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EDITOR'S NOTES

If all the rumors are correct, by the time you're reading this, IBM will have announced and introduced "PC Junior," the new personal and home computer also known as "Peanut." If you own a PC, a "Junior," or a Coleco Adam system, we're interested in articles. Address them to Submissions Editor, New Computers, COMPUTE!, P.O. Box 5406, Greensboro, NC 27403.

While this Christmas was destined to be "the Christmas of the computer," delays in shipments for Coleco and Atari, and the impact of expectations regarding the new IBM entry, have made it anything but a happy season for investors in the personal computer stocks. Texas Instruments, Commodore, Warner Communications (Atari), and Coleco have been seesawing back and forth with every delay, anticipated or actual. Warner stoutly denies any falling off in their intentions toward the personal computer marketplace; Coleco vows to ship hundreds of thousands of systems by Christmas; and Commodore head Jack Tremiel is quoted in the Wall Street Journal, in response to concerns about IBM's pending entry, as suggesting that there are far more people with \$200 than \$700 for a computer. We should doubtless look forward to an interesting spring.

From COMPUTE!'s perspective, we're seeing thousands of new computers sold every week, and plan to continue providing you the same level and quality of applications and support. We *don't* expect the major players to change anytime soon.

We noted with regret the filing of bankruptcy by the Osborne Computer Corporation, and with special regret some of the mudslinging that occurred after the fact. Among the available scenarios is the possibility that Mr. Jaunich, president of the company, arrived too late to stem the flood of problems that predated him. Our regrets to the laid-off employees, and best wishes for a sound recovery.

If you're in the marketplace for a unique Christmas present, Kathy Yakal presents a random sampling in the sidebar to her feature "The Christmas Of The Computer?" A chocolate diskette, perhaps?

Random Bits:

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I have often read that diskettes must not be exposed to temperatures below 50 degrees. Does this mean that people who live in cold climates must not order disks or programs by mail in the winter? Will the disk be ruined or must it be given time to warm up again? Do cassettes suffer the same limitations?

Helen Weidner

Severely cold weather should not limit your mail order purchases of diskettes (blank or preprogrammed). The storage medium will keep some of the cold away from the disk. However, the safest procedure is to climatize the disk for at least 24 hours before inserting it in the drive. Extreme cold and heat cause contraction and expansion of the plastic disk, which alter the disk track locations.

Also, extreme humidity can damage a disk. A safe guideline (suggested by 3M, for disk operation) is a temperature range of 50 to 125° Fahrenheit and 8 to 80% humidity. Cassette tapes are less sensitive than disks to temperature and humidity extremes, but climatizing them, too, is a good idea.

Where Are The Commodore 1541s?

We have received many letters from readers asking about the disappearance of Commodore 1541 Disk Drives from the market. A Commodore representative told us that the demand was greater than the supply. Apparently, Commodore did not anticipate that so many 64 owners would purchase 1541s rather than Datassettes.

However, several Commodore dealers informed us that the return rate of 1541s had recently been high, suggesting a technical flaw. Possibly Commodore is attempting to locate and correct the problem and then reissue the 1541s. Commodore has said that the drives would be back on the market soon.

Reading Commodore 1541 Disk Drive Memory

I own a 1541 Disk Drive. I wrote a small program so I could read the disk ROM and display the contents in hex format. Starting at location 00, I can get information for about 100 bytes. Then I get a repeating pattern: 0D,30,30,2C,20,4F,4B,2C,

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30,30,2C,30,30,0D. Other than location 00, no matter where I start, I get this same pattern. Can you help me?

Larry Rieth

Jim Butterfield replies:

It's not hard to view disk ROM, once you get the commands right. The false pattern you were getting, by the way, is the 00, OK, 00,00 status message in ASCII. I find it easiest to call up the bytes one at a time.

The program here should do the job. There are some "cursor cosmetics" built in to aid with convenience of use; these are not essential, so you may want to eliminate them. Everything is in hexadecimal, since that's the most convenient way to read machine language. Again, change this if you wish.

I don't have any 1541 memory maps. I have been hanging back since Commodore has been known to change architecture from time to time. If you want to view disk ROM, start at \$C000 and work up from there.

- 190 PRINT"INPUT MEMORY ADDRESS"
- 200 PRINT"IN HEXADECIMAL: ": OPEN1, 8, 15
- 220 PRINT" {2 SPACES } {4 RIGHT } {31 SPACES } {UP}"
- 230 Z\$="XXXX":INPUTZ\$
- 240 PRINT" {UP}";: IF LEN(Z\$) <>4 THEN GOTO [SPACE]22Ø
- 250 T=0:FOR J=1 TO 4:Y=ASC(MID\$(Z\$,J))
- 26Ø Y=Y+48*(Y<58)+55*(Y>64)
- 280 IF Y<0 OR Y>15 THEN GOTO 470
- 290 T=T*16+Y:NEXT J:K=0:PRINT"{6 RIGHT}";
- 300 V=INT(T/256):U=T-V*256
- 36Ø PRINT#1, "M-R"; CHR\$(U); CHR\$(V) 37Ø GET#1,X\$:IF X\$="" THEN X\$=CHR\$(Ø) 38Ø PRINT" ";:X=ASC(X\$)/16

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390 FOR J=1 TO 2:GOSUB 500:NEXT J
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420 T=T+1:K=K+1:IF K<8 GOTO 300

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44Ø X=T/4Ø96
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450 PRINT:PRINT"{2 SPACES}";:FORJ=1 TO 4: GOSUB 500:NEXT J:PRINT"{UP}":GOTO 220

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470 CLOSE 1:END
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500 X%=X:X=(X-X%)*16:IF X%>9 THEN X%=X%+7
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510 PRINT CHR$(X%+48);:RETURN
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tridge, or is BASIC built-in?

2. What is the physical difference between a singledensity disk and a double-density disk?

3. How can a single-density disk be converted to double-density?

4. Are there any software or hardware packages available to increase the amount of music octaves the Atari computers can generate?

5. How does the direct-connect modem included in the 1400XL and 1450XLD computers work (as far as connection goes)?

Andrew Matsuoka

1. The 1200XL requires the optional BASIC cartridge, but the new 600XL, 800XL, 1400XL, and 1450XLD all have BASIC built-in.

2. The term double density can be loosely applied. It can refer to more tracks per inch (TPI), larger sector size (128 bytes versus 256), or additional tracks and sectors. In an effort to provide compatibility, Atari does not truly use double density. In effect, they added extra sectors, increasing disk storage from 90K to 127K.

3. The 1050 drive can read single-density disks, so it is a simple matter of copying a file from a single-density disk to a formatted double-density disk.

4. The four Atari sound generators have an eight-bit resolution, so there are only 256 possible notes, or five and a half octaves. It is possible to chain two voices together to create one voice with 16-bit resolution, permitting a nine-octave range. You can have two 16-bit voices, or one 16-bit voice and two eight-bit voices. The Advanced Music System, available from APX (Atari Program Exchange) allows 8-bit sound and can be synchronized with an external cassette recorder to let you create recorded music with more than four voices. (You play one tape through the speaker while the Atari plays music. The composite sound is then recorded on a second tape recorder.) Take a look at ''16-Bit Atari Music'' in the March 1983 issue of COMPUTE!.

5. Direct-connect modems attach to telephones with modular jacks, either through the handset or the base. If you cannot simply unplug the cords from your telephone, you'll need to contact your telephone company. Adapters are also available from stores like Radio Shack.

Dual Joystick Control On The TI-99/4A

I built the adapter suggested by Gary Cook ("How To Build Your Own TI-99/4A Joystick Adapter," COMPUTE!, August 1983), and it worked well as long as I only used one joystick. However, when I tried two joysticks in a program, I discovered that the joysticks would lock each other up when moved in the same direction until one of the joysticks was disabled.

To correct this, I added diodes (1N914 or equivalent) at each connection except ground. 14 **COMPUTE**! September 1983 Diodes should be added in the lines going to both joysticks, and they should have the cathode (banded end) toward the joystick switches. After this modification, simultaneous joystick movement was fine.

Enclosed is a modified drawing of the adapter box.

Jim Mallonee

We tested this and it works well. This alteration is unnecessary for those who plan to use only one joystick.



POKE Dangers

I'm concerned about the admonitions from the *Commodore 64 Programmer's Reference Guide*. On page 215: "...without an assembler you will have to POKE the machine language program into memory which is totally inadvisable." Even more ominous is the note on page 417: "Commodore Semiconductor Group cannot assume liability for the use of undefined opcodes."

What's the worst thing a wrong number could do? Erase magnetic files? System crash? Could an undefined opcode cause permanent hardware damage?

David Paulsen

Feel free to POKE around anywhere in your computer without worrying about causing trouble. The two warnings that you quote refer to two different things.

It would be "inadvisable" to POKE a machine language program into the computer without using an assembler because it would prove extraordinarily frustrating. Creating a machine language program by POKEing in the codes wouldn't disturb your computer, but it would take so long and would be so error prone that it might well drive you up the wall.

The other issue is rather technical. The 6502 chip, the little "brain" within Commodore and other computers, has a theoretical capacity to understand 256 different commands (opcodes) in machine language.

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However, the designers only created 56 commands which, even when multiplied by their several addressing modes, still don't use up all 256 possible opcodes. However, some of these unassigned numbers will nevertheless have effects if you use them in your ML programming. For a complete description of these hidden commands, see "Extra Instructions," an article in the October 1983 issue of COMPUTE!.

How Much Memory For An Atari Disk?

I'm very seriously thinking about purchasing a disk drive for my Atari 400. I want to know if 32K is enough memory to have a disk drive and run DOS, and still program. Is the new Atari disk drive A Sharper Picture For The TI-99 able to plug right into your computer?

Adam Bullock

As a matter of fact, it's possible to run a disk drive with a 16K Atari. DOS (without the menu) uses under 6K. For practical purposes, though, you should have at least 24K in order to run most programs.

The new 1050 double-density (256K) drive attaches to the standard serial port like any other Atari peripheral.

Commodore 64 Video Revisited

An Update From Jim Butterfield

The programs given in "Commodore 64 Video – A Guided Tour," Parts 6 and 7 (July and August, 1983), work fine on my machine, and will work well on many earlier model Commodore 64 machines. On the newer machines, there's a problem that can be solved by adding the extra line:

90 POKE 53265,27

Here's the problem: In newer models of the 64, the computer actually does its own raster interrupt at time of power-up. This is done for a peculiar reason: The computer wants to know if it's a European model or not.

As TV technicians will tell you, North American television has 525 scan lines, whereas the European PAL system has well over 600. The computer's internal clock also runs at a slightly different speed. But the ROM is the same in both systems.

Now, the ROM needs to know whether it's working within a European or North American system, since it will want to time certain events (realtime clock, communications speeds, cassette tape) at a constant speed regardless of its internal clock rate. So at time of powerup, it commands: "Tell me when I reach line 622 of the screen." (The actual value it uses is 311, since scan lines are "twinned.")

Some time later, the computer asks, "Has line 622 showed up?" If the answer is yes, the computer knows it must be on a European system. If the answer is no, the computer decides that this must be the North American system, which doesn't have 622 lines on the screen. Now the computer can fix up its timing tables.

In the meantime, it has left the raster register with a high number in place. To make the split programs in Parts 6 and 7 work, we must take this high number out. Address 53266 handles most of the raster register, and it's all we need to do the job specified. But first we must clean out that high bit in address 53265 with a POKE value of 27.

If this seems rather complex, don't worry about it. Just add the line 90 POKE 53265,27 to all programs, and everything should behave correctly.

The normal screen color of the TI-99/4A — assuming you have a color TV — is green while the program is running and blue when it is not. If you have a black-and-white TV, you can get a sharper picture by asking for a gray background with a statement like

10 CALL SCREEN(15)

at the beginning of the program. This disables the color-generating circuit of the TI-99 and removes the pattern of vertical lines often seen on a blackand-white TV that is fine-tuned for maximum sharpness. It also increases the sharpness of the characters. The change remains in effect as long as the program is running.

The same idea can be applied to other machines that allow you to control the background color.

Michael A. Covington

Atari 800 Software For The 1400XL/1450XLD

I was thinking of trading my Atari 800 for the 1400XL or the 1450XLD, but would all the software for the 800 work in the 1400XL and/or in the 1450XLD? Or, would it be easier to just buy the CP/M module and the Atari expansion box for my 800?

I am looking for a disk drive for my Atari 800. I have seen the Atari 810 and the 1050, the RANA 1000, and the Percom disk drives. Which one would be the least expensive and still be a good choice?

Also, I would like to know if the Commodore 1701 Video Monitor would hook up to my Atari 800 through the monitor jack.

Shane McWilliams

Almost all BASIC programs and the majority of other programs will run just fine on the new XL computers. The Atari Operating System in ROM was designed so that future upgrades would be transparent to previous software, as long as that software followed certain rules. Some programs shortcut these rules, so they end up ac-

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cessing routines that have moved elsewhere in the new XL computers. Atari has published a list of Atari programs that do not work properly on the new machines.

If you are only interested in CP/M, you do not need an XL computer (the CP/M module attaches via the serial port), but many future expansion cards will not work with non-XL Ataris (or the 1200XL).

All the third-party disk drive manufacturers offer certain features over the 810 disk drive, most noticeably price. The new so-called double-density Atari 1050 drive reduces the price gap, but some third-party drives offer twice the 90K storage of the 810, along with dual drives, LED consoles, and printer ports. As with computers, the decision is up to you.

Look at the drives critically and decide what features you want and need. You should make sure the drive offers total compatibility with Atari drives, so you can boot, read, and write disks prepared on an 810, such as commercial programs or a friend's disk. Most thirdparty drives deviate slightly from the 810 drives, but so do individual 810's from each other. Borrow several copies of disks prepared with an 810 and try them out on the unit in question. Warranties and service options are also crucial with this type of equipment. You cannot count on your authorized Atari service center to repair a third-party drive.

And, yes, you can use the Commodore 1701 Video Monitor with your Atari. As a matter of fact, you can even use the proprietary video enhancement circuit via the rear connections of the monitor. Just buy or wire a cable to correspond to the RCA jacks and the Atari monitor pinout (the Commodore 64 and the Atari monitor jacks are almost identical). You can also connect your Atari and 1701 with the cable that comes with the monitor. The monitor can also be used via the front connections with any computer that has composite video output, such as the TI-99/4A.

Modifying The Kernal On The Commodore 64

I have been trying to run the Kernal from RAM – the same RAM underneath the Kernal ROM from E000 to FFFF. I'm trying to make some modifications to the Kernal, but as a first step it would be best to move the unmodified Kernal from RAM. I've come close to being successful, but just when I think it's ready to work, the computer crashes. Do you have a solution?

