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OUR NEXT MEETING

DATE: August 4, 1987. TIME: 7:30 PM PLACE: Glenwood Recreation Center
2010 S. Chapman Street.

We have planned something different for the August meeting. Instead of software demos and presentation we will present a hardware project this time. George McCormick will show us how to build a Supercart. Just in case you are wondering, a Supercart is a home-built module with battery-backed GROM chips. The Supercart can be used like any other TI Solid State module, except that it can be loaded with the software of YOUR choice. Supercarts have taken the TI community by storm due to their low cost and the added convenience and versatility that they present.

PRES PEEKS

The July meeting showed that a few members are willing to brave the heat and the storm to attend something they enjoy! With foreboding storm clouds hovering overhead, we still had a very good turn-out.

I would like to thank Bob for a very informative lecture on some of the speech capabilities of Forth. I would also like to thank Heraan for his talk and demo on the Personal Accounting software program. Also his remarks and demo on Roulette.

Ever see a wooden disk drive case? I never had either until meeting night when Bonnie and Ben Jones pulled in beside me and raised the trunk lid. I thought I was looking at a wooden P/box!! Really, it is a beautiful job that was made for them by a gentleman in Thomasville for their drive. Ben explained that it has no cooling fan or cards, just a disk drive. I had brought my PB so we didn't use it but I wish I had asked Ben to bring it in to show the members. Perhaps he will next month.

I had been reading articles from several of the news letters on changing the VDP load resistor to remove the shading you get around the letters on your monitor or TV set. I decided to try it before I would recommend it for the members, so after hunting through my scrap box of about 2,000 resistors of every value, I finally found a 330 ohm resistor. I didn't want to try it on my good console, so I used old faithful out in the shop that I use for my experiments, and removed the 560 ohm resistor that TI for some reason has placed instead of the intended 330 ohm. I inserted the 330 ohm and soldered it in. I wanted to make sure it did the job before I went to all the trouble of putting the case back together, so I hooked it up naked. To my surprise, all the white shading (I have a black and white TV I use in the shop) was gone from the letters. I

wanted to check it with color, so I brought it into the house and hooked it to my color monitor. The dark shading that I usually have beside white letters were gone also. I took the main board back out and put it all together, turned it on and...NOTHING!! I knew that I had hooked the keyboard up, I just knew it! I opened it back up and lo and behold, about 10 of the keyboard socket wires had broken off! I guess that I had opened and closed the case so many times that they had just been flexed too much. Talk about a time consuming job, just try resoldering all those little wires back on the keyboard! But it works fine now.

If you intend to replace the resistor, you will find it in the upper left hand corner of your mother-board just to the left of the TMS chip. It will be the bottom of two resistors that are located right under two transistors. The 250 ohm resistor will be color coded Green,Blue,Brown. The 330 ohm will be coded Orange,Orange,Brown. If you would like to have the color/value of resistors, here they are:

BLACK - 0	GREEN - 5
BROWN - 1	BLUE - 6
RED - 2	VIOLET - 7
ORANGE - 3	GRAY - 8
YELLOW - 4	WHITE - 9

The fourth band of color will either be gold or silver. This is the tolerance of the resistor...Gold being 5 percent, and Silver being 10 percent. To read the value of a resistor, read the bands from left to right with the tolerance band on the right. Thus, a resistor that reads "red,green,black" would have a value of 25 ohms, since the black band indicates no zero. The third band is the multiplier, and indicates how many zero's to add to the first two bands. Another example would be "brown,black,green" which would be 1 Meg-ohm. This may be of help to you someday. Also, resistors are supplied in 1/4, 1/2, and 1 Watt sizes, as well as wire-wound types of much larger wattage. The ones most used in computers is 1/4 which is about the diameter of a pencil lead, to the 1 watt which is about the size of a cigarette filter. The one needed for your VDF project will be a 1/4 Watt size.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to whether you should try this modification, don't do it! It takes a very small wattage soldering iron and not a little know-how on de-soldering, and re-soldering to accomplish the job and I would hate for you to mess up a good console. Before you tackle it, let's talk about it.

