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 THE EDITOR'S BYTES

A comment I made to SBUG mail regarding the evanescence of computers alarmed a fellow club member who owns a Model I. His alarm is justifiable. We are all in his shoes. We have all suffered the idiosyncracies of our computers, we all have gloried in their triumphs, we all have more invested in them, financially and intellectually, than we should.

Unfortunately, as we drive our computers down the freeways of life (isn't that a beautiful image?) we gradually become aware that the creaking we hear is not the beams of the building responding to the stress of the latest 6.2 Richter, no, alas, it's our beloved computer

They are not diamonds, and they are not forever. The time will come when you must sell old Bessie, hoping only that she gets as good a home as you have given her. Give

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her a little pat where you know she likes it, and even a surreptitious kiss, if no humans are watching. Of course the GRA-A-A-N-D thousands you spent are turned into >wee< hundreds at the moment of sale but in your melancholy you will take no note of that. Almost none.

THE KING IS DEAD---

Dave Fox, our cover artist has left us, and indeed, he told me, left computing. SBUG and DYNAMIC MEMORIES owe him a considerable debt of gratitude for the hours he spent on the covers, and the pleasure he gave us. Thank you, Dave.

DYNAMIC MEMORIES, however, lives, and has made a sensational contract with an internationally known artist with savoir faire, bon gout, and cherchez la femme. Some of you know him as Charles (Sharl) Ward.(Wor) The results of his esthetic turmoil are presented on the frontispiece herewith.

THE NEAR FRONTIER

A legal phrase is that time is of the essence. That essence of time, to computerists, is the future. Permit me to diverge from my main theme for a moment to reveal that I have coined a term; 'COMPUTERIST'. The media and the FBI are busy giving hacker a sour connotation. Many of us who qualify as 'computerists' don't qualify as hackers. A realist is a black realtor. A shootist is an any color gunman. So a computerist is an any color computer hobbyist. On with the theme.

We all expect soonest, megabytes of Ram and gigabytes of Rom. That's hardware. Hardware makes it possible to---. To do what? Once microcomputers became a mass industry, the first new concept to appear was the word processor, still the most popular. Next came the spreadsheet, typified by the original, Visicalc. Next came the integrated package, typified by the best seller, Lotus 1-2-3, but still in a process of evolution. A case may be made for the relational data base as an important and distinct step forward. What's next?

Bill Gates of Microsoft says it is dynamic software. In an interview in PERSONAL COMPUTING, he says that dynamic software would "—learn your work patterns and adapt to them. — This software would be able to build user profiles from your history of using the computer." Gates goes on to say that this is more than a year away.

It is difficult to doubt Gate's assesment. He is a sober and competent participant and observer of the software scene. The possibilities as well as the quiddities of 'dynamic' software leap into the imagination. "By their software ye shall know them". My word. In many cases, the

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way a person's software worked would be so revealing that said person would be unwilling for anyone else to use it.

On the other hand, how many times have you suffered through a menu you didn't need, or been limited by the parameters or perimeters of an otherwise excellent program? I leave it to your vaulting mind to explore other byways of this concept.

PORTABLES FOR PASHAS OR

If Your Portable Doesn't Have a Megabyte of Ram,
You've Got Last Year's Model.

According to the cover story in INFOWORLD, IBM, APPLE, EPSON, KAYPRO, and HEWLETT-PACKARD will introduce this year, 16 bit machines with 16-24 line screens, built in disk drives, up to 512K RAM. They will be battery powered. They will have electrophoretic screens. Daddy, why is the sky blue? Daddy, what is an electrophoretic screen? Sonny, electrophoresis refers to the movement (caused by an electric field) of colloidal particles suspended in a fluid. Eat your cookies and don't bother daddy, can't you see he's busy?

The above specs will vary wildly from computer to computer, as will the prices. The Apple will go for \$1300 with no monitor, 128K RAM, and 1 disk drive. The Hewlett-Packard will sell for "under \$2000". Details on specs are hazy. The Kaypro will be sold for \$5000, but not to me. The news from Radio Shack on these models is discouraging, not to be quoted by an upbeat, sunny tempered journalist like myself.