Charles Kluepfel

A strange thing happens when you try to flip out the Kernal – the BASIC ROM goes, too. It might be helpful to read "Commodore 64 Architecture" (COMPUTE!, January 1983).

If you want to rewrite the Kernal routines, you must also copy BASIC into RAM. In BASIC, the whole procedure would be:

FOR J=40960 TO 49151:POKE J,PEEK(J):NEXT
{SPACE}J (COPY BASIC)

FOR J=57344 TO 65535:POKE J,PEEK(J):NEXT
{SPACE}J (COPY KERNAL)

POKE 1,53 (SWITCH OUT BASIC AND KERNAL RO MS)

This is the piece you're missing. Now it will work.

Avoiding TI INT

A little known fact about TI computers is that they will accept nonintegers for arguments such as array subscripts and CALL HCHAR and CALL VCHAR arguments. If a floating point value is used, the computer will round off to the nearest integer. For example, A (1.6) is the same as A (2), and A(5.25) is the same as A (5).

This is useful when you want to compute the proper element of an array with floating point values. For example, say you have a sprite with coordinates SPRITEX and SPRITEY, and you want to see what's underneath it on the screen. You can then use the following command to get the value:

CALL GCHAR(SPRITEY/8 + .5, SPRITEX/8 + .5, var)

Why is this important? Taking the INT of those values uses a lot of valuable time, and the INT is absolutely unnecessary. In a graphics program, this can speed things up considerably.

Neil Weinstock

Cassette Auto-Boot For Atari "Roadblock"

If you have a working copy of "Roadblock" (COM-PUTE!, July 1983, page 108), make the following changes to create a cassette boot version.

1. Load the *original* listing of Roadblock. This must be a working copy.

2. Change line 10 to:

10 OPEN #3,8,128,"C:":FOR I = 13804 TO 15010: READ A:PUT #3,A:NEXT I:CLOSE #3:END

- Delete line 15.
- 4. Add line 1000 as follows:

1000 DATA 0,10,236,53,242,53,169,60,141,2,211,169, 196,133,10,169,57,133,11,96

5. LIST or SAVE to tape.

6. Ready the cassette on which you want your boot version, and make a note of the tape counter.

7. Now RUN the modified program (which is still in memory).

8. You will hear two beeps. Press play and record on tape and then any key on your computer and a cassette boot will be created.

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9. Rewind the tape to the count you noted earlier. Turn off your computer and remove the BASIC cartridge. Turn on your Atari while holding down the START button.

10. You will hear one beep. Press play on tape and then any key on your computer and Roadblock will auto-boot.

The cassette boot that you have just created should load and run in approximately 65 seconds. For an even faster cassette boot (45 seconds), use Ed Stewart's program in *COMPUTE!'s Second Book Of Atari*, page 227.

Richard K. Wagner

function. For example, DEF FND2(V) = V/2 is a function that divides a number by two. PRINT FND2(10) then would give you a five, and FND2(3) gives 1.5. The variable V, called a dummy variable, defines the relationship of the number you give the function. You can still use V in your program (and you don't have to use V as the dummy argument) as its value won't be changed by a FN statement.

On the Atari, you can just write a subroutine to accomplish the same thing. For example:

1000 X = X/2:RETURN

Just set X equal to the value in the function's parentheses, GOSUB 1000, and assign X appropriately. You can even name the subroutine with DIV2 = 1000 and then GOSUB DIV2.

DEF FN In Atari BASIC?

The statement DEF FN does not work in Atari BASIC. How can I convert DEF and FN statements to work on my Atari?

Sam Scarfina

First you need to define what an "alien" BASIC's commands do in order to translate them. The purpose of DEF is to define a user-written function. Functions intrinsic to Atari BASIC include COS, INT, SQR, FRE, etc. DEF FN would let you create your own

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The Home Office

Kathy Yakal, Editorial Assistant

Computers have been used in businesses for many years to streamline procedures, promote efficiency—even to do things that were never possible without them. The same thing is beginning to happen in homes with microcomputers: New businesses are being created, and existing home offices can benefit from the variety of information services and software that is available. This article explores some of the ways that the traditional office is changing.

For some people, "going to the office" no longer means a hurried breakfast, a quick glance at the newspaper, and a frenzied trek through rush-hour traffic. There are many options now available for people who would like to be able to do at least some of their work at home with a personal computer.

Working at home is not a new concept. There are many jobs that can be done easily in a home atmosphere: free-lance writing, day care, mailing services, some types of accounting, and so forth.

But the availability of microcomputers, and the proliferation of small business software and telephone linkups to huge banks of current news and other information, have made it possible to locate many offices wherever the worker wants them.

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"The limit to what you can do with a personal computer to start a business is human imagination," says Hank Scheinberg, an executive vice president for Continental Software in Los Angeles. "I don't think it's necessary to have a higher-level machine to do it, either. The lower-end machines will continue to get easier to use."

Selling Words

According to many software distributors, business software is starting to outsell games. Accounting and mailing list programs are very popular, but perhaps the best sellers are word processing software.

It appears that many of those people who are purchasing word processors are using them for business purposes. "I would say that that's the



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most common use among my readers," says J. Norman Goode, publisher of *Micro Moonlighter Newsletter*. "And it's not just the general concept of word processing. There are many variations that people don't often think of, like supplying vendors with reader service information."

Goode's newsletter is geared toward people who want to use their microcomputers to earn some portion of their income. "I would say that the majority of our readers are moonlighters, people who need a second income or who want to set their spouses up in some sort of home business," says Goode. "But I occasionally get letters from people who were successful enough to turn their part-time jobs into full-time ones."

The second most popular home business, according to Goode, is the consulting service. "The hottest topic is information brokering," he says. "For a fee, people will do specialized research by accessing on-line data bases, which they then write up as a report for their client."

An Unusual Application

Computers are becoming an important part of even the most personal of services, like health care. Medical procedures and equipment have made great advances by using microprocessors. But some people fear this, thinking that medical attention could become cold and impersonal.

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The transmitters, which are designed by the individual pacemaker manufacturer, are actually tiny modems. They differ from the modems commonly used with personal computers in that they send only analog messages and can only transmit, not receive, signals.

When Pegg and Click call, the patient puts the transmitter next to the mouthpiece of the phone; a signal is then sent over the phone lines. That signal translates into a readout on an electrocardiogram machine. Pegg and Click, who have been trained to read those traces, can tell if the patient is experiencing any unusual heart rhythms and if the transmitter is still functioning properly.

Of course, if the readout indicates some serious problem, the patient's physician is called immediately. If not, they send the readout to a cardiologist for analysis, and a written report to the patient's doctor.

The office paperwork is done on an Apple II + using software modified by Pegg's husband, Terry, who is a biomedical engineer at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. Terry's program allows them to send form letters, maintain detailed patient files, and keep general business files like accounts receivable and tax records.

Keeping Up At Home

A personal computer and a modem give you access to a spate of news and information services. Even if you don't have a home business, these electronic clearinghouses may still provide you with information that will enhance your work, your financial affairs, or your personal life.

Subscriptions are required to access most of these services. Some charge a per-minute fee for on-line time; in many cases, though, you are supplied with a toll-free or local number to avoid running up huge long-distance charges.

CompuServe and The Source are probably the best known, but there are some new and some more specialized teleservices.

Desk Top Broker

This financial service, which has recently come on-line, allows you to enter transactions, maintain a portfolio, and see current stock prices on your home computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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RCA Hotline

RCA Global Communications, which has operated a Telex service for a number of years, has recently introduced a system for home computer owners. Called the RCA Hotline, it offers world news, sports, weather, international financial information, and even things like book, movie, and record reviews.

Alan Garratt, administrator for public affairs at RCA, sees a number of business applications for Hotline subscribers, especially those involved in worldwide business transactions. "Executives find that they can make good use of it at work or at home," he says. "If you get a great idea at 11:00 at night, you can write it up and send it off, whether or not anyone is in the office."

Free-lance writers who write for overseas publications, communications consultants, and people involved in importing and exporting manufactured goods have also found the service useful, according to Garratt.

"It's not so much that our system makes possible jobs that couldn't be done before," he says. "They can just do it much easier—productivity time is better."

More To Come

These examples are not given to imply that we are moving toward an entire work force that operates from its members' homes. Some types of businesses may always require a staff to work together at one location. But microcomputers, business software, and the instant information and communication made accessible through telecommunications, are generating new options for business sites.

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Computers And Society

David D. Thornburg, Associate Editor

High Tech, High Touch, And 1984

Take a deep breath everybody — 1984 is a month away.

It is obvious to everyone who cares to look that 1984 is going to be a pretty good year. In fact, it will be nothing like the deeply depressing vision of George Orwell in his novel.

It is interesting to examine why 1984 won't happen the way Orwell said it would. In fact, the reason is pretty simple — at the same time we've been moving into a high-tech world, we've also been growing in our sensitivities as human beings. In the book *Megatrends*, John Naisbitt points out that the growth of the human potential movement has run parallel to the growth of high technology in the marketplace.

This is fortuitous, since we are at one of those points in history where major social change is possible.

For the last several years we have been making a transition from an industrial economy to an information economy. To put it simply, American car production has dropped through the floor while computer and software production has shot through the roof. From a time when most of our countrymen worked in the fields, we have moved to an era where only 3 percent of our work force produces our food, and more than half of us work in the information sector.

Orwell's vision for 1984 predicted the tremendous growth in the number of information workers, but it also depicted this transition causing us to become faceless entities to be manipulated by the government. Reality has been far kinder simply because of our own sensitivities as human beings. Perhaps it is our genetic survival coding that insured that we would not roboticize ourselves.

Perhaps, it was just luck.

For whatever reason, we gave ourselves the chance to retain our humaneness, and we took it.

Do you remember the three big movies in the summer of 1982? Two were high tech (*TRON* and *Star Trek II*), and one was high touch (*E.T.*). You know which one was popular.

Did you see On Golden Pond or La Traviata — and cry?

I did.

The popularity of films that touch us is one sure sign that we are not about to sacrifice our human spirit on the altar of high technology. But what really delights me about our new age is that the computer — the supreme embodiment of high technology — can and will be seen as a tool to enhance and preserve our creative spirit. The computer can be a tool to bring us together, not pull us apart.

Of all the places where the computer has this power, I think the schools are among the most important. To see just one example of why this is so, consider the use of word processors in the classroom.

One of the greatest forces that stifle creative writing is the labor of recopying a final manuscript. I've seen many third- and fourth-graders learn to hate story writing because of the laborious hand copying involved with the creation of a legible manuscript. A word processor goes a long way towards solving this problem.

Of course, some teachers (failing to realize that we already have) may argue that we shouldn't make our children dependent on high technology. Very few children know how to make a quill pen, or how to make their own inks. In fact, many children have access to very high tech ball-point pens, some of which use tungsten carbide balls (tungsten carbide is very high tech).

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point is that a word processor can relieve the tedium of recopying a manuscript by hand, and can go a long way towards developing and maintaining a child's creativity.

Other computer-based tools for creative expression (such as graphics tablets and picture generation software) can help maintain creative energy. In fact, the analytical computer can end up being a strong assistant to our creative expression — it can be high tech and high touch at the same time.

And so, with this view, I warmly embrace the forthcoming new year safe in the knowledge that we — through our sensitivities as human beings — have insured that Orwell's vision for 1984 will always remain fictional.

On Piracy And Example Setting

We all know that unauthorized copying and distribution of software is not only against the law, but also that it can drive good authors out of business. We may think that it is the lone programmer working in a back room who is most victimized by this practice, but large companies can be hurt, too.

Faced with dwindling school budgets, some teachers seem almost proud of their abilities to increase their school's software library at no net cost to the school. If you think this doesn't happen, consider the case of a major educational publisher which understands that teachers want to evaluate software in their own classrooms before buying it. In an effort to be responsive to this reasonable expectation, the publisher made its software available on a 30-day trial basis. At the end of the 30 days, many of these products were returned. On close examination, the publisher found that the documentation binders had been opened and that some of the pages were reinserted in the wrong order — a sign that they had been copied along with the disks.

How could this company have prevented this significant financial loss at the hands of apparently unscrupulous teachers? Some might argue that the disks should have been copy protected, but copy protection works to the detriment of those who feel that they should be able to make legitimate backup copies of their disks. Also, for every software lock, there is a key available for a modest price.

What is needed is a new word in these teachers' vocabulary — ethics.

How prevalent is the problem? It's hard to say, but I have heard many teachers say that the reason they prefer Apple to Atari is because much of Atari's software is distributed on cartridges so you have to buy one for each computer in use.



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The Christmas Of The Computer?

Kathy Yakal, Editorial Assistant

In December 1982, Time gave the computer its annual "Man of the Year" award. Now Christmas of 1983 is being touted as the big one for these new machines, due to the market shake-out and radical price cuts over the last 12 months. Here's a review of the events of 1983 and a preview of how this Christmas is shaping up for the home computer industry.

July is the month when many retailers begin making their Christmas plans—products are ordered for the busiest shopping season of the year.

In the summer of 1983, it certainly looked as if this might be the Christmas of the computer. The home computer market was in the midst of a big shake-out, and a few industry leaders had emerged. Competition, improved technology, and lower manufacturing costs had put the home computer well within the budgets of many American consumers. Announcements of some flashy new products and even further price cuts at the summer Consumer Electronics show in Chicago sent retailers and distributors scurrying to place huge orders.

Christmas notwithstanding, the emphasis on computers in education could have also meant big sales for hardware and software manufacturers in the back-to-school market. But in order for that to happen, hardware should have been in place and in great supply by August. It wasn't. Not one of the major hardware manufacturers seemed to be in a good position at that time to ship its products, due to production delays.

Let's back up a bit and look at what led up to this year's scramble.

Half The American Households

The personal computer industry is, of course, based on supply and demand. According to projections released at Future Computing's Second 32 **COMPUTE** December 1983 Annual Home Computer Market Forum in San Francisco, the viable hardware suppliers right now in the low end of the market seem to be Commodore, Atari, Texas Instruments, Timex, and Radio Shack. Future Computing (FC) reports that estimated monthly shipments by these companies are: Commodore, 160,000; TI, 100,000; Atari, 65,000; and Radio Shack, 35,000.

End users create the demand. Many studies have been done on just how high that demand is. Roughly, 1 out of every 20 households owns a computer now, but 3 out of 20 want to buy within the next year. By the end of the 1980s, more than half the American households are expected to have one, according to FC's study.

There are lots of reasons why people want to buy computers. Keeping up with the status quo. The fear that if their children don't have a computer at home, they will be left behind in school. That eternal desire to get organized once and for all. And, of course, videogames.

How people choose which computer to buy has also been the subject of much study. Some rely on the recommendations of salespeople in computer stores, but that has become increasingly difficult. Computers often appear on the shelves of mass retailers and discount houses where employees may not know a lot about the product. Others depend on the media for their information: computer books, magazines, and television shows. Probably the most common method is advice from friends.

