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> ***NEXT MEETING*** Saturday, June 5, 1993 at the Dallas INFOMART I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit



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DTIHCG'S JUNE EVENTS

- 5 Sidewalk Sale, Ross at Central, 5 am
- 5 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
 - · Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
 - Time 9:00 am
 - Program: Communications on the TI
 - 1:00 pm MiniSiG
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
 Time and Date to be announced
- 18 NEXT-STEP
 - · JOJO'S On Stemmons at
 - 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 pm
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 Firs: Day of Summer
- 25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



DTIHCG'S JULY EVENTS

- 3 Sidewalk Sale, Ross at Central, 5 am
 - · Independence Day
- 23 NEXT-STEP
 - · JOJO'S On Stemmons at
 - 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 pm
- 10 SUPER SATURDAY AT INFOMART
 - Oak Lawn @ Stemmons
 - Time 9:00 am
 - Program:
 - by Dave Axberg
 - 1:00 pm MiniSiG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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DTIHCG'S AUGUST EVENTS

6 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SHAKING the BUSHES

BY: Mattie Bush

Before I type up my article for the newslatter. I always think of the things to write until I actually sit down to do it. Then I begin to think if it is relayent or not.

Have you ever thought about what a User Group really is? If not, think about it for a second before continuing on.

A User Group can be many things, but most of all, is its members. By members, I mean everyone that holds membership in the Group. What does this mean?

It means that our User Group is what you make of it. So you come to the meetings just to get whatever new software or Dom's that are avalable and not give us another thought until the next meeting?

To some of us people, that is precisely what a User Group is. But it is far more than that. The User Group is a place to share ideas and get information. A User Group is a place where TI enthusiasts can be one big family. To make a good group, takes everyone of us. Know one person can make nor break our group. But, in our group, the most active member is that ever faithful "Someone else". What a lousy group we would be with out that Someone else, so it doesn't need further coverage right now.

You as members of our group can really expect only to get as much out of the group as what you put into the group.

That is being at meetings is important, but do you ever say anything? Do you ask those important questions? Do you ever have an answer to a question another member might have. Or does another member have some information you need. Sharing is the most successful User Group. The more you put into the Group, the more you'll get out of it!

To use a paraphrase of a famous saying, "now is the time to come to the aid of your User Group"! Please VOLUNTEER to help in whatever way you can to keep your User Group going. This will not require to much effort from you, but quite a bit effort from the usual handful of members.

Now days there are rumors going around about our software and hardware TI vendors. Without our support these people go belly-up in the TI WORLD. Part of his failure is due to our own faults. Yes, you are reading it right. "OUR OWN FAULTS!".

Sorry to be saying such a thing as this? How many people in the TI WORLD are software? This just running pirated drives the authors and software distributors out of business. This really hurts in the fact that D-CM development has nearly ceased for all TI'ers!

The story on hardware is completely different. We have all or at least many of us, have experinced the frustration of incompatability of new hardware and firmware. One of the reasons is due to the lack of standards in the TI WORLD. The National Committee for TI Standards are trying to overcome this problem. What happens, is not a11 vendors. wants to software nor hardware. Their reasons are defeating. cooperate.

With this TI cheapskate image that we have, we're lucky if anyone wants to sell us anything these days. This hurts us all. Please lets be more supportive of our vendors and our TI Fairs everywhere. This is a must for the TI WORLD to survive for a very long time to come. I'll tell you I plan to be a TIer for many years to come.

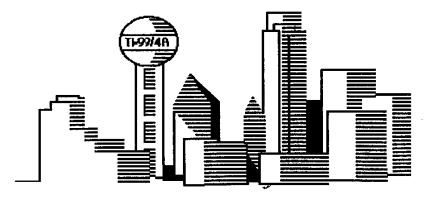
Now you know that mush of the fault is loosing TI vendors is our own fault! I just want our User Group to keep on growing and to have the ENTHUSIAM as always. So all get those 99/4A's out of that closet and plug them in and see what has been added to them. Our little 4A can do the darnest things. Isn't that GREAT? My feelings exactly!!

Well folks I've said my peace for this month and I hope that I didn't step on to, to many toes, but truth is truth. We in our User Group's love our TI99/4A's and we want it to go on and on. Let it live forever! LONG LIVE THE TI99/4A!!!

Before signing off I do want to thank all that attended our May meeting at INFOMART. We had 27 in attendance. Our program was given by Dave Axberg on CSHELL99 (windows for the TI99/4A). This was a very interesting program. Dave

told how it was used. As usual Dave gave an excellent program. THANK YOU DAVE!

