

SOUTHWEST NINETY-NINERS

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!!

Next meeting, Thursday, September 7th at Devon Gables Health Care Center in the Executive Dining Room at 6150 E Grant across from the Price Club at 7pm. Presenting Cactus Patch in local mode so YOU can see how it works without a modem!

WORKSHOPS

GENEVE USERS

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
(September 12th). Ida McCargar's home
- 5428 Madison Stravenue - 294-3024.

GENERAL USERS

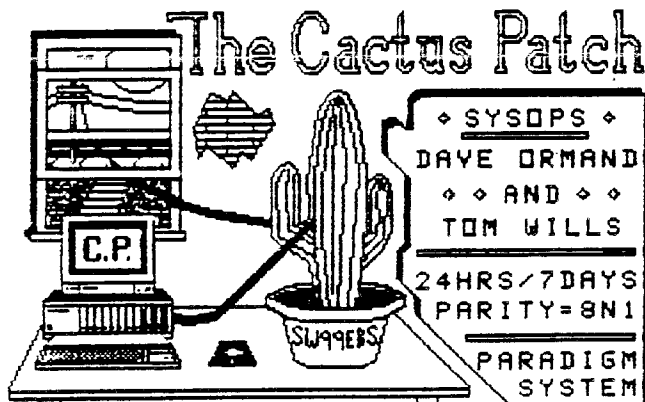
Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
(September 19th). Mathis' home - 5941
E 26th - 747-5046.

ADVANCED LANGUAGES

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm
(September 26th). Rod Stallard's home
- 7575 E Logan Dr - 745-6071.

SOUTHWEST NINETY-NINERS POTLUCK PICNIC

A potluck picnic will be held at Ed McCullough's home, 10241 E. Speedway, for all Southwest Ninety-Niners and their families at 4pm. Bring something to share, your own beverages, and lawn chairs. Plates, utensils, and a large barbecuer will be provided. RSVP Ed at 296-5183, or BJ at 747-5046, or Cactus Patch BBS 795-1953 user #3 or #14.



➔ 602-795-1953 ➔

ATTENTION: New Fest West '90 callers,
login using User #27, password FESTWEST!

GROUP DISCOUNTS

SouthWest Ninety-Niner members will receive a 10% discount at Discount Used Computer Company (D.U.C.K.) when they show their user group membership card. D.U.C.K. sometimes has items much less expensive than you will find in SW99ers Buyer's Guide, however, be careful some items are far more expensive.

We are also now members of the Office Club. With your SW99ers membership card and SW99ers Office Club Membership number you can buy items from the Office Club at a discount. You must pay in CASH in order to receive this discount. SW99ers Office Club Membership number will be available to members at the September SW99ers group meeting or from BJ (747-5046).

AUGUST SW99ERS' MINUTES

Thursday August 3, 1989



1. Ed Hallett conducted the Question & Answer period.

Q. Have you moved back to Tucson?

A. Not yet, however, I plan to do so in a few months.

Q. Why do we only get 32K of input storage from a MYARC 512K Card?

A. The computer is set up to address only 32K of the 512K card as CPU memory. One would have to use MYARC Extended Basic to have more than 32K available. I have found that storing regular variables in one part, string variables in another part and other variables in some other part of memory, I was able to use more memory.

Q. High humidity has caused my floppy disk not to rotate within the jacket. Has anyone else encountered this problem?

A. This will happen sometimes during high humidity.

Q. Lately, when using DM1000 (T)ype option for D/V 80 files my computer locks up. I have used this option on those files before, but now it won't work. Could my copy have been corrupted?

A. The (T)ype option of DM1000 is not reliable, it will often cause these problems on D/V 80 files that worked the last time you tried and will work again the next time you try it.

Q. What causes my screen to go blank at times?

A. That is usually an indication of Modulator problems. Try substituting a different Modulator.

Q. Does anyone know of a program that will convert TI-Artist whole pictures into Extended Basic?

A. There is a new program called Page Pro that might be the answer. One might contact Paul Scheidemann, who seems to be somewhat of an expert in this area.

2. Jack Mathis has modified DM1000 3.5jm to work on GENEVE, however, the QUIT function does not work properly, so he is still working on it.

