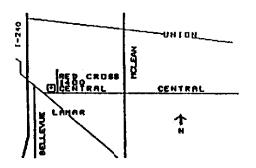
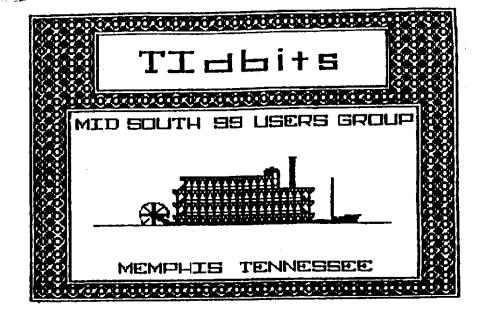
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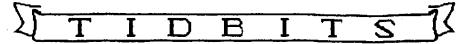
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PRESIDENTS BIT

By Gary W. Cox

To start off I must make a correction on an article which appeared last month concerning a proposal by the FCC to place a charge on moder usage. It appears that that article was a reprint from some old news and that it is all now past. I apologize for any problems that the error may have caused...

I am not sure as to what the contents of this nonths newsletter will be because as of the time ! wrote this article we had no articles submitted. Perhaps some will come in before newsletter production time or Mike will dig some up somewhere. Folks, we need your articles, please write something! However, typically summer time is slower and some groups do not publish a newsletter during the summer so I would expect a reduction in articles for the summer months...

If you have had trouble accessing the Midnight Hour BBS the past month the reason has been due to hardware upgrades and the addition of "front door" which hopefully will soon allow access to the TI ECHO networt. Oh yeah, there was one other problem, it seems Michaels' dog likes wires as he chewed up the phone line resulting in the system being down for a few days. Hopefully everything is back up and operating by now and Michaels' dog was given a bone to chew on....

It appears that this year is a year for going to computer fairs, Beery Miller and a few others are heading up to Lima Ohio to the Lima TI computer fair to be held Saturday May 26th. The next computer fair that I think everyone will be interested in is the Chicago TI faire coming up in November...

That's it for this month, see you at the meeting...

IN THE NEWS

By Gary W. Cox

Want to eliminate the noisy fan in your PEB and replace it with a quiet one? All Care Computing of P.D. Box 922601, Sylmar, CA 91392-2601 is offering them for \$25 plus \$3 shipping. It comes complete with installation instructions.

We have begun to receive copies for distribution at our meetings of a publication called Used Computer Locator specializing in adtertising used computer equipment. I would like to thank Kenneth Wilkinson, Editor-In-Chief, for the complementary copies! For more information they can be contacted at 2314 lowa Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206, 1-800- 359-7160.

The following edited from Micropendium:

Texaments has reduced prices on all its Character Sets and Graphic Design software titles. According to the company president Steve Lamberti, prices were reduced an agerage of 35 percent. New prices are as follows: CSGD I - \$10.95, CSGD II - \$8.95, CSGD III - \$12.95, CSGD Disk Cataloger - \$4.95, CSGD User Disk #1 - \$2.95, CSGD User Disk #2-7 - \$6.95. Any two user disks may be ordered for \$12.90 and any three for \$18.90 (excluding CSGD user disk #1). For further information contact Texaments, 53 Center Street, Patchogue, NY 11772 or (516) 475- 3480 (voice) or (516) 475-6463.

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Texaments has also released Artoons, a three disk collection of cartoon artwork designed to be used with TI Artist PLUS! Artoors! is a collection of more than 60 famous cartoon character renderings stored in TI Artist "instance" format, which allows for modification and use to create personalized pictures and scenes. Artoons! is available for \$12.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and required TI Artist Plus!

The series "Getting the Most from Your Cassette System" by Mickey Schmitt, originally written for the West Penn 99'ers newsletters, is now available in booklet form. The 52 page typset looseleaf booklet contains updated versions of the articles plus rew material. The author says a booklet brought by a users group may be copied for the members. To order, send \$9.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling in the U.S. or \$4 for outside the U.S. to Micky Schmitt, 196 Broadway Ave., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

That's the news for this month...

LIMA TI FAIRE

TI MULTI USER GROUP CONFERENCE - FINAL UPDATE Reed Hall (formarly Student Activities Bldg) Dhio State University Lina Campus Lima Ohio

SCHEDULE OF MAIN EVENTS:

Friday May 25. Setup and disk copying from the Lima UG software library 6-9PM. If you are arriving from out of town Friday evening, come join us to help of just for fellowship.

Saturday May 26.

Doors open 7:30AM. First formal presentation 8:30AM Formal presentations end no later than 6PM. Cleanup 6-8PM. Dutch Treat pizza party at local restaurant 8PM till?

