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NEXT MEETING
Saturday, September 17, 1994
at the Dallas INFOMART
I-35 E at the Oak Lawn Exit

DTIHCG'S SEPTEMBER EVENTS

17 DFW KCHANGE SATURDAY at INFOMART

Oak Lawn @ Stemmons

Time: 9:00 AM

Program: To Be Announced

17 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Who: All Officerrs and Chairpersons

Time: Following XCHANGE SATURDAY meeting

23 Autumn begins

30 NEXT STEP

JOJO's off Stemmons Fwy (I-35 E) 1415 Motor Street, 5:15 PM



DTIHCG'S OCTOBER EVENTS

1 1st Saturday Sidewalk Sale	
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Ross Ave. at Central Exp., 5:00 AM

10 Columbus Day

14 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

29 DFW XCHANGE SATURDAY at INFOMART

Oak Lawn @ Stemmons Fwy. (I-35 E)

Time: 9:00 AM

Program: DTIHCG GRAND REUNION

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by Dan Lowe

HOT! HOT! HOT!



Is anyone else out there getting as tired of all this hot weather as I (or is it me)? Whatever, I'm just tired of this 100 degree heat and am ready for a change to the cooler climes. And to think that in the May 1994 issue of this newsletter I was complaining about the fact that it was still cold outside, in May already. Even though it was Spring I was fussing 'cause it was 45 degrees outside. Can you imagine that, 45 degrees! Wouldn't you just love to have some of that 45 degrees right now? Can you imagine mowing the yard in the cool of the afternoon rather than in the sweat of the morning? O.K., I'm sorry; I realize this is a lousy way to start this article, so I'll change my tune and, as the song says, "I'll accentuate the positive and climinate the negative." (But, I'm still tired of the HOT weather.)

REUNION PROGRESS REPORT NO. 2

If you read every single page in last month's newsletter (if not go back and read it) you'll remember several references to our upcoming DTIHCG REUNION planned for 29 October 1994 at the INFOMART. So here we are, one month farther down the road heading toward the BIG event. And the closer it gets, the more excited everyone gets. Everything is on schedule and all the pieces are coming together -Jim Stewart working on the program, Tom Hall preparing "mail-outs", Mattie Bush working the telephone to issue "ya'll come" invitations, the Guions preparing publicity releases, Jim Lesher preparing some poster displays, Charlice Althar advising Tom regarding color paper to use for handouts/posters, and on and on and on. There are many people working on this REUNION project and I probably left out some names, like Robert Jones. In fact, Robert has prepared a fantastic "something" for the REUNION, but this is not the time to reveal what that "something' is. If you really want to know, then you'll just have to come to the REUNION and see for yourself. (Robert, being the shy, reserved and quiet (?) person that he is will probably kill me when he reads this.) And then there's John Creviston and L.M. Kennedy who are working on something together for the REUNION. And there are probably others whose names slip my mind, and to those I apologize. (Remember, we senior citizens are a forgetful lot.)

TOM'S TRIVIA

by Tom Hali

It was sad to note the passing of long time member ROSS WHITMORE on August 7th. A very accomplished gentleman; premier education, business executive, inventor, family man, an active photographer for which he gained national recognition and served his country during WWII with distinction as a Naval Line Officer. Ross led a very productive 88 years and was active until the last few months. He was a faithful and loy-



al DTIHCG member who served our User Group on several occasions as Committee Chairman, presented major programs and participated in Data Base training at NEXT-STEP meetings. The passing of one of our own tends to bring us closer together.

For those of us who are on the Shady Side of life, a Pneumonia Immunization is highly recommended. This one time shot is good for an extended period of time and is inexpensive. While we're on the health subject, September is the best time to get a flu shot. You can get them both at the same time.

Apparently, there are no member Birthdays in September. If I have failed to mention your Birthday, would you please help me update my list? September's birthstone is the sapphire and the flower, the aster.

Speed limits on I-35E from Dallas, North, to just past Sanger have been lowered from 65 MPH to 55 MPH. Guess the Gov decided the State needed the extra income. Speed limits are being enforced!

