

TRS-80 Color Computer

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#### STEVE GIBSON

Almost unbeknownst to the world-at-large, there is a tremendous Grass Roots movement building in America...no, it isn't Anti-Nuclear Power, or Anti-War, or Pro-ERA, or even Anti-Pro-Moral-Abortion-Morality-Liberalism...no this movement is the result of the tremendous growth in the Home Computer industry.

If you are a member of **WACO** - you are a member of this movement (HEY NOM - I'm an ACTIVIST!). By becoming part of a "club" or "organization" you join your voice (...and wallet) with that of others, and all together we speak much louder (...and hopefully clearer).

WACO is by no means alone in this movement though...As you look though this month's issue you'll notice "bylines" from other parts of the country...This doesn't mean that WACO has members from across the country...No, these are excerpts from other Club Newsletters that I receive in exchange for our newsletter...It doesn't take alot of thought to realize that this is the tip of an "Information Iceberg"...these are the programs and tips too small to gain entry into the "regular" magazines...this is the timely info that doesn't have to wait 6 months due to the "big guys" editorial backlog...and sometimes, these are the authors fed up with the attitudes of the aforementioned mag's Editors.

But we've got to do our part...scribble down that teensy weensy 2-liner that you wrote for the ZX-80 that saves phone numbers for quick access...or that big program that massages files so that an APPLE can talk to an IBM 360...take a look at the articles that Mark Schaub has in this month's issue and get some ideas...

Tons of Thanks to Mark Schaub - author and hacker - You're a shining example for all to follow!!

P.S. Does anyone out there know where I can get a hold of a legit Press Card?

#### ATTENTION AUTHORS!!

...PLEASE TRY TO USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS WHEN SUBMITTING ARTICLES, ETC.:

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#### SECRET ATARI GRAPHICS MODES

By Ron Kramer

(Reprinted from the GRASS - Grand Rapids Atari System Supporters)

There are many ways to redefine Atari character sets. The easiest way is with a Character Generator. But this isn't about another Character redefining program. In this article I hope to explain how to get into those "Secret" Graphics Modes. After you learn how to access these Modes you can pull out your favorite Character Generator and go to work creating multi-color Characters. Multi-colored Characters will come in handy for your

BASIC and Machine Language games. Before we go on, run this program!

1 GR.0 5 START=PEEK(741)+256\*PEEK(742) 10 ? "START OF DIS.LIST=";START 15 FOR ADDR=START\_TO\_START+50\_\_\_\_ 20 ? ADDR, PEEK (ADDR), PEEK (ADDR) + 256\*PEEK (ADDR+1) 25 NEXT ADDR

After it's entered in, type RUN. After about eighteen lines pass on the Monitor, hit CTRL-1 to pause the program. Now write down that number on the far left, (the one that's 18 lines down) and save it for later.

lines down) and save it for later. If you have a 48K machine your number should be 39984. What is this number you say? Well, that number is the beginning location of your Computer's display list (well the beginning of the now visible Display List). Now that you have your number, clear your Computer's memory. Now type in - POKE(YOUR NUMBER).4 and POW!! A black line rips across your screen...and your ATARI is damaged for good!! Not really...what you now have is a GR.0 screen with one

Not really...what you now have is a GR.O screen with one line of "Secret" graphics on it - otherwise known as Antic Mode 4. Now type something and hit RETURN a few times. The text will scroll up, and when it hits the black Bar it will turn into multi-colored text. Yes, there's more! Now add 1 to the number you wrote down, and type in - POKE(NEW NUMBER),4

Now you should see another line of black. Do this until the whole screen is Antic Mode 4. (HINT) - This is much easier using a FOR-NEXT loop. Such as...

FOR T=39974 TO 39995 POKE T,4 POKE 752,1:REM CURSOR OFF 2 POKE 3 4 NEXT T FOR WA=1 TO 500:NEXT WA 6 7 A=5:B=5 8 ? CHR\$(125):REM CLR SCREEN STICK(0)=15 9 **THEN 110** IF STICK(0)=14 THEN B=B-1 10 IF IF STICK(0)=13 THEN B=B+1 11 IF 12 STICK(0) = 11THEN A=A-1STICK(0)=7 13 IF THEN A=A+1 STRIG(0) = 014 IF THEN SETCOLOR 4,STICK(0),8 15 ? CHR\$(125):POS.A,B:?"\*" 16 GOT0110

Plug in a Joystick and run the program above. lti-colored "#" around looks almost like a Space Ship. Just think how nice it would look if you used your Character Generator on it! Multi-colored Characters, the possibilities are endless!

