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Newsletter for members and exchange

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FROM THE DESK OF  
C.R. MCDONALD

Well, here I am again and late as usual. This time I hope explanations will be accepted. I have been sick with a version of the flu for about three weeks in the middle of which my wife's mother went to the hospital and died of a heart attack. We are now in the throes of cleaning out her house in which she had lived for 43 years!!! Plus there are no brothers or sisters to help with this job.

Sorry that I had to miss the last meeting as I understand that it was quite different from the ones we had been having! At least it proves that somebody does read this newsletter. Thank you.

Re Personal Auditor - as I mentioned I was going to write to the author and see if he could help me clear up my problem. I wrote to him and about 5 days later I received a phone call from him which I think answered my question. I can't say for sure because all of the other details of the past month got in the way of trying out the correct procedure which I was given. That is what I like to think of as service above and beyond.

I was told that one of the members of this group was unhappy because the help they wanted from the newsletter was not forthcoming. Maybe I could answer (or find the answer) if they would write up their problem and submit it to the newsletter. I would bet that someone out there would help them.

FROM THE PEOPLE  
WHO BROUGHT YOU  
JIFFY FLYER AND  
FORM SHOP...  
MAKE YOUR OWN  
CARDS IN A MATTER  
OF MINUTES.

JIFFY CARD

FOR  
THE ONE YOU  
HAVE BEEN WAITING

JIFFY CARD

IT IS HERE  
AT LAST

Again, if you want to overlay, move it in the direction you want. Next is the BIG Message and it can be moved by inserting lines and hitting "REDO". Borders are next with changes being made with the SPACE BAR. Graphics changes follow with new changes appearing in seconds. Now comes the small text with which you have a variety of 7 fonts to use. The inside page is brought up by pressing the "/" key. You are then taken through the procedure again. Next comes the prompt to SAVE THE CARD, CATALOG A DISK for graphics, or LOAD A PREVIOUS CARD. Last is the printing of the card with the choice of COLOR or NON-COLOR printing (OH how I would like a color printer for this). It allows for 1 to 99 copies if you so choose. As with the rest of his programs, Rodger has made this one very friendly, the docs if you need to read them are quite concise, and the program is very quick. If you are into sending out announcements and such I would highly recommend this one. A+ all the way.

JIFFY CARD - THE REVIEW  
GABRIEL ASENAS - TI CLUB OF OXNARD

Well it has finally arrived. The latest in the series of graphics display and reproduction. I speak of course of "JIFFY CARD" by Rodger "Mr. IT" Merritt. It is distributed by that "UPSTART" company called Comrodine.

I had purchased the program at the TI Fest West in San Diego. (A BIG thanks to the guys that put it on!!!!). Rodger demonstrated the many features of the program such as easy centering of both large and small text, the movement of graphics, the overlaying of graphics on themselves or over text, or text over graphics, and multiple big messages. But enough of this, let's get down to the nitty gritty.....

The program loads out of Extended BASIC which I really like. It takes about one minute to load. It is quite similar to the predecessor, Jiffy Flyer in its ease of use. You are first prompted for any graphics, either insert or delete. These are moved around the page by moving the cursor with the ESDX keys

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Just to clarify on how the library works for a few: All programs are on single sided, single density disks for loading convenience. All programs except BASIC games (1001-1019), and some graphic things (Max-Rle, MacFlix, etc.) which require a specific graphic program to use, will load from Extended BASIC with 32k. If you wish a certain program on cassette, please contact me at (805)524-0878 a couple days before the meetings. Also, if you have a specific program request please contact me at the same number so you will not have to wait for copies at the meeting. Disks are \$2 each and include the disk. If you call me and reserve a disk, you are guaranteed a label with the catalog of the disk on it.

### GAMES

1212 **The Maze of Grog** - Fairware by Ray Kazmer. Help Woodstock save Penelope from Grog. Great graphics and fast action. Loads from XB.

