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The St. Louis ADAM User Group Newsletter is produced to keep our members up to date on new software and hardware for the ADAM computer. It is also our desire to pass along ideas, hints, and tips for programming and word processing. Each of our members can help us in this task by sharing your ideas with us.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month at the Thornhill Branch of the County Library. This is located on Fee Fee road across from Parkway North High School. we meet from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. All of our members are urged to attend. We welcome visitors to come and see if we can help each other.

This newsletter will be distributed at each of our meetings. For those members who have paid their dues, we will mail your newsletter to you if you are unable to attend the meeting. You can help keep our costs down by being at the meeting to receive your copy. The new postal rates have made mailing costs a serious matter.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 14. SEE YOU THERE.



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MDITOR ITEMS #1

BULLETIN BOARD.

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Jur Bulletin Board is now operational. Call 773-1551 from 9PM to 1 AM THURS, FRI, & SAT. EVENINGS. SET PARAMETERS AT: ADAM DEFAULT VALUES.

DO NOT UPLOAD until further notice. Leave EMail to Sysop if you want something from the Board. Sysop is Al Fitzgerald. THANKS TO AL FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

APRIL MEETING

April meeting was held at Thornhill Library. MEETINGS WILL BE THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 12:30 - 4:00. Approximately li members attended. There were demonstrations of software, including CP/M, basic, utilities, word processing, etc. Members were given assistance with their lardware & software questions and -problems. Copies of other newsletters were available & binders containing other AUG's newsletters will be brought to Mike Keith of future meetings. Frederickstown Mo., a new member brought his MEGACOPY hardware & software and demonstrated how it formates tapes in any of several different configurations. We were able to set up three complete Adam Systems so that the Mega Copy demonstartion could proceed while the Copy Fast demonstration was in progress.

PLEASE BRING EXTRA HARDWARE TO
NEXT MEETING so we can set up
several Adam Systems. Bring blank
media in case you wish to copy any
of the PD items available. Bring
any new software you wish to
demonstrate for other memebers.
See note elsewhere in newsletter
about Kaypro meeting next door and
future cooperation with them.

CAUG indicates in their current newsletter, that in MINER 2049ER you can start at whatever level you wish by doing the following: When the screen asks "How Many Placyers?" you enter 6453 and the # symbol, followed by the level you wish to enter. For level 10 enter * and for level 11 enter # .

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CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

In our last issue we reprinted a page dealing with LOW TECH corrections for the Adam Printer. We indicated this was reprinted from NIAD, which is true. We now find out that the editor of MOAUG newsletter, Patricia Herrington was the one who originally sent this to NIAD. Pat does an excellent job with her newsletter.

ST.L.AUG BBS .

Our bulletin board is now operational. Call 773-1551 from 9PM to 1 AM THURS, FRI, & SAT. ADAM DEFAULT EVENINGS. SETTINGS.

DO NOT UPLOAD until further Leave EMail to Sysop if you want something from the Board. Sysop is Al Fitzgerald. I called our BBS recently and was very favorably impressed. suggest that any members without modems consider purchasing them now while the price is low. When you first call the Board and are asked for an ID# , name or handle, TYPE NEW and the Board will walk you thru the signup Even I was able to procedure. do it , so you know its not that hard. Other choices you will be given

later include the following: Data Library systems wau,unx

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Local BBS listings BBS ADAM BBS listings MAGA Help screen HELP Feed Back F 0 Log Off

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ST Current status

INSERT key will freeze the screen scrolling and allow you to make notes, etc. Space bar aborts most text reading.

SHARE WITH US

We welcome articles, commments. Whatever pertains reviews, etc. to ADAM and may be of benefit to other ADAM owners. Please send us your articles on ADAM subjects, reviews of ADAM hardware & software, comments, hints, suggestions, helps, etc. We will be glad to print these for the benefit of other ADAM ownrs. If you have a question or problem, we will be glad to print that However, since your editor has a limited technical background, we will rely upon other readers to respond. It is important to get as many Adam owners working together as possible.

ADAMZONE NEWSLETTER

See full page announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. Our member Eric Danz of ADAMZap Co. has announced a new Adam Publication by his ADAMZONE I urge all our Publishing Co. members & readers to support this project. See full page announcement for subscription information.

AWAUG +++++++++++ ++++++++++++ Adam Washington Area User's Group

INFORMATION, SUPPLIES AND SOFTWARE >>> FOR YOUR ADAM COMPUTER <<<

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11. PSAN 1988 Calendar
12. PSAN Toolkit I
(Music/Sounds from Adam)
13. PSAN Toolkit II (Utilities, Cruncher,) PSAN Toolkit III (More Utilities) PSAN Toolkit IV (Hacker's Helper) (Hacker's Helper's)
16. PSAN Toolkit V
(More Helpers)
17. Smart Basic 2.0
18. N&B Utility # 2
19. N&B Disk Formatter
20. Cabage Patch Kids 19. 20. 21. Yokes on You Fall Guy Plink program list CompuServe list 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. Documents # 1 Documents # 2. Hector Sanchez Donation 28. MOAUG Bonus 2/28 🗸

We thank Metro Orlando AUG (MDAUG) For donating this disks to our PD Library.

> Mike Keith will be at the next meeting and will again bring MegaCopy. If you would like to have a few tapes formatted bring them with you. It would save time if you drilled them out ahead of time. If you want a flippy format, be sure and drill both sides of the tape.

LIBRARIANS ACTING

Courtney Wilson Steve Murphy

NEW &/OR FEATURED PD SOFTWARE

Documentation for BONUS! MOAUS tebruary, 1988

The files are designed for experienting with the altered boot block routine by Digital Express, allowing you to have a picture on your screen while BASIC loads. You will need to add BASIC to your medium. You can use the files on this medium to view high resolution graphics, RLE pictures, and SmartPaint formatted pictures.

The files on this BDHUS! medium are:

BootPic... File that boots the opening screen. The Irovning lace ment to it in directory means that it is a "system" like like the BASIC program; you cannot run it. It operates automatically when you reset computer with medium

BASICPON... this is the BASIC language program.

BPdelure... Takes a hi-res picture from screen & stores on medium, giving you a Bootpic file on your medium which will load your picture when pulling reset. To see its effects, you need to put the BASIC program on your medium afterway use Efficiency or BASICcler to do this. To use BPdelure, you must have a picture on your screen to start with.

ElliteIFER transfers any file from one sedius to another.

Pis.hGR... allows you to load & save high resolution pictures in several forests, including RLE (the type wawsily transferred by sudee), RGS, and SearPaint forest pictures. To run Piz.hGR, enter the command HGP (return), then BRUK Pix.MSR (return). Pix.MSR also allows options for changing the background screen, stc---

exfilExler is a binary converted version of EXMILEXFER above. It works exactly the same but loads faster.

BASICafer is a program for the specific purpose of ranslering SearthASIC. 10 from a section in one drive to a second sedium in a different drive, even if there are already files on the second medium.

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COMPUSERVE LIBRARIAN:

Al Fitzgerald.