See you all at the August meeting and hopefully George McDonnick will show us how to build a Super Cart. (Submitted by "Mac" Jones)

TI SHOPPER

I'm going to start this month's column off with a status report on FUNNELWEB. The McGoverns have once again been busy and are in the midst of adding a further enhancement to the system. The word from Tony McG. is that option #6 on the loader screen is being modified to allow the loading of A/L object code into low memory. He stated that there was some "tidying up" to do before it is released but it should be finished soon.

Marty Kroll's DISK CATALOGUE program (Herman's brief demo last month) brings some welcome improvements to this fine program. First of all, the sort routines have been speeded up and the ability to merge several data files has been added. There is also mention of a COMPANION disk to be released soon that will allow the user to add program information to the files, etc. The version number is now 1.5.

Of course, the "new" Myarc Geneve is currently being shipped. It is supposed to be 95% compatible with current TI programs. It seems, however, that the "free" software for Geneve has failed to materialize. The eight pieces of software are NOT shipped with the machine as advertised. Instead, purchasers are given a coupon to be mailed in and the software will be shipped "as soon as available". That appears to be typical of Lou Phillips and Myarc of late.

Ryte Data has come out with 2 EPROMs for your TI Disk Controller that will allow you to use a quad-density drive to access 1440 sectors per disk. It will format either 40 or 80 tracks but you have to use the TI Diskmanager II to initialize the disks. Half height drives listed as 96 tpi or quad density can be used to take advantage of the increase in storage capacity. It should be noted that this modification is NOT compatible with either the Myarc or CorComp double density format. The price for the EPROMs is \$45.00.

Oh yes, there is also a new disk of programs in our library compliments of the Hunter Valley UG in Australia. The programs are all original, written by the UG members, and very interesting. They range in scope from "kiddie games" to some that are a bit more advanced. Best of all, just check the disk out at the next meeting.

Well, this is a little short this month but I'll try to make up for it next month. 'Til next time . . . (Contributed by Bob Carnany).

LOGO TIMES

Having spent the better part of the year trying to convince you that LOGO isn't just a cute kids language, it's about time for some regression. That is some plain, simple, cute fun.

The following is a program which I wrote in about an hour, using tips and portions of procedures provided by Mrs. Elaine Bologna, a computer teacher at Summit School in Winston-Salem. She, you may recall, graciously provided us with a TI-LOGO lecture and demonstration about a year ago in Kernersville.

When you type this program in, take a few moments after each line or procedure to think about what it might or should do. If you've done little or no LOGO programming, but do have the LOGO package, just follow the instructions in the front of the manual to load LOGO. Type the program exactly as you see it here. You can consult the index of commands at the rear of the manual for their definitions. It doesn't matter what order you type the procedures. Remember, each procedure begins with "TO" and ends with "END." Each stands alone. Thus, in the following program, it doesn't matter where the procedure THUMPER is. As the main procedure of the program, it "calls" the others regardless of what order they were written or entered.

Also, contemplate a while about what you, or a youngster developing this program, might learn about space and geometry. LOGO never ceases to amaze and getting it to do what you want is the best part. In fact, you might try altering a procedure, say one like ARC which is called several times, to see what the effect is.

Once you know how to get into and out of the editor (covered in section 1.4 of the manual), interaction is simple and the results easily and quickly viewed. Experimentation is a LOGO hallmark, and its one of LOGO's finest features.

Note also that procedure "TAIL" is called to make something other than a tail at times. Nomenclature is entirely in the hands of the programmer in LOGO.

