussed the Eastern Iowa Computer Fair that was held March 7th. We had a good turn out at our TI table and we want to thank everyone for their help.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. John brought in a copy of the John Johnson Mug Boot program for the library and to make it available for our club computer.

John showed us some of the features of this program. 2. Next month is our election night for new officers. We had nominations for officers for next months election. 3. The Des Moines TI group is still having informal meetings and has a section on a bulletin board in their area. The BBS is the Apple Hide Away, phone no. 1-515-282-1915 and the system operator is Scott Johnson. 4. We discussed the method that TI writer uses to get its fonts and how to change them. 5. Bruce is again going to have to order more disks as his remaining supply was sold out at this meeting.

PROGRAM: We want to thank Bob Murdock for bringing with him, to our meeting, several Harrison Software music discs. Our evenings program was reviewing the music on some of these discs.

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Submitted by Bob Wahlstrom, Secretary

The Prez's Blurb

Fair...Our participation in the Eastern Iowa fair was as smooth and successful as could be. Thanks to all who helped. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of help we had. If you feel really orphaned look at page 71 of the Nuts and Volts Magazine we got there and you will see an ad to repair TI-99/4A's.

TIW Tabs...Finally after months of searching I found the way to preset the tabs on TI writer. The RAG version 4.3 has a setup program called EDITINS that lets you preset most everything.

Trivia...Three for the price of one this month. When will the first MIDI concert be performed at Carnegie Hall? How many virus programs will the IBM program Virhunt detect and destroy? How can you find out your TI-99/4A consoles birthday?

XB.XB.Again... I have to back off from my idea of soldering the XB cartridge onto a widgit. It works great but I have pretty much decided it is not the main problem I had. still more crashes and intermittents I discovered that the real culprit was the right angle connector in the console. I thought I had put a new one in, but apparently when one of my keyboards gave out I got another console and thus lost the new connector. After discovering this and rectifying the situation I have had no intermittents and only one ram disk crash. That crash occurred immediately after I tried a sidecar RS232 on the system. My theory now is that those connectors got worn out very quickly back when everyone was slapping game cartridges in and out of that port. The XB had to be reinserted after any game playing to program in basic. Thus you had a worn out connector in your console and on the XB cartridge. If you can get the plastic case holding the felt on the front of that connector off you can look down into that connector and see the surface where the plating is worn off and what looks like copper is exposed. I am going to buy only "virgin" consoles from now on and swap keyboards rather than whole consoles if possible. I have noticed that my 386 hookup at work has had the same kind of connector problems. That makes it all better. Right?

BBS's...In addition to the Apple Hideaway 1-515-282-1915 in Des Moines that now has a TI section, there is also an Iowa MIDI BBS 1-515-262-1370 that may be of interest to you MIDI fans. Bruce Harrison has announced the first Midimaster song that is compiled from an IBM Cakewalk file! I have joined the CVCA BBS here in town to get on Fidonet and I am now in the process of trying to find out what if any additional charges there will be. I will have more on that as I get the information.

BBS con't.. I have run into a problem on the CVCA BBS and also on the ISU computer in Ames. Some programs they run require a true ASCII escape char to exit to another area. The TI keyboard has no escape key as such. Function 9 or function equals do not give an ACII 27 which is what they are looking for. Fortunately the last page of Telco shows the added control keys the author has put in that program. Control period (ctrl.) gives a true ASCII escape char. I feel like sending him more money. I continue to be impressed with that program again and again.

Thought for the day...A big shot is only a little shot who kept on shooting. - Of course it also helps if you actually hit something once in a while...

Misc...It may be a good idea not to pitch the old E/A cartridges. I had to use it to get the insert file function in the editor mode. I couldn't find that in the Funnelweb one. I realize it may just be I don't know where to look. The decline in the number of people who actually program on the TI was shown by a request of intent for the Chicago Users Group programing contest. They received only two letters. Another replacement for the TI-99/4A has shown up and is on the cover of the latest Popular Science. Seriously it is about the latest generation of super computers and I recommend it for some very interesting reading.

Elections...are next meeting. If you want to volunteer contact me or any officer this month. I plan to do some more calling and try to get a backup slate ready in case we are not as overwhelmed with prospects as I expect. (:))

Trivia answers...The first Carnegie MIDI concert has already been held last October according to the March 92 Popular Science. I missed it. I don't know exactly how many viruses Virhunt checks but it takes 14 screens to list them in vers 1.3. To get your consoles manufacturing date look at the number on the bottom. The left number is the week and the right number is the year. That's from the Bug News of the BREA 99ers UG in Southern California.

EOF...Jack Johns...CR

M_Y_T_I_P_A_e_T_H_by Bill Paeth

I recently became involved with a BBS out of Des Moines run by Scott Johnson on his APPLE IIe. Scott actually insisted I join by personally

installing his extra modem on my TI.