Cost based on down load time, media costs & mail. Full list of programs provided on disk \$5; on tape for \$ 8.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

This continues a previous project to make Adam Owners aware of the various sources for PD software available to them.

NIAD, POBX 1317 Lisle II 60532 (membership \$19/yr) make available to members some of the best written public domain software available i ncluding the following areas: (1) Coleco PD items; (2) SmartBasic (25 different volumes); (3) Smart Logo (3 vols.); (4) AdamCalc (2 vols.); (5) Basic Utilities (2 Vols.); (6) CPM (42 vols.); (7) pinball games; and more. Again these are just for members. Send SASE to request list of PD software & their membership application.

AWAUG, Washington Area AUG has many very good PD software programs available at very reasonable prices. Due to problems in working out a reprint agreement with them, I will NOT be able to publish a list of their programs in this issue of the newsletter. Send SASE to AWAUG 7814 Worthing Court Alexandria VA 22310. I have purchased some of their software and it is good.

ST.L.AUG has some very good PD software, a list of which appears in each issue of its newsletter and is available to both members & non-members alike.

DIGITIAL EXPRESS POBX 37 Oak Hill WV 25901 has some of the best and most professionally written public domain software available. It is of commercial quality. This is probably because much of it is professionally written. Rather than charge for every little thing they produce, they have donated many many programs into public domain. Send them a SASE (2 stamps) to receive their 15 page list of PD software which consisted of six libraries consisting of 57 individual volumes and more than 6.5 MB of programs as of March 1, 1988. More is being constantly added. Digital Express publishes NIBBLES & BITS NEWSLETTER and subscribers to the newsletter, receive the PD software (& other items including commerical software) from Digitial Express at reduced member rates. Nearly all of them come with some instruction.

Their SmartBasic 1.0 Library contains games, graphics, math and utilities. A separate Graphics library contains pictures, art, fonts, clips, sprites, letter heads, etc. for use with various commercial graphics software. Their Coleco PD Library contains many of the much sought after Coleco programs which are now PD. Their CP/M 2.2 Library contains games, utilities, etc. There also is a Pinball Games Library and a Miscellaneous Collections which includes Multiwrite improvements by our own Jim Guenzel, as well as the excellent double disk formater. You really should send in for their complete catalog.

Metro Orlando AUG 1003 Oak Ln. Apopka F1. 32703 has an excellent PD library at reasonable prices. It contains many of the same programs found in gHAAUG & Nibles & Bits PD libraries, as well as some more unique items.

PUGET SOUND ADAM NEWSNET or PSAN 22607 SE 322nd, Kent WA 98042 has some of the very best PD software I have seen from an AUG. Its Toolkit series of utilities is one of my personal favorites and all are very well write & very professional in nature with many innovations in menus & directories. Very reasonably priced. Send SASE to them for their list of PD software which is available to members & non-members alike.

PRODUCT: FASTRUN v2.1

MANUFACTURER: PRACTIAL PROGRAMS

PHONE: (616) 345-0665

MEDIA TYPE: FLIPPY DATAPACK or DISK

PRICE: 14.95 US\$

RATED BY: JIM DUFFY

The purpose behind this program is to be able to load and save smartbasic programs super fast. This program is very nice for disk drive owners and a must for DD drive users. Some of the features of FASTRUN are:

Save any smartbasic program up to 4 times faster. Load or run converted programs up to 11 times faster.

Once loaded into memory FASTRUN will remain there waiting for the "fr" command for easy program conversion.

Reduces the storage size of larger programs.

Current screen colors are automatically saved.

Includes program to easily copy FASTRUN.

For those of you who have "TURBOLOAD" Practical Programs will give you a package deal including BASIC MANAGER (reviewed in last months issue by Jim Guenzel) and FASTRUN for 10.95 US\$ upon recieving your original Turboload datapack or disk. Considering you get MULTI-LOADER free with any software puchase it seems to be a pretty good deal.

Other than a couple of minor bugs in my copy I would highly recommend FASTRUN to any DD drive owners and recommend it to any impatient disk drive owners. I would say this product is more userfriendly than Turboload and has more functions, the only drawback or improvement I can see would be the instructions to either simplfy or give more examples for the average user.

It is really nice to be able to put a datapack with MULTI-LOADER and FASTRUN in the data drive and not have to wait all day to run a smartbasic program. I hope the people at Practial Programs keep coming out with new software for ADAM like this.

OVERALL RATING 9 DD DRIVE USERS AND 8 DISK DRIVE USERS.

PRODUCT: MEMSWAP v1.0

MANUFACTURER: PRACTICAL PROGRAMS

PHONE: (616) 345-0665

MEDIA TYPE: FLIPPY DATAPACK or DISK

PRICE: US\$ 14.95 RATED BY: JIM DUFFY

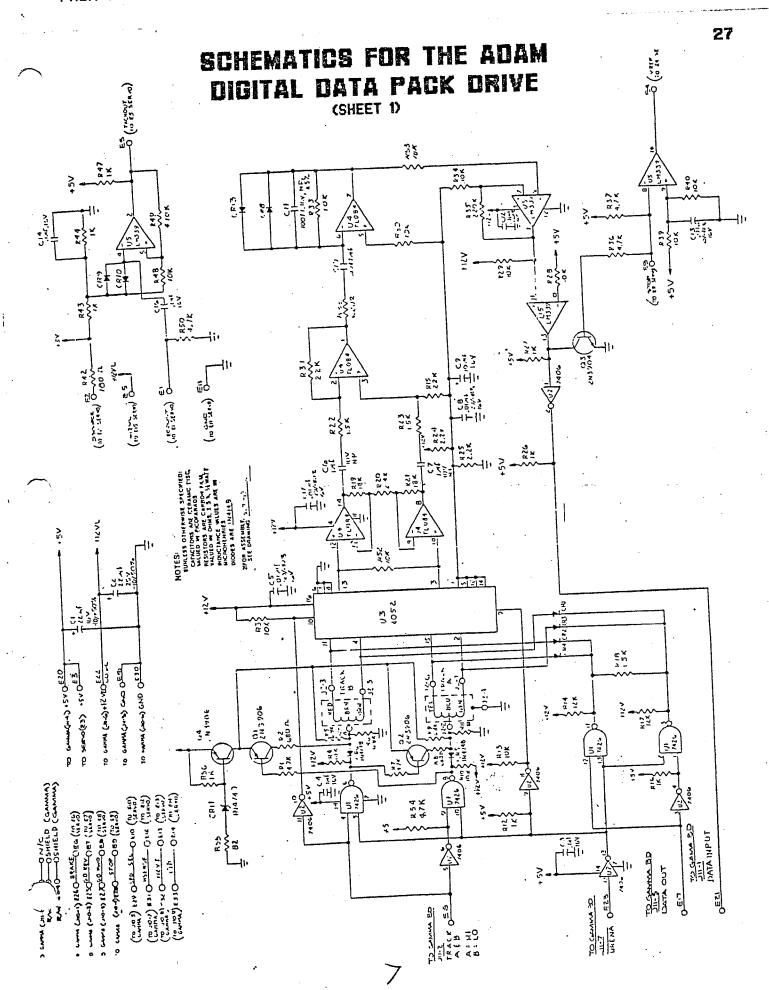
First of all MEMSWAP requires exclusive use of the 64k memory expansion board. This is not a part of your original adam system and must be purchased separately. This program works with most smartbasic v1.0 and not smartbasic v2.0 operating systems.

