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## MEXT MEETIMG

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MEXI MEETINS
UEDS NOV 21 st - THARKSGIVINS EVE
wed nov 21 st - thanksgiving eve
The Business neating vill start as usual at 7:30pn at the
Mina : Federal Savings and Loan,
9th Avenue South, Hopkins.
Followiag the Business aeting we will have the beginaers Question and Ansuer session We will have 3 or 4 competeat people sho vill be available to answer questions. Tentatively we have devided questions into the following categories:
Graphics both HIRES and LeRES
Integer and or Applesoft non graphics questioas
DRS
If as a result of questions forthconing at the neeting, these categories are not suitable, ve vill of course chaage then. The main idea of the session is to prevent the session growing into a high level discussion beyond the understandiag of you beginners. Ue vill tell people to shut-up' if this happeas.
DAN UN FRINTERS
NISTIFIGATION FROGRAM 6.7 .8 .9
AFFLE UFDITE

HEDS, DECEMBER 19th
Ctristatas program. Bring your Christaas tree displays in HIRES - In fact if we can generale enough entries, we will have a little conpetition and prize for the dest Christnas progran. It must be in origiaal, that is sot purctased or one you picked up from a user bank. Hou about Santa Claus going down the chimaty in HIRES with Jingle
-Bells in the background.
Bring your family too!

## WEDS, JANHARY 16th:

Tentative eagagenent with illl Schloffer, a dealer represeatative for Hountain Hardware, of Santa Cruz, California. He will nake a presentation to the group about hountain Hardware products. Ttey make supertalker, ROAt, Apple Clock, Real Uorld Control, etc. This event was arranged for us by Conputerland to whon we are grateful.

## UEDS, FEE 20th

Tentative
Business Users Softuare Night.
We need volunteers to talk about their experienses with packaged software or to give tutorials oa available softuare of interest te Bus'ss Users.

## IIMI'APP'LES USER BANX STATUS

The library copies are curreatly circulatiag at the following distribution points:
Computerland, Hergan Circle, Eleoniagton
Computerlard, Huy 12, Hepkias
Zin Conputer, Brooklyn Center
We still hope ts put oae of the above sets inte mail circulation for out of touners very shortly.
The following programs have been added to the user bank and placed on side 10 of Volune II

Program Mane
Contributor

Dice
Page List (*300.388)
. 4 Spiral-LORES
Bowling Score (J)
SK's Color Pattern
Roses-HIRES Patterns
Randon Color Plot
Fowrth Dinension-graphic Stained Glass(HIRES)
S.X.Johnson
S.K.Johnson

Paul Jackson
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Paul Jackson
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stalnad blaselimes E Wiarichs
Omega Lander(MIRES gane) E.Miarichs Simen
E.Hiarichs

Crash Cars
Just 35300
E. Hiarichs

JustI9300
P. Duchler

1. Buchler

We are grateful to all of the above. of the above prograns, I on only faniliar with the last three. Just is described elsawhere in this newsletter. Crash Carg is an interesting game pregran usiag LORES graphics. Several coneeatric 'tracks' appear on the screen. The object is to avoid the computer controlled car by switching tracks.

We are curently in the process of conpleting a deal through Bred Snith of Topela Kassas who is picking up a set of over 500 'new' prograns fron a Califonian Apple user group. Hopefully these uill be added to our baak before the end of the year.

The proliforation of prograns on the user bank does present a trenendous logistics problen. We will probably have around 1000 prograns available by year end. Admittedly, a large proportion of these are 'junk'. But What is 'juak' to one person, nay be ar answer to a drean for soneone else. Our Librarian and the board are investigating if there is any practical, easy way of befter organizing these prograns. Remenber we all earn our living in other ways than shuffliag. prograns on Apple diskettes! Ideally.
prograns would be arranged by type (Cane, ed., Math, Business, Utility, etc) and by language (IMT, FP, Hon, etc).
There are some tools appearing whict should erthance our ability to catalog the prograns. In particylar, the CALL APPLE Bisk Cataloger which appears in the Dct Cail Apple issue and works in conjunction with FILE CABIMET should be of particular benefit. We are experinenting with it. Also of coasistant annoyaace to us has been our inability to screes the prograns. Again the volume has been the obstatcle.

