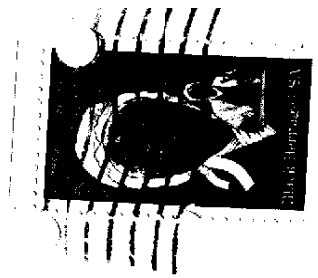
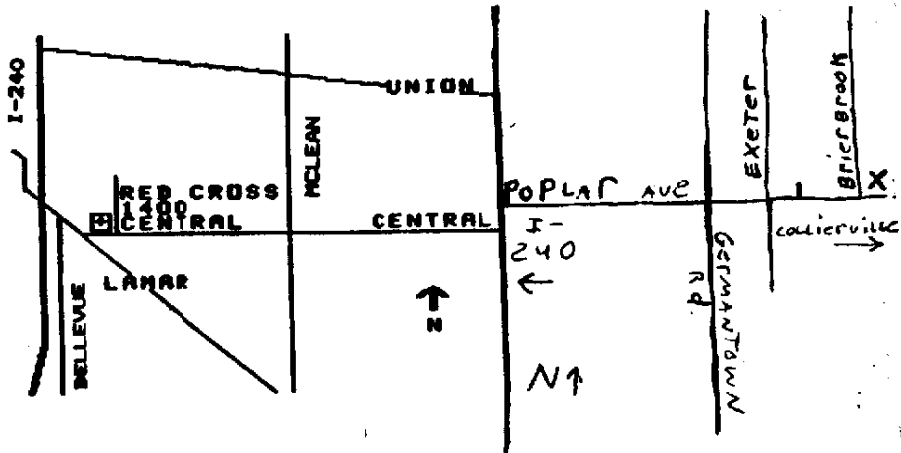


NOTICES

MEETING
7:00 P.M.
Thursday, February 20
Red Cross Building
1400 Central Av.

WORKSHOP
9:00 - 12:00
Saturday, February 22
CLUB ROOM AT FARMINGTON
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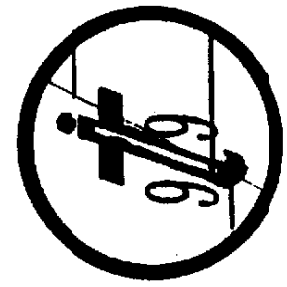


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EDITORS NOTES

First of all I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Daniel Norling, an active member of the LA 99'ers. He is the author of the FREEMWARE program in our library called PROOFREADER.

I would like to thank those people that came up to me at the last meeting and volunteered to type a few articles for me for use in the newsletter! I really appreciate it! I like doing the newsletter but I just do not have the time to type all 16 pages in myself!

At the last meeting we had one of the largest crowds that we have ever had at a meeting in a long time. I hope the trend continues... I would also like to welcome a few visitors who attended our last meeting, Marc Martin, Michael Dorman, Jeanette Martin, Mr & Mrs E.F. Williamson, I hope you decide to join us.

I would like to apologize for our last newsletter being very late. The copy machine we use broke down and a copy place wanted to charge an OUTRAGEOUS price to copy it so we elected to copy it when the copier was repaired, so there was little that we could do... I tried to call many of the members of the group though to let them know of the meeting. Sorry for any inconvenience. This will hopefully not happen again!

Our TIBBS (901-357-5425) is now running at 300/1200 baud! This Friday after our meeting we received our new Myarc 300/1200 modem from Taxaments. If you have a 1200 baud modem and a 1200 baud terminal program you can now call at the higher speed. Of course, those of us that only have 300 baud (me included) can still call at 300 baud. Currently we have about 350 users of our board from people all over the country and as far away as Canada. We also have one of the largest and most advanced TIBBS's in the country with 1 MEG of disk storage space, Corcomp DS/DD controller, 3 DS/DD drives, Corcomp Triple Tech card with 64K printer buffer and now running at 300/1200 baud! We maintain an average of about 30 downloads (programs available for transfer from our system to yours). If you have your modem stuck back in the closet now is the time to call. For best results use the TE2 cartridge or FAST-TERM when you call. To use TE2 simply select DEFAULT option, put modem on full duplex (FD), Originate (if it has these settings) and dial (901) 357-5425 24 hours a day and all the instructions will be displayed on the screen for you. One note your backspace key when on the modem is not FCTN S but CTRL H! See you on TIBBS....

