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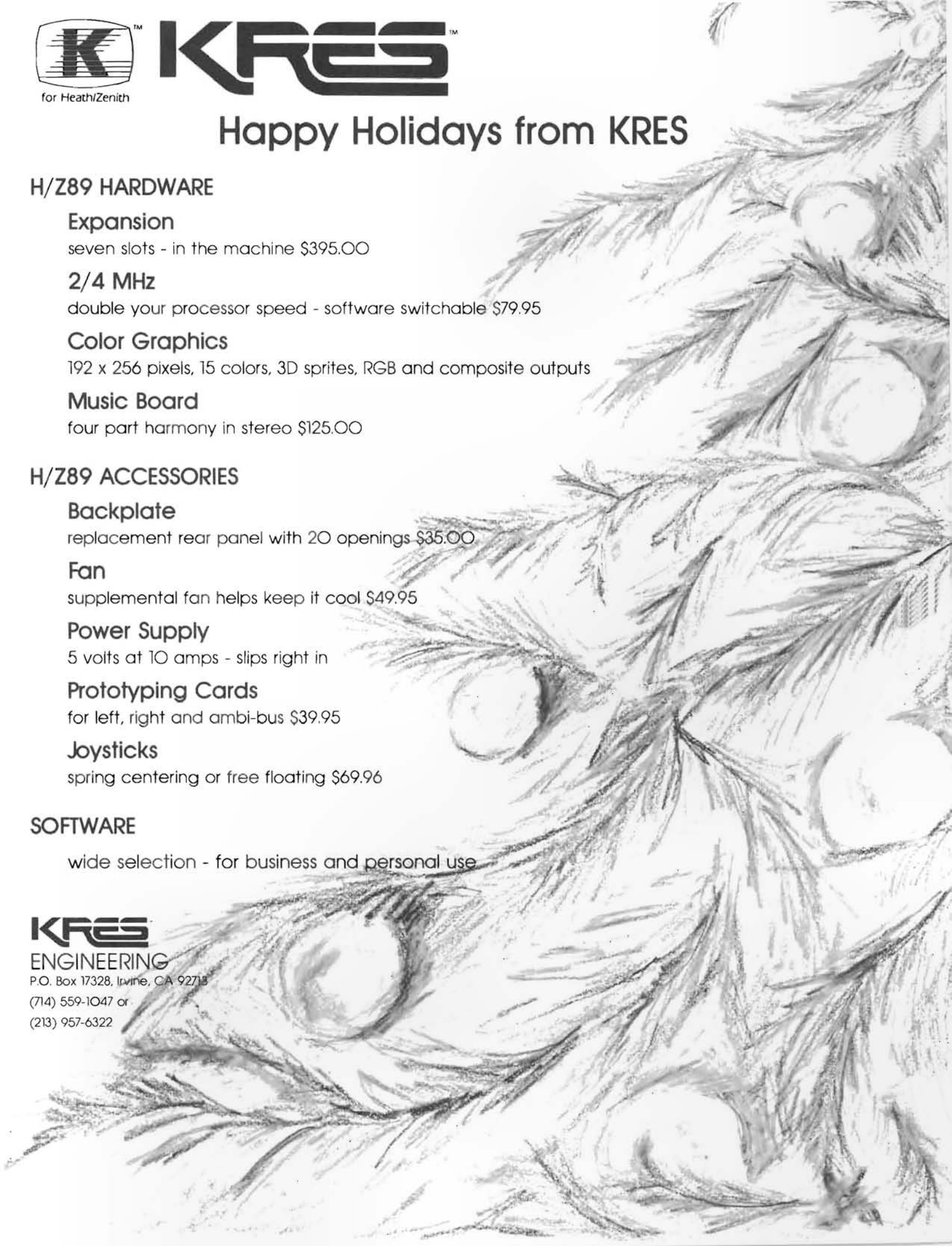
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Ideas from the Land of the Bean and the Cod.... where the Cabots speak only to Lodges, and the Lodges only to God!

I have just had the privilege of returning from my hometown, Boston, after a 23 year absence. The occasion was that of attending the Northeast Computer Fair in the Heath Company display booth.

Gerry Kableman (of ZDS) and I arrived in town on Tuesday, November 9th, from Saint Joseph, Michigan. With nothing pressing to do that afternoon, we set out on a tour of some of my old hangouts. Bright and early the next morning we joined with representatives from many other computer companies in setting up our displays for the show which was to open Thursday morning. Gerry took charge and, with me plus two show laborers in tow, set about erecting the Heath/Zenith booth.

Later that evening, Gerry and myself plus Jim Buszkiewicz of Heath Consultation, and Barry Watzman, Zenith Computer Product Line Manager were taken out to the Wellesley, Massachusetts, Heathkit Electronics Center by Fred Lucia, Senior Technician, for a combined meeting of the HUG North Shore, HUGRI (Rhode Island), HUGEM (Eastern Mass.) Heath User Groups. Bob Weintraub, area Manager for Heath and Manager of the Wellesley store graciously hosted this gathering of over a 100 HUG members. After presenting a slide show on the Heath Company I had the privilege of meeting and talking with a number of these HUGgies.

This great group of Heath User's also had a booth at the NE Computer Show and it presented me with a further opportunity to work and talk with many of them about just what direction computers in general and HUG in particular would be going in the future. Among these fine gentlemen were Perry Miller, HUG North Shore President, Dave Haskel of Wizard Software House, Ron Rocheleau, Jim Teixeira and Charlie Layman are just a few among many who made us welcome.

This proved to be a very interesting and informative trip. The 1982 Northeast Computer Fair broke many attendance records, among them the largest first day crowd at Hynes Auditorium and the largest ever attendance record of any four day event at the Hynes. Also, the 1982 NE Fair was second only to the 1982 National Computer Conference in overall attendance at any computer show including the West Coast Computer Show. It was announced that they lost track of attendees when they past the 55,000 mark because the tickets at this time were un-numbered. It was quite impressive, and I again got to meet and talk with many HUGgies as well as new people interested in Heath/Zenith Computers.

Probably one of the most interesting things that came to light for me during this trip, both in my talks with HUGgies and those interested in Heath/Zenith computers, was the need for software, specifically business and educational software, but most importantly the educational software. The most common statement made was "I have (or want to have) a computer for my business to use at home and I want it to have educational software for my children! What do you have?"

There is some good software already available for business use and more on the way, but not a great deal is yet available for the educational market. This is a wide open field and it is for those of the Heath User's Group who wish to make their mark in computer society and want to further the learning of others to address their attention and talents. I hope to address this subject in more detail starting with the Febuary 1983 issue of REMark.

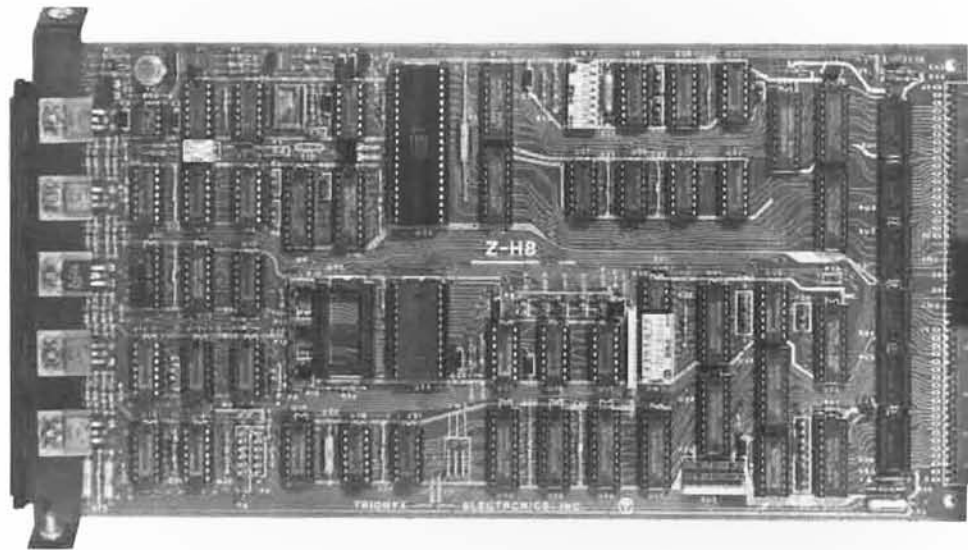
I thoroughly enjoyed this trip, at the booth with Gerry, Jim and Barry, plus meeting both HUGgies and those soon to be HUGgies. I also had the opportunity to make many new friendships such as with Bob O'Neill, Warwick, Rhode Island Heathkit Manager and Ken Barton, Assistant Manager of Heathkit in Wellesley. It is from all of these people I get the feeling of a great brotherhood of computer users, specifically Heath/Zenith Users.

From all of us here at the National HUG Headquarters, Bob, Jim, Pat, Terry, Nancy, Margaret and myself, Merry Christmas and a Happy 'HUGable' New Year

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BUGGIN' HUG



Dear HUG,

In this letter I will plead the cause of the 'OLD TIMERS' like myself. I have been a Heathkit Computer user for about five years (give or take a few months). I started with the tape operating system and have been able to keep up with most of the updates in hardware and software. Now to the point of this article. I have maintained my H-8 for several years, only to find that now Heath supports mostly the H-89 version. Oh! There is the color graphics board that is only H-8 for the moment, however I am sure we will soon find that to change. In order to keep up with the 89's I have done my homework and come up with a few patches to the old tape system as well as a mod for duplexing the AT:. The first will be the modifications to the tape system.

Because I hate to waste any computing power, I have in the past, I spent several nights burning the midnight oil to find the required memory location to patch E.X. BASIC 10.01.00, E.X. BASIC 10.02.00, HBUG V2.0, TED V2.0, H8 ASM V2.0, as well as all the Games we used to play from the tape operating system, to make it operate at the AT:. This is assuming that, like my system, you are using an H-9 in the AT: slot, and with a H8-5 card. It wasn't too difficult because Heath used a standard console driver in all the above mentioned software.

For Games, DBUG, H8 ASM, TED and BASIC change the following with the front panel.

at 040.107 from 372 to 374
 at 040.111 from 372 to 374
 at 040.114 from 373 to 375
 at 040.117 from 373 to 375
 at 040.122 from 373 to 375
 at 040.125 from 373 to 375

Plus any patches supplied by Heath to upgrade to their new versions.

Now reset the front panel to 040.100 and push dump. The saved version is now configured to run with the H-9 as the command terminal. CAUTION, you should not have the disks or HDOS running when you run the tape system. Nor will the tapes work with the entire extended configuration option.

The two E.X. BASIC's were a little more difficult. In addition to the modifications supplied above (because of tamper proofing and the PORT command) it was necessary to perform the following change.

at 041.165 from 372 to 374

Now for the duplex mod. How many of you using the H-9 as the AT: are annoyed at the need to switch to half duplex to see just what you are typing and then suffered the further hindrance of having to supply a line feed? This is not only cumbersome, but places unnecessary line feeds in your input text that must be edited out of the file. Well, I have had my fill of this and decided to do something about it. With the advent of the device driver source provided with 2.0 and an understanding of drivers from REMark #20, I went into the code and made these changes.

To ATH84.ASM

I first set the conditional assembly for the H8-5 card. Then located the subroutine called RCHAR (this is the routine of the first mod).

```
RCHAR    LDA        C.CAADR+1
          ANA        A
          STC
          RNZ                CONSOLE INTERRUPT
          CALL       INCHAR
          RZ          RCHAR
          ANI        177Q
```

Delete these next three lines. They will be taken care of in DVDIO.ACM.

```
CPI      CR
JNE      RCHAR2    NOT CR
MVI      A,NL
```

Then in the file DVDIO.ACM perform the following.

In the routine INCHAR at the lines.

```
ELSE
MVI      L,USR
ANI      USR.RXR    'Z' SET IF THERE IS NO DATA
JZ       INC1
MVI      L,UDR
CALL     IN
CALL     DUPLEX
```

Insert this line to CALL duplex routine

```
ANA      A
JMP      INC2
ENDIF
INC1     STC
```

```
INC2     POP        H
          RET
```

This is where our modification takes place. Insert these lines:

```
DUPLEX   CPI        ENL          NEWLINE + HIGH ORDER BIT
          JZ         DUPLEX2     YES, MAKE A NULL
          CPI        CR+200Q     CR + HIGH ORDER BIT
          JZ         DUPLEX1     YES, DUPLEX CRLF
          CALL       OUT
          RET
DUPLEX1  CALL       OUT
          PUSH      PSW
          MVI      A,10
          CALL     .DLV          5 MS. DELAY FOR 600 BAUD
          POP      PSW
          MVI      A,ENL
          CALL     OUT
          RET
DUPLEX2  MVI      A,NUL          MAKE ANY INPUTED NL A NULL
          RET
```

This is the end of the modification. Assemble and you will no longer have those nasty problems when you replace the old AT: with this one. I did not include any mod for an AT: on the H8-4 card, but following these guidelines you should have no problem on your own doing that. As an extra bonus this mod also allows those users with the H-10 paper tape reader to input through the parallel port on the H-9 with no extra line feeds in the inputted file. A CNTRL-D is still needed to let HDOS know it is the end of the file.

Coming as soon as I complete it is a PT:, parallel driver, for the H8-2 board. It will have the capability to SET bit word lengths, parity, and, most of all, terminal functions like the AT:. It will be tailored for the H8-2 card and the H-10, it will also use an asynchronous baud rate.

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Dear Bob;

I have the H-89 with Benton Harbor BASIC and would like to say that REMark has helped me to operate a computer more than any other publication. The KISS group was probably the best for beginners. Can you present some more under that heading?

Also, I think each issue should have at least one program in Benton Harbor BASIC with detailed remarks.

Good Luck,

Henry K. Bentley
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Dear HUG;

I decided to purchase and build the H8, 16K memory, 2 cassette tape units and the H9 CRT.

Did I make a mistake in my decision, where are the KISS type programs for this type of H8 system?

Please don't refer me to the HUG list, I have most of the ones that fit.

Where are the great guys of HUG who can convert those super-great 16K programs for 2 tape systems, with an H9 just waiting to display the great results, have they left the planet Earth?

And, if there were such programs available, would REMark take a chance and print them without fear of the "disk-boys" boycotting our magazine?

Please think this letter over, and do your

thing for us poor- "tape people".

Your prompt attention to this letter and reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
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ED:) Rudolph, The articles we publish in REMark are, as best we can make them, in proportion to the interests of the majority of our readers. This is not to say, that there are not members out there with minimal systems, or members with very sophisticated systems, but, from the inquiries and article submittals we receive the majority lies somewhere in between. Maybe there is a member with a dual tape system that would be willing to be a "clearing house" for tape software, then "tape" people would have a source to help with the exchange of software. HUG has not produce any new tape software because there aren't a large amount of members that still use tape, to get the reproduction cost down we have to order 500 of one tape at a time and HUG has never sold anything close to 500 of one tape.

Dear HUG;

This is in response to the last question in Q & A for September. I would like some articles for beginners. At this time I have an H8 with 16K and a cassette operating system. An article on how to work with this much of a system would be appreciated.

