

February 1991

FEB 2 SATURDAY
5:30 am 1st Saturday Sidewalk Sale
12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

12 TUESDAY
Lincoln's Birthday

14 THURSDAY

♥♥♥ **Valentine's Day** ♥♥♥

16 Saturday
9:00 am SUPER SATURDAY @ INFOMART

22 Friday
George Washington's Birthday

23 Saturday
2:30 pm EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Mr. Gatti's at Marsh and Walnut
Hill Ln.

MARCH 1991

MAR 1 Friday
5:15 pm NEXT STEP MEETING: Wyatt's
Cafeteria at Josey Lane & Beltline

2 SATURDAY
12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

16 Super Saturday at Infomart

SHAKING

THE BUSHES

Tap the power of a USER GROUP because it is a valuable group to have around. You can turn to it for help on any subject or matters. Most cities in the U.S. and foreign countries have at least one USER GROUP, and while these groups vary greatly in breadth and quantity, you should find out what your local user groups have to offer. User Groups are like computers you get of them what you put into them. All user groups encourage members to take the lead in determining what sort of activities the group will undertake. The focus is getting acquainted with yourself and your computer and the hardware and software that is available to you for use.

These include a newsletter usually monthly; that describes the clubs activities. The newsletter may contain articles of interest on new products, how to feature new equipment. Many groups maintain electronic bulletin boards, which not only contain electronic copies of the publications produced by the User Group but also allows the user to download public domain software and communicate with each other.

Most User Groups have libraries of shareware; freeware and public domain available to all members and demo copies for a small fee. At the very least, you can get together with other members and benefit from the quantity of discount by purchasing disks and other supplies as a group.

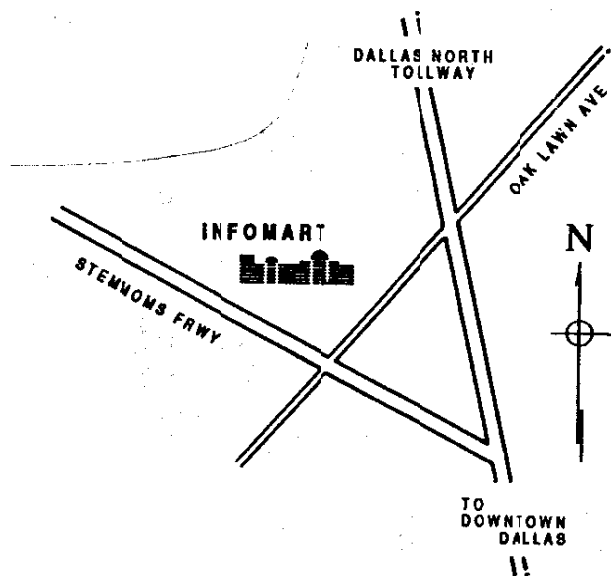
The purpose of a USER GROUP is to give and receive information on old and new software and hardware that is available.

As a User Group you will find that all the people share the same interest and ones who specializes in certain fields. But the real benefit is the fellowship with one another and exchanging ideas with one another. We encourage everyone to get involved. Make sure all members identify their needs up front, to make it clear that you are just a user group with the same interests.

We want to thank our very own JOHN CREVISTON for such a great presentation that was given at our January meeting. It was a variety of things that was given all year long. THANKS AGAIN JOHN FOR JOB WELL DONE.

COME ONE AND ALL TO OUR
FEBRUARY MEETING AT INFOMART.
SEE YOU THERE.

Mattie Bush



NEXT STEP REPORT

By Charlice Althar



Once again, quite a few intrepid DTIHCG'ers braved the yucky, wet weather to gather for our monthly NEXT STEP at Wyatt's Cafeteria on January 18. Here's a bit of what we did, in addition to eating dinner:

1. Discussed the TI-990 and its uses.
2. Discussed the war with Iraq, and thanks to Greg, were able to keep up with the latest happenings.
3. Read newsletters from other User Groups, and checked out some to take home for a month.
4. Discussed sending our Newsletter to software/hardware suppliers.
5. Fixed a broken printer.
6. Changed a disk drive from Drive 2 to Drive 3.
7. Updated the group's activity calendar.
8. Discussed a TI-ARTIST Mini-SIG.
9. Planned future INFONART programs.
10. Received help on reloading DOS to the hard drive of a non-TI computer.
11. Enjoyed lots of good fellowship.
12. Sold some Micropendiums.
13. Worked on updating the club's Vendor List.