Complicating Things

There is a third aspect which complicates the issues of supply and demand: software.

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Company vice president Alan Levu says that the chocolate diskettes make an ideal gift for anyone who uses computers, and even dedicated computer haters will get a chuckle out of them. They're guaranteed

Many people do not want to buy a computer until there is a lot of software to support it. It's a vicious circle. Those computer manufacturers that managed to survive the shake-out did so partly by having enough in-house software available to please consumers until third-party packages could be developed.

Pipe Dreams

Let's recap the highlights of 1983. •Coleco introduced a prototype of a new

personal computer called Adam at the summer

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"user-delicious."

Sweetware sells the diskettes by mail order and through department stores and computer retailers. (Sweetware, Inc., 516 Shelburne Rd., S. Burlington, VT 05401)

The bitCard

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Computerized Greeting Cards

Another way to personalize your greeting cards by using your computer is available from Compucards. The package consists of Christmas cards and envelopes with continuous tab feed and clean edge perforations that let you write a message on each card, address it, and print it out. The accompanying diskette contains an upgraded version of the public-domain program Tinytext, which has message-merge capabilities and a separate mailing list program. Both programs come with instructions on diskette.

For Atari computer owners (800 with 48K and disk drive). Package of 20 cards and envelopes, \$9.95. Diskette, \$5. (Compucards, P.O. Box 894, Stone Mountain, GA 30086)

Consumer Electronics Show. Slated to retail at under \$600, this system consists of an 80K computer with detachable keyboard, high-speed tape drive, letter quality printer, and built-in software.

• Atari discontinued its 400 and 800 models and shelved the 1200XL. A new line was introduced at the summer CES: the 600XL, 800XL, 1400XL, and 1450XLD. A good number of new peripherals and some corporate restructuring were also expected to help capture a greater percentage of the market share.

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• Rumors began circulating about a new IBM personal computer called the Peanut, which was expected to retail for under \$600. Industry leaders had predicted that IBM would wait for the home computer market to shake out under them before they introduced a competitively priced product; late 1983 seemed to be that time.

• Mattel Electronics announced a home computer system called the Aquarius and a computer adapter that would turn the Intellivision game machine into a computer. Both machines were to have a number of peripherals.

A Few Snags

All of these new products could have meant a very healthy holiday season for the home computer industry. But manufacturers encountered a few problems between summer announcements and fall shipping schedules.

Coleco's Adam, after a couple of earlier delays that kept it from making its August debut, finally received FCC approval in early October. Production models were expected to be in the stores by mid-October, possibly too late to make a dent in the Christmas market. Some retailers gave up and began cancelling orders in early fall.

Commodore's hardware manufacturers have not been able to keep up with the demand. Disk drives vanished entirely for a few weeks in the fall, reappearing again in early October. Commodore 64s were in short supply and began evidencing some technical problems; some retailers have reported unusually high return rates. Software is plentiful, but so are back orders on hardware. Many retailers still believe there is a good chance that it will be a Commodore Christmas.

Atari still had not brought out any of its new XL line by mid-October. A spokesman said that the 600XL and 800XL should be out in time for Christmas, and that the 1400XL and 1450XLD would probably be ready for shipping in the first quarter of 1984. The add-on keyboard for the 2600 game machine, which is not yet available, is apparently still being considered.

Texas Instruments suffered tremendous financial losses in the first two quarters of 1983. They lowered their prices and embarked on an enormously expensive ad campaign to capture the Christmas market, but they had already lost a lot of the market to Commodore and Atari. Their new strategy is to emphasize the quality and educational value of their machines.

IBM's Peanut failed to appear in time to cap-40 **COMPUTE**! December 1983 ture any great percentage of the potential holiday buyers. Speculation is that the debut had been put off until January.

The Mattel Aquarius Home Computer System is being distributed—minus several of the announced peripherals—in only four markets: Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and Detroit. The computer adapter, also without some of its add-ons, is still expected to be available around Christmas.

Massive layoffs by Atari, Texas Instruments, and Mattel, as well as all of the no-shows, did nothing to instill public confidence.

Some Good News

Availability of hardware is not the only determining factor in how successful this Christmas will be for the industry.

"People need to remember that we've crossed the bridge over to what is now a software-driven industry," says Dan Schaefer, vice president of marketing for Warehouse One, a Norwood, Massachusetts, software distributor. "People are no longer so enticed by fancy keys on computers they want to know what they can do with their computers, what kind of software will support it."

Schaefer is not nervous at all about losing business this year because of absent hardware. "There's a tremendous installed base of Ataris, Commodores, TIs, and IBM-PCs," he says. As of October 1, Warehouse One began keeping their main distribution center in Kansas open until midnight on weeknights and all day Saturday, and offering next-day delivery, to help retailers keep up with the Christmas demand.

"Last Christmas was enormously successful for retailers, and that was at a time when the economy was terrible," Schaefer says. "Considering the economy this year, and the demographics of the average computer buyer, this should be an exceptionally good one."

The tardy arrival of this year's new hardware does not particularly surprise Schaefer. "Anytime a new industry emerges, this happens. Products are announced long before they are actually available. The hope is that if the product sounds good enough, people will hold off buying something that already exists until they see what this other company comes up with.

"Some people in this industry have a tendency to dwell with glee on other people's failures," says Schaefer. "This is an extremely dynamic industry: it changes every day. There is still plenty of opportunity for the smart businessman."

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Richard Mansfield, Senior Editor

Zones Of Unpredictability Part 2

The RND command is a necessary part of most computer games or computerized simulations of real events. That's because life (as far as we know) has a random quality. Perhaps it's our limited viewpoint, but some things do seem to be accidental. When you play Poker, or if you write a Poker game on your computer, you'll see randomness in action. When cards are shuffled and dealt, something accidental, something unpredictable is supposed to happen — no one knows what order the cards are in when they are passed around.

Last month we explored some of the general rules for working with the RND command in BASIC. However, since it is one of the less *transportable* of the BASIC instructions, we need to go into some of the specific differences in the ways that each particular computer handles RND. *Transportable* means the ease with which a program written in one computer's BASIC will run on another's BASIC. There are always a few adjustments to make, but some programs are so machine specific (especially graphics programs) that they're very hard to translate and are, therefore, not very transportable. Different computer brands tend to have specific peculiarities in their use of RND.

But before looking into the particular use and syntax of RND on your computer, let's run a brief test of the randomness of your RND. RND on any computer is an effort to cause accidental, unpredictable results. The more unpredictable, the better. One simple way that we can test your RND is to see if it favors one number over another. If we limit the test to the numbers 1 through 10, will it hit, say, 3 more often than 7?

Type in the program and RUN it. You'll see the statistics on how often each number is turning up. Ideally, you'll end up with 10 percent for each number. At first, of course, the percentages will be off, but if you let the program run for a while, you should get pretty close to even distribution.

There are a few general programming techniques to notice here. If you add up the percents, you won't get precisely 100 percent. That's because we're using the INT command to round off the numbers printed on the screen. The computer is working with extended decimal fractions, but for neatness, we're not printing everything out. Take off the INT to see how messy things get. Also look at line 40. Here 1 is added to X each time we get a random number. That's so we'll have numbers 1 - 10 instead of 0 - 9. Remember that an array (a collection of numbered variables) will start with zero. That is, A(0) is the first "cell" in an A() array. To make it easier for us to keep straight, we can just ignore the A(0) cell and work with the cells from 1 on up.

Can you tell why line 100 is necessary? At the start of our test, some numbers won't come up at all. They will leave a zero in their A() array variable cell. The computer won't allow you to divide by zero. So, we need to put in a special test for zero and then skip over line 110 where the division would normally occur.

Special Seeding

There's an important aspect of randomness which is not tested by this program: order of arrival. A computer which gave the numbers 1 through 10 in order, each cycle through the test, would look perfect on the test. The distribution would be exactly 10 percent, but it certainly wouldn't be a good randomness generator. There are two aspects to the randomness of the order of arrival of numbers. First, you don't want the same sequence of random numbers each time you turn on the computer. We'll call this the start-up sequence. With a repeating start-up sequence, each time

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you played Poker the first hand of the evening would be identical to the last night's first hand. And the second hand would match last night's second hand. And so on.

The second aspect is repeating sequences within a program. You don't want to have a short sequence of random numbers that starts repeating itself (1534215342...). Last month we dealt with both of these issues and discovered that, in fact, the order on several computers is *not* random unless you take a special step to mix things up.

The special step is called *seeding* and it means using something random as a starting place. Computers are relentlessly logical. It's not easy for them to do things accidentally, to create randomness. So, they use a special *algorithm* (a method) to try to mix things up. The RND command takes a number (the seed), turns it inside out (by "rotating" it in its binary form), multiplies it by itself, rounds it off, and so forth. All this twisting and turning is designed to come up with an unexpected number. However, if the starting place is the same, the result will be the same. The same algorithm is used each time. That's where random seeding comes in.

It's Fast. You're Not.

If you give RND a seed from the computer's ultrafast, realtime clock, you won't get the same seed twice. (Realtime means time which passes as humans use it: 60 minutes to an hour, etc. All computers have internal timers, but not all have clocks that keep realtime.) That's the method used by all of our computers except the Apple; it has no realtime clock. Why don't you ever get the same seed when it comes from the clock? Because this clock is terrifically fast and you're not. The time it takes you to turn on the computer, type RUN, and hit RETURN is never exactly the same. Consequently, the start-up time for a game will depend on you and that's plenty random by computer standards: if you bat an eyelash, the computer clock has registered hundreds of time cycles. In any case, you'll need to know how to work with your particular RND, and it will help you translate programs from alien BASICs if you also have some idea of how the other computers use RND. Here are some notes on how to use RND on several popular computers:

• Commodore Computers. You can first seed the RND with (TI), the special variable which holds the current value of the clock. To do this, you would write a line early in your program like this:

10 A = RND(-TI)

This will cause the computer to provide a different sequence each time the computer is turned on. That is, the seed will depend on the clock and it will be called upon when you type RUN to start the program. To insure that calls to RND later in the program are also highly random, use RND (0).

• Atari. There are no special requirements for the Atari. It seeds the RND generator itself. Whenever you call upon RND, you'll get both randomized as well as different start-up sequences each time the computer is turned on. The syntax is the same as Commodore: A = RND (X). It doesn't matter what X is.

•TRS-80 Color Computer. Same syntax, but use RND (0) to achieve both randomized sequences and random start-ups.

• TI-99/4A. Using RND alone will result in identical sequences. To avoid that, you should use the additional command RANDOMIZE early in a program:

10 RANDOMIZE 100 A = RND

Further, our TI columnist, C. Regena, suggests using RANDOMIZE before each call to RND to insure total randomness.

• Timex/Sinclair. To call the clock for a seed, you should put the following line early in a program:

10 RAND 0

and then call RND the same way the TI does (no argument in parentheses):

100 A = RND

RND, when it follows RAND 1 – 65535 (any of these numbers), will result in a repeating sequence of "random numbers" which is the same each time power is turned on (if you use the same number after RAND). The computer generates 65536 numbers to use for its random numbers. The number following RND determines the entry point into this sequence of numbers. However, when you use zero after RAND, the entry point into the list of numbers is determined by how long the TV has been turned on. This is essentially the same solution that the Commodore computers use.

• Apple. Because the Apple doesn't contain a clock, the best way to seed the RND is to ask the user to hit a key, within a loop:

10 PRINT "Press RETURN when ready to start" 20 IF PEEK (-16384) < 128 THEN A = RND(1): GOTO 20

This will give you a random seed to prevent start-up sequence repetitions. The value in address – 16384 will remain below 128 until a key is pressed. Thus, you'll keep reading off numbers via the RND, but will have reached an unpredictable position in the list by the time you hit RE-TURN. Following that, use RND (1) for the best randomness. There is a bug, however, in the Apple's BASIC which causes the sequences to

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One final note about RND. If you're writing a game, one way to test it is to deliberately violate the randomizing rules we've mentioned above. There are cases when you will *want* to have a repeating, nonrandom sequence of numbers to check things within the program. If that's what you're after, you can leave out the randomizing seeds and test things against the resulting known, predictable patterns.

Randomness Test

10 GOSUB 500 20 FOR I = 1 TO 100 30 T = T + 1 40 X = INT (RND (1) * 10):X=X+1 50 A(X)=A(X)+1 60 NEXT I 70 GOSUB 500 80 FORI=1TO10 90 PRINT I; 100 IFA(I)=0THENPRINT"-- 0%":GOTO120 110 PRINT"--";INT(T/A(I));"%" 120 :NEXT I 130 GOTO 20 500 PRINT"{CLR}": REM CLEAR THE SCREEN 510 RETURN



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Keep in mind that the results should be modified by knowledge of the context of the activities. Some activities require greater skill and coordination than others, thus a higher caloric output. In cases where an unskilled person is competing against a skilled person, the former usually works harder. Desire and effort are also factors. One research study involved filming very heavy individuals playing tennis doubles. The very heavy players were found to be standing 65 percent of the time. Whereas vigorous tennis doubles requires .046 calories per minute per pound of weight, standing is worth only .011 cal/min/lb. Do not use this or any other diet/exercise program except under the advice and consent of your physician. 52 COMPUTE! December 1983



Many different options are available in "Calorie Cop." Atari version.