MEMSWAP is just what it sounds like a memory swap which allows you to keep three programs for easy use. One program is in normal memory and two are stored in the 64k expansion memory. SWl and SW2 smartbasic commands swap the current program, drive and screen colors stored in the first or second program storage channels in the 64k expansion memory. Also included is the "copyMS" file to copy MEMSWAP to datapack or disk and select either automatic run "y" or "n" to not have your program run after memswaping. MS=run program ms=do not run program. Memswap may be run anytime after smartbasic is loaded.

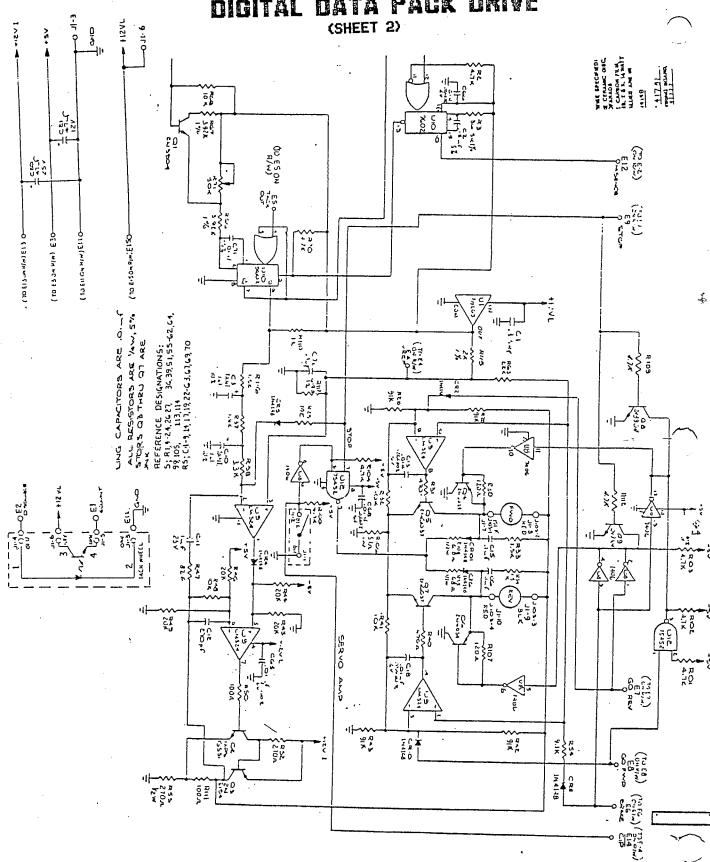
MEMSWAP is a nice program to have allowing you to access two programs other than the one in current memory without having to catalog or load filenames from data or disk drive again. One of my favorate uses of MEMSWAP is to have it directly load Pro-Load (see Jim Guenzel's review in last months issue on MULTI-LOADER which also comes with this program) with the "run file" command. By doing this you have easy access to file names and can load your three programs using Pro-load.

For what it does using the 64k memory board this is a useful product I just have to wonder if they have anything in mind in the near future for the 128,256, and the 512k expansion memory boards!

OVERALL RATING 10 INSTRUCTIONS 9



SCHEMATICS FOR THE ADAM DIGITAL DATA PACK DRIVE



NEWS, RUMORS,

AWAUG (Adam Washington Area User's Group) has an ADAM BBS at 703-922-5497 with 8 bits, No parity mecking & 1 stop bit. Hours are Mon Thur. 6PM to 6AM, Fri-Mon continuously.

WORD STAR 3.0. AWAUG is also distriubting Word Star 3.0 to its members for \$ 20; no update to 4.0 allowed at this price. Membership is \$15.00.

RETAILER OF ADAM HARDWARE / SOFTWARE

SM VIDEO, 703-620k-4485, POBX 313 Oakton VA 22124 is another retailer of ADAM hardware & software. SASE to them for their catalog.

GO.COM FOR CP/M.

PH (?Peter Hartzler) writes in the March AWAUG that in standard ADAM CP/M 2.2 you execute a program by typing its name at the CP/M prompt; if you want to run a rogram twice in a row, you simply /pe the name over again and the computer RE-READS the program into memory. A FASTER WAY is to use GO.COM a program which restarts the last program run withOUT having to re-read it into RAM. At the CP/M prompt type this line: (Thats save ZERO not SAVE O GO.COM. the letter O). GO.COM is now in the directory taking up exactly NO space and only 1 directory entry. Type GO and the last program run will run again .withOUT any delay for re-reading into memory, unless you

BUILDING YOUR OWN SERIAL / PARALLEL INTERFACE Peter Hartzler also writes in the March AWAUG on HOW TO BUILD YOUR

have overwritten it somehow.

OWN SERIAL/PARALLEL INTERFACE along with Directions, diagrams, etc.

OTHER NEWSLETTERS.

The St.L.AUG copy of the other AUG .ewsletters received is being placed in binders and will be made available at most of our meetings for the benefit of our members.

SLKUG (St.Louis KAYPRO Users Group) also meets at the Thornhill Library on Saturdays. We had the opporunity to talk with several of their members and officers, including Bob Ballard their Secretary. They have separate sections for CP/M and MS-DOS, both of which run on the Kaypro. They have a very large library of CP/M software which they offered to make available to us. GEORGE JENKINS is working with them to see how this would be Apparently the accomplished. best way to do this is thru Modum They could to Modum transfer. upload the CP/M programs from their Kaypro thru their modum , George could download the program thru his modem to an ADAM CP/M tape or disk. Sounds good in theory, we will have to see how and if it works. We appreciate the cooperation of the SLKUG group and Geo. Jenkins taking the time to work on this. Joint purchases are another option we may want to We will also investigate.

C.A.U.G. or Colorado AUG now exchanges newsletters with us. Again the ST.L. AUG copy of their newsletter will be placed in binders and usually available at A couple of meetings. very good ideas from CAUG are the following: (1) They have contacted all the Pawn Shops in their area and when any Pawn Shop gets in ADAM items, they contact CAUG to see if a member wants to purchase it.; (2) They have a, membership card and have gotten some local (Colorado) area Computer stores to give a discount to members on purchases, such as disks, etc. I NEED A VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON

THESE IDEAS LOCALLY to see if

VOLUNTEERS, please contact an

officer of SLAGU.

we could benefit from them. ANY

be exchanging newsletters with

placed in a binder and made

available at meetings.

The St.L. AUG copy will be

ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG NEWSLETTERS

The following newsletters from other AUGS will be placed into our St.L. AUG library at the next meeting and will then be available for review by members at meetings, etc.