Ohter Antic Mode numbers - 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. START POKING! HAVE FUN!

(Program for 48K only!--For less memory insert your number in place of 39974 and insert your number+11 in place of 39995)

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NEW NEWS and Info received by the Editors 

From THE W5YI REPORT...

From THE WSYI KEPUKI... Clive Sinclair has dropped another bomb on the home computer market. his brand new "Spectrum" \$200 (16k) microcomputer has a full calculator-type K/B, fully "memory mapped" Z80A CPU, a real-time clock...even an audio output and a full color display!...All of the 256X192 pixels are directly addressable for full color capability. Size of the Spectrum is a small 9 by 5 by 1 inch! A \$90 IX microdrive (3" floppy) and RS-232 will be available...this year! TEXAS INSTRUMENTS and Commodore are oping after the discount TEXAS INSTRUMENTS and Commodore are going after the discount chain store business! K-Mart will "test" sell the TI-99/4A and Commodore VIC-20 in 500 stores. Target, J C Penney and Wards also plan to carry them. Japan's CASIO Computer Company plans to introduce a home computer in Tokyo within 60 days that will retail for \$63! Meanwhile, price cutting is bringing the price of the Apple II Computer down to nearly its \$1,000 Dealer cost. Apple is having difficulty maintaining its sales of Apple II -primarily because of the mail order sales ban. It's rumored that this decision will cost them \$20 million in volume! Look for Wayne Green to possibly publish a Heath/Zenith Computer Magazine in much the same fashion as 80-Micro. Radio Shack cut prices on their 4k Color Computer and on their PC-1 hand-held computer. From the Mailbox: GRAPHPLOT VERSION 1.0 GRAPHPLOT is a four quadrant (or any combination thereof) STAPHPLOT is a four quadrant (or any combination thereof) 56

X-Y plotting program for the Integral Data Systems 460, 560 and PRISM printers. It produces high quality, high resolution plots with a minimum of set-up. System requirements are CPM Ver. 2.2, MICROSOFT BASIC Ver. 5.2 and a minimum of 48( RAM to plot 100 points. Currently available for the HEATH/ZENITH in 5 1/4" SD Hard-Sectored Disk. Inquire about other formats. Available for \$40 from Pressure Applications, 2478 Briarwood dr., San Jose, CA. 95125.

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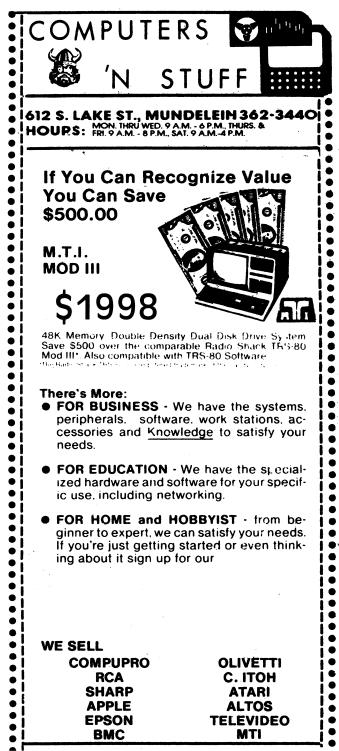
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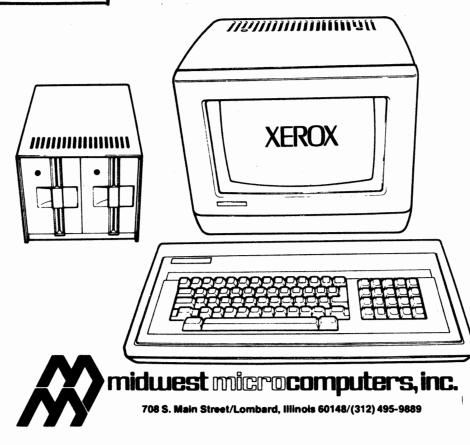
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## The Xerox 820 Information Processor



Components DISPLAY/PROCESSOR — The 24 line/80 character display quality exceeds industry standards for desktop computers. Easy viewing is enhanced by an adjustable brightness and high-quality flicker-free screen. The display unit also contains the processor for the system, which is softloaded and uses a Z80\* based microprocessor with 64K RAM memory and 4K ROM. Four ports are standard (dual serial ports and dual parallel ports) which allow you to connect the printer, communications and other devices.

KEYBOARD --- The Xerox 820 uses a standard 96 character keyboard. Additional function keys are conveniently located to the right of the keyboard for cursor control (providing easy access to any point on the screen) and editing functions. A 10-key pad is included for convenience and speed in typing statistical documents.