FORMAL PRESENTATION SCHEDULE:

These will be in two different rooms with staggered 1/2 hour starting times using mostly one hour time blocks.

Room 160

9:00AM- Gary Bowser (D.P.A.): "Latest hardware and software from $\ensuremath{\mathsf{OPA."}}$

10:00AM- Jim Horn (Disk Only Software): "How to give away computers."

11:00AM— Bruce Harrison (Harrison Software): "The secrets of assembly language music programming for the TI."

Noon- User group officers meeting, a discussion of common problems.

1:00PM- Bud Mills (Bud Mills Services): "The latest hardware from BMS."

2:00PP- Gary Taylor (Pittsburgh User Group:: "A demo of T!'s Compact Computer 40, T1's Hex Bus peripherals, and the Mechatron:cs HexBus disk drive."

3:00PM- Chris Bobbitt (Asgard): "The Asgard mouse and other neat and new stuff from Asgard."

4:00PM- Barry Traver: Title to be announced.

5:00PM- Maybe an additional last minute presentation by someone. One hour is available. Any takers?

Room 150

 $8:30\mbox{Am-}$ Andy Frueh (Lima Ohio User Group): "Home Filer v2.2 and other original fairware."

9:00AM- Charles Good (Lima Chio User Group): "A preview of FUNNELWEB version 4.3"

9:30AM- Barry Traver: "How XB programmers can easily use assembly in their)B programs."

10:30AM- Chris Bobbitt (Asgard): "The latest software from

Asgard."

11:30AM- Paul Scheidemantle (P&&A Spftware): "A demo of PAGE PRO v1.5 and some of the graphic utilities designed for use with PAGE PRO."

1:30PM- Carl Romstedt (C.O.N.N.I.): "Some original låbel utilities in XB.

2:30PM- Gene Chandler (Great Lakes Software): "The latest software projects from Great Lakes Software."

3:30PM- Irwin Hott (C.O.N.N.I): "Using AL SAVE"

4:30PH- Bill Hudson (C.O.N.N.I.): "A fast assembly langage PreScan for XB programs."

5:00PM- There is one hour of possible presentation time still unscheduled. Any takers?

VENDOR TABLES IN THE EXHIBIT AREA:

ASGAR): extensive inventory of original software and hardware, and a magazine.

WAS CONTROLS: (William A. Shores) offering kits that allow you to add up to 5 groms to a standard extended basic cartridge.

GENIAL COMPUTERWARE: offering subscriptions and back issues of the GENIAL TRAVelER magazine on a disc.

TIGERCUB SOFTWARE: offering original software and very inexpensive disks of public domain software. New additions to TIGERCUB's PD software litrary will be available.

P&&A SOFTWARE: offering original software by Paul Scheidemantle.

HARRISON SOFTWARE: THE HARRISON WORD PROCESSOR, and disks annotated of classical music programmed in assembly.

DISK ONLY SOFTWARE: representing MYARC INC. and the Geneve computer.

BUD MILLS SERVICES: Horizon Ramdisks, PGRAM cards, and MEMEX memory expansion cards for the Geneve.

OASIS PENSIVE ABACUTORS (OPA): original software and hardware, including RAMBO for the Horizon Ramdisk, a "review module library" multi cartridge peripheral, and DISKODEX for indexing your disk library complete with DSKU comments.

L.L. CONNER ENTERPRISES: a general dealer in TI and third party hardware and software.

RAMCHARGED COMPUTER: another general dealer in TI and third party hardware and software.

GREAT LAKES SOFTWARE: original assembly language software.

COMPRODINE: original software by Rodger Merritt will be available at the Kawarthia 97er table.

USER GROUP TABLES IN THE EXHIBIT AREA:

The following user groups have reserved table space. Most will have stuff for sale, mainly used hardware and priginal software. Members of other user groups (including groups from Macon GA, Akron OH, Champaign IL, and Lower Burrell PA, to name a few! here have told us that they too will attend. These other groups have decided not to request table space.

Great Lakes U3......Detroit Michigan area

Northcoast UG and TI-Chips..Cleveland Ohio area

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VIDEO TAPES OF FORMAL PRESENTATIONS:

All formal presentations will be video taped simultaneously using a video camera to show the presentor and a second VCR to show the monitor screen by recording output directly from the computer. From these duel masters, an edited version of all formal presentations will be made evailable to ANY user group leven those not attending the MUG conference), to any dealer attending the conference, and to those individuals who give the presentations. This edited version will include about 16 hours of viewing.