3. Asgard Software has available a supply of Yamaha 9938 Technical Manuals, with hardware interfacing information. They are offering them at \$29.95 plus \$2.00 S&H. Those who are interested, may contact Ida McCargar for further information.

4. The TI International Expo '89 sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Ninety-Niners will be held September 16, 1989 in Alexandria, VA (near Washington D.C.). SouthWest Ninety-Niners interested in attending should contact BJ for further information.

5. Page Pro is being offered to User Groups, priced on a sliding scale for group orders. Interested members should contact BJ.

6. Gee*Bee Basics, 13246 Harper Road, Strongsville, OH 44136, is offering customized programming for a nominal fee--\$2.50 per routine.

7. A new store called Office Club recently opened on E. Speedway at Beverly. They offer some very good discounts. Not-for-profit groups can obtain free memberships, and additional cards are \$2.00 each. With a membership, groups can get a ten percent discount off the list price.

8. FestWest Committee meets next Saturday at 1:00PM to prepare the mailing to the vendors and user groups. We could use some help in stuffing the envelopes.

9. Our loaner modem is available to group members so they can gain experience in contacting the networks, such as GENIE.

10. Tim & Chris Mathis suggested we make a video of things to see in and about Tucson, to be played continuously during FestWest. They are willing to put it together. Bon Voyage Travel Agency has a video already made up. We will review it to see if it fits the needs. It is possible we may have access to it during FestWest time.

11. Arizona Shuttle Service Inc. provides van type service between Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix and the El Con Shopping Center in Tucson, at a cost of \$17.00, one way. They will drop off our conferees, at Days Inn, free of charge. This could be a very good alternative for round trip air fares into Phoenix.

12. We are planning a pot-luck picnic at the Ed McCullough residence during the latter half of September. The final details will be presented at our next group meeting. The address is 10241 E. Speedway at Houghton Road.

13. So far we have four requests for the purchase of a MYARC Hard/Floppy Disk Controller Card. Those who are interested should contact BJ Mathis right away.

14. Mark O'Dwyer gave a demo on how to develop a graphic.

Ed McCullough, Secretary

PLINK RESTRUCTURES RATES

Recently American People/Link announced a new rate structure. As we are all accustomed to prices going up all the time, it was a very pleasant surprise to see that PLink actually reduced its rates! The biggest rate reduction was for the users of 2400 baud modems. But, before I get to carried away with the new rates, maybe I should just let you read the official announcement...

As you may be aware, the volume of data transmitted is the primary area of increasing expense when a user is connected to PLink. With the increasing amount of file transfers since clubs were installed, our costs have been rising steadily.

The point has finally been reached where we must do something to bring our expenses back in line. Our base rate of \$4.95/hr for 300 and 1200 baud has been basically unchanged in the last two years. With due consideration, we do not feel that an across the board rate increase is justified. However, a modification must be made to bring runaway data costs under control. We can no longer eat the increased costs as we have been.

We have opted for a plan which benefits the average customer while addressing the area of excessive costs. It seems a fairer method than a general rate increase.

Effective Tuesday, June 20th, People/Link's rate structure will be as follows:

LOCAL/PCP Rates - (300/1200/2400 Baud)

24 hours/day : \$2.70 per hour

NON-PRIME Rates - (300/1200/2400 Baud)

: \$4.50 per hour

PRIME Rates -

300/1200 baud : \$7.95 per hour

2400 baud : \$9.95 per hour

Nodes listed with an asterisk in the Telenet phone listings have a \$3.00/hr surcharge during prime time.

*DATA TRANSFER CHARGES

PRIME	:	\$.18 per 5 KB (or any part thereof)
NON-PRIME	:	\$.09 per 5 KB
LOCAL/PCP	:	\$.04 per 5 KB

*Data Transfer Charges apply to all Xmodem Downloads. Xmodem Uploads remain free in public clubs.

This is an approximate 10% reduction in connect rates across the board (with a 60% reduction in 2400 baud rates!!!).

Canadian Datapac connections will be reduced to \$12.95/\$13.95/\$14.95 per hour for 300/1200/2400 baud respectively. Data Transfer Charges for Datapac users will be \$.18 per 5 KB.

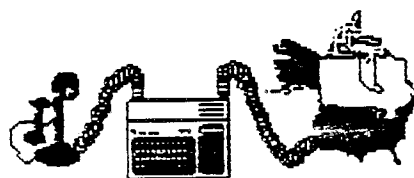
Frequent Plinker discounts will still apply to the base rates, but will not apply to any Data Transfer Charges.