- Mar/Apr Videogaming & Computer News (Premier Issue).
- 2. April St.L. Kaypro News
- 3. March AWAUG
- 4. March NIAD
- 5. April PSAN
- 6. Mar/Apr Adam Link
- 7. April Inland Empire AUG
- 8. April gHAAUG

DISKS FOR SALE

St.L. AUG now has available for sale 5 1/4 inch disks priced at \$1/2 or \$/3 if 30 or more are purchased at one time. Call AL FITZGERALD prior to each meeting to order and you can then pick them up at the meeting. These are very good disks, I just got 50 for myself.

WANTED***WANTED

- 1. Instructions for Video Tunes
- 2. Secretary for our group. IF no volunteers by next meeting we will draft someone.

MEETING PLACE & TIME SET

The Thornhill Library (Map enclosed) has been chosen as our meeting place for the balance of 1988.

Meetings will be held the second Saturday of each month from 12:30 - 4:00.

Bring blank media to copy PD software at meeting. Bring software to demonstrate for others.
Bring Hardware to help set up at least 2 Adam Systems at meeting.
ETC..

IF you want to buy or sell any ADAM item, place a free (to members) Ad in our newsletter.

ADAMCALC INSTRUCTIONS

Norman Castro of the Omaha AUG 809W 33rd Ave. Bellevue NE 68005 has COMPLETE instructions for Adam Calc including quick reference guide, appendixes, glossary & index. Cost \$8 including postage & handling. Norman also has a very complete set of instructions for games for Adam, Atari etc. NEW instructions include Super Zaxxon(Adam) & Astro Chase (Atari). Write him for a complete list SASE.

HECTOR SANCHEZ COLECO SOFTWARE

Hector Sanchez has just purchased some discontinued ORIGINAL ADAM software complete with instructions, program & plastic holder. He is making this available to our group for \$3.00 PLUS mailing & handling. Send \$3 per item PLUS an additional \$5. Hector will refund any unused postage. Available: ExperType (DP); SmartFiler (DP); ADAM Calc. (DP); Smart Letters & Forms (Disk). SUPPLIES VERY LIMITED Order NOW.

Hector Sanchez, 3606 Swiss Corpus Christi TX 78415.

WANTED***VIDEOTUNES INSTRUCTIONS

Courtney Wilson is interested in obtaining VideoTune Instructions.

DUES.DO'S & DON'T'S:

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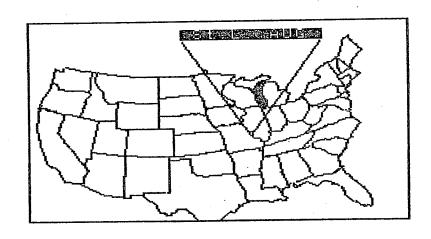


The reprint section in the St. L. AUG Newsletter reprints articles and items of interest from OTHER newsletters and user groups.

This is done for the purposes of providing the information contained in such reprints, to show our members what else is available for ADAM, and to give exposure to other user groups and newsletters.

Information, including address and costs of the other users groups and newsletters utilized in our reprint section are available from Barry Wilson for those interested.

In addition, from time to time, we request sample copies of entire newsletters from other user groups. We usually provide stamps and mailing labels.



MORE NEWS FROM DRPHANWARE-

Orphanware has now extended the warranty on all interfaces and memory expanders to a full 3 years! This includes all boards already in service.

Also, if you have been considering converting your Coleco disk drive to one of the new 320K double-sided drives or the 720K 3.5 inch drives, take note. Orphanware is now selling a disk drive conversion KIT. The kit will include the software, system eprom and full instructions. You must do the work necessary to complete the job. It requires some soldering skill and electronics experience. However, the price is unbelievable:

320K for \$25.00 720K for \$35.00

Finally, Orphanware is about to go into full time retail sales. This change will result in lower prices on all Orphanware products since there will no longer be lower prices for wholesalers. As "Big John" (owner of Orphanware) stated, "I want everyone to know that Orphanware is here to stay and will do all we can to support the ADAM and all ADAM users."

NEWS FROM DIGITAL EXPRESS--

PowerPaint, a comprehensive graphics design program, continues to get rave reviews from ADAM users across the country. This program allows you to create and save graphic picture files, and gives you the tools to design very professional-looking pictures. What's more, the program allows you to print out your picture on a dot matrix printer so that impressive page layouts can be created.

The program requires an ADAM with a 64K memory expander. The 64K expander is necessary since the PowerPaint program itself is 80K! The 64K is used by the program for storing your picture as it is being created.

To get your copy, send \$44.95 + \$3 shipping & handling, to Digital Express, PO Box 37, Oak Hill, WV 25901.

Other new products from Digital Express include:

1. SwiftDisk. This software package fools the ADAM operating system into thinking that your memory expander is a second tape drive (even if you have only one tape drive). This makes it possible for other Coleco software, such as ADAMcalc, SmartWriter and SmartLOGO, to access your memory expander for file storage. The package requires MegaDisk 1.0 (also available from Digital Express) and is recommended for those with memory expanders of 128K or larger. The price is only \$11.95, or \$9.95 for Nibbles & Bits

subscribers.

- 2. PaintAide. Just what the title implies, PaintAir a software package to be used with PowerPaint. This allows you to customize your PowerPaint program so that you can have pre-installed fonts and background colors. More importantly, the package comes with twenty sets of FontPOWER font sets. Font sets are used by PowerPaint to make custom page layouts and fancy titles for pictures, greeting cards, announcements, newsletters and so forth. Whats more, the font sets can be used in your own SmartBasic programs to give a really professional look. As an added bonus, a program is also included which will convert any FontPOWER font set to a SHAPE TABLE that can be used in the graphic modes (HGR & HGR2) of SmartBasic. The price for this package is \$21.95 or \$16.95 to Nibbles & Bits subscribers.
 - 3. Beyond Trek & Chess Champ. If you love new games, here are a couple that are sure to challenge you. Beyond Trek is a graphic game in which you try to protect your four starbases while trying to eliminate the enemy Klingons. The game has four skill levels and a "Hall of Fame" screen for high scores. Chess Champ is a graphic chess game that you play against ADAM. It has seven skill levels and a "save game" feature. The game requires at least a 64K memory expander. Get Beyond Trek or Chess Champ for just \$19.95, or \$14.95 for Nibbles and Bits subscribers.
 - 4. Mega System-XR. If you own one of the r Orphanware memory expanders (256K or 512K), this package is for you. MegaSystem-XR will allow you to switch INSTANTLY between several great programs including SmartBasic, ADAMcalc, ADAMlink II, and SmartWriter. It also includes an electronic notepad, clock and calendar program (requires EVE SS/CC interface), file utility program, chart and graph assembler, and file printing utility. The cost is \$39.95, or \$34.95 to Nibbles & Bits subscribers.

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It is also a good idea to save a record of your call be opening a file and storing the information. That way you can review it after you are done calling so your next call will go more smoothly. To open a file, press the WILDCAR key to go into command mode. Press SmartKey VI (FILE). No press SmartKey II (RECEIVE). You will be prompted for the drive and filename. When finished, press SmartKey V (DONE). You are now back into the command mode. Press the WILDCARD key, and you will be in terminal mode. Now everything that you see on your screen will be saved file! When done, press the UNDO key to close the file.