Off hand this news sounds like a considerable advance. Soberly analyzed it seems to indicate that you will be able to buy a valise sized, 16 bit portable (-15 lbs) with a disk drive, 256K RAM, battery powered, plus a 16 line screen if you have about \$3500 in your kick. Nice, but not sensational.

STANDARDIZATION?

A Washington D.C. dateline in the San Jose Mercury says that ten of the larger computer companies are holding a series of conferences with the government, which is interested in standardizing computers to the point that they may communicate amongst themselves. How lovely that would be. Something tells me that Big Daddy will have to make a number of trips to the woodshed, paddle in hand, before this comes about.

<Message from FRATUS at SBUG-80 04/04/84 00:07:52>
RE: BASCOM RADIO SHACK STORE

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Read command :

AN UNUSUALLY OBNOXIOUS SERVICE PERSON AT THE BASCOM STORE, MIKE, IS NO LONGER WITH RADIO SHACK. THANK THE MAKERS! MAYBE THAT SUBSTANDARD STORE WILL NOW IMPROVE.

PETE FRATUS

Read command :

<Message from EDITOR at SBUG-80 04/04/84 00:53:27>
RE: OBNOXIOUS PERSONS ETC.

Read command :

THAT TYPE AT RADIO SHACK'S BASCOM FACILITY DROVE ME CLEAN OUT OF THERE. THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND MICHAEL JACKSON WERE ABOUT TO LOSE THEIR GOOD NAMES ON ACCOUNT OF HIM.

<Message from LNW2MDX at SBUG-80 04/04/84 16:11:38>
RE: GARBAGE

Read command :

WHEN I HAD MY MODEL 1, I USED TO GET THE GARBAGE ON THE SCREEN UNLESS I HELD DOWN THE BREAK KEY ON POWER UP.

<< LNW2MDX >>

Read command :

<Message from CORWINN at SBUG-80 04/04/84 22:50:45>
RE: Hayes modem timeout

Read command :

The Hayes smartmodem does indeed have a software switch which may be used to set time from carrier loss to disconnect. The switch number is 10. The command "ATS10=200" would set the disconnect time to 2.0 seconds. That should be sufficient to cover the call waiting break.

Read command :

<Message from CORWINN at SBUG-80 04/04/84 22:54:44>
RE: Anchor modem addendum

Read command :

Alas, the Anchor modem does not have a speaker at all (much less volume control). As to its useability in "auto" functions: Thru the last week, I have used one of the Anchor modems heavily in auto-answer mode, and it seems to work fine. The major problems are in the dialer.

Read command :

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<Message from GMCKEE at SBUG-80 04/04/84 23:09:08>

RE: SYSTEM DOWN

Read command :

MY SYSTEM IS MOVING.

out of 926 cape buffalo drive to 427 stroud place temporarily!!!

still trying for milpitas address. grand opening will be announced, if it comes thru. gmckee

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<Message from FRATUS at SBUG-80 04/04/84 00:00:33>

Read command :

JUST WHEN I WAS READY TO SAY 'NEVER' SELL A HOUSE, JIM SOLD HIS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ON YOUR MOVE, JIM.
PETE FRATUS.

Read command :

<Message from FRATUS at SBUG-80 04/04/84 00:04:54>

RE: ANCHOR MODEM

Read command :

I MUST BE MISSING SOMETHING. WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BUY AN AUTODIAL (AND AUTO-EVERYTHING ELSE) MODEM WHEN IT'S ONLY GOOD FOR ATTENDED USE?
PETE FRATUS

Read command :

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<Message from SYSOP at SBUG-80 04/05/84 16:50:08>

RE: LOGIN DATE

Read command :

Sorry Gang,

I crashed the login text file...so I had to go to a backup copy. All else is fine...

Rob...

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/07/84 13:44:04>

RE: CP/M SOFTWARE FOR MODEL 4

Read command :

Should we be starting a library component which has CP/M Public Domain programs for the Model 4 in either/or Montezuma Micro CP/M 2.2 - R/S CP/M+ format?

