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FROM THE **SOUTHERN NEVADA USERS' GROUP**

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NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, August 8, 1988 - 6:30 PM

NEVADA POWER BUILDING MEETING ROOM

6226 West Sahara, Las Vegas, Nevada

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking at this blank screen. Well, not entirely blank. The number lines are there, the date and time are displayed at the bottom, the 80-column ruler is in its usual place and the little message '100% Free' is laughing at me! It seems to be chanting, "make your mind a blank" over and over again. Blankety blank blanks! Ah! A random thought...

We now have an entirely new set of officers! Gordon Leonard has taken over for Steve Buchanan as vice president, Cindy Mitchell has replaced Don Mitchell as group secretary, Karen Rodgers has assumed the duties of treasurer from Bob Bieber, and John Martin, our former president, has managed to cajole me into assuming the "PREZ" position. Kim Wellman will be the new youth liaison. Rudy Johnson is still the commander and chief of the newsletter, (take a bow Rudy) and will hopefully be getting some help from George Tilley and others. Lance Wilson will continue as newsletter librarian. Dee Wellman, our former assistant newsletter editor has decided to forego his duties in favor of marriage, as did Bob Bieber. Dee will now be the new disk librarian. The institution of marriage is a detriment to the health and welfare of computer groups across the country. It should be OUTLAWED! (Put up your dukes! Grin!)

I have a suspicion that the TI-XPD FEST WEST also had a lot to do with the mass burnout of our group officers, and many volunteer members as well. I enjoyed the "FEST WEST" enough to want to organize it again this year, but that was definitely a minority opinion. The San Diego users group seems to have won the honors of putting on the next show... Looking forward to some new officers eh San Diego? (smile)

It was decided at the officers meeting that it is time for a new poll. We need to determine what S.N.U.G. members would like to see in the way of demonstrations, meeting formats, sigs, (Special Interest Groups) etcetera. Some of the newer members may like some help learning the

basics, and if there is any interest, Lance Wilson has kindly volunteered to teach a BASIC and EXTENDED BASIC sig at the monthly meetings. Rudy Johnson has suggested the forming of a "C" language sig, and the Assembly Language sig is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Call John Martin, Gordon Leonard, or myself for meeting times and dates. The new members may be happy to know that almost any of the long-time members will be happy to answer questions over the phone, and remember, the only dumb question is the one that you don't ask. Almost all of the current members started out with the basic cassette and console systems and can remember when we needed help occasionally, so ask and learn.

At the next meeting, Rudy will be demonstrating Clyde Coolidge's High Speed Cassette Loader. This presentation will be of special interest to those of you using cassette data storage as this program will allow cassette users to load larger programs considerably faster than using OLD CSI. I will be demonstrating the most recent release of John Birdwell's DSKU disk management series, version 4.12, which has several new features.

I recently read an article in the TI-Forum section of the latest issue of Computer Shopper which raved about a new data base program for the TI. Let me quote a few lines from Ron Albright's article. "If you have ever run dBase II at work, you will be astounded at how close the author of TI-Base has come to that database's functions and interface. It is a tribute to the ingenuity of the designer/programmer that he was able to get this close to dBase II with the memory constraints imposed by the TI."

Our own George Tilley, a master of Multiplan, has told me he intends to purchase this piece of software from Textaments, and hopefully we can get him to do a demonstration at a future meeting.

An informed source has told me that J. Peter Hoddie and Paul Charlton have finished the final version of MDOS for the Geneve 9640. <IF> this rumor is true, those of us who have purchased the Geneve may FINALLY see some of the hard/software that Myarc has been promising. Keep your

fingers crossed!

The new MICROpendium is dominated by Ray Kazeer's articles and graphic examples of animation using the TI. At the Fest West Ray spoke of putting two programmers in touch with each other. One had contrived a way to animate pictures on screen, and the other managed to get around the "square" boundaries while coloring bit-mapped graphics. Apparently he succeeded, although Ray doesn't seem particularly pleased with the color portion. Thomas Opheys of West Germany has designed a program named "Comic Show Editor" which allows us to draw groups of pictures using TI-ARTIST and animate them. (Some of you may remember seeing Ray's demos at the Fest.) Tex-Dnap is carrying the program or it may be obtained directly from the author in West Germany. If you do not receive MICROpendium, call me for details.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the departing officers for their hard work and dedication, and to assure them that the new officers will strive to uphold the traditions of the group. (Whatever they may be!)

!BOB!

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SECRETARY'S
REPORT
MINUTES
JULY 11, 1988
[Owl Logo]

The July meeting of SNUG was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Martin. Eighteen (18) members were present.

The first order of business was the election of new officers and committee persons.

The nominations were passed unanimously. The following are the new officers and committee persons.

- President.....Bob Sherburne
Vice President.....Gordon Leonard
Secretary.....Cindy Mitchell
Treasurer.....Karen Rodgers

- Newsletter editor.....Rudy Johnson
Disk librarian.....Dee Wellman
Newsletter librarian..Lance Wilson
Bulletin board.....John Martin
Raffle coordinator.....Cindy Mitchell
Youth liason.....Kim Wellman

I think we should give the outgoing officers a BIG HAND for a job well done this last year and to those that worked so hard for the success of our TI EXPO.