Downloads and Uploads are now available for TI on a local pay board called TBBS T.U.G. using the XMODEM protocol of FAST-TERM. XMODEM protocol is twice as fast as TE2 transfers! Me and Stephen H... are the Sub-Sysops of the TI-Sig on the board. T.U.G. is on... \$10 a year, call for details. The number is 358-TBBS or 358-8227. Make sure you say I sent you!

The word is out that TI users may see a sophisticated flight simulator program in the not-too-distance future. According to rumors and from MICROpendium magazine 2 such programs are in the works which is supposed to be 100% assembly language. The author does not want to be known at this time but I will let you know when it is ready to fly.

By the way MICROpendium Magazine is an excellent source of information and articles, you may notice a lot of our information comes from MICROpendium as the editor is kind enough to let us use some of their articles. I am very disappointed in HCM to whom I have written to with no response on their lack of TI coverage and their very slow service. I subscribed about 6 months ago and have only received 2 issues! Reading though the last issue of MICROpendium I found loads of new products coming out for the TI that are so numerous I could not mention them in the space of this newsletter. Subscription is \$18.50 for a year and the address is:

MICROpendium
P.O. BOX 1343
Round Rock, TX 78680

Just send a check or money order. I highly recommend it!

FREE! I recently made an offer to several of the larger companies that supply TI compatible products in which I asked them to send us some of their catalogs to give out at our meetings. I have already had a response from UNISOURCE and TENEX in which I received a box of catalogs! These and any other free stuff will be handed out at this month's meeting.

NOTE! This month only our newsletter is being mailed out to people who have been deleted from our mailing list to let them know that they are still out here. You can tell if you are one of these people by looking at your mailing label on the top line. If you see a D you are deleted and this is the only newsletter you will receive. AN means you are not a member and you will only receive 3 newsletters from the date shown unless you join (no obligation) and a Y means you are a member and you will receive 12 newsletters from the date shown. 1 year from that date your dues are due! If you get a green newsletter or \$ signs on your mailing label your dues are due. Other user groups may obtain our newsletter free in exchange for their newsletter... Thank you...

Gary Cox - Editor

East Coast Fair

On March 15th there will be a TI Fair in Roselle Park, New Jersey. It will be held at the Roselle Park High School. For more information call Steve Citron at 201-686-5616 or Frank Cotty at 718-759-9328. Myarc has promised several working units of it's

TI Compatible as well as other vendors are expected to attend...
You can also write to Steve at 981 Townley Avenue, Union NJ 07083.

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Gary Cox - Editor

FREWARE ADDITIONS

Here is a list of some additional sources of FREWARE which was in the January issue of MICROpendium Magazine.

PRBASE- XBASIC, E/A or TI-Writer, expansion memory required, printer, second disk drive recommended. Fast-access data management system, featuring global search, field search and memory index search. Data sorts in seconds. Send 2 initialized disks and stamped return mailer to: William Warren, 2373 Ironton St., Aurora, CO 80010.

42 PROGRAMS- 10 XBASIC graphics programs of transformer toys, 7

miscellaneous graphics, 10 XBASIC games, 2 BASIC games, 11 utility and 1 educational. Send \$2, blank diskette and stamped, return mailer to: Steve Paterson, 2351 Ragan Woods, Toledo OH 43614.

SUCH FOR XYLOSE- XBASIC, memory expansion and disk system required. Adventure game, first in two-part series. Find Xylose by defeating partner in 5 events. Send initialized disk, stamped return mailer to: Dave Dalton, 920 Hillview Dr., Marion, IA 52302.

UNIVERSAL DISASSEMBLER- Offers capability to analyze diskettes and disassemble files directly from the diskette as well as from memory. Handles all standard TI object file formats. Requires disk system and memory expansion. Also offered is a two-diskette configuration of TI-Forth to run on 1 or 2 drive systems. Extensive enhancement of TI Forth with 180 screen limit, rather than 90 as in original TI Forth. Send 3 disks, stamped return mailer to: Rene LeBlanc, 8719 E. San Lucas Drive., Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

RAPID SCROLL- 100 percent assembly program reads D/VBO files and allows users to rapidly window left or right one character at a time or up and down one line at a time. Displays current line and column positions. Allows previewing of formatting from TI-Writer without printing and eliminates 20-column "hop" of TI-Writer windowing. Requires expansion memory, disk system and E/A, XBASIC, MM or TI-Writer. Send stamped return mailer, initialized disk and \$3-\$5 to Jurgen Switalski, 218 Lake St., Northville, MI 48167.