## MInutes of october 1979 regular heetimg

The ainutes of the Sept meeting were approved as printed ia Oct newsletter.
It as reported that Mr Kulayste has not received his Nal. since joinias nany noaths ago. The treasurer uill correct matter.
The President asked for volunteers to put on an Apple demo for a ninority kids learaing progran called Math Bridge.
Discussions on education for MIMI'APP'LES nambers. Mrs Bell, a menber, asked about availability of classes in Pastal. A visitor, Jay Richards, who has 20 years computer experience, reported on forthconing classes that he and his partner plan to teach on Conputerland prenises. They are not affiliated vith Computerland. Classes are planaed in Iateger Basic, Applesoft, assenbly language and oventually PASCAL
Some new Apple dealers in the Twin Cities area were identified including
Personal Business Systens Iecorporated
Blunbers Photo Sound
By najority vote it was agreed that the Novenber metiag would be held on Hed Noy 21st as origiaaily schedeled even though following day is Thanksgiviag. Similarly the Dec neeting will be held as scheduled on Dec 19th.
Business Users, polled at this neeting, indicated a concurreace with the idea to hold a meeting oriented towards Business Users.
Further discussioas on incompatability problens iatrodaced by AUTOSTART ROM and/or LANGUAGE systen. A fix is available for the Microctess II problem.
It vas pointed out by the President that UL was printed this noath over a comnuaication link using a Hayes Moden and a ITY 43.
The President reperted that a group entitled Persomal Computing Society of WY was solicitiag menbership, both individual and group. There seemed to be little interest fron the floor.
Heeting adjoyrned at 8.25.

## scamning the issues

A aumber of important articles have appeared recently in the microconputer press. Sumarizad belon are some Apple articles in BYTE magazine, MiCRBCOHPUTINs(nee KILOBAUB) and HICRO.

Microcomputiag-Nov 79: Bon Lancaster Strites Agaia: Lower Case for your Apple (Part 1 or 2). The article destribes a hardwart mod to the apple to obtain lowercase lettors on the display in Text Mode. This frees up 8k as compared to using HIRES software tectnique. The mod requires the addition of seversl chips and jumpers on the Apple Hother board and nakes use of the Apple mask used to select Flash, Iaverse, etc. By setting appropriate patteras in the aask one can select upper case, lower case or plashing characters but not inverse. The hardware required costs about \$10. Lower case input is still a softuare job.

MICRO MAGAZIME, NOV 798
Disassembling the dOS 3.2 by villian Reynolds This is an excellent article and set of tables showiag antry points into DOS. There is alot of information in this article which to ny krowledge has sever beea published elseuhere. The map assumes a 48k system and contains about 250 eatry poiats or locatioas in DDS fror $\$ 95 \mathrm{FF}$ to BFFF. The author states
"Documentation of addesses in the B000-BFFF area may be ia error because that area got too conplex for me to retaia ay sanity"

## CALL Ame oct 79

Call apple has done it again and produced a fantastic issue. Keep up the good work Val! Anong the lead articles ara:
Auto Number: This progran by Gerald Cahill is a machine code routine stored at 8300 which provides Autonunbering of Applesoft statements as thay are enfored. It is used as tollous:-

CALL 770 starts autonumbering at line 100
CALL 787 restarts it next munber
CIL-x turas off auto-nantoring
Different starting Line Munbers gal be poked in. Increnent is always 10.

FIXES to file cablints
Code is included to fix a aumber of ougs and to inprove the Apple software bank progran.

1980 BUES
Kenbers are reninded that dues for nenbership in MINI-APP LES for caleadar year 1980 should be paid to the treasurer on or before the Jan 16th aeeting. Mewsletters will only be mailed to those from whon payment has been receivad by dan 1 st. $\$ 10$ vill buy 1 years nesbership, that is thry lec 31st, 1980.