As you can see, it is to your advantage to connect with PLink using a PC Pursuit acct. For more information on PC Pursuit (a service of Telenet), dial 1-800-TELENET.

Elizabeth McGinnis
President

Now, wasn't that some really good news! And as the Chairman of the TI-99/4A and Geneve 9640 section, I am really happy about this.

Tom Willis



SWAN'S POND

by Ida McCargar



Al Beard has completed 9640 FORTRAN for the GENEVE and it is for sale commercially. We are checking into prices and will have more information next month. In the meantime, download the file FORTRAN from the Cactus Patch and read a review and description of the program. Beery Miller provided an extensive review of FORTRAN in the latest issue of 9640 NEWS. He feels this is the "ULTIMATE" programming language for the GENEVE.

Barry Boone, who is now a Sysop and resident Techie on GENie, has released a Fairware program (EXEC) which allows you to run some TI programs from MDOS. This is an

improvement on an earlier program, TRUN, which would only run ARCHIVER from MDOS. I gather Barry now has a GENEVE, so we should see some new programs coming from him.

Another Fairware program in the Library is the latest version of XHi, a graphics program for the Geneve, which will also run on a TI with an 80-column card. This program comes from West Germany.

WANTED: Geneve users to contribute to this column. Have you discovered any tips to help other users, used any new programs, what ARE you doing with your Geneve?

LIBRARY NEWS

by Ida McCargar



Thanks to Mark O'Dwyer for a gift of Cassettes and a storage box. He has also donated to the Library a SAMS book and cassette combination, TI-99/4A CALC, by Gregory R. Schmalhofer. This is a complete electronic spreadsheet designed to be used with a TI, television, and cassette recorder. It will be available for checkout at the next meeting.

In addition, we have many new Fairware and Public Domain programs.

The library has lots of Newsletters from about 50 different groups. Spend a little time at the next meeting browsing thru them, or check out a few. We also have some Newsletters on disk, from the Tidewater U.G. in Virginia, and the 9T9 U.G. in Toronto.

If you have a special request--a book or program you would like, or information on any subject, call before the next meeting.

Cassette users, come to the meeting and pick up your free cassette, and see what other things we have for you.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO FAIRWARE LIBRARY

79. MS-ADVENTURE - John Taylor - Three linked all-text adventures similar to Scott Adams Adventures in mode of operation and high quality. Has solutions if you wish to cheat!

117. ARCHIVER III v303 (update) - Barry Boone - Originally written to pack a program containing several files for ease of uploading to a BBS, but it also works beautifully when you wish to mail a disk of several programs and want to prevent their various files from being intermingled.

182. SUPERSAVE - Eric Olson - Make program files from assembly object code. Nearly all relocatable ovObject can be SAVED into a program file. You don't need to make changes to the source code at all, so you can use it on programs you don't have the source code for, just one of the many advantages it offers over TI's SAVE program included in the E/A package. Also, included on the disk is a collection of other programs written by the author. Menu operated.

210. HRD Menu v7.37 - John Johnson - Menu system for Horizon RAM Disk. Built-in features include disk directory, View Display type files, RUN any program image file from Menu, plus user defined CALLs, user customized Menu. Available on request to HRD owners for the cost of the disk.

211. GIVE IT THE BOOT! (formerly PD13) Version 4 - John Johnson - Similar to HRD Menu, designed for those without HRD RAM Disks.

405. NOTMYCOPYM - James Schroeder - Copier for Geneve users with Myarc Controllers. Runs in GPL.

418. ASSEMBLER HACK - J.P.Hoddie

429. CHUCK BERRY'S GREATEST HITS - Ken Gilliland - Eight musical pieces from the father to Rock'n'Roll. Some with Graphics. ExBasic.

440. QUADLISTER - Harry Nieuwendaal - choice of three different sizes for printing a disk catalog; standard, small, and tiny; 2 across with comments or four across. A great paper saver if you have a lot of disks to catalog.

441. 1000 WORDS - Norman Rokke - Utility program for use with TI-Writer. Converts picture files from TI-Artist to D/V 80 files. These files can then be printed using the formatter. You can print documents which contain both text and graphics.