TAXMASTER- Tax calculating and printing program to aid in preparation of this year's federal income taxes. XBASIC, memory expansion and disk system required. Printer helpful. Prints final tax return on government's own form. Send \$5 and he will pay for the disk, postage and handling. Howard Arnold, 210 Beech Valley Rd., Lewisville, NC 27023.

TEATH- Terminal emulator for the Forth user who wants to download text or Forth screens. Requires E/A, expansion memory and disk system. Includes source and other Forth programs. Send SSSD diskette and stamped return mailer (or \$5) to Ken Caruthers, 3537 Faberge Way, Sacramento, CA 95826.

NOTE- Be sure you follow the directions exactly on obtaining the programs! Most require that you send an INITIALIZED disk, return mailer and return postage for the program unless otherwise noted. FREWARE means that after you receive the program and you think it is worth the money requested you are asked to send that amount to the author but regardless you may feel free to copy the program... Usually the amount requested is very small so help support the hard work of the FREWARE authors by sending in their requested donation!

Gary Cox (Edited from January 86 MICROpendium.)

TIDBIT TIPS

Want to avoid having to type OLD DSK1.PROGRAM and then RUN to load and run a program then type one of the following commands in XB depending on what device you are loading from:

RUN "DSK1.PROGRAM" OR RUN "CS1"

Do you have problems with not enough memory when you bought a disk drive? Connecting a disk drive to your system will take about 3K of memory. However, using the following statement you can pull 2K of it back. Also if you have trouble loading a program after you connected your disk drive but it worked loaded fine before you got your disk drive this may eliminate your problem also.

CALL FILES(1)
NEW

This works in both BASIC and Extended BASIC. You can see how much memory you save by typing SIZE (in XB) before and after the statement. The extra memory is retained as long as you do not go back to the title screen... This memory retainer trick will only work if you have a disk system.

For those of you that have modems as well as call waiting you can now disable call waiting! If you are not familiar with what I am talking about, call waiting will knock you off a system if you get a call while connected as just the momentary disconnection will be enough for the system you are online with to hang up on you. To disable call waiting punch the following command into your phone before dialing the number.

* 70 (touch tone) or 1170 (rotary dial)

After your call your phone will be set back to normal so you will need to make that command each time you call to turn off call waiting.

Gary Cox - Editor

HELP!

That's what you will be saying if you don't install a surge protection on your computer and other equipment, including your phone line if you have a direct connect modem. Lightning striking your line or power surges by other causes could blow your expensive computer equipment! A surge protector is the insurance against this. Although nothing is 100% protection a surge protector will give you some protection than nothing. Fuses and circuit breakers will NOT stop sudden and momentary surges as they are too fast for the fuse to blow or the circuit breaker to trip. Even if your equipment is turned off if it is still plugged in a surge could jump the contacts in the switch! The best surge protector I know of that you can get locally, is one called Wire Tree which Bill Stewart of Stewart Software Co. has, but it cost \$89.95 + tax. Some of the features are, an input for the phone line coming from the phone company, an output to your modem via phone line, as well as six outlets, switch, and circuit breaker. It also includes RFI Rejection. Then there are some cheaper ones

that you can buy with one outlet protection or in power strip form.

However, I will demonstrate how to make an inexpensive one for a few dollars, using an existing plug strip and two parts from Warren Radio Co. at the next meeting.

Al Doss

VOLCANO FORTRESS REVIEW

Volcano Fortress is a new game written by John Behnke of Asgard Software for use by the Tunnels of Doom cartridge. Those (me included) who bought the Tunnels of Doom cartridge were promised by TI to have additional adventures for it like with the Adventure cartridge. However, this never did happen and now a new adventure is out. Here is a summary of the senero...

Many years ago, a very powerful wizard used his great magic to carve a fortress into a mighty volcano. For generations, thousands of explorers have searched for his fortress to obtain the treasures that taunt from legends and fables. However, none but you have discovered the secret entrance to this volcano fortress. The legends say inside the fortress lies many wonderful treasures; giant diamonds, wondrous magic items, weapons beyond number, and four great enchanted chests and the four keys that unlock the chests. However, the legends also say that the wizard's fortress is not unguarded. It is said that he created metal demons (called "robots") and summoned the evil undead to protect his treasure. Incredible though it sounds, you have heard that some of these creatures are invisible, and thus cannot be seen until they attack!

