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NEXT MEETING
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 28,1991
at the Dallas INFOMART
Oak Lawn Avenue and I-35 East

- 23 1st Day of Autumn
- 28 INFOMART 1950 Stemmons Freeway Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Room: 1061

OCTOBER

- 5 SIDEWALK SALE
 EC MEETING
 Mr. Gatti's
 3720 Walnut Hill Ln.
 Officers: 2:30 pm
 Chairpersons: 3:30 pm
- 11 NEXT-STEP
 JoJo's Restaurant
 1415 Motor Street
 Time: 5:15 pm
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SHAKING



THE

BUSHES

by:Mattie Bush

Nell here it is September and another month is on us. We have some NEW Software and some New Hardware that our authors and Hardware techs have made and are making for the TI WORLD OF HOME CONPUTING for the TI99/4A. It is getting better even though it is an orphan. The ACCELERATOR is something NEW that has spead up the 4A'S to 12 Megahertz and Harrison Software has a new game called TI CASING WHICH IS VERY INTERESTING TO PLAY. Ther there is Barry Boone's SOUND F/X which plays incredible sound through the TI and also the GENEVE.

So all of you that have the TI99/4A's, get those things out of the closets and set them up and get to working and enjoying them as much as we do in our group. All of you members that have dropped out of the club, please want you come back and join us at some of our meetings at INFOMART and the NEXT-STEPS that we have for your enjoyment.

We have a lot of New Members and they would like to get the knowledge from their 4A's like you have done. We do need the expertise of those with the knowledge of this little machine.

Our SEPTEMBER meeting will have the program of the UPDATE OF DISK REVIEW and DISK UTILITIES with (John Birdwell's V 4.20) ENHANCEMENTS. So mark those calendars for our meeting SEPTEMBER 28 at 9:00am. See all of you there.

Again I want to THANK EACH OF YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE INFOMART MEETING and I do want to THANK OUR GUESTS ESPECIALLY for joining us. and that goes for all our NEW MEMBERS for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend these meetings.

Until our INFOMART meeting, this is SHAKING THE BUSHES signing off until [see you at the INFOMART next time.

Mattie

UP DATING THE DATABASE...

We were happy to welcome a NEW MEMBER at NEXT STEP this month, LES STOLLE, who had already mailed in his membership dues. His major interest is in amateur radio, and using his TI-99/4A in that area, and is anxious to talk with anyone with experience in this field. Welcome, LES!

RENEWAL! We're glad to receive renewal dues from JOHN CLARY this month. Thanks, JOHN, glad you're on board for another year with DTIHCG!

by: Charlice Althar

HARDWARE AND HACKING

Dallas 99 Interface

From

The Hardware Chairman

Welcome to this month's article from the Program Chairman. We have some exciting and interesting programs coming up in the latter part of this year and I still want to encourage everyone to think about being involved and willing to help. I appreciate, as the other member's of the club must, the involvement of everyone that has given programs or input to this year's efforts. This is your club, let's do what you want to do!

For the September program we will be exploring an old topic, but one that the newer members of the club may not have been shown before. Speaking from experience, disk management utilities are often confusing simply by the number of different programs that available. There is DM-1000, Disk Utilities, and the infamous Disk Manager II cartridge just to name a few. The new user, and even some experienced users often get frustratec about trying to find the right manager for their needs. We will try to clear the air a little bit and deal with specific features from some of the more popular disk managers available today.

Along the lines of this topic, I have been using Disk Review from Funnelweb more these days. This is just one example of how we can adapt to using several different programs to achieve the same basic goals. One thing that we will not be covering an any great depth is use of MDMV for the Myarc HFDC. We will stick to basic configuration that is so prevalent amoung the majority of the users.

Just as an advance announcement I would like share with you all that our own JIM STEWART will be giving the program for October. As most of you are aware, Jim has done some heavy duty research into the subject of wills and will offer us the benifit of his work. I will probably be out of town during the October Super Saturday, and deeply regret the probability of missing this fine program.

Stay tuned for more announcements as the year grinds on. We have more to come! Until then, keep those keyboards clicking and those drives whirring.