DISC DRIVES - You can utilize two 51/4" single-sided disc drives that let you store approximately 40 pages. For increased capacity, you may configure the system with optional 8" single-sided discs that increase storage up to 130 pages of typed material. The disc drives are connected via a cable to the processor, allowing for easy placement on a desk top.

PRINTER (OPTIONAL) - The 820 features a 40 cps daisywheel printer that produces high quality copy with bi-directional printing in either 10 or 12 pitch. This is ideal for quick turnaround of documents.

COMPATIBILITY --- Upward compatibility with 860 Information Processing Systems is offered on text created on the 820 with 8" disc drives through a separate software package offered on the 860. In addition, the 820 is an investment that will fit into your long-range plans, since *Ethernet* compatibility is available through the 872/873 Communication Server using Teletype communications mode on the 820.

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#### THE REST OF 1982...

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#### SOFTWARE REVIEW

TRS-80 Software Review by Mark Schaub

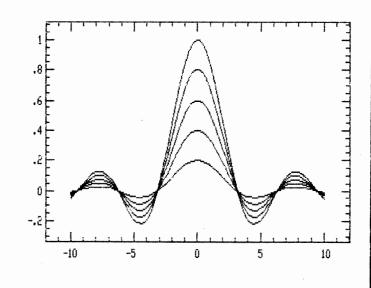
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If you have a use for graphs or plotting curves, AUTOPLOT is for you. I'm sure you've seen the 3-D multi-curve plots on the cover of a few of the popular computer magazines. AUTOPLOT doesn't quite produce these, but it sure comes close.

AUTOPLOT uses Disk Basic with a little help from an in-memory machine language program. It takes a lot of the hard work out of plotting curves, by doing the scaling, computations, and plotting for you. AUTOPLOT will produce 6 different kinds of graphs from your data or function. It allows you to choose LOG scaling for either axis, allows plotting more than 1 curve on the same graph, and allows you to choose between function, integral, derivative, and integrated modes. For those of you whose trig is a little rusty, these modes let you see the same formula or data in different ways.

AUTOPLOT comes on a 35 track disk with TRSDOS 2.3. It works on NEWDOS80/V2, and I suspect it will work with other DOSs. You must have the Graftrax-80 option installed in your printer or AUTOPLOT cannot work. By looking at the graphs in this newsletter, you'll see what can be done with AUTOPLOT. AUTOPLOT costs \$77.50 and is available from Menlo Systems, or EBG & Assoc. in Chicago.



AUTOPLOT - TRS-80 AND EPSON MX-80

FUNCTION 5000 Y=SIN(X)/X\*(M/5)

(ALSO ON THE FRONT COVER)

#### BYTE BY BYTE

#### By Mark Schaub

Printing numbers in a MLP (machine language program) can be tough because of the many different kinds of numbers used in a computer. Some numbers really are numbers, some just represent numbers (ASCII), and some numbers control parts of your machine. The 3 MLPs shown below are used to move numbers around in memory and keep their meaning correct.

The first MLP will input an ASCII hexadecimal number (4 digits) from the keyboard and convert it into a 2 byte hex number in register HL. Only the numbers 0 to 9 and the letters A to F will be accepted. Pressing the (ENTER) key will end the routine early.

| 01010 HEXIN | CALL | A1000         |                       |
|-------------|------|---------------|-----------------------|
|             | CALL | 01C9H         | ; CLEAR THE SCREEN    |
| 01020 HI    | CALL | 00 <b>49H</b> | ;READ THE KBD         |
| 01035       | CALL | 0033H         | ;SHOW IT              |
| 01030       | CP   | 13            | ;IS IT A CR?          |
| 01040       | RET  | Z             | ; WE'RE DONE          |
| 01050       | CP   | '0'           |                       |
| 01060       | JR   | C, H1         | ; IF LESS THAN O      |
| 01070       | CP   | · 9·          |                       |
| 01080       | JR   | C,H2          | ;IF > '9'             |
| 01090       | CP   | 3AH           | •                     |
| 01100       | JR   | C, H1         | ;IGNORE IF < 'A'      |
| 01110       | CP   | <b>'</b> 6'   |                       |
| 01120       | JR   | NC,H1         | ;IF >= '6'            |
| 01130       | SUB  | 7             | ;CHANGE A-F to number |
| 01140 H2    | and  | 15            |                       |
| 01150       | ADD  | HL,HL         | ; THIS                |
| 01150       | ADD  | HL,HL         | ; SHIFTS              |
| 01170       | ADD  | HL,HL         | ; LEFT                |
| 01180       | ADD  | HL,HL         |                       |
| 01190       | LD   | D,0           | ;ZERO OUT D           |
| 01200       | LD   | E,A           |                       |
| 01210       | ADD  | HL,DE         |                       |
| 01220       | JR   | HI            | ;GET NEXT DIGIT       |