442. DISK LABELER 99v2 - Paul Scheidemantle - Catalogs disk in a variety of ways - over 4600 printing formats possible.

444. SECTOR ONE - Randy Moore - Options include: Alter Sector, Reverse or Forward one sector, Compare Sector, Dump Screen, Display Buffer, Move, Print, Read, Write, or Map Sector, Search String, Toggle ASCII/Hex. Documentation includes excellent tutorial about the information in each sector.

457. TRTRIS by Alexander Hulpke of W. Germany This game is a clone of the game "TETRIS" on the IBM and clones. (It looks EXACTLY the SAME!). Excellent Graphics! (Geneve owners: run this one at SPEED 1, or it is WAY too FAST!). Library Note: This is the game that appeared on DOW 1/89, with different graphics and seems to be a faster version.

458. SGW1*1 - R. Felton. Enables you to create high quality letterheads that will print using a simple .IF from the TI-Writer Formatter. Program runs from option 3 but is compressed so it won't load from IB. The author wants \$10 in Canadian funds for the docs and believe me, it does worth it. You can also use this program to help you define a character set since it gives all the code needed to do it. It is quite difficult to get all the possibilities of this program without the docs. Check the *READ-ME file or the program to get in touch with the author.

459. BASEBALL by Z-Eyes. Extended BASIC game is a newer version, with accelerated action and better movements. NOW, you can play with a friend, or against the computer, for some moves or the whole game, or let the computer play against itself.

#419 no longer available, per Bill Gaskill's request

NEW PUBLIC DOMAIN

ALIEN RAIN game
ARGROIDS game
ARTIST INSTANCES
ASSEMBLY MADE EASY tutorial - Don Cook - 2 disks
BHPX Flight Simulator
CATHAY adventure game
DSKCATTOTIB (typed from MICROpendium 5/89)
EXTENDED DISPLAY PACKAGE (IDP) by Craig Sheehan (Public domain from Australia). This powerful utility enhances screen handling through the use of over 20 A/L links that provide: an additional 98 graphics characters, 12 extra character sets, either 32 or 40 column display modes, windowing of text, enhanced DISPLAY & ACCEPT

functions, scrolling of graphics, ability to plot individual pixels, plus a screen dump that operates from both modes. Uses a minimal amount of program space and stack memory. Source code available.

HOWEY HUNT game
JOHNSON GAMES (Roman War Game and Others)
PD CAT ON DSK, from Jim Peterson
PICASSO (orig. version 1.1) if you like it, you can order updated version with support etc. from ASGARD)
POP DEMO music
QUIZWRITER
SINGING TI Terry Atkinson
TIPS Ron Walcott's Version 1.1 graphics program and one disk of pictures much improved and enhanced! Now you can do mailing labels; print verse inside greeting cards; take advantage of new font characters, increased speed, capability of adding new graphics files; and lots more!

FOUR-A/TALK - AUGUST 1989

A HOT SUMMER IN THE 99/4A & 9640 COMMUNITY

by Bill Gaskill

WHAT'S HOT:

PPDNU (Page Pro Device Name Utility), COLUMNTEXT, TI-SORT and THE BUGGER.

DISCOVERIES:

-Inscebot Inc. has released the commercial version of TI-SORT. It contains all of the features mentioned in a previous Four-A/Talk column, but now has some of the neatest "windows" you have ever seen for on-screen help. It loads quickly and has performed flawlessly. If you don't have it, you WILL want it. The program sorts almost any kind of file, in ascending or descending order, by multiple fields. It also makes sorting a TI-Base file a "dream". Grab it! For \$14.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling, you can't go wrong.

Inscebot Inc.
P.O. Box 291610
Port Orange, FL 32029

-Richard W. Lauhead, a member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul 99ers, has written a neat assembly language coded utility to convert disk/path names on a floppy or ram disk to other paths/names. The program was originally written to convert Ed Johnson's Page Pro 99 so that it would run from a hard drive, but according to the author, the program will work on any application, not just Page Pro. The utility may be ordered from Richard or downloaded from GENie and probably the other major on-line information services by now. The program is not Fairware, but Richard wouldn't turn down any donations that you care to send.