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ORPHANNARE now has a patch available for Coleco's ADAMcalc spreadsheet program that allows you to use a standard parallel interfaced dot matrix printer. The program is being marketed by Orphanware for \$9.95 (plus S/H). CALCPAT was written by Thomas E. Clary. The BASIC program reads a block from your ADAMcalc backup, changes the print output, and then writes the new data back to your disk or DDP.

Panasonic printers are at the lowest prices ever. If you are planing to get a dot matrix printer now is the time to buy. The most popular parallel printers used by ADAM owners is the 1080i, 1091i, and the new 1091i-Mil. Check around to get your best price.

Syd Carter of TRISYD VIDEO GAMES has updated the software for his MEGACOPY data pack formatting unit. This latest version has some color changes, clears up the block 64 problem, removess the program's copy protection, and is bootable from disk.

E & T Software has moved to 1010 Westminster, Garland TX 75040. Write for the new catalog of products for the ADAH computer.

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Anthony Yulo says, an even better program than the EDIT program from Hackers Guide is CP/M's DDT. You can transfer SmartBASIC programs to CP/M with ADAM.COM and back to SmartBASIC with CPMADAM.COM. To change programs or merge them together just POKE a 201 into 6356. This will disable the NEW command in SmartBASIC and allow you to load two, three, etc. programs into one large one. The only drawback is that if the programs have the same line number, the latest one will be kept and the old ones erased. Be sure to POKE a 205 back when you are done. Are you limited to only 128 characters per line in SmartBASIC? If you POKE a 239 into 12185, this will increase your line length to 239 characters. This will allow you to put more commands on one line and save your memory because each BASIC line uses 5 bytes per line.

FAMILY COMPUTING Magazine will change its name to FAMILY IN-HOME-OFFICE COMPUTING this month. Information from readers show 65% of them work out of their homes.

NevMArizTexaCol Programmers Group of 7641 Raasaf Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88005 has a new study course out for all of you learning Machine Language. Called HACKERS HELPER, and in several volums, it is a must for anyone writing in Machine Language. Price for Vol. 1 is \$18.00.

Patricia Herrington of Metro Orlando Adam Users Group vill ge giving out the first five chapters of a course in BASIC to its members. The BASIC course originally written by L.C. Austil of gHAAUG has been re-written by John and Francis Terry to meet the needs of MOAUG members. The course will be on two tapes of five chapters each as a free bonus to members, but all ten chapters will be put on one tape for those who don't come to meetings.

News from Buck Rogers - Buck has been under the weather from a Mosquito bite. He was apperently bitten by one or more carring "Encephalitia Virus." This disease is serious in horses and is capable of being transmitted from a horse to man by the insect from the blood of an infected horse. Buck informs me he will be answering mail soon.

Buck also is making a revision in the subscription schedule of "ADANLAND NEWS." "We are going to try a temporary system that will mean 10 issues of the newsletter each year, instead of 12." We wish Buck a speedy recovery.

WALTERS SOFTWARE has a hidden Bonus in MEDIA-AID+.
The program will copy by FILE Multiblock
directories. Many ADAM Users Groups are beginning to
distribute their Public Domain programs on
Multiblock Directories so that more than 35 programs
or files can be given on one disk or DDP. This will
give you 159 blocks for your programs, etc.

From Ray Dougherty comes this news—ADAMcalc has a surprise screen that you can see. After you insert ADAMcalc and pull the reset switch, a menu will ask whether you want help or not. At this time, press the UP ARROW and the RIGHT ARROW keys together, then type carefully "surfnazi" in lower case letters without the quotation marks. The screen will produce letters and graphic art, and "initials in a tree trunk."

DIGITAL EXPRESS has now released twelve commercial software titles for ADAM, the latest being MegaDisk 1.0. The primary program (Z80) in this package creates a ramdisk for the new, large Orphanware XRAM boards. The MX-128, MX-256, and MX-512 come with some very impressive CP/M 2.2 patches including access to a larger randisk. MegaDISK allows you to access the expansion RAM as a large randisk for your own IBO/EDS and SmartBASIC 1.0 programs. Their eithth and ninth collections of PD SmartPAINT picture files are now ready. This makes 136 Public Pictures to choose from. Also completed is the third "EZ Reference Guide." EZ Ref 103 contains many charts that have appeared in previous issues of NkB, and it includes a fairly detailed study of the ROM based EOS. The retail price is \$2.45 or \$1.95 to members of N&B.

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E & T Software will begin publication of a newsleter this month. Software usage will be part of their content. Subscribers will be given discounts on purchases of E & T Software products.

D. L. Decker Enterprises has Coleco Game Controller extension cables 10 feet long.

gHAAUG has found it necessary to charge \$15.00 dues in 1988. Terry Fowler, editor said \$12.00 of this offsets the cost of the newsletters and media sent monthly plus regular expenses of the club. For information writhe: gHAAUG NEWS, P.O. Box 800801, Houston, TX 77280-0801.

Just before going to press, we have been informed that Strategic Software is releasing a DESKTOP PUBLISHING Program for the ADAM. We understand that this fantastic new program is a very enhanced version of their popular SIGNSHOP, and that the picture editor is much more powerful. It should be released by the time you get this newsletter. No price was available.

Don Perlamn of In House Service Reps has plans to offer a 256K and 512K memory expander in the next few months. VIDEO SONGS has a special gift for purchasers of both their "BEATLES" and "POTPOURRI" albums. When you purchase both disks, they'll also send you FREE a BASIC bonus pack with six menu driven public domain programs. You must have VideoTUNES by FutureVision to use the albums.

Alan Neeley, of ADAM-LINK of Utah, is offering the CNET BBS as FREEWARE for \$20. This is a comprehensive BBS written primarily in BASIC by many authors. It comes on 3 disks and the price includes preliminary docs and any help needed to get the system running on your ADAM. It requires that you have two disk drives to run effectively. He will also build an auto-answer device for \$20 or \$15 if, purchased with the BBS...

ORPHANMARE has several projects in the works. They are working on an ADAM compatible 720K 3.5' disk drive. Also a chip that will permit multiple disk drives. another project is an interface for attaching a 20 meg hard disk drive to ADAM. Orphanware currently has a double sided disk drive upgrade for \$125. Your drive will be returned with the new heads and programs for formatting for EOS or CP/M. They are also offering a short kit for making your own 64K expander. The kit is \$10 and comes with the PC board, test program on disk, instructions, and a list of vendors for obtaining the chips.

