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NINETY-NINERS OF THE VANCOUVER AREA

VANEWS#55

February 1988

Next Meeting :

Wednesday, FEB 24th (last Wed. of month) 7:00PM for a 7:30 start.
District 5 Fire Station...213 N.E. 120th Ave. Just off Mill Plain. East from 205.

Next Workshop :

Sunday, FEB 28th 1988
District 5 Fire Station also.....10:00 AM

S. I. G. :

Monday, MARCH 14th 1988 7:00pm
Call Maria Adler or Bob Chase for details.
Basic, Extended Basic, Disk Use, Special Routines Ect.... Excellent class
for expanding your programming abilities

>>>>>>> Order your library programs for delivery to the meetings! <<<<<<<<<<

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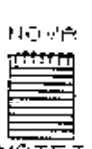
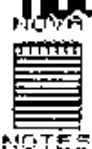
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The officers and committee members welcome your questions and will do their best to answer them or get someone who can help. Please feel free to call. Early evening is probably the best time as most of these people work during the day.

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NOVA NOTES



Notes from the January meeting:

The meeting was called to order by club president Dan Lisson at 7:31 on 01/27/88. Past meeting minutes were read and approved as read. The Treasurers report was not given. However the archive program has been paid for.

Correspondences read by the president: The TI 99 fare will be held in Seattle this year on the 24th and 25th of September.

Old business: A TV will be provided this work shop for football Sunday. The previous work shop was unable to do anything on the Super Cartridge. Projects for this coming work shop will once again include the Super Cartridge along with the following:

1. TI to IBM file transfer
2. Basics of Multi Plan

New business: On Saturday, February the 6th our neighbors to the South "PUN" is offering to put on a work shop that attaches the 32k memory into the TI. The cost for this project will amount to approximately \$30.00.

Bob Chase will be giving a class on basic language at his home. There appears to be approximately five to six members interested at this time.

Library reports: The library report was given and followed with the selling of disk of the month. This months disk was full of labeling program for the usual one dollar.

The plenary session ended at 8:02 with the evening program being a demonstration of various programs.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas R. Campbell".

Douglas R. Campbell

At the next meeting we will have a demonstration by Jim Juque. He has been granted rights to distribute programs by Rodger Merritt. I have read several articles Rodger Merritt has written using TI Writer and graphics, I am anxious to see what these are all about. The programs to be demoed are "Print It" and "Picture It". These programs are used in conjunction with TI Writer to make letterheads, banners, TI Writer document with various font styles and lots more that I'm not sure of. Don't miss this at the next meeting.

(ed. note. this was downloaded From GENIE.)

>LATEST VERSIONS OF FAIRWARE AND PUBLIC DOMAIN PROGRAMS: Jan 10, 1988
 This is not intended to be a complete list of public domain and fairware programs, but it includes those that I find of widespread application and lasting interest. Additions and updates are encouraged! It will be updated on a regular basis and published on all major networks. Recommended for newsletters and BBS. Send your updates to any of the following:

CompuServe.....70277,3530
 DELPHI.....WALIKOWE
 GENIE.....WALT.HOWE
 Source.....TI0004
 Boston Computer Society I199 BBS at
 (617)331-4181 or 335-8475, accessible
 thru PC Pursuit at MABOS.....WALTY

 I1-99/4A

ARCHIVER II	2.3	With LZW file compression
ARCHIVER (xbasic)	2.11	
BA WRITER	?	
c99	4.0	
CATLIB	1.5	OK, hard disk versions also available
CHAINLINK	5.0	
COLOSSAL CAVES	1.1	
CREATIVE FILING SYSTEM	?	
DCOPY	?	
DISK MANAGER 99	2.07	
DISKU	4.0	
DM 1000	3.6	Versions up to 3.8 are unauthorized.
EGBS	3.1(E)	English language version
FAST-TERM	1.16	(with various mods by others)
FORTISA (or 99STAN)	2?	FORTRAN loader
FUNNELWEB	4.0	Minor update of November, 1987??
MASSCOPY	3.25?	
MASS-TRANSFER	4.3	
MAX-RLE	?	
MENU/RDS	7.2	
NEATLIST	?	
OMEGA	?	
PR BASE	2.1	With M Dodd, J Johnson utilities
PIERM	?	
PULSAR UTILITIES	?	
RAG MACRO ASSEMBLER	6	
SARC (or SQARC)	2?	Huffman compression archiver
SCREEN DUMP	?	
STAR UTILITIES	?	
SYSTEX	?	
UNIVERSAL DISASSEMBLER	?	
XBALI or XBALSAVE	?	
XLATE	?	
XPREP	?	

