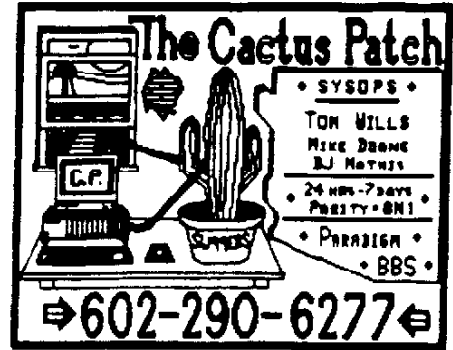




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Disk of the Month - January 1993



Announcing

Disk Manager 1000 Version 6.1

by Jack Mathis



Shortly after completing version 5.0, several modifications were suggested, and it was also pointed out disk initialization was extremely slow for double density. I, also, had several changes I thought would be advantageous. In November 1992 I released version 6.0 of Disk Manager 1000. Within a week, I received a BUG report! So, in December 1992, here is 6.1! I hope those who have suggestions for improvements will contact me. I will NOT guarantee there won't be another version. I keep learning more about Disk Manager 1000 and assembly language. I like to share improvements!

The decreased speed in version 5.0 of disk initialization and copying was caused by increasing the number of accessible drives. (Specifically for the Horizon RAM disks.)

The most immediately noticeable change in version 6.0 was the consolidation of menus and the significant increase in disk initialization and copying through a modification of the DSRLNK.

Perhaps, the hardest modification to make was to bring the file catalog back with all the Copy, Move, Delete, information intact, after the type and print options. I had to learn a lot about memory locations and availability. Many times I wondered if this was really going to be possible. However, the memory needed was found and now, the modification is available to you.

The documentation has, once again, been rewritten by BJ Mathis to incorporate the latest modifications.

- Disk and File Utility Menus consolidated into Main Menu, allowing fewer key presses to use.
- <T>ype and <P>rint options return to file catalog when finished typing (displaying) or printing file.

- Disk initialization & copying speeds increased to the speed of 3.5, or slightly faster, by a change to DSRLNK.
- Disk initialization and printer configuration defaults & color selections save into program.
- Saving of configuration defaults to drive of choice.
- Bugs in 6.0 corrected.
- Can use DM1000 with MYARC HFDC on a TI.
- Can use DM1000 with MYARC HFDC on a Geneve/9640 provided ROMPAGE by Ben Hathaway has been loaded first.

These changes have also been listed in the Disk Manager 1000 documentation in Appendix C, the DM1000 Revision Record.

Please note, Disk Manager 1000 is still a Fairware program. Donations should still be sent to Ottawa Users Group. Their new address is on the main menu and in the documentation.

Documentation can be printed through the Print File option of any TI-Writer type word processor. Print File option of BOOT, MENU, or the Print File option of Disk Manager 1000.

DOMs are available FREE to SW99ers attending the membership meeting each month. If you are unable to attend the meeting, members may buy DOMs for \$1, either at a later meeting or by mail (no extra cost by mail). Non-members should send \$2 for each DOM requested.


Cassettes are prepared each month for members with "cassette only" systems. COMs are FREE to "cassette only" members who attend the membership meeting each month or for \$1 as outlined above for DOMs.

Treasurer's Report for 1992

by Mike Doane - Treasurer, SouthWest 99'ers

This has been an instructive, bewildering, confusing and fun year. I have managed to learn Multi-plan (after a fashion!), learned ALL about formulas and what they will do, learned how finances work and how they intermingle, and have managed to escape any convictions for mis-use of funds (indictments don't count, thanks to our judicial appeal process). I am going to run for Treasurer again in '93. My motto will be "If convicted, I will not serve (more than five to ten)". Of course the part in parentheses will be on the back side of my campaign flyer, just below the "Made from recycled/laundered money logo". Hey, I believe in honesty in politicians. OTHER politicians!

First a quick look at income and how we did:

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/92	\$1323.72
Monies in:		
Memberships and renewals		\$775.00
Library		\$974.00
Ribbons/labels/cassettes/disks		\$841.22
Equipment sales		\$727.17
Fairware contributions		\$333.00
Misc. (advertising, hats, BBS support, profit from Festwest '92 \$277.00, Best Newsletters & overlays \$13.00)		\$776.41
TOTAL INCOME		\$4426.88
SUBTOTAL		\$5750.60

Now for a quick explanation of how we accumulated these monies.