M. W. Ruth Co's new catalog is off the press and ready to go. The new issue has a nice color cover and is dedicated to ADAM, Amiga, Atari St Series as well as Video Games. You have 15 pages of ADAM software and hardware to order from. The catalog also has a Classified Ad section and in all has 42 pages of good stuff to order. To get a copy send \$1.00 to: M.W. Ruth Co., 3100 W. Chapel Ave., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

NIAD has TEXT ADVENTURE GAMES ready. This is the second in the NIAD GOLD series. The program is self booting and a menu is automatically loaded that desplays the available programs which can be selected by hitting the enter key. Games included are LICHTHOUGH TEXTS ADVENTURE TOWNS AND TOWNS AND TOWNS ADDRESS OF THE SECOND S

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Are you tired of juggling disks, data packs, and utility programs to get the right printer patches, the right randisk, and the right media utilities? Are you ready to turn your ABAN into a SPERFABT productivity system? MengaBYBTEM — XR could be just what you're looking

NegaSYSTEM-XR turns your Orphanvare XS6K or S12K expander into a dream sachine. You can olathakanjy witch between 1.0 great programs. You never have to puil this computer reset (as you do with XSAMyak I) just tap CMTRQL + DELETE tuice and "MSXX-semu" appears allowing you to select the program to instantly load.

You can boot SaartBASIC VI. 0 (it comes with the program) without any patches or with either of two sets of fixes — regardless of your choice, you can still RIN your nELLD program on the randisk.

You can select SaartWilter (even if you have an earlier version, you'll be updated to the latest revision, 80). You can custonize the SM screen colors, and choose one of three print options. You can select ADAM printer, Standard Espon compatible (uith regular SM subscript, superscript, and underline functions). You panasone to 1800 (vorks just like the SnowDF II enhancement). You can even access the rawdisk from SaartHriter.

A clock and perpetuil calendar program is available. The clock requires the EVE 95/CC.

fou have access to an Electronic notepad.

You can use a massive media utility program. Includes disk formatting, fils copying, block editor, block verifier, and directory modifier.

You can use MSXR-MSBgrint to print SaartPAINT or PowerPAINT screens with various hardcopy options, A very limited drawing capability is included. Morks with sither the ADAM printer or an Epson FX compatible,

fou can bee'the charts / graphs assembler for creating hi-res charts to printed or stored.

You can also use MSXR-ezPRNMT to print SeartHriter documents in left, right, auto, or center justification. Use headers & footers and change margins on a page too. Can be used by ADAM printer or a dot astrix.

You can select ADAYIInk II (included) with options for either the ADAY printer or a dot mitrix. No randist access is provided with AL II. Some systems can have problems accessing ADAYIInk II with a SIOX expander installed. You can also suitch to ADAKaic (instructions are provided for easily transferring your ADAMcaic to the MegaSYSTEM-XR medium). You can choose standard ADAM printer or a parallel interfaced dot matrix. No ramdisk access is provided for ADAMcaic.

There are a couple of Haltations. The program uses 173% on your randisks. And, sout illes must be stored (on tape, disk, or randisk) before INSTANTLY switching to another program.

This is a massoth package combining all these programs for INSTAMT access — just tap COMTROL + DELETE twice (pulling reset could destroy the program). Finally its all here in one package supporting both the ADAM printer and a dot matrix.

HegaSYSTEN-XR is The productivity enhancement for ADAM. We even have two versions. The ".a" version is comes really to use —— [15] just \$33.55 (834.95 to %8 subscribers). The ".b" version is for those who have HegaDISK 1.0 (you'll need to transfer the 'shortdisk' program to the HegaSYSTEN-XR.

| New HegaSYSTEN-XR.
| New Version is just \$32.95 (\$27.95 to N&B subscribers). (Both versions shoulds, Anished by 2/29/88.)

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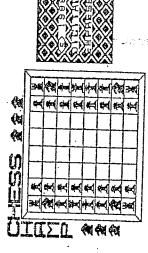
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It's here! Pull the reset, a title screen instantly appears and the these song starts playing. A few seconds later, the Enterprise appears as more of the program loads into memory. You'll hear a couple of more tunes and then Kirk's actiloquy is displayed (and "spoken" if you have the Eve 99/CC). Then you take

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OVER THE PHONE LINES

by David E. Carmichael

This month my article is a user's review of one of the many locally operated ADAM support ELECTRON-IC BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEMS. This system is ran by the local ADAM users group ADAM—LINK OF UTAH.

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Bulletin board command level:
P post a public bulletin
Rx read specific message x
S scan message headers
Kx kill specific message x
K kill messages
L list available boards
M feedback to SubOp
V view SubOp
x change to specfic base x
<,> forward/back one board

Commands available from any level:

- F feedback to system operator
- O logoff system
- + fast logoff
- C chat with system operator
- U re-read system rules
- I sytem configurations
- quit from subsystem
- TD local time/date information
- ST your current call status.

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The system has a number of message bases where different topics are covered. Even though I have listed most of the OPEN ACCESS areas of this BBS, you will only be given access to one or two of the message bases until you are given higher access.

Sub-Boards: Sub-Bo

I find it very enjoyable to call this local BBS. The users are willing to help. To top this off, this bulletin board system is FULLY ran on the ADAM in SmartBASIC / EOS!!

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But, I find that the program the BBS is running from needs two minor changes / updates. (1) The adding of commands that will let users read only NEW messages left since the last time the user called. (I understand that Alan Neeley, this system's head sysop, is already working on adding this feature.) (2) Adding XMODEM protocol to the file transfer sub-programs.

If you live in the west, be sure to give this ADAM support BBS a call!

Now on to another topic. As I type this (Mid-November), I am watching the FCC / TELECOMMUNICATION HEARINGS on C-SPAN (the CONGRESS SATELLITE SYSTEM) on my local cable system and it does not look good for us users of PACKET SWITCHING DATA COMMUNICATION BASES, eg, CIS, PLink, TELENET, ect. systems. It looks like the rates will be going up! I will try my best to keep my fellow ADAM TELECOMMUNICATION users posted as to what is going on.

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AM'S HOUSE. The kit

A MOUSE for ADAM is in development by E & T Software. We have sent Ed the instruction sheets for modifying the Commodore 1350 House and Atari CX85 to ADAM use. The Commodore modification is by far easier. The price is not known at this time.

PAINTAIDE is now available to add additional features to Poverbair while fixing a few nistakes in the process. Paintains requires TWO PHYSICAL drives. It modifies the PowerPaints medium, prinarily providing four sets of choose two different half width fouts (HICRO and SYSTEM), three choices of full width fonts, four double width fonts, and six double sized (headline) typefaces. Paintains also includes the Swift Font Kit, including an expense. 20 sets of FontPower four current of PontPower for Sets of PontPower for Sets which allow very small lettering and many fonts. Only \$16.95 from ADAH'S HOUSE, or both PowerPAINT and Paint AIDE for only \$49.95. Still to come, PaintPuUs. It will require a 128K Hemory Card and store several powerful features for use with PowerPaint's Delete Key.

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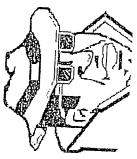
Mothing has been heard from Eve Electronics in so long that it appears they have gone on to other things. Several Items, the SS/CC speech synthesizer and battery backup clock calendar unit, are only produced by BVE. Orphanware has begun work on designs for both. DEI has and continues to develop software for these products, so things should pick up in developing a voice for ADAM.