The American Legion, Department of Texas, employs two full-time Service Officers to assist veterans and their families in applying for various Veteran benefits. The closest Service Officer is Darby Bybee, at the Waco Regional Office, \$17-757-6890.

Doc Smith and bride returned from Iquitos on August 30th. Bertha visited with family and friends. Both had a great time. With any luck they should be sufficiently recuperated in time for the September 17th Meeting.

Loyal Key Member James Hoyle will be missing for the next 3 months. He is working with his Church to help build new Churches in other areas. Before he left he found us some REUNION souvenirs - Thanks James!

A long time ago, an eminent scientist by the name of MURPHY set forth an irrefutable law comprised of three hypotheses. The three hypotheses are:

- 1. If anything can go wrong, it will.
- 2. Nothing is as simple as it seems.
- 3. Everything takes longer than it should.

And we have some famous philosophers in our group who have set down some incidental laws on reality:

JACKIE'S OBSERVATION: The other line always moves faster.

SHARON'S LAW OF SELECTIVE GRAVITY: An object will fall so as to do the most damage.

CHARLICE'S COROLLARY: The chance of the bread falling with the buttered side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.

JUSTICES 1ST LAW OF EVOLVING PROGRAM DYNAMICS: Once you open a can of worms, the only way to re-can them is to use a much larger can.

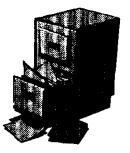
If anyone has any news/gossip on members or former members, I sure would appreciate it if you would give me a call.

UPDATING THE DATABASE...

by Charlice Althar

A big DTIHCG welcome to our guest at INFOMART in August, MANUAL E. MONTORO of Dallas. We hope you'll return often!

Our RENEWALS received this month includes those from CHARLES BROCK, who has served as our Adventure Librarian for several years, JEROME GRAHAM, and ROBERT and BERTHA SMITH. We are very glad to have received each of these, and appreciate your continued support!





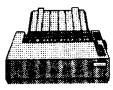
DTIHCG ACTIVITIES



September 11 - October 22, 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 11 BILL PRY IS A KEY MEMBER	Sept 12 © FQ	Sept 13 F.S.Key wrote "Star Spangled Banner" 1814	Sept 14	Sept 15 William Howard Taft - 1857	Sept 16	Sept 17 XCHANGE SATURDAY 9:00s 'til 2PM
		FOR INFORM.	ART SCHEDULE CAL	.L 214-919-4980		1:00p EC Meeting
Sept 18	Sept 19 O FM HARVEST MOON	Sept 20 POW/MIA DAY	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23 Autumn begins	Sept 24 Buy your disks and tapes from DTIHCG
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Sept 25 Gold Star Moher's Day	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28 ×	Sept 29 VFW ESTABLISHED	Sept 30 NEXT-STEP 5:15-8:00p Jo Jo's on Motor St.	Oct 1 1st SATURDAY SIDEWALK SALE 6:56: Sunrise - Fair weather
	If you	move, let us know y	our new address, w	ve care		
Oct 2 Get software from your DTIHCG Library	Oct 3 1st magnetic Viedotape recording - 1952	Oct 4 ● nm	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8 Plaase, don't drink and drive.
Oct 9 Jim Lesher is our resident T199/4a Dealer \$\mathbf{\pi}\$ 214-821-9274	Oct 10 Columbus Day	Oet 11 • FQ	Oct 12	0ct 13	Oct 14 Newsletter Deadline ROOM RESER- VATION	Oct 15 Boss's Day
Oet 16	Oct 17 San Francisco Earthquake - 1989	Oct 18 Alada Day	Oct 19 D FM	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22
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BEGINNER PRINTER



TI-WRITER AND YOUR PRINTER - PART 3

by Jim Lesher

This and future articles will be written with Funnelweb 5.0 and all references to TI-WRITER will be synonymous with FUNNELWEB V5.0, also all printer commands will be for the Gemini 10X. If you have practiced like a good student, you should be able to do a CIRLU, FCINR quickly by now, so let's do that now.