MONIES IN:

Memberships & renewals: These are from our renewals and new membership fees. They go toward our maintenance costs i.e., Newsletter costs, checking fees, check costs, stamps, copy costs, postal box fees, Festwest costs and fees, printer use fees and the like. It is obvious this is not a profit making column. We have to take money from other columns to cover all these costs. We make up the difference by the proceeds of the equipment sales and the Misc. column.

Library: This column is derived from the sales of our Disk library and Altman Fairware lists. The monies from all sales go toward the purchase of disks to replace the ones used, copy costs for the lists and a small part towards printer use fees. Any overages are applied towards the maintenance costs.

Ribbons/labels/cassettes/disks: Monies collected in this column are from the sales of our packages of disks, any cassettes, printer ribbons, or disk/mailling labels we sell. The money from here goes towards the purchasing of disks in bulk, labels, or group orders of printer ribbons. This column enables us, as a group, to take advantage of mass orders and allows us to pass on the savings to our MEMBERS. This section will show a loss as long as we have an inventory of disks, ribbons, etc. on hand.

Equipment Sales: Monies entered here are from sales of equipment both on consignment to the Southwest 99'ers and member's equipment sold at meetings. The

money collected here is disbursed through our liabilities area. Approximately every two months I total up the liabilities owed to individual members and if the total owed is worth writing a check, I will issue them a check for that amount. This may seem a bit high-handed but I can not see writing a check for \$4 or \$5. I usually try to let the amount build up to at least \$10 to simplify my accounting. In some cases where the person has no other equipment for sale, I will write a small check simply to clear them from the books. I am sure that you will agree with my way of doing this (especially since I am the one with the checkbook!). ALL proceeds go into the group's general operating expenses.

Fairware contributions: This is a "zero" account. ALL monies taken in through here are distributed to the appointed Fairware Author or Personality. I am ashamed of the small amount I had to enter here. I think that we owe our authors almost everything, without them we would have a mere toy as a computer.

Misc.: This column contains any other income that I could not fit in my pocket (oops!). We list sums here from the sales of : hats (I Love my T.I.), BBS contributions (Ed Chase, I have your receipt ready, I believe it is for Jan, Feb, and Mar '93), any advertising fees we charge, and I also incorporated the profits from Festwest '92 into it. The Fest profits were originally in a separate column but as there was no activity in that column after March 1st I dropped it. The money from here goes first to Cactus Patch maintenance costs (phone line and electricity costs.) This is a real bonanza for our members. We have managed to find us a singleton (oops! I mean Sysop!), who dedicates a lot of his time and effort FREE to maintaining and updating the BBS for us. How about a nice round of applause for Tom Willis!

Now for the painful part.

Monies out:

Newsletter costs: (copy fees, mailing costs, etc.)	\$898.82
BBS support:	\$323.28
Cassettes/disks/ribbons/labels/misc. (Seven BLTs and six coffees, please!)	\$1085.42
Library costs:	\$233.81
Equipment: (Includes purchase of equipment for Cactus Patch and equipment bought for re-sale)	\$1112.09
Fairware: (Contributions collected for Authors and TI Personalities)	\$333.78
Misc.:	\$658.72
(Printer use fees, contributions to the Broward U.C. for aid to Hurricane victims, Fest West fees and a hundred misc. items.)	
TOTAL OF EXPENSES	-\$4645.92
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/92	\$1104.68

I hope this article made some sense, and that you all have a safe and happy new year!

President's Comments

by BJ Mathis



Thank You! I want to thank SouthWest Ninety-Niners who contributed money to me as the TI Personality of the Month. The check helped out with our Christmas expenses, and I bought a piece of Depression Glass to add to my small collection. By the way, anyone interested in Depression Glass would be amazed by Jeane Matthews' (SW99er) collection and knowledge.

Answering Machine One of my Christmas presents was an answering machine. I, personally, don't like talking to answering machines, anymore than the rest of you, but this was something I wanted. I have been getting some obscene phone calls, the usual number of salesmen, and with Jack going to Korea in June, I felt an answering machine would be a good thing to have. Please don't hesitate to leave a message on our machine. We will get back to you ASAP.