Program 1: Calorie Cop (Atari Version)

- 5 GRAPHICS Ø:CLR
- 10 DIM NAME\$ (20)
- 12 GRAPHICS 18
- 14 POSITION 5,4:? #6; "CALORIE COP"
- 30 FOR DELAY=1 TO 2500:NEXT DELAY
- 35 SETCOLOR Ø,Ø,Ø
- 40 FOR DELAY=1 TO 400:NEXT DELAY
- 55 GRAPHICS Ø:SETCOLOR 4,2,10:SETCOL OR 3,0,4:COLOR 1:POKE 752,1
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IT WILL ALSO GIVE YOU 570 ? : PRINT " PRESS REMUNE TO CONTI NUE ... " 58Ø GET #1,A:A\$=CHR\$(A):IF A\$<>CHR\$(155) THEN 58Ø 590 RESTORE :NX=0:GOTC 260 650 MIN=1:GOTO 560 660 GRAPHICS Ø:CLR 67Ø DIM END\$ (2Ø) 675 GRAPHICS 2+16 680 POSITION 5,3:? #6;"THAT'S ALL" 690 POSITION 5,6:? #6;" FOLKS" 700 FOR DELAY=1 TO 1000:NEXT DELAY 71Ø END 1020 PRINT "(CLEAR)"; 1120 PRINT "(40 R)" 113Ø RETURN 1140 DATA ARCHERY, .034 1150 DATA BROMINTON-singles-moderate .039 1160 DATA BADMINTON-singles-Vigorous .065 1170 DATA BASEBALL-Infield or Outfie LE, .Ø31 1180 DATA BASEBALL-Pitching or Catch ing, . 040 1190 DATA BASKETBALL-Moderate, .047 1200 DATA BASKETBALL-Vigorous, .066 1210 DATA BED MAKINE, .031 1220 DATA BICYCLING-Downhill, .018 1230 DATA BICYCLING-Slow-5 Mph-Level .030 1240 DATA BICYCLING-Moderate-10 mph-Level, .050 1250 DATA BICYCLING Fast-13 MPH OF U Phill, .072 1255 DATA BOXING-IN RING, .101 1257 DATA BOHLING-SPARINE, .063 1260 DATA BOWLING, .028 1270 DATA CANDEING-2.5 MPH, .029 1280 DATA CONVERSING-QUIETLY, .011 1290 DATA COOKING STANDING, .013 1300 DATA DANCING-Slow, .029 1310 DATA DENICONE MODERATE, .045 1320 DATA DANCING-Fast, .064 1330 DATA DRESSING & UNDRESSING, .03 ØS 1340 DATA DRIVING A CAR, .019 1350 DATA DUSDENE, .010 1360 DATA EATING, .011 1370 DATA EXERCISES - Abdominal, .020 1380 DATA EXERCISES-Balancing, .016 1390 DATA EXERCISES-Hopping or Jumpi DE, .043 1400 DATA EXERCISES-Trunk Bending, Ø23 1410 DATA FENCING-Moderate, .033 1420 DATA FENCING-Vigorous, .057 1430 DATA FIELD HOCKEY-Other than go ENEG, .063 1440 DATA FIELD HOCKEY-Goalie, .030 1450 DATA DESIDENE, .016 1460 DATA FOOTBALL-Backs & Ends, .05 ø 1470 DATA FOOTBALLELEMENT, .040 1480 DATA GARDENING, .030 1490 DATA GOLF-carrying clubs-Crowde E, .Ø3Ø 1500 DATA GOLF-carrying clubs-Uncrow ded, .Ø35 1510 DATA CHENESTICS LIGHT, .030

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2140	DATA	WALKING-LEVEL-3 MPH, .030
215Ø	DATA	WALKING-LEVEL-4 MPH, .039
2160	DATA	WALKING-LEVEL-5 MPH, .064
217Ø	DATA	WASHING DISHES, .015
2180		WASHING HANDS & FACE, .020
2190	DATA	WATCHING TU, .010
2195		WATER SKIING, .053
2200		WEIGHT LIETING ARMS, .050
2210		WEIGHT LIFTING-Legs, .060
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- 30 FOR I = 1 TO 1000: NEXT I
- 4Ø HOME
- 50 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM WILL TELL YOU H OW MANY"
- 55 PRINT : PRINT "CALORIES YOU USE FOR A PARTICULAR"
- 60 PRINT : PRINT "ACTIVITY. YOU WILL BE PROVIDED AN"
- 65 PRINT : PRINT "ACTIVITY MENU THAT W ILL TELL YOU HOW"
- 70 PRINT : PRINT "MANY CALORIES EACH A CTIVITY USES EACH"
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690 END 1020 HOME 1030 PRINT "-=<ACTIVITY MENU>=-" 1Ø35 RETURN 1036 REM BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DATA STATEMENTS IN PROGRAM 4 Program 3: Calorie Cop (TI-99/4A Version) 100 CALL CLEAR 110 PRINT ""; TAB (9); "CALORIE COP" 120 PRINT :::::::::: 180 FOR I=1 TO 1000 19Ø NEXT I 200 CALL CLEAR 210 PRINT "THIS PROGRAM WILL TELL Y 00" 220 PRINT "HOW MANY CALORIES YOU US F " PRINT "FOR A PARTICULAR ACTIVIT Y. " 240 PRINT "YOU WILL BE PROVIDED AN" 250 PRINT "ACTIVITY MENU THAT WILL TELL": PRINT "YOU HOW MANY CALORIES EA 260 CH" 270 PRINT "ACTIVITY USES EACH MINUT E" 280 PRINT "FOR EACH FOUND OF YOUR B ODY" 290 PRINT "WEIGHT. IT WILL ALSO GI VE" 300 PRINT "YOU A TOTAL OF ALL CALOR IES" 310 PRINT "USED." 320 PRINT ::::::: 330 PRINT "WAIT FOR MENU TO APPEAR" 340 FOR I=1 TO 5000 350 NEXT I 360 IF CAL=1 THEN 32767 37Ø GOSUB 97Ø 38Ø FOR I=1 TO 18 390 READ ACT\$, CL 400 IF ACT\$="END" THEN 430 410 PRINT CHR\$ (64+1); "-"; ACT\$ 42Ø NEXT I 43Ø REM 44Ø PRINT "CHOICE :"; 450 CALL KEY (0, K, S) 460 IF S=0 THEN 450 47Ø A\$=CHR\$(K) 48Ø IF A\$=CHR\$(13)THEN 54Ø 490 IF A\$="0" THEN 930 500 IF A\$<"A" THEN 450 51Ø IF A\$>CHR\$(I+63)THEN 45Ø 52Ø RESTORE 530 GOTO 590 54Ø NX=NX+1 55Ø IF ACT\$<>"END" THEN 37Ø 56Ø RESTORE 57Ø NX=Ø 58Ø GOTO 37Ø 590 FOR I=1 TO NX*18+ASC(A\$)-64 600 READ ACT\$, CL 610 NEXT I 620 CALL CLEAR 630 PRINT ::: 640 PRINT "ACTIVITY :"; ACT\$ 650 PRINT :: 660 PRINT "THIS ACTIVITY USES ";CL

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HOW TO WRITE AN IBM

Microsoft And TI-99/4A Version Notes For Calorie Cop

Kevin Martin, Editorial Programmer

The Microsoft version of Calorie Cop is written for the Apple and will run on the Commodore 64, VIC-20, and the Color Computer with minor changes.

On the 64 and the VIC, add these lines:

5 PRINT "{CLR}" 40 PRINT "{CLR}" 95 GETA\$:IFA\$=""THEN95 350 GETA\$:IFA\$=""THEN350 585 GETA\$:IFA\$<>CHR\$(13)THEN585 660 PRINT "{CLR}" 1020 PRINT "{CLR}"

On the Color Computer:

5 CLS 40 CLS 95 IF INKEY\$="" THEN 95 350 A\$=INKEY\$:IF A\$="" THEN 350 585 IF INKEY\$<>CHR\$(13) THEN 585 660 CLS 1020 CLS

670 PRINT "CALORIES PER MINUTE PER" 680 PRINT "POUND" 690 PRINT ::: 700 PRINT "IF YOU ENTERED THE WRONG 710 PRINT "ACTIVITY TYPE IN ZEROS B ELOW" 720 PRINT 730 PRINT "ENTER LENGTH OF ACTIVITY IN" 74Ø INPUT "MINUTES: ":MIN 750 IF MIN=Ø THEN 800 760 PRINT 77Ø PRINT "INPUT YOU BODY WEIGHT IN 780 INPUT "POUNDS: ":LBS 790 DUT=LBS*MIN*CL 800 PRINT "CALORIES FOR THIS ACTIVI TY " 810 PRINT "EQUALS "; OUT 820 PRINT 830 PRINT "TOTAL CALORIES USED SO F AR" 840 CAL=CAL+OUT 850 PRINT "IS ";CAL 860 PRINT :: 870 PRINT "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINU E.." 880 CALL KEY(0,K,S) 64 COMPUTE! December 1983

The instructions for the program are formatted for a 40-column screen. For the 64, VIC, and Color Computer, substitute the following lines so that the instructions fit on your screen, or you may simply leave these lines out. If you leave them out, then also remove line 95.

For the 64, change line 1 to:

1 WI = 40: LE = 25

For the VIC, change line 1 to:

1 WI = 22: LE = 23

For the Color Computer, change line 1 to:

1 WI = 32: LE = 16

To exit the program type a 0 when you are prompted for CHOICE. Before ENDing, the program will tell you the total number of calories used.

Be sure to type in Program 4 along with either the Microsoft or TI-99/4A version. This program contains the necessary DATA statements for both of these versions.

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890 IF S=0 THEN 880

900 RESTORE

910 NX=0

920 GOTO 370

930 CALL CLEAR

940 PRINT "TOTAL CALORIES =";CAL

950 PRINT "BYE!"

960 END

970 CALL CLEAR

980 PRINT " --==<<ACTIVITY MENU>>==

-- "

990 RETURN

1000 REM BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DAT

A STATEMENTS IN PROGRAM 4
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Program 4:

Calorie Cop (DATA Statements For Programs 2 And 3) DATA ARCHERY, . Ø34 1040 1050 DATA BADMINTON-MODERATE, . Ø39 DATA BADMINTON-VIGOROUS, . Ø65 1060 1070 DATA BASEBALL, .031 DATA BASEBALL-PITCH&CATCH, .040 1080 DATA BASKETBALL-MODERATE, . Ø47 1090 DATA BASKETBALL-VIGOROUS, .066 1100 DATA BED MAKING, . Ø31 1110 DATA BICYCLING-DOWNHILL, Ø18 1120 1130 DATA BICYCLING-SLOW-LEVEL, 030

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1140	DATA	BICYCLING-MODERATE, .050
1150	DATA	BICYCLE-FAST-UPHILL, . Ø72
1160	DATA	BOXING-IN RING, 101
117Ø	DATA	BOXING-SPARING, . Ø63
118Ø	DATA	BOWLING, . Ø28
1190	DATA	CANDEING, . Ø29
1200	DATA	CONVERSING, . Ø11
121Ø	DATA	COOKING, Ø13
122Ø	DATA	DANCING-SLOW, . Ø29
1230	DATA	DANCING-MODERATE, .045
124Ø	DATA	DANCING-FAST, 064
1250	DATA	DRESSING&UNDRESSING, . Ø3Ø
1260	DATA	DRIVING A CAR, . Ø19
127Ø	DATA	DUSTING, .010
1280	DATA	EATING, .Ø11
1290	DATA	EXERCISES-ABDOMINAL, . 020
1300	DATA	EXERCISES-BALANCING, .016
1310	DATA	EXERCISES-JUMPING, .043
1320	DATA	EXERCISES-BENDING, . Ø23
1330	DATA	FENCING-MODERATE, .033
1340	DATA	FENCING-VIGOROUS, .057
1350	DATA	FIELD HOCKEY, .063
1360	DATA	FIELD HOCKEY-GOALIE, .030
137Ø	DATA	FISHING, .Ø16
1380	DATA	FOOTBALL-BACKS&ENDS, .050
1390	DATA	FOOTBALL-LINEMEN, . Ø4Ø
1400	DATA	GARDENING, .030
1410	DATA	GOLF-CROWDED&WALKING, .030
1420	DATA	GOLF-UNCROWDED&WALK, . Ø35
1430	DATA	GYMNASTICS-LIGHT, . 030
		CYMNACTICS LEALLY GEA
144Ø	DATA	GYMNASTICS-HEAVY, . Ø56
145Ø	DATA	HANDBALL, Ø63
1460	DATA	HIKING, .Ø42
147Ø	DATA	HILL&STAIR CLIMBING, . Ø6Ø
		HODSEBACK BIDE-WALK (19
1480	DATA	HORSEBACK RIDE-WALK, . Ø19
149Ø	DATA	HORSEBACK RIDE-TROT, .046
1500	DATA	HORSEBACK -GALLOP, . Ø67
1510	DATA	IRONING, .Ø18
1520	DATA	JUDD, . Ø87
1530	DATA	JUMPING ROPE, .087
154Ø	DATA	KARATE, Ø87
155Ø	DATA	LACROSSE, .Ø63
1560	DATA	LACROSSE-GOALIE, .030
		LICTENING TO PODIO 010
157Ø	DATA	LISTENING TO RADIO, .010
1580	DATA	MOTOR BOATING, . Ø16
159Ø	DATA	MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, .086
1600	DATA	PAINTING-INSIDE, .015
	DATA	PAINTING-DUTSIDE, . Ø35
1610		
1620	DATA	PLAYING CARDS, .011
163Ø	DATA	PLAYING DRUMS, . Ø3Ø
164Ø	DATA	PLAYING HORN, . Ø13
1650	DATA	PLAYING PIANO, . Ø18
1660	DATA	RACQUETBALL, 063
167Ø	DATA	RESTING-LYING DOWN, .008
168Ø	DATA	RESTING-SITTING, .009
1690	DATA	ROWING-SLOW, . Ø36
1700	DATA	ROWING-VIGOROUS, .118
1710	DATA	DUNNING 10 MIN /MILE 070
172Ø	DATA	RUNNING-10 MIN./MILE, 078
173Ø	DATA	RUNNING-9 MIN./MILE, .085
1740	DATA	RUNNING-8 MIN./MILE,.092
1750	DATA	RUNNING-7 MIN. /MILE, . 100
		DUNNING-4 MIN /MILE 110
1760	DATA	RUNNING-6 MIN. /MILE, 110
177Ø	DATA	RUNNING-5 MIN./MILE, .130
178Ø	DATA	SAILING, . Ø2Ø
179Ø	DATA	SCRUBING, . Ø32
	DATA	SEWING OR KNITTING, . Ø1Ø
1800		
181Ø	DATA	SHOPPING, . Ø28
1820	DATA	SHOWERING, . Ø34

183Ø	DATA	SINGING-STANDING, .017
1840	DATA	SITTING-QUIETLY, .010
1850	DATA	SITTING-WRITING, .013
1860	DATA	SKATING-MODERATE, . Ø36
1870	DATA	SKATING-VIGOROUS Ø64
1880	DATA	SKIING-DOWNHILL, Ø59
189Ø	DATA	SKIING-LEVEL-SLOW, .054
1900	DATA	SKIING-LEVEL-FAST, .078
191Ø	DATA	SLEEPING, .007
1920	DATA	SOCCER, .063
1930	DATA	SOCCER-GOALIE,.030
1940	DATA	SQUASH, . Ø7Ø
195Ø	DATA	STANDING, .Ø11
1960	DATA	STATIONARY RUNNING, . Ø78
	DATA	
1970		STUDYING, 014
1980	DATA	SWIM-CRAWL-30YDS/MIN, .058
1990	DATA	SWIM-CRAWL-40YDS/MIN, .071
2000	DATA	SWIM-BKSTRK-3ØYDS/MN,.035
2010	DATA	SWIM-BKSTRK-40YDS/MN,.055
2020	DATA	SWIM-BREAST-30YDS/MN, .048
2030	DATA	SWIM-BREAST-40YDS/MN, .064
2040	DATA	SWIM-BUTTERFLY, . Ø78
2050	DATA	TABLE TENNIS-MOD.,.026
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212Ø	DATA	TYPING,.Ø15
2130	DATA	VOLLEYBALL-BEGMOD.,.020
2140	DATA	VOLLEYBALL-BEGVIG.,.Ø36
2150	DATA	VOLLEYBALL-SKILL-MOD, .040
2160	DATA	VOLLEYBALL-SKILL-VIG, .065
2170	DATA	WALKING-2 MPH, .022
2180	DATA	WALKING-3 MPH, . Ø3Ø
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2190	DATA	WALKING-4 MPH, . Ø39
2200	DATA	WALKING-5 MPH, .064
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225Ø	DATA	WEIGHT LIFTING-ARMS, .050
2260	DATA	WEIGHT LIFTING-LEGS, .060
2270	DATA	WEIGHT LIFTING-BODY, .065
2280	DATA	WRESTLING, .091
229Ø	DATA	END,Ø,Ø



Paycheck Analysis

Larry L. Bihlmeyer

This short program analyzes your paycheck for accuracy and lets you project future take-home pay so you can budget accordingly. Also included is a variable table for easy and personalized modification. For the VIC, 64, PET, Atari, TI, Apple, Color Computer, and Timex/ Sinclair.