### EDUCATION

2016 **S.A.T. Test Preparation** volume 1 by Bob Mendez. Very comprehensive way to prepare for this test. Runs in Ext. BASIC. (353) SSSD

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2018 **S.A.T. Test Preparation** volume 3 by Bob Mendez. Part 3 of this excellent series. (343) SSSD

2019 **Flags** by Peter Alead of Australia. This Assembly program helps you learn the different shipping flags. Very interesting and FAST!!. Has an Ext. Basic loader. Use Opt. 5, DSK1.FLAGS. (244) SSSD

2020 **Kid's Disk** by Chick de Marti of LA 99ers. Contains several new and several old kids games: ADD, ALPHABET SOUP, CAT, DEVASTATOR, HELP HANNEMAN, KID STORIES, MYLOAD, MYSTERY SPELL and NUMBERGAME. (183) SSSD

### MUSIC

3014 **FORTH MUSIC** - A collection of songs in FORTH: Ballerina, Grandfather's Clock, Amazing Grace, Brahms Lullaby, Bill Bailey, Cool Water, America the Beautiful, and Good Night Ladies. Some have sing-a-long lyrics. Req' E/A module, Disk system. Use E/A #3: DSK1.FORTH. (358) SSSD

### UTILITIES

5077A, 5077B **DISK TO CASSETTE** by R.A. Green. Will transfer all or selected files from Disk to cassette in one pass (of the cassette). Just set it up and it will do the rest. (613) 2 SSSD

5078 **CALL MENU v7.37** by John Johnson. Latest version of the popular operating system for Horizon RAMdisk owners. (64) SSSD

### GRAPHICS

6019 **Tri Artist Slide Show 2001 (TASS2001)** by Gary Bowser. A very fast and complete Display Master type program that will view TI-Artist, Graphx, and Draw-A-Bit II pics. SSSD

6020 **MacFlix #1** contains pictures for use with MacFlix by Genial Computerware. COUNTACH, DONDUCK, HOLIDAY, EARTHSTAR, JET. (348) SSSD

6021 **MacFlix #2** - EARTH, MISC3, SCROOGE. (345) SSSD

6022 **MacFlix #3** - EXCHANGE, EXPIRED, EXPOSE, FAR SIDE, FERRARI, HONOR, IN-LOVE, JESSIE. (340) SSSD

6023 **MacFlix #4** - Graphics Libraries 100, 108a and 108b.

6024A, 6024B, 6024C - **Starfleet Technical Drawings** by Stephen M. Barackman. This 3 disk set is every Star Trek vehicle in the series and movies in full color in the popular TI-Artist format. Also has a command file for use with Display Master. Req' Display Master or TASS2001 (6019). 3 SSSD

6025A, 6025B - Fractal Explorer v2 by Steve Langguth. An interesting program that allows creation and viewing of fractal math problems, graphically. Req' E/A module. Use Opt. 3 : DSK1.FRACTAL-2. 2 SSSD

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## Secretary's Report by Jeff Asenas

The last meeting of the TI Club of Oxnard was held on February 1st, 1989. Meeting was opened at 7:38 p.m. by Vice President, Steve Mehr, in place of President, Bob Martyn, who was absent due to personal matters.

No old business.

New Business:

First discussed was the idea of running a video tape on local cable companies Public Access Channels (which are required of them to receive their operating license) on which we could tell about our club in an effort to try and enlarge the membership. This idea will be checked into by Harley Harlinton and Steve Mehr.

Next on the agenda was a series of painfully legitimate complaints from long distance member, Shirlee Smith. Shirlee stressed that most of her complaints were about the newsletter and the library which in my opinion are the heart of the club even though nobody contributes to either except a select few. She stated that since she cannot make meetings every month (she lives in San Luis Obispo) and since there are no other groups local to her, that the newsletter is her only source of information. She would like to see more product announcements, programs to type in and reviews of programs in the library. She has accepted the offer to review the programs in our library each month and write about them in the newsletter. Since I am out of wrestling season now, I promise to write at least a secretary's report each month if not more. I also think that a few choice reprints each month would fill empty space. As a newsletter editor for another club myself, I don't always like to reprint articles, but Shirlee reminds us that the club comes first, not the

exchange list.

One last complaint about the club that Shirlee had was about membership renewals. She complained that no one had the right to ask her to renew since almost all officers were overdue to boot. This should be corrected at the next meeting (if you know what I mean).

I wish to thank Shirlee at this time for bringing these important matters to our attention. I like to look at it this way, we have been fish swimming in a stagnant pond and now we are heading into a new pond full of live. Long live TICO!