Sincerely, Jared Freeman
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ED) Mr. Freeman, To repeat an old refrain, "We publish what we receive". If there is a member of HUG who feels they can put together an article that would address this situation then I would be glad to publish it. The majority of the materials that we receive at HUG are for "disk" systems so this is what generally gets published.

Dear HUG,

I have had a very frustrating two months of trying to interface a Centronics 739-3B with my H8 computer. With the thought that there may be other poor souls trying to use this very fine printer, I would like to record the keys to success in this endeavor.

H8 Centronics
Pin 2 < _____ > Pin 2
Pin 3 < _____ > Pin 3
Pin 4 < _____ > Pin 11

Pin 7 < _____ > Pin 7
Pin 20 < _____ > Pin 20
Pin 6 Jumpered
Pin 8 to Pin 20

The universal device driver UD.DVD is recommended, with the baud rate set at 4800 and with XON-XOFF (CTRL S/CTRL Q) handshaking. This driver provides for up to eight printer configurations and allows ASCII control characters to be sent for character selection. Thus I have set LPO: for proportional characters (ESC,DC1)<LP1: for standard 10 cpi (ESC,DC3) and LP2: for condensed 16.7 cpi (ESC,DC4).

On Switchpack 1 all DIP switches should be set to OFF except switches 5 and 6 should be ON. Switchpack 2 all DIP switches should be OFF. The port address, of course, should be 340, with no interrupts.

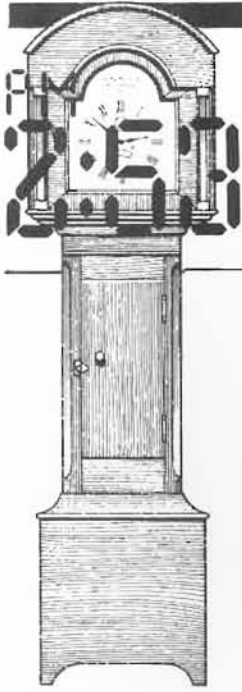
I hope the above info will save others from the long bout of trial and error, long distance phone calls and shipping expense.

Best wishes,

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The Hayes Chronograph, an H89 and CP/M

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After building the Heathkit H89, booting CP/M and using the system for awhile, it became apparent that I would like to put the date and time on displays and printouts. But there was no time or date maintained in the system. When I saw an advertisement for the Hayes Stack Chronograph, I perceived a solution was at hand.

True, the BIOS could be altered to keep track of the time (see REMark November 1981 or CP/M BIOS 2.2.03 from Heath). However, with a fair amount of disk access this "clock" slows down. Also, the need to turn on the display to see the time, and turn it off to use

some programs, presented an inconvenience.

The Chronograph costs about the same as a respectable modem, depending on where the purchase is made, from about \$189 to \$249. If you don't need the time that much, then this might be a bit steep for a "clock". But the Chronograph isn't just a clock, it also keeps track of the date and day of the week.

Physically, the Chronograph is an aluminum box with plastic caps at the front and rear ends. The day of week and time display is a green fluorescent display, similar to the Heathkit Digital Alarm Clock kit GC-1107. On the back is a DCE connector, a write protect switch, a hole for the power pack connector, and calibration access holes. Inside, there is a single circuit board with a place for 3 AA batteries in a holder (all supplied).

Yes that's right, a DCE connector. That means ordinarily connecting it to a DTE connector, of which the H89 with serial interface board has only one, probably already occupied by a modem. Well at first I thought this would present a problem, then I read the owner's manual that comes with the Chronograph.

The owner's manual is complete and has few typographical errors in it. It is complete and fully descriptive of everything a person may wish to know about using the Chronograph, from unpacking to test programs for some popular microcomputers (but not Heath/Zenith). There is also a copy of the two year limited warranty at the back.

Communication to and from the Chronograph is by means of ASCII strings (the characters normally used by Heath/Zenith computers in the USA). There are several commands for setting day, date, time, and dividers for time and date, and for reading the day, date and time. The Chronograph also has an alarm function which can be used to notify a program of a preselected time of day. All responses from the Chronograph end with a carriage return and optionally a line feed.

The first thing I wanted to know was if it survived the delivery service (I ordered it from a mail order company before Heath offered it in their catalog). Following the instructions in the manual, I took the circuit board out and installed the batteries. The display was still blank, as it should be, since only the time, day, and date are retained while the power pack is not supplying power. Plugging in the power

pack and connecting it to the Chronograph brought the display to light, and now I pondered how to set it.

The easiest way at hand was to connect the Chronograph to the DTE connector on the H89, just as I would a modem, and use a modem control program to "communicate" with the Chronograph. Since the Chronograph determines baud rate (300 or 1200), parity, etc., from the command sent to it, there was no special modification needed. Following the manual, I set the time, date, and day with no trouble at all. The Chronograph responded with a zero every time, meaning everything was correct. The display had changed to the time and day of week, just as I had set it.

Then I sent the commands to read the date, time and day and got back the date, time and 1 digit for the day. The day is represented by the digit zero meaning Monday, 1 for Tuesday, and so on, to 6 for Sunday. The time can be set in 24 hour mode or 12 hour mode, with A or P for AM and PM indication. Any ASCII character, other than null or carriage return, can be used to separate the date and time digits to provide easier reading. However, these are lost when the Chronograph is running on battery power.

Since my H14 printer is attached at port 340Q and a modem is often attached to port 330Q, this leaves port 320Q available for the Chronograph. This is a DCE connector which would be incompatible with the DCE connector on the Chronograph. But the owner's manual states how to connect the Chronograph to this type of port and referring to a back issue of BYTE, I constructed a null modem cable with male connectors at both ends. Changing the modem control program to communicate with the 320Q port and attempting to get the time showed that this is perfectly acceptable, and now I have the Chronograph attached all the time.

Next, to be useful, there had to be a way to get the Chronograph information without using the modem control program. Attempts to get an MBASIC program to get the time showed that the interpreter was just too slow, if the baud rate for the port is 1200 (300 works fine). Besides I wanted the time and date in other than BASIC programs. My solution: modify the CP/M BIOS so that the Chronograph access code is always available.

Now this really isn't all that difficult. I didn't need to change existing code, I just had to add code. The code needed was (1) set the time and date dividers upon cold boot (2) access the Chronograph for the time, date, and day of week. The difficult part was the need to edit the BIOS with CP/M's ED editor. If you have the old hard sector disks, you will need to know how to edit a program on one disk and save it onto another (e.g. A>ED B:BIOS.ASMC:).

Since the new 2.2.03 BIOS can be setup for various disk options, most of the code can be in different locations, depending on the chosen option. Well as any CP/M programmer should know, there is always one thing you can find in the BIOS. That is the jump table, the address of which is at memory locations 1-2. Preceding the warm boot jump (the one actually pointed to by locations 1-2) is the cold boot jump. This jump is not needed after the cold boot has started, so why not use it as a jump pointer to the Chronograph access code!

The first change to the BIOS was to put a TRUE/FALSE indicator in

so that the BIOS could be assembled without the Chronograph code, if need be. This goes near the other such indicators, at the beginning of the BIOS, and should look similar to...

```

IF      (2-(H17T+H37T+H47T+H67T)) SHR 15
Z:     TOO MANY DISK DRIVE TYPES SPECIFIED
ENDIF
CHRONO EQU   TRUE ; <=== ADD THIS LINE FOR CHRONOGRAPH
PARTITN EQU  TRUE AND H67T

```

Next comes the actual access code. A safe and easy place to put this is after the disk parameter tables and just before the warm boot code. The processes involved are

- (1) send "read the time command"
- (2) get the time
- (3) send the "read the date" command
- (4) get the date
- (5) send the "read the day of week" command
- (6) get the day of week code
- (7) translate the code to a day literal

The access code is...

```

DB 1
DB 8
DB 0,0,0,0
ENDIF
IF CHRONO ; <== START ADDING THIS CODE
GETTIM DB 'ATRT',CR ; READ TIME COMMAND
GETDAT DB 'ATRD',CR ; READ DATE COMMAND
GETDAY DB 'ATRW',CR ; READ WEEKDAY COMMAND
DB 16 ; LOCAL STACK SPACE
DAYS DB 'MONDAY',0,0,0 ; WEEKDAY LITERALS
DB 'TUESDAY',0,0,0 ; AND STACK LABEL
DB 'WEDNESDAY' ; EACH DAY MUST BE 9
DB 'THURSDAY',0 ; CHARACTERS LONG THEREFORE
DB 'FRIDAY',0,0,0 ; PAD SHORT ONES WITH NULL
DB 'SATURDAY',0 ; CHARACTER
DB 'SUNDAY',0,0,0
SAVSP DS 2 ; SAVE CALLERS STACK POINTER
SDAY DS 9 ; PLACE TO PUT CURRENT DAY LITERAL
SDATE DS 9 ; PLACE TO PUT THE DATE
STIME DS 9 ; PLACE TO PUT THE TIME
TIMER0 LXI H,0 ; GET THE CALLERS STACK POINTER
DAD SP
SHLD SAVSP ; SAVE IT
LXI SP,DAYS ; POINT TO LOCAL STACK
MVI B,5 ; COMMAND LENGTH
LXI H,GETTIM ; POINT TO COMMAND
CALL CLCKOT ; SEND IT TO CHRONO.
MVI B,9 ; EXPECTED RESPONSE LENGTH
LXI H,STIME ; WHERE TO PUT RESPONSE
CALL CLCKIN ; GET IT
MVI B,5 ; REPEAT THE ABOVE FOR DATE
LXI H,GETDAT
CALL CLCKOT
LXI H,SDATE
MVI B,9
CALL CLCKIN
MVI B,5 ; GO GET THE DAY CODE

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LXI H,GETDAY
CALL CLCKOT
CALL TTYIN ; GET THE CODE
PUSH PSW ; SAVE CODE
CALL TTYIN ; GET THE ENDING CR
POP PSW ; RESTORE CODE
LXI B,9 ; LENGTH OF DAY LITERALS
LXI H,DAYS ; POINT TO LITERALS
SUI 30H ; CONVERT CODE FROM ASCII TO BINARY
JZ MOVDAY ; IF MONDAY, THEN WE'RE SET TO MOVE
TIMER1 DAD B ; IT ELSE INDEX TO PROPER DAY
DCR A ; LITERAL
JNZ TIMER1
MOVDAY LXI D,SDAY ; POINT WHERE TO STORE CURRENT DAY
TIMER2 MOV A,M ; MOVE LITERAL THERE
STAX D
INX H
INX D
DCR C
JNZ TIMER2
LHLD SAVSP ; RESTORE CALLER'S STACK POINTER
SFWL
RET ; AND RETURN TO HIM
CLCKIN PUSH H ; ROUTINE TO GET CHRONO. RESPONSES
PUSH B
CALL TTYIN ; INPUT FROM PORT 3200
POP B
POP H
MOV M,A
INX H
DCR B
JNZ CLCKIN
RET
CLCKOT MOV C,M ; ROUTINE TO SEND CHRONO. COMMANDS
PUSH H
PUSH B
CALL TTYOUT ; OUTPUT TO PORT 3200
POP B
POP H
INX H
DCR B
JNZ CLCKOT
RET
ENDIF ; <== LAST LINE TO ADD
WBOOT: LXI SP,STACK
EI

```

I must mention that this routine works if one sets the Chronograph to the 24 hour clock, or military time. In this mode, the time is always the same length; with AM/PM time, the response can be 9 or 10 characters long and one needs to test for the CR instead of a constant length.

To set the time and date dividers and add the jump to the access code, one must next modify the cold boot code. While in ED, enter the command NCB12: ↑ Z and this will take you to the appropriate place. Then add the following code to accomplish the last of the BIOS modification.


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CB12:
    XRA    A
    STA    LOGDSK
    LXI    H,BIOS
    SHLD   BBIOS
    IF     CHRONO    ; <== START ADDING THIS CODE
TIMER3 MVI    B,6
    LXI    H,SETTDV
    CALL   CLCKOT    ; SEND SET TIME DIVIDER COMMAND
    CALL   TTYIN     ; GET '0' RESPONSE
    CALL   TTYIN
    MVI    B,6
    LXI    H,SETDDV
    CALL   CLCKOT    ; SEND GET DATE DIVIDER COMMAND
    CALL   TTYIN     ; GET '0' RESPONSE
    CALL   TTYIN
    LXI    H,TIMER0  ; GET ACCESS CODE ADDRESS
    SHLD   WBOOT-2   ; WRITE OVER COLD BOOT JUMP
    ENDIF    ; <== LAST LINE TO ADD
    MVI    A,BT#CD
    JMP    GOW
    IF     CHRONO    ; <== START ADDING AGAIN
SETTDV DB    'ATVT:',CR ;SET TIME DIVIDER
SETDDV DB    'ATDT:',CR ;SET DATE DIVIDER
    ENDIF    ; <== THE LAST LINE TO ADD
MSG0:  DB    CR,LF,LF,0
MSG1:  .....

This modifies the BIOS, but "how do you get the date and time from
this?" I hear being asked. Well as I said before I wanted to put the
time and date on printouts, so I wrote a program to call the access
code and print it at the end of the listings on my printer. I gave it the
original name... TIME.ASM. Here's its commented listing.