After playing the game I found it very enjoyable especially since I have never seen another adventure for the TOD cartridge except the one that came with it. Those of you that have never seen the TOD cartridge are really missing out on a good game. Tunnels of Doom may be compared to the adventure cartridge except here graphics are displayed instead of text and Tunnels of Doom is a lot more fun because you can see what is going on instead of just reading it! You actually see a forward view on the screen as you walk through the tunnels and an overhead view when you go into the rooms. Volcano Fortress sells for the unbelievable low price of only \$8 (shipping included)! The program comes on disk and requires the Tunnels of Doom cartridge. To order or for information write to:

Asgard Software
P.O. BOX 10306
Rockville, MD 20850

I highly recommend this game. A big THANKS goes to Asgard Software for donating a copy to our group for our review. Next month a review of another fantastic program called Tunnels of Doom editor which sells for \$20 in which you can create your own Tunnels of Doom games! (both programs require 32K and a disk system along with the TOD cartridge, XB also required for TOD

editor.)

Gary Cox - Editor

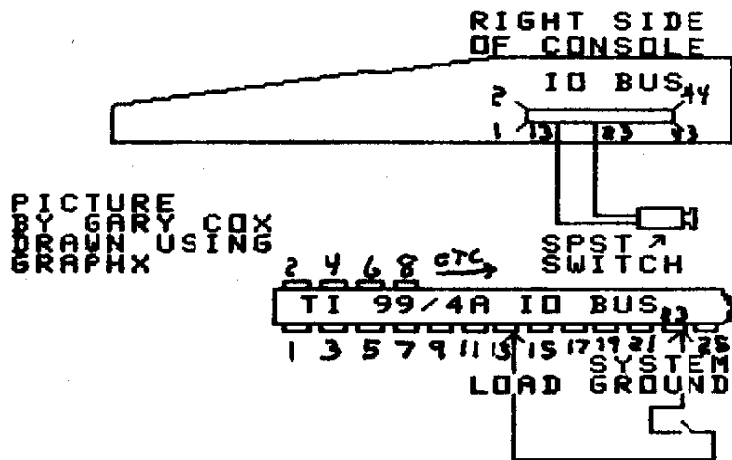
LOAD INTERRUPT SWITCH

Several programs on the market requires the use of a load interrupt switch in order to operate. Screen Dump (in our library) by Danny Michael is one of these programs. These programs are loaded into low 32K memory where when you press the load interrupt switch they are executed. For example, the Screen Dump is first loaded into memory then you can place a cartridge in the computer and when you press the load interrupt switch the other program is executed which in this case it dumps all the graphics on the screen to a printer. You can buy this switch from CorComp for about \$12 or you can make one of your own using the following instructions.

Have someone competent with computers and electronics wire this if you want to use it and you don't want to do it yourself. Carefully count the pins when making the connections. TRIPLE CHECK YOUR WORK!!!!!!

The switch and its connections may be placed anywhere on the IO bus. (Inside the console, PEB or speech synthesizer.) The speech synthesizer is the most convenient and the switch can be glued down or mounted under the cover that tilts up and away from small children and other accidental use. The best switch to use is a microswitch such as Radio Shack #275-016. However, for console mounting a push button switch of high quality will do. MAKE SURE YOU GET THE NORMALLY OPEN CONTACTS!!

Use of the switch when a program that uses it is not loaded into memory will lock up the computer in which case you will have to reset.... However, you install this switch AT YOUR OWN RISK!... Refer to the TI 99/4A Technical Data Manual for further details if desired. The schematic is below:



Gary Cox - Editor

C99 LANGUAGE FOR TI!

C99 is available for \$20 VIA FAIREWARE (same as FREEWARE) by Clint Pulley, 38 Townsend Avenue, Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7T 1Y6. Send an initialized SS/SD disk, mailer and return postage to Pulley to receive C99. If paid response is adequate, further implementations will be made available as updates. Clint spent many months in developing C99 for TI and by offering it as FAIREWARE is trusting that you will show your appreciation by sending money. Furthermore he vows to support those who do send money. For a review of C99 see last months newsletter. P.S. You might send 2 SS/SD disks as I am not sure if all of it will go on one SS/SD disk.