Also let's finish out page 124 in the printer manual, the International character set. As you can see, it calls for a number to replace the n. The number is chosen from the 8 countries below, USA is 0 and England is 1, so if you want to have some fun and write a letter to a friend in England, replace the # (pound sign) with a 1, so every time you type a # (pound sign) it will print out as a British pound sign (£) (currency). From the top, put in the escape symbol with a CTRL U FCTN R FCTN D SHIFT A CTRL U, then go back and fill the space with a number 1 then print. (Remember, the CTRL U is the first command and the last command to enter, as that is what gets us into and out of the SPECIAL CHARACTER MODE, and the FCTN R is the escape character.)

Back to page 124 in your printer manual, the next thing we see is FONT PITCH CONTROLS. For the first font called pica, you need only change the 1 in your command line to a B, but for the elite you will need to change the tiny 1 to a 2 and to do that we must go to CIRL U SHIFT B, then when you want to change the 2 to a 3, use SHIFT C.

You may be wondering what those letters SI and SO and DC4 after the word FOR-MAT mean. Again go to page 146 in your TI-WRITER manual and all is explained. If you still don't understand, it was explained to me that back in the days of the telegraph and the teletype machines these 32 commands were used and have carried over from that era. On page 126 of your printer manual it mentions PICA sized print, which we have already covered on page 124, however the command on page 126 is a shortcut method of achieving the same thing without using the escape symbol. You can simply do a CTRL U SHIFT R CTRL U and you have it. Then if you want to return to normal print, replace SHIFT R with a SHIFT T.

The next command is DOUBLE STRIKE which requires an escape, so let's do that one. Here is the key press sequence: CRTL U FCTN R CTRL U G and there you have double strike. This is good to use when you have a worn or dried out ribbon, you can get a little more out of it by using the double strike or the

Emphasized mode E. Just go back to your printer control line and replace the G with an E. You don't have to go thru the whole CTRL U sequence again at this point. I use the Emphasized mode rather than the double-strike coz it's faster and almost as dark as the double-strike. Now if you really want to make a word or sentence emphatic, use both. So far we have had only one printer command per page; next time we will have more than one.

If you need any help call or write to:

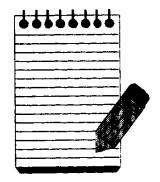
Jim Lesher / 722 Huntley / Dallas TX / 75214 or call 214-821-9274

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NEXT STEP REPORT

September 2 was our most recent NEXT STEP at JOJO's.

Of course, we had a lot of fun — like first trying to guess "what is it?" and then examining a tiny vibrator motor from a Motorola vibrating pager. MATTIE brought a "duck" and a "rat" along with her, straight from her garden we hear so much about. These two happen to be sweet potatoes that grew into these strange looking

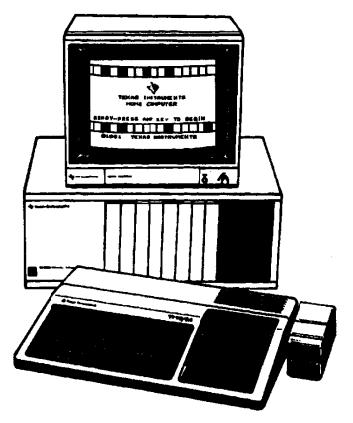


shapes. As we all know, MATTIE doesn't do anything halfway. One of her sweet potatoes weighs over four pounds!

TOM has been working very hard on our GRAND REUNION which will be at our October 29 meeting at INFOMART. He and ROBERT JONES have spent many hours compiling a database of members and former members and users. His flyers (with the help of JACKIE for the superb TI-99/4A graphics) were complete and ready to process for mailing. Since many hands make light work, a group effort performed the necessary folding, taping, labeling, and stamping, and then JACKIE and LOUIS dropped them at the Post Office on the way home. You should have received yours the day following Labor Day; if you didn't, please let us know!

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DTIHCG REUNION October 29, 1994 INFOMART -- ROOM 1061



All current and former members/owners/users of the TI-99/4A are invited to the DTIHCG GRAND REUNION

9 AM - NOON

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These are your DTIHCG Officers and Chairpersons. They help themselves and you by giving their time and efforts to make this a better club for all of us. If you'd like to become more involved, please let our President, Dan Lowe, know what you'd like to do.

Please take the time to thank these people individually for their efforts. It makes their jobs more rewarding.