Valley Video (8141 Pleasant Valley Road, Camden Oil 45311) assortment of ADAH game cartridges. Call them at 513 787-4704. They have a BBS, too: 513 787-3777. CARTRIDGE GAMES? Pleasant LOOKING FOR

Communicator for ADAM. SmartTERH was designed for use with bulletin board systems, as well as for transferring files. Several advantages are found including 40 column screen, phone library, file directories, ability to format disks, binary file transfer (to other SmartTERH users). \$21.95 with Advanced SmartTERH VI.O is documentation.

With PRBOOT you can transfer up to six software programs to datapach, disk, or tamdisk. Then boot PRBOOT and select the one you want to use. Jump very fast between SmartWriter, SmartBASICS VI or VZ, AdamCALC, SmartFILER, SmartLOGO, etc. \$17.95. Software, PrBOOT is new from Walters

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AUTOWRITER is a rather unique BASIC programming aide; it allows you to create programs containing routines that you select. The resulting program can then be merged with existing software or used as a starter for new programs to make use of the nice features of the routines. Unlike other BASIC enhancements, you decide which machine language routines (and BASIC subroutines) that you want for the module.

You simply insert the medium in the drive and pull computer reset. In a few seconds, Mr. T's logo screen will appear while the remainder of the program loads into RAM. Then you'll have the option to set the program's NMI clock. The AUTOWRITER program is done on a 40 column screen enhanced with inverse fonts and SmartKEY labels at the bottom of the screen. Six primary options are presented: (I) machine code routines, (II) BASIC routines, (III) POKES and CALLS, (IV) save lines in memory, (V) print options, and (VI) quit. The first two options let you select the routines that you want for your module. The third option will list the routines or allow you to search through them by entering a keyword. The fourth option stores the module to tape or disk. The fifth option will print the routines on paper.

Many of the routines are derived from ones we've printed in N&B, for example, instant underscored fonts, instant text color changes, and text on hi-res screens. You could hunt through back issues for some of these, adjust the addresses so that they are compatible, and type them in. This alone could become a major project. AUTOWRITER frees you from this keypress drudgery allowing you to spend you programming time on the body of your programs rather than on the enhancements which make them appealing and user - friendly.

Yes, AUTOWRITER automatically adjusts the addresses of the included machine language routines so that you may combine them in any sequence!! This alone is quite a creative feat. Moreover, the programming time that this innovative utility will save you and the professional features of the program make it a very good value.

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MANUFACTURER:

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Bob Zimmerman, PSAN

One of the most frequent questions that beginning programmers ask is "How do I use sprites in games?". That question was difficult to answer since SmartBASIC was not designed with sprites or sprite animation in mind. Now, however, we have Sprite Power. This program not only answers the question; but, is also a versatile tool in manipulating sprites, designing sprites, saving sprite data, and answering questions that most of us haven't even thought to ask!

The program is totally machine code; operation is FAST. And, like other Digital Express software, Sprite Power is menu-driven and user selections are made via SmartKEYs. A nice feature about the program is that there are 3 pre - defined sprite files included: alphabet letters, geometric figures, and miscellaneous objects. My favorite are the objects. You can load the sprites and then choose the "Animate Sprites" function. By switching back and forth between several sprites, it's easy to see a jumping cowboy or a talking starboy. Designing sprites is easy. The required program controls are shown on-screen so that you can sit down and start designing sprites immediately. The sprite design is created by filling in squares on a 16 x 16 grid, which is 8 times larger than a normal sized sprite. You have the ability to reverse the design grid, invert it, and flip the design.

When done designing your sprites, you save your creations by using the "store file" option. Your sprites can be saved to tape or disk in 3 different forms: ASCII DATA, BASIC BINARY, or 780 BINARY. Another feature of the program is the ability to capture portions of hi-res graphic pictures as sprites. PUFF is included as a hands-on example of how sprites can be used in an arcade quality game! This game alone makes the program worth the \$14.95. Sprite Power, with its 25-page manual, is the programmer's answer to sprite design and control -- another winner from DIGITAL EXPRESS.



D. Zimmerman—>We all know by now that ADAM will add an extra 1/2 line feed on the printer when it encounters a line with nothing but a carriage return. This will cause the printer to print closer to the bottom of the page or spill over to the next page. If there is any thing besides the carriage return on the line the printer will advance only one line as it should. I solved this a long time ago by cutting of the tilde from the plastic printwheel with a scissors. I press this key before I enter a carriage return on a line with no text. The small sideways "s" appears on the screen but will not print because it was cut off. If the tilde is ever needed, I simply change the printwheel. I did not think it was possible, but I see where Irwin Singer came up with a better way. He uses the CONTROL 6 key followed by a single space. When the CONTROL 6 key is pressed an upside "L" appears on the screen. This character will not print on the paper and it WILL bomb the printer if it is NOT followed by a SPACE so be sure to add one space.

Use the old trick of using two rubber bands to stop the paper from sliding in the printer. Remove the printer cover and place one three inch (unstretched) rubber band on both the left and right side of the cover. Replace the cover. It only takes seconds to lift each rubber band and stretch it over the tabs that stick up on the paper hold down bar. Lift them off when the bar must be raised for paper adjustment.

Forcing SMARTWRITER to REFORMAT text to changed margins.—When you change the setting of the margins ADAM will normally change the text appearing on the screen o conform to the new settings. The user can tell is ADAM is reformatting the text oy watching the left hand white vertical marker that appears on the left hand ruler line. When ADAM reformats on-screen text the marker will scroll from the top to the end of the text when the DONE key is pressed. If the marker fails to scroll the text will not be re-formatted. ADAM can be forced to re-format at any time. Hit SK I, then SK II, then SK V, then SK VI. The left had marker will scroll and all text will be re-formatted. This is even faster than entering the commands in the old Word Star program. Besides, ADAM will re-format the entire document regardless of the cursor placement.

(I do not know where this originally appeared. If anyone knows, let your editor know so I can give credit.)

Mike Keith-->I have read in several places that the best way to avoid the extra 1/2 line feed is to cut a character off of the daisy wheel. It seems that people are saying that other methods will not work in all situations. I have found an easier way. If you hold down the CONTROL key and press 6 at the same time, then hit the space bar and then thecarriage return you will then have the correct spacing. There are two "catches" to this. First, this must be done with the cursor under the first character of the preceeding line. It that line starts with one or more spaces, indent the above procedure the same number of spaces. The second "catch" is that there MUST BE A SPACE BETWEEN THE SYMBOL ON THE SCREEN AND THE CARRIAGE RETURN SYMBOL. I have found that this works everytime.

Does anyone have a "fix" to the extra spaces problem in Show Off II? I have found that if you tell ADAM that you are using fan-fold paper in printing your document, Show Off II will add several spaces between words on the line where the page would advance if you were using the ADAM printer. This is not always the same place with Show Off II. I could use any ideas.—Mike Keith

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For quite some time now, I have wanted to add an ATARI ten key to my ADAM. Seemed like it may be a simple operation - since the ten key hooks up to the joystick port on Atari, and Atari joyticks are compatible with ADAM's. I ordered the Atari ten key knowing full well that it probably would not work, and I would be out some bucks. Well, when it arrived, I hooked it up and nothing happened. ADAM could care less whether it was on or not.