GENEVE 9640

EQUATES	1	December 1987
FAST-TERM GENEVE	1.15pc2	
GIF2.EXE	2.0	
GPL	0.98	Version 1.0 is spurious!
MASS-TRANSFER or MASSBO	3.9	
MDOS	1.01	
MORE	2.0	
MYCOLOR	2.0	
MY-WORD	1.1	
PR BASE	2.1	With M Dodd, J Johnson utilities
QDL	2	

NOTES ON COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE: There are recent updates to LEGENDS and MY-ART (v.1.4).



FROM THE NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE



TACDMA FEB 1988

TI Writer Control U Codes, by Jim Peterson. For those of you just starting with TI Writer, this is a very good basic article.

SFV February 1988

Care and cleaning of disk drives from the Nutmeg 99ers. Also diagram of disk drive and functions.

SD TI-SIG Nov 1987 and Dec 1987

TI Artist and TI Writer conversion program and article with explanation. Decembers newsletter has more suggestions.

Ear 99 February 1988

Mini Memory Part V, by Robert Wordsworth. And more Adventure Tips, this time Enchanter with hints and maps.

TI Riverside Group Feb 1988

The case of the missing cartridge or How to play the slots by Dennis A. Dunn. This article explains how to use your cartridge expander after you have installed Extended Basic in your console. So your cartridge expander is still useable for 3 cartridges.

QB Monitor Dec 1987

Control key codes and Rave 101 keyboard, by Ed Machonis.

ARTIST+GraphX

This month's software review is focused on a unique card making program by A.K.KIDDOO -"ARTIST+GRAPHX."

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When you purchase the program, you may wish to refer to the following steps to help you get started quicker.

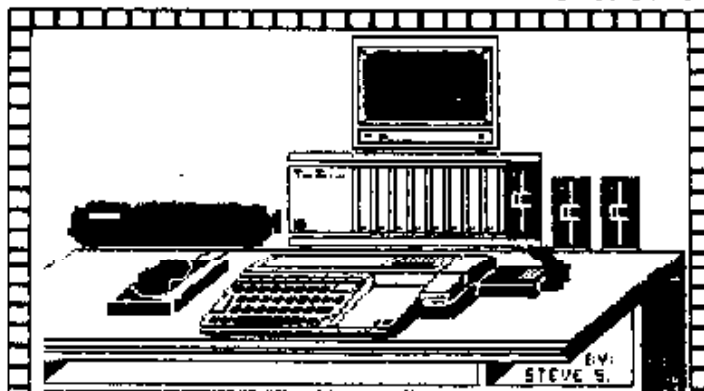
To use the program, boot TI-ARTIST. From the main menu, press "S" icon. Load one of the pair of borders (1-7). Do a FCTN + and go to the ENHANCEMENTS MENU. Don't worry, your screen data is not lost. Now, press "S" for Slides; press #6 to load an Instance of your choice. Place Instance on left side of screen. You will see a blank (not really blank) square pulsating; press the letter "T" from the keyboard. Hold it there to observe how the Instance lines up inside your border. If you like where your Instance is positioned, press ENTER. Hit Space Bar to return to "Move without Color" Menu. Press "M", or place the cross-hair on that function and press the fire button. Hit Space Bar. Place cross-hair on bottom left of the Instance. Press and hold fire-button; completely box in (from bottom to top) your Instance using the joystick. Press fire-button. The Instance appears to have disappeared, not so! Press "T." Look at that! The Instance has been flipped up-side down. If you like it right there, hit ENTER; if not, move pulsating square up and/or down or hit the space bar to start over. Hit space bar. Go to "Slides", if you wish to load another Instance, or go to "Alpha Numeric" to load a desired font style. Whatever you add, (Instance or Message) remember to flip and view by pressing "T." When you are done with both sides of the screen, save to disk (as a screen) and/or print.