Elections I hope everyone, who is able, will plan to attend the January meeting. It is important to the SouthWest Ninety-Niners group that as many members as possible participate in the election of officers. The executive committee is the guiding force for the direction of the group. It is important to you as members to have officers you feel will guide SW99ers in the right direction and keep the group going. Express yourself! Vote!

BOOT/MENU vs. Randomize

by BJ Mathis



I recently discovered something I have never seen addressed in any TI newsletter.

I have a Horizon RAM disk, on which I use MENU. MENU, from what I understand, is essentially the same program as BOOT.

When modifying Ernie Chervier's TILES program, I got hooked! I love to play the game! So I put it on the HRD and added it to my menu. However, I soon noticed the first group of Tiles was always the same. After careful observation I discovered the the groups of tiles continued to be the same for at least a couple dozen groups, every time I ran the game from BOOT/MENU. This held true whether I loaded from the menu, thru option 3 (RUN A PROGRAM), or using the disk directory option and running TILES from there. I also tried running TILES from floppy using BOOT/MENU with the same results. I even tried moving RANDOMIZE within the program, and adding another RANDOMIZE. BOOT/MENU was interfering with the RANDOMIZE function.

I went to Extended Basic, loaded TILES from either floppy disk or the HRD, then RANDOMIZE worked! The point to all this? If you are using BOOT or MENU to load a program that has a RANDOMIZE in it, RANDOMIZE is probably not working. If anyone knows how to correct this BUG in BOOT or MENU, please publish the information!

December SW99ers Minutes

Tuesday December 1, 1992

1. Al Armstrong conducted the Question & Answer period.
 - Q. Who has Ed Hallett's CC-40 information?
 - A. Ed Hallett. (Note: I asked Ed about this when he called. He said the information is on GENie, under "Other computers". Ed is going to try to find his schematics and send us a copy. - BJ)
 - Q. Mike Doane has been having a problem with Telco. It is on his Horizon RAM Disk 3000. Every few months he is unable to download files. The problem is solved by re-loading the Telco files. Telco is not ending up in the same place on the HRD all the time, as he is constantly re-configuring the HRD. Mike wondered if anyone else had run into the problem or had any ideas as to what could be causing the problem.
 - A. No one else had run into the problem. One suggestion, for the next time it happens, was to compare the files on the HRD with the originals on the floppy disk, to see which file(s) was/were corrupted. That might at least eliminate having to re-load the entire Telco program. Mike may also have to do some more testing to make sure his Horizon RAM Disk is not at fault.
2. Feedforth articles will resume in the January Newsletter. There was a shortage of space this month.
3. The January meeting's main business will be the election of officers. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Larry Newman, Jim Chapman and Richard Barron. Expect a call from one of them this month, unless you have already turned in your nomination form to one of the committee members.
4. FastWest93: See the Flyer for details. SW99ers will have a Booth and will again be doing the Registration. Anyone in need of a ride to Salt Lake City should contact one of the Group Officers. We will find a seat for you.
5. Blank Diskettes (5.25) are still available to SW99ers at \$7 for 25, including labels.
6. DM-1000 version 6 is not quite ready for release. Several glitches have been corrected and testing has been resumed.
7. As in the past, at the December (Christmas) meeting, Disks from our Library will be available at half-price. If you do not find a particular program in the box, provide us with your name and the desired Disk Numbers. We will get them made up for you by the January meeting - at the special price.
8. BJ Mathis, the November TI Person-of-the-Month, was presented with a check.
9. No Demo - Let's Party!

Ed McCullough, Secretary



Tom's Observations

BY TOM WILLS



This is the end of another year in which other computer users wonder what keeps us going. In my opinion, if they have to ask what keeps us going, I guess it's of no use to explain it to them, is it?

This coming October will be the 10th anniversary of the fateful day when Texas Instruments announced it was no longer going to produce the 99/4A computer.

I understand Terrie Masters has proposed a special TI Faire to commemorate this anniversary. She thinks Atlanta might be a good site for such a celebration.

However, I must disagree with her on the site. For those of us out here in the west, that is a major trip. I believe there are better places for such a get together in a more centralized location. Actually, wouldn't Lubbock be the best place for such an event? But who could coordinate it there?