"Butch"

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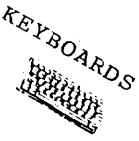
THANK YOU, DTINCG from Charice

I. like many of us, think of DTIHCG as a very important part of my "family". It 's getting close to ten years since my first DTIHCG meeting, and all of you that make this group what it is have never been more important to me than during the past few weeks. You've been so supportive of my hopes and frustrations during the many months of my father's illness and confinement in a nursing home.

The flowers from you at his funeral were the most beautiful we received. It was, and remains, very comforting to me that these lovely yellow mums, arranged as they were against beautiful fall-colored leaves, were the only flowers we left at his grave following the services. I can't thank you enough for all of your cards, phone calls, talks, and hugs, in addition to the flowers. At times like these, we truly know our friends--and I certainly know mine. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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JUST REMEMBERING

JOHN P. GUION

The date of this young man's death will never be forgotten by those who loved him and worked with him. I'm sorry to say that I didn't get to know him. I do know that he did the TI WORLD a great justice with his programs and hardware for the TI-99/4A. He was always there for each and every one who needed help with their TI-99/4A, for whatever reason. He was a loving, caring, giving person which made him SPECIAL for the computing world. His mind was a brilliant one, and if he were here today, it would as I'm told be working for the TI- 99/4A to make it even better.

Jackie, Louis III, and Louis IV, we just want to share a moment with you in remembering John for what a young man he was. Thanks for sharing him with us.

Here are some QUOTES from people who worked very closely with him. Greg Justice said "he was there for everyone and proclaimed that he was JOHN THE FIRST."

John Creviston said he cid programs at INFOMART for the club, made repairs for people at NEXT STEP, and also did trouble-shooting to fix their broken system and parts that made it run. rewrote software for our BBS from Lubbock, and maintained files for new users. He also was always experimenting with things.

Robert Jones, who worked with John on many programs and some of the hardware, said he had ENTHUSIASM, rare leadership, and was always striving for excellence in everything undertook to do.

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To the GUIONS for sharing their son JOHN with the whole TI WORLD of the TI-99/4A: Thank you for this.

Here is a little poem that I thirk is very nice for him:

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

When scmeone does a kindness It always seems to me That's the way GOD up in heaven Would like us all to be... For when we bring some pleasure To another human heart. We have followed in His footsteps And we've had a little part In serving HIM who loves us For I am very sure it's true That in serving those around us We serve and please HIM, too.

by: Helen Steiner Rice





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WHICH MEETING FOR ME?

The Dallas TI Home Computer Group features a wide variety of meetings, held throughout each month. One or more of these is bound to be just the one for which you're looking.

MAIN MEETING AT INFOMART:

This meeting has a little bit of everything. We open with a short business meeting and announcements. follow with an audience participation "open forum," present an informative program on preannounced topics and wrap it up with merchandise sales and new member/visitor orientation.

SIG MEETINGS AT INFOMART:

Topics of a little narrower range of interest are presented in these Special Interest Group Meetings. Two such meetings are held each month, one preceeding the main meeting at 9:00 am and the other following the lunch hour at 1:00 pm. Subjects include application software, hardware, programming and other fascinating topics.

MINISIG MEETINGS:

For "hands-on" sessions and in depth looks at literally ANY subject, MiniSiG meetings are held at members homes or businesses throughout the Dallas area. Generally at least one of these meetings is planned and scheculed by the group during each month. Additional meetings may be held at any time by any member with adequate enthusiasm for the topic; the group stands ready to help you find and contact people with like interests.

NEXT STEP WORKSHOPS:

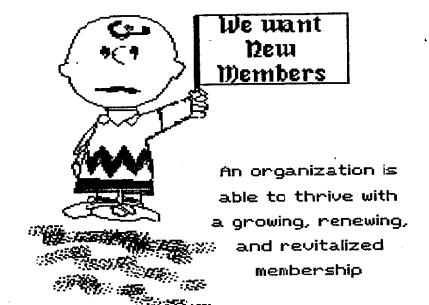
Originally a MiniSiG, the NEXT STEP has taken on a life of its own. This is the informal meeting at which to get your questions answered, your hardware problems diagnosed (and probably fixed), to get to talk casually with the "experts" and, often, to eat! Many of the NEXT STEP meetings are held in cafeteria meeting rooms; bring your appetite and help us buy enough food to pay for the room.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Held the Saturday following the INFOMART meetings (generally at the presidents house), these are the meetings where the reall planning and execution of group business take place. DON'T miss 'em if you are a group officer or committee chairman.