I kept the darn thing hoping that one day, I would be able to convert it to my ADAM. Then one day, I received a catalog from ADAM's House. They were offering documentation sheets to add a mouse to ADAM. It sounded interesting - since I had similar wishes for hooking a Commodore mouse to ADAM. When the sheets arrived, I was surprised to find that it also included a schematic to hook up the Atari 10 key to ADAM! It was almost like a dream come true. Now, I not going to ADAM! It was almost like a dream come true. Now, I not tell how to convert the ten key for ADAM. But I will show you the concept behind the conversion, show you what you will need, and how well it works.

The concept behind the conversion is rather simple. The Atari ten key is radically different from ADAM's joystick. In order to convert it, the circuit board on the 10 key must be disabled, and replaced with a circuit board from an ADAM joystick.

Well just what do you need for the ten key conversion. First you will need the "Mouse for ADAM" Documentation sheet from ADAM's House (price \$2.00). You will also need a additional joystick (available from MW Ruth 2 for \$5.95). And lastly you will need a ATARI CX85 ten key. The ten key is available from BG Micro for \$14.95. However, they are closing them out, and they may not have any more in stock. Atari has them available for \$24.95. Addresses for BG Micro and Atari are listed on the end of this article.

How well does it work? Well, the answer is that it works good with some programs and not so well with others. It seems a little slow when used with SmartWriter. However, It works Excellent with ADAMCalc and SmartBasic (with a modified version of MoreKEYS by Nibbles and Bits). I feel that since it works so well with ADAMCalc, that alone makes it worth the cost. I do alot of work with ADAMCalc, and it really speeds up the process of entering data. I also do alot of programming and the ten key helps alot there too. Espcially when working with data statements.

To modify MoreKEYS: (see N&B 8/87 p. 13)

1. Change the 44 in line 650 to a 13 2. Change the 13 in line 670 to a 44.

You should however note that the Documentation sheets themselves are not very well written. They are hand drawn and hand written. It would be nice if someone would redo them again. The total cost of the conversion will cost you at least \$16.95 and at the most \$32.90. I certainly hope this article is some use to you. If you do have any questions, please send them in a SASE to Hector Sanchez, 3606 Swiss, Corpus Christi, TX 78415.

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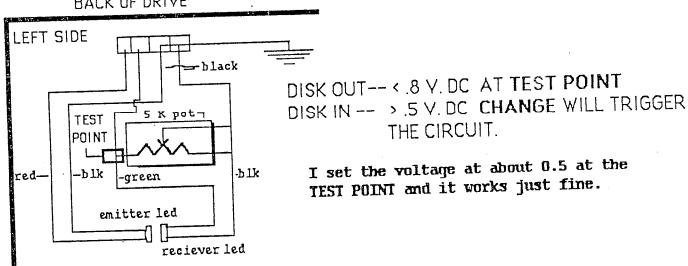
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PROBLEM: D.C. volts on reciever diode is to high (12 v. dc.) and change in volts from "disk out" (< .8 v. dc.) to "disk in" (> .5 volt change) does not trigger circuit.

SOLUTION: A 5K pot is placed across the green (+volts dc) and the black (ground) wires to the lower diode and adjusted so that "disk out" volts is less than .8dc (< .8 v. dc.) and the change with "disk in" is greater than .5 volts (> .5 v. dc change). NOTE: A 3 or 5 K resistor would work just as well I think, but I like the idea of an adjustable pot.

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ear Barry..

Well, I have to admit that I was a bit "shaken" as I opened your very kind 28 Mar 88 letter to me... Your formal legal letterhead had me wondering just who/what bad news was entering my life via the office of an attorney -- !

Anyway...I am so very glad that you took the time to pound out your thoughts to me. Thanks a million.

I got your packet of reprints about the STI AUG in late March and was so happy to have them. Enclosed, my money order for \$15. for balance of 1988 membership in the group. I really need to connect with you folks and others like you. Please feel free to put my name on the list (phone, too, if you like) and I would love to hear from anyone.

Now, for some "meat". At present, my ONLY INTEREST in my ADAM is in word and data processing. My budget is limited, but I find that my ADAM just fits my needs — he's a pal, and I love him. Nope, NO disc-drive, modem, nor DM-printer. I have only what I originally purchased (in suburban Chicago, in late 1986): tape-drive CPU, keyboard, printer, and manuals and accessories. The only software I have is the SmartFiler (which I have not really used much) and, of course, the built-in SmartWriter.

I have no interest in games at present, but I think that in future some of the WORD games might be my "bag" -- I have always loved English and "playing" around with it...

I joined the ADAM Group in Lisle, Illinois about 2 years ago...and have found them kind and helpful, if a bit ago...and have found their side of their ADAM STORE there. "snowed" under by their opening of their ADAM STORE there I would like to get over there this summer during my regular trip to visit family in suburban Chicago...and will try to.

I have had some troubles with my printer...it seems to lose its mind on occasion in the middle of printouts...no matter if short or long...and it screws up margins and overprints the same character on and on...

I was advised to put "cooling fans" on both CPU vent areas and on printer-unit vent areas --Nothing. So I began to carefully rub the two chrome guide-bars (INSIDE the printer unit) that the printmechanism rides on with the silicone cloth that came with the ADAM. Doing this OFTEN (daily) seems to have eliminated the psychotic episodes that the printer danced through. Whew!

What else...? I believe that I am "leaning toward" needing more memory for ADAM, and for conversion to disc. This tape business sure has its shortcomings, as I have known all along, and I wonder if you could find time to talk to me as if I were VERY SLOW, mentally, and give me some advice...? (--I ain't slow, mentally, I just act that way .)

I will take you up on your info about the Multi-write word processing program...and Jim G. Thanks so much! Also, I just read the review in the NIAD March 88 rewsletter on SPEEDYWRITE -- a new one by the 13-yr old David White. Do you know any more of it that what is in the MIAD letter?

And so... I will close and say thanks again. Please find some time to communicate... I would love to hear more from you. I have been here in Honolulu for nearly 18 years, I grew up in Chicago suburbs, and my age is the perennial grew. Penny-39! Har har! Let us just say that I can "almost" remember Pearl Harbor, and I am a child of the 60's.

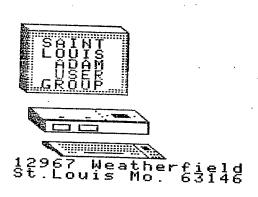
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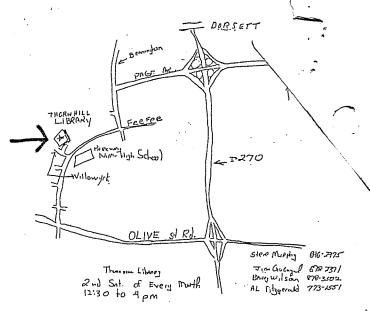
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