Here's a short explanation of the program from him:

"Page Pro 99 Device Name Utility is a utility program I wrote to convert all the device names on the Page Pro example disk from DSK1 to WDS1.PAGEPRO (the directory on my hard disk where I put all the examples). This allowed me to load all the example pages without getting I/O errors, or having to use the method detailed in the manual for getting around this problem. I also used it on the three program files to convert all the default DSK1 prompts to WDS1.PAGEPRO prompts. The utility is really very simple. It reads each sector of the disk on the drive you specify and searches for the string DSK1. If it finds the string, it replaces it with the device name you specify, and corrects the device/file length byte. The program uses low level disk controller sector read/write routines. It has been tested on a CorComp controller on the Geneve, a Horizon RAM disk on the Geneve and a TI controller on the TI99/4A, but it should work on any controller. It has not been tested on the hard disk controller."

Richard's address is:

Richard W. Lauhead
3985 Clover Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55127

-Ron Prewitt, a member of the Tacoma 99ers, has released version 4.1 of Columntext and version 3.1 of MarginText. Both are companion programs designed to produce columnized output of DV/80 files. Both programs are menu driven and almost don't need any documentation to figure out. If you want to spruce up the appearance of your newsletter, this

may be the package for you. Ron asks a paltry \$5.00 for his efforts. You may write to him at:

Ron Prewitt
6429 South Fife
Tacoma, WA 98409

-Mike McCasline has compiled a listing of over 200 TI-99 Bulletin Board Systems around the country. I don't know if Mike is interested in sharing the list or not, but a couple of dollars might help sway him if you are interested. Mike's address is:

Mike McCasline
Box 885
Monrovia, CA 91016

NEWS:

-The official "final" version of Advanced Basic for the Geneve was released June 30th. It may be downloaded from GEbase in either one arc'd file (#3330) or as 7 un-arc'd files.

-MDOS version .95H for the Myarc Hard Disk was released on June 6th by Lou Phillips. It may be downloaded from GEbase. It is recommended that you download the un-arc'd version, apparently because of a "possible" problem with the compression of the file when it is archived. Both versions are available for download. The un-arc'd version is file #3299.

-As of July 15th, the word is that the most recent version of MYWORD for the Geneve will be the last one produced. Apparently since Peter Hoddie has moved to the Silicon Valley area of California he is no longer working for Myarc. Paul Charlton, who at last report was working in the Boulder or Fort Collins, Colorado area, is still working for Myarc. More good things to come I hope.

-A rumor is circulating that John Johnson will take over as sysop for the TI RoundTable on GEbase and that Scott Darling, who took over from Mark Sumner, way back when the TI RoundTable was first formed, will move on to "other" things.

-Another rumor I picked up is that Norm Sellers, master of music fairware, is nearing completion on a new assembly language coded utility for the 99/4A. Although I don't have a name for it, the program supposedly will read disk files and tell you virtually anything that there is to know about the files. A real "Innermost Secrets" type application.

-Ernie Pergren, the Educational Program Chairman for the Chicago TI Users Group, has undertaken a project to put together a 20-25 page booklet of non-copyrighted articles

from other newsletters? It will be patterned after the very successful Hardware Projects Manual that the Chicago Group produced via Nick Iacovelli et al.

-Tom Freeman and Jim Lohmeyer of T and J Software have announced the release of THE BUGGER, an assembly language debugger that sends output to the RS232 port to avoid corrupting the program being debugged. The program lacks print routines at this point apparently, but will have them included as soon as the necessary code for "all" RS232 cards is available. THE BUGGER is available for \$18.50 (which includes S/H) from:

T and J Software
515 Alma Real Drive
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

-Barry Traver has uploaded over 15 files of public domain graphics data files (that contain pictures) that can be used with a program called TIPS, by Ron Wolcott, to convert the pictures to TI-Artist Instances. As soon as I locate Ron's address I will let you know. I also haven't been able to find the TIPS program either.

-Comprodine's Rodger Merritt and TexComp's Jerry Price have apparently entered into an agreement whereby the giant distributor of TI-99/4A products will handle Comprodine software. On a similar note, Paul Coleman, author of GAP (Giant Artist Posters) and the NameLoc line of software, is apparently now lending his programming skills to the Comprodine line of innovative products. Look for great things to come!

