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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our present age is one characterized by extremely rapid change. One of the clearest demonstrations of that quality is to be found in last month's STACK where I noted that a Fall Flea Market was planned. The same day that Al Levy advised me the first thousand copies of the April issue were printed and going out to the various retail computer hardware and software stores, I was advised that our committee had established Saturday, June 19th as the firm date for what is hoped will be our first annual Flea Market.

The location will be the facilities of the AHRC at 115 E. Bethpage Road in Plainview, NY. Space for 124 sellers has been obtained, and reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis at \$10 per space.

Both the Suffolk County Computer Club and the New York Amateur Computer Club will be participating jointly with LICA. Admission will be \$2.00 per person with unlimited in/out privileges. A portion of the gate will be donated to the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

So come on down...enjoy the weather...turn your white elephants into greenbacks...pick up some real bargains...and support a truly worthwhile cause.

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MONTHLY MEETING

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LICA meets each month on the third Friday evening at 8:00 in Room 508, Building 500, The New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury Campus. The MAY meeting will take place on the 21st.

The principal speakers at the May General Meeting will be from the Rockwell Corporation, discussing Rockwell's state-of-the-art chips, with special emphasis on modem circuits. The presentation should be both informative and entertaining, and some of the cobwebs in our members' minds concerning these important analog / digital / analog converters should be dispelled.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT APRIL 16, 1982 MEETING

The monthly meeting of LICA showed that most of the user groups observed the spring holidays by not meeting. Some of those who attempted to meet gathered at New York Tech to find the buildings closed.

The LICA Flea Market will take place at the AHRC in Plainview Industrial Park on June 19, 1982.

Individuals who were present at the monthly meeting (about 100 people) showed an active interest in Ada. There appeared to be enough interest to start an Ada Language Users Group among the members. More information on this group can be expected in the future.

The April LICA meeting featured Ralph Kenyon, who has recently published a series of 4 articles in S-100 Microsystems entitled "Little-Ada". The subject of the meeting was the Department of Defense language, Ada. Ralph went into considerable detail on the background and the history of Ada. After hearing Ralph it was apparent that the DOD put a lot of thought and effort into doing the job right. Their process of language design and specification has gone on since 1974 and there is no doubt that the DOD intends to use its trademark and copyright position to exclude subsets of the language from becoming established. Al Levy's PolyMorphic provided a demonstration of the language and its use. From the brief discussion it appeared that the language was heading for international standardization. It is designed to be readable and small. Current work is in progress on the development of Input - Output packages for the language. Objections and corrections to the language continue through published exchanges in Journals such as Ada Letters and Ada Answers.

It should be noted that Ralph Kenyon has for sale, copies of the official DOD "MILITARY STANDARD - Ada Programming Language " manuals. He can be contacted at Abstract Systems, RFD Lower Prospect Hill, Chester MA 01011, or by phone at (413) 354-7750. For those who are interested, Ralph also has available a list of Ada Newsletters and publications.

The next meeting of LICA will feature the topic of Modem Technology. The speaker has been invited from Rockwell International and, among other things, he will tell us the differences between a 103 and 212 modem.

I.B.M. PERSONAL COMPUTER USERS' GROUP

Marvin Freifeld of 3 Lindron Ave., Smithtown, has formed an I.B.M. PERSONAL COMPUTER USERS' GROUP. It meets at 8:00 P.M. the 4th Friday evening of every month. At the first meeting, April 30th, the subject was the Baby Blue Z-80 card. Interested parties should call (516) 724 - 0574.

Members wishing to pay dues via the U.S. MAIL should send all checks to Aileen Harrison, 36 Irene Lane East, Plainview, NY.

We need volunteers to help man the booths etc. at the up-coming Flea Market. Any member who feels like donating some time, please call (516) 997 - 3653. Speaking of volunteers, I think it is appropriate to thank those people, (behind the scenes), who help in compiling and assembling The Stack. Especially a thank you to Leonard Prinz and Roger Van Ghent for their efforts.

NOTICES

While browsing at Trenton I met Stewart Neufeld of NEWTECH COMPUTER SYSTEMS. Stewart spoke to us last year about the RHYTHM BOX and MUSIC BOARD that he designed and demonstrated them on a TRS-80. Boards are also available for S-100 machines. Stewart asked me to mention that his software for editing, compiling and playing music is now in the Public Domain and is available in the CP/M Users' Library. I saw the system in action and was very impressed. It won't get you to Carnegie Hall nor even a job at the local pub, but it sure is a lot of fun.