I would like to attend such an event, but holding it in Atlanta makes it too far to travel for me. Before committing a city to having this major or an event, it needs to be decided what site is easily accessible from all areas of the country and what user group or group of people are willing to work hard to make this a reality. Would Texas Instruments be receptive to hosting such an event?

A note to Terrie here -- Why not approach Texas Instruments and see what they have to say? We need someone like you who is in the forefront of the TI world to ask them. If not you, Terrie, then who else would be able to convince Texas Instruments this could be a good public relations move on their part?

Fest West '93

Another Fest West is quickly coming up. This one will be held in Salt Lake City and is being hosted by two user groups, the Salt Lake City (SLAVES) and Ogden User Groups. I understand a number of SouthWest Ninety Niners don't want to attend because it will be too cold! Come on, give me a break. We get cold here. If transportation is a problem, what's wrong with carpooling? And sharing of a hotel room?



We expected people to travel to Tucson for our Fest West in 1990, and we aren't exactly the easiest place to get to via air. Let's support the Salt Lake City and Ogden User Groups just as we were supported.

I have a few interesting facts about Salt Lake City, some of which surprised me. First of all, the estimated 1992 population of Utah is 1,711,000. The 1990 population of Salt Lake City is 158,130 (a 3% drop from 1980). However, the Metropolitan Statistical Area has a population of 1,065,000. Some of the cities in the Salt Lake City area include Sandy City, Ogden (1990 population of 63,457), West Jordan, Bountiful, and Murray.

Salt Lake City is located at a latitude of 40.45 north and a longitude of 111.53 west near the southern tip of the Great Salt Lake. The average temperature in February (for Salt Lake City) is 34.1 degrees with an average low of 24.4 and an average high of 43.7.

Needless to say, the weather is not swimsuit weather, but it's not that bad either. It will be necessary to wear a heavier coat, which all Tucsonan's should already have in their closets. don't forget, we get snow here also, granted not as much and not as often, but it does happen. The average precipitation in Salt Lake City in February is 1.3 inches, which when translated into snowfall is about one foot.

I'm planning on going, and I don't plan on driving this by myself. Nor do I plan on renting a hotel room by myself. I plan on carpooling and roomsharing. I look forward to seeing a large number of SouthWest Ninety Niner User Group members at Fest West '93.

The Spider's Guide

No, The Spider's Guide is not a nature nature lover's guide to native Arizona spiders, but a guide to configuring the FunnelWeb operating system. Can't very well call it just a word processor, can we? This manual has been put together by Larry Tippett.



A few months back I did a demo of configuring FunnelWeb. It was a difficult subject to demo due to the complexity of the subject. And the questions asked by those in attendance were good. But, not all my answers were the best. If only I'd had a copy of The Spider's Guide to FUNNELWEB Configuration at that time.

Larry has done an excellent job of describing the procedure. The book can be obtained directly from Larry for a cost of \$4.00 including shipping. I will be bringing my copy of the Guide to the January meeting for all to see. I think it would be a good idea to send in a group order to save Larry some cost in the shipping of this guide.

If you think you may be interested in buying this guide, bring your \$4.00 with you to the meeting.

Elections

Once again the elections of officers is upon us. You still have time to run for an office. And, just like with the national election in November, your vote is important. Please attend the January meeting and cast your ballot. This is probably the most important meeting of the year as it helps set our agenda for the entire year.



Feedforth - January '93

by W. Leonard Tabbs

I've had to change what I planned to write about this month because of having accepted a new job which has demanded a lot of my time. I had intended to write about Jim Peterson and Tigercub Software. For those of you who are not familiar with Jim Peterson's Tigercub offerings (thousands of programs for the TI at only \$1.50 per disk--an incredible buy!), and for those who do know about them but haven't taken advantage of them, you should be aware that it appears that as he runs out of stock, he is deleting them from his catalog offerings. Fair warning!--you better get what you can before it is no longer available! Incidentally, the late IDA McCARGAR included a copy of the Tigercub Catalog (TI-PD) on a Disk-of-the-Month some 2 years ago or so. Best you send to Tigercub for an update now.