I have a tailored version of the latest modem program MDM730.COM which will

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support the Hayes and other "smartmodems" with auto-dial, built-in directory, and a large menu of supporting commands. It is in the Public Domain and I have adapted it from an overlay for the Model 1. I would be happy to share this with anyone. It is a fairly large file, but I could put it on the board and anyone with a lesser modem program could download it and then use it...or Bernie could put it into the club library.

How do you feel about this? There is lots of good free software available which is a lot of fun on the Model 4 under CP/M.

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/07/84 13:48:25>

RE: GOODIES ?????!!!!

Read command :

I have the following for sale:

HOLMES SPRINTER for Model III
Clock speeds up to 5 MHz (I ran it there)
minimal/no board modifications...depends
Sells for \$99 at B&C
Took it out of my Model III when I got the 4
.....\$70

Modem - 300 Baud - worked fine for me
Single board modem which can easily be built
into the Model III or 4. (I had mine in both.)
With documentation. Needs to be powered from
the Model III or 4...easily done. I splurged
and bought a 300/1200 baud self-contained modem
so don't need this anymore.
.....\$30

Ian Webb, (408) 867-9533

Read command :

<Message from ROGERAND at SBUG-80 04/07/84 15:28:09>

RE: CP/M LIBRARY

Read command :

I THINK IAN'S IDEA HAS MERIT.
I CAN TRANSFER 8" CPM FILES TO 5 1/4" SINGLE DENSITY
SINGLE SIDED MODEL I FORMAT. I WILL BE GLAD TO DO THIS
FOR THE LIBRARY.

ROGER ANDERSON (408)732-4307

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/07/84 15:35:48>

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RE: Rogerand comment
Read command :

I can also support 8" and Omikron, etc. as well as Tandy CP/M, etc. We ought to be able to "do good" if we want to try it.

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/07/84 19:15:08>
RE: CP/M LIBRARY
Read command :

Sign me up - I also have 8" and the Omikron. Plus lots of good utilities.

Glenn

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/07/84 19:17:32>
RE: Current standings Longbow award
Read command :

Current score for the Longbow award:
LMW2MDX 1
The Rest 0

Glenn

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/07/84 21:06:24>
RE: A DISCOVERY
Read command :

Here's one for the BIG DEAL!!! department.

There is a way to go to level II basic with the lowercase driver from NEWDOS80 active - (only works from NEWDOS I think).

- 1) Boot the system from disk
- 2) Press 123 all together (enter debug)
- 3) Type 'G76<enter>'
- 4) respond to memory size as desired

At this point, the lowercase driver will still be active and you can turn it on and off with the <SHIFT>/O just like newdos does.

Glenn

Patch for TRSDOS 1.3...by Dave Bower & John Hallgren
From Tidewater & Tampa Bay Users Groups

Skips date and time query:
PATCH *O(ADD=4EB8,FIND=213B51,CHG=C3394F

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From RON at SBUG-80 04/09/84 13:20:03>
RE: CP/M LIBRARY (GOOD IDEA, BUT I NEED SD OMIKRON)
Read command :

EXCELLENT IDEA. BUT IF THE DOUBLE DENSITY 5" GETS
CHOSEN AS IAN SUGGESTED, (WHICH MY OMIKRON SD 5/8
CANNOT READ), I'LL ATTEMPT TO PULL THE DD SELECT PIN
OUT OF THE FDC CHIP IN EVERY ONE OF IAN'S COMPUTERS!
DOES THE (RECALLED) R/S CP/M PLUS HAVE A WAY TO
READ OMIKRON OR MONTEZUMA?