; THIS PROGRAM CALLS THE MODIFIED BIOS CHRONOGRAPH ACCESS
; ROUTINE AND THEN PRINTS THE DAY, DATE AND TIME ON THE CRT.
;
; AUTHOR: GLEN E. HASSEBROCK, JR.
;
; COMMAND FOR CRT DISPLAY ONLY:    A>TIME
;
; COMMAND FOR CRT AND LST DISPLAY: A>TIME P
;
; THIS IS THE 8080 VERSION
;
BASE    EQU    0    ; CP/M EQUATES
TPA     EQU    BASE+100H
;
BDOS    EQU    5
LSTCHR  EQU    5
PSTRNG  EQU    9
CR       EQU    13
LF       EQU    10
DAYOFF  EQU    27  ; OFFSET OF "DAY" FROM EXECUTABLE CODE
DMA     EQU    128
;
    ORG    TPA
TIME:
    LXI    H,0    ; GET CALLER'S STACK AND SAVE IT
    DAD    SP
    SHLD   SAVESP
    LXI    SP,STACK
    ORA    A      ; CLEAR CARRY FLAG
    LHL   BASE+1  ; GET ADDRESS OF WARM BOOT JMP
    MOV   A,L
    SBI   2      ; POINT BACK TO ADDRESS IN
    MOV   L,A    ; COLD BOOT
    MOV   E,H    ; GET ADDRESS OF CHRONO. ACCESS
    INX   H      ; ROUTINE
    MOV   D,M
    XCHG
    PUSH  H      ; SAVE IT
    LXI   D,TIME1 ; GET RETURN ADDRESS
    PUSH  D      ; PUT ON STACK
    PCHL    ; CALL CHRONO. ACCESS ROUTINE
TIME1:
    POP   H      ; GET BACK ADDRESS OF CHRONO.
    ORA   A      ; CLEAR CARRY
    MOV   A,L    ; SUBTRACT BACK TO DAY ADDRESS
    SBI   DAYOFF ; SINCE IT LIES BEFORE START OF
    MOV   L,A    ; ROUTINE EXECUTABLE CODE
    JNC   TIME2
    DCR   H
TIME2:
    LXI   D,MDAY ; POINT TO DAY IN MSG
    MVI   B,9
TIME3:
    MOV   A,M
    STAX  D
    INX   H
    INX   D
    DCR   B
    JNZ   TIME3
    LXI   D,MDATE ; POINT TO DATE IN MSG
    MVI   B,8
TIME4:
    MOV   A,M
    STAX  D
    INX   H
    INX   D
    DCR   B
    JNZ   TIME4
    INX   H      ; SKIP OVER CARRIAGE RETURN
    LXI   D,MTIME ; POINT TO TIME IN MSG
    MVI   B,8
TIME5:
    MOV   A,M
    STAX  D
    INX   H
    INX   D
    DCR   B
    JNZ   TIME5
    LXI   D,MSG   ; PRINT THE MSG ON CON:
    MVI   C,PSTRNG

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CALL    BDOS
;
LDA    DMA    ; CHECK FOR CHARACTER ENTERED WITH
CPI    2      ; 2 = SPACE + 'P'
JNZ    ENDIT  ; IF NOT, WE'RE FINISHED
;
INX    H      ; POINT TO CHARACTER ENTERED
INX    H
MOV    A,M    ; GET IT AND SEE IF IT WAS A 'P'
CPI    'P'
JNZ    ENDIT  ; IF NOT, WE'RE FINISHED
;
LXI    H,MSG  ; ELSE PRINT ON LST: DEVICE
TIME6: MVI    C,LSTCHR
MOV    A,M
CPI    '$'    ; UNTIL '$' = END OF MSG
JZ     ENDIT
MOV    E,A
INX    H
PUSH  H
CALL  BDOS
POP   H
JMP  TIME6
ENDIT: LHL  SAVESP ; RESTORE CALLER'S STACK
SPHL
RET    ; RETURN TO CALLER
MSG:   DB   CR,LF,'TODAY IS '
MDAY:  DS   9
DB     ', '
MDATE: DS   8
DB     '. THE TIME IS '
MTIME: DS   8
DB     '.,CR,LF,'$'
SAVESP: DS   2 ; PLACE TO SAVE CALLER'S STACK
        DS  16 ; LOCAL STACK
STACK: END

```

of all variables must be shortened to two significant characters. As I stated earlier the baud rate for the Chronograph port must be 300 for use by interpreted MBASIC.

```

10 DIM DAY$(6):REM ESTABLISH TABLE OF DAY LITERALS
20 DAY$(0)="MONDAY"
30 DAY$(1)="TUESDAY"
40 DAY$(2)="WEDNESDAY"
50 DAY$(3)="THURSDAY"
60 DAY$(4)="FRIDAY"
70 DAY$(5)="SATURDAY"
80 DAY$(6)="SUNDAY"
90 OST$="ATVT":GOSUB 300:REM SET TIME DIVIDER
100 OST$="ATVD/":GOSUB 300:REM SET DATE DIVIDER
110 GOSUB 240:REM GET THE TIME
120 GOSUB 260:REM GET THE DATE
130 GOSUB 280:REM GET THE DAY
140 PRINT
150 PRINT "TODAY IS "DAY$, "DATE$". THE TIME IS "TIME$
160 PRINT
170 PRINT "SHALL I COPY TO LST:? <Y OR N> ":A$=INPUT$(1)
180 IF A$<>"Y" THEN 390
190 LPRINT
200 LPRINT "TODAY IS "DAY$, "DATE$". THE TIME IS "TIME$
210 LPRINT
220 GOTO 390
230 ' CHRONO TIME ROUTINE
240 OST$="ATRT":GOSUB 300:TIME$=IST$:RETURN
250 ' CHRONO DATE + TIME ROUTINE
260 OST$="ATRD":GOSUB 300:DATE$=IST$:RETURN
270 ' CHRONO DAY ROUTINE
280 OST$="ATRW":GOSUB 300:DAY$=DAY$(VAL(IST$)):RETURN
290 ' CLOCK I/O
300 IF OST$="" THEN 380
310 FOR I%=1 TO LEN(OST$):OUT &0320,ASC(MID$(OST$,I%,1))
320 IF (INP(&0325) AND 32)=0 THEN 320
330 NEXT I%:OST$=""
340 OUT &0320,13:IST$=""
350 IF (INP(&0325) AND 1)=0 THEN 350
360 C%=INP(&0320)
370 IF C$<>13 THEN IST$=IST$+CHR$(C%):GOTO 350
380 RETURN
390 END

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Now since some of you don't have modem control programs, I suspect that you would like some way to set the Chronograph. Think about it a bit, consider all that Dr. Campbell has taught you in the past issues of REMark, and see if you can write the program on your own. If you need some help, here is a little BASIC program to get you started.

```

5 DIM DAY$(6):REM ESTABLISH TABLE OF DAY LITERALS
10 DAY$(0)="MONDAY"
15 DAY$(1)="TUESDAY"
20 DAY$(2)="WEDNESDAY"
25 DAY$(3)="THURSDAY"
30 DAY$(4)="FRIDAY"
35 DAY$(5)="SATURDAY"
40 DAY$(6)="SUNDAY"
45 GOTO 105

```

Now for those of you with a desire to stay away from assembly language programming, there are two methods for you to use. The first is to modify the BIOS, as above, and call it from a BASIC program, then peek into memory to get the day, date and time. The second is to write BASIC code to get the information from the Chronograph.

The former is a bit more complex than the latter and would have to be changed if the BASIC program is to be compiled versus interpreted. Therefore, I will present the second option.