Gary Cox

NEW PRODUCTS

New from TRIO+ Software a AC transformer to maintain memory of the Myarc 128/512K card when computer is off. Price \$12.00 + \$2.00 S/H. Also TI-Sings in which your computer can sing! TE2 Speech, Disk System required. This will help you understand and use Allophones. Input, edit and play back your favorite songs. Price \$6.00 + \$1.00 S/H. Write to:

TRIO SOFTWARE
P.O. BOX 115
Liscomb, IA 50148

TI99/4A Christian Software. Bible Books Game, Have fun learning OT/NT, Hallelujah!, Hundreds of clues, 9 game levels, Send \$19.95 for cassette or \$1.00 (refundable) for more information to:

TRINITY SYSTEMS
DEPT. M
1022 Grandview Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

- MYARC 32K Memory Card.....99.95
- MYARC 128K Memory Card.....199.95
- MYARC 512K Memory Card.....259.95
- 128K and XB Level II.....259.95
- 512K and XB Level II.....299.95

Then if you already have the Myarc 128K memory card you can upgrade it to 512K for \$119.95. Just mail your card and Comp-u-ware will mail the card back within 48 hours. Add \$10.00 for 2nd Day Express Air or \$15.00 for Next Day Express Air Mail. (add 3% for S/H)

COMP-U-WARE
P.O. BOX 93174
LUBBOCK, TX 79413

(806) 792-6184

GROM chip list offers:

Kent Sheets of OH-MI-TI Users Group of Oregon, Ohio, says he has list of available GROM chips and prices from TI. Also listed are prices and part numbers for cartridge cases, PCB boards and other parts. Sheets says he will send a copy of the lists to persons requesting it for \$1. Write to him at:

1673 N. Curtice Rd.
Curtice, OH 43412

Gary Cox (portions from MICROPENDIUM Jan 1986 issue)

GRAM-KARTE AND 80 COLUMN...

Products from Mechatronic GmbH of Germany are now available in the United States through Technal Application Product Engineering Ltd. of Ontario, California.

An 80-column card for the TI is scheduled for March release, according to Franz Wagenbach of T.A.P.E. He says that the German manufacturer says that the card is compatible with existing software and can switch from 80 to 40 columns.

The card is expected to be priced at approximately \$200, Wagenbach says. BASIC II+ at \$79.95 is now available according to Wagenbach. The program, reviewed in the October MICROpendium, allows the user to produce high resolution graphics in XBASIC by using the 60 additional commands built into the XBII + cartridge.

A 128K memory expansion is available as a plug-in module with built-in centronics port and print spooling functions for \$149.95. An internal RAM card version is scheduled for January release at \$159.95.

Also scheduled for January release is the GRAM-KARTE by Heiner Martin author of TI Intern.

GRAM-KARTE, priced at \$249.50 is said to allow the user transfer the contents of any cartridge to disk and to reload onto the card the contents of up to six cartridges, which are then menu accessed. Up to three GRAM-KARTES can be loaded into the PEB. (sounds similar to a GRAM Kracker which is from Millers Graphics.)

After the module is loaded into the GRAM-KARTE, the program can be modified and then saved to disk. GRAM-KARTE is said to be fully compatible with TI and CorComp controllers. Wagenbach says it has not yet been tested on the Myarc controller.

An English version of TI99/4A Intern: The Operating system of the TI99/4A ROM and GROM listing with Commentary and Directions for GPL by Heiner Martin, is available from T.A.P.E. for \$17.95

Also promised for January are a mouse which Wagenbach says provides PC-like screen icon graphics, priced at \$98, and an EPROMer at \$129.50.

Scheduled for release in March is the QUICK DISK drive for 2.8 inch minidisks. Wagenbach says it is a self contained disk drive and controller which does not need an expansion box, and will work with the CC40 as well as with the TI99/4A. Price is \$199.95.

The company is also offering Fig-forth in cartridge form for

\$49.95. Orders are being taken now for probable April delivery, Wagenbach says.

For further information or to order contact T.A.P.E. Ltd. P.O. Box 4042, Ontario CA 91761 or phone (714) 989-9906.

From MICROpendium January 1986 issue.

FOUNDATION COMPUTING IS OUT!