Here you are, so have at it. And have fun.

```
TO THUMPER
TELL TURTLE
CS
HT
BODY
TAIL
MOVE
BODY
MOVE2
FAR
MOVES
EAR2
MOVE4
TAIL
MOVES
TAIL
MOVE6
ARC
MOVE7
MESSAGE
HT.END
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TO MESSAGE
FD 40 BK 20 RT 90
FD 10 LT 90 FD 20
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BK 40 RT 90 PU
FD 10 LT 90 PD
FD 30 PU
FD 8 PD FD 2
END

TO MOVE7
PU SH 270
FD 45 PD
SH 0
END

TO MOVE6
PU LT 150
FD 29 PD
SH 240
END

TO MOVE5
PU RT 80
FD 15 PD
END

TO MOVE4
PU LT 90
FD 10 PD
END

TO EAR2
EAR
END

TO MOVE3
PU SH 0 RT 90
FD 15 LT 60
PD
END

TO EAR
ARC RT 75 ARC
END

TO ARC
REPEAT 12 "FD 3 RT 8-
END

TO MOVE2
PU FD 25 RT 90
FD 10 LT 90 PD

END

TO MOVE
PU FD 45 PD
END

TO TAIL
REPEAT 36 "FD 1 LT 10=
END

TO BODY
REPEAT 36 "FD 4 RT 10=
END
(Contributed by Larry Spohn)

FORTH FORUM

This month, we are going to discuss portability ----what it is and what not to do when you write Forth applications. You will find that it can make a big difference in how you structure your Forth coding as to whether you will be able to use the same definition in more than one Forth environment.

Portability is the ability of a Forth application to be used in more than one Forth environment without modification. That is, being able to use a particular Forth definition in both TI-Forth or Wycove Forth without modifying it. Portability can even refer to being able to use a definition in more than one version of the same Forth language (ie Version 2.1 and 3.0 of Wycove Forth).

Let's take a look at how it all works. For example, let's create a definition for GOTOXY in Wycove Forth. There is no equivalent for it in Wycove as the system is delivered. GOTOXY is the same as the XB DISPLAY AT. There are several ways that it can be done:

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: GOTOXY SCREEN-WIDTH @ * + CURSOR-POS ! ;  
: GOTOXY SCREEN-WIDTH @ * + >C9CB ! ;  
: GOTOXY SCREEN-WIDTH @ * + "CURSOR-POS" LITERAL ! ;
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All three of these definitions will work in Wycove Forth Versions 2.0 or 2.1. The problem arises when you want to use the definition in Wycove Forth Version 3.0, however. The second of the definitions uses an absolute Hexadecimal memory location. When the Forth version changed, it made the code invalid for version 3.0. Either the first or the third version will work in Wycove Forth Version 3.0 but the third is the more efficient of the two choices remaining. The lesson to be learned here is not to use absolute memory locations. If the version changes, it is likely that the code will no longer be valid for the newer version.

The problem is even more acute when you try to transfer a definition from one Forth language to another. For example, we can write the code for PICK in a couple of ways in TI-Forth:

```
CREATE PICK (item# -- item) HEX C019 , 0A10 , A009 , C650 , 045F , DECIMAL  
: PICK 2 * SP@ + @ ;
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Again, the first definition uses absolute Hexadecimal memory locations (which is basically a bad idea). Since there are several variations of TI-Forth "floating around", the code may not be valid for all of the versions in existence. The second definition is much more suitable because it doesn't use any unique memory locations.

Even better, the second definition of PICK uses words that are common to the vocabularies of both TI-Forth and Wycove Forth. The advantage of a definition that is constructed of common vocabulary words is that it is portable between Forth versions and the two Forth languages available for the TI.

The obvious lesson to be learned here is to try to use those words that are common to both languages when you are considering a truly portable application of Forth. There are significant differences between TI-Forth and Wycove Forth but they are certainly not insurmountable and effort, definitions can be constructed that can be used in both Forth

MODEM TALK

First, the sad news. Dan Post has given up the RDS bulletin board. As of late he had been plagued with telephone line problems and mysterious bugs in the version of the BBS software that he was using.

Dan had tried to get a better software version for months but no success. Well, to make a long story short, since the board was just not working as well as it should, Dan decided to give up.