In the back of the Chronograph's manual are listings of BASIC routines for systems other than Heath/Zenith, as I stated before. However, it can still be done on Heath/Zenith '89s and H8s (with the H-8-4). The following BASIC program is an adaptation of the manual's programs, and will work on MBASIC 5.21, even compiled if you so desire. To run on earlier versions of MBASIC, the names


```

50 ' CLOCK I/O
55 IF OST#="" THEN 95
60 FOR I%=1 TO LEN(OST#):OUT &O320,ASC(MID$(OST#,I%,1))
65 IF (INP(&O325) AND 32)=0 THEN 65
70 NEXT I%:OST#=""
75 OUT &O320,13:IST#=""
80 IF (INP(&O325) AND 1)=0 THEN 80
85 C%=INP(&O320)
90 IF C%>13 THEN IST#=IST#+CHR$(C%):GOTO 80
95 RETURN
100 ' MENU SUBROUTINE
105 PRINT
110 PRINT"0. All finished; end"
115 PRINT"1. Set to display time"
120 PRINT"2. Set to display date"
125 PRINT"3. Set the time"
130 PRINT"4. Read the time"
135 PRINT"5. Set the date"
140 PRINT"6. Read the date"
145 PRINT"7. Set the day of week"
150 PRINT"8. Read the day of week"
155 PRINT"9. Set the date separator"
160 PRINT"10. Remove the date separator"
165 PRINT"11. Set the time separator"
170 PRINT"12. Remove the date separator"
175 PRINT"13. Set the alarm time"
180 PRINT"14. Remove the alarm time"
185 PRINT"15. Turn line feed option on"
190 PRINT"16. Turn line feed option off"
195 PRINT
200 PRINT"Select a function: ";:INPUT F%
205 IF F%<0 OR F%>16 THEN 555
210 IF F%=0 THEN END
215 ON F% GOTO 225,235,245,275,290,315,330,390,405,425,435,
450,460,500,510,520
220 ' FUNCTION 1
225 OST#="ATDT":GOTO 530
230 ' FUNCTION 2
235 OST#="ATDD":GOTO 530
240 ' FUNCTION 3
245 PRINT"Input the current time in ONE of the forms:"
250 PRINT:PRINT" HHMM00 or HHMM00A or HHMM00P ";
:INPUT T#
255 IF LEN(T#)<6 OR LEN(T#)>7 THEN 555
260 OST#="ATST"+T#
265 GOTO 530
270 ' FUNCTION 4
275 OST#="ATRT":GOSUB 55
280 PRINT"The time is set to "IST#".";GOTO 105
285 ' FUNCTION 5
290 PRINT"Input the current date in the form YYMMDD: ";
:INPUT T#
295 IF LEN(T#)<>6 THEN 555
300 OST#="ATSD"+T#
305 GOTO 530
310 ' FUNCTION 6
315 OST#="ATRD":GOSUB 55
320 PRINT"The date is set to "IST#".";GOTO 105

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325 ' FUNCTION 7
330 PRINT"0 = MONDAY"
335 PRINT"1 = TUESDAY"
340 PRINT"2 = WEDNESDAY"
345 PRINT"3 = THURSDAY"
350 PRINT"4 = FRIDAY"
355 PRINT"5 = SATURDAY"
360 PRINT"6 = SUNDAY"
365 PRINT"Enter the number corresponding to today: ";
370 T#=INPUT$(1):PRINT T#
375 IF T#<"0" OR T#>"6" THEN 555
380 OST#="ATSW"+T#:GOTO 530
385 ' FUNCTION 8
390 OST#="ATRW":GOSUB 55
395 PRINT"The day is set to "DAY$(VAL(IST#))".";GOTO 105
400 ' FUNCTION 9
405 PRINT"Type the character to use as a separator
in the date: ";
410 T#=INPUT$(1):PRINT T#
415 OST#="ATVD"+T#:GOTO 530
420 ' FUNCTION 10
425 OST#="ATVD":GOTO 530
430 ' FUNCTION 11
435 PRINT"Type the character to use as a separator
in the time: ";
440 T#=INPUT$(1):PRINT T#
445 OST#="ATVT"+T#:GOTO 530
450 OST#="ATVT":GOTO 530
455 ' FUNCTION 13
460 PRINT"Input the alarm time in ONE of the forms:"
465 PRINT:PRINT" HHMM or HHMMA or HHMMP "
470 PRINT"(note that this form must match the
current time form)"
475 INPUT T#
480 IF LEN(T#)<4 OR LEN(T#)>5 THEN 555
485 OST#="ATAS"+T#
490 GOTO 530
495 ' FUNCTION 14
500 OST#="ATAC":GOTO 530
505 ' FUNCTION 15
510 OST#="ATLS":GOTO 530
515 ' FUNCTION 16
520 OST#="ATLC"
525 ' COMMON COMMAND CHRONO. CHECK RESPONSE
530 GOSUB 55
535 OK=VAL(IST#)
540 IF OK=0 THEN PRINT "DONE":GOTO 105
545 IF OK=8 THEN PRINT "program error for this function.";
GOTO 105
550 PRINT "The write-protect switch is up."
555 PRINT CHR$(7)"This command was ignored.":GOTO 105

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Well my Chronograph is telling me it's time to let you go back to playing with your own systems. I hope this helps those of you who need, or prefer, accurate time, or maybe just the convenience of not having to set it every time the system is booted. My Chronograph has performed flawlessly since I got it, except it has been losing a few seconds per couple of weeks. Now if I could persuade my pock-

etbook to let me get a Heathkit frequency counter...

Some final notes... I set CP/M to run TIME.COM upon cold boot and have the date and time printed as a greeting by the time the CRT warms up. Don't forget, CP/M is a registered trademark of Digital Research, Hayes Stack Chronograph is a registered trademark of Hayes Microcomputer Products, and of course you know Heathkit, H89 and H8 are registered trademarks of Heath Company.

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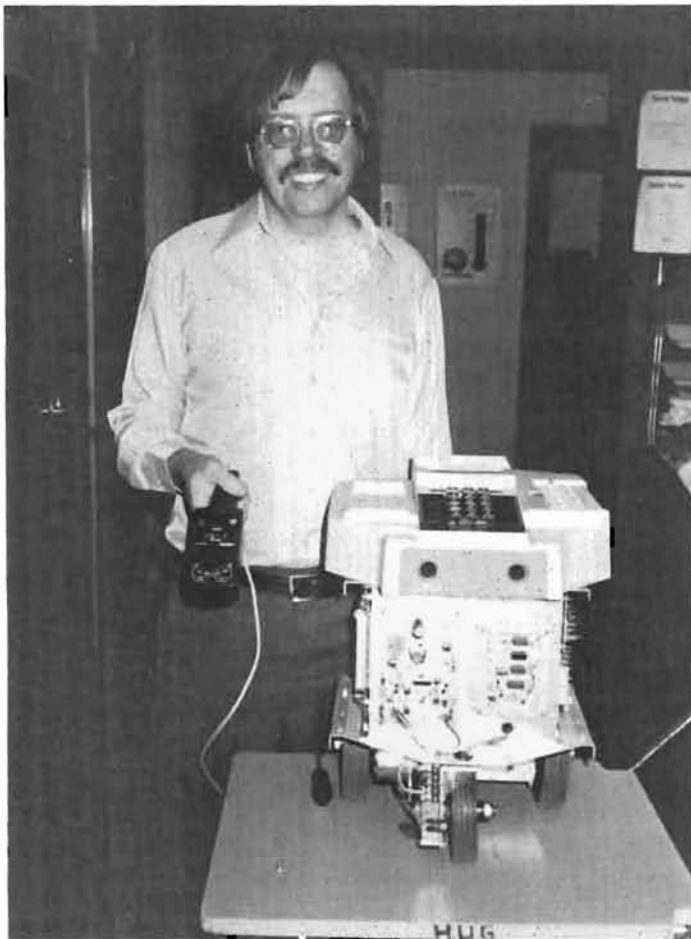
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It Walks, It Talks...

(A Preview of the ET-18 Robot)

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The HERO I Kit

My introduction to HERO I was in the form of a pre-release version of the kit. Being such, I expected it to contain errors. I will not discuss those errors in detail in this article, since, hopefully, they will all be fixed in the release version.

The kit is a kitbuilders dream or a kitbuilders nightmare, depending on your point of view. Like other Heath computer products, the CPU board is already assembled and tested (I had to build mine), but that is where any similarity ends, except possibly with the original H8. Every other board must be assembled by the builder, including the I/O (Input/Output) board, which is larger and more complex than the CPU board. There are 10 boards to assemble in the basic kit, and most of them have several analog parts, which means that you have a lot of different little parts to keep track of, and a lot of work to do.

The mechanical and wiring assembly is where the real work lies. In addition to having to assemble various drive mechanisms and the body and head assemblies, you have to make up a lot of cables and install approximately 200 spring clips on the ends of the wires. There are two ready made cables, with some of the connectors already installed, but they leave some of the work for you on those cables as well.

The "torso" of the completed robot is a box with most of the cables on the inside and all of the boards (except the CPU, which is inside the box, and some boards in the head) mounted outside the box on connectors that allow easy removal and replacement. A door on the back side of HERO I's torso box allows access to the CPU board and the "rat's nest" of wiring (see Photo 2). The wiring will probably not look quite as messy in the release version, since in my kit some wires turned out to be too long, and some too short. Even though the kit is quite complex, it is not really too difficult. It takes time, though. Heath estimates 40 to 60 hours will be needed, and that's about right.

Surprisingly enough, my HERO I worked without any major problems when I finally got him together and fired him up. There were a couple of wires backwards that caused the steering and head motors to turn the wrong way due to errors in the pre-release assembly manual, but I have yet to find an error of my own. I consider myself a pretty good kit builder, but I must also give credit to Heath, who have done their usual excellent job in preparing the assembly manual. At this writing, everything works except the sonar receive circuitry, so I may yet find that I have made an error. By the way, in case they don't put this in the manual, you can isolate a sonar problem to either the transmit or receive section by listening to the transmit tube for the faint clicking of the sonar pulses.

Several tests are provided in the assembly manual to help you make sure your robot is working, once you get it together. The first power on tests and adjustments are on the power supply, then the CPU is tested. The CPU test and the other tests following it

The lil' fella on the cover of this issue represents one of Heath Company's boldest adventures into new products. It is the ET-18 robot, also known as HERO I (Heath Educational RObot). Designed to teach the principals of robotics to the builder and user, HERO I is microcomputer controlled, mobile, and completely self contained. It can interact with its environment using sensors to detect light, sound, motion, and the passage of time, and can detect built in obstacles in its path with sonar. An optional arm allows it to manipulate small objects, and it can speak using an optional voice board.

HERO I stands 20 inches (50.8 cm) tall and weighs 39 pounds (17.7 kg). It moves on three wheels with the single front wheel serving as both the drive and steering wheel. It has a moveable head (350 degrees), and all sensors and the arm mount on the head. It is powered by 4 rechargable 6-volt gel cell batteries connected in two 12 volt banks. One bank powers the drive motors, and the other powers the electronics. A battery charger is provided which may be left connected and turned on all the time if you wish.

The processor in HERO I is a 6808, a new version of the 6800, which executes the same instruction set. There are several ways to program the robot. It can be moved through a sequence using a special remote control called the "teaching pendant", with each move stored. It can also be programmed using the keypad on its head in either 6800 machine language or a special interpretive "Robot Language". Machine language and Robot Language can also be mixed. Sophisticated programming involving simultaneous operation of several functions and interrupts is possible.

are done by entering simple commands or small programs into the robot's keypad and observing the digital display as you make adjustments.

Programming and Using HERO I

As I mentioned before, you can program the robot by manually controlling it with a remote control, but that is not the best way to do it. You can only perform one operation at a time, except for moving and steering, and you cannot access any of the senses in this mode. The preferred method is to enter carefully worked out programs into the robot's keypad. The value of the remote control is to learn how the robot moves, and to see visually how a certain move translates into the numbers that the robot uses internally. This is made easy because while you are using the remote control, the digital display shows numbers that relate to your actions. For example, if you are moving the robot forward or backward, numbers start counting upward on the display from the time you pull the "trigger" on the control until you release it. You can move the robot a specified distance and see how many "robot units" that movement uses. If you then enter a program into the robot that commands it to move that many units, it will move the same distance that it did with the remote control.

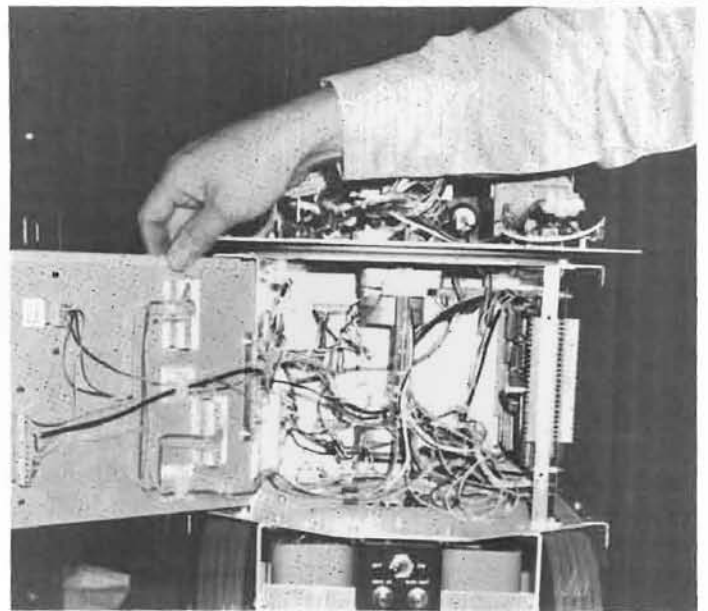
The Robot Language interpreter is one of the most clever things about the robot. It is actually a pseudo machine language, and makes use of opcodes that are not part of the 6800 instruction set. (There are several unused opcodes because the 6800 is a memory oriented processor, not register oriented like the 8080 and Z80. Most of the 8080's opcodes are instructions to move data between registers.) While you are running in the interpreter, you can include 6800 instructions right along with the robot instructions, and they will be executed as normal 6800 instructions. However, they will be executed at a much slower speed because they are being performed by the interpreter, not directly by the 6800. To execute 6800 instruction at full speed, you can make use of a Robot Language instruction to "turn off" the interpreter, and you can turn it back on using the 6800's SWI instruction (Software Interrupt, like the 8080's Restart instruction).

The Robot Language interpreter includes instructions to enable and disable the various senses, and to control the voice and the drive motors. The voice and drive motor instructions have "continuous" and "wait" modes. In the continuous mode, the interpreter will start the action called for and go on to the next instruction immediately. This makes it possible to have several actions taking place simultaneously. In the wait mode, the interpreter will not execute the next instruction until the current action is completed.

There are four Branch if Busy instructions in Robot Language that let you selectively perform operations if parts of the robot are busy doing something. There is also a special Jump if Speaking instruction that lets you string together phrases that may be in different parts of the robot's memory.

The robot's senses can be polled in a running program to make interaction with its environment possible. There are also 3 hardware interrupts that can be used in a program to alter the robots actions in response to stimuli. They are the Motion Detect interrupt, the Trigger interrupt, and the Experimental Board interrupt. The Trigger interrupt is initiated by the trigger on the remote control, and the Experimental Board interrupt comes from a solderless breadboard on the robot's head, where you can build your own experimental circuits.

There are also 3 user programmable keys on the robot's keypad. They can be used to cause a jump to a specific address within your program when one is pressed.



The voltage of the drive and logic batteries is monitored by the CPU and reported on the display and by the voice option if it is installed when the batteries are low. The robot can be put into a sleep mode in which only the most essential functions are kept going for a specified period of time. I am told that in that mode the batteries will last several weeks. It has a clock-calendar built in, so it could be made to sleep until a certain time on a certain day, then perform a task.

Even if you haven't been able to follow all of the previous technical information, you've probably come to the conclusion that the ET-18 is a fairly complex gadget. Heath designed it primarily as a training device, and a course in robotics will be available to accompany it, but many people may buy it as a status toy. The user's manual seems to have been written with that possibility in mind, with humorous suggestions of things to do with it. For example, you could have it wait in a coat closet with the motion sensor turned on and have it greet unsuspecting neighbors or guests when they open the door.

Even though HERO I is a training device and not designed for real work, it could be put to a number of useful tasks. It could serve as a mobile burglar alarm that could monitor pre-determined areas. It could be used to move or manipulate small amounts of toxic or dangerous substances. It can even wake you up in the morning, and remember to let you sleep longer on Saturday and Sunday. The age of robotics is here, and Heath has taken one of the first steps to bring it into being. ✱



from a cartoon appearing in the NOV. 1982 issue of *Creative Computing*.

A User's Review of EDIT19

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EDIT19 is, as the name suggests, an editor specifically designed for the Heath/Zenith terminal. It is, in my opinion, the best combination screen and line editor usable on the H8/H19 or H89. At the price of \$80.00 for Version 3.0, no other editor usable on these microprocessors even comes close.

EDIT19 Version 2.0 was reviewed in Buss #24 back in July, 1980. At the time I was working with my third editor, PAGED. I was not satisfied with EDIT which came with my HDOS nor the other line editor I purchased. EDIT19 sounded more like what I was looking for than any of the higher priced editors I had heard about and at \$50.00 sounded like a good deal. It was, but I still had a problem since its one big shortcoming was that it couldn't handle files larger than the available storage. This forced me to switch back to PAGED whenever I had a large file.

EDIT19 Version 3.0 ended all that! Steve and Kay Robbins have refined and developed this product into one that can handle any size disk file that can be contained on one disk. Using a "virtual memory" concept and three disk drives, EDIT19 can take such a file and, by creating two work files (one for the top and another for the bottom) can still have a large amount of the file in memory PLUS additional workspace for additions. This means that a global search can be done on the WHOLE file with one command!

All the abilities of Version 2.0 have been retained in this latest release with many new features. The latest version, although larger, now allows MORE space in the work area under most conditions since a large number of the commands are now contained in overlays which are only loaded when an overlay command is executed. Unless the AUTLOAD switch is on, the overlay is discarded after execution of the instruction.

A default list allows custom configuration of EDIT19 to load only the desired overlays, start in SCREEN or COMMAND mode, select numerous options or switch settings and, designate device and extension for hardcopy, prolog, macro, catalog, overlays, virtual, help, log and HAND files individually! EDIT19 now has about 150 commands, an increase of almost 50% with user control of so many options that I'm still refining the way I use it. Even after you finally set up all the options and save the new configuration (using DEFSAVE to write them directly into the program on the disk), you can STILL load the program in the opposite mode and/or with NO overlays (to allow you to process a special file) just by following the program name on the command line with a couple of special characters. You could then specify AUTLOAD and whenever you entered a command which was not resident, the overlay which contained it would be permanently loaded creating a custom configuration.

Cursor control is now better than ever with the ability to move the cursor anywhere on the screen through the use of the keypad keys. They allow you to move the cursor horizontally by letter, word, tab of line (using the home key to go to the left margin and the shift home to go to the first position after the last character on the line) and to scroll vertically by line (using the up and down arrows) or page (by using the decimal key to scroll up and the zero key to scroll down). Vertical positioning in a file can also be accomplished using the "P" (for page) command to jump down 24 lines (or up using "-p"), "Para" to jump to the next paragraph

("-para" jumps to the preceding paragraph), "B" jumps to the last line and "T" to the top (Line 0 in command mode).

Many editing commands are available, some of which can be used directly in screen mode through the use of the CTRL and ESC keys. CTRL k will concatenate the current line with the next and ESC followed by RETURN will break the line at the cursor putting the rest on the next line. CTRL-N will change the case of the character at the cursor, CTRL-R and T remove and set tabs and CTRL-E and F scroll up and down a paragraph. The IC, DC, IL and DL keys are active full time also but have broader functions when shifted. Formatting with left or left AND right justification is available for creating beautiful output with automatic left and right margins directly from screen mode.

With the SCREEN overlay resident, you can even execute most commands by just pressing the ENTER key to move the cursor to the command line, type the command and RETURN. EDIT19 automatically redisplay the screen and returns to where you left off after execution. Even faster execution can be achieved by setting one of the special function keys to one command (or a series of commands) since a single keystroke will then cause execution. Since a special function key can be set to any series of ascii characters and be put into IMMEDIATE mode, it can be used to insert a line, phrase or group of non-printing codes anywhere into a file. Want to repeat the last command? Press the "-" and away you go! You don't even have to RETURN!

In a recent issue of Popular Computing, a reader asked if it were possible for a word processor program to convert English pounds to dollars in a text file. The answer was that no word processor type program could do that since it involved not only the ability to differentiate between pounds, the money and pounds, the weight but also it would have to recognize amounts written both numerically and in words. EDIT19, with its MACRO functions and commands has this capability. (A macro is a program which runs within the editor using the editors commands as instructions.) EDIT19's MACRO instructions include all the normal commands plus the following:

APPSPFn	Append to special function key
CALL	Call a MACRO subroutine
COMMAND	Exit the macro, keeping the macro pending.
DISPLAY	Display the next line of the macro
JUMP	Jump to the label given (conditional jumps allowed)
MACLCR	Set the MACRO LOGICAL CARRIAGE RETURN symbol.
RETURN	Return from a macro subroutine.
VARCHR	Set the VARIABLE CHARACTER used for variables, (macro arguments and labels)
XSPFn	Execute a special function key.

Version 3.0 comes with a complete 80 page manual and a separate tutorial disk and manual is available for an extra \$20.00. Version 2.0 registered owners can get Version 3.0 for \$35.00. For one of the finest programming bargains around, write to Steven Robbins, 4610 Spotted Oak Woods, San Antonio, TX 78249.

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Introduction To Z-BASIC Part II

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This is the second article in a series of articles dealing with the new commands of the Z-100's Z-BASIC over BASIC-80. Last month's article dealt with the new CLS and LINE commands of Z-BASIC, this month we will discuss the use of the LOCATE command and the 25th line. Some of you out there will say that the 25th line is not a new feature of the Heath/Zenith computer line, however the Z-100's Z-BASIC uses the 25th line in a slightly different way.

The LOCATE command is similar to direct cursor addressing except it does not require the use of a PRINT command and it is a little easier to understand than direct addressing.

NOTE: The direct cursor addressing may no longer be used to print characters on the screen. It may still be used with the erase commands to erase to the end of the line, end of the page or beginning of the page. All character displaying must be done with the LOCATE command.

The LOCATE as you may suspect is used to locate something on the screen. The syntax for using the LOCATE command is the word LOCATE followed by the vertical row (1 to 25), a comma (,) and then the horizontal position (1 to 80).

Example: Print the word "Test" in the middle of the screen.

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10 CLS: Clear Screen
20 LOCATE 13,38: Select Location
30 PRINT "Test": Print Message
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The reason line thirteen was chosen and not twelve is that there are actually twenty-five lines on the screen. The number thirty-eight was chosen to place the middle of the word "Test" in the very middle of the horizontal line.

Any position may be addressed using the locate command, however if a value for the vertical position is larger than twenty-five (25) or the horizontal position is larger than eighty (80) an error of an 'Illegal function call' will occur. The same error message will appear if the value of either number is a negative number or the value is less than one half (.5). All numbers are rounded to the nearest whole number, rounding .5 up to the next whole number.

The twenty-fifth line may also be addressed using the LOCATE command and may be erased using the same code as used on the H/Z-19/88/89/90 the ESCape (CHR\$(27)) "y1". When using the ESCape "y1" to turn off the 25th line you must turn it back on using the ESCape "x1". Z-BASIC defaults to the 25th line being turned on.

Example: Let's number the lines from 1 to 25, print a message in the 25th line, pause, erase the 25th line and display another message in the 25th line.

```
10 CLS: Clear the screen
20 E$=CHR$(27): E$=ESCape
30 FOR I=1 to 25: Start Loop
40 LOCATE I,10: Select Location
50 PRINT I: Print Line Number
60 NEXT I: Continue Loop
70 PRINT "This is the 25th line turned on."
80 FOR I=1 to 1000:NEXT I:Pause
90 PRINT E$"y1": Turn Off 25th Line
100 PRINT E$"x1": Turn On 25th Line
110 LOCATE 25,1: Address 25th Line
120 PRINT "This is the 25th line back ON again."
```

The 25th line may be used for displaying special messages to assist the program user or the programmer. These messages may be information about the program such as titles or they may be information on how to use the special function keys. More on the special function keys later.

The 25th line **WILL** be erased by the CLS command, however the ESCape "E" may be used to erase only the first twenty-four lines. When using the ESCape "E" the cursor must not be on the 25th line or only the 25th line will be erased. As a precaution when using the ESCape "E" you may choose to goto the upper left hand corner of the screen first before erasing the screen.

Example: First clear the screen, then set the variable E\$ equal to ESCape, locate the word 'Test' in the middle of the screen, print a message on the 25th line, goto the upper left corner erasing everything except the 25th line, and ask for the input of the variable A\$.