APPLE HIDE-A-WAY BBS has the usual message center and several up/down load sections for various APPLE and IBM machines. (In late February Scott opened up a TI section but that is a different story.) In addition to the above, he set up a restricted access section called IOWANA for my family. Most of the information in this file would be ASCII files so the fact that an APPLE, two IBM's and my TI were being used should not matter.

NOT SO !

After finally getting full BBS authorization I tried to "download" the "Dad Fairs" file meant for me. This file, uploaded by my son in Omaha, turned out to be DIS/FIX 128 and was totally undecipherable by FUNNELWEB.

Again I accessed the file but used the view function of the BBS to capture the ASCII file. Using the Review Buffer function of TELCO I could finally read it. Better, but not good enough for long files. The message, now in DIS/VAR 80 format, was savable to disk or printer - only 23 lines at a time.

I tried to make a full page copy but failed and had to accept a copy

my son printed off of his original and brought home at Christmas.

Scott, also home for our family Christmas, was determined that there had to be a way to accomplish a full page copy. Since the View function was the best way to get a file to be compatable with FUNNENLWEB he started there. Using only the TI manuals and his own knowledge of APPLE basic he wrote a short XB program to combine the 23 line segments into a full page document.

APPEND recalls each of the 23 line sections and appends them one after the other. This now complete file can be edited with FUNNELWEB,

then printed as a file. Simple but smart don't you think?

Sure, there probably is a utility somewhere that already does what APPEND does. I didn't happen to know what program to use or where to find it. Thanks to Scott I can now access these files and print them out.

Now for the rest of the story. My one and only "upload" to IOWANA turned out to be "total gibberish" to the IBM's and filled "with meaningless characters" on the APPLE. Help Scott! (or anyone else for that matter). April 1992.

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type

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320 PRINT
330 PRINT "DK? (Y/N)"
340 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
350 IF S=0 THEN 340
360 IF K=78 THEN 560 60 REM 370 DPEN #1: SNAMES, DISPLAY 70 REM 80 REM 90 REM 390 PRINT #1:15(X) 100 DIM I\$(23) 110 CALL CLEAR 120 DISPLAY AT(3,3): "FILE AP PENDING UTILITY" 130 DISPLAY AT(22,1): "ENTER ANOTHER FILE? (Y/N):" FILENAME TO LOAD: " 440 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
140 INPUT FNAME\$ 450 IF S=0 THEN 440 150 LNAME = "DSK1." & FNAME \$ 160 ON ERROR 210 170 OPEN #1:LNAME\$,DISPLAY , INPUT .VARIABLE 180 FOR X=1 TO 23 190 LINPUT #1:I\$(X) 200 NEXT X 210 ON ERROR 230 220 CLOSE #1 230 ON ERROR 420 240 IF SNAME\$<>"" THEN 280 250 Y=LEN(LNAME\$) 260 Y=Y-1 270 SNAME\$=SEG\$(LNAME\$,1,Y) 590 GOTO 370

10 REM Text File Appender BY
SCOTT JOHNSON
20 REM 12/27/91
290 PRINT "DEFAULT FILE TO A PPEND IS:" 300 PRINT APPEND, VARIABLE 380 FOR X=1 TO 23 400 NEXT X 410 CLOSE #1 420 CALL CLEAR 430 DISPLAY AT(22.1): "APPEND 460 IF K=89 THEN 490 470 IF K=78 THEN 530 480 GOTO 440 490 FOR X=1 TO 23 500 I\$(X)="" 510 NEXT X 520 GOTO 110 530 CALL CLEAR 540 DISPLAY AT(12,12): "BYE" 550 END 560 CALL CLEAR 570 INPUT "NEW FILENAME? ":S NAMES 580 SNAME\$="DSK1."&SNAME\$

TI TREASURE CHEST

Our user group has received a magnanimous gift from a long ago member and now benefactor, Mr. Steve Ryan. Steve moved to Texas some years ago, but maintained some contact with the Cedar Valley 99ers. He recently decided to clean out his computer closet, and put together a large box of donated items for our group to use for door prizes, fund raiser, or whatever.

I propose to the membership that we take the following action concerning Steve's gift. 1) Sell items to current members on a first-come basis, with the proceeds going to the group's treasury, then 2) donate unwanted items to a charitable computer function, such as to Sister Pat Taylor or to the Oakland User Group/Eunice Spooner, and 3) use the balance as door prizes for attendance at local meetings. This proposition will be made into a motion at our upcoming April 14 meeting, so be there to express your views!

A brief inventory of items in the treasure chest includes:

Many cartridges, including XB, Mini-Mem, games, PRK, educational, etc.

TI Logo TI Writer

Multiplan

Widget

Complete Scott Adams adventure games (with disks)

Many tapes, including Best of 99'er, Tunnels of Doom, Bridge Bidding I

TI related books

Jim Green

AVTABLE SPRINGERS SELECTOR

WANTED:

Jerry Canady knows someone that wants a Blackjack/Poker cartridge. Contact him at 319-377-9382.

