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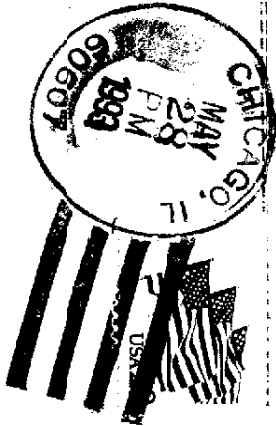
**JUNE**  
**93**

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 Auction!

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Suppose Inside

WARNING ! . WARNING . WARNINGsk1 !!  
 WHENEVER THIS NEWS-LETTER EDITOR GETS  
 STUFF. IT GOSE INTO MY COMPUTER ROOM.  
 WHERE AT ? I AM NEVER SURE. I HAVE THE  
 BIGGEST MESS THAT I HAVE EVER SEENEDED..

I FOUND MY OLD GLASSES THAT I LOST IN MY  
 TRUCK IN 1987 . RIGHT HERE IN THIS COMPUTER  
 ROOM. I HAVE MOST OF MY OLD TAPES.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS IN THIS ROOM. NO  
 KIDDING ! IF & WHEN I GET A NEWS-LETTER OUT,  
 IT IS ALL LUCK .

BUT, IN EVERY ISSUE I HAVE BEEN  
 GOOFYING AROUND. WHY ? Because thats the  
 way I like to use my TOY-99.

THE DAY THAT THIS COMPUTER IS NOT FUN.

THAT WILL BE THE DAY THAT I QUIT PLAYING  
 WITH IT.

AND, I AINT SEEN ANYOTHER COMPUTER THAT I  
 LIKED EVEN A BIT BETTER THEN THIS ONE.....

I LOVE MT TOY-99 !

TONY Z. 1-708-755-0051

*front cover was an extra  
 sign-in sheet at the MAY  
 Meeting.  
 Where were you?*

*Well, I screwed-up AGAIN.  
 I HAVE 5 min. to finish this  
 Newsletter, so that I can get 6 hrs.  
 of sleep before work tomorrow.  
 I still have 4 Blank Pages. So!  
 Looks Like I will through in  
 some Free Advertz.*

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*Jamy*

*I want to see anyone to type this in  
 and have it working on the first try!*

*Jamy*

Here is the program

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100 CALL CLEAR :: INPUT "QUANTITY OF NONRECURRING   RANDOM NUMBERS WISHED ?
"126 MAX" : J : : IF J>126 THEN 100
110 CALL CLEAR
120 DISPLAY AT(1,1):"THIS PROGRAM WILL DISPLAY": " UP TO 126": "NONRECURRING RANDO
NUMBERS" : : DIM DK(126)
130 R=5 : : C=1 : : FOR D=J TO 1 STEP -1 : : RANDOMIZE : : X=INT(RND*D+1) : : CD=DK(X)
-(DK(X)=0)*X : : DK(X)=DK(D)-(DK(D)=0)*D : : DK(D)=CD
140 DISPLAY AT(R,C):USING "###" : CD : : R=R-(C=25) : : NEXT D
150 DISPLAY AT(24,1):"PRESS ANY KEY TO REPEAT
THEN 150 ELSE CALL HCHAR(5,1,32,640) : : GOTO 130
  
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SURPRISE!

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April 28, 1993  
Escanaba MI

Tony:

Last month (April) you asked for some small programs for the news-letter. I sent you a small program.

Well, yesterday I received my copy of the Chicago Times and I was really disappointed.

The note I sent was separated from the program such that it was hard to see that they went together. On top of that the program was butchered so that it won't even run. I thought it made me look like an idiot. What was published was not what I sent you.

I can tolerate misspelled words and poor grammar, which are quite common throughout the newsletter, but anyone associated with computers should know that computer programs must be precise if they are to perform as intended. Using is not spelled using. Line 130 of the program was completely butchered, leaving a NEXT without a FOR.

The step by step procedure of the program was purposely left unexplained to keep everything simple. Also it gives someone less experienced a chance to see how others solve a problem. If they can figure it out for themselves they are less likely to ever forget it.