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/09/84 15:45:21>
RE: RS CP/M
Read command :

I didn't realize I said to use 5" DD, but it would
be needed for the CP/M + package. Why not use
Model 4 CP/M + format AND Omikron. The people using
Montezuma CP/M 2.2 could read the Omikron OR the
Model 4 and the RS CP/M+ could read the Model 4.
The Model I people could read the Omikron.
THERE IS *** NO **** WAY FOR THE CPM+ TO READ ANY
OTHER FORMATS. What is this about it being recalled?
By the way, I now have FORTH83 (Public Domain) running
on the Model 4. It is a big package 200K+, but I
could give it in pieces. It seems to work and is
said to follow the FORTH standards. It is on one of
the Public Domain packages and was written by some
people in Berkeley.
Anyone want it? (CP/M package if you don't get that)

Read command :

<Message from RON at SBUG-80 04/09/84 16:41:01>
Read command :

80 COLUMNS ON "NORMAL" PAPER LOWER CASE ARE THE MINIMUM
REQUIREMENTS (PARALLEL INTERFACE WITH CABLE FOR MOD 1)
MAYBE \$100. (SERIAL NICE OPTION). MX80 MAYBE \$200
OR A CGP-115 FOR \$100. NORMAL (SMALL) SIZE UNIT ONLY.
ANY LEADS ON FINDING ONE APPRECIATED.

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/09/84 22:09:27>
RE: FORTH (TO IANWEBB)
Read command :

Ian, I would like a copy (8" sd would be great)
Glenn

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/09/84 22:11:15>

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RE: level II vs Disc basic

Read command :

I must further explain the message I left earlier about the entry to level II basic with lowercase enabled. If you type 'BASIC<ENTER>' at the DOS prompt, you are running disc basic, not Level II basic. Level II basic is entered by pressing reset and holding the break key down. The method I gave to enter Level II basic will leave the lowercase drive active - entering the normal way will put you in a mode where the unshifted keys are uppercase and the shifted keys are lowercase.

Glenn

Read command :

<Message from CHUCK at SBUG-80 04/10/84 15:30:58>

RE: Phototypesetting via Modem

Read command :

Our Company has recently added telecommunications to our typesetting-art department. We use Compugraphic equipment, function in Synchronous and Asynch. protocol, 300 or 1200 Baud, odd-even-no parity. We have 104 typefaces to choose from and 24 hr. access can be arranged in advance.

The system is intended for use with text that is to go to printing. Documentation, brochures, resumes, reports etc., etc.

If interested, contact "CHUCK" (assistant Editor) Ward, (415) 340-1622 days : (408) 245-7688 home.

Read command :

<Message from ROGERAND at SBUG-80 04/10/84 18:08:04>

RE: CP/M

Read command :

IF I WERE TO COPY 8" DISKS TO 5" AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.
IT WOULD BE OMIKRON SD.

Read command :

<Message from JIBBYTRM at SBUG-80 04/14/84 07:13:13>

RE: Maybe some equipment for sale !!!

Read command :

Hello again

If someone out there has a yen for some Model I equipment, I could be persuaded to sell some of my equipment.

Would be willing to sell the following.....

1.) Model I disk system using the LNW expansion.

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The expansion has been working for 2 years without any major problems. Just clean the contacts on some of the devices in the sockets from time to time.

The system comes with keyboard with lowercase, 2 Radio Shack 35 track drives, 300 baud modem and DMP200 Matrix printer.

Software is negotiable !!!!

If interested call 268-0181 evenings and weekends or 987-5958 during the week.

INTERESTED ?????
Jibbytrm

I will probably wind up getting an IBM PC when I get to Phoenix but I will still keep my Model I forever !!!!

Read command :

<Message from JIBBYTRM at SBUG-80 04/14/84 07:22:49>

RE: 80 Micro ????

Read command :

Hello again !!!

STATEMENT !!!!!

**** 80 Micro is dying !!!! ****

Comments !!!!!

Discussion !!!!!

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/14/84 09:15:35>

RE: 80 Micro????

Read command :

Don't know about 80 Micro, but BASIC Computing IS DEAD. Creative Computing is taking over their subscriptions. Just when THEY took over The Alternate Source and also the LDOS Quarterly. Yes, I am afraid that the TRS80 oriented magazines are beginning to fall. I notice that there are NO new software packages for the R/S machines listed in the software section of Byte, which categorizes them by machine. Is the handwriting on the wall?