The next subroutine will print the number contained in the HL register as a DECIMAL number on the screen.

| 02000 DECPRT  | LD   | IX, TABLE | ;SET UP POINTER   |
|---------------|------|-----------|---|
| 02020×D1      | XOR  | A         | ;ZERO OUT A   |
| 02030         | LD   | B,{1X+1}  |   |
| 02040         | LD   | C,(IX)    | ;DECIMAL DIGIT  |
| 02050         | OR   | A         |   |
| 02050 D2      | SBC  | HL,BC     |   |
| 02070         | JR   | C, D3     | ;DIGIT DONE   |
| 02 <b>080</b> | INC  | A         |   |
| 02090         | JR   | D2        | ; CONTINUE  |
| 02100 D3      | ADD  | HL,BC     | RESTORE   |
| 02110         | ADD  | A, 30H    | NAKE ASCII  |
| 02120         | CALL | 33H       | DISPLAY IT  |
| 02130         | LD   | A,C       |   |
| 02140         | CP   | 1         | ;ARE WE DONE??  |
| 02150         | RET  | Z         | ; OK!!  |
| 02160         | INC  | IX        | GET NEXT  |
| 02170         | INC  | IX        | DECIMAL   |
| 02180         | JR   | D1        | NEXT DIGIT  |
| 02190 TABLE   | DEFW | 10000     | •   |
| 02200         | DEFW | 1000      |   |
| 02210         | DEFW | 100       |   |
| 02220         | DEFW | 10        |   |
| 02230         | DEFW | 1         | CONT  |
|               |      |           | <ul> <li>A second sec<br/>second second sec</li></ul> |

Now that you've seen these subroutines, you may be asking what can be done with them. Just watch.

| 00010       | ORG  | 7000H   |                   |
|-------------|------|---------|-------------------|
| 00020 START | CALL | HEXIN   | ;GET A HEX NUMBER |
| 00024       | LD   | A,20H   | ASCII SPACE       |
| 00026       | CALL | 0033H   | ; SHOW IT         |
| 00030       | CALL | DECPRT  | PRINT DECIMAL     |
| 00040       | CALL | 0049H   | ;READ KBD         |
| 00050       | CP   | , ,     | ; SPACE BAR       |
| 00060       | JR   | Z,START | ; AGAIN           |
| 00070       | JP   | 402DH   | BACK TO DOS       |
| 03000       | END  | START   |                   |

Watch the line numbers to see where each routine goes. This routine will convert a 4 digit hex number into decimal. If you want to convert another number, just hit the space bar. If you hit any other key, you will return to DOS. For those of you who have a non-disk machine, change line 00070 to read: JP 1A19H

Next month: Using these routines and some new ones, I'll show how you can have a constant display of how much memory is available for your BASIC program, using an interupt driven monitor. As always, if you have any questions or comments, see me at the next WACO meeting or write C/O this newsletter. -Mark-

#### COLOR COMPUTER RAM ADDRESSES

Provided by Jim Gresham in the CSRA Computer Club Newsletter:

000-004 BASIC STATUS POINTERS 019-01A BASIC PROGRAM START ADDR. 01B-01C VARIABLE DATA START ADDR. 01D-01E END OF VARIABLES 01F-020 END OF ARRAYS 023-024 BASIC MEMORY LIMIT 027-028 PHYSICAL MEMORY LIMIT 04F-054 FLOATING POINT BUFFER #1 05C-061 FLOATING POINT BUFFER #2 068-069 TOP OF USER STACK 06F OUTPUT CHAR. DEVICE # 070 STATUS POINTER 071 RESET FLAG (&H55) 072-073 RESTART VECTOR 07C BLOCK TYPE (CASSETTE) 07D BLOCK LENGTH 07E-07F BUFFER ADDRESS 088-089 SYSTEM CURSOR LOC ADDRESS 094 CURSOR BLINK TIME FUSE 094 095-096 SERIAL I/O BAUD RATE 097-098 PRINTER LINE DELAY 099 COMMA FIELD WIDTH 098 LAST COMMA FIELD 09B PRINTER LINE WIDTH 090 PRINTER LINE POSITION 09D-09E USER CALL (LAST) 09F-0A0 NEXT CHAR. FETCH ADDRESS 151-159 KEYBOARD SCAN BUFFER 15A-15D JOYSTICK POSITION VALUES





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#### PROGRAM EDITOR FOR CHEAP PEOPLE

Reprinted from the LAUGHS (Louisville APPLE User's Group) Newsletter:

Here's a nice little utility for all of you who are too cheap to buy PLE and too honest to steal it. It's an excellent example of how virtue (or cheapness) is rewarded.