Comprodine
1949 Evergreen Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92635
714-990-4577 (12-5 PST)

TexComp Users Supply
P.O. Box 33084
Granada Hills, CA 91344
818-366-6631 (24 hr. order line)

SOFTWARE FROM ST. LOUIS 99ERS

Disk & Booklet

1. Teach Yourself TI-Writer \$6 (\$8)
2. The Best of St Louis 99ers \$8 (\$10)
3. Dr. Tamashiro's TI Travels \$8 (\$10)

The prices quoted are discount prices for members or the Lima Show Special. The price in () is the advertised price. Perhaps we could get a discount on a group order. Contact Ida (294-3024) if you are interested.



by Ida McCargar

On this disk are 2 files which you can read with DM1000 or the Boot program, or print with Writer Formatter. They describe the latest version of Jack Sughrue's PLUS!, which he says will be the final version. This latest release is on a DSSD disk (and Arced), and in addition to these 2 files, contains 3 Doc-Paks, all the PLUS! programs, instructions and templates for using IP, several articles and tutorials for using Writer, including D. Altman's rewrite, Tom Kennedy's tutorial, and several others. Also included is a file of graphics by Anne Dhein, using Writer TL commands. This disk is really packed, and well worth the \$10 that Jack Sughrue asks. If you use writer at all, you need this disk. It is in the library.

REMIND is a date organizer Calendar program by J.J. Johnson, which he is now releasing to Public Domain.

REMINDERS is an arced program for Geneve owners--put it in your AUTO EXEC file and it will remind you of the day's events.

TINYCAT is a catalog program which allows you to print a 56 character comment for each program. This is one of ED Machonis' Tinygrams. We have 2 disks full of his programs in the library--all Public Domain, including all kinds of label makers. The catalog for this disk is printed with TINYCAT. PSYCHOLOGY is a kind of guessing game you play against the computer.

BOOT and LOAD will load your programs. BOOT-DOCS are included for those who did not get the April DOM--it explains changes in the new BOOT program. This program is now PAIRWARE.

BUYER'S GUIDE



The following information is provided as a service to our members. The items listed are for sale by the individuals indicated and are subject to prior sale. The group assumes no responsibility for items listed and makes no claims as to their condition or interface capability with the TI-99/4A computer. Only computer related items will be accepted for publication in this newsletter.

TI-99/4A Console \$25; PE Box w/all cards SSSD \$350; PE Box empty \$75; Color TV \$75; Gemini 10X Printer \$80; Seikosha Printer \$30; Speech Synthesizer \$25; Navarone Disk Fixer \$5; Monitor Cable \$2; Replacement keyboard \$4; TI Extended Basic \$25; Editor Assembler (new), Centipede \$10ea; Alligator Mix \$6; Early Reading, Logo II \$5ea; Hunt the Wumpus, Jaw Breaker II, Music Maker \$4ea; Picnic Paranoia, Blasto \$3ea; Personal Real Estate, Personal Record Keeping, Personal Report Generator, Household Budget Management, Home Financial Decisions, Tax Investment Record Keeping, Securities Analysis, Terminal Emulator II, TI Invaders, Munchman, Parsec, The Attack, Tombstone City, Chisholm Trail, Early Learning Fun \$2ea. Books: Programs for the TI Home Computer, Games TIs Play \$3ea.; Computer Playground, The Best Texas Instruments Software, The Best of TI 99/4A Cartridges \$2ea. Call Jack or BJ 747-5046.

Smith-Corona Fastext 80 printer w/manual, and Printerf (instructional software especially for this printer from McWare). This printer is mostly Epson compatible for text. Contact Pam Elliott (816)534-7790 or BJ 747-5046 for address.

TI-99/4A Console, Expansion Box w/CorComp RS232, TI 32K, TI Disk Controller, SSSD Disk Drive, TI Extended Basic, Editor Assembler, Multiplan, Writer, Personal Real Estate, \$380. Optionally 2 DSDD half height drives. Call Dick Paschal 790-4779.

Parsec \$4, Donkey Kong \$8, Big Foot \$8. Call Dick Paschal 790-4779.

TI-99/4A Console, Speech Synthesizer, TI Joysticks, 7 modules, 24 basic programs on cassette, make offer. Call Sue McLaughlin 297-9804.