Another very good source of programs among the various TI User Groups around the country, is the LIMA OHIO U.G. massive library (Charles Good). Their dues, at last information, were still \$15 per year. Well worth the investment--they produce an outstanding newsletter.

For some time I have been working on a program which I believe might prove useful to some of you, which will make it possible to assemble and resort large listings to provide a complete master alphabetical listing of many separate files. The inspiration for this came from working on 3 projects: Our own Newsletter data, the magnificent TIGERCUB catalog, and the equally impressive catalog of the LIMA OHIO User's Group.

In the case of our own newsletter data (indexed on PRBASE files), I wanted to find a way to overcome the cumbersome task of finding a topic which had been indexed in our PRBASE files. To do so requires loading 20 or more disks each time you want to check what we have or browse through 20 separate lists. As good a program as PRBASE is, it takes a long time to search them all. Why not create a complete alphabetical list of all files? In the case of Tigercub's catalog, another problem exists of a similar nature in that there is no listing in alphabetical order of all program titles. You can search the catalog disk by disk or item by item but this is also most time-consuming. Reading the Tigercub printout (TI-PD) available is helpful but not all inclusive. The Lima files contain a printout also--but at a cost of huge amounts of paper and wear and tear on your printer head (as does a complete print-out of our own PRBASE files).

What I wanted, then, was a program that would take such lists or existing library catalogs and re-list (and, if necessary, also re-edit--to reduce length of lines), and re-sort them to give you a practical alphabetical listing of the whole she-bang. If one is content with the listings as they exist, then there is no need to apply this program. However the program might be useful with long lists of your own--particularly if they exceeded the memory limits of Writer (TI/BA/FWEB etc.) and you have many files --for which at present you have no other option than to be satisfied with separate lists. To produce the end-result master list will result in a new set of files which can be accessed with a file-reading program to achieve the final master list print-out. A feature of this program is it will read any sorted file and count up the number of items of each ASCII

code number. This is handy (and necessary) to allow you to calculate how much file/disk space you will need. So far I have applied this program to both DV/80 files and DV/132 files I created from PRBASE. The ability to print out results either to your screen, printer, or disk is a useful feature. I will try and have a version of this program to list in next month's newsletter.

SORTING: What is the best way to sort? (For any newcomers, "sorting" means putting items in alphabetical and/or numerical order). I suppose it depends upon what one was taught in school. Before the advent of computers, the details and peculiarities of different methods may have varied. It may not have mattered too much--as long as one could find what one was looking for quickly and efficiently.

The advent of the computer introduced a standard for sorting based on the ASCII code. Forgotten what that is? ASCII character codes are numbers assigned to the different characters, letters, and numbers which enables the computer to produce that letter, number or character when you enter it into the computer. They may be found in the Appendix (P.III-1) in the TI User's Reference Guide, or in the TI Extended Basic manual (which mysteriously omits lower case ASCII numbers!). Can't remember where you put these manuals? Then you can enter and run the following to find ASCII numbers very quickly:

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10 FOR I=33 TO 126
20 PRINT ASC(CHR$(I));"=" ";C
   CHR$(I)
100 NEXT I
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If the characters scroll by too fast insert a CALL KEY routine or better yet, make yourself a print-out. (You might want to make note of this CALL KEY routine, as you can use it in any program. Some like to insert "3" in place of "0" as a more flexible routine.) To add the CALL KEY routine to the above, insert:

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30 OPEN #1:"PIO"
40 PRINT #1;TAB(5);ASC(CHR$(
   I));"=" ";CHR$(I)
50 CLOSE #1
60 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
70 IF S<>1 THEN 100
80 CALL KEY(0,K,S)
90 IF S<>1 THEN 80
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There are other characters identified by the computer which will not appear on your screen (such as the space (CHR\$ 32), that is why the FOR-TO loop in this example limits characters between 33 and 126. Sorting programs follow this sequence of ASCII characters in determining the order it will arrange your sort.