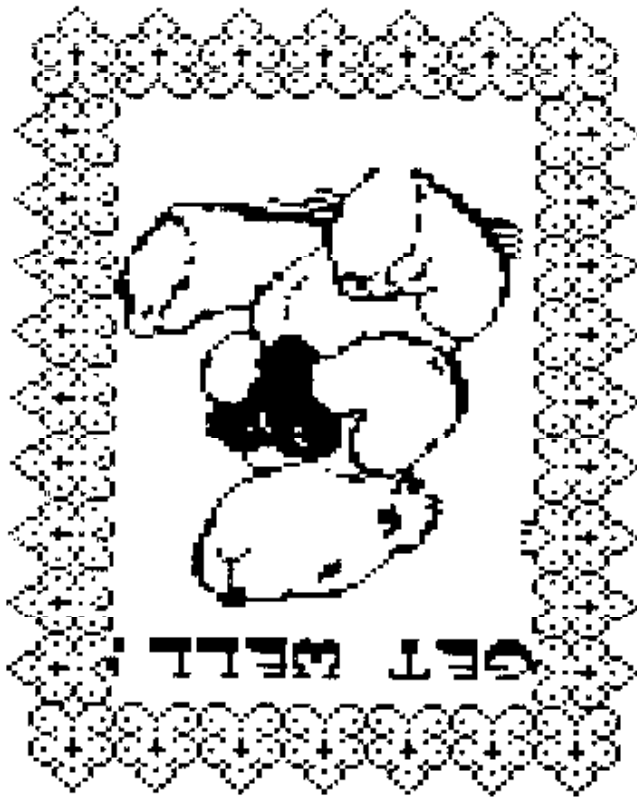
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I highly recommend this program for those who wish to make a 4 fold greeting card easily and inexpensively.

The main program is \$10.00. There are also available 2 Companion programs. These "Companions" contain more prepared borders, Instances, and templates. They cost \$6.00 each or both for \$10.00.

Mr. KIDDOO has come up with another great use for TI-ARTIST. Great work! His address is: 120 Boys City Dr., Winona Lake, IN 46590. Tell him you read about his program in the NOVA NEWSLETTER. HAPPY TI-ING! JIM LUQUE.





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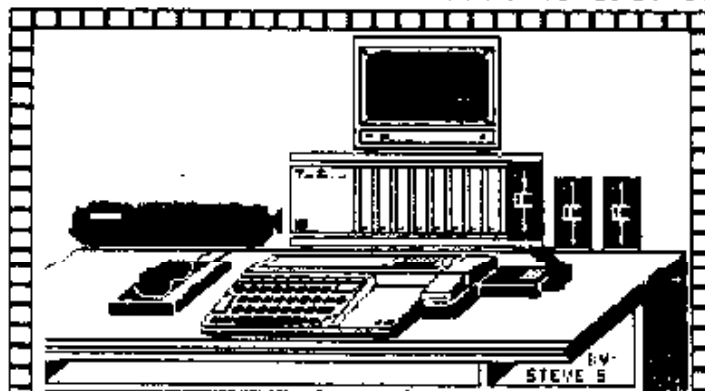
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ULGENS TI SURVEY 12/14/87
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*   SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING   *
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*   CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF TI    *
*   OWNERS WILL CAUSE            *
*   AGGRAVATION AND FRUSTRATION  *
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(EDITOR NOTE: This is only a part of the results of Ulgens TI Survey. This can be downloaded from the Spirit of 99 Bulletin Board or contact the Editor at the Feb meeting to see a print out of the 3 files available.)