FROM SOUTHWEST NINETY-NINERS: Speech Synthesizer \$25; Mini-Memory \$10; Adventure w/disk \$3; Tunnels of Doom \$4; Tax Investment/Record Keeping, Home Budget Management, Parsec \$2ea. Printer Ribbons: Star Micronics NX-10 or NX-1000 \$3, Gemini 10X \$1. Tractor feed 1-across mailing labels 500/\$1; Cassette Cables \$3. Books: Starting Forth \$10; Thinking Forth \$10; The Writers by Harry Brashear \$3, Home Publishing by Harry Brashear w/disk \$15; "Best" Newsletter \$5; Using & Programming the TI-99/4A \$4; Smart Programmers Guide to Sprites, Programming BASIC with the TI Computer, COMPUTE!'s Programmer's Reference Guide to the TI-99/4A, COMPUTE!'s TI-99/4A Sound and Graphics, Creating Arcade Games on the TI-99/4A, Fundamentals of TI-99/4A Assembly Language (Morley), COMPUTE!'s TI Collection Vol One, Art & Graphics with your TI-99/4A, Hidden Powers of Disk Fixer, 99(/4A) Tips, Introduction to Assembly Language for the TI Home Computer (Molesworth), The Innermost Secrets of the TI-99/4A, Software Development (Texas Instruments), \$3ea. Call BJ or Jack 747-5046.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!

by Tom Mills

Our guest member this month is the SouthWest Ninety Niners Treasurer, Les Neff.

Les, and his wife Ann, live at 4242 East Sixth Street on Tucson's near east side. Les moved to Arizona in 1951, and to Tucson in 1961. Les can be reached by calling him at 327-6437. Les and Ann are the parents of three children, one of whom died 10 years ago.

Les, who retired in 1982, was a Court Reporter. He moved to Arizona in 1951, and during the time he has lived here, he has worked as a Court Reporter in Bisbee for 10 years, in Pima County for 10 years, and as a Grand Jury Court Reporter for 10 more years. Les is certified in three states as a Court Reporter by the National Shorthand Reporters Association. Les was also the Chairman of the Arizona Chapter of NSRA on two different occasions. While working as a Court Reporter, Les received the status of an Official Reporter and a Certified Shorthand Reporter, plus received certificates as a RPR, CP, plus a Certificate of Merit!

Not to just sit idle during his retirement, Les has sold trade show displays, which he did for a few years after

retiring. He is now working toward being a Financial Counselor. In fact, he just took his certification test on August 13th. I'm sure I'm speaking for all the members of the SW99UG when I say "Good Luck, Les!". Les is also a volunteer for the Better Business Bureau, working as an arbitrator in disputes between consumers and auto dealers. He is also active in the local V.P.W. chapter and went to a V.P.W. convention in Las Vegas in the middle of August. When Les isn't occupied with his other activities, he enjoys playing chess, bridge, and poker. And, of course, he uses his TI in what is left of his spare time.

Les has a TI-99/4A console, a fully expanded expansion box, 2 half-height disk drives, and three printers. Yes, I said three printers, although he tells me he is only using two of them. One of his printers is a MX-1000. Les uses his TI mainly with PR-Base, BA-Writer, and Multi-Plan. He has boxes of other diskettes and cartridges, many of which he can't even remember what they are (boy, don't we all know that feeling!).

With Les, I have now covered all but one of our officers, BJ Mathis, who will be the subject of the next expose'.

--- NEWS UPDATE ---

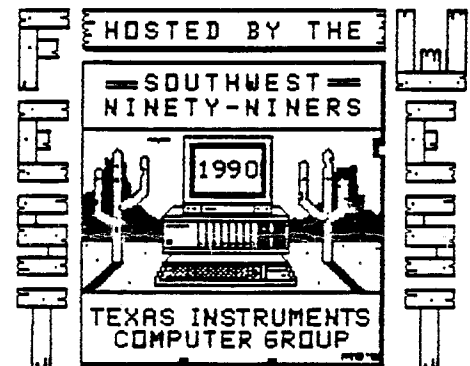
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Tucson, Arizona 85730

DATE/TIME: Saturday, February 17, 1990, 9:00 A.M. til 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, February 18, 1990, 9:00 A.M. til 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Days Inn (formerly the historic Santa Rita Hotel)
88 East Broadway Blvd
Tucson, Arizona 85701

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