Here's a handy program that can help you do two important jobs: verify the accuracy of your takehome pay; and estimate your take-home pay in the future so you can do accurate budget studies. This is especially helpful since federal, state, and Social Security taxes are constantly changing. The program can easily be modified so you can adapt it to your situation. Here's how:

 The program is set up for two pay periods a month. If your pay periods are different, change the wording and revise the tax table values used in lines 620 to 840. You can get the necessary information from your payroll department. Also, as withholding rates change in the future, just update these lines accordingly.

 Cost of living pay is set up as a separate variable. It is taxed at a fixed 20 percent rate where I work. If your cost of living is taxed the same as regular pay, change (B+A) to TS in line 600 and change line 850 to F = TX.

 Overtime pay is included (lines 280 – 290) as a separate variable since it may be at a different hourly rate and may vary with each pay period.

 Deductions are found on lines 340 to 590. Just modify them if appropriate. Make sure to change line 860 if you use different variable names.

"Paycheck Analysis" will run on the VIC, 64, PET, Atari, TI, Apple, Color Computer, and Timex/Sinclair. Atari owners only: you must include line 110. Timex/Sinclair users must use LET

before any assignment statements (for example, at line 320, type LET $A = R^*N$).

	-2	
	Program	n Variables
	Variable	Description
	В	Base salary (gross)
	C	Cost of living (gross)
	Α	Overtime (gross)
	R	Overtime hourly rate
	N	Overtime hours worked
	TS	Total salary (gross)
	EX	Number of federal exemptions claimed
	P\$	Pay period(s)
	U	Deduction — United Fund
	T	Stock plan deduction
	D	Payroll deduction - credit union
	S	Social Security tax (FICA)
	M	State tax withholding
	IN	Income subject to federal tax
	TX	Federal tax withheld
	F	Total federal tax
	TH	Take-home pay
	I	Life insurance deduction
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		E LINE 110 ONLY ON ATARI
		(1),B\$(1),P\$(1)
	PRINT"	
3Ø		BSTITUTE COMMAND IN LINE 120 TO
		THE SCREEN ON YOUR COMPUTER
4Ø		"PAYCHECK ANALYSIS"
5Ø		"{3 SPACES}(6.92% STATE TAX)
	{3 SPA	CES } "
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8Ø	and the second second	
90	PRINT	"BASE SALARY? (GROSS-SEMIMONTHL

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- 190 PRINI (GROSS-SEMIMONTHL Y)"
- 200 INPUT B
- 210 PRINT "COST OF LIVING (GROSS)?"
- 22Ø INPUT C
- 230 PRINT

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) " 250 INPUT AŞ 260 IF (A\$<>"N")*(A\$<>"Y") THEN 250 270 IF A\$="N" THEN 340 280 PRINT "HOURLY OVERTIME RATE (GROSS)" 290 INPUT R 300 PRINT "NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS" 31Ø INPUT N 320 A=R*N 33Ø GOTO 36Ø 34Ø A=Ø 350 REM GROSS SALARY W/ OVERTIME IN LINE [SPACE] 310 36Ø TS=B+C+A 370 PRINT "NUMBER OF FED EXEM CLAIMED:" 380 INPUT EX 390 REM DEDUCTIONS 400 PRINT 410 PRINT 420 PRINT "PAY PERIOD-MIDDLE(M) OR END(E) :" 430 INPUT PS 440 IF (P\$<>"E")*(P\$<>"M") THEN 430 450 IF P\$="E" THEN 490 460 I=13.50 470 REM I IS INSURANCE DED ONCE A MONTH 480 GOTO 500 490 I=0 500 U=10.00 510 REM U IS UNITED FUND 52Ø T=Ø 530 REM T IS STOCK PLAN 54Ø D=100.00 550 REM D IS CREDIT UNION PAYROLL DED 56Ø S=.Ø67*TS 570 REM S IS FICA 58Ø M=(.Ø692*TS)-12.97 590 REM M IS STATE TAX 600 IN=(B+A)-41.66*EX 610 REM EX IS FEDERAL EXEM AND-IN IS TAXA BLE INCOME 620 REM FED WITHHOLDING TABLE (MARRIED, P AID SEMIMONTHLY) 630 IF IN>100 THEN 660 640 TX=0 650 GOTO 850 660 IF IN>253 THEN 690 67Ø TX=.12*(IN-1ØØ) 680 GOTO 850 690 IF IN>499 THEN 720 700 TX=18.36+.16*(IN-253) 710 GOTO 850 720 IF IN>772 THEN 750 730 TX=57.72+.19*(IN-499) 740 GOTO 850 750 IF IN>983 THEN 780 760 TX=109.50+.24*(IN-772) 77Ø GOTO 85Ø 780 IF IN>1204 THEN 810 790 TX=160.23+.27*(IN-983) 800 GOTO 850 810 IF IN>1425 THEN 840 820 TX=219.90+.32*(IN-1204) 830 GOTO 850 840 TX=290.62+.37*(IN-1425) 850 F=TX+(.20*C) 860 TH=(B+C+A)-(F+M+S+I+U+T+D)870 PRINT 880 PRINT

 24Ø PRINT "ANY OVERTIME?{SHIFT-SPACE}(Y/N
 89Ø PRINT "TAKE HOME PAY IS \$";INT(TH*100

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 +.5)/100

 25Ø INPUT A\$
 90Ø PRINT

 26Ø IF (A\$<>"N")*(A\$<>"Y") THEN 25Ø
 91Ø PRINT

 27Ø IF A\$="N" THEN 34Ø
 92Ø PRINT "DO ANOTHER ANALYSIS?"

 28Ø PRINT "HOURLY OVERTIME RATE (GROSS)"
 93Ø INPUT B\$

 29Ø INPUT R
 94Ø IF B\$="Y" THEN 12Ø

 30Ø PRINT "NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS"
 95Ø END

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Program 1 will run on all Commodore machines, TI, Apple, and Color Computer. One minor modification, however, is required if you have a TI-99/4A, Apple, or Color Computer. Line 200 contains a statement to clear the screen and cursor home. Substitute the appropriate command for your machine in this line (CALL CLEAR for TI, HOME for Apple, CLS for the Color Computer).

Personalizing The Program

Before you RUN this program, it is necessary to have a thorough understanding of how each bill is calculated in the program. First, a particular bill is split up according to the values (2,1,2,4) given

Harry Blai

in the DATA statement in line 1640. These values are assigned to the variable N(X) and represent the number of individuals who must pay for each bill. In its present form, the program assumes that the electric and water bills will be paid by two individuals, the phone bill by four, and the gas bill by one individual. However, it's unlikely that these numbers will correspond to the financial arrangements in your household. So, be sure to substitute the appropriate values in this line before you continue. Of course, if the bills are paid by one individual in the house, simply replace all four numbers in line 1640 with 1,1,1,1.

Since the program works on the actual costs of your utility bills based on local rates, certain information about these rates must be provided before you can run the program. This information is READ in line 380 and 400 from the DATA statements in lines 1650 – 1680.

Notice that the first three DATA statements in this sequence have nine entries and apply to the electric, gas, and water bills respectively. Let's consider line 1650 as an example. The first entry in this line is the name of the utility (ELECTRIC) for which the rates that follow apply. The second entry is the unit of measurement for that particular utility (KWH for kilowatt hours). The next entry is the minimum service charge for the utility (\$5.40 for electricity). The fourth entry is the tax rate based on the sum of the service charge and the

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At this point, the numbers begin to get a little confusing, so read carefully. The next two numbers are cutoff limits for each electric rate and are represented in the program by L1(1) and L2(1). The last three numbers are the actual rates charged per KWH use for each level of usage (R1(1), R2(1), and R3(1) in the program). Thus, the program is presently set up so that the rate charged for electricity is \$.0495 for the first 350 KWH, \$.0565 for the next 950 KWH (i.e., 1300 minus 350), and \$.0541 for any usage exceeding 1300 KWH.

The DATA statement in line 1680 is easier to follow: the utility (PHONE), the minimum service charge (\$13.50), and the tax rate on the service charge and long distance calls (3 percent).

So, get out your most recent bills and read off the various rates (per KWH for electric, per CCF or hundred cubic feet for gas and water). If the rates are not given on a bill, contact the utility company to get a schedule of the latest rates. Then just substitute your local rates for those in the DATA statements in lines 1650 to 1680.

Program Operation

After inserting the correct rates, RUN the program. You will then be asked which utility bill you wish to check. The first three menu choices are electric, gas, and water. Bills for these three utilities are all calculated in the routine beginning at line 560. Let s look at an electric bill as an example.

When the routine at line 560 is executed, you will be required to INPUT the present and previous meter readings. These values can be read directly from your latest electric bill. Next, you must INPUT the number of days in the billing period. Then you will be asked to INPUT any adjustments to the bill, either positive (for example, connection fees, previous balances) or negative (credits).

The program will next calculate the amount of electricity consumed for the given period (defined as U in line 720). Then, depending on the value of U relative to the two rate limits, L1(1) and L2(X) (lines 740 and 750), an amount owed (T) before tax and adjustments will be calculated (lines 760, 780, and 800). Next, the tax on this amount will be determined (T1). And finally a total electric bill — the sum of the minimum charge, usage cost, tax, and adjustments — will be calculated (T3) in line 830.

The results are then PRINTed on the screen with provisions for formatting the output to two places past the decimal. Any numbers in the third place past the decimal are simply dropped. If you prefer rounded numbers, you could easily modify

t the program to achieve that.

The routine beginning at line 560, as mentioned, also calculates the gas and water bills. These are based on the rates READ from the DATA statements in lines 1660 and 1670. Notice the sets of large numbers (precisely, 99999) in line 1660. The rates for gas where I live are the same, regardless of the amount used. By using large numbers here for the cutoff limits, L1(2) and L2(2), for this utility, it's unlikely that the actual usage will exceed these amounts (see lines 740 and 750). Thus, the charge for this commodity will always be based on the first rate, or R1.

The rates for water, as READ from the DATA statement in line 1670, are based on a single cutoff limit (L1(3)) of 1000 CCF. For less than this, a usage rate (R1(3)) of \$.144 per CCF is charged. If water usage exceeds 1000 CCF, a second rate (R2(3)) of \$.160 is charged. Again, using a very large number (99999) for the second cutoff limit (L2(3)) assures that the overall usage cost is based only on two rates.

Analyzing The Phone Bill

Phone bills are checked in a separate routine in the program beginning at line 1110. In this routine, adjustments to the bill are initially INPUT in the same manner as they are with the electric, gas, and water bills. Next, the person responsible for each long distance charge is required to INPUT the amount of each long distance call. A separate routine (lines 1260 – 1360) allows the individual to correct any typing mistakes. Finally, the amount owed by one individual is displayed.

The portion of the phone bill that each person must pay is the sum of their long distance tolls, a proportional amount of both the service charge and the billing adjustments, and a proportional amount of the tax levied on the service and long distance calls. Again, if only one person in the household foots the bills, the last number in line 1640 should be 1.

In addition to enabling you to catch billing errors and helping you to easily divide up household bills, this program can help you monitor your costs. If you add an energy-saving device that is supposed to save, say, 10 percent of your total electric bill, take a meter reading when it is installed and verify the savings with a later reading. You can also project weekly, monthly, and yearly savings for any utility in this manner.

Program 1: Microsoft & TI Version (Commodore, TI, Apple, Color Computer)

- 100 GOTO 330
- 11Ø A1=Ø
- 120 PRINT"INPUT ADJUSTMENTS TO BILL (+ OR
 - {SPACE}-,'Ø' WHEN DONE)"
- 130 INPUT A
- 140 Al=Al+A

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)+R3*(U-L2(X))810 T1=T*Z(X) 820 T2=T+T1 830 T3=T2+A1 840 GOSUB 200 850 GOSUB 220 860 PRINT "USE FOR THE PERIOD IS "; INT(U* 100)/100;" ";B\$(X) 87Ø PRINT 880 PRINT "USE/DAY IS "; INT(Y*100)/100;" {SPACE}"; B\$(X); " OR \$"; 890 PRINT INT(T2/D*100)/100;"/DAY INCLUDI NG TAX" 900 PRINT 910 PRINT A\$(X);" BILL:" 920 PRINT " W/OUT TAX{2 SPACES}:\$"; INT(T* 100)/100 930 PRINT " TAX IS{5 SPACES}:\$"; INT(T1*10 0)/100 940 PRINT" ADJ'TS [5 SPACES]: \$"; A1 950 PRINT 960 PRINT "{2 SPACES}*TOTAL*{3 SPACES}:\$" ;INT(T3*100)/100 970 IF N(X)=1 THEN 990 980 PRINT"SPLIT ";N(X);" WAYS:\$";INT(T3/N (X)*100)/100 990 PRINT 1000 GOSUB 290 1010 RETURN 1020 X=1 1030 GOSUB 560 1040 GOTO 430 1050 X=2 1060 GOSUB 560 1070 GOTO 430 1080 X=3 1090 GOSUB 560 1100 GOTO 430 1110 GOSUB 200 1120 X=4 1130 PRINT "{5 SPACES}";A\$(X);" BILL" 1140 PRINT 1150 GOSUB 110 1160 FOR K=1 TO N(X) 117Ø I=1 1180 IF N(X)=1 THEN 1200 1190 PRINT"FOR PERSON #";K;","; 1200 PRINT "INPUT CHARGE FOR EACH LONG DI STANCE CALL (INPUT 'Ø' WHEN DONE)" 1210 INPUT W(I) 1220 IF W(I)=0 THEN 1250 123Ø I=I+1 1240 GOTO 1210 1250 GOSUB 200 1270 FOR J=1 TO I-1 1280 PRINT "CALL #"; J; "{2 SPACES}: \$"; W(J) 1290 PRINT 1300 PRINT "IS THIS CORRECT (Y/N)" 1310 INPUT C\$ 1320 IF C\$="Y" THEN 1350 1330 PRINT "TYPE IN CORRECTION" 1340 INPUT W(J) 1350 PRINT 1360 NEXT J 1370 GOSUB 200 1380 GOSUB 220 139Ø T=Ø 1400 FOR J=1 TO I-1 1410 T = T + W(J)