```
10 CLS: Clear Screen
20 E$=CHR$(27): E$=ESCape
30 LOCATE 13,38: Selected Middle Of Screen
40 PRINT "Test": Print The Word 'Test'
50 LOCATE 25,10: Select 25th Line
60 PRINT "We are on the 25th line. ";
70 PRINT E$"H:": Go Home (Upper Left Corner)
80 PRINT E$"E:": Clear Screen Except 25th Line.
90 LINE INPUT A$: Wait For Input
```

The program displays the word 'Test' in the middle of the screen, writes the message (line 60) on the 25th line, then clears the screen and then the cursor will return to the 25th line and wait there for the variable A\$ to be inputted. When Z-BASIC returns to the command mode the cursor will exit the 25th line and return to the 24th line. No more getting stuck in the 25th line. Have you ever listed a program in the 25th on the H/Z-19/88/89/90? It is pretty hard to find an error if everything comes out on one line. It looks kind of like one of those hand held computers with everything jumping around in one line.

Let's take a look at one more feature of the Z-100's Z-BASIC that will be very useful when using the 25th line. The commands that are to be used are the KEY command which has four options. They are OFF, ON, LIST and 'assigning of the special function keys'.

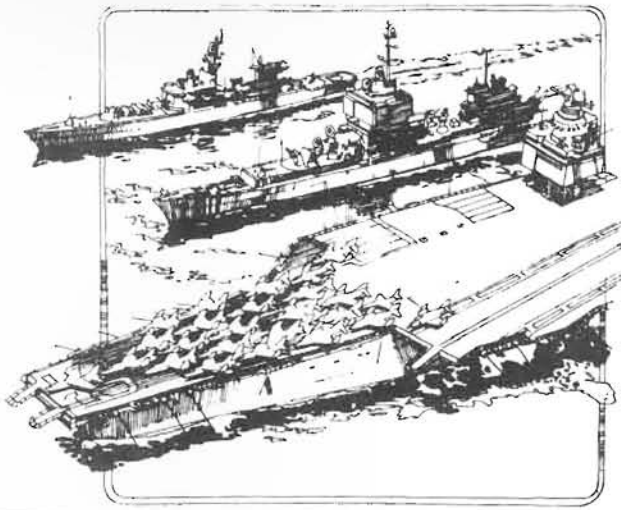
Z-BASIC using the special function keys to assist the programmer by providing some very common commands available by pressing only one key. The special functions key are initially, programmed or assigned the following values:

```
F1 LIST
F2 RUN
F3 LOAD"
F4 SAVE"
F5 CONT
F6 PRINT
F7 AUTO
F8 FOR
F9 NEXT
F10 GOSUB
F11 TRON
F12 TROFF
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885-1211

CP/M Sea Battle \$20.00

Introduction: This version of SEA BATTLE will execute on the H8, H89 (Z89), and the Z-100 computers. (This is simply a modified version to run on the Z-100 series machines.)

SEA BATTLE is a video action game that uses the H19 graphic metres. The role of the SEA BATTLE player is to command a fleet of troyer force in opposition to an aircraft carrier and its escort. The escort includes fighters, bombers, and submarines, all of which attack the player ship.

Requirements: SEA BATTLE requires the CP/M operating system, version 2.2.02 or later, on an H19/H8/H17 or H89 with 32K of memory. Only one disk drive is required.

For the Z-100 computer, SEA BATTLE requires the CP/M-85 operating system. The Z-100 requires the soft-sectored disk format. (Order with a "-37" suffix.)

The program is written in assembly language and the source code is included.

NOTE: The H19 (H89) terminal is required for the graphics codes of the game.

The following files are included on the HUG P/N 885-1211 CP/M Sea Battle graphics game disk:

README	.DOC
SEABATTL	.DOC
SEABATTL	.ASM
SEABATTL	.COM

The SEABATTL.DOC file gives detailed instructions of the game. Most players will have fun learning by trial and error.

Author: Victor Abell

Program Content: SEA BATTLE is a very interactive game which requires the entire screen of the H19 terminal. The outline of the game structure is as follows:

A) The Aircraft Carrier and its Escort

The escort consists of an endless number of fighter planes, five heavy bombers, and a number of submarines. The fighter planes are replenished from the aircraft carrier as each is shot down. Each time the aircraft carrier is hit a submarine appears on the horizon.

B) The Player Ship

The player ship has two guns which may only be fired one at a time. The ship moves back and forth across the bottom of the screen dodging the shells and bombs from the air force. The player ship can take a few hits from the fighters, but is destroyed when hit by a bomb. The player ship must flee from the submarines.

C) Scoring

The score (and other data) is displayed on the 25th line throughout the game. The following is the scoring table:

Down a Fighter Plane	5 points
Down a Bomber	50 points
Hit the Carrier	50 points
Sink the Carrier	250 points plus Variable Bonus

The Variable Bonus is determined by the success of staying within the center of the screen, where the most action takes place. The program sets a timer and the player must stay within the marks or the countdown begins.

D) Sinking the Carrier

The aircraft carrier will sink when it has been hit by fifteen shots from the player ship guns. Once the carrier has been sunk, the player can watch it sink into the sea. Then another carrier is there to replace the previous carrier. The next carrier escort, more aggressive than the previous carrier's escort, appears on the screen.

E) Sinking the Player Ship

The player ship may be sunk by 12-15 hits from the shells of the fighters, by a single hit from a bomber, or by being caught by a submarine.

F) Summary

The player must find a battle strategy which will lift him in victory over as many aircraft carriers as possible. Each successive carrier is more dangerous than it's predecessor.

Comments: SEA BATTLE is one of the finest games which has been released from HUG.

885-1222

CP/M Adventure Disk \$10.00

Introduction: This version of ADVENTURE has been adapted for the H89 (Z89) CP/M and CP/M-85 for the Z-100.

ADVENTURE is one of the most well known and best liked computer games. It is an adventure through a giant cave to search out and find treasures. Many dangers are in store for the user who ventures into its midst.

Requirements: This game requires the CP/M operating system, version 2.2 or later, on H8/H17 or H-89 with a minimum of 24K of memory. Only one disk drive is required.

For the Z-100 computer, CP/M-85 is required. The soft-sectored disk format is required. (Order with a "-37" suffix.)

NOTE: *The H19 terminal is not required to play this game.*

The following is a list of the files on the HUG P/N 885-1222 CP/M Adventure Game disk:

README	.DOC
ADVENT	.COM
ADVENTUR	.DTB
NEWGAME	.CAV

Authors: This program was originally developed by Willie Crowther. Most of the features of the current program were added by Don Woods (Don @ SU-AI). This microprocessor version was done by G. Letwin of Heath Company.

Program Content: ADVENTURE

Somewhere nearby is a colossal cave, where others have found fortunes in treasure and gold, though it is rumored that some who enter are never seen again. Magic is said to work in the cave. I will be your eyes and hands. Direct me with commands of one or two words. I should warn you that I look at only the first four letters of each word, so you'll have to enter "northeast" as "NE" to distinguish it from "north", "dnstream" for "downstream", etc. Should you get stuck, type "help" and "info" for some general hints.

HELP

I know of places, actions, and things. Most of my vocabulary describes places and is used to move you there. To move, try words like forest, building, dnstream, enter, east, west, north, south, up, or down. I know about a few special objects, like a black rod hidden in the cave. These objects can be manipulated using some of the action words that I know. Usually you will need to give both the object and action words that I know. Usually you will need to give both the object and action words (in either order), but sometimes I can infer the object from the verb alone. Some objects also imply verbs; in particular, "inventory" implies "take inventory", which causes me to give you a list of what you're carrying. The objects have side effects; for instance, the rod scares the bird. Usually people trying unsuccessfully to manipulate an object are attempting something beyond their (or my!) capabilities and should try a completely different tack. To speed the game, you can sometimes move long distances with a single word. For example, "building" usually gets you to the building from anywhere above ground except when lost in the forest. Also, note that cave passages turn a lot, and that leaving a room to the north does not guarantee entering the next from the south.

SUGGESTIONS

Try "ENTER BUILDING".

When you see an object, pick it up.

Go "DNST" (downstream) if you want to find the cave.

HELPFUL WORDS

INVEntory	List items you are carrying
SCORE	Show your current score
LOOK	Type a long description of your current loaction
BACK	Go back the way you came
QUIT	Stop the game and give final score

COMMAND STYLE

Remember, ADVENTURE takes one or two word commands, only. Make them straight-forward, like:

- ATTACK DRAGON
- EAT BIRD
- THROW AXE
- GET GOLD
- WEST
- UNLOCK GRATE
- DOWN

INFO

If you want to end your adventure early, say "QUIT". To see how well you're doing, say "SCORE". To get full credit for treasure, you must have left it safely in the building, though you get partial credit just for locating it. You lose points for getting killed, or for quitting, though the former costs you more. There are also points based on how much (if any) of the cave you've managed to explore; in particular, there is a large bonus just for getting in (to distinguish the beginners from the rest of the pack). I may occasionally offer hints if you seem to be having trouble.

***** GOOD LUCK *****

Comments: ADVENTURE will provide many months and even years of fun trying to reach the 350 points.

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The special function key may be used for programming, during the operation of a program or in the command mode. To use any of these keys simply press the desired key. For example, to load a program into memory simply press the F3 key, type the program name, and the RETURN key. To run the program simply press the F2 key only. The RETURN is not necessary when using the F2, F5, F11, or F12 keys.

NOTE: F0 puts out a CTRL-U to clear the current line and may not be assigned another value.

Before assigning new values to any of the special function keys you may want to look at the present values by using the **KEY LIST** command, which prints the above list. Also try turning the 25th line into a status line for the special function keys by using the **KEY ON** command.

When the **KEY ON** command is used the 25th line becomes a status line displaying the first ten keys (F11 and F12 are not displayed). The assigned value of the keys may be up to fifteen (15) characters, however only six (6) characters for each key will be displayed on the 25th line.

The **KEY OFF** erases the 25th line only if the **KEY ON** has been previously used. The entire line is erased including all parts that have been overwritten using the **LOCATE** command.

The last and most important feature of the **KEY** command is the ability to assign new values to the special function keys. With this command we can change the value of the special keys to almost any combination of fifteen ASCII characters.

Example #1: Create a program which uses the function keys to go to different sections of a program.

```
10 CLS:RT$=CHR$(13): Clear And RT$ Equals The Return Key
20 KEY 1,"Demo 1"+RT$
30 KEY 2,"Demo 2"+RT$
40 KEY 3,"Demo 3"+RT$
50 KEY 4,"END"+RT$
60 KEY LIST
70 LOCATE 4,1:PRINT CHR$(26)"What Is Your Option";
80 LINE INPUT A$
90 IF A$="END" THEN END
100 IF A$="Demo 1" then 1000
110 IF A$="Demo 2" THEN 2000
120 IF A$="Demo 3" THEN 3000
130 GOTO 70

....
1000 PRINT "Demo 1":GOTO 70
2000 PRINT "Demo 2":GOTO 70
3000 PRINT "Demo 3":GOTO 70
```

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Example #2: Let's assign the values of the keys that were used on the Z/H19/88/89/90 to the special function keys of the Z-100. This allows a program that was using these keys to be used with Z-BASIC without having to rewrite each input selection.

```
10 CLS:E$=CHR$(27)
20 KEY 1,E$+"S": F1 f1
30 KEY 2,E$+"T": F2 f2
40 KEY 3,E$+"U": F3 f3
50 KEY 4,E$+"V": F4 f4
60 KEY 5,E$+"W": F5 f5
70 KEY 6,E$+"P": F6 BLUE
80 KEY 7,E$+"Q": F7 RED
90 KEY 8,E$+"R": F8 GRAY (White)
100 KEY 9,E$+"J": F9 ERASE

....
210 A$=INPUT$(1)
220 IF A$=E$ THEN B$=INPUT$(1):PRINT B$
230 GOTO 210
```

The above routine is intended to allow the function keys of the Z-100 to act the same as those of the H/Z-19/88/89/90. The last three lines (210 to 230) are a simple example of how to input using the special function keys.

When using the special function key with ESCape codes as shown above the **KEY ON** and **KEY LIST** will not show the codes being generated by the special function keys.

NOTE: The hardware of the function keys is always sending the same codes, only Z-BASIC interprets them differently to give the programmer some real flexibility.

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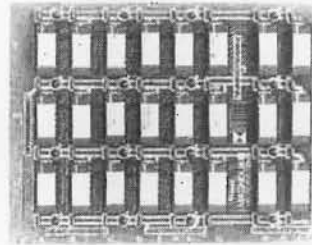
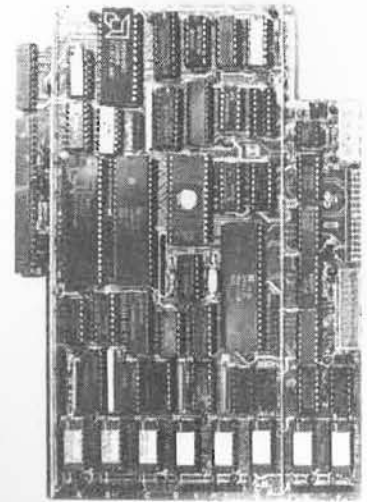
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The MPI 99G Printer

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Introduction:

Over the past several months, a relatively unknown company to Heath users, has been receiving quite a bit of attention on their new printer. Many HUG members, including staff, got their first look at the MPI 99G dot matrix printer at the National HUG Conference back in August.

Micro Peripherals Inc. (MPI), an American company, is located in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has been producing dot matrix printers for almost seven years.

The MPI printer line consists of three models. The 88G (updated from the 88T model) has a seven wire print head mechanism. The second model, the 99G, has a nine wire print head mechanism for true descenders. The third model, the MP-150, is a high speed dot matrix printer, which will feed standard or narrow width computer paper. All three models were created to print any number of predesigned character *fonts*. (A font is a particular style and size of character type.) Each of the printers have been designed to operate on other computer systems in addition to the Heath/Zenith line of computers.

MPI boasts many features, in addition and superior to, the well known Epson printer line. This review is not intended to present a comparison, however, features of the MPI 99G may require a comparison to other printers for clarification.

General Overview:

The printer is packed in a case that includes the "QT" sound cover, the single sheet feeder, the 88G and 99G reference manuals. The schematic and parts list is available free of charge for the asking.

The *AP-PAK* package may be shipped separately or together with the printer. It contains the connector cable, software diskette, the Style Writer General Reference Manual, directions for installing



Style Writer, and the warranty information.

At first glance, there was too much reading material, however, after scanning through the manuals, the information that was included was necessary, generally easy to follow, and written in a well organized manner. The following sequence seemed the most logical and the easiest to follow:

1) The Style Writer General Reference Manual was the first manual that caught my eye. I wanted to find out more about this "Style Writer". The manual was very well done for the individual not familiar with MPI printers. The text was written in a question/answer format to lead the reader step by step through the operation and commands.