I expect a correction in next month's issue.

Harold Sarasin

*Well, Harold.*

*Thanks For reading  
the MAY issue.*

*Tony*

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CLEAN IT ! FIX IT ! SELL IT! USE IT,  
OR THROW IT OUT !!!!!

or :

BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR OUR  
AUCTION ..

DONATE IT TO THE GROUP TO SELL AT THE  
MEETING .. (we need the money.)

YEP ! YOU GOT IT, IT'S JUNE. The money  
month! The time to see how much of the old  
TI-STUFF the people want.

I'll have to say this now !

" WE WILL HAVE A TI-FAIRE THIS NOVEMBER."

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And we will have a good meeting this next  
JUNE 5-1993 .....

IT WAS LOADS OF FUN LAST JUNE.

I GOT TO STICK OLD HAL WITH SOME GOOD  
OLD JUNK THAT HE COULD NEVER USE.  
GOT HIM TO BID ON A MONOTOR FOR A DIGITAL  
COMPUTER. (\$2.00)

IT'S GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF STUFF THERE.

ANYHOW, BE THERE..

NOW BACK TO THE OTHER STUFFYYEE.

I GOT A LETTER FROM A GUY , TELLING ME  
THAT I TOTOLY SCREWED-UP HIS PROGRAM .  
THAT IT WOULD NEVER RUN LIKE I TYPED IT IN.  
GUSS WHAT ? HE MIGHT BE CORRECT.  
BUT THEN HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO READ THAT  
NEWSLETTER.

HE ALSO SAID THAT I WAS A TOTAL #@##@  
WHO DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW TO MAKE A  
NEWSLETTER.. WELL , HE IS RIGHT !  
AND HE ALSO SAID THAT I SHOULD BE USING A  
SPELL CHECKER. (RIGHT AGAIN!)

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*I stand corrected.*

*He did not say I WAS*

*A total ANYTHING.*

*Tony (4)*

F.W.AYLSTOCK

TELL YA WHAT .....  
IF YOU OR HE HAS SOMETHING FOR THE NEWS.  
THEN GET IT FORMATED TO AN 44 COLUM .  
JUST SO IT WILL FIT IN THE NEWSLETTER.  
AND IF YA REALY WANT CORRECT SPELLING IN  
IT, THEN USE YOUR SPELL CORRECTION PROGRAM..  
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG AND DON'T DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT WILL STAY WRONG.  
IF YOU WANT A GREAT USERS GROUP &  
NEWS-LETTER . THEN BE A BETTER PART OF IT !

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THE GUY THAT DONE THE YELLING WAS  
CORRECT..

TONY

P.S. THE LIMA FAIRE WAS GREAT.  
I ONLY MADE IT THERE SATUARDAY.  
WON ONE OF THE DOOR PRIZES.  
HAD A WONDERFUL BUNCH OF TI-NUTS THERE.

*What U. @ You With Frank?*

TONY:

I am sorry about the time it took me to  
respond to your request for an article.  
I have been out of town for the past 2 weeks  
but here is the article you asked for  
As soon as i hear futher I will keep you  
informed.

I told Earl you had called so you should  
hear from him if not I will foust him.

FRANK AYLSTOCK

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VAPOR WARE

OR

NOT ?

*There's going to be A MAD  
Users Group. Forgot Who.*

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I had thought like many other TI USERS  
that we had heard the end of such  
things as VAPOR WARE since the demise  
of MYARC. All though that was not the  
lack of a products , but as you have  
read numerous articles about MYARC and  
Lou Phillips , the main problem was no  
response to letters , phone calls ,  
SLOW!!! in shipping ordered mechandise  
, slow in the return of repaired  
hardware and the promise of software  
with Myarc. These problems with MYARC  
were finally brought to an successful  
end through the good work of Ms.  
GEORGETTE M. ROONEY from the office  
of CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

There were other products that have  
gone the way of MYARC such as HOME  
COMPUTER MAGAZINE, DATABIONICS, OPA  
???, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP and the  
list goes on and on.