Repeat - 1980 Dues are payable in lecenber

## YOUR DUES ARE TAX DEDHCTIELE!

Congress this year passed an act called the Techaical Corrections act. Contained uithin this act is new law which allows nenbers of any non-profit.club to deduct their dues in full. The ruling cane about because it was discovered that nembers of sone types of cle申s could deduct ahile others could not.

## thank you

MINI'APP'LEs vishes to thank all of you menbers uho brought hardware to the program exchange aight. لle realize the inconvenience this causes to those iavolved. Systems and components were supplied by:
Terry Pinotti Cenputerlabd
D.Buchler
C. Thiesfeld
C. and K. Hadonaa
B. Wheaton
L.Severian of Audio King

There was another systen, but the ouner left before the could be identified!

## hULTIPLE IISK CATALOG

This is an integer Basic program to read catalogs frona disk and to APPEVD that catolog to File In FILE CABIRET. This provides a mechanisn to make a conplete inveatory of your software and we plan to experinent with it for the Mini'App'Les user bank. The inveatory is cataloged under $\forall O L$, TYPE, SIIE and PRDGRAL MAKE. You can then use FILE CABINET to sort on any of those fields and produce as updated list of all your softuare. The progran was written by Gary Foote.
applesoft firmane card hires map
Steve Alex has produced map of the Hires eatry points in the ron card. The equivaleat of all of the entries used in the regular Apple HIRES package stored at COO to FFF are listed. One could eliniate the coo-fFF software entirely by substituting calls to the ROH!

## KEYBOARD MODIFICATIOM - AN LPBATE

By Keith hadorna
This article apends a previous article in the Mini'App'les hugust 1879 Meusletter page 7. Dan Paymar's keyboard modificition fron March 1979 edition of call M.P.P.L.E

The following changes are to be made to allow you to modify older keyboards, even as eld as the 300-th conputer off the line. The changes are aumbered, and the numbers are nade to replace existing numbers in the referenced article. You must use the August nevsletter Article and this Article to do the keyboard nodificalion on older keybeards
(4). Check centinuity with low-vollage ahmeter (not oyer i.5) at the foloniag pins. For chip aumber pin-oul pattera refer to Fig 1.


Check from *
FIB $1 . A$
Looking from Botton of Keyboard (for Figs 1A \& 1B)
(5)

Desolder pin aumberss
231, 23R, 36L, 36R, 37L, 37R
Refer to Fig 1.8

How renowe Rey/suitches K,L,O. Use Fig"T.C and 6ote 6 of August Meusletter.
(8) Check that continuity no longer exists betwea the following pins. 23L to 24L, 23R to 36L, 23R to y5-31, 37L to U5-30

(Desolder Keys in square blocks) (Dotted Lines are jumpers) ( $X$ means cut trace)
(9) Use a Pine tip grounded soldering iron to add the following junpers wires on the botton side of the keyboard. Note, this is after you put bact the keybeard syitches. 37R to 23L $24 L$ to 23R 3FL to 36R 38R to 37L This ends the amended naterial. Now boto lime 10 of August Newsletter.


FI8 1.C.
Looking From Top of Keyboard with three switches out-Cut Traces at $X$

## BUNKER RANA/NICTOR PRINTER MEUS

The number of $B$ printers connected to APPLES as of this writing is 18. Notes follor:-
(1) The Apple User bank PMOME LISI progran is easily modified to print 32 cols and mork with our printer. Dan has a nodified copy if alyone uants one.
(2) I've noticed, during chectout of several printers, that there is a tendency to drop the left mst character randonly. The problen seens ts te precipitated by dras on the printhead slideshaft. drop of oil and/or cleasing of both the front and rear slide bars usually cures the problen. Sane symptons could be caused by slippiag head-drive clutch. Try cleaniag clutch surface.
(3) Bale Benuett cane up with on isgenious way of iavoking and turaing off the priaters. He urote 3 short prograns that created 3 EXEC piles called
READY PRIITER
UP PRIMTER
DCAK PRINTER