2) Not fully understanding all the commands, I found the "Installing Style Writer" was the next manual that continued a logical sequence of learning the system. This manual was written for the very beginner. It leads the reader step by step through the CP/M *Boot*, *FORMAT*, *MOVCPM17*, *SYSGEN*, *PIP*, and *CONFIGUR* routines, to aid the reader in creating a system disk prepared for using Style Writer.

NOTE: It should be noted at this time that the program "Style Writer" is written for the CP/M operating system. The MPI 99G printer may be used under the HDOS operating system with a normal LP: (line printer) device driver, however, none of the special features of Style Writer can be implemented.

3) The 88G and 99G Reference Manuals, were the typical reference manual type. The previously mentioned manuals contained most of the necessary information to get the MPI printer ready for use, but not quite all. This became apparent when it was time to remove the top to connect the connector cable inside the case. I was expecting to find the information in the installation manual, however, I soon found the diagram indicating the I/O cable routing in a full page pictorial in section 3, "Interfacing", of the 88G Reference Manual.

While searching through the reference manuals, the paper feeding installation turned up some interesting facts. The MPI 99G will accept paper feeding from the front, back or underneath, including rolled, continuous or separate sheets of paper. The paper can be pressure or tractor fed. The pressure roller can be engaged or disengaged by setting two levers. (I found the levers hard to move at first but after working them a few times found they moved more easily.)

The single sheet feeder which connects very easily to the printer, I found is great for loading continuous pin hole paper as well as single sheets. The feeder acts as a guide, and with it, I may never have to improvise again to load paper. I did find, however, that the front of the printer scratches easily by the feeder whenever the feeder is moved. When removing or mounting the feeder, care must be taken to lift the hooks over the lip of the front panel for minimal face damage.

The long life, ribbon cartridge is located on the back of the printer. The ribbon can be replaced easily without removing the top of the printer. The ribbon is a half inch wide and when installed is inclined at approximately one degree for utilizing the entire ribbon surface for printing. This may look incorrect when installing a ribbon for the first time.

The remaining major sections of the Reference Manual contained information on specific features of programming and graphics, which were briefly discussed in the Style Writer and Installation manuals. Also the inspection and testing information was contained in an appendix of the 88G manual.

4) The Schematic and Parts List revealed an interesting fact, which was apparent after removing the top of the 99G: the printer design is clean, uncluttered, contains a minimal number of parts and should be easy to maintain.

Operation of the Printer

After unpacking the 99G, I tried the printer just to see how it would work as a normal printer. After configuring the LST: device on a CP/M system disk for PORT 340Q and 1200 baud, the printer worked just great.

The 2K buffer of the 99G, contributes to the modest 100 characters per second output. This is 20 characters per second faster than the EPSON MX-80.

The printer pauses for brief periods of time when printing special fonts or character formats through the Style Writer. This is due to Style Writer sending approximately 12 times as many characters to the printer. Each character of a special font is made of many smaller "characters".

I found the noise level to be about the same as the Heath H-25 printer without the squeal of the H-25 high speed head and the annoying "buzzing" of the H14.

The paper advance switch on the front of the printer will scroll the paper one line if pressed once. If held longer, the paper will be advanced 10 lines per feed until the top of the form is reached. There is no means for backing up if the paper is advanced too far.

The Setup Procedure for Style Writer

After scanning through most of the manuals and following through the instructions, I created a system disk and prepared for using Style Writer. The system disk must be configured for four (4) K less than the computer memory size. My H8 has 64K of memory, so I configured CP/M for 60K bytes. (For 48K of memory, CP/M is to be configured for 44K.)

What a disappointment to find that Style Writer would not run on the 8080 processor of the H8! The printer worked fine as a normal printer, but when an attempt was made to load STYLE64, the whole system hung up.

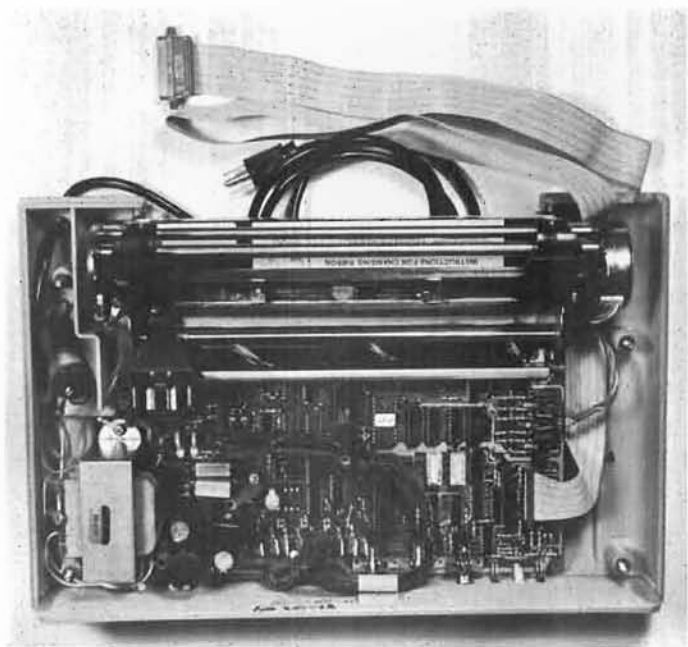
NOTE: *Style Writer requires the Z80 processor board on the H8.*

After installing the Z80 processor board in the H8, I was pleased to see the output of some of the 99G features, which up to that time, I had only read about in the manuals.

Style Writer

Style Writer is a program that is loaded from CP/M by the program STYLE64, (STYLE48 for 48K of memory). The four (4) K of memory "reserved" above CP/M is where Style Writer is loaded and stored. Style Writer actually intercepts all output from the BIOS to the printer, and translates any codes it understands, while the remain-

ing text is sent unchanged. That is the reason why the fonts are *software* selectable; the *coding* is done in memory before it is sent to the printer.



The fonts, which are released on the disk with the AP-PAK, are shown in Figure 1. The example fonts are the result of sending the characters "ABCDEFabcdef" through Style Writer to the printer. These fonts are ready to be used by Style Writer.

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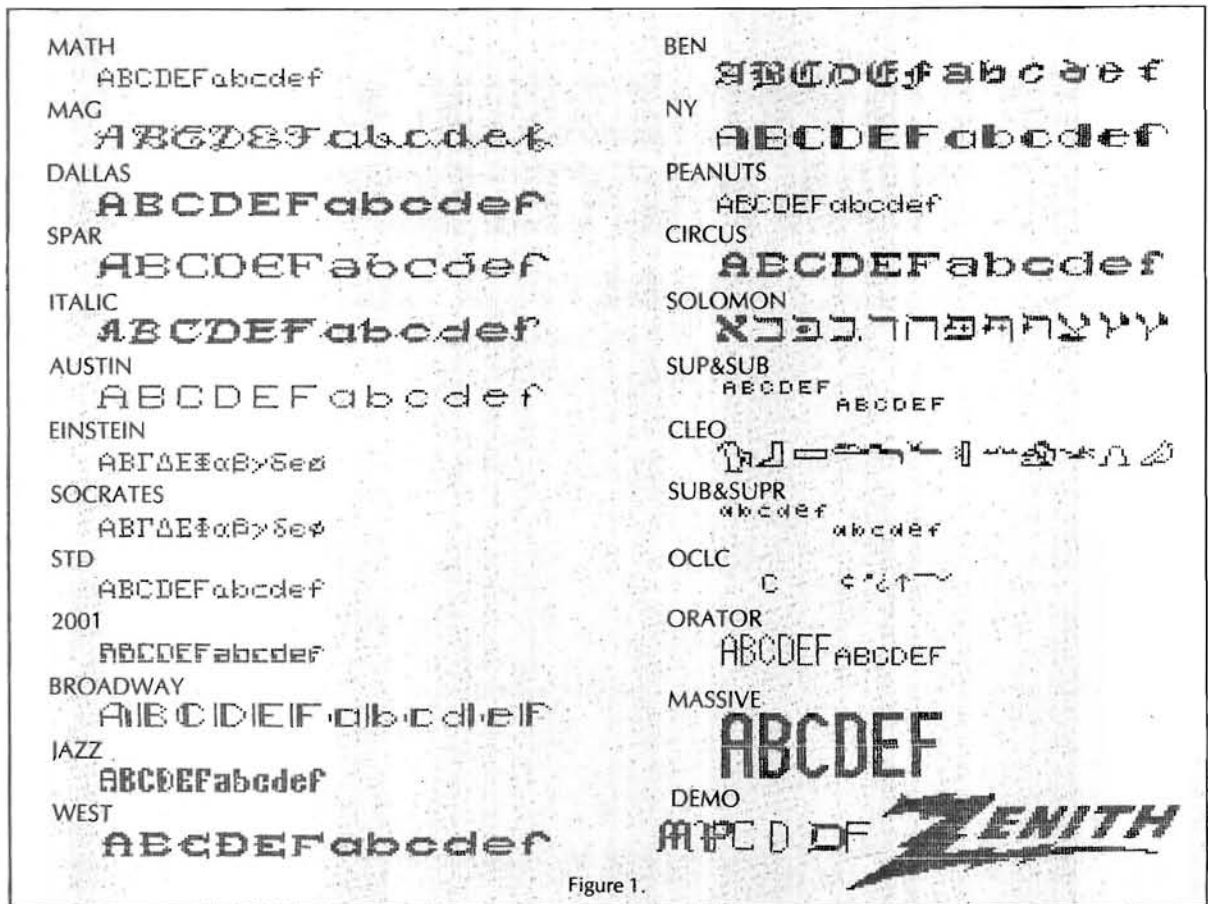


Figure 1.

In addition to the fonts, the MPI 99G can be commanded to print in different formats. The H19 graphics and reverse characters are two of the features that should raise interest among Heath users. In addition, characters can be printed double high and double wide. All of the features are detailed in the manuals.

Application of Style Writer

Style Writer can be used with BASIC or with a word processor. All that is required to enter a particular format, is to send the escape character and an appropriate letter. The remaining text is sent as output to the printer.

I had no difficulty using Style Writer with MBASIC (BASIC-80). The most difficult part was remembering to load Style Writer into memory before running MBASIC.

I did run into a real hassle trying to use Style Writer with WordStar. As it turns out, the problem was not the fault of Style Writer. The Style Writer Manual made mention of using WordStar, but did not give any hints or details for setting up WordStar. I am making special note of this for anyone else who may encounter the same frustration.

WordStar must be configured for a "Teletype Like Printer" using the Install program of WordStar. This ensures that the only characters sent to the printer are those required for the MPI 99G.

Once this was done, I had no difficulty in using WordStar to output the special fonts and characters to the 99G.

Two additional comments relating to the use of WordStar with Style Writer.

1) When copying a file created by WordStar with PIP, from CP/M to the printer, the last character of each word in the text is replaced

with a space. WordStar sets the eighth bit on the last character of each word in the text, which causes Style Writer to insert the space. A solution is to print the file (in WordStar) to a disk file and then PIP the new disk file to the printer.

2) The WordStar system disk does not have enough space to hold a font and a text file. Any fonts to be used in a text file must be copied to a documentation disk. WordStar must then be invoked from the disk drive containing the documentation disk.

One Last Note

On the Style Writer disk is a program called CALLIGRAPHER, which allows the user to create any pattern or font. Any pattern chosen should be laid out on a grid and then transferred into a new font with CALLIGRAPHER. The newly created font or pattern is called by the same means as the normal fonts. (CALLIGRAPHER is menu driven and very user friendly.)

Conclusion

One of the points of the MPI 99G printer which I was most impressed, has nothing to do with the functional operation of the printer or Style Writer. It is the first thing that most everyone says when they walk into my office. "Wow, neat printer!"

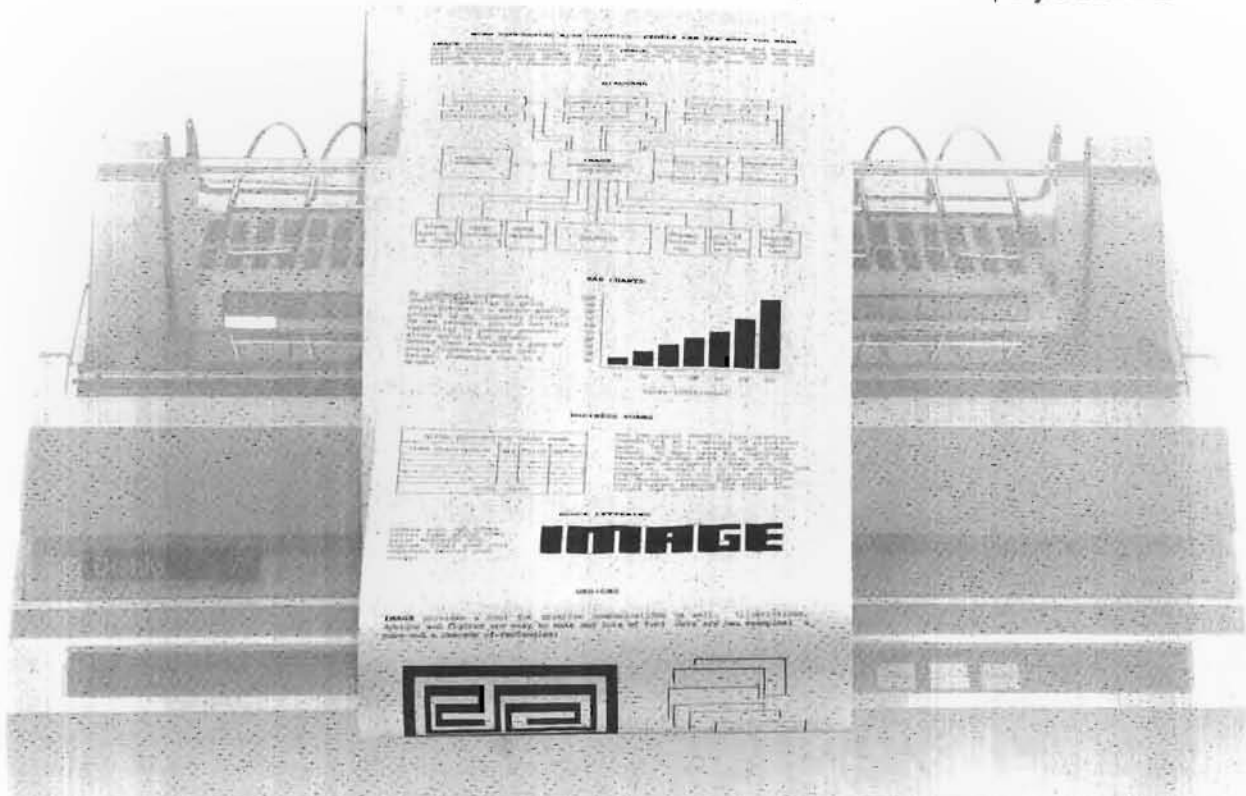
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Keyboard Polling from BASIC

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In recent discussions with other programmers, I have been asked about problems encountered when attempting to use the INP(232) instruction in Microsoft BASIC to set up a keyboard polling routine. The problems encountered are easily overcome, once the programmer has gained some insight into what is happening and what facilities are available to correct the difficulty.