The following lines represent part of the lines that might be found in a program for sorting:

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Come Away
Lackadaisical
A Long Time Ago
Famous Trivia Personalities
Look to the East
Alone in the wilderness
Bye Bye Birdie
Please and Thank You Ma'am
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(continued page 6)

A space in a title is something a computer takes in to account, to the annoyance of some old codgers like me. For instance if the titles "A Long Time Ago" and "Alone in the Wilderness" are being sorted by a computer, the space puts "A Long Time Ago" ahead of "Alone...". So if you have a whole bunch of titles beginning with "A" as the first word, all these will be shunted to the head of the titles sorted under "A" before any words beginning with "A" followed by another letter. For those who are bothered by this (as I am), it presents a strong argument for placing single letter "A"'s after the title with a slash mark or comma: "Long Time Ago/A" or "Long Time Ago, A". I wish a proper convention would be established in the computer world regarding this practice. My rationalization for making a point of this is the fact that it is a convenience (and time-saving help) to be able to look at a list of data and know for sure, when you have looked up an article or word, that you know all the variations of that subject at one glance. If the list is short there are not likely to be enough titles to cause any bother, but if you have 200 or more titles just under the letter "A", then this becomes something you have to remember. (All the "A"'s followed by a space could be on page one of your index and the "A"'s immediately followed by a letter (that you are searching) might be on page 3). A similar disturbance to sorting order is to have a group of titles that have the word "The" in front of them. I'll opt for listing these "A"'s and "The"'s AFTER the title! The word following "A" or "The" is the crucial word anyway. A good dictionary accomodates you in this way--except for those dictionaries that chase you around by referring you to another word for an explanation!--the sorting in good dictionaries is a model to follow for computer data entries.

Another instance that can throw one a curve is the nature of the computer to sort Upper Case (Capital letters) ahead of Lower Case (small letters). Thank goodness the computer has the ability to distinguish capital letters from small letters. But there are instances where this is a drag. Say you have a list of 600 items, only two of which begin with a small letter "c". So, you're looking up an item beginning with C (Say, "Come Away"). Three of the possible variations could be: You find it under "COME AWAY", "Come Away", "come away". If there are 3 or more titles in the list beginning with these two words but the third word in the title is different, the computer will not sort these in "proper" order because of the difference in case styles. Further, if there are any "typos" by the persons making the entries (such as "Come Away" or "COME AWAY"--not to mention: "Xome Away", etc.) you have more problems--especially if the main article that would be helpful to you has been "typo'd" into another section of the alphabet! With a massive number of entries, as mentioned already, the properly sorted "C"'s may be on page 5. The end of the list may be page 22. One has to think of these possibilities when searching for that article and remember to check the end of the list (or sometimes the beginning) depending on the ASCII number of the typographical error.

So, if several people are to work on helping with the same project of data entry, it becomes clear there needs to be a standard set for how entries are made so a consistent practice is followed by all. One can always edit out such mistakes later with a

flexible data base or a Text Editor provided the data base can accept such enormous files. Though I am not closely familiar with TI-BASE, from what I have seen it certainly has more flexibility in this direction than PRBASE. As for Text Editors, in the TI world they seem pretty limited on memory, so unless your files are relatively small sized, a large database is the way to go.

It is my hope to soon have a master list finished of all the articles from the newsletters we receive from other User Groups, sorted in such a master list order that it can be uploaded for general use. Then anyone can check that list to see if there are articles of interest or help to them about any problem they may be having, or subject they are interested in learning more about. It might stimulate more interest in perusing this valuable library.

Newsletter Exchanges



by BJ Mathis

A few months ago we received a postcard from Central Ohio Ninety Niners, Inc. (C.O.N.N.I.) informing us they were discontinuing exchanging newsletters with groups that mainly contained re-printed articles.

SouthWest Ninety-Niners was one of the groups they chose to discontinue exchanging newsletters with. I was glad we received notification of their decision, and immediately removed them from our exchange list. However, on behalf of those who write for our newsletter, I was offended, but I decided to keep quiet about it.

Since then, I noticed newsletter articles from several groups mentioning the discontinuation of their exchange with C.O.N.N.I. The wording of the announcement from C.O.N.N.I. offended others, also. Many of these newsletters are full of original material, yet C.O.N.N.I. dropped them, also.

One group adopted an "I'll show you" attitude. They decided they would continue to send their newsletter to C.O.N.N.I., even if they had to take the cost out of their personal pockets. No offense, guys, but if they don't appreciate your efforts enough to send you their newsletter, don't waste your money and efforts to send them a newsletter.