Once again, if you weren't part of this group, we missed you! This is a time to not only *GET* the help you need, one-on-one, but also is the opportunity for you to *GIVE BACK* some of the help you've received. Our orphan computer can only survive through the sharing of help such as we do at NEXT STEP. Won't you come join with us at the next one, on March 16 We'll be Looking for you!

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January 12, 1991

LUCKY MISTAKE

Dear DTIHCG,

Back in 1983 I bought a TI-99/4A for my husband. He wanted to be a writer and I thought a computer would be useful. He worked on it for a while but soon became frustrated with it. We put a cover over it and there it stayed for two years!

One day I ask him to show me how to turn it on because I was scared to touch it. Since that day I have had a lot of pleasure and frustration working on MY computer.

Some time later after typing in a program from the MICROpendium, it wouldn't work and I could not find my mistake. Well that turned out to be a good mistake because after calling the author, he was nice enough to send me the program on disk. He also sent the front cover of a newsletter of a group in Dallas. I joined that group and I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the nice people that helped me this past year to learn more about the TI-99/4A. Special thanks to RICHARD LUMPKIN of the Houston Users Group for helping me get in touch with the Dallas TI Home Computer Group.

Long live the DTIHCG and the TI-99/4A!

Sincerely ,

Mary Leard

BOOT ALTERNATIVE By Jim Leshar

Boot requires 28 sectors if you run and load it with Editor Assembler, another 9 sectors if you want the character set, add another 5 sectors if you want to load from Extended Basic. Now, revived from the glory years, a menu "Type" program which requires only 6 sectors. It doesn't have all the bells and whistles that Boot has, nor will it load Assembly programs, only basic and extended basic but, it is small enough to put on most disks. I did make a couple modifications to it. The original program would catalog only 20 PGM type files, now it will do 127 which of course required an added option on the screen to ask for another batch to be displayed. The original version also ended the program when "terminate" was selected, now it returns to select another drive will access your ramdisk if it is numbered higher than #3. The comments and instructions for this program are written as a letter to someone at TI. And are very interesting, explaining how the program works, the differences between basic and extended basic and how they work within the computer. If you want this program and the letter and the original program, see me at Infomart at the next meeting or the next NET 99ER meeting or call, 214 821 9274.

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10 REN *****VER.15*****
20 OPTION BASE 1 :: DIM PG$(20):: CALL
CLEAR :: CALL CHARPAT(97,A$):: IF
SEG$(A$
,7,8)="38447C44" THEN 50
30 DISPLAY
AT(15,2):"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy"
40 FOR I=65 TO 90 :: CALL
CHARPAT(I,A$)::
B$="0000"SEG$(A$,1,4)SEG$(A$,7,4)SE
G$(A$,13,4):: CALL CHAR(I-32,B$):: NEXT
I :: KEY(5,I,I)
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SIGN IN

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50 DISPLAY AT(1,9)ERASE ALL:"Diskette
Menu" :: DISPLAY AT(12,6):"Disk? (1-9):
1"
;:: ACCEPT
AT(12,19)SIZE(-1)VALIDATE("123456789"):D
$
60 D$="DSK"D$"." :: OPEN #1:D$,INPUT
,RELATIVE,INTERNAL :: INPUT #1:N$,A,A,A
:
: DISPLAY AT(1,8)ERASE
ALL:SEG$(D$,1,3)" - "N$;:: I=0
70 FOR X=1 TO 19 :: I=I+1 :: IF I>127
THEN K=X :: GOTO 140
80 INPUT #1:P$,A,B,B
90 IF LEN(P$)=0 THEN 120
100 IF ABS(A)<>5 THEN 80
110 DISPLAY AT(X+2,10):X;:: DISPLAY
AT(X+2,14):P$;:: PG$(X)=P$ :: NEXT X
120 DISPLAY AT(X-2,10):X;:: DISPLAY
AT(X+2,14):"Terminate";: DISPLAY
AT(X+4,2):
"Choice? "; " Press 0 for more"
130 ACCEPT
AT(X+4,10)SIZE(-2)VALIDATE(DIGIT):K
140 IF K=X THEN CALL CLEAR :: CLOSE #1
:: END
150 IF K=0 THEN CALL CLEAR :: GOTO 70
160 IF K<1 OR K>20 OR LEN(PG$(K))=0
THEN 120
170 CLOSE #1
180 CALL INIT :: CALL
PEEK(-31952,A,B):: CALL
PEEK(A6+B-65534,A,B):: C=A6+
B-65534 :: A$=D$PG$(K):: CALL
LOAD(C,LEN(A$))
190 FOR I=1 TO LEN(A$):: CALL
LOAD(C+I,ASC(SEG$(A$,I,1))): NEXT I ::
CALL LOAD(
C+I,0)
200 RUN "DSK1. "

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...and SIGN IN, PLEASE!!!