First, it might be helpful to define just what it is we are attempting to do, and then demonstrate the approach commonly used (where the problems are encountered). We will then show the means of solving the problems and achieving an efficient, useful polling scheme.

"Keyboard Polling" means that the program is written so that it continually loops and senses the output of the keyboard port. Unlike the usual INPUT statement which causes the program to halt and wait for input from the keyboard, polling simply "looks" at the keyboard port and accepts whatever character happens to be there at the time. The program continues to loop, performing other functions as well. If no characters are entered at the keyboard, the polling routine will "see" the same character each time around. This will be whatever character was entered at the last time the keyboard was touched.

It is important to understand that we are looking at the keyboard "port"; not the input buffer in HDOS! The port is never "flushed" when it is read by the program, as is the input buffer. Whatever character is entered into the keyboard port, remains there until it is replaced by striking a DIFFERENT key.

Polling is very useful in many applications. One common use is in games where keys are used to control some action, with multiple strikes of a given key interpreted as intensifying the particular action of that key. Many versions of BASIC have commands such as INKEY, which are polling input commands. Such commands are not available in the Benton Harbor or Microsoft versions of BASIC as used on Heath Computers.

Microsoft BASIC for the Heath system has the INP(#) command which reads any input port, where # is the number of the port. Using this command, we can construct our own "INKEY" equivalent. The keyboard of your Heath computer is port #232, so the command INP(232) will read the keyboard port. Using this command, it is relatively easy to code a routine to poll the keyboard. The commonly used method is as follows:

```
100 ' POLLING DEMONSTRATION
110 CLEAR
120 GOSUB 500
130 IF X<>0 THEN PRINT CHR$(X);
140 PRINT "***";
150 GOTO 120
-
-
-
500 ' KEYBOARD POLLING
510 IF P=0 THEN P=INP(232)
520 X=0
530 C=INP(232)
```

```
540 IF P=C GOTO 580
550 P=C
560 X=C
570 A$=INPUT$(1)
580 RETURN
```

Let's examine the code and see what happens here. The polling is done in the subroutine at line 500. Variable "P" is the "previous" character found at the port. Variable "C" is the "current" character at the port. The first time through the routine P is undefined, so it is zero. Thus, it is initialized in line 510 to whatever is in the keyboard port at the time. Variable "X" is the output variable of the subroutine.

Line 530 reads the port. If the character found is different from the previous character (P), it means another key has been pressed. Line 550 sets P to this new character, and line 560 stores the new character into the output variable (X). Each new character is treated by HDOS in the usual manner, meaning that the character is also placed into the keyboard input-buffer. If we were to leave it there, the buffer would accumulate new input characters up to the limit of 100 characters. At that point, no further keyboard input would be accepted and the program function would cease. Line 570 is used to flush this new character out of the buffer, thus preventing this problem. It is important to remember that if there is no NEW character in the buffer, line 570 must not be executed since it will halt the program to wait for an input character. Thus, line 540 jumps around this if there is no new character.

The main program test if there is an output character in "X" and if so, prints the character. The print statement at line 140 simply prints a continuous line of "*" to show that the program is really looping and polling the keyboard without stopping for input. Run the above code on your system and be sure you understand what is happening. You will be able to test it and discover the first obvious problem with the routine.

The first problem is simply that the routine works as long as each key pressed is different from the previous one. If multiple strikes are made on the same key, the routine will ignore all but the first.....ALMOST! AHA!!! Now for the second problem!.....

Multiple strikes on the same key will continue to dump characters into the input buffer which WILL NOT BE FLUSHED OUT! Eventually the program will come to a point of failure due to a full buffer. Many applications may be able to tolerate these problems. In such cases, the above routine is usable as it is, with no need to refine it further. However, where these problems must be solved, we can do so easily if we know a little more about HDOS.

HDOS makes use of a highly useful feature called the "type-ahead buffer". This is simply a buffer for storing keyboard input characters as they are entered. Thus, you can type in commands to your system prior to any need for them by the program. They will be stored, and when an input statement is encountered the input will be taken from the buffer in the same order in which you entered them (First-In, First-Out [FIFO]). Note that this feature is NOT similarly available under CP/M.

The type-ahead buffer is a circular buffer; i.e. as characters are

entered and the buffer fills up, subsequent characters are placed at the start of the buffer again as in a continuous loop (assuming that the program has been pulling characters out of this part of the buffer). In order to know where the next input character is coming from, HDOS uses pointers to track the beginning and end of the current contents of the buffer. It is important to understand this since it is the key to the solution of the polling problem.

As characters are flushed (or read) out of the buffer, the pointer to the "start" of the buffer contents is incremented, while the pointer to the "end" of the contents is unaffected. As characters are typed, and thus placed into the buffer, the pointer to the "start" of the buffer contents is unaffected, while the pointer to the "end" of the contents is incremented to include the new character(s). We will use this feature to solve the polling problem. Refer to the following code.....

100 ' POLLING DEMONSTRATION FOR HDOS 2.0

```
110 CLEAR
120 GOSUB 500
130 IF A$<> THEN PRINT A$;
140 PRINT "***";
150 GOTO 120
```

500 ' KEYBOARD POLLING

```
510 M=64880!
520 IF PK=0 THEN PK=PEEK(M)
530 A$=
540 K=PEEK(M)
550 IF K=PK GOTO 580
```

```
560 PK=K
570 A$=INPUT$(1)
580 RETURN
```

The location of the end-of-queue pointer is at 64880 (decimal) in HDOS 2.0. Line 510 defines M as this memory location. (This should be location 64883 in HDOS 1.6.) On the first pass through the subroutine, the value of PK is undefined, or zero, so it is defined as the current value of the pointer by using the PEEK command in line 520. The variable PK is used as the "previous" value of the pointer. The variable K is the "current" value of the pointer and is defined in line 540.

We now compare the previous and current values of the pointer in line 550. If they are different, we know that a key has been struck and that a character has been placed in the buffer. Thus, at line 570 we read the character from the buffer using a normal INPUT\$(1) statement. Note that the INP(232) statement is not used in this routine. The INPUT\$(1) statement gets the character for use within the program and it also flushes the buffer. (This has no effect on the pointer value, so our new value of PK is still valid!)

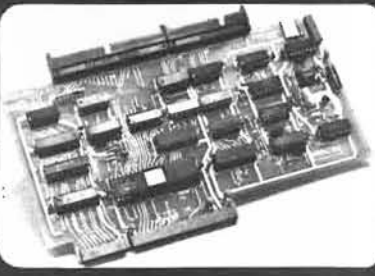
If, in line 550, we find that P and PK are the same, we know that no key has been struck, so we jump to line 580. We can see that the routine uses the pointer to detect only the striking of a key and does not care what the actual character may be. Also, we only flush the buffer when we know that there is a character present.

We are not finished with the development yet, however. We must consider the effect of multiple keystrokes still further. If the main

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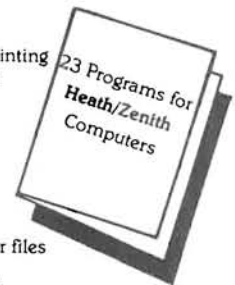
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WHAT'S IN A NAME?



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Software Engineer

Way back in REMark issue #9, we presented the source code for a program that allowed you to change the label on an HDOS disk. In a recent letter, a HUG member told me that he could not get the program to work, because it needed some XTEXT files that were not present in the magazine. I looked in every nook and cranny here at HUG headquarters for those files and couldn't find them, so I decided to write a new label changer program for that HUG member. Besides, the old one would only work on hard sector disks.

I had learned previously that there is no reason why a disk's label must be limited to 60 characters, and that by using a patch utility such as DUMP I could make labels much longer (up to the end of the label sector). I also had learned that disk labels can contain multiple lines and graphics, and made such a label on the SEA BATTLE disk (885-1103). So I decided to give my new label program these capabilities.

The result is the assembly listing LABEL.ASM accompanying this article. Type in the source code with your editor and assemble it to get LABEL.ABS. An example of this program's use would be

>LABEL SY1:

In this case LABEL.ABS is on SY0: and we are going to work with the label on SY1:. The disk that you are examining the label on does not have to be mounted. LABEL will first print the existing label on the disk and prompt you for a new one. If you do not want to change the label, just hit RETURN before typing anything else. If you type anything else as the first character, it becomes part of the new label, and RETURNS can also be put in the label. When you are finished typing the new label, type CTRL-D to write it to the disk and return to HDOS. Do not type a RETURN at the end of the label unless you want two of them printed by HDOS when you mount the disk. If you decide you do not want to change the label after you have typed a new one in, you can exit to HDOS by typing two CTRL-Z's.

Here is a sample label that you can make with this program.



To make this label, you would type in the following when you run LABEL.

```
<ESC>F<cr>
c f sac fac fac<cr>
vat ' ' ' eac<cr>
d e uad ead ead<ESC>G SYSTEM DISK<CTRL-D>
```

In this example, <ESC> means to type the escape key, <cr> means to type RETURN, and <CTRL-D> means to type Control-D. You will not see what I have shown here as you type, but you will see the graphic characters instead.

Your new label will be read and displayed correctly by HDOS when you mount, dismount, or boot the disk, and also by CCAT from HUG disk 885-1090, but there are other programs that will only display the first 60 characters of a long label. Among them are INIT.ABS and the LAB command in Jim Teixeira's SYSMOD (otherwise a fine product).

For those of you who are assembly hackers, this program is an example of reading and writing on a disk directly through the disk device driver rather than through HDOS (with SCALL). At the label READSEC, the program tests which version of HDOS we are using, because versions before 2.0 did not really have disk device drivers, and all direct access to the disk can be done through D.SYDD, the "System Device Driver". If the version is 2.0, you can't use D.SYDD, because you will not necessarily be using the system device. But you can find the address of the device you are using by loading it (with SCALL .LOADD, even though it may already be loaded). That gets you the address of the device table in the HL register pair, and when you add DEV.JMP (3) to it, you get the address of a JMP into the device. There are other ways of finding the address of the device table, but an added benefit of this method is that you would have to load the driver anyway if it was not already loaded, and this takes care of it.

After the LABEL program gets the address of the device driver, it tells it which unit to use (the 0 in "SY0" is the unit number) by placing the binary (not ASCII) value of the number in AIO.UNI. Commands to the disk device driver, such as READ or WRITE, are made via a code in the A register. These are explained in the article "HDOS Device Driver Programmer's Guide" in REMark #20, pages 10 and 11, and their values are found in DDDVD.ACM, included with HDOS 2.0. When you read or write, you must supply the sector number in the HL register pair. You do not need to supply the track because in HDOS the disk is assumed to be one continuous track of sectors (a 5.25-inch single density single sided disk would have sectors 0-399), and the device driver will figure out the physical track and sector from the sector number given.

There are two commands for reading from a disk, DC.REA (Read) and DC.RER (Read Regardless). With 5.25 inch hard sector disks, DC.REA will not work until the device driver is supplied the volume number of the disk, but DC.RER disregards this "volume protection". So the LABEL program uses DC.RER to read the label sector, which contains the volume number of the disk as well as the label. There is no Write Regardless command, so the device driver must give the volume number before write operations can be done on hard sector disks (other disks do not have volume protection). This is done with the DC.MOU (Mount) command, with the volume number in the L register. The first track of a disk is always volume 0, so LABEL sets up the driver with volume no. 0 and writes the new label to the disk. Then it issues the Mount command again to restore the original volume number.

Using this program as a starting point, it would be possible to

write a disk patch utility that would work on any HDOS supported disk.

```
* LABEL -- READ OR CHANGE DISK LABEL
*
* WITH THIS PROGRAM YOU CAN READ OR CHANGE THE
* LABEL ON ANY HDOS DISK
*
* TO USE THIS PROGRAM, ENTER
*
* \LABEL DEV:
*
* THE EXISTING LABEL ON THE DISK WILL BE
* PRINTED, AND YOU WILL BE PROMPTED FOR A NEW
* LABEL. ENTER RETURN IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO
* MAKE A NEW LABEL.
*
* DEV: IS ANY HDOS DISK DEVICE (SY0:, DK1:, ETC.)
*
* BY P. SWAYNE, HUG 25-AUG-82
* BASED ON M. DUTTWELER'S PROGRAM IN REMARK #9
```

* DEFINITIONS

```
.EXIT EQU 0
.SCIN EQU 1
.SCOU EQU 2
.VERS EQU 110
.LOADD EQU 620
$TYPTX EQU 31136A
DC.WRI EQU 1 WRITE TO DISK
DC.RER EQU 2 READ FROM DISK
DC.ABT EQU 7 ABORT DEVICE
DC.MOU EQU 8 MOUNT DEVICE
DEV.JMP EQU 3 JUMP TO DEVICE DRIVER
DFF.LAB EQU 9 LABEL SECTOR
D.SYDD EQU 40130A SYSTEM DEVICE DRIVER (OLD HDOS)
AIO.UNI EQU 41061A UNIT NO.
```

ORG 42200A

* GET DEVICE TO USE

```
START LXI H,0
DAD SP FIND STACK
MOV A,L
CPI 2000 HAS IT MOVED?
JZ READSEC NO ARGUMENT, USE SY0:
LXI D,DEV PUT DEVICE HERE
MVI B,3 3 CHARACTERS
GETARG MOV A,M GET A CHARACTER
ORA A END OF ENTRY
JZ READSEC IF SO, GO ON
CPI ' ' SPACE
INX H INCREMENT POINTER
JZ GETARG SKIP SPACES
STAX D STORE CHARACTER
INX D INCREMENT POINTER
```

```
DCR B DECREMENT CHARACTER COUNTER
JNZ GETARG GET MORE CHARACTERS
```

```
* READ LABEL SECTOR
READSEC SCALL .VERS CHECK VERSION
JC OLDVER OLD ONE
CPI 20H 2.0?
JC OLDVER
LXI H,DEV POINT TO DEVICE
SCALL .LOADD LOAD THE DEVICE (TO GET ADDR)
JC CANTRD CAN'T READ LABEL
LXI D,DEV.JMP
DAD D FIND JUMP INTO DRIVER
SHLD DEVJMP SET IT UP
OLDVER LDA DEV+2 GET DRIVE UNIT NUMBER
SUI 30H REMOVE ASCII BIAS
STA AIO.UNI SET IT
LXI H,0
MVI A,DC.ABT
CALL DISK ABORT DEVICE
JC CANTRD
LXI H,DFF.LAB GET LABEL SECTOR
LXI D,BUFFER PUT IT HERE
LXI B,256 READ ONE SECTOR
MVI A,DC.RER
CALL DISK READ LABEL SECTOR
JC CANTRD
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* PRINT CURRENT LABEL

CALL $TYPTX
DB 'Current label is:',212Q
LXI H,BUFFER+17 LABEL IS HERE
LABLP MOV A,M GET A CHARACTER
ORA A END OF LABEL?
JZ GETLAB YES
SCALL .SCOUT PRINT CHARACTER
INX H INCREMENT POINTER
JMP LABLP

* GET NEW LABEL

GETLAB CALL $TYPTX
DB 12Q,'Enter new label (or RETURN to exit).'