April was a busy month. First I was contacted by a reporter from Newsday who mentioned LICA in the special Computer issue promoting the show at the collesium. Then, in addition to our regular mailing I distributed 1000 copies of The Stack, to local merchants who were kind enough to place the copies on counters in the stores. The Stack will here after be available at the following locations:

Future Visions	70 Broad Hollow Rd (Rte 110), Melville
ComputerLand	79 Westbury Ave., Carle Place
Computerifics	14 Cold Spring Road, Syosset
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As a result of the above, I received more than 15 calls each day asking for more information about LICA. When it was a caller who had seen the Newsday article, I was happy to tell them that they could pick up a copy of the Stack at one of the above mentioned stores. The feedback from Mike at Future Visions was that the Stack was gone (250 copies) within one week after I had left it on the counter. He wished I had left more copies.

PLEASE, if you purchase any thing from these dealers, mention that you are a member of LICA. The Stack is looking for ads, the dealers are looking for customers. The members of the Long Island community should support local merchants who in turn help support the community. In fact, one of the programmers at Computerifics offered to speak on, and demo the new ATARI computer for LICA if a date can be set. I was shown various GRAPHICS programs and my suggestion, if you are interested in computer graphics, is RUN don't walk, to see this demo 'cause, "You Aint Seen Nothin Yet !"

I am pleased to announce that the STACK is now back on the Bulletin Board, (516) 561-6590. If you have anything to contribute to the Stack, messages can be left on the CBBS and I will get back to you.

There is a new Electronic magazine (similar to Buy-Lines), called AD-LINE which carries ads for electronics in general, and computers in particular. It is a classified magazine run by a computer. The New Jersey based phone number is 1-(215) 462-4415. It runs at 300 baud, 6 PM to Midnight, seven days a week. AD-LINE will answer all your questions and take subscription information.

FROM LEO TAYLOR - CONNECTICUT COMPUTER CLUB

There are many devices that can be attached to a computer & most all COULD be handled from BASIC. Some more common devices are CRT displays, printing terminals, line printers, daisy wheel devices, & floppy discs.

A common BASIC for personal computers is written by Microsoft. The people at Microsoft seem to think all computers have only one interactive device (a printing terminal) & one printer. The TRS-80 Model 1 has a line editor built in for changing a line in a BASIC program. Though the computer uses a video display the Microsoft BASIC editor is written for a TELETYPE; it proceeds from left to right since a printing terminal cannot backspace. The characters you are editing are invisible, only the characters you have retained can be seen. This is somewhat backwards but not unusual. A better editor would be video oriented.

Microsoft fares no better when it comes to printers. The TRS-80 has the non-standard BASIC statements of LLIST & LPRINT. The LPRINT is used for those lines that you want to go to a (the) printer. Unfortunately, if you do not have a printer & run a program that uses LPRINT the computer hangs up when LPRINT is encountered. The only way to convert the program to CRT is to edit every line that uses LPRINT & convert it to PRINT. The reverse can happen; if the program only uses the CRT & you own a printer you have to edit the PRINT statements. This scheme makes it difficult to redirect output such as to first display the output then print after correction. Also, what do you do for people with two printers? Microsoft BASIC's LPRINT does not allow for printer selection. I have a program written in TSC BASIC that I use for mail order forms. It prompts me for a part number, price, etc. then prints out an order form. I always want to review the order on the CRT before printing. I print a 'good' copy on the Selectric for mailing & a quick copy on the line printer for my records. Sometimes I will output a copy to disc since one disc is easier to store than dozens of printed copies. The way I did it:

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9000 REM GET OUTPUT PORT NUMBER
9020 PRINT "PRESS RETURN FOR CRT"
9030 PRINT "PRESS P FOR CENTRONICS"
9040 PRINT "PRESS T FOR SELECTRIC"
9050 PRINT "ENTER NAME FOR DISC FILE"
9060 PRINT:P=0
9070 INPUTLINE X$
9080 IF X$="" THEN 9200:REM TERMINAL
9090 IF X$="P" THEN X$="PRINT.SYS":GOTO 9120
9100 IF X$="T" THEN X$="SELOUT.CMD":GOTO 9120
9110 P=1
9120 OPEN NEW X$ AS P:REM OPEN OUTPUT CHANNEL
9200 RETURN
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After this subroutine is executed, all letter printing is done with PRINT #P, "ORDER FORM" etc. In TSC BASIC (& DEC BASIC), port zero has special meaning. If channel zero is never opened output will go to the terminal (Line 9080). If the channel is opened with the name of a device driver, output will be to that device. PRINT.SYS (Line 9080) is my system print driver that defaults to the line printer. SELOUT is a command that loads my SELECTRIC output driver. Finally if a disc output is desired I must use a channel other than zero (Line 9110).

Leo

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