Those groups, dealers, etc. who want a set of these video tapes should leave \$15 (which includes postage) OR three VHS tapes and \$3 postage at the Lima UG table, or send us your check for \$15. Those groups leaving three VHS tapes and \$3 at the Lima table should make sure that your tapes and money are CLEARLY MARKED with your group's name and return address. The Lima UG will copy your tapes and send them back to you 4th class mail. This offer is not extended to individuals unless they are paid members of the Lima OH User Group (hint hint).

COPYING DISKS FROM THE LIMA UG SOFTWARE LIBRARY:

A representative of ANY user group can make disk copies of any and all software that has been added to the Lima UG software library since the last MUS conference in May 1989. This privilege is extended to UR representatives only and not to individuals (except individuals who are paid members of the Lima JG). There are 179 such new library software disks, all flippies. Commented listings of the contents of each side of each flippy are being sent with this newsletter to all user groups known to be likely to attend the Conference.

We want to try to avoid the waiting for disk copies that occurred at last year's MUG Conference, so we have expanded the times copying will be available and the number of systems available

for copying. One set of our library disks and one system will be available for copying Friday evening during setup from 6-9PM. Two sets of our library disks and two systems will be available all day Saturday at the Lima table to allow you to make your copies. Almost everything in the library is in SSSD format. BRING YOUR OWN BLANK DISKS with you when you arrive at the show. Some dealers may be selling blank disks, but the Lima UG will not have blank disks available.

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In order to conserve the Lima UG's limited manpower, all disk copying this year will be self service. User group representatives will sit down at our systems and make the copies themselves. REDISKIT and TURBO COPY will be the copy programs in use. These are both rapid whole disk copy programs that do not require preinitialized copy disk. Members of the Lima UG will be available to explain how the copy programs work and to assist with the operation of our copying hardware, but visiting user group representatives are RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THE NECESSARY TIME to make their own disk copies from our software library.

TOURIST INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIMA AREA:

The conference is on a holiday weekend. If you are are bringing the spouse and kids and staying at an area motel you may be interested in ways to keep the rest of your family happy while you are at the show. One way, of course, is to stay at one of the familier motels and let the family use the motel's game room, swimming pool, whirlpool, etc. Information about neat stuff to do in the Lima area is usually readily available in area motels. You can obtain this information in advance by sending a postcard to this address:

Lima Convention and Visitors Bureau 147 N. Main St. Lima OH 45801

Specifically state in your postcard that you are attending the May 26th TI Computer Conference at the OSU Lima Campus and request tourist information about the Lima area. I am assured by the bureau that they will send you a complete package of information by first class mail on the same day they recieve your post card. This package will include the color booklet "Visitors" Guide to Lima", which is a great guide of things to do and see in and around Lima.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION:

Lima area motels have quoted us the following rates for those attending the MUG conference. All prices quoted are "plus tax" which is 12%. Contact the motel of your choice, specifically state at the time you make your reservation that you are attending the TI Computer Conference at the OSU Lima Campus, and request the special rates quoted below. We have grouped the motels in two categories, "most convenient location", and "less convenient, but good price."

MOST CONVENIENT LOCATION, 175 and route 309:

Davis Plaza Motel, 419-222-1080

\$24 one person

\$28 two people one bed

\$30 two people two beds

\$34 family

Howard Johnson's Lodge, 419-227-2221

433 one queen bed, limit 2 persons

\$40 double bed, limit 4 persons

Holiday Inn (with Holidome), 419-224-5737

\$55 standard 2 bed room, one person

458 standard 2 bed room domeside, one person

\$60 King bed, one person

\$63 king bed domeside, one person

\$5 each additional person

MEMPHIS COMPUTER USER GROUPS

Updated 03/19/1990

List compiled and verified by Gary W. Cox

Home Computer Users Group (HUG) 5541 Pleasent View #2 Memphis, TN 3B134

Supporting all computers in general with emphasis on home applications.

For information contact:

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Ike Kullman (901) 358-8128

Ken Akins (901) 382-5541

HUG BBS (901) 398-9050 3/12/24/9600 bd 24hr

Memphis PC Users Group Inc. P.O. Box 241756 Memphis, TN 38124-1756

Supporting IBM (MS-DOS) and compatibles, for more info contact:

John Slavick (901) 767-3493

Steve Callahan (901) 873-1402 BBS (901) 853-8163 3/12/24 bd 24hr Apple Core of Memphis P.O. Box 241002 Memphis, TN 38124 Supporting Apple computers, for more information contact: contact: Bill Hawkins (901) 372-6425 Jerry Rhodes (901) 794-2773 ______ Memphis Commodore Users Group P.D. Box 34095 Memphis, TN 38134-0095 Supporting Commodors computers, for more information contact: Charlie Wirth (901) 386-3337 (901) 795-0461 Bob Nunn BBS (901) 362-0632 3/12/24 bd 24hr Mid-South (Memphis) T199/4a Users Group P.O. Box 38522 Germantown, TN 38183-0522 Supporting Texas Instruments TI99/4a and compatibles, for info contact: Gary Cox (901) 358-0667 Mac Swope (901) 363-3880 BBS (501) 735-9980 3/12/24/96 bd 24hr local call in Memphis dial 735-9980. Memphis Atari Systems Hobbvists (MASH) 3265 Austin Peay Highway Memphis, TN 38128 Supporting Atari computers, for information contact: Daniel Notowitz (901) 795-6683 Bruce Leach (901) 385-8195 BBS (901) 377-1904 3/12/24 bo 24hr Memphis Amica Users Group

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P.O. Box 17426
Memphis. TN 38187-7426
Supporting Amiga computers, for more information contact:
Todd Rooks (901) 373-0198

Brian Akey (901) 458-3699 BBS (901) 761-3729 3/12/24 bd 24hr Memphis Color Computer Users Group P.O. Box 11736 Memphis, TN 38111 Supporting Radio Shack Color computers, for more information Logan Ward (901) 386-8452 Adam Computer Users Group c/o Paul Russell 7022 Tuliptrail Memphis, TN 38134 Supporting Adam computers, for more information contact: Paul Russell (901) 386-0265 POSSM Sysops 5541 Pleasent View #2 Memphis, TN 38134 Supporting Dous BBS Systems, for more information contact: Ken Akins (901) 382-5541 BBS (901) 382-1864 3/12/24/96/192 bd 24hr ACAD Users Group P.O. Box 24193B Memphis, TN 38124 Supporting AutoCad users, for more information contact: Jim Prewett (901) 685-0230 John Silvers C/O Medical Center MUG 877 Madison, 7th floor Memphis, TN 38163

Supporting Macintosh computers, for more information contact:

John Silvers (901) 528-5848

SPELL IT! RELEASED

Asgard Software P.O. Box 10306 Rockville, MD 20849 (703:255-3085

ASGARD SOFTWARE RELEASES SPELL IT!

Introducing the best thing next to your word processor, the Spell It! spelling checker by Jim Reiss and Asgard Software.

Spell It! brings spell checking on the TI-99/4A and Myarc Geneve 9640 into the '90s with all the features and speed of modern PC and Macintosh spellers. With Spell It! you'll never have to worry about embarrassing spelling mistakes again in your TI-Writer, RAG-Writer, BA-Writer, Funnelweb, My-Word, or WordWriter documents. Compatible with any word processor that can store documents in the TI standard text format (display/variable 80 files), Spell It! for the first time makes checking your spelling on the 4A easier than writing the words in the first place.

Among other things, Spell It! is many times faster than any other TI spelling checker, it makes corrections directly to your text file so you don't have to return to the editor, lets you view the context the word is used in, allows you to add words as you check text files to a user dictionary limited only by available disk space, has no limit on text file size, lets you scan through the dictionary if you aren't sure of a spelling, and even supports foreign language character sets.

Finally, Spell It! is available in three versions - SS/SD and DS/DD disk versions with over 25,000 words, and a hard-disk version with over 250,000 words. The proprietary SmartCheck(tm) algorithm in Spell It! makes this equivalent to a dictionary several times as large since Spell It! doesn't have to wade through the plural and possessive versions of words often found in other spelling checker dictionaries.

Requires at a minimum 32K, one SS/SD disk drive and TI-Writer or a compatible. Recommended system of at least one DS/DD disk drive. Provided unprotected and RAM-disk compatible. Configurable for 60-columns on the TI-59/4A and Geneva.

Spell It! is available in three versions:

SS/SD disk version (3 disks), 25,000 words - \$24.95 DS/DD disk version (1 disk), 25,000 words - \$19.95 HFDC version (11 disks), 250,000+ words - \$34.95

Shipping & Handling - U.S, Add \$2.50 Canada add \$4.00 Airmail add \$6.00

SPELL IT! COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. How does Spell It! compare in speed to other spelling checkers?
A. It is many times faster than any other spelling checker for the 99/4A or the Geneve.