For the program, we had a demonstration of the 1989 Valentine Card to the TI from master programmer, Ray Kazmer. The actual title of this program is called "The Maze of Grog" and the object is for you, Woodstock, to make your way through a maze, get past Grog and save Penelope, who is Woodstock's girlfriend. If you don't accomplish this, Grog has about 10 recipes for you and Penelope to be in. This program has been entered into the library now, #1212. It requires an Expanded system w/ 32k, at least one drive and a joystick is optional (got that, Shirlee?? Heh, heh!)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Be sure to come to next month's meeting where the featured demo's will be of Jiffy Card and Jiffy Flyer v3.0 which were released at the TI Fest-wasf '89 in San Diego which my father and I had the honor of attending. Many thanks to the Southwest 99er's, CA 99er's and especially the Southern California Computer Group for putting the show together. See you next month, March 1st, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

**MEETING: MARCH 1ST, 1989**

**7:30 P. M. AT RED BARON REST.**

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December 7, 1988

In working with TI-BASE version 2.0 we have uncovered an inconsistency which should be patched to provide the documented capability. The problem is in the RECALL directive and manifests itself when a record is RECALLED after being deleted from a sorted data-base. In this case the system hangs up and must be reloaded. The following procedure will correct the problem.

The procedure is to place this patch into your setup file so that TI-BASE will patch itself each time it is loaded. Proceed as follows:

- 1) Load TI-BASE
- 2) enter MODIFY COMMAND SETUP  
This should load the file "SETUP" and display it on the console monitor.
- 3) Use the insert line function (F4) to create new space at the beginning of the file.
- 4) Edit in the set of patches shown below.

The SETUP file should now look like this:

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SET TALK OFF
CHANGE D2BA 1026 PIV2.0
CHANGE D2C2 D306 PIV2.0
CHANGE D2D6 1318 PIV2.0
CHANGE D2EA 100E PIV2.0
CHANGE D2F0 160B PIV2.0
CHANGE D300 B012 PIV2.0
CHANGE D302 06A0 PIV2.0
CHANGE D304 E2CA PIV2.0
CHANGE D306 0000 PIV2.0
CHANGE D308 045A PIV2.0
CHANGE E32C C2E0 PIV2.0
CHANGE E348 C80B PIV2.0
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SET TALK ON
* Welcome to TI-BASE
* QUIT will terminate TI-BASE
*
*PRINTER EPSON
SET CURSOR 2
DISPLAY STATUS
* FUNCTION (7) for help.
RETURN
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A program to set up an Epson compatible printer.  
Run this program before TI Writer for example. JW

```
80 OPEN #1:"PI0"
100 CALL CLEAR : R=CHR(27)
110 DISPLAY AT(1,10):"PRINTER SETUP": : : "1) RESET PRINTER":"2) ELITE (12 CPI)":"
"3) NLS":"4) CONDENSED":"5) SUPERSCRIPT":"6) ITALIC"
120 DISPLAY AT(10,1):"7) EMPHASIZED":"8) DOUBLE STRIKE":"9) DOUBLE WIDTH":"10) 8
-LINES/INCH":"11) 6-LINES/INCH"
130 DISPLAY AT(17,1):"12) EXIT TO EBASIC"
140 INPUT "SELECT ONE:"R
150 ON R GOTO 160,170,180,190,200,210,220,230,250,260,270,280
160 PRINT #1:R;" " : GOTO 100
170 PRINT #1:R;" " : GOTO 100
180 PRINT #1:R;CHR(130);CHR(49): GOTO 100
190 PRINT #1:CHR(15): GOTO 100
200 PRINT #1:R;"50" : GOTO 100
210 PRINT #1:R;"4" : GOTO 100
220 PRINT #1:R;"E" : GOTO 100
230 PRINT #1:R;"E" : GOTO 100
240 PRINT #1:R;"E" : GOTO 100
250 PRINT #1:R;"E" : GOTO 100
260 PRINT #1:R;"0" : GOTO 100
270 PRINT #1:R;"2" : GOTO 100
280 END
```

Function(8) will save this command file on the system disk.

If there are any problems performing this modification, please contact INSCEBOT for assistance.

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Faherty  
INSCEBOT Inc.