DALLAS TI HOME COMPUTER GROUP Educational - Entertaining - Social Activities

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Meetings: 7:00pm, 3rd Friday each month At Northlake College, Room B-206, Irving, Texas

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APOLOBIES are in order for not getting out last months Newsletter. This was due to our botchery, and you did not get passed by. We promise to try harder in the future.

LAST MONTH (March) We had planned to take a look at Multiplan. However at the last moment, it was our privilege to have a demo of the New Pegasus (TI Professional Computer) Courtesy of Jim Erwin Office Machines. Sandy Hanson gave us a tour of the machine and its features. And what Features!! If the interest shown by everyone was any indication, we will see the Pegasus again soon. As the demo came to a close, Sandy offered to give us a Multiplan Class (Free!) if we had enough people interested. We had is sign-up and on April 12, we had 16 show up for class. We had a great overview of Microsoft Multiplan by Cherie Barns, of Jim Erwin's, on the Pegasus. Multiplan for the TI-99/4A is a full implementation, and what we saw on the Pegasus is the same for 99/4A users. A REALLY POWERFUL TOOL!!

LAST MONTH (April) Bill Kauth attempted to share some of the functions of Multiplan, however an equipment failure limited the sharing to the blackboard. After a quick nap we did have a productive time of sharing ideas, problems and fixes. There were several people interested in forming a Multiplan Meeting, where one could develop Templets and share those uses with others. If You are interested; let us know at the regular Friday meeting.

AND Speaking of Meetings. We Have A New Meeting Place!! We have outgrown our present location and now we will be meeting at NORTHLAKE COLLEGE, ROOM B-206, IRVING, TEXAS. To find it: From Dallas, take Spur 348 or Hwy 114 WEST, then get in left lane and turn at MacArthur Blvd Stoplight. (Note sign: To Northlake), Continue south up the hill, past Walnut Hill (Stop Sign), then look for the Northlake entrance on your right. Turn in and follow the road to the parking lot(east side), then walk past the gym on your left, and the entrance to the business bldg (lower level) is on your right, enter, turn left and B-206 will be down on your right.

Music Programs. These promise to be very interesting! We will have a discussion on the following items: The need for an Electronic Bulletin Board, Forming of Classes for Members on Basic Programming-File Applications-Multiplan-TI Writer, and Fund Raising for Equipment Purchase.

NOTES The New 99°er Magazine (May 83): Fulfilling Untapped Potential, Mentally handicapped learners team up with the TI-99/4A — See the Gossip on P 64 — and Multiplan Medium. For those of you looking for additional info on Multiplan, check out "The Power of Multiplan" by Robert E. Williams. Also from MIS (Management Information Source, Inc.— the publisher) is a New Magazine: "The Power of ES". This magazine covers all types of Electronic Spreadsheet (ES) type programs. It has on going tutorial and model for Multiplan, which is styled after their books. These two are worth getting.

REVIEW By Whiz Kids Van Holland and John Bunder

Arthropod By Bill Bies: This is a new Centipede imitation out for the TI-99/4A. It is easily one of the hardest games we have ever played. In this version of the popular arcade game the mushrooms are "poisonous" and touching one is fatal. Also unlike the arcade game, the spiders actually chase the player instead of just bouncing around. There are three different skill levels (we call them Hard, Impossible, and Ridiculous).

Strategy: The main two secrets of Arthropod, as far as we have mastered it, is to keep low and to continuously fire. As with all arcade games it is best to use the keyboard if you can manage it. The best way to avoid the spider is to kill it. and the best way to do this is to wait until the spider is about to jump you and then fire. It does not seem to matter if your "bullet" touches the spider as long as the spider is about to touch you. It is also a good idea to clear the lower area of mushrooms, not only does this give you more points, but it also makes it harder to run into one of these fatal traps. A good score is above 10,000.

Ratings: (1-10, 10 is High)
Graphics....8
Difficulty..10
Excitement..10
Speed..........6
Originality......2
Lasting Interest..7

Overall Rating: 7
Language: TMS 9900 Assembly (Must be run with

If You have a good book or program that you would like to have reviewed or if you would like to write the rewiew (on TI-Writer), Please see Bill Kauth at the meeting.

Note: If you haven't sent in your renewal membership dues(\$15), the computer program will drop you from the roster after the 2nd notice or on your renewal date. The only way to prevent this is by sending us your check or bring it to the meeting. SEE YOU THERE!! 7pm May 20th at B-206 Northlake College.