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1430 PRINT "SERVICE: [3 SPACES]$"; INT(M(X)
     /N(X)*100)/100
1440 PRINT
1450 PRINT "LD CALLS: {2 SPACES }; T
1460 PRINT
1470 PRINT"ADJ'TS :{3 SPACES}$";INT(A1/N(
     X)*100)/100
1480 PRINT
1490 T1=T+INT(M(X)/N(X)*100)/100
1500 T2=INT(T1*Z(X)*100)/100
1510 PRINT "TOTAL TAX: $";T2
1520 PRINT
1530 PRINT
1540 PRINT " TOTAL BILL: $";T1+T2+INT(A1/
     N(X)*100)/100
1550 GOSUB 250
1560 GOSUB 290
1570 NEXT K
1580 GOTO 430
1590 FOR F=1 TO 3
1600 X=F
1610 GOSUB 560
1620 NEXT F
1630 GOTO 1110
1640 DATA 2,1,2,4
1650 DATA ELECTRIC, KWH, 5.40, 0, 350, 1300, .0
     495,.0565,.0541
1660 DATA GAS, CCF, 4.05, 0, 99999, 99999, .495
     41,0,0
1670 DATA WATER, CCF, 3.26, 0, 500, 99999, .144
     ,.160,0
1680 DATA PHONE, 13.50, .03
1690 END
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Program 2: Atari Version

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100 GOTO 200
110 A1=0:PRINT "INPUT BILLING ADJUST
    MENTS (+ OR -, 'Ø'
                       WHEN DONE) "
120 INPUT A: A1=A1+A
130 IF A=0 THEN 150
14Ø GOTO 12Ø
150 GOSUB 180:GOSUB 190:RETURN
160 PRINT "(CLEAR)":RETURN
17Ø PRINT " ";A$(X*8-7,X*8);" BILL(C
    ONT')":PRINT :RETURN
                                       320
180 FOR I=1 TO 3:PRINT :NEXT I:RETUR
    N
                                       3
190 PRINT "INPUT C TO CONTINUE";:INP
                                       3
    UT C$:GOSUB 160:RETURN
200 DIM L1(3), L2(3), M(4), N(4), R1(3),
                                       3
    R2(3),R3(3),W(5Ø),Z(4),A$(4Ø),B$
    (9), C$(1)
                                       3
210 A$="ELECTRICGAS(5 SPACES)WATER
    {3 SPACES}PHONE{3 SPACES}"
                                       3
22Ø B$="KWHCCFCCF"
230 FOR I=1 TO 4:READ X:N(I)=X:NEXT
                                       3
    I:FOR I=1 TO 3
24Ø READ A, B, C, D, E, F, G
250 M(I)=A:Z(I)=B:L1(I)=C:L2(I)=D:R1
    (I)=E:R2(I)=F:R3(I)=G
26Ø NEXT
         I
270 READ A, B:M(4)=A:Z(4)=B:GOSUB 160
280 PRINT "(8 RIGHT)UTILITY BILL AUD
    IT"
290 GOSUB 180:PRINT "(3 RIGHT)1. ELE
    CTRIC BILL":PRINT "{3 RIGHT}2. G
    AS BILL"
300 PRINT "{3 RIGHT}3. WATER BILL":P 450
    RINT "(3 RIGHT)4. PHONE BILL"
310 PRINT "(3 RIGHT)5. ALL OF THE AB
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Atari Version Notes For Utility Bill Audit

Patrick Parrish, Programming Supervisor

The Atari version (Program 2) of "Utility Bill Audit" is set up like the Microsoft version. The primary difference in the Atari version, of course, is its handling of strings. A\$(X) and B\$(X) were used to define the type of utility and its units of usage in the Microsoft version. Since the Atari doesn't allow string arrays, A\$ and B\$ must be defined as one long string of individual substrings representing all utilities and their units. This is accomplished in lines 210 and 220. Thus, when a bill for a particular utility is to be checked, a corresponding portion of A\$ and B\$ will be accessed accordingly.

As an example of this, look at the statement in line 170. If you were checking an electric bill, then X would equal 1 and the first eight characters in A\$ or ELECTRIC would be PRINTed along with the word BILL.

After removing entries for A\$ and B\$ from the DATA statements in lines 780 to 810, the remainder of these entries are defined by the same variables as they are in the Microsoft version. Read over the discussion on these DATA statements in the article. Then, adjust the values contained therein according to your local utility rate schedules.

OVE":PRINT "(3 RIGHT)6. EXIT":PR INT :PRINT PRINT "(3 RIGHT)CHOOSE AN OPTION

22	FRIMI TO RIGHTTONOUSE HN OFTION
	";
3ø	INPUT P:IF (P<1)+(P>6) THEN 330
4ø	ON P GOTO 540,550,560,570,760,82
	Ø
5ø	GOSUB 160:PRINT "{4 SPACES}";A\$(
	X*8-7, X*8); " BILL": PRINT
60	PRINT "PREVIOUS METER READING": I
	NPUT E1:PRINT
7Ø	PRINT "PRESENT METER READING": IN
	PUT E2:PRINT
8ø	PRINT "INPUT DAYS IN THE BILLING

80 PRINT "INPUT DAYS IN THE BILLING PERIOD":INPUT D:GOSUB 180

390 GOSUB 190:GOSUB 160:GOSUB 170:GO SUB 110:PRINT :U=E2-E1:Y=U/D

400 IF U>L2(X) THEN 440

410 IF U>L1(X) THEN 430

42Ø T=M(X)+R1(X)*U:GOTO 45Ø 43Ø T=M(X)+R1(X)*L1(X)+R2(X)*(U-L1(X

)):GOTO 450

44Ø T=M(X)+R1(X)*L1(X)+R2(X)*(L2(X)-L1(X))+R3(X)*(U-L2(X))

15Ø T1=T*Z(X):T2=T+T1:T3=T2+A1:GOSUB 16Ø:GOSUB 17Ø

460 PRINT "USE FOR THE PERIOD IS "; I

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NT(U*100)/100;"";B\$(X*3-2,X*3): PRINT

- 470 PRINT "USE/DAY IS ";INT(Y*100)/1 00;" ";B\$(X*3-2,X*3);" OR \$";
- 480 PRINT INT(T2/D*100)/100;"/DAY":P RINT "INCLUDING TAX":PRINT :PRIN T A\$(X*8-7, X*8);" BILL:"
- 490 PRINT " W/OUT TAX: \$";INT(T*100) /100:PRINT " TAX IS(3 SPACES): \$ ";INT(T1*100)/100
- 500 PRINT " ADJ'TS(3 SPACES): \$";A1: PRINT :PRINT " *TOTAL* : \$";INT (T3*100)/100
- 510 IF N(X)=1 THEN 530
- 520 PRINT :PRINT "SPLIT ";N(X);" WAY S:\$";INT(T3/N(X)*100)/100
- 530 PRINT : GOSUB 190:RETURN
- 54Ø X=1:GOSUB 35Ø:GOTO 29Ø
- 550 X=2:GOSUB 350:GOTO 290
- 560 X=3:60SUB 350:60T0 290
- 57Ø GOSUB 16Ø:X=4:PRINT "{4 SPACES}" ;A\$(X*8-7,X*8);" BILL"
- 580 PRINT : GOSUB 110
- 590 PRINT : FOR K=1 TO N(X):I=1:IF N(X)=1 THEN 610
- 500 PRINT " FOR PERSON #";K;",";
- 61Ø PRINT "INPUT CHARGE FOR EACH LON G DISTANCE CALL (INPUT 'Ø' WHEN {4 SPACES}DONE)"
- $62\emptyset$ INPUT D:W(I)=D:IF W(I)=Ø THEN 64
- 630 I=I+1:GOTO 620
- 640 GOSUB 160:FOR J=1 TO I-1:PRINT " PERSON #";K;",";
- 650 PRINT "CALL #";J;" :\$";W(J):PRIN T :PRINT "IS THIS CORRECT (Y/N)"
- 660 INPUT C\$: IF C\$="Y" THEN 680
- 670 PRINT "TYPE IN CORRECTION": INPUT D:W(J)=D
- 680 PRINT :NEXT J
- 690 GOSUB 160:GOSUB 170:T=0:FOR J=1 TO I-1
- 700 T=T+W(J):NEXT J:PRINT "SERVICE: (3 SPACES)\$";INT(M(X)/N(X)*100)/ 100:PRINT
- 710 PRINT "LD CALLS: \$";T:PRINT
- 720 PRINT "ADJ'TS : (3 SPACES)\$"; INT(A1/N(X)*100)/100:PRINT
- 730 T1=T+INT(M(X)/N(X)*100)/100:T2=I NT(T1*Z(X)*100)/100
- 740 PRINT "TOTAL TAX: \$";T2:PRINT :P RINT
- 750 PRINT " TOTAL BILL: \$";T1+T2+INT (A1/N(X)*100)/100:GOSUB 180:GOSU B 190:NEXT K:GOTO 290
- 760 FOR F=1 TO 3:X=F:GOSUB 350:NEXT F:GOTO 570
- 770 DATA 2,1,2,4
- 780 DATA 5.40,0,350,1300,.0495,.0565 ,.0541
- 790 DATA 4.05,0,99999,99999,.49541,0
- ,0 800 DATA 3.26,0,1000,99999,.144,.160 ,0

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Here's a valuable program if you're economy-minded. You can monitor your vehicle's performance with a hires graphics display of your odometer reading, gas mileage, standard deviation of mileage data, and reference dates. Originally written for the Apple, versions for the Atari, 64, and VIC (with Super Expander) are included. A disk drive is required.

"Gas Mileage," originally written for the Apple, is a simple but effective program that displays, in high-resolution (hi-res) graphics, the total cumulative average gas mileage for up to 200 (50 for VIC version) fill-ups. Also, mileage, gas mileage, standard deviation of gas mileage data, and reference dates are displayed at the bottom of the screen.

If you compulsively keep records of gas mileage of your car or cars, you probably have noticed that there is often significant variability. Many factors can cause this: whether you are getting a "total" fill, which gas station you are getting your gas from, what type of driving you have been doing, the mechanical condition of your car, and weather conditions. If you own a small economy car, you have probably experienced the frustration of seeing results ranging from 10 to 40 miles to the gallon. Such data is useless to reveal whether or not changes you've made in your vehicle or driving habits are effective. If you own more than one vehicle, you might want to make a scientific comparison to determine which vehicle is giving you the best service.

Operating The Program

Gas Mileage is menu-driven and designed for use with a disk drive. The main menu consists of three choices:

(1) GAS MILEAGE DISPLAY(2) PROGRAM FOR THOSE WANTING A

PRINTER OPTION

(3) OPTION FOR CREATING A NEW DATA FILE FOR ANOTHER VEHICLE

When you first run the program and the main menu is displayed, you'll have to choose option 3 to create an initial data file. The program will branch to line 610, which asks you to INPUT CAR'S NAME:. The car's name (N\$) becomes the data file's name. Any number of data files can be created and used in the program as long as no name is used twice. (This file naming technique can be valuable for other programs as it allows maximum use of the same program for different data files.) When using any N\$ input string variable to equal your desired data files, you can save yourself some typing by using the following sequence: "OPEN";N\$:"READ OR WRITE";N\$: "CLOSE";N\$.

Lines 620 – 700 create a data file that can be READ without causing an END OF DATA ERROR message. The Z variable used at line 680 will be used to tell the READ command how many DATA statements are to be read — in other words, how many entries have been made for mileage and distance. This technique is useful when the number of data entries is constantly changing. If you use the APPEND DOS command for adding new data to your data files, the Z variable can be corrected if you POSITION DOS to location zero and then WRITE in the value of Z and CLOSE the data file. If you are making multiple entries of new data to your data file, I recommend that you not use the APPEND command for writing in data files.

Data Options

After you have run the program and created the data file, the next display on the screen will be CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM OPTIONS. Lines 200 – 260 allow you to select one of four program

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options:

(1) DISPLAY GAS MILEAGE(2) INPUT NEW DATA

(3) CREATE BACKUP DATA FILE

(4) RETURN TO MAIN MENU

I used a GET X\$ request at line 240 and then changed the X\$ to an X variable number. The reason: If a letter is accidentally pressed, the program will crash and you will have to reload your data file.

Since you do not yet have any gas mileage data to be displayed, we'll discuss option 1 last. Option 2, INPUT NEW DATA (lines 490 – 570), lets you input your mileage readings and the amount of gas used to fill the vehicle. The I variable is used as a data interval. Since data is to be added to the data file, the interval variable equals the total current number of DATA statements. The data interval and the Z variable (total number of DATA statements) are then increased by one.

Since the variables used to represent current odometer reading and gas are dimensioned to 200 variable statements each, you should be able to store data representing about 35,000 miles before you will have to increase the number of dimensioned variable statements. Your data will eventually run into the hi-res screen as you run out of memory. You can then create new data files to contain your additional data, or delete parts of the program you find unnecessary.

The screen displays the last stored mileage and asks you to INPUT CURRENT MILEAGE. To get your data file running, your first mileage is used as a starting location and stored as if you'd used no gas, regardless of what you had typed in. (Gas mileage calculations are actually started with your second data entry.) Next, you simply input the odometer reading at the time you filled up your vehicle. For example: 37324 miles, and gas used since last fill-up, 12.3 gallons.

The next screen display (lines 500 – 560) permits correction of an entry before it is stored in the data file:

SUB-MENU

- (1) TO END DATA INPUT & STORE DATA
- (2) TO RE-ENTER LAST DATA ENTRY
- (3) TO ENTER MORE DATA
- (4) TO ENTER REFERENCE DATE FOR FILL UP

Option 2 allows you to correct a mistyped entry. Use option 3 to continue inputting data until you're finished. Option 1 ends data input and stores your data file on disk. Option 4 processes a date for future reference and display. Keep your reference dates to a minimum to save memory.

After the data has been stored in your data file, you are automatically sent back to the program options. After doing all that data entry, you should

now use option 3, CREATE BACKUP DATA FILE.

The Heart Of The Program

When you choose option 1, DISPLAY GAS MILEAGE (lines 270 – 480), the screen display asks you to INPUT ESTIMATED AVERAGE GAS MILEAGE. Your input (XG) is then acted on by lines 270 – 290 and line 440 in adjusting the hi-res screen position of the data that will be displayed. Depending on the individual characteristics of your vehicle, you might like to change the value of the XG variable to position your data display to suit your taste.