> loads the driver sets HIKEK sets $836 / 37$ unhooks driver

In his versioa, he included the setting of $\$ 36$ \& $\$ 37$ in the driver itself and calls that portion from the EXEC routine. In this way the EXEC routines will work withAPPLESOFT or INIEGER BASIC since there are no POKES that must be doubled up on one line. INTEGER BASIC went allow that. Jan has another version of DALE's EXEC that uses a POKE 54,0:POKE 55,85
For reasoas stated above, it will only work with APPLEsof T. Call Dan Juchler or Dale Benpett for details.
(4) Several people have asked hoy to turn off and on the printer fron uithin a pregran. You need two subroutines

100 POKE 54,0 \& PGKE 55,85 : CALL 1002: RETURM BREN TERN ON PRIMTER

200 POKE 54,240 \& POKE 55,253: CALL 1002 : RETLPN IREM THRN OFF PRINTER
Use 149 instead of 85 in 48k systens.

RILE OF PAPER!
Dale Bennett, one of the buaker Rano ounors decided to treak a record. Exattly what record the broke wi really are not sure. it seems that there sas on article in Interface Age, Dct 79, entitled Micronathemation. Listing 1 in that orticle shows ansic progran to calculate Factorials starting at 1 and working upwards. For the gon

Kathematically inclined, an example of a factorial is
$5!=5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1=120$
Large factorials are very large numbers indeed.
Well to continue with our story, lale keyed the progran is, set it up to output on the $B R$ printer. Appraxinately 8 hours later it was still ruaning; the priater had rus out of paper and the last factorial printed out was approximately 1000!. Dale did output in ploatiag point sotation. Good show Dale!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DAN ON PRIMTERS( and related things)
Startia with last mosths newsletter, we are using a reletype 43 to print the nasters. As stated in gAN OH PRINIERS, the TIY 43 is one of the better dot matrix priaters on the market. It uses a $9 \times 5$ matrix (not $9 \times 7 \geq 5$ erroneously reported previously) out of which are constructed $7 \times 5$ characters, the characters gejop,i and y laviag desceaders or being $7 \times 5$ charaxter 2 dots lower than the other characters. The legibility of this system, though not quite as good as a $9 \times 7$ systen, is excelleat.
The actusl software systen we used for printing the neusletter is perhaps of sone interest.
The TTY 43 is sone 10 niles from the APPLE controllias the priating. A HAYES modem connects the APPLE to the phone line. A conventional aroustic coupler is used at the Tir 43 end.
The aeysletter was uritten and edited in the usual uay using DAM'S FULL EDIT (available on user bank). Then a special version of balls EDIT called PRIMT/HLSIIFY4BHAYES was loaded. Note that all of this is done usiag the tiY 43 as a renote console to the APpLE, just like sitting at your Apple keyboard. Thats one of the nice peatures of the MAYES noden. PRIMT/JUSTIFY4BKHAYES makes use of series of machise code output routines as follows:Vector lecations 3368137 pass contol to a special version of the HIRES display subroutiae called SUBMIHAYE. This differs fron previous versions in that besides displayiag upper and lower case letters in HIRES on the CRT, it also pesses lover case letters on to the next progran without converting then te uppercase first. SUBHITHYE then passes centrol to JUST (described elsewhere is this issue). Then coatrol goes to the \#AYES.

