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Micro-Minutes

NEWSLETTER OF THE HEWLETT-PACKARD MICRO-COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

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GENERAL NEWS:

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{ Just a reminder about the hardware committee meeting Wednesday, June 29. The meeting will be held in the 5M-2 conference room at 5:30. We will be discussing the status of present projects plus future directions and goals for the club.

Is anyone interested in a second group purchase on printers? There are two possible printers under consideration. The first possibility is a repeat buy of the EPSON MX80-FT graphics printer and the second is a letter quality daisy-wheel printer. There are rumors that we can get the daisy-wheel for ~\$400.00 in quantities of five or so. The disadvantage of the daisy-wheel is speed and lack of graphics capability... but for those mainly interested in word processing applications, it might be just the thing. We could probably repeat the price on the EPSON (\$400.00) without any problem. If you are interested, drop me a note (Rick Walker) at 3U-32 and let me know your preference. I will publish the results in a forthcoming newsletter.

Disc controller boards are approaching completion. The main hold-up is some time-intensive trouble shooting on a few boards. We'll keep you posted on the progress.

The terminator boards have been fabricated and tested. There were a few minor problems with the layout and design, so the artwork is being revised. It should be 1-2 months for completed boards.

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Keyboard (+cover), power supply, cabinet, motherboard (12 connectors) front panel board, CPU board, schematics and notes. All HPMCIG hardware, brand new. \$300.00/Best offer. Telnet 922-3387 (509) 926-9048 ...Dick Nungester Bldg. 2I (Spokane)

Anyone have an 8" drive for sale? -Rick Walker 3U-32 x3754

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There will be a general club meeting Wednesday, August 31. The meeting will be held in the 5M-1 conference room at 5:30. We will be discussing the status of present projects plus future directions and goals for the club. We will probably be voting on some major issues for the club so please plan to attend.

An update on printers:

I thought you might be interested in some of my findings in the search for a printer. It seems that quite a few companies have broken into the market recently with low cost printers. This heightened competition has caused even alot of the older, larger companies to also lower their prices.

The main use I envision for my micro is word processing. For this reason I have looked into "daisywheel" printers. The Smith-Corona TPl is available for \$439. "Dealing Electronics" in Palo Alto offers an Olivetti daisywheel for \$395. The drawbacks to a daisywheel are slow speed, limited font styles, and lack of graphics ability. For these reasons, I have been looking at high-resolution, "psuedo-letter quality" dot matrix printers. The Epson appears to be the standard in this area, and with proper software can produce impressive results. The Epson MX-80FT is available for \$389. Several Epson copies have also appeared on the market. The COEX-80FT is \$289 and the STX-80 is \$199. I have not heard any reports on the quality of these new printers. The prices are certainly hard to beat! On the next page I have shown some sample copies of print to give you an idea of the quality attainable with proper software.

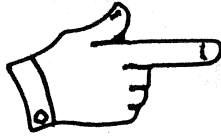
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IMPORTANT NOTICE !

The club has decided clean up some accounting lose-ends that have been plaguing us for quite a while. We are requesting that all members send in a claim listing all items purchased from the club but not yet received. (including work in progress) If your claim is not for a recent item, please include documentation (xerox of check, receipts, etc.) to substantiate your claim. The club will be responsible only for claims received within the next 60 days (by Oct. 21) Claims after that date will not be recognized. Once we have an idea of what the scope of this problem is, we will decide on appropriate action. We will probably deliver goods or refund money at our discretion. Our major concern is to resolve poorly documented claims from the far past. There is no problem with recent purchases, but we would still like you to list them for completeness. Send your claims to Rick Walker 3U-32.

For your convenience, here is a list of major items:

- Cabinet
- Transformer
- Power Supply
- Mother Board
 - Sockets
- CPU board (two purchases)
- Front Panel board
- Dress Front Panel
- I0/4 board
- Memory board
- Disc Controller board (in progress)
- Terminator board (in progress)

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