

# S.N.U.G.

AUGUST, 1983 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....

GREETINGS EVERYONE!! Well, it was a long time coming but, I think we are finally off to a good start. I would first like to apologize for the length of time it took to get this first newsletter out. I am sure you all know how wild this town gets in the summer, and this 100+ weather doesn't help matters much either. However, we are committed to keeping you informed so, you can look forward to hearing from us each month.

Second, S.N.U.G. would not be in existence if not for several people in the Vegas Valley who believed in T.I. and our project. I would like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone (you know who you are) and a special thanks to all the beautiful people at Computer Magic.

Third, now that we have started, we want all our members and friends to know that this is "your" group and we will always strive to give you the most accurate and current information available. This is our promise!

Hope to see everyone out to our August 8th meeting. Until then, Happy Computing.



## TI NEWS AND NOTES DUAL CASSETTE CABLES DISCONTINUED

According to TI dual cassette cables are no longer being manufactured. In the future only single cassette cable will be available. So if you have been holding off on purchasing this necessary item Ardan's has them in stock while the supply lasts. The dual cassette cables allows the user to save a program or information to a second cassette recorder and eliminates the need to constantly change tapes. It also makes protecting your programs with back-up copies easy.

## KELLOGG'S AND TI TOGETHER CONTEST NEWS

In a recent Sunday Review Journal the Kellogg's Company ran a contest insert. No purchase is necessary and (you guessed it) first prize is a complete TI Home Computer System including Speech Synthesizer, P-Box, Printer, Joysticks, modem and TI Monitor plus 100 Software Cartridges. There are 50 First Prizes of 99/4A's and 10 Cartridges. Second and Third Prizes are 500 Speak & Math and 5000 Speak & Spell Learning Aids.

No deadline for the contest was announced so send your entries to: Kellogg's "Talking Krispies" Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 725, Department 246, Lubbock, Texas 79491.

Good luck!

READ ABOUT IT!  
By Frank Orth

While computers are playing an ever more important role as vehicles for accessing information, the printed word, at least for now, reigns supreme. In our ever more segmented society, the special interest newsletter or magazine may well supplant the broader general interest media.

As SNUG members, our specific interests, that is TI news and events that have an impact on group members here in Southern Nevada, will be the focus of this newsletter. In broadening these perimeters, we feel that national magazines aimed directly at TI owners are the next most important sources of information and finally that publications addressing computer owners in general may be of some benefit to our members.

99'er Home Computer Magazine, as I'm sure most of you are aware, is targeted specifically at owners of Texas Instruments home computers. Providing an exceptional source of information for TI enthusiasts at every level with articles on TI Basic, Extended Basic, games, TI logo, assembly language programming, Users' Group Columns and reviews of available or soon to be available software and hardware, 99'er has to be considered the "must read" magazine for TI owners. Each issue includes Basic and Extended Basic programs ready to be typed into your console and saved for future use. This

monthly feature alone is worth far more than the \$3.50 newstand price. 99'er magazine is available at Computer Magic and at Walden's Bookstore in the Meadows Mall or by subscription from 99'er Home Computer Magazine, P.O. Box 5537, Eugene, OR. 97405 at \$25.00 per year for 12 issues.

Another magazine that perhaps fewer of you are aware of is "Compute". While the bulk of the magazine is devoted to other computer systems, articles featuring the TI computer are presented. An interesting plus with Compute is their listing of the same program for different computers. This should prove most useful to anyone attempting to translate programs from one version of Basic to another, and also points out some of the many advantages afforded us while programming in TI Basic.

Regina, whom many of you may remember from early 99'er issues, now writes an excellent monthly column for Compute and for this, if for no other reason, I'll gladly pay my \$3.50 per issue.

Compute would be a better magazine if they included some programming articles in Extended Basic and devoted a greater share of the magazine to America's most purchased home computer. Compute can be found at Readmore, in the Commercial Shopping Center as well as Walden's in the Meadows Mall.

MONTHLY SUGGESTION  
BOX

JULY MEETING RECAP

By Debby Baker

Our first meeting was held Monday, July 11th, 1983 at the Las Vegas Library with sixty-five to seventy people in attendance. The meeting was started at 6:34 P.M. by Mark Boswell who spoke on what a Users' Group is and the potential benefits it can provide to its members. Frank Orth explained what committees will be required to keep the group running effeciently and described the functions of each. Debby Baker recounted the beginnings of the group and what information and ground work was done to prepare for the first open meeting. Andy Urban spoke in detail as to the annual membership dues (12.00 for those 19 and under and seniors over 65, 18.00 for individuals and 24.00 for household/family.), benefits the group hopes to provide and the monthly meeting schedule.

The topic for the July meeting was the Ti Writer and Mircosoft Multiplan Spreadsheet software packages. Bob Boyett from Computer Magic gave a fine presentation on the capabilities of the two programs. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Boyett and Computer Magic for the demonstration. Everyone at Computer Magic has been very supportive of SNUG and deserves a special vote of thanks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M. with everyone staying for refreshments and a general get to know each other. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 6:30 P.M.

A suggestion box will be provided at our monthly meetings to get feedback from the members on what they are interested in learning about, question or problems with their computer system.

Your ideas, questions and input are need to create interesting monthly programs. Contribute your ideas and time if possible.

NEWSPAPER ERROR

We have been informed of an error in the "About Town" column of the Review Journal with regards to our meeting time. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M. This is the only meeting time unless you are notified to the contrary and you will hear it here in the newsletter. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you and we are doing our best to get this matter cleared up with the community activity people at the newspaper.

CLASSIFIED AD SERVICE

A benefit to group members will be the right to run a classified ad each month without charge in the group newsletter. Ads are to be placed in the Suggestion Box at the monthly meeting. Place your name, telephone number and list what you are interested in buying, selling or trading. Of course, this service is only for computer related software, hardware or other related items. Ads will be run as space in the newsletter is available and until the individual informs the newsletter staff to remove the ad.

ROSE'S REVIEW  
by Darren Rose

Salvaging an ancient pharoah's treasure or defending your outpost on Saturn's moon Titan against your enemy Torge?

Take your pick. Pharoah's Tomb and Battle Over Titan, from Millers Graphics, are both fun games.

In Pharoah's Tomb, you have a party of 5 people that must salvage treasure from a tomb. For every 10 treasures you dig up and advance 1 level. This program does not require fast reflexes, but does test your memory and requires some stragegy. Color graphics and dynamic sound add to the superiority of this program.

On the scale of 1 to 4, Pharoah's Tomb receives:

4 ROSES (Excellent)

While Pharoah's Tomb relies on strategy and memory, Battle Over Titan requires fast reflexes. For each Torge craft you annihilate, you receive 500 points. For every 20,000 you get an extra fighter. Although it has slow response, it makes good use of sprites.

On the scale of 1 to 4, Battle Over Titan rates:

2 ROSES (Fair)

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