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- Q. How do you run Spell It!?
- A. Can be run directly from most word processors, from the Editor/Assembler and TI Extended BASIC modules, and on the Geneve through Barry Boone's EXEC utility.
- Q. What word processors is it compatible with?
 A. It will work with any word processor that can produce a Display/Variable-80 format file TI-Writer, Funnelweb, RAG Writer, BA-Writer, QS-Writer, Word-Writer, My-Word, etc.
- Q. Do you have to re-load the program after checking a document? A. You can check the spelling of any number of text files, of any length, one after the other without leaving the program.
- Q. Does it have #any# limit on the text files?
- A. It is limited by the number of unique words that can be stored in memory at once. One of the reasons Spell It! is faster is that unlike other 4A spelling checkers it only checks a word against the dictionary once, even if it appears in the text file 100 times! The program can store between 1-3000 unique words in memory (depending on length). This should pose no problems the average scientific doctoral dissertation only has about 2000 unique words in it, including jargon. The average letter has considerably less.
- Q. How does the program work?
- A. When you first run it you give it the filename of the document to be checked. It then builds a list in memory of all the unique words in that document. It then checks them against the dictionary and generates a list of words not found in the dictionary. You can then go through the words one by one and either add them to the user dictionary (in which case it automatically removes it from the list), view the context the word was used in, have the program guess how the word should be spelled, or enter in the correct spelling. You can go back and forth through the list until you've made all your changes. When you are finished, the program corrects your text file.
- G. How do you know if a word is properly spelled?
 A. When a spelling mistake is found, you can view the block of text the word was found in ~ you don't have to guess the context the word was used in. If you still aren't sure of the spelling of a word you can look it up in Spell It!'s own dictionary it will generate a list of words that the word might be at the touch of a key.
- Q. How do you add words to your user dictionary?
- A. Correctly spelled words in your document not found in the dictionary (proper names, etc.) can be added to your user dictionary "on the fly" as you go through the list of words in your

text file that the program couldn't find in the dictionary. Your user dictionary is limited only by your available disk space.

- Q. Do you have to rementer the word processor to make the spelling changes to your document?
- A. Spell It! makes any corrections within the text file itself you don't have to load your Editor to correct misspellings. Spell It! even saves disk space by changing the document file directly. Furthermore, the case of the word is preserved exactly lif you misspelled an acronym, for instance, it will make your correction also entirely in upper case).
- Q. Is Spell It! compatible with the latest hardware?

 A. Spell It! can be configured to take advantage of special hardware on your computer system it can use 80-column displays (or 80-columns on the Geneve), RAM-disks and hard-disks, and other new equipment. You can even tell Spell It! to look for your text files or its dictionary on a specific disk drive or hard-disk sub-directory!
- Q. How does the Spell It! dictionary compare to others? A. For one thing, Spell It! features the proprietary SmartCheck(tm) algorithm it knows the English language and automatically understands common suffixes (—ed, —ing, possessives, etc.). This means that the Spell It! dictionary is comparable to one almost twice its size on other computers. Other spelling checkers have to include as many as a dozen'permutations of a word in their dictionaries (for example: help, helps, helped, helping, etc.), taking large amounts of valuable disk space. Because of SmartCheck(tm), we are able to offer the versatility of a much larger dictionary, with comparable or better checking speed, in less disk space.
- Q. Can Spell It! only handle the English language?

 A. Provisions are included for foreign language characters and symbols whatever you can put into a CHARA1 file.
- Q. How is Spell It! distributed?
- A. Finally, Spell It! is offered in 3 versions SS/SD and DS/DD disk versions with 30,000 words, and a hard-disk version with over 200,000 words. Furthermore, we offer an inexpensive upgrade from the floppy disk to the hard-disk version if you later purchase a hard-disk drive.

NOTICE

Information contained in TidBits is accurate and true to the best of our knowledge. Viewpoints and opinions expressed in TidBits are not necessarily that of the Mid-South 99'ers. We welcome any opinions/corrections from our readers. Articles may be reprinted elsewhere as long as cradit is given to the author and newsletter.

GROUP INFO

Visitors and potential members may receive 3 free issues of TiDbits while they decide if they wish to join (no obligation). On the top of your label is a code. A Y means you are a member, N means 3 free list, UG means user group and S means a business. Beside the Y is a date, one year from that date your dues are due. A dollar sign (\$) on the label will indicate that your dues are due. The library is open only to members. Library list is \$1. Hail order disk library access is \$2 for the first disk and \$1 for each additional disk - max of 5 disks per month. Order by disk number only. At meetings, library access is FREE if you exchange your disk for ours or \$1 per disk for our disks. Send all sail order library requests to librarian's address? Send dues and correspondence to group address.

CALENDAR

MEETINGS: May 17, June 21, July 19 (3rd Thursday!)
WORKSHOPS: May 26, June 23, July 28 (4th Saturday!)

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