It is unfortunate C.O.N.N.I. felt they could no longer afford to exchange newsletters. It is even more unfortunate they made the announcement in such a way newsletter editors and authors felt their efforts weren't worth anything unless C.O.N.N.I. kept them on their exchange list.

I hope groups who have to discontinue exchanges will notify groups of their problems. At the same time, I hope they won't do it in a way to offend those groups. SW99ers sends newsletters to several groups who cannot afford to put out newsletters. We don't send those groups newsletters just so we can get a newsletter in return. We send them newsletters because we get positive responses from them. They let us know they appreciate and value our newsletters. A word or two of appreciation can go a long way.

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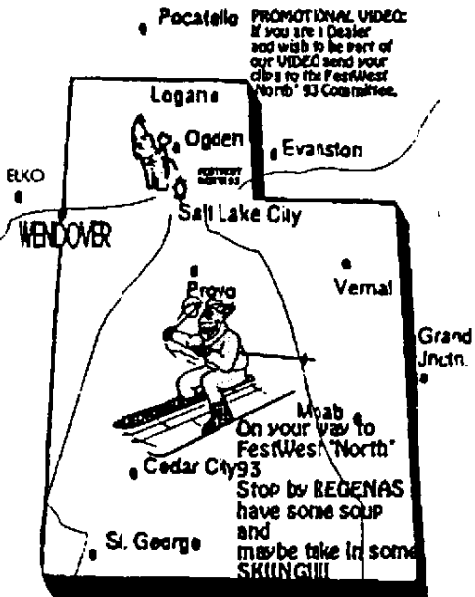
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- Thursday, Feb. 11 --Visit REGENA
- Friday, Feb. 12 --Ski Brian Head
- Saturday, Feb. 13 --FEST-WEST
- Sunday, Feb. 14 --FEST-WEST
- Monday, Feb. 15 --Ski near SLC
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 --Ski Brian Head

TI friends are invited to an open house at
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of the FEST-WEST site in Salt Lake City.
Stop in Thursday or Friday on your way to
FEST-WEST. If it's cold, snowy weather, a
crock pot of soup will be ready for you.

I can help you with skiing plans at Brian Head.
Also--let's plan a ski trip near SLC on Monday!!

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The membership fee pays for printing and mailing the newsletter which is published 12 times per year. Your membership entitles you to buy disks, cassettes, and other items from the group at significant savings, compared to the local market. Members also have the privilege of borrowing books, magazines and modules from the Lending Library, obtaining copies of Fairware and Public Domain software (subject to copying fees) from the group disk library, and a disk of the month with a variety

of programs on it is prepared for members who attend the main group meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. Non-attending members may obtain a DOM for \$1 to cover postage and mailer.

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To join the SouthWest Ninety-Niners please send a check or write for more information to SouthWest Ninety-Niners, PO Box 17831, Tucson, AZ 85730 or call BJ Mathis at (602)747-5046 or Cactus Patch RRS (602)790-6277.

Members Meet

First Tuesday, January 5th, Devon Gables Health Care Center (Exec Dining Rm) at 6150 E. Grant across from the Price Club at 7:15pm. Election of SW99'ers 1993 officers - Come and vote!

TI-Base Workshop

Second Tuesday January 12th, 7:30pm. Tom Wills home, 6925 E Kingston Dr. - 886-2460.

Exec Meeting

Monday, January 18th, 6:30pm. Perkins Restaurant at Grant and Swan, NE corner. All SW99ers are invited to help with planning for our Users Group.

General Users

Third Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30pm. Mathis' home 5941 E 26th - 747-5046.

Advanced Languages

To be discussed at the January Membership Meeting.

Membership Report

Our December Meeting/Christmas Party was attended by 30 people, members and their families. One of our members from Japan, Mary Ellen Hiatt, showed up. Makes me wonder why some of those living in Tucson didn't come! Leon Dorros, E.L. Baird, and Jerry Patty renewed their memberships this month. We will mail newsletters to 53 members, 48 users groups, and 2 prospects this month.

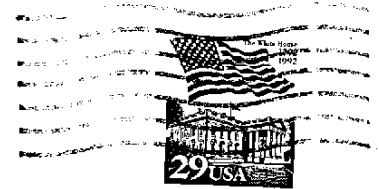
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