Foundation Computing has gone out of business, and Kathy Hunter, vice president of marketing, described the firm as "financially bankrupt."

Foundation manufactured the Z80 card and 80-column card for the TI99/4A, as well as 32K and 128K memory cards for the machine.

Hunter described the firm's leaving business as resulting from a combination of events. The company which manufactured Foundation's boards went bankrupt "with the boards in tow," she said. She also noted that components supplied from a major company to Foundation "were faulty."

She said the company will continue to offer maintenance and repairs for persons wishing support. For products under warranty, the customer will pay only the shipping and for products not under warranty, the customer will be charged \$35 plus shipping.

New address for service is: P.O. BOX 455, Mill Valley CA 94942.

One note, I have found that the Foundations 128K card would not work with several new programs out such as GRAPHX! On the other hand, MYARC sells a 128K of their own which is expandable to 512K! The card includes a RAM disk, and print spooler routines. You can store programs in memory and recall them instantly. You access the 128K with 32K bank switching similar if not exactly like the Foundation card. The 128K card is available from TENEX for \$199 or you can get the 128K and new Myarc Extended BASIC Level IV for \$249. Call 1-800-348-2778 or for info 219-259-7051 and Tenex's address is P.O. Box 6578, South Bend, IN 46660. (shipping to a.)

PROGRAM BIT

This month the Gram Kracker will again be demonstrated. This will be a more complete view of it's capabilities as I will have the new manual and utility disk. Gerald Smith will be demonstrating some more pictures that go with the Graphics Design program by Dave Rose and Al Doss will show you how to make a surge protector for under \$5 and much much more! Then as usual the Disk Library will be there along with Adolph Butler with the cassette library, the BASIC programming class will be meeting and FREE catalogs will be given out! See you there!

Gary Cox - Editor

LIBRARY BIT

We just received some new program that will soon be available in our library. Here is a list of the better ones:

ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE: (Editor/Assembler cartridge required.)
BREAKOUT, BLACKHOLE, BUZZARD, GUARDIAN, BERLIN and TRON.

EXTENDED BASIC:

AXELF which is the most fantastic music program that you will ever see on the TI with the exception of using a stereo music synthesizer card. This will also be demonstrated at the meeting.

Also received is the latest version of the Disk Manager 1000 (version 2.3) which has a few errors corrected. If you haven't seen it yet you will want to get it as you will almost always find away your disk manager cartridge when you see his one. Also received is the PR BASE which is an excellent DATABASE program with assembly search and sort routines! Along with PR BASE is MASS COPY which is better than DM 1000 when copying large amounts of files especially with just 1 disk drive... Then lastly I received a copy of C99 programming language for TI! Other programs are on the way. The Public Domain programs from Asgard Software has not been cataloged for library use yet but I am working on it. We are also working on enlarging the cassette library. All programs above are either FREEMWARE or Public Domain and are available free of charge to members of the group. A complete listing for the library is available at the meetings.

Gary Cox - Editor

SHOPPERS CORNER

Acoustic Modem for sale by Gary Cox if interested call 358-0667.

Ronald Howell (754-6801) has the following brand new cartridges for sale. He has several of each one.

Extended BASIC= \$50 Terminal Emulator II=\$20
Personal Record Keeping=\$10 Early Reading=\$10 Adventure=\$12
Video Chess=\$10 Indoor Soccer=\$7 Football=\$7

For \$5= Personal Realistate, Checkbook Manager, Early Learning Fun, Number Magic, Parsec, Household Budget, Blasto, Amazing, Chism Trail, TI Invaders, Munchman, Hunt The Wumpus, Tombstone City, Video Games I, Alpinder, Car Wars and The Attack.

Nicky Nance in Nashville has a used Sugard Single Sided bare drive for sale and will take any reasonable price! Call after 5pm 1-615-459-0216.

Games "N" Gadgets in the Mall of Memphis still has a few cartridges, The Computer Center at Poplar and I-240 has a few cassette cables and Stewart Software at 4646 Poplar has some TI Printer cables in stock and can sometimes special order TI equipment.

Gary Cox - Editor

The T.U.G. Club

TUG was started on Jan. 28, 1983. At that time it was called "TBBS". On April 1, 1984 it changed names to T.U.G. which stands for "T.B.B.S. Users Group". The T.U.G. was formed to bring owners of all types of computers together. It started with one 5.25" drive and two double disk drives run on a Radio Shack Model I computer. In the past three years T.U.G. has grown from a three floppy drive system to a 5 Megabyte hard drive system! At this time T.U.G. supports the following Special Interest Groups short for sigs complete with downloads.