That's what it should have said on the side of my TI! Eh, What the hell, I wouldn't have listened anyway. A disappointing turn-out! There were expectation for at least 2000. Was that too much to ask for? As of Nov. 30 1987 I've received 73 UG surveys and 753 TI Owners surveys.

BACKGROUND

Why is he doing this? That's the most common question asked of me. To find out what the majority of TI users have in common. To find out what future direction the TI'ers want to go; (software and hardware). To influence some of the manufacturers to produce items of most demand. To find common denominators between users in order to keep TI alive. How is that?

TI USERS GROUPS (LOCATING AND HOW MANY)

I compiled my Users Group list from other lists: Millers Graphics, Jim Petersons, Computer Shopper, from MICROpendium issues going back 3 years, and also from 4 Users Groups. The single largest list was sent by B J Mathis of the South West Ninety Niners. In spite of a number of duplications, it's a great list. So how many active Users Groups are out there? Hey, I did the survey and I'm not sure! Why don't you take a look at the figures:

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL SURVEYS MAILED OUT	384
DEDUCTION FOR DUPLICATE MAILINGS includes 8 foreign UGs	(91)
DEDUCTION FOR TRIPLICATE MAILINGS includes 3 on disk	(15)
DEDUCTION FOR POST OFFICE RETURNS	(35)
DEDUCTION FOR NON UG MAILINGS	(9)

SUB-TOTAL	254

DEDUCT FOR FOREIGN UGs includes Canada	(34)

SUB-TOTAL US TI UGs	220

MULTIPLAN

BY

AUDREY BUCHER

In this article I'd like to just pass along a few helpful hints I have learned from various sources concerning the use of Multiplan. When I first purchased my Multiplan package, I dutifully made a back up copy, only to find that it would not run. Chuck at the Computer Bug helped me out on this problem by reminding me that the disk containing the Multiplan files must be named TIMP.

From the Decatur 99er's User Group newsletter, I learned that the time it takes to initialize MP and the response time when it is working with the overlay file is affected by the location of the files on the disk. You can load the files in the desired order by copying them one at a time to a newly initialized disk named TIMP. The best order seems to be: OVERLAY, MPHLP, MPCHAR, MPDATA, MPINTR, and then MPBASE.

Although two drives are recommended for MP, it is possible to run it with only one drive. Before I purchased my second drive, I found it helpful to eliminate the help file from my working disk, thereby freeing up 150 sectors for a data file. I simply made a new disk for each application of MP that I wanted to use in order to eliminate having to switch disks.

If you do have two disk drives, please note that Multiplan will load automatically from any disk drive. Therefore you may put your MP disk in drive 2 and use drive 1 for your data disk as this is the default in the program. If you choose to use drive 1 for your MP disk, you have two options. You must either use a sector editor to change the defaults or upon entering MP, select the Transfer Options command by pressing T, then the letter O. Advance to the set up field by using control A and designate the data file drive as DSK2. Press enter and you're ready to go. If you prefer to change the default, I suggest you copy the file MPINTR onto a new disk. Load up your favorite sector editor and edit sector 22 which will be the first data sector. Shift into ASCII screen mode and find the words DSK1. Change this to DSK2 and it will automatically load from drive 2. Note that it will not show up in the Transfer Option as DSK2, just as DSK1 did not show up. While you are in the sector editor, you may want to change the default for your printer to PIO if you have a parallel printer. Simply replace the words RS232 with PIO. The RS232 data after that should be blanked out by using the space bar. Now write the sector back to disk and you are in business.

TI has released some enhancements for the Multiplan disk that speeds it up a little and also gives you auto repeat when moving the cursor around the screen. If you do not have these, I will be glad to furnish them to you.

I like to print out most of my spreadsheets in condensed print and was disappointed there was no way to do this from within MP. I made a small program to initialize the printer and tried to remember to run it first. Then one day I saw an ad in Micropendium for a Fairware Program called TIMP PRINT by J&B Mathis that allowed you to enter print controls from within your spreadsheet. It works great using the xternal copy command. I will be putting a copy of this in our library.

Next month we'll take a look at setting up a template. If you have any hints you'd like to share please send them in.

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