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/14/84 09:21:49>

RE: New Password/1200 Baud

Read command :

With Bill (Jibbytrm) leaving and wanting to check in from time-to-time from Arizona, how

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about getting the 1200 Baud support up soon?
Can we get 1200 Baud going without the new
Password being on line? If not, how about that
portion of the new program without all the bells
and whistles talked about 6 months ago when it
was going on-line?

It is amazing how fast 1200 baud seems compared
to 300!

Ian

Read command :

<Message from EDITOR at SBUG-80 04/14/84 20:11:54>

RE: EVERYTHING AND THEN SOME

Read command :

I WAS AT 11 O'CLOCK MASS AND WENT FROM THERE DIRECTLY
TO THE MOSQUE(PAUSING BRIEFLY AT THE BUDDIST TEMPLE ON
ROUTE) MY PRAYERS WERE ALL DIRECTED AT THE GREAT SYSP
IN THE SKY PLEADING FOR 1200 BAUD.(NO, JOHNNY, NOT, NOT,
I SAY 1200 BAWDS)HEREWITH A FOND FAREWELL AND GLORIOUS
GREGARIOUS COMPUTING TO JIBBYTRM IN PHOENIX. MAY HE RISE
AGAIN AS MANY TIMES AS THAT FABLED BIRD. IAN'S REMARK
ABOUT THE SOFTWARE IN BYTE IS VERY MUCH TO THE POINT.
THERE WAS NO SOFTWARE FOR TRS MACHINES AT THE FAIRE. THERE
ARE ALMOST NEVER ANY REVIEWS OF TRS SOFTWARE IN INFOWORLD.
I SUBSCRIBE TO BARRONS, WHICH HAS A SPECIAL SECTION FOR
TRS USERS. THEY HAVE A TOUGH TIME DIGGING ANYTHING UP.
I GOT TWO ISSUES OF A MAGAZINE CALLED SOFTWARE REVIEW.
ALMOST NOTHING ON TRS. TRS MAKES GOOD MACHINES, BUT THEIR
SOFTWARE POLICY, KEEPING IT ALL TO THEMSELVES IS SUICIDAL.
TI MADE A GOOD MACHINE TOO. WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHY IS
APPLE DOING SO WELL? BECAUSE THE SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS MAKE
OUT WRITING FOR APPLE. EVEN GARGANTUAN IBM DOESN'T CLOSE
OUT SOFTWARE WRITERS LIKE RADIO SHACK DOES. ASK CHUCK
TESSLER WHO IS A VERY GOOD PROGRAMMER. IF YOU HAVE AN RS
MACHINE WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE? YOUR INVESTMENT PRE-
CLUDES YOU THROWING THE COMPUTER OUT THE WINDOW. IBM?
EXPENSIVE, OVERPRICED,UNDERSERVICED,STODGY. APPLE?
MACINTOSH IS A GOOD MACHINE,BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BE
IN BUSINESS TO THE EXTENT MOST OF US ARE,REACH INTO YOUR
JEANS FOR ABOUT EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS. IAN WEBB IS
SMELLING THE SAME THING I'VE BEEN SMELLING FOR THE PAST
YEAR. RADIO SHACK ISN'T FINISHED, AND WON'T BE IN THE
FORSEABLE FUTURE,BUT WE RS AFICIONADOS ARE GOING TO
DO SOME SUFFERING.I WILL HAMMER ONCE MORE AT THIS POINT
BECAUSE THE RS PATRIOTS ARE GOING TO ARGUE THIS.
THE MACINTOSH CAME OUT TWO MONTHS AGO, AND YOU CAN
GO INTO ANY FREE LANCE COMPUTER STORE AND BUY 20
PROGRAMS WRITTEN FOR MACINTOSH. THE MODEL 4 HAS BEEN
OUT FOR ALMOST A YEAR. TELL ME,HOW MANY PROGRAMS CAN
YOU BUY FOR THE,WRITTEN FOR THE***MODEL IV***? THE
PROSECUTION RESTS ITS CASE

Read command :