SOCIAL MEETINGS:

As if we didn't eat enough at the other meetings, several times a year the group sponsors social neetings combined with DINNER! Each has been different, each has been GREAT! Watch for announcement of the next one.



FROM THE OUTSIDE:

LOG FROM COLORADO ...

On a clear crisp August morning in the high country, about 60 degrees, we start out to walk. The clean smell of pine needles, the sound of woodpeckers at work. The four baby Cooper hawks and their mother hawk are squealing atop the huge 70 foot Ponderosa pine in our backyard, we stop to watch the hawks through our binoculars. (Cooper hawks look similar to the prairie falcon, so it is easy to imagine what majestic birds.) The mother bird flies in every 5 minutes or so, with some small animal or bird for the babies' breakfast. We tear ourselves away and walk slowly to take in all the new wildflowers blooming since we have walked this path just a day or two ago.

Copper Czar and Yukon Bud howl for us to come on and catch up as they dart off in different directions, but come out ahead of us further down the way. We go through the forest a different way each ti me, and the dogs sense exactly where we are, great to see nature at work. We make our way back home so we can work on our ceranic projects, which we plan to enter in the County fair. Carl is doing "natural type" animals and Indians in stains and chalk--I am doing the glazed-type of ceramics.

We must leave for a couple of hours to go fishing for rainbow and brook trout; that is, Carl fishes and I walk around and pick up pretty rocks and dig up wild plants to transplant in the yard.

Hope all you DTIHCG'ers are having a good summer enjoying your computers, and especially those wonderful Super Saturdays at INFOMART and the informative good fellowship of the NEXT STEPS!!!! While at your computers, feel free to print out a note to us, we would enjoy hearing from you, anytime!!

Until next time,

Carl and Imogene Osborn 105 Evergreen Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO. 81147

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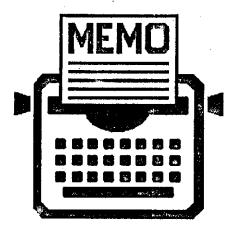
LABEL FORM

by:Jim Lesher

This is a form to make labels for disks or any label where centering is needed or desired.

The long line of numbers are for the normal sized print and the short line of numbers are for the expanded print centering. Do not type characters beyond either end of the number strings. However there must be the appropriate "CONTROL U "codes" before the lines being printed. So for the first line of text on the label in this example is: CTRL U SHIFT N FCTN R space FCTN R, CTRL U. In the "space" type a capital E. This will make the first line of your lable enlarged and emphasized. The remainder of the lines will be normal sized print, emphasized. Add 5 more blank lines after the "codes" then to print type; 3 8 PIO and the spacing will be just right for the 15/16 X 3 1/2" labels. If you want all enlarged letters just simply use CTRL 5 to copy the codes to the remainder of the text lines.

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by: Charlice Althar

In this month of September, we think back to the many things it meant to all of us to have had John Guion as such an important part of DTIHCG and the larger world of the TI-99/4A.

John prepared a handout several pages long titled "RUNNING PROGRAMS--HINTS FOR CONFUSING CASES" for a MiniSiG held in 1988 at the home of L.M. and Jimmie Kennedy. The final page was a summary of the common types of files used, with tips for loading them. During the years I was Software Librariar for DTIHCG, this guide was invaluable in identifying files and programs.

We've reprinted this summary on yellow paper and inserted it in this month's DALLAS 99 INTERFACE as a centerfold, so you can remove it and use it as a reference guide. Once again, we thank you, JOHN GUION!

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These people are DTINCG officers and chairpersons. They help themselves and you, by giving much of their time in working to make this a better club for all of us. Most attend the three hour Committee Chairmen's Meeting (the officers meet for an hour before that!) on the Saturday following the INFOMARI meeting. Any interested member is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's Meeting.

Thank them individually, when you have the opportunity.