In a way it really should come as no surprise. To run a bulletin board for the world at large is really the utmost in altruism. It takes an investment of well over \$2500 to set up a system complete with a large capacity fixed disk, a sophisticated modem, etc. which must be fully dedicated to just this one use. Then there is the recurring expense for electrical power, phone bills for a separate line and so on and so forth. The reward? Some boards solicit contributions or membership fees to defray some of the expense but to my knowledge, nobody has gotten rich running a BBS system yet. Unfortunately there is very little appreciation from the users for this wonderful service. On the contrary, Sysops have to take a lot of abuse if things just don't happen to work right and then there are the malicious nitwits who try to crash the system, making life even more difficult for the Sysop. Running a BBS can be a very shortlived thrill and the novelty wears off very quickly with the daily grind of maintaining the system and keeping things backed up.

All we can do now is thank Dan for his efforts and the help he has given us in the past. All the TI files have been given to Benn Mann of the Opus board and Benn and I will have to tackle the task what to move over to OPUS.

New uploads are as follows:

CATARC.TIP (88K) See Bob Carmany's comments elsewhere in this issue about Marty Kroll's latest version of Disk Cataloguer.

MONARC.TI (86K) Yet another version of the Monopoly game. This one has extensive assembler support.

OMARC.TI (30K) A new twist to a communications program. The specialty of this one is that RLE pictures can be viewed on-line. If you need to look at aviation weather forecasts or need pictures of the FBI's ten-most-wanted, then Omega is just great.

TOOLARC.TIP (71K) Tools for the XB programmer. We covered this one at our last meeting.

MENU6 (10K) Support software (Menus) for the HRD. Thanks George M. for the upload. (Contributed by H. Geschwind)

BASIC CORNER

Our program this month is a very delightful keyboard drill program. There has been a lot of talk about the lack of computer literacy but in my book what is an even more fundamental problem is the lack of familiarity with the QWERTY keyboard. I have seen some very smart people with college degrees to prove become very frustrated with a computer simple because they just did not find the proper key in time.

Learning to use a keyboard is a fundamental skill just like swimming or steering a car which is best acquired at an early age. Our program, which runs equally well in Console as well as Extended Basic takes a non-threatening, game like approach to reinforce basic keyboarding. Enjoy.