With the demise of MYARC we TI99/4  
users , were limited to the HARD and  
FLOPPY DISK CONTROLLER that were  
manufactured and sold by MYARC. The  
Myarc HFDC was and still is a  
wonderful piece of hardware.

I have owned on since they were  
frist produced and the only problems  
that I have had with it was in the  
begining I had received it from a  
lccal dealer with out any DOCS. I know  
some times the docs are hard to  
understand , but without any you are  
in the dark. In addition I did not  
receive the HFDC MG. (MDMS) so the only  
loading program I had was programs for  
the old PERSONALITY CARD , but I will  
try not to digress from the original  
subject Vapor ware.

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We have heard about another HARD-FLOPPY CONTRLER in the month of MAY 1990 that was being tested and would be ready for the TI USERS soon. This was 1990 and was the E.S.D.'s entry into the TI HARDWARE manufacture. There has been another entry in the HFDC manufacturing , but more later about that one.

A few of our group sent in payments and waited for the E.S.D.HFDC. We followed the various fairs for progress and did receive letters about the progress of the card from Mr. CHRISTOPHER D. PRATT , E.S.D. Computer Specialist , TI Division , and also from Mr. Shane S. Truffer CEO/President.

I met Mr. Truffer at the 1992 PEST WEST held in Phoenix , Az. He had stated at that time the card would be ready in 2 or 3 months.

I wrote many letters ( like we had with MYARC ) but no answer.

The one problem I have with this VAPOR WARE is that a TI USER GROUP board member is involved with the programing per letter received from ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORP. I phoned him at the number given in the letter but got the usual answering machine. I left a message but no response. I have little respect with people that spend money on a machine to answer the phone but will not acknowledge the calls. I have talked to Ms. Rooney and she gave me the following information.

Those who have not received there refund can write to :

OFFICE of the ATTORNEY GENERAL  
Consumer Protection Division  
200 ST. PAUL PLACE  
Baltimore, MD. 21202-2021

I was told to contact the Postal Inspector.

The Postal Inspector Eastern Division answered my letter and thier answer was that they have no authority to effect refunds or adjustments. They would contact the assured on my behalf to try to resolve my complaint. So forget the Postal Inspector.

I do not understand what mail fraud is if this does not fit that case.

I will keep you advised of any progress in this VAPOR WARE CASE.

We now have another producer of a HARD and FLOPPY DISK CONTROLLER Manufactured by Bud Mills which has been waiting for the DSR to operate with the 99 4/A. I hope this will be out for the LIMA fair. Let us hope that we have heard the last of VAPOR WARE as we 99'ers have had our fill of this type of treatment.

*Shane S. Truffer*

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June 1 issue

MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND VIEWS  
BY JAMES BROOKS

To all of you members of the Chicago TI Users Group, this will be my last article as membership chairman. I have come to the end of my term and I wish the best for my successor, whoever it may be. I had offered to indoctrinate the new chairman for the last year and no one has come forward. I cannot hold onto this position any longer so it is up for grabs!

The members have been slow to renew this year and has dropped off greatly. I have had many problems with the Geneve and the Myarc HFDDC during the last year and many of the things that I wanted to do were not available for the TI. The TI would have been a great machine had Texas Instruments continued it's upward development, but they dropped it ten years ago. Third party vendors have dropped off also during the last three years and gone to vending other hardware and software. Well, that is the way things are at this time.

So long, it's been good to know you even if I never met you face to face. I know you as a name on the membership records. May the Good Lord take a liking to you and bless you all.

Also, our sysop has really made vast improvements in the S&T program on the BBS. It can now be reached by the mere dialing 1 708 362 0182.

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*I called Murray.  
Can any one help him?  
Sincerely,  
Murray*

I was just looking through a back issue of MICROpendium (Feb. 1990). In a review of the CTIUG Hardware Manual, Bill Gaskill states that the manual contains a GRAM Kracker schematic. My copy of this manual does not contain this schematic. Since I own a GK, it would be helpful to have this data. Would it be possible for me to obtain a copy? I am enclosing \$1.00 to defray copying and mailing costs.