Our program for JUNE 5 will be PAGE PRO99 Spill. with Butch So mark those calendars and come on out. I would like to mention to ALL that we need a large attendance at INFOMART keeping this very nice room for So please mark those meeting place. calendars for this. THANK YOU. This is Shaking the Bushes signing off until next month. SEE ALL OF YOU AT INFOMART!!! KEEP ON COMPUTIN'



PAGE PRO EFFECTS

by MARY LEARD

Remember the times when you

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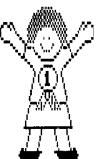
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I AM FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me I'm just as healthy as I can be I have arthritis in both my knees And when I talk, it's with a wheeze My pulse is weak, my blood is thin But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet Or I wouldn't be able to walk on the street Sleep is denied me night after night And every morning I'm a terrible sight My memory's failing my head's in a spin I'm practically living on aspirin But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in

The moral is as this tale unfolds
That for you and me who are getting old
It's better to say "I'm Fine" with a grin
Than to let everyone know the shape we're in.

This was taken from the DAL99er April 1989.

NEXT STEP REPORT

RY: Charlice Althar

May 7 was our most recent NEXT STEP, and although we were a small group,we accomplished much! The May issue of our DALLAS 99 INTERFACE was folded, labeled and stamped, and most of our participated in getting the job done, with ANN GRESHAM "facilitating" Remember the old saying, "many hands make light work"? Well, it proved true again, just like our members used to tell us. Of course, all the helpers received a reward for their labor---their copies of the newsletter were handed to them that night, instead of waiting another couple of days for the Post Office delivery! Thanks for all the help, folks! We'll do it again this month!

In addition, ROBERT SMITH received from ROBERT JONES an education as to disk drive cables and the proper hookup for a 3.5" drive on his 4/A system. He also told us about BERTHA MESTANZA's May 1st trip home to Peru. TOM HALL LOAN met her at D/FW when she flew in from Shreveport, helped her to pass her layover time pleasantly, then put her on the plane to Miami, then on to Peru. BERTHA, we're already missing you, and hope you'll be back with us soon. Your name tag is in the box for our next INFOMART meeting!

We had a lively discussion about the surplus center of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., and the many "goodies" that can sometimes bе found there---everthing from phone line cords, plugs.etc.. useful for hooking up modems and other accessories. office to equipment and furnture. all

WHAT IS THE CCD?

_{by:} Jackie Guion

10 SOFTWARE COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Thou shalt use disks in the format specified for your computer. and no others.
- Thou shalt label all thy diskettes and write on them only with a felt-tip pen.
- J. Thou shalt not expose thy floppy disks to magnetic fields, excessive heat, moisture or other forms of torture and abuse.
- 4. Thou shalt not touch the exposed areas of thy floppy disk.
- 5. Thou shalt remember to press the RETURN (ENTER) key after issuing a command to thy computer.
- 5. Thou shalt install all new application software before it will run properly on thy computer.
- Thou shalt run no program lest thou hast first made a backup copy.
- 8. Thou shalt protect (save) thy work frequently, very frequently.
- 9. Thou shalt not kill thy data by pulling disks out in the mid**ele** of work session.
- 10. Thou shalt always make backup copies of thy data disks.

Some of the questions I heard at our May meeting at INFOMART made me realize that not all of our members are aware of what the Computer Council of Dallas (CCD) is. There were also some questions on what effect it has on the Dallas TI Home Computer Group and why it should have any effect. I'll try to answer some of your questions in this article.

The CCD is a volunteer organization formed to promote, encourage and facilitate mutual cooperation and understanding among affiliate organizations. It acts as an umbrella group coordinating the various details involved in secruing the dates, meeting rooms, and audial visual equipment for INFOMART meetings on Super Saturday once a month. These services are provided to the affiliated user groups at no charge. There are currently fourteen user groups in the CCD. Membership in the groups ranges from under 30 members to over 2,000. Attendance at Super Saturday varies but can be as low as 2,500 or as high as 3,000.

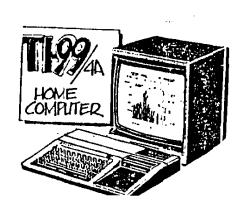
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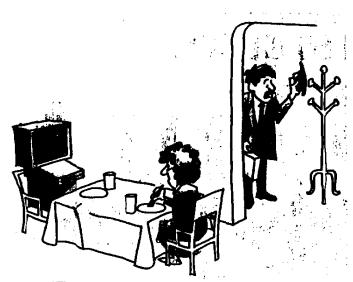
CORRECTION!!!

In the APRIL issue of the newsletter we had an program QUIKACCESS, we had made some mistakes and these are the corrections for it:

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