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1910 CALL HCHAR(12,15,131) : 2670 RETURN : 3690 CALL SOUND(120,440,5,10 : 5230 GOTO 5260
1920 CALL HCHAR(12,17,131) : 2680 CALL HCHAR(ROW,16,0) : 47,0,1319,3,-1,7) : 5240 IF DELAY=1 THEN 5260
*1930 CALL HCHAR(13,15,132) : 2690 CALL SOUND(120,440,5,10 : 3700 RETURN : 5250 DELAY=DELAY-1
1940 CALL HCHAR(13,16,129) : 47,0,1319,3,-1,7) : 4000 CALL KEY(0,STRIKE,ST) : 5260 NEXTEST=COUNT+20
1950 CALL HCHAR(13,17,133) : 2700 RETURN : 4010 IF ST(>0) THEN 4040 : 5270 RETURN
1960 CALL HCHAR(12,16,32) : 3000 CALL HCHAR(CROW,CCOL,32 : 4020 TDLY=TDLY+1 : 6000 FOR I=1 TO LCOL-1 STEP
1970 GOSUB 6000 : ) : 4030 IF TDLY=DELAY THEN 4150 : 2
1980 RETURN : 3010 GOTIT=0 : ELSE 4000 : 6010 CALL VCHAR(1,I,136,24)
2000 CALL HCHAR(CROW,CCOL,32 : 3020 COL=14 : 4040 IF STRIKE=15 THEN 4130 : 6020 NEXT I
) : 3030 CALL HCHAR(12,14,ALPH) : 4050 IF STRIKE=ALPH THEN 411 : 6030 FOR I=2 TO LCOL-1 STEP
2010 GOTIT=0 : 3040 GOSUB 4000 : 0 : 2
2020 ROW=10 : 3050 IF GOTIT THEN 3180 : 6060 CALL SOUND(-150,-3,0) : 6040 CALL VCHAR(1,I,137,24)
2030 CALL HCHAR(10,16,ALPH) : 3060 FOR COL=13 TO LCOL STEP : 4070 MISSES(ASUB)=MISSES(ASU : 6050 NEXT I
2040 GOSUB 4000 : -1 : 8)+1 : 6060 MCHAR=137
2050 IF GOTIT THEN 2180 : 3070 CALL HCHAR(12,COL+1,0) : 4080 TIMER=TIMER+5 : 6070 IF INT(LCOL/2)*2=LCOL T
2060 FOR ROW=9 TO LROW STEP : 3080 CALL HCHAR(12,COL,ALPH) : 4090 TDLY=TDLY+1 : HEN 6090
-1 : 3090 GOSUB 4000 : 4100 GOTO 4030 : 6080 MCHAR=136
2070 CALL HCHAR(ROW+1,16,0) : 3100 IF GOTIT THEN 3180 : 4110 TIMER=TIMER+TDLY : 6090 FOR I=LCOL TO HCOL
2080 CALL HCHAR(ROW,16,ALPH) : 3110 NEXT COL : 4120 TDLY=0 : 6100 CALL VCHAR(1,I,MCHAR,LR
2090 GOSUB 4000 : 3120 ESCAPEES=ESCAPEES+1 : 4130 GOTIT=1 : OW-1)
2100 IF GOTIT THEN 2180 : 3130 ESCAPES(ASUB)=ESCAPES(A : 4140 RETURN : 6110 CALL VCHAR(HROW+1,I,MCH
2110 NEXT ROW : SUB)+1 : 4150 TIMER=TIMER+TDLY : AR,24-HROW)
2120 ESCAPEES=ESCAPEES+1 : 3140 TIMER=TIMER+50 : 4160 TDLY=0 : 6120 MCHAR=273-MCHAR
2130 ESCAPES(ASUB)=ESCAPES(A : 3150 CALL HCHAR(12,LCOL,0) : 4170 RETURN : 6130 NEXT I
SUB)+1 : 3160 CALL SOUND(300,131,2,26 : 5000 PFACT=(TIMER-LSTIMER)/2 : 6140 MCHAR=136
2140 TIMER=TIMER+50 : 2,4,-2,3) : 0 : 6150 IF INT((HCOL+1)/2)*2=HC
2150 CALL HCHAR(LROW,16,0) : 3170 RETURN : 5010 RANDOMIZE : OL THEN 6170
2160 CALL SOUND(300,131,2,26 : 3180 CALL HCHAR(12,COL,0) : 5020 LSTIMER=TIMER : 6160 MCHAR=137
2,4,-2,3) : 3190 CALL SOUND(120,440,5,10 : 5030 IF PFACT(NEXTLEV(LEV)TH : 6170 FOR I=HCOL+1 TO 32
2170 RETURN : 47,0,1319,3,-1,7) : EN 5170 : 6180 CALL VCHAR(1,I,MCHAR,24
2180 CALL HCHAR(ROW,16,0) : 3200 RETURN : 5040 IF PFACT(NEXTLEV(LEV)*1 : )
2190 CALL SOUND(120,440,5,10 : 3500 CALL HCHAR(CROW,CCOL,32 : .3 THEN 5260 : 6190 MCHAR=273-MCHAR
47,0,1319,3,-1,7) : ) : 5050 IF HROW=22 THEN 5150 : 6200 NEXT I
2200 RETURN : 3510 GOTIT=0 : 5060 HROW=HROW+1 : 6210 RETURN
2500 CALL HCHAR(CROW,CCOL,32 : 3520 COL=18 : 5070 LROW=LROW-1 : 7000 PRINT : "Do you want t
) : 3530 CALL HCHAR(12,18,ALPH) : 5080 HCOL=HCOL+1 : o see": " your detailed score
2510 GOTIT=0 : 3540 GOSUB 4000 : 5090 LCOL=LCOL-1 : ? (Y/N)->";
2520 ROW=14 : 3550 IF GOTIT THEN 3680 : 5100 CALL HCHAR(LROW,LCOL,0, : 7010 CALL KEY(0,ALPH,ST)
2530 CALL HCHAR(14,16,ALPH) : 3560 FOR COL=19 TO HCOL : HCOL-LCOL) : 7020 IF ST=0 THEN 7010
2540 GOSUB 4000 : 3570 CALL HCHAR(12,COL-1,0) : 5110 CALL HCHAR(HROW,LCOL,0, : 7030 PRINT CHR$(ALPH)
2550 IF GOTIT THEN 2680 : 3580 CALL HCHAR(12,COL,ALPH) : HCOL-LCOL) : 7040 IF CHR$(ALPH)="#Y" THEN
2560 FOR ROW=15 TO HROW : 3590 GOSUB 4000 : 5120 CALL VCHAR(LROW,LCOL,0, : 7070
2570 CALL HCHAR(ROW-1,16,0) : 3600 IF GOTIT THEN 3680 : HROW-LROW) : 7050 IF CHR$(ALPH)<>"N" THEN
2580 CALL HCHAR(ROW,16,ALPH) : 3610 NEXT COL : 5130 CALL VCHAR(LROW,HCOL,0, : 7000
2590 GOSUB 4000 : 3620 ESCAPEES=ESCAPEES+1 : HROW-LROW+1) : 7060 RETURN
2600 IF GOTIT THEN 2680 : 3630 ESCAPES(ASUB)=ESCAPES(A : 5140 GOTO 5260
2610 NEXT ROW : SUB)+1 : 5150 DELAY=DELAY+1 : 7070 GOSUB 7180
2620 ESCAPEES=ESCAPEES+1 : 3640 TIMER=TIMER+50 : 5160 GOTO 5260 : 7080 FOR I=0 TO 18
2630 ESCAPES(ASUB)=ESCAPES(A : 3650 CALL HCHAR(12,HCOL,0) : 5170 IF HROW=15 THEN 5240 : 7090 PRINT TAB(3);LTRS$(I);T
SUB)+1 : 3660 CALL SOUND(300,131,2,26 : 5180 HROW=HROW-1 : AB(7);TRIES(I);TAB(14);MISSE
2640 TIMER=TIMER+50 : 2,4,-2,3) : 5190 LROW=LROW+1 : 7100 NEXT I
2650 CALL HCHAR(HROW,16,0) : 3670 RETURN : 5200 HCOL=HCOL-1 : 7110 GOSUB 8000
2660 CALL SOUND(300,131,2,26 : 3680 CALL HCHAR(12,COL,0) : 5210 LCOL=LCOL+1 : 7120 GOSUB 7180
2,4,-2,3) : : 5220 GOSUB 6000 : 7130 FOR I=19 TO 37