FOR SALE:

DacEasy Accounting software package with disks, for IBM and compatibles, 5-1/4 inch disks, \$10 or offer. Stewart Prince, contact at meeting or 319-366-8756.

Starting FORTH book by Leo Brodie, \$5. Gary Bishop 319-377-9574.

CONVERSIONS

Each month Microcomputing will publish Apple, Atari, Commodore, Heath or IBM PC translations of selected programs published in the magazine. We encourage our readers to submit a hard copy of their conversions along with a cassette or disk of the program. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of magnetic media if not selected for publication. Authors whose translations are chosen will receive payment for their efforts.

Healthful Hints program (January 1983 Microcomputing) translated for the TI 99/4A by Bobby Schmidt, 1254 Belmont Drive, Richardson, TX 75080.

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10 RDM THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A GUIDE TO HEARY DISEASE RISK.
20 RBM IT IS ONLY A GUIDE, COMBILT YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR HORE EXACT INFORMATION.
30 RBM GRISHALLY MRITTEN INHIDIORDET BASIC BY D.C. SHOEMAKER
40 RBM IT 199/46 EXTENDED BASIC TRANSLATION BY BOSSY L. SCHWIDT
50 CALL CLEAR : CLEARS THE 89/46 SCHEEN
                  60 REM
70 PRINT "This program will help you": "assess your present risk of": "heart disea
         400 REM
70 PRINT "This program will help you": "sesses your present risk of ": "heart disea
we. It is a"
80 PRINT "Guide only; fer more meact": "information, you should"
70 PRINT "Consult your physician.": :
100 PRINT "To use the program, just": "answer the questions as: "presented."
110 PRINT "To use the program, just": "answer the questions as: "presented."
110 PRINT "To use the program, just": "following age group: :
130 PRINT " 1 - 10 to 20 years old"
140 PRINT " 2 - 21 to 30 years old"
150 PRINT " 3 - 31 to 40 years old"
150 PRINT " 4 - 41 to 50 years old"
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             290 PRINT "5 - TWO relatives with": cardiovascular disease, ":"
           ."
300 PRINT "6 - THREE relatives,":" under 60."! : :
$10 DISPLAY AT(24,1):"What category (1-6) ?"
$20 ACCEPT AT(24,20):Wibat category (1-6) ?"
$20 ACCEPT AT(24,20):WLIDATE("123456")BEEP SIZE(1):H
$30 IF H=5 THREE New++1
$30 ALL CLEAR
$30 PRINT "1 - more than 5 pounds under":" standard weight for":"
         370 PRINT "1 - sere than 5 pounds under: " stereor may sight."

370 PRINT "2 - between -5 and *5 of " the stendard."

400 PRINT "3 - 6 to 20 pounds": " overweight."

410 PRINT "5 - 36 to 30 pounds": " overweight."

430 PRINT "5 - 36 to 30 pounds": " overweight."

430 PRINT "6 - sere than 51 pounds": " overweight."; '; '440 DISPLAY AT(24,): "shich category (1-6) ?"

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SID PRINT "6 - 40 or more cigarattem"; a day."; ; ;
SID DISPLAY AT (24,1): "what's your category (1-6)?"; ;
SID RINT "8 - 40 or more cigarattem"; and recreational "1 secretion in the secretion
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1000 IF P-5 THEM P-P-2
1000 CALL CLEAR
1000 PRINT "Finally, your eas.. Choose": "from the followings": : : :
1000 CALL CLEAR
1000 PRINT "F - female under age 40."
1100 PRINT "Finally, your eas.. Choose": "from the followings": : : :
1100 PRINT "F - female under age 40."
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1110 F F - THEM B-S-1
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1490 PMINT "You should be guided in": "this, as in all matters of": "health, by co spetent medical"
1500 PMINT "advice. This computer": "program is not a substitute"
1520 PMINT "for that."
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Healthful Hints program converted for the Commodore microcomputing systems by Jose Luis Arriola, 1036 Aquamarine Lane, Corona, CA 91720.

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10 PEN THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE A QUIDE TO MEART DISEASE RISK
20 PEM IT IS ONLY A QUIDE. COMSULT YOUR PRYSICIAN FOR MORE EXACT IMPORMATION
30 PEM MRITTEN IN HICROSOFT '90SIC' BY D.C. SHORMMER
40 REM CONVERTED TO COMMODORE 8032 BY J.L. REMIGLA
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90 PRINT'"10:SENDE IT IS A QUIDE ONLY: FOR HOME EXACT IMPORMATION, YOU"
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110 PRINT'"1 TEN TO THENTY WERRS OLD"
110 PRINT'"2 THENTY ONE TO FORTY YEARS OLD"
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418 PRINT"3 - 6 TO 20 POUNDS OVERMEIGHT"
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