By B. B. Buchler
Have you ever yoadered why newspapers aad books usually hove several coluns of print on a pagaf There are several reasoas. The two nost inportant of those reasoas ares
(1) It has been demoastrated that the conbination of eye and brain is nost effertive at reading when the least anount of scanaing is required. That is, the anount of eye novenent is at a ainimus. One school of speed reading teaches you to scan only up aad doun. Therefore, a narrowar colunn nakes it easier to read siace it reduces the anount of right-left eye movement required.
(2) The total anount of text that may be included on a page for a given type size and style is increased if one reduces the anount of 'white' space. That nay seen obvious, but what is not often realized is that short limes make nore efficient use of the available space. for exanple, line space betweea the end of one paragraph and the start of the mext will be only half as lons for 2 colunns as compared to 1 colunn. or a column header with 2 or 3 words will only take $u$ half of the space.
Well whats all this got to do aith justification. The ansuer is 'alot'. As the colunn uidth is reduced, it becomes necessary to 'justify', or line up, both right and left nargins. This is because the eye rould be distracted by the ragged edge of the right margin and yould not be able to scan efficiently. In fact one aight have trouble staying in the same columa all the tiac.
One of the major ingredieats of a word-processing spsten is a colunn justification capability. All word-processing systeas on the arket offer colunn jestification, but most of then are uritten in BASIC and are rather slow.
Just is a machine code coluan justifier which may ba used on any MPPLE with aay conventional priater or even the display screen itself. It will interfaceuith IASIC, APPLESOFT, ete. The followig features are provideds
-Right and Left Margin Justification
-Variable colunn width
-Additional gpaces added te achieve
Justification are evesily distributed
-Additional spaces are not iasert is same
place on succesive limes but ripple across
page
-Compatible with all BABICs
-Compatible with nost printers and screen
-Suppression of blanks at beginaing of line except ofter RETURN or Initializalion
-Recogribion of real RETYRM(BOS) or pseudo return (85E)
-Does not right justify on liae coataiaias RETURM
-Spacias following punctuation is controlled by user to provide naxinum flexibility of fornat
-Fast. . nicroseconds per character.
-st Assembler source code available
-Less than 2 pages ( 512 bytes) iacluding buffer. Program is about $\$ 150$ bytes loag without buffer.
-Tables nay be printed by oading each liae with RETURN and indenting liae as required with spaces.

## LOADING THE JUSTIFICATION ROUTIME

If you have an Assenbler, obtain copy of the sourse or key it in froa the listing and set the origin to whatever is conveaient to your systen. If you don't have an assenbler, obtain a copy of one of the binary files fron une user baak. Tuo versions are availafle. one, designed for 32k 105 starts at $\$ 5300$. The other for 48 K D日S starts at 89300. The 32 K 005 version is listed with this article and nay be keyed in. If you do so, save it as one binary file on the disk. When you are ready to use the routine, BLOAD it into nenory ( $\$ 5300$ or $\$ 9300$ ) which is just below bOS any other machise code you might have in menory. Referring to the source listing, you will notice a variable DRIVER. That label BRIVER refers to the eatry point into your driver if you have a RAM resident driver. such a driver night be located at $\$ 5500$ or $\$ 9500$. If you are using firnware drivers resident in Roms, set the value of DRIVER to CHO2 where $N$ is the slot number. Exanples
If you have a parallel card in slot 2 the valus of DRIVER should be C202. This causes the Justification poutine to Jump to the firnuare driver.
The label LAST refers to the line leagth and is sat to 1 less than the sumber of characters desired on the line. once you have setlup deIVER and LitbT the routioe is customized for your configuration and nothing else meed be chasged.
However, if you wat to chaage the line width at any time after the bimary is loaded, the

## stateneat:

POKE 21312; X8 REM For 32K.vergion or
POKE 27841, X: EEX For 48k vergion where $X$ is width-1 will do it.

To enable the justification process, do the following
POKE 54,justlo: POKE 55,justhi : CALL 1002
where justlo and justhi are the low-order and high order parts of the starting oddress of where you have loaded the Jestification routine. For exmple, if J8ST is leaded at $\$ 9300$
justio $=0$ and justhi $=147$ ( 147 is same as 893). The statement will thes be

POKE 54,08 POKE 55, 147 : CALL 1002
For 33k systens, the statement is
POKE 54, O\&POKE55,E3: CALL 1002
For ifter32K or 48K D0S systens; the justification may be turned off with
POKE 54,240: PAKE 55, $253:$ CALL 1002