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<Message from GmCKEE at SBUG-80 04/15/84 06:42:13>
RE: LINE S P A C E S !!!!!
Read command :

JIBBYTRIM ET ALL
THOSE ARTISTIC TRIPLE/QUADRUPLE LINES OF NOTHING
COST ME MONEY...
I TAKE THIS MAIL IN HARDCOPY, on a silent 700, with
paper at \$6.00 a roll.
please dont waste it.
thanks. gmckee (still moving to milpitas, i think)

Read command :

<Message from PHANTOM at SBUG-80 04/15/84 11:38:23>
RE: EASTERLY BOUND FOR MAY
Read command :

Hi all,
I guess this must be the season for everyone to
travel. I will be in Boston for the month of May. Does
anyone know any good BBS in the New England area?

Phantom

Read command :

<Message from PHANTOM at SBUG-80 04/15/84 11:42:51>
RE: POLICE SCANNERS NEED FREQ
Read command :

Hi all,
Well I bought another toy. I got a portable
police scanner. Does anyone else have one?
Phantom
p.s. code 1 10-21 , 984-8779.

Read command :

<Message from GOLDBUG at SBUG-80 04/15/84 15:58:31>
Read command :

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHATS HAPPENED AT OMIKRON
THEIR LINE IS ALWAYS OUT OF ORDER

Read command :

<Message from EDITOR at SBUG-80 04/15/84 20:16:10>
RE: OMIKRON
Read command :

I WILL KEEP THIS MESSAGE SHORT,SUCCINCT,SPARSE
BAREBONED,BRIEF,MEAGER,PUNY,SCANT,SKIMPY. ONE MUST BE
CAREFUL OF THE PATRIMONY OF OTHERS. IN A WORD, OMIKRON
IS DO-DO(DOO-DOO?) IN THE NOSTRILS OF COMPUTERISTS

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THEY HAVE GONE BELLY UP, SOUTH WITH THE GELT. IF YOU'RE
A DRINKING BUDDY OF THE D.A., TRY HIM, IF NOT SMALL CLAIMS
COURT MIGHT BE YOUR COURT OF LAST RESORT. GOOD SUERTE.

Read command :

<Message from GLENN at SBUG-80 04/16/84 18:43:43>

RE: misc ramblings II

Read command :

In response to our venerable (or is that vulnerable) editor
I am here, have been for a while and will be for as long as
I can. The dearth of messages left on the system seems to
be
a trait of most BBS systems - I have had over 650 callers
so
far on my system ((408) 942-8164) and have only 3 messages
for the TRS80 section. There have been about 330 messages
left on my system and at least 200 of them were to me in
the
private area (all telling me how great the system is).
As for CMC GEE and his printer, take the cost of the paper
you used on JIBBTRMs messages and you could buy an MX80
which uses cheaper paper (of course it isn't silent).
As for JIBBYTRM and his pending departure to the home
of the old fogies (and asmatics), we will miss you so
call in from time to time. I have MCI and quit using it
because I have a hard time connecting at 1200 baud.
A question for Ian - isn't basic computing the magazine
that was formerly 80-US?
Regarding Omikron - hope they have gone for good!

oops - sorry bout the blank line Gerry.

Glenn

(Gerry - I have an idea to save you paper - we can ad
drop the use of the letter 'E' that will sav spac sinc
it is th most usd lttr in th alphabt of cours w could
also liminat the us of th lttr 'T' which would mak h
word lr qiu shor <snicker>)

Read command :

<Message from IANWEBB at SBUG-80 04/17/84 07:25:11>

RE: BASIC COMPUTING/MCKEESPACES

Read command :

Yes, Basic Computing WAS 80-US.

Perhaps whenever we want a space we should just write
McKee

instead of a blank line. Gerry could write a special
program and store all messages to disk, hookup his
printer and let it ignore all lines starting with
McKee

Or as an alternative, we could all forego using any spaces at all
so that Gerry would save paper and have no blank spaces OR blank
lines at all. Let's see how much would it save if on the average
every sixth letter is a space. Perhaps it would save 15 or 20%?

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