Outgoing officers:

- President.....John Martin
Vice president.....Steve Buchanan
Secretary.....Don Mitchell
Treasurer.....Bob Bieber
Librarian.....Bob Bieber
Editor.....Rudy Johnson
Assoc.Ed.....Dee Wellman

There was a discussion about some new products from RAVE for the raffle pot. The Keyboard Enhancement, Speech adapter card pkg., MX01/288 Memory system. Any which would be a nice addition for your system. JULY RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:

- Lance Wilson chose the Seikosha printer
Dee Wellman chose the Smartlink modem
George Tilly, don't forget to collect your disk box...

If there is some topic or program that you would like to know about or have demonstrated, let us know.

I have the JUG PR Base disks and the new PLUS! program. The JUG disks are a list of TI tips, tricks, programs, hardware, and you name it. A lot of good info.

Next month I hopefully will start some reviews on the PR Base and PLUS! program. The PR Base disk is available from the disk library.

At this time Rudy has accepted doing the newsletter, but as discussed before we need an appointed team to do the job and work together. Rudy and Dee have worked hard and long on the newsletter, but it is time to give them a REST and be able to move on to other things. I know either will be glad to give advice and help.

Thank you to Bob McNeill, who brought in a list of of the LA 99'ers software.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

At the committee meeting we voted to purchase more disks and additional disk boxes for the raffle pot since these items always go first.

We also have yet another version of Funnelweb and DSKU!!!

SO SHOW UP AND SUPPORT SNUG...



SECRETARY
SNUG USERS GROUP

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ONE LINER

Bob Sherburne contributed this one line program for this month's newsletter.

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1 CALL CLEAR :: PRINT "COLOR
S 1-16": : : : INPUT "FOREGRO
UND ":A :: INPUT "BACKGROUND
":B :: CALL SCREEN(B):: PRI
NT :: FOR X=0 TO 14 :: CALL
COLOR(X,A,B):: NEXT X :: FOR
Y=33 TO 128 :: PRINT CHR$(Y)
::: NEXT Y :: PRINT :: INPUT
C$ :: RUN !BOB S
2 ! THIS ONELINER ALLOWS YOU
TO SEE SCREEN & CHARACTER
COLORS AND TO CHOOSE WHICH
COMBINATIONS ARE BEST FOR
YOUR PROGRAM.
3 !TYPE LINE 1 'TIL IT ENDS,
PRESS ENTER, PRESS FCTN 8,
(REDD) MOVE CURSOR TO END OF
LINE AND FINISH TYPING LINE.
DON'T TYPE LINES 2,3 OR 4.
    
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The 5th Wave

Richard Tennant



SNUG TREASURER'S REPORT - 31 JULY 1988
 (in lieu of 31 July 1988 bank statement)
 Karen Rodgers--Treasurer
 # (Item adjusted July 1988)

FIXED ANNUAL EXPENDITURES:

SNUGLETter (Estimated cost per 100)	
Publication Costs (\$43/Mo X 12)	\$ 516.00
Postage (\$25/Mo X 12)	\$ 300.00
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SNUG B/Board Phone Line (\$11/Mo X 12)	\$ 132.00
Long Distance Phone Calls (Estimated)	\$ 44.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures (Estimated) . . .	\$ 90.00

TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS (Estimated) - \$ 1200.00
 Annual Dues Collection: (Avg 30 Mbrs X \$18) + \$ 540.00

ANNUAL DEFICIT (Estimated)

To be recovered thru Fund Raisers, Disc
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 (Includes \$7.47 June 1988 Service Charges)

COLLECTIONS (during June 1988)

Membership Dues (Regular \$18 X 1)	\$ 18.00
Membership Dues (Senior \$12 X 3)	\$ 36.00
Membership Dues (Junior \$12 X 1)	\$ 12.00
Unlimited Library Access Fees (\$25 x 2)	\$ 50.00
Bulk Diskette Sales (\$6/Pkg - \$11.50/2 Pkgs)	\$.00
Disk of the Month Sales	\$ 2.00
Miscellaneous TI Equipment Raffle	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous TI Book Sales	\$.00
FunnelWeb Ver 4.0 Donations	\$ 5.00

(Sub-Total) + \$ 198.00

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Publication Cost (SNUGLETter)-(D. Mitchell)	
July 88	\$ 48.26
Postage (SNUGLETter Mailings)-(D. Mitchell)	
July 88	\$ 28.00

(Sub Total) - \$ 76.26

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FunnelWeb Donations Trust Fund +	\$ 85.00
J.J. Menu Donations Trust Fund +	\$ 55.00

(Bank Balance)>> + \$ 806.69

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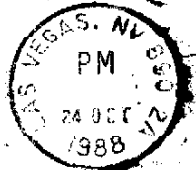
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