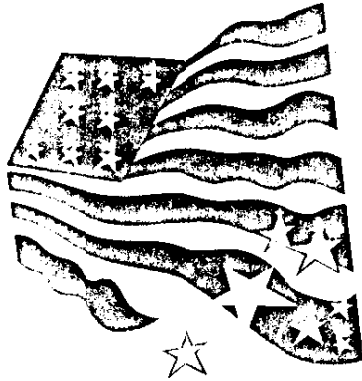
by Char'ice Aithar

You may remember the above phrase from the famous TV show, "WHAT'S MY LINE?". At our DTIHCG meetings at INFOMART, we're pretty sure we know your "line", or interest--our TI-99/4A computer. But we still need to ask you to "SIGN IN, PLEASE!"

Each month, our Registration Chairman, Mary Leard, helps keep us all organized at the table just inside the door of our meeting room. She keeps our attendance roster, name tags, guest/new member registration forms and name tags, and handouts of various types, including our club Calendar. She's kept very busy, especially when we have several guests/new members present.

Members can help by taking care of themselves. When you arrive, please find your name on the Attendance Roster and check it to indicate your attendance. Then get your name tag--they're in alphabetical order in the small white card file box. Please wear it in a visible area--it really helps our guests/new members to put names and faces together! Remember how *YOU* felt when you first came to DTIHCG, and didn't know ANYONE? In addition, a name tag is a requirement for purchasing a Disk of the Month! Mary will make name tags for our guests/new members, so they can purchase DOM's, too. Don't forget to pick up a copy of our monthly Calendar to keep handy.

Your officers/chairpersons use the Attendance Roster in several ways. We try to evaluate the attendance with the program presentation, the weather, the date, etc. It's also necessary to know the attendance for the CCD, and for room reservations at INFOMART. It's important that we COUNT you--and we're COUNTING on you to help us do it! Thanks!



YOUR

ARTICLE OR IDEA

COULD HAVE

APPEARED

ON THIS

PAGE

DO YOU HAVE AS MUCH SENSE AS
A GOOSE?

This Spring when you see geese heading back North for the Summer flying along in a "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what scientists have discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Basic Truth #1: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

BASIC TRUTH #2: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

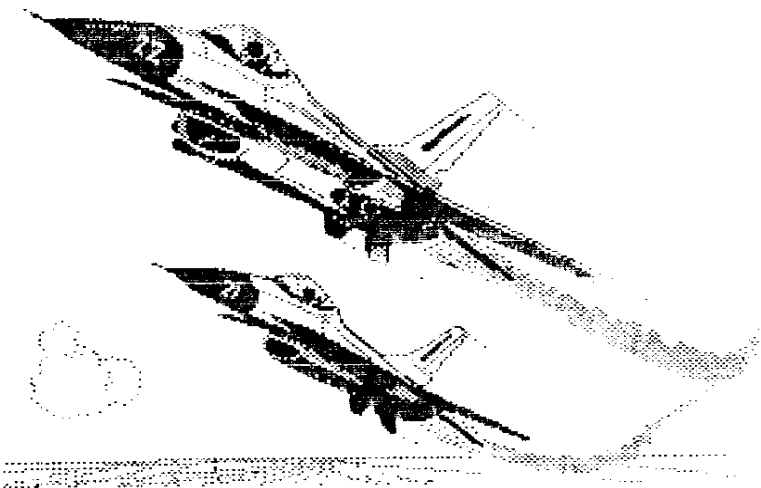
Basic Truth #3: It pays to take turns doing hard jobs--with people or geese flying north.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Basic Truth #4: We need to be careful what we say when we honk from behind.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help him and protect him. They stay with him until he is able to fly or until he is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

Final Truth: If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.



FOR SALE

JOYSTICKS

Look what I found, (WHITE) ON BEIGE if you prefer, genuine TI joysticks. The main body is the light color, the fire button is violet and the stick is dark grey. A real rare find. Most of us didn't know they even existed. Be the first to own White TI Joystick in your club or town. These have not been painted, they are solid colored plastic only \$10 plus shipping.

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These people are DTIHCG 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 INFOMART meeting. Any interested member is invited to join us for the next Chairperson's Meeting.

Thank them individually, when you have the opportunity.