The total cumulative average gas mileage is calculated for each input of current mileage and total gas used. The average gas mileage is plotted as a point on the hi-res screen. In addition, gas mileage and standard deviation are provided at the bottom of the screen. When a bell sounds, a new reference date is printed at the bottom of the screen.

For those unfamiliar with standard deviation, it is a mathematical expression of the variability of data about a mean. The standard deviation can be used to clarify the meaning and the causes of events. The hi-res screen display does for you visually what science relies on statistical analysis to accomplish.

Line 330 is used to increase the data interval by one, so that gas and current odometer readings can be translated and used to calculate gas mileage. X is the total distance traveled, and F is the total fuel used to travel that distance. MG represents the total average miles per gallon. M1 is the total cumulative sum of the squares of miles per gallon, and M2 is the sum of the miles per gallon. Using M1, M2, and N (the total number of entries), the standard deviation is calculated. Lines 350 – 370 carry out these functions.

Line 390 displays at the bottom of the hi-res screen the following: mileage, miles per gallon (MG), and standard deviation (SD). Line 400 displays the reference dates.

Next, each total cumulative gas mileage is translated into a coordinate to be plotted on the hi-res screen at lines 440 – 480. The A variable represents this coordinate. The Y variable is used to position the next graphic plotting of gas mileage slightly to the right of the last gas mileage plotted. The gas mileage is multiplied by the constant provided at lines 270 - 290, and the value subtracted from 600. This enhances graphic display of data and allows for normal graphic display of higher and lower gas mileage as would be expended in the upper-right graphic coordinate system. The hi-res plotting system is in the lower right of the normal graphic coordinate system. Lines 420 and 430 can be changed to stop the erasure of the hi-res screen if your data exceeds the right side of the

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640
    PRINT D$; "OPEN"; N$; "'S DATA"
650
     PRINT D$; "DELETE"; N$"'S DATA"
     PRINT D$; "OPEN"; N$"'S DATA"
660
670
     PRINT D$; "WRITE"; N$"'S DATA"
680
     PRINT Z: IF Z = Ø THEN GOTO 700
690
     FOR I = Ø TO Z: PRINT D(I): PRINT
     G(I): PRINT A$(I): NEXT
700
     PRINT D$; "CLOSE"; N$"'S DATA"
    IF BU = 1 THEN BU = Ø: RETURN
710
72Ø GOTO 2ØØ
730
    HOME
74Ø BU$ = "BACKUP ":BU = 1:UB$ = N$:N$ =
     BU$ + UB$: GOSUB 620
750 N$ = UB$: GOTO 200
    HOME : PRINT "PRINTER OPTIONS:"
760
     PRINT : PRINT "(1) PRINT MILEAGE A
770
     ND GAS MILEAGE DATA"
78Ø
     PRINT "(2) PRINT HI-RES GRAPHICS "
79Ø
     PRINT "(3) PRINT BOTH OPTIONS 1 AN
     D 2"
     PRINT "(4) TURN PRINTER OFF"
800
     VTAB 1: HTAB 18: GET X$:X = VAL (
810
     X$)
820
     IF X > Ø GOTO 84Ø
     GOTO 76Ø
830
840 PR% = X: IF X = 4 THEN PR% = 0
85Ø
     VTAB 10:A$ = "PRINTER OPTION INITI
     ALIZED. "
     HTAB (20 - LEN (A$) / 2): INVERSE
860
     : PRINT AS: NORMAL
870
    FOR X = 1 TO 2000: NEXT
88Ø GOTO 5Ø
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Program 2: Gas Mileage — Atari

1 OPEN #1,4,Ø, "K:"

- 2 GOSUB 900
- 5 DIM X\$(1), D(200), G(200), A(200), N\$(15), FILE\$(15), B(200), C(200), BU\$(15),UB\$(15),A\$(192) 6 GRAPHICS Ø: POKE 752,1
- 10 POSITION 14,10:? "GAS MILEAGE" 30 POSITION 7,23:? "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE";:GET #1,X
- 50 POKE 752,1:? "{CLEAR}":? "MENU:"
- "(1) GAS MILEAGE DISPLAY" 60 ? :?
- 70 ? :? "(2) PROGRAM FOR THOSE WANTI NG A(11 SPACES) PRINTER OPTION"
- ? :? "(3) OPTION FOR CREATING A N 80 EW DATA(8 SPACES)FILE FOR ANOTHER VEHICLE"
- 90 POSITION 7,0:GET #1,X:? "{CLEAR}"
- 95 X=X-ASC("Ø"): IF X<Ø OR X>3 THEN X =0
- 96 POKE 752,0
- 100 ON X GOTO 120,760,610
- 110 GOTO 50
- 120 ? "(CLEAR)":? :POSITION 2,10:? " INPUT CAR'S NAME: ";: INPUT N\$
- 130 ? "(CLEAR)": POSITION 2,10:? "COM PUTER IS LOADING DATA"
- 140 FILE\$="D:":FILE\$(3)=N\$
- 150 TRAP 890:0PEN #2,4,0,FILE\$ 160 INPUT #2, Z: IF Z=0 THEN 190
- 170 FOR I=0 TO Z: INPUT #2, Y:D(I)=Y:I NPUT #2, Y:G(I) = Y: INPUT #2, Y:A(I) =Y: INPUT #2, Y: B(I)=Y
- 18Ø INPUT #2, Y:C(I)=Y:NEXT I
- 190 CLOSE #2:TRAP 40000 200 POKE 752,1:? "{CLEAR}":POSITION 2,10:? "CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM OPTI ONS"
- 210 ? :? "(1) DISPLAY YOUR MILEAGE":

- ? "(2) INPUT NEW DATA"
- 220 ? "(3) CREATE BACKUP DATA FILE"
- 230 ? "(4) RETURN TO MAIN MENU"
- 24Ø POSITION 31,10:GET #1,X:? " {CLEAR} "
- 245 X=X-ASC("Ø"): IF X<Ø OR X>4 THEN $X = \emptyset$
- 246 POKE 752,0
- 250 ON X GOTO 270,485,730,50
- 26Ø GOTO 2ØØ
- 270 ? "{CLEAR}": POSITION 2,10:? "INP UT ESTIMATED AVERAGE GAS MILEAGE :": INPUT XG
- 280 IF XG>=20 THEN XG=20
- 29Ø IF XG<2Ø THEN XG=3Ø
- 300 I=-1:X=0:N=0:M1=0:M2=0:F=0:Y=0
- 305 IF PR=0 OR PR=2 THEN CLOSE #3:0P EN #3,8,Ø,"E:"
- 310 IF PR=1 OR PR=3 THEN CLOSE #3:0P EN #3,8,0,"P:"
- 315 GRAPHICS 8:COLOR 1:POKE 752,1
- 320 IF (PR=2 OR PR=3) AND I=Z THEN C LOSE #3: OPEN #3,8,0, "P: ": GOSUB 9 30
- 330 I=I+1:IF I=Z+1 THEN POKE 656,2:P OKE 657, Ø:? "PRESS ANY KEY TO CO NTINUE";:GET #1,X:GRAPHICS Ø:GOT 0 200
- 34Ø G=G(I):D=D(I)-D1:D1=D(I):IF G(I) =Ø THEN 310
- 350 X=X+D:F=F+G:MG=X/F:MG=100*MG:MG= INT (MG): MG=MG/100
- 360 MP=D/G:M1=M1+(MP*MP):N=N+1:M2=MP +M2:M3=M2/N:M4=M1/N:M5=M3^2:SS=(M4 - M5)
- 365 IF SS>Ø THEN SD=SS^Ø.5
- 37Ø SD=1ØØ*SD:SD=INT(SD):SD=SD/1ØØ
- 38Ø POKE 656, Ø: POKE 657, Ø
- 390 ? #3; "MILEAGE="; D(I), "MG="; MG, "S D=";SD
- 400 IF A(I)>0 THEN POKE 656,1:POKE 6 57,0:? #3; "DATE: "; A(I); "/"; B(I); "/";C(I);"(5 SPACES)"
- 410 PLOT 319,159:DRAWTO 0,159
- 420 Y=Y+2:IF Y>319 THEN Y=0:IF PR=2 OR PR=3 THEN CLOSE #3: OPEN #3,8, Ø, "P: ": GOSUB 930: CLOSE #3: GRAPHI CS 8
- 430 IF Y=0 THEN GRAPHICS 8:POKE 752. 1
- 440 A=XG*MG
- 450 A=500-A
- 460 IF A<Ø THEN A=Ø
- 465 IF A>159 THEN A=159
- 470 PLOT Y, A
- 48Ø GOTO 32Ø
- 485 TRAP 500
- 490 I=Z:? "LAST STORED MILEAGE: ";D(I):? :? "CURRENT MILEAGE";: INPUT X:D(I+1)=X:? :? "GAS USED";
- 492 INPUT X:D(I+1)=X:I=I+1:Z=I
- 495 IF LA=1 THEN LA=Ø: I=I-1: Z=I
- 500 TRAP 500:POKE 752,1:POSITION 2,1 4:? "SUB-MENU:"
- 510 ? :? "(1) TO END DATA INPUT & ST ORE DATA"
- ? "(2) TO RE-ENTER LAST DATA ENT 520 RY"
- 530 ? "(3) TO ENTER MORE DATA":?
- 54Ø IF L=Ø THEN ? "(4) TO ENTER REFE RENCE DATE FOR FILL(6 SPACES)UP"
- 550 POSITION 13,14:GET #1,X:? :POKE 752,Ø

- 555 X=X-ASC("Ø"): IF X<Ø OR X>4 THEN X = 0
- 560 ON X GOTO 620,590,600,580
- 570 GOTO 500
- 580 ? "(CLEAR)":? "INPUT COMPLETE DA TE": POSITION 2,5
- 585 ? "EXAMPLE: 12,3,1983 IS DEC. 3 rd 1983": POSITION 2, 10:? "DATE:" ;: INPUT A, B, C: A(I) = A: B(I) = B: C(I) =C:GOTO 500
- 590 LA=1: POSITION 2,8: GOTO 490
- ? "{CLEAR}":GOTO 490 600
- 610 ? :? :? "INPUT CAR'S NAME:";:INP UT NS
- 615 IF LEN(N\$)>6 THEN ? "NAME TOO LO NG":GOTO 610
- 616 Z=Ø
- 617 TRAP 890
- 620 FILE\$="D:":FILE\$(3)=N\$
- 630 ? "(CLEAR)": POSITION 2,10:? "COM PUTER IS THINKING"
- 640 OPEN #2,8,0,FILE\$
- 680 ? #2, Z: IF Z=Ø THEN 700
- 690 FOR I=0 TO Z:? #2,D(I):? #2,G(I) :? #2,A(I):? #2,B(I):? #2,C(I):N FXT I 700 CLOSE #2: TRAP 40000
- 710 IF BU=1 THEN BU=0:RETURN
- 720 GOTO 200
- 730 ? "{CLEAR}"
- 74Ø BU\$="BU":BU=1:UB\$=N\$:N\$=BU\$:N\$(3)=UB\$:TRAP 755:GOSUB 620
- 75Ø N\$=UB\$:GOTO 2ØØ
- 755 CLOSE #2:TRAP 40000:? "INVALID F ILE NAME":FOR I=1 TO 500:NEXT I: GOTO 200
- 760 POKE 752,1:? "(CLEAR)":? "PRINTE R OPTIONS:"
- ? :? "(1) PRINT MILEAGE AND GAS 770 MILEAGE DATA";
- 780 ? "(2) PRINT HI-RES GRAPHICS"
- 790 ? "(3) PRINT BOTH OPTIONS 1 AND
- 800 ? "(4) TURN PRINTER OFF"
- 810 POSITION 20,1:GET #1,X
- 815 X=X-ASC("Ø") 820 IF X>0 AND X<5 THEN 840
- 83Ø GOTO 76Ø
- 84Ø PR=X: IF X=4 THEN PR=Ø
- 850 AS="PRINTER OPTIONS INITIALIZED.
- 860 POSITION (20-LEN(A\$)/2),10:? A\$ 870 FOR X=1 TO 500:NEXT X
- 88Ø GOTO 5Ø
- 890 CLOSE #2: TRAP 40000:? "INVALID F ILE NAME":FOR I=1 TO 500:NEXT I: GOTO 5Ø
- 900 FOR B=1 TO 61:READ N:POKE 1535+B ,N:NEXT B:RETURN
- 91Ø DATA 104,104,141,21,6,104,141,20 , 6, 104, 141, 27, 6, 104, 141, 26, 6, 160 ,193,173,255,255,136,240,35,141, 255, 255, 238
- 920 DATA 26,6,240,21,173,20,6,56,233 ,40,141,20,6,144,4,24,76,19,6,20 6,21,6,76,19,6,238,27,6,76,33,6, 96
- 930 DM=PEEK(88)+PEEK(89)*256:DM=DM+4 Ø*191
- 940 LPRINT CHR\$(27); "A"; CHR\$(8): FOR X=DM TO DM+39
- 950 A\$=CHR\$(0):A\$(192)=CHR\$(0):A\$(2) =A\$

- 960 W=USR(1536, X, ADR(A\$)):LPRINT CHR \$(27); "K"; CHR\$(192); CHR\$(Ø); A\$
- 97Ø NEXT X:RETURN

Program 3: Gas Mileage — 64

- 5 PRINT" {CLR} {11 RIGHT} {13 DOWN} GAS MILEA GE PROGRAM"
- 10 GOSUB4000
- 20 DIMD(200),G(200) 25 PRINT" {8 UP}";
- 30 PRINT"{CLR}":PRINT"MAIN MENU":PRINT
- 40 PRINT"(1)GAS MILEAGE DISPLAY": PRINT
- 60 PRINT" (2) CREATE A NEW FILE": PRINT
- 61 PRINT"(3)ENTER NEW DATA IN FILE":PRINT
- 62 PRINT"(4)EXIT PROGRAM" 70 GETX\$:IFX\$=""THEN70
- 71 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT"{CLR}" 80 ONXGOTO120,610,652,800
- 110 GOTO30
- 120 PRINT"{CLR}":PRINT"INPUT CAR'S NAME:" : INPUTN\$
- 130 PRINT" {CLR}": PRINT" COMPUTER IS LOADIN G"
- 140 B\$="0:"+N\$+", S, R"
- 150 OPEN3,8,3,B\$
- 170 INPUT#3,Z:IF Z=0 THEN 181
- 180 FORI=ØTOZ:INPUT#3,D(I),G(I):NEXTI
- 181 CLOSE3
- 190 PRINT"{CLR}"
- 200 PRINT"CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS": PRINT: PRIN T
- 210 PRINT"(1)DISPLAY GAS MILEAGE": PRINT
- 211 PRINT"(2) INPUT NEW DATA": PRINT
- 220 PRINT" (3) CREATE BACKUP FILE": PRINT
- 230 PRINT" (4) RETURN TO MAIN MENU"
- 240 GET X\$:IFX\$=""THEN240
- 241 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT"{CLR}"
- 250 ONXGOTO270,490,730,30
- 26Ø GOTO2ØØ
- 270 PRINT"ESTIMATED GAS MILEAGE": INPUTXG: X=FRE(Ø):PRINT"{CLR}"
- 271 PRINT"INSTRUCTIONS ON GRAPH: ": PRINT
- 272 PRINT"HORIZONTAL:"
- 273 PRINT"# OF DATA POINTS":PRINT:PRINT:P RINT
- 274 PRINT"VERTICAL:"

Notes For VIC-20 And 64 Versions of **Gas Mileage**

The VIC and 64 versions of "Gas Mileage" are very similar to the Atari and Apple versions. However, they do not offer the printer option found in the Atari and Apple versions. The VIC version requires the Super Expander cartridge to plot the graph.