Radio Shack Model 1,3,4
Radio Shack Model 100
Texas Instruments
Commodore 64/128
IBM Sig
CP/M Sig
Radio Shack Color Computer Sig
Cooking Sig with Recipe downloads
Flying Sig
Adventure Sig
Chess Sig
Weather Center with our own Dave Brown TV5 Weatherman as your host.

The T.U.G. members has dinner meetings with door prizes and in the summer T.U.G. has a dutch picnic for all the members. T.U.G. was started for the sole purpose to bring old friends together and to make new friends with other computer types. It has served its purpose well. We now have 176 in the userlog and growing every week. The features of each "SIG" consist of: message base, uploads and downloads, a bulletin and notices from the sub-sysop of each sig.

TUG is the only BBS in town that you can play games and adventures while on line at certain hours. These hours is before 6 p.m. and after 12 midnight. At this time I have all 11 Scott Adams adventure plus three other Adams type Adventures and a "tic-tac-toe" game which I might add can be beat but is very hard! At this time I have a final membership drive going on. TUG is offering to pay each member in good standing \$1.00 for each new member they get to join T.U.G. plus in addition the first member to reach a total of thirty new members will get an additional \$50.00 check from T.U.G. The only stipulation is the new member will have to include the name of the member of TUG that got him to join T.U.G. This is to keep down misunderstandings. A history of the pay TBBS (TUG) board. TBBS was a free board till April 1st 1984. The reason TBBS went pay was on January 3rd I (Gary Smith) slipped on a piece of ice, fell and broke my ankle in three different places. I could not afford to keep TUG up after that time and I put up a notice that TUG was coming down as I had a very low income. The users of TUG wanted to "donate" their money to keep TUG alive and running. I did not feel it was right for some to donate say \$1.00 and others to donate \$20.00 and each could have the same access. So I said, if that is the way ya'll want it, then I will charge \$10 per year per user. Things got better four months later, I went back to work then the problem. All these faithful people had donated their money to TUG to keep it up in my time of trouble. Now it was going to a free board.

again! NO WAY! I put up a notice to see how they felt about keeping it a pay board and all money goes into a separate checking account to be used to update the board and make it better! The vote was a firm "yes"!! 1 year from TUG going pay a megabyte hard drive was purchased. The drive is on now to buy 300-1200 baud modem and I am proud to announce that we are half way there already. If you would like to become a member of a fast growing T.U.G. bulletin board then send a \$10 check to:

TBBS(T.U.G.)
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MID-SOUTH NINTY NINER USERS GROUP
TREASURY REPORT DECEMBER 1985 AND JANUARY 1986
PREPARED BY MAC SWOPE

	CHECKING	PETTY CASH
NOVEMBER BALANCE:	1534.22	47.75
MEMBERSHIPS:	**	TRANSACTIONS
R. BUTLER \$15.00	**	EQUIP. SALES \$54.42
J. JOHNSON \$10.00 (In Texas)	**	TIBBS Ph Dec (\$21.19)
M. KIRKLAND \$15.00	**	VIDEO TAPE (\$25.00)
A. FREEMAN \$15.00	**	OTHER \$50.00
C. WIXTED jr \$15.00 (Jonesborow)	**	=====
(january)	**	TOTAL \$105.98
R. LANDESS \$15.00	**	
R. SANDERS \$15.00	*****	
J. FEAZELL \$15.00	*****	
H. WASMUND \$15.00		
H. WRIGHT \$15.00		
M. SWOPE \$15.00		
=====		
TOTAL DUES \$160.00	\$160.00	
EXPENSES:		
TIBBS/Ph Nov (\$20.19)		
News/L post (\$60.72)		
TIBBS MODEM (\$299.95)		
P.O.Box rent (\$22.00)		
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TOTAL EXP. (\$402.86)	(\$402.86)	

END OF JANUARY CHECKING: 1311.36	1311.36	
END OF JAN. PETTY CASH:	\$105.98	
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TOTAL BALANCE END OF JANUARY 1986:	\$1417.34	

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MEETINGS: February 20, March 20, April 17. (always the third Thurs)
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