## Haraiage

If you emble JUST and then to an INPUT, you may te supprised at that happeas. Da IUPUT, the system displays what is typed in by using the systen output routioes. JUST will not actunlly output anything until either it has seen a RETURN, or the nuaber of characters output are sufficient to fill a complete liae (ㅆNNT). Therefore on input you vill not see anythiag on the screen or printed out until the above conditions are satisfieds i.e a Pull line is input or a line ends in © C/R. HOU BEES IT WORX?
(1) The lecation 36837 (54 855 contain the address of the start of an output routime. This is ususliy the Monitor Display at SFBFD or a priater driver in RAM or ROM. Ue replace the address in 336 l 037 uth the address of the justification routime. This causes the Justification routine to get control each tine a character is output.
(2) Uhen the justification routime (J\#ST) geta control, it stores the character that wat sent to it -in a buffer (called biff) which is lecated at the ead of JHST. JUST will continue storiag characters sequentially into luff, until it has received one more character than the leagth of liae. The following example assumes line leagth of 16 (rather skimy colunn). fef us essune the following seatence is being autputs

This is an example fow JHST works.

The following portion of the above senteace will be stored in BUFF

This is en example
And of BUFF
(3) JUST now shifts out of the 16 charatter area ary partial vord that overlaps the end of the 16 character area in BUFF. In the example the partial mord 'exampl' will be shifted out of BuFF:

## in2s is en exanpl

End of geff
(4) The remaiaing words in butf are now spresd out uniil they exactly fill the 16 characters of BUFF:
This is anexanpl
(5) All the 16 characters in buff ore now output by sendiag then one by oae to BRIVER. (6) Any word shifted out of BUFF in (3) above is moved to Degininig of BUFF

## exanpl

## End of BUFF

and ue return to step (2) above storiag new characters fron the sentence inmediately after the 'end' word which had beea noved to beginning of BuFF:

## exanple of thom N <br> End of TUFF

and the cycle repeats to result ias
This is an
exanple of hew
JUST verks.

Note last lime ends with carriage peturn, so it is oot right justipied!

## JIST OISSASSEMELER LISTING





APPLE UPPATE
by Cheryl hadonna
APPLE:A Bigger byte
Corvus iatroduces a Hard Disk for microcomputers. It's snaller than brief case, and comes uith in intelligent controller. Two-8iach Platters and personalitymodule (HBOS $\mathrm{H}=\mathrm{Hard}$ ) is supplied with unit. Here's some comparison specifications betseen the nini-floppy and Corvus

Comparison chart
APPLE Mini-floppy/CORUUS Hard Disk
Data Transfer Rate bits/sec 156K / 100K Total Capacity bytes $116 \mathrm{~K} / 11$ hegs User Caparity bytes 102K / 9.5Kegs Access Tine a/sec Max $600 / 60$ Min $200 / 50$ Drives per/Controller Two / Four. $\$ 595$ / 85350
APPLE Hicrochess Cassettes "will" load on an APPLE II "PLUS" or any APPLE withthe new Auto-start ROM, provided the correct procedure is followed. Don't stop reading now, starting fron the rightbracket in Applesoft or Integer, typercall- 167 to obtain the ' $\%$ prompt of the APPLE nonitor. Now follow the
instructions in the lircochess manal to load the progran. The command CALL-151 is not the equivalat to pressias the reset on an APPLE II plus. Infact if you remember back a few montins, the riason for usiagthe CALL-151, was to be able to get intothe nobitor uithout killing page 3, which in turn killed DOS.Another Day another DOS

Coming soon - the new 3.2.1 DOS with updated copy routines.
This will be free to all ouners of systen masters with $3.2(.0)$ DOS.

Last but not leasts
Rumor has it APPLE Conputer Iac. willbereleasing a new "slice" the APPLE III in the not to distant Puture.'

Das has more Bunker Rano Printers. He have cleaned out all of the knowa sources of these printers in the Twin Cities. Deliveries are being aade fron priaters put together fron the last batch. Printers are still 850. They uill work with any parallel card (providieg special software is supplied) or with the DAN II interface. If you are interested, call lan at 890-5051. Act past while there are some left. Anyway the price will probably ge up significantly for aay which ayy renaig aflep Jaa ist!

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