Key this program in (or download it from the WACO Hotline - ed.). A\$= 0300 and L\$= 00CF. Now load it and then load a BASIC program that you want to edit.

If you hit CTRL-A, the screen clears, and the text width is set to 33 columns. This means that you can edit RPINT strings without running into the imbedded spaces problem--when you come to the end of a line, you don't have to move the cursor to the beginning of the next line. you can tell that the function is in effect whenever you CATALOG - the catalog will be double-spaced.

Thanks to Bill Wolfe for this routine, He's tied it into a Keyboard filter, so that you can enter lower case in BASIC if you have a lower case chip installed. Hit XXXXX for upper case, XXXXXX for lower case.

Okay, so it doesn't do a "FIND" like PLE, and you still have to move the cursor up to the line that you want to edit using the escape codes (esc-I, esc-J, esc-M, esc-K) that you've been using with the built-in APPLE Screen Editor (see pages 52-53 of the APPLESOFT TUTORIAL). But what the heck; it's free.

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0300- A9 13 85 38 A9 03 85 39 0308- A9 95 85 36 A9 03 85 37 0310- 4C EA 03 8E AE 03 48 C7 0318- E0 90 04 29 91 28 1F AD 0320- B1 03 E0 00 F0 19 CA AD 0328- B0 03 C9 88 FO 11 C7 EO 0330- 90 02 29 DF DD 00 02 DO 0338- 1E AD BO 03 **9**D 00 02 39 0340- 6E B1 03 68 AE AE 03 20 0348- 83 03 20 B2 03 30 22 **C**9 0350- 9B FO 13 8D BO 03 60 68 0358- AE AE 03 20 B3 03 48 A9 0360- 00 BD BO 03 68 60 48 A7 0368- 88 8D **B**2 03 8D BO 03 68 0370- 60 8C AF 03 C9 E0 90 02 90 03 0378- 29 DF AO 03 D9 FO 0380- 06 88 10 F8 4E B2 03 AO 0388- 88 8C BO 03 AC AF 03 60 0390- C9 CA 98 8C AF CB CD 03 0398- AC B1 03 10 08 AC BO 03 03A0- CO EO 90 01 98 AC AF 03 03A8- 4E B1 03 4C FO FD 08 04 0380- 8D FF 00 20 **C**9 1B FD 08 03B8- 81 F0 02 28 60 48 78 48 03CO- 20 58 FC 21 85 A9 21 68 03C8- A8 68 A9 8D 4C BB 03 39



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### LAST MEETING

#### Waco Minutes - 10 July 1982

Old Business:

The meeting was brought to order at 1:40 by Pres. Art Kahn. Kirk Benson, Treasurer, and Mark Schaub, Secretary, were not present. The club bank balance is \$409. Jay Jaeckal filled in for Mark. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. There was a report that JAMS (Joliet Area Message System) was down, but George Matayzek reported it is still operating. George also gave his report on diskettes. Dysan seems to be the top runner. George is going double-density in September. He recommends keeping the drives cool with a fan. The CACHE meeting is the 3rd Sunday at DePaul University Student Center.

#### New Business

The main meeting was about software and hardware review. Steve Gibson is putting together a book of the reviews done by members of the club. See the newsletter for more information about the review booklet. Great America tickets are available for groups of 100 people for \$11 each, which includes parking and a lunch. The WACO picnic was cancelled due to lack of interest. The next WACO meeting is August 14th at 1:30 PM at the Quinlan & Tyson Building, 7 W. Schaumburg Rd. (This is the 1st stoplight south of Library Ln.) The topic of the next meeting is software review assignments, and also starts the membership drive. George Matyazek reported that on August 1st, Compuserve will be \$5/hr. and the Source will be \$7.75/hr. George is thinking of starting a club for the purpose of downloading programs from other boards. They will meet at George's house. The ATARI Sig will meet July 17th at 11 AM at the AVCO building in Hoffman Estates. The number for the IBM bulletin board is 674-7636.

Respectfully Submitted Mark Schaub, Secrectary (recorded by Jay Jaeckal)

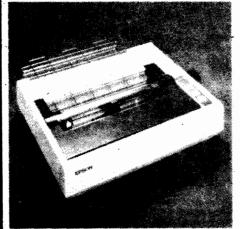
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