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7140 PRINT TAB(3);LTRS$(I);T : 7167 NEXT I : 7190 PRINT " KEY";TAB(6);"TR : 10020 DATA J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R
AB(7);TRIES(I);TAB(14);MISSE : 7168 PRINT : : : : : 1ES";TAB(14);"KEY";TAB(21);" : 10040 DATA S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z
S(I);TAB(22);ESCAPES(I) : 7169 GOSUB 8000 : MTNS" : 10060 DATA ",",.,,.,0,1,2,3,4
7150 NEXT I : 7170 RETURN : 7200 RETURN : 10080 DATA 5,6,7,8,9,/,****,
7160 GOSUB 8000 : 7180 CALL CLEAR : 8000 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO : =
7162 GOSUB 7180 : 7185 PRINT :TAB(12);"PRESSED : CONTINUE." :
7164 FOR I=38 TO 41 : ":TAB(6);"ESCAPE";TAB(13);"M : 8010 CALL KEY(0,ALPH,ST) :
7166 PRINT TAB(3);LTRS$(I);T : RONG";TAB(20);"REACHED" : 8020 IF ST=0 THEN 8010 :
AB(7);TRIES(I);TAB(14);MISSE : : 8030 RETURN :
S(I);TAB(22);ESCAPES(I) : : 10000 DATA A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I :

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