


THE SUNCOAST BEEPER

T I USER'S CLUB

SUNCOAST 99er's

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MEETING NIGHT SECOND THRU. OF MONTH

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encouraging independent manufacturers of peripherals in every way possible. 4. If you need assistance that our retailers can't answer please call 1-800-TI-CARES. I am firmly convinced that we have the best computer for the home, and that the K race that we will see next year will leave the home market out of the race. no one Co. can give you all you have at a price like you paid for your computer and still stay in the K race. I think you will see a computer with a large K, but to make it work you will have to buy many things. While I am on the subject what can you possibly do with a computer that is make to teach you children how to think and do the simple home jobs we bought it for, that 48 K will not do. Just by looking over our library catalog I find it hard to think what in the world I need more K for. If I was in business then I could see the need for more K.

It is for the above reasons that it is important that we support our club by attending the meetings and paying our dues. By the way your 84 dues are now due please pay them, they are prorated.

As my last words as president I would like to wish the best of luck and congratulations to all the incoming officers. VERN FOUTZ

THE PRESIDENT DESK :

Now that the major task of election is over, and the new officers will take over in the February meeting I wish to thank all of the officers and committee members who have help make this first year a very large success, in our growth, and make all the necessary adjustments necessary in their life style in order that the club might grow. I feel we have all gain knowledge through our joint effort, and I say this because you as members brought you ideas to the club and shared your knowledge with the rest of us. It is only through our mutual sharing of ideas that this club can succeed. No one person knows it all and only thru corrections can we learn.

This year we have seen what most of us thought was impossible: TI giving up the home computer market. The only good thing is that TI has promised to 1. honor in/warranty commitments, and to support out/of/warranty service and maintain repair facilities. 2. They are encouraging independent software publishers to take over. 3.

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE :

Lee Wes announces the following new members: JOHN WELLES of St.Pete.- PHIL LONDON of Seminole- JAMES D. STERGHAS of St.Pete- EDDIE BAILEY of Pinellas Park- PAUL/PAMELA BABIARZ of Pinellas Park- KAREN WEIL of Pinellas Park- KAREN SURETTE /FAMILY of Seminole- A.J. CLAY JR. of Largo- DAVID B WHITAKER of St.Pete- CHARLOTTE W EVESON of St.Pete.- FRANK /JANE/CHERIE YOUNG of Dunedin-RAYMOND /PAT/AND CHILDREN of Seminole- JAMES DAVIDSON of Seminole.

I would once again ask all of you older member to help these new members in every way possible. To the new members feel free to call the president of the club to get any help you need. If you can't reach him call the Executive Vice President. If they can't help you go down the list of officers.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Is still checking the ownership rights on all programs in our library. We appreciate everyone's patience while we continue to do this. Tapes that we are sure of rights on are being released. If you ordered tapes at our last meeting you will receive those, that we are sure of, at the February meeting. We have all our programs listed in a catalog which is available for \$1. We are continuing to put our programs on disk. We are hoping to have this procedure completed soon along with all the information about checkouts.

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE : WALT 384-0261

This month we will again start out with a game that teaches math in a fun way so that children who are starting out in math will enjoy the game of both learning and match skill against a good graphics background. This is even fun for adults. At this writing it is not in the library but it should be by the time of the meeting. We will call it SUPER FLY. If you want to ordered it from the Library.

The second part of the program will be for anyone who might like to tap into some of the local bulletin boards and learn what is going on in the computer world out side of TI. I have been fortunate to get KEN HUNT AND HIS HELPER FROM PRONTO SYSTEMS to talk and show us the differents between the 100 dollar system and the 200+ system. He will also speak about an inexpensive spike protector. He will also show and tell you how a second disk drive can be used with your system. Just what is the big advantage of a second disk drive?

The rest of the meeting will be an question and answer time. The subject is open to any problem you have encounter. I don't say we have all the answers but someone might have run into the same problem and found a way around it. I had a problem with the TI WRITER in that I could not stop it from running the first page blank on me before it started to print. I have found one way with tractor feed paper and another way with roll paper. I would like to know if anyone has found a better way then I have. Do you know how to fill you screen with one line? the answer is simple but it took me one full year to learn it. It is best run in basic. It a call char line. If you would like to know come to the next meeting and I will both tell and show you the answer.

MEETING TIME:

There has been several questions as to our meeting time. The room will be opened at 7 P.M. and the meeting will start at 7:15 P.M. sharp. The meeting will adjourn at 9:30 P.M. so we can have all equipment and everyone out of the room by 10 P.M.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

Watch the mailing label on your February newsletter for asterisks. Their meanings are as follows:
No * Means you are up to date on everything.
* Means you are behind on your assessment.
** Means your dues are due.
*** means both your dues and assessment are due.

HELP:

WE WISH EVERYONE TO PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL on their newsletter. Please make sure your name is spelled correctly and your address is completely right (including zip code). if you have a family membership we would like to have the names of every person in the household that would be covered under that membership. If you are unable to bring this information to the February meeting please send a note by mail with the information to either:

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ST. PETE BASIC CLASS

WILL MEET AT THE AZALIA ADULT CENTER. 1600-72nd ST. N. ON FEB. 6, 13TH, 20, 27 1984 AT 7 PM. NOTE THIS IS THE LAST 4 MON. IN FEB. THE NEXT TIME WILL BE MAR. 5, 1984. FOR INFORMATION CALL WALT AT 384-0261. WE ARE USING THE BOOK PROGRAMMING BASIC with the TI home computer by HERBERT D. PECKHAM. Most of the errors that people think they find is because they forget it was written for the 99/4 instead of the 99/4A. The changes are very few and no better book has ever been written.

THE NEXT MEETING IS FEB.9,1984 AT SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL. THE TEACHERS CAFETERIA, ENTER OFF 131st ST. ON 82th AVE. FOLLOW THE FENCE TO THE LAST GATE. TURN IN, AND THE SECOND BUILDING IS THE ONE.

2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF BASIC PROGRAM CLASSES.

Have we listened to your needs? I don't know but: here goes. The BASIC CLASS at AZALEA is trying to teach how to program the TI 99/4A. how to write programs yourself, explain the various commands used in BASIC. It should also be a help to you in converting other programs such as ATARI basic, APPLE basic, COMMODORE basic to TI 99/4A BASIC. This class will advance as fast as the members attending it, want it to. A second BASIC basic basic class will be started if enough members would like it. This class will teach you to use the TI 99/4A. In such things as how to enter programs, save programs, retrieve programs. Use of Cassette's, Modules and various other types of equipment for the TI 99/4A. There will be explanations of the different special key functions. All of this plus demonstrations of TI-WRITER, MULTI PLAN, GAMES and etc.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CONTACT DON MCCUTCHEON AT 536-9633 OR AT THE FEB. 9th MEETING.

RADIO COMPUTER TALK SHOW:

For those of you that are not aware of it. On SAT. mornings at around 8:13 AM. For me this is the middle of the night but I try to set my timer, which is connected to my radio tape recorder for this hour and use a 90 min. tape. They will answer most question asked of them, or at least ask the radio listeners to call in if they know the answer to the question. They have been very nice to us in that they do put our club name and meeting place out on the air for us. So if you are up give them a listen, or do what I do. The call letters are WPLP 57 AM on your radio.

IF YOU ARE ANOTHER USERS GROUP AND ARE SENDING US YOUR NEWSLETTER WE THANK YOU AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND YOU OURS. WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT THE OTHER CLUBS ARE DOING.