

BYTE BANDITS
OF AMERICA

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1986

SWAPMEETS:

Should you have plans for attending a local area swap meet in the future, stop by the house or call me and let me know. I'll give you some Club advertisement flyers to drop off at the door. We need to spread the word as much as we can. We could use more TRS-80 members.

PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH:

I have ordered the "Special Disk" from "Load 80" - 15 ways to get the most from your Model III. Check it out in the July Issue. We will have it at the July meeting (4th Wed). Be there and enjoy your club!

HOBBIES AND COMPUTERS:

While I was reading the latest issues of the local area computer magazines, I noted that a whole selection of hobbyists use their computers to communicate with others concerning their favorite hobbies. There are many non-computer related subjects and B.B.S.'s. Everything from music, horse handicapping, technical business, etc. to special schooling games and computer technology. There are a lot of ways to justify trying your skills with a modem. All you have to do is find time to dial them and join in with your opinions and conversation. Pick up a magazine (free) and join in with others who have the same interests. Did you know that some B.B.S.'s are international? Some of the hobbyist's B.B.S. systems are free and some require a yearly dues.

PERSONALITY PROGRAM:

"Alter Ego" is a game of life and you. It analyses your life from childhood thru old age. The computer's psychiatrist pits itself against your ego thru life's time frames: adolescence-adulthood-middleage-oldage. The program has male or female roles. It is produced by Activision. For \$50.00 you can order it for the TRS-80 from their Mountain View, CA. company. The book reviewer said they have great documentation but that they had problems with the disks not wanting to load. This program would make a great party game. Should you buy a copy, please bring it to a Club meeting and we will transfer it onto a diskette with better quality. Hey, that's one way the IBM clone justifies itself.

CLUB COMPUTER:

Remember, this computer is for all the Club to use. Should you need to use it, give us a call and come on over. If you are thinking of buying an IBM clone or the real thing, come over and sit behind the keyboard and see how it feels. Sam can answer most questions you might have and we have many books you can read. Sam Brown tutors as part of his business!

LAW AGENCIES:

You have probably read news media articles on how some law enforcement

agency had their own sting operation going, using their computers as their base of operations. Well, it's just another "Cop on the corner." We have had our Club and its B.B.S. checked every so often. It's our name. I guess we just aren't playing fair - we don't seem to have anything for them to pick at. I guess that there are some good reasons for their monitoring. There are some people who will communicate theft and other dealings on anything. I know our B.B.S. has had a few weird things posted, but we monitor it closely and eliminate these things quickly. We're CLEAN officers!!!

WHAT IS "A G"?:

Should you be a programmer or a heavy user of "D-Base" data base or other similar programs, you would know that "A G" is an "Applications Generator" for automating and customizing data-base applications. It can lower the high cost of creating custom data-base application, reduce the backload of programming costs, improve turn around time for initial program development, etc. Many routine coding tasks are automated, which results in lower programming costs. Some of the "A G" program's names that use these applications are: QuickCode- AutoCode- Applications Express- Genifer and a few others. These programs are tools to assist you in developing your programs. They require skill to be effective.

WHAT NEXT?:

Did you ever wonder what you will do with all the computer knowledge you will acquire? Will you use it at work? Will life change so very much that it will become a necessity? Will all that time spent learning become a worthy investment in life? Sure!! Look back 10-20 years. Has the automobile use changed? How has the grocery store business developed? Everything changes! Your understanding of how the changes in life affect you and your ability to cope with these changes "will make your day" in the future. Some people will supplement their retirement using the computer. Some will have to work using theirs either through company promotions or modernization of their work place. Some will set up their own businesses and will have to deal with the computer world of business practices. Your every day habitat will flow into computerization. Your knowledge of computers will help you understand life's new standards. So, your learning now will affect your personality. Your ability to use the computer and understand it can be a very valuable tool for your future. There aren't many corner grocery stores left. The thought of hand carrying something 2-3 blocks is an abominable thought. Lucky for us that car keys don't wear out like some other things in life. Computers are here to stay so live to understand them. Use them as a tool for life.

CHIPS:

What happens to old computer chips? Does someone collect them like stamp collections? Are they sent somewhere when they get outdated? Is there some place where old programmers sit around pulling the legs off old chips - sort of a revenge trip. I have often wondered if somebody collects them as a hobby? Who knows???

NEW MAGAZINES:

As I said, "What else is available besides '80 Micro'"? I found a magazine

called P.M.C. It deals only with TRS-80 computers and it isn't full of advertisers. It costs \$28.00 per year so I ordered it for our Club usage. It will probably take 6 to 8 weeks to arrive. The other book, "Codeworks", is a small magazine that swears that it will never advertise. It's full of programs and programming hints. Membership also allows use of their B.B.S. service. This book I have at the house presently. I also ordered it for a year. These books should put new ideas into our computer's tanks.

CP/M COMPUTER:

It looks pretty much like Tandy is pushing the Model 4 into the CP/M world. A pretty neat way of obtaining third party support for a failing machine. No, the computer is good - it's the support that's failing. The total sales of computers does not justify the hardware or software investments that follow a computer, so returning it to the sacred CP/M pastures ensures the Model 4 owners programs etc. for a long time. The other option is to use the Model 3 side for most applications. They only sold 3,000 Model 4's so far and that's not very good for its future.

CHAMPION AGAIN:

In the latest series of Othello playoffs, the good old TRS-80 Model I beat out its competition from Digital Equipment, IBM, and AT & T. The games were between computers only and the old man won!!!

R.F.I. HIT TEAM:

The F.C.C. raided the Spring COMDEX shows this year, tagging over 2000 items that didn't meet the F.C.C. requirements for Radio-Frequency-Emissions Standards. The crackdown is to continue at other computer related shows. Fines of \$2000.00 were issued to over 80 companies.