Dear CTIUG,

Murray G. Perry  
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Hampton, VA 23661

April 18, 1993

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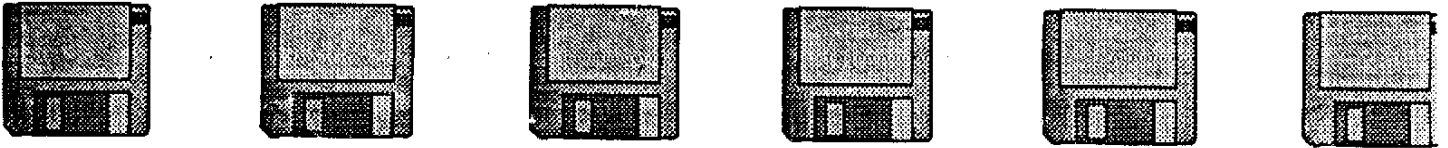
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*Introducing:*

# SCSI

Hard and Floppy disk controller  
for the TI 99/4a and Myarc Geneve



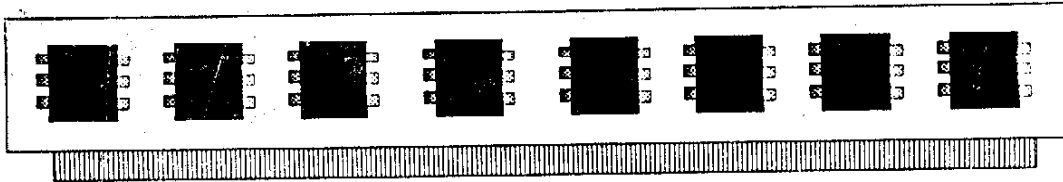
This **ADVANCED** new peripheral for your Texas Instruments 99/4a or Myarc Geneve will **EXPAND** your storage capacity to **HUNDREDS** of megabytes. This high performance disk drive interface allows you to connect up to any combination of 7 SCSI hard and SCSI floppy drives with any capacity up to **FOUR GIGABYTES!** You can connect SCSI **FLOPPY** drives, both 3.5 inch and 5.25 inch, with current capacities up to 4 megabytes. Or connect a **WINCHESTER** drive with an astonishing 4 **GIGABYTES** of hard disk storage.

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This new peripheral will give you 100% Myarc HFDC compatibility plus a stable and reliable platform to expand your TI's storage capacity.

Expand your disk capacity with this new SCSI controller designed by WHT available **NOW** from Bud Mills Services!

# Advanced memory peripheral



Coming soon from WHT and Bud Mills Services is the BRAND NEW 4a Memex RAM expansion peripheral.

This advanced p-box accessory card provides your computer system with up to 16 MEGABYTES of PROGRAM SPACE on each card! PLUS you can install up to FOUR cards in one p-box for up to 64 MEGABYTES of memory for programs and data!

Once installed in your expansion box, the 4a Memex allows you to load HUGE programs, sounds (for Digi-Port) and graphics for INSTANTANEOUS access or playback.

14 The 4a Memex comes with an advanced MEMORY MANAGER BUILT IN to its EPROM based DSR. Other features of the 4a Memex are power up memory test and auto system config and loading. 4a Memex memory can also be used as temporary RAM DISK storage for fast access to frequently used data and program files. PLUS it offers FULL RAMBO compatibility!

This memory card will provide you with the expansion you need for the 21st century.

Built using the latest in SIMM technology, the 4a Memex allows an easy and INEXPENSIVE way to upgrade your computers memory. Each 4a Memex supports INDUSTRY STANDARD SIMM MODULES for memory. SIMM modules can be in 256K x 8 (or 9), 1 MB x 8 (or 9), and 4 MB x 8 (or 9) in cheap 100ns speeds or less. Four SIMM slots are available for memory configurations of 256k to 4 MB. Included in the card at NO EXTRA COST is 1 MEGABYTE OF MEMORY for you to get started with.

This card was built to provide you with the **FINAL SOLUTION** in memory expansion for your T199/4a computer system.