:PRINT 276 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO LEAVE GRAPHICS 277 FORJ=1T01000:NEXTJ 280 IFXG>=20THENXG=20 290 IFXG<20THENXG=30 295 POKE53272, PEEK(53272) OR8: POKE53265, PE EK(53265)OR32 296 SYS4971Ø 300 I=-1:X=0:N=0:M1=0:M2=0:F=0:Y=0 33Ø I=I+1:IFI=Z+1THEN381 340 G=G(I):D=D(I)-D1:D1=D(I):IFG=0THEN330 350 X=X+D:F=F+G:MG=X/F:MG=INT(100*MG)/100 360 MP=D/G:M1=M1+(MP*MP):N=N+1:M2=MP+M2 361 M3=M2/N:M4=M1/N:M5=M3¹2:SS=M4-M5 362 IFSS>ØTHENSD=SQR(SS) 370 SD=INT(100*SD)/100 38Ø GOTO42Ø 381 IFPEEK(197)=64THEN381 382 POKE53272,21:POKE53265,27 383 FORJ=1TO3Ø:NEXTJ:PRINT"{CLR}" 390 PRINT"MILEAGE=";D(I-1) 391 PRINT"MG=";MG 392 PRINT"SD="; SD 393 FORJ=1TO10:PRINT:NEXTJ 394 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY!" 396 IFPEEK(197)=64THEN396 400 GOTO480 420 Y=Y+10:IFY>319THENY=0 430 IFY=0THENSYS49710 440 A=(XG*MG) 450 A=500-A 460 IFA<0THENA=0 465 IFA>199THENA=199 470 Y=INT(Y+.5):A=INT(A+.5):POKE53240,A:P OKE53241,Ø 471 POKE53242, Y: IFY> 255THENPOKE53243, 1: PO KE53242,Y-256 472 IFY<255THENPOKE53243,0 473 SYS494Ø8 475 GOTO33Ø 480 POKE198, 0: POKE53272, 21: POKE53265, 27:G **OTO190** 490 PRINT"{CLR}":I=Z: I= I+1:Z=I 491 PRINT"LAST MILEAGE WAS: "; D(I-1): PRINT 492 PRINT"CURRENT READING: ":INPUTD(I) 493 PRINT"GAS USED": INPUTG(I) 494 PRINT"{CLR}" 495 IF I=1 THEN G(I)=Ø 500 PRINT"SUB-MENU": PRINT: PRINT 510 PRINT"(1) TO END DATA INPUT": PRINT 520 PRINT" (2) RE-ENTER LAST DATA" : PRINT 530 PRINT" (3) ENTER MORE DATA": PRINT 550 GETX\$:IFX\$=""THEN550 551 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT 560 ONXGOTO654,590,600 57Ø GOTO5ØØ 590 I=I-1:Z=I:GOTO490 600 PRINT" {CLR}":GOTO490 610 PRINT: PRINT" INPUT CAR'S NAME: ": INPUTN 630 PRINT"{CLR}":PRINT"COMPUTER IS THINKI NG" 64Ø Z=Ø 650 OPEN2,8,2,N\$+",S,W":PRINT#2,Z:CLOSE2 651 OPEN15,8,15,"IO":CLOSE15:GOTO40 652 PRINT"PRINT CAR'S NAME:" 653 INPUTN\$:PRINT"{CLR}" 654 PRINT" {CLR}": PRINT" PLEASE WAIT" 49800 DATA 42,157,0,43,157,0,44

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275 PRINT"ACTUAL GAS MILEAGE": PRINT: PRINT 660 AS="00:"+NS+", S,W"
                                            670 OPEN1,8,9,A$
                                            680 PRINT#1,Z:IFZ=0THEN700
                                            690 FORI=0TOZ:PRINT#1,D(I):PRINT#1,G(I):N
                                                EXTI
                                            700 CLOSE1
                                            710 IFBU=1THENBU=0:RETURN
                                            720 GOTO190
                                            730 PRINT"{CLR}"
                                            74Ø BU$="BACKUP":BU=1:UB$=N$:N$=BU$+UB$:G
                                                OSUB654
                                            750 N$=UB$:GOT0190
                                            760 GOTO30
                                            800 END
                                            4000 I=49408
                                            4020 READ A:CK=CK+A:IF A=256 THEN 4040
                                            4030 POKE I, A:I=I+1:GOTO 4020
                                            4040 IFCK<>61125THENPRINT"ERROR IN DATA S
                                                 TATEMENTS":STOP
                                            4050 RETURN
                                            49408 DATA 173,250,207,141,212,207,173
                                            49416 DATA 251,207,141,213,207,173,248
49424 DATA 207,141,214,207,173,249,207
                                            49432 DATA 141,215,207,173,215,207,74
                                            49440 DATA 141,217,207,173,214,207,106
                                           49448 DATA 141,216,207,173,217,207,74
                                            49456 DATA 141,217,207,173,216,207,106
                                            49464 DATA 141,216,207,173,217,207,74
                                           49472 DATA 141,217,207,173,216,207,106
                                            49480 DATA 141,216,207,173,213,207,74
                                            49488 DATA 141,219,207,173,212,207,106
                                            49496 DATA 141,218,207,173,219,207,74
                                            49504 DATA 141,219,207,173,218,207,106
                                            49512 DATA 141,218,207,173,219,207,74
                                            49520 DATA 141,219,207,173,218,207,106
                                            49528 DATA 141,218,207,173,214,207,41
                                            49536 DATA 7,141,220,207,173,216,207
                                            49544 DATA 10,46,217,207,10,46,217
                                            49552 DATA 207,10,141,210,207,46,217
                                            49560 DATA 207,173,217,207,141,211,207
                                            49568 DATA 173,210,207,10,46,217,207
                                            49576 DATA 10,46,217,207,109,210,207
                                            49584 DATA 141,216,207,173,211,207,109
                                           49592 DATA 217,207,141,217,207,173,216
                                            49600 DATA 207,10,46,217,207,10,46
                                           49608 DATA 217,207,10,46,217,207,141
                                           49616 DATA 216,207,173,218,207,10,46
                                           49624 DATA 219,207,10,46,219,207,10
                                           49632 DATA 46,219,207,141,218,207,24
                                           49640 DATA 173,216,207,109,218,207,141
                                           49648 DATA 208,207,173,217,207,109,219
                                           49656 DATA 207,141,209,207,24,173,220
                                           49664 DATA 207,109,208,207,141,208,207
                                           49672 DATA 169,0,109,209,207,141,209
                                            49680 DATA 207,24,169,32,109,209,207
                                            49688 DATA 141,209,207,173,208,207,133
                                            49696 DATA 251,173,209,207,133,252,173
                                            49704 DATA 212,207,41,7,141,225,207
                                            49712 DATA 56,169,7,237,225,207,141
                                            49720 DATA 225,207,169,0,141,206,207
                                           49728 DATA 56,173,225,207,46,206,207
                                            49736 DATA 206,225,207,16,245,160,0
                                            49744 DATA 177,251,13,206,207,145,251
                                            49752 DATA 96,169,147,32,210,255,169
                                            49760 DATA 0,162,0,157,0,32,157
                                            49768 DATA Ø, 33, 157, Ø, 34, 157, Ø
                                            49776 DATA 35,157,0,36,157,0,37
                                            49784 DATA 157,0,38,157,0,39,157
                                            49792 DATA Ø,4Ø,157,Ø,41,157,Ø
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49816 DATA Ø,47,157,Ø,48,157,Ø 49824 DATA 49,157,0,50,157,0,51 49832 DATA 157,0,52,157,0,53,157 49840 DATA 0,54,157,0,55,157,0 49848 DATA 56,157,0,57,157,0,58 49856 DATA 157,0,59,157,0,60,157 49864 DATA Ø,61,157,0,62,157,0 49872 DATA 63,232,208,157,169,1,162 49880 DATA 0,157,0,4,157,0,5 49888 DATA 157,0,6,157,0,7,232 49896 DATA 208,241,96,256 Program 4: Gas Mileage — For VIC With Super Expander 20 DIMD(50),G(50) 25 PRINT" {8 UP}"; 30 PRINT" {CLR} ": PRINT" MAIN MENU": PRINT 40 PRINT" (1) GAS MILEAGE DISPLAY" 60 PRINT" (2) CREATE A NEW FILE": PRINT 61 PRINT"(3)ENTER NEW DATA IN{5 SPACES}FI LE":PRINT 62 PRINT" (4) EXIT PROGRAM" 70 GETX\$:IFX\$=""THEN70 71 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT"{CLR}" 80 ONXGOTO120,610,652,6030 110 GOTO30 120 PRINT" {CLR} ": PRINT" INPUT CAR'S NAME:" :INPUTN\$ 130 PRINT" {CLR} ": PRINT" COMPUTER IS LOADIN G" 140 B\$="0:"+N\$+",S,R" 150 OPEN3,8,3,B\$ 170 INPUT#3,Z:IFZ=ØTHEN181 180 FORI=ØTOZ:INPUT#3,D(I),G(I):NEXTI 181 CLOSE3 190 PRINT"{CLR}" 200 PRINT"CHOOSE YOUR OPTIONS": PRINT: PRIN 210 PRINT" (1) DISPLAY GAS MILEAGE" 211 PRINT"(2) INPUT NEW DATA": PRINT 220 PRINT" (3) CREATE BACKUP FILE": PRINT 230 PRINT" (4) RETURN TO MAIN MENU" 240 GET X\$:IFX\$=""THEN240 241 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT"{CLR}" 250 ONXGOTO270,490,730,30 260 GOTO200 270 PRINT"ESTIMATED GAS MILEAGE": INPUTXG: X=FRE(Ø):PRINT"{CLR}" 271 PRINT"INSTRUCTIONS ON GRAPH: ": PRINT 272 PRINT"HORIZONTAL:" 273 PRINT"# OF DATA POINTS":PRINT:PRINT:P RINT 274 PRINT"VERTICAL:" 275 PRINT"ACTUAL GAS MILEAGE": PRINT: PRINT :PRINT 276 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY TO LEAVE {3 SPACES}GRAPHICS" 277 FORJ=1TO4000:NEXTJ 280 IFXG>=20THENXG=20 290 IFXG<20THENXG=30 300 PRINT" {CLR}":I=-1:X=0:N=0:M1=0:M2=0:F =Ø:Y=Ø 330 I=I+1:IFI=Z+1THEN381 340 G=G(I):D=D(I)-D1:D1=D(I):IFG=0THEN330 350 X=X+D:F=F+G:MG=X/F:MG=INT(100*MG)/100 36Ø MP=D/G:M1=M1+(MP*MP):N=N+1:M2=MP+M2 361 M3=M2/N:M4=M1/N:M5=M3²:SS=M4-M5

362 IFSS>ØTHENSD=SQR(SS) 370 SD=INT(100*SD)/100

49808 DATA 157,0,45,157,0,46,157

38Ø GOTO42Ø 381 IFPEEK(197)=64THEN381 382 GRAPHICØ 383 FORJ=1TO30:NEXTJ:PRINT"{CLR}" 390 PRINT"MILEAGE=";D(I-1) 391 PRINT"MG=";MG 392 PRINT"SD="; SD 393 FORJ=1TO10:PRINT:NEXTJ 394 PRINT"PRESS ANY KEY!" 396 IFPEEK(197)=64THEN396 400 GOTO480 420 Y=Y+40:IFY>1023THENY=0 430 IFY=0THEN:GRAPHIC3:COLOR11,6,0,0 431 GRAPHIC3:COLOR11,6,0,0 44Ø A=XG*MG 450 A=500-A 460 IFA<0THENA=0 465 IFA>1023THENA=1023 470 Y=INT(Y):A=INT(A+150):POINT6,Y,A 475 GOTO330 480 POKE198, Ø: GRAPHICØ: POKE36879, 190: GOTO 190 490 PRINT" {CLR}":I=Z: I=I+1:Z=I 491 PRINT"LAST MILEAGE WAS: ";D(I-1):PRINT 492 PRINT"CURRENT READING: ": INPUTD(I) 493 PRINT"GAS USED": {7 SPACES } INPUTG(I) 494 PRINT"{CLR}" 500 PRINT"SUB-MENU": PRINT: PRINT 510 PRINT"(1)TO END DATA INPUT":PRINT 520 PRINT"(2)RE-ENTER LAST DATA": PRINT 530 PRINT" (3) ENTER MORE DATA": PRINT 550 GETX\$: IFX\$=""THEN550 551 X=VAL(X\$):PRINT 560 ONXGOTO654,590,600 570 GOTO500 590 I=I-1:Z=I:GOTO490 600 PRINT" {CLR}":GOTO490 610 PRINT: PRINT" INPUT CAR'S NAME: ": INPUTN 630 PRINT" {CLR} ": PRINT" COMPUTER IS THINKI NG" 64Ø Z=Ø 650 OPEN2,8,2,N\$+",S,W":PRINT#2,Z:CLOSE2 651 OPEN15,8,15, "IO": CLOSE15: GOTO40 652 PRINT "PRINT CAR'S NAME:" 653 INPUTN\$:PRINT"{CLR}" 654 PRINT" {CLR}": PRINT" PLEASE WAIT" 66Ø A\$="@Ø:"+N\$+",S,W" 670 OPEN1,8,9,A\$ 680 PRINT#1, Z:IFZ=0THENGOTO700 690 FORI=ØTOZ:PRINT#1,D(I):PRINT#1,G(I):N EXTI 700 CLOSE1 71Ø IFBU=1THENBU=Ø:RETURN 720 GOT0190 730 PRINT"{CLR}" 740 BU\$="BACKUP":BU=1:UB\$=N\$:N\$=BU\$+UB\$:G OSUB654 750 N\$=UB\$:GOTO190 760 GOTO30 6000 OPEN15,8,15 6010 INPUT#15, A\$, B\$, C\$, D\$: PRINTA\$; B\$; C\$; D 6020 CLOSE15 6030 END O

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