TANDY DRESS CODE FALLOUT:

The first casualty of Tandy's new dress code, which requires sales representatives to wear dark suits, white shirts and clean-shaven faces, has occurred in Monterey, CA. The manager of a Radio Shack Computer Center in this coastal town, says he was fired because he refused to shave off his mustache, which he'd been wearing for 12 years. He was so miffed he's planning to file a wrongful discharge suit in federal court. Tandy's Director of Marketing says that this fellow was one of 4 Silicon-Valley area people to have "left" since the edict was distributed on May 21, 1986.

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LECTURE MEETING

1986

JAN.	PROGRAM " OPERATING SYSTEMS" FOR YOUR COMPUTERS
FEB.	BASIC PROGRAMMING
MARCH	PROGRAMS "INSTALLATION" IN YOUR COMPUTER
APRIL	CASE AND CLEANING OF COMPUTER ACCESSORIES
MAY	COMPUTER BOOKS AND MAGAZINES
JUNE	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND YOU
JULY	COMPUTER SCHOOLS
AUG.	-COURSES-CLASSES COMPUTER UTILITY PROGRAMS
SEPT.	COPY PROTECTION-COPYING PROGRAMS
OCT.	PROGRAMMING ERRORS AND SEPARATE COMPUTER CLUB REVIEW
NOV.	PRINTERS-PATCHES-PROBLEMS
DEC.	

Meeting Scheduling:

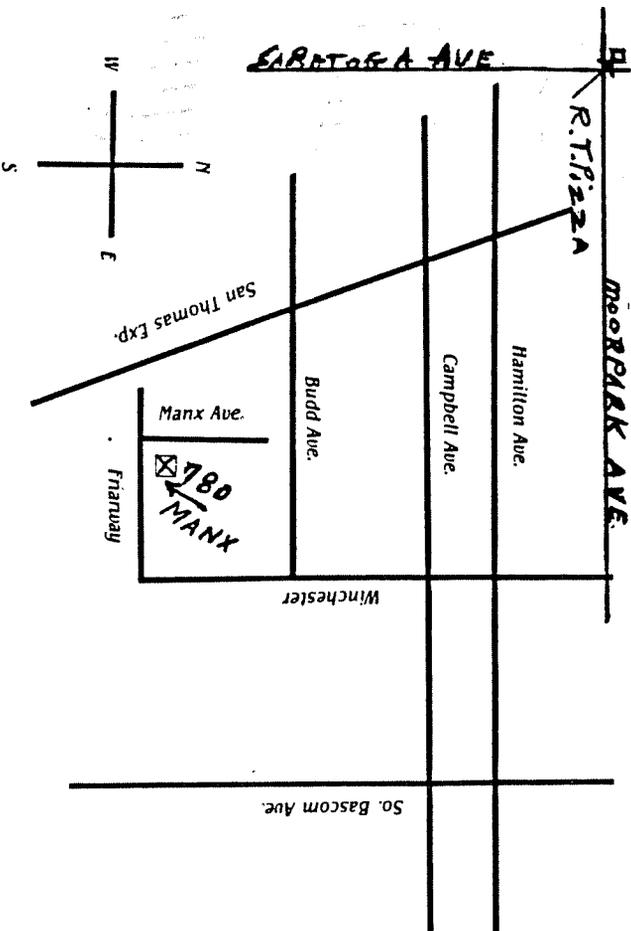
2nd Sat 1 p.m. Our House.
Workshop <Bring Computers>

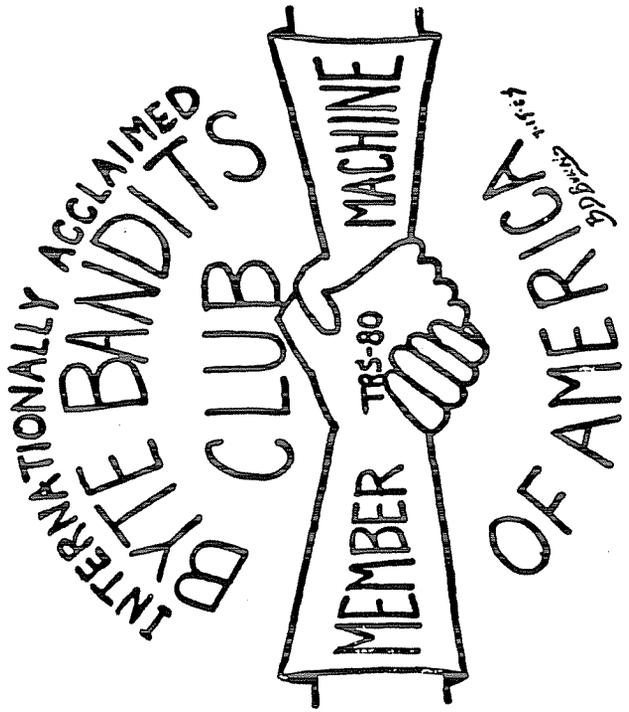
4th Wed. 6 p.m. Round Table Pizza
Formal Lectures etc.

1. Membership Card Required
2. Guests : By Appointment only

INFO: 408-379-2774

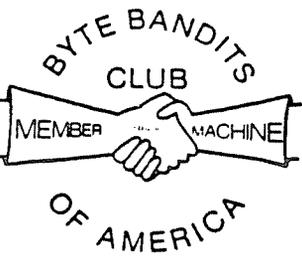
B.B.S.: 408-374-3974





This club has been established to provide its members total computer knowledge using "hands-on" application during the meetings. For better understanding of existing hardware and software in an informal—social club atmosphere.

We hope to provide members close contact between novice and amateur home computer enthusiasts; young and old, male and female, school, home, business and hobbies.



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