```

```

* CALL DISK DEVICE DRIVER

DISK JMP D.SYDD GO TO DEVICE DRIVER
DEVJMP EQU *-2 ALTER FOR HDOS 2.0

* CAN'T READ LABEL

CANTRD CALL $TYPTX
DB 12Q,'Can''t read disk label.',212Q
XRA A
SCALL .EXIT

* TOO MANY CHARACTERS

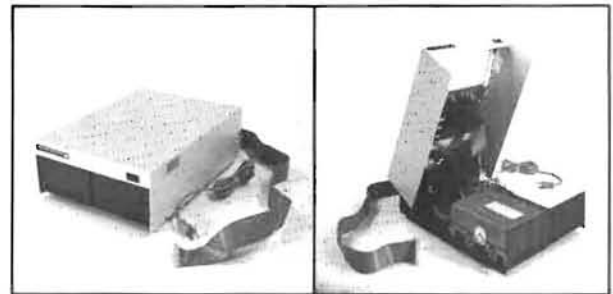
LABOVL CALL $TYPTX
DB 12Q,'Too many characters in
XRA A label (230 max).',212Q
SCALL .EXIT

* STORAGE

DEV DB 'SY0:',0 DEVICE NAME
BUFFER DS 256 LABEL BUFFER

END START

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The program presented is strictly 'bare bones', no comments no frills. However, it is packed with all kinds of nice goodies and features! Since it is an MBASIC program many of the parameters can be readily changed to suit one's own ideas or desires. Some of the features are as follows:

1. Following the letterhead page, each page is numbered at the top center of the page.
2. You can review your letter on the CRT display page by page in its entirety prior to printout.
3. During the review display you can detect if there is an error, hanging line, etc. This can then be corrected by re-editing.
4. Most significant, any single page of a multi-page letter can be printed without printing the entire letter.
5. During printing the display remains clear until specific instructions appear on the CRT for inserting sheets into the printer. Note: These instructions appear on the screen BEFORE the printer has finished printing the previous page. Just let the printer finish and stop before following the instructions!

Since there are no comments within the program a line by line description follows:

Line 10. Assigns string variable CL\$ to CLEAR SCREEN. Also, identifies program file as 'SPW.BAS'.

Line 20. Clears screen and displays program title.

Line 30. Choice for either display or printout.

Line 40. The POKE 3,105 sets all LPRINT statements to appear on the CRT screen. This is changed only when a printout is selected. This line also insures that a 'D' or 'P' has been selected.

Line 50. Opens the desired file for input.

Line 60. Permits printout from page 1 (letterhead) and on or from any other page and on. Note: The printer STOPS at the END of each page so that you can print just the one page or any number of pages following.

Line 70. Selects display or printout as per line 30. Also, if you had selected to start printout at page one this is when the previous POKE statement is changed to set all LPRINT statements to go to the printer.

Line 80. The stand-by notice appears on the screen ONLY when a print-out is requested for page 2, 3 etc.

Line 90. The FIRST instruction if you had selected printout at page one.

Line 100. This statement stops the printer until a carriage RETURN (CR) is pressed. This permits you to insert a new sheet and

line it up in the printer.

Lines 110 thru 130. These will display or printout ONLY the first page of your letter. Note: Page length is set for 52 lines. If your letterhead has more than 3 lines or takes up more head space the 52 lines may be too many. Change accordingly! Remember, this is ONLY FOR THE FIRST PAGE! Also, the left margin is set by the value in TAB(n). To change the left margin change this value. If you make a change here be sure and do the same at line 190. Sorry, there is no provision for automatic right margin. If necessary, you can set the right margin by adding spaces between words in each line when in the editor.

Line 140. Resets the 'N' counter for the next page and tests for display or printout starting at page 2.

Lines 150 and 160. Instructions for insertion of all pages in the printer from page 2 and on - when a printout is selected.

Line 170. Prints the appropriate page number at the top of each page starting at page 2 and provides for 2 spaces before beginning the text. This can be changed to provide more space by adding ':LPRINT' for each additional space desired. However, if you do this be sure and REDUCE the 'N' value in line 200 accordingly.

Lines 180 thru 200. These will continue the display or printout of all the following pages of the letter from page 2 and on.

Line 210. This is the GOSUB line which decides when to make the LPRINT statements go to the printer.

Line 220. Returns program to follow the GOSUB statement.

Line 230. This closes the file and ends the program. Note: The POKE 3,169 statement may seem superfluous and for the most part it is. However, I found I could not do an LLIST printout right after I ran this program on display 'D'.

In conclusion I have a couple of tips that may be helpful. I found that I couldn't use single sheets on the EPSON due to the 'Out of Paper' feature. To overcome this feature I first used a small piece of stiff paper and taped it under the paper guide plate on the left side of the printer. This is where you insert paper into the printer. Later on, when I had the cover off the printer for some other purpose I tied a thin string to the paper-out switch. WARNING: With the paper-out switch disabled be very careful when printing too close to the bottom of a page - it doesn't do the platen much good if the printhead inks it! For various reasons I prefer to disable the 'Out of Paper' feature permanently!

The other tip has to do with printing close to the top of a sheet and particularly when using a better grade of bond paper. To set the paper in the printer so the page numbers are printed close to the top of the sheet I found that I had to recess the paper, in the Epson, JUST below the top of the printhead ribbon guide. This meant that I had to disengage the bail to allow for paper clearance. Unfortunately there isn't enough clearance as the heavier bond paper tends to come out from under the platen and hit the bail. What a mess! I tried holding the right edge of the paper into the platen with a narrow strip of stiff paper but it usually

was a touch and go situation. Every so often the printhead would hit my strip of paper before I could snatch it away in time. I found a much simpler way to solve this problem. This applies to any weight paper. Here is what to do. Before you insert the paper in the printer take hold of it at the bottom edge and lay it FACE UP about half way over the straight edge of a desk or table. Then with your other hand lightly press down on the upper half of the sheet, pull the paper down and over the edge. This should put a curve to the upper portion of the paper allowing it to clear the bail when in the printer. If at your first attempt the paper does not show a slight curve try it a time or two until it does. Remember, when printing starts, to re-engage the bail just as soon as you can. I find that this works just great!

Hope you have as much fun with this program as I have had. Good luck and happy letter writing!



```

10 CL%=CHR$(27)+"E" 'SPW.BAS FOR CP/M 2.203 (20 Oct 82)
20 PRINT CL% TAB(12) "*** S I N G L E   P A G E   W R I T E R ***";PRINT
30 INPUT "PRESS 'D' FOR DISPLAY OR 'P' FOR PRINTOUT - THEN <CR>...";M%
40 PRINT:POKE 3,105:PG=1:IF M%="D"THEN 50 ELSE IF M%<>"P"THEN 30
50 INPUT "TYPE 'FNAME' OF LETTER (EX: BILLS or C:BILLS)...";L%:OPEN "I",1,L%
60 PRINT:IF M%="P"THEN INPUT "SELECT PRINTOUT AT PAGE # - 1,2,3 etc.";X
70 PRINT:IF M%="D"THEN 110 ELSE GOSUB 210
80 IF X>1 THEN PRINT CL%"PLEASE STAND-BY...":GOTO 110
90 PRINT "INSERT LETTERHEAD SHEET - TURN ON PRINTER - THEN HIT <CR>..."
100 LINE INPUT Z9%
110 IF EOF(1)THEN 230 ELSE LINE INPUT #1,X%:N=N+1:IF X>1 THEN 130
120 LPRINT TAB(6)X%
130 IF N=52 THEN 140 ELSE 110
140 N=0:PG=PG+1:IF M%="D"THEN 170 ELSE GOSUB 210:IF X<=PG THEN 150 ELSE 180
150 PRINT CL%:FOR I=1 TO 9:PRINT:NEXT:PRINT "INSERT FOR PAGE #"PG"- ";
160 PRINT "TURN ON PRINTER - THEN HIT <CR>...":LINE INPUT Z9%:PRINT CL%
170 LPRINT TAB(38)"-PG-":LPRINT:LPRINT
180 IF EOF(1)THEN 230 ELSE LINE INPUT #1,X%:N=N+1:IF X>PG THEN 200
190 LPRINT TAB(6)X%
200 IF N=56 THEN 140 ELSE 180
210 IF X=PG THEN POKE 3,169
220 RETURN
230 CLOSE:POKE 3,169:END

```

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program is long and the looping rate is slow, it is possible to enter many keystrokes between each successive pass through the sub-routine. These will all go into the buffer and the pointer will increment many times. We must set up to handle this situation.

In such a case, the difference between K and PK will be a count of the number of keystrokes made. By placing this number into the INPUT\$(X) statement, we will flush all of the characters out, into the variable A\$ as before. If desired, the main program can examine this string to see if there are different characters present, or whatever you wish to do with the string.

One final task...The input buffer is circular. That is, when the buffer pointer gets to the end of the buffer it resets to the beginning again. The range of values which this pointer can have are from 126 to 226. We must allow for this reset in calculating the keystroke count. The listing which follows is the final polling routine. All of the above problems have been accounted for in this routine.

```

100 ' POLLING DEMONSTRATION FOR HDOS 2.0
110 CLEAR
120 GOSUB 500
130 IF A$<> THEN PRINT A$;
-
200 ' DELAY TO SIMULATE A LONG-LOOP PROGRAM
210 FOR J=1 TO 300:NEXT J
-
300 PRINT "***";
310 GOTO 120
-
500 ' KEYBOARD POLLING
510 M=64880!
520 IF PK=0 THEN PK=PEEK(M)
530 A$=
540 K=PEEK(M)

```

```

550 IF K=PK GOTO 600
560 N=K-PK
570 IF N<0 THEN N=(226-PK)+(K-126)+1
580 PK=K
590 A$=INPUT$(N)
600 RETURN

```

This routine is a simple, yet efficient polling scheme which will be quite useful in many applications. It should be noted that the use of HDOS in the Stand-Alone mode may change the address of the buffer pointer, so the value of M will have to be changed accordingly.



OOOoooppppssss!!!!

In "A 4 MHz Mod" REMark No. 34, at the bottom of page 25, last column, U1 pin 7 to U1 pin 8 *should* read U1 pin 7 to U2 pin 8.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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The XMASPROG.BAS is a graphics display program for the H19, H89 Terminal. It requires almost 48K of RAM under MBASIC. The program will turn off the terminal keyboard, but turns it back on at the end when the two stars are flashing. This is written to be a non-stop display type program. There aren't any remark statements because of the length of the program, however, it is fairly simple, consisting mostly of GOSUBS to print the desired picture. The graphics themselves were first constructed using ED-A-SKETCH from the Software Toolworks.



```

10 REM***CHRISTMAS GRAPHICS BY JENNIFER MCGRAW*****
15 REM !!! IF YOU REMOVE MY NAME MAY GREMLINS INFEST YOUR ICs !!!
20 E$=CHR$(27):Y$=E$+"":G$=E$+"G":F$=E$+"F":P$=E$+"P":Q$=E$+"Q"
25 I$=CHR$(95):J$=E$+"J":K$=E$+"K":B$=E$+"B":C$=E$+"C"
30 L1$=CHR$(45):L2$=CHR$(44)
35 WIDTH 255
40 PRINT$ "E" * 5: A1=0:A=0
45 PRINT$ ""
50 DL$=E$+"N":IL$=E$+"L":DC$=E$+"N"
55 H$=E$+"H":OU$=CHR$(34):EX$=E$+"X":Y5$=E$+"5":G$+0$+Y$+"6"
60 GOSUB430:A1=0:GOSUB 640
65 PRINT$ "4":FOR I=1 TO 40:PRINT * "":NEXT:PRINT
70 FOR P=1 TO 2000:NEXT
75 GOSUB160
80 FORP=1 TO 1000:NEXT
85 FORJ=1 TO 15:PRINT$:FOR I=1 TO 23:PRINTDC$:NEXT:NEXT
90 GOSUB 1510:FORP=0 TO 5000:NEXT
95 FORJ=1 TO 24:PRINT$:IL$:NEXT:PRINT
100 GOSUB 715:FOR I=1 TO 5
105 FORP=1 TO 300:NEXT:GOSUB 965:FORP=1 TO 700:NEXT:GOSUB 970:NEXT
110 FOR I=0 TO 23:PRINT$:DL$:NEXT:PRINT
115 A1=1
120 GOSUB160:FORP=1 TO 5000:NEXT:FOR I=0 TO 10:PRINT$:DL$:NEXT:PRINT
125 GOSUB975
130 GOSUB160:FORP=1 TO 400:NEXT:GOSUB1595
135 FORP=1 TO 5000:NEXT
140 PRINT$ "(" :GOSUB430:FORP=1 TO 20:GOSUB 640:GOSUB 685:NEXT
145 GOTO40
150 END
155 FORJ=1 TO 10:PRINT$:PRINTDL$:NEXT:PRINT
160 GOSUB315
165 IFA1=1 THEN GOSUB240:GOSUB 275:RETURN
170 FORP=0 TO 1000:NEXT
175 PRINT$:CHR$(37):CHR$(103):":":
180 FORP=0 TO 2000:NEXT
185 PRINT$:CHR$(37):CHR$(102):F$^":":
190 FORP=0 TO 2000:NEXT
195 FOR I=1 TO 4
200 ONIGOSUB240,255,265,275
205 FOR P=0 TO 500:NEXTP
210 NEXTI
215 GOSUB290
220 FOR P=0 TO 200:NEXT
225 GOSUB240:FOR P=0 TO 500:NEXT
230 A=A+1:IF A<7 THEN 215
235 RETURN
470 PRINTY$*CHR$(64) " "Q$*P$Y$*E "Q$*P$";
475 PRINTY$*J "Q$*P$*X "Q$*P$Y$*S "Q$*P$*";
480 PRINTY$*X "Q$*P$Y$*\ "Q$*P$Y$*";
485 PRINTQ$*G$*Y$*% "F$Y$*%/" "P$ "Q$C$*";
490 PRINTC$ "P$ "Q$C$*:"C$ "P$ "Q$C$*";
495 PRINTY$*% "CHR$(64) " PPP "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
500 PRINTY$% "Q$*P$Y$*\ "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
505 PRINTY$*% "Q$C$*:"C$ "P$ "Q$C$*";
510 PRINTC$ "P$ "Q$C$*:"P$Y$*% "CHR$(64) " PPP "Q$*P$";
515 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*\ "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
520 PRINT$ PPP "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
525 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
530 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
535 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$";
540 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
545 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
550 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
555 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
560 PRINT "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
565 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
570 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
575 PRINTY$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";
580 PRINTQ$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*% "Q$*P$Y$*%";

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815 PRINT#2;"P";
820 PRINT#2;"P";
825 PRINT#2;"P";
830 PRINT#2;"P";
835 PRINT#2;"P";
840 PRINT#2;"P";
845 PRINT#2;"P";
850 PRINT#2;"P";
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875 PRINT#2;"P";
880 PRINT#2;"P";
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890 PRINT#2;"P";
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960 PRINT#2;"P";
965 PRINT#2;"P";
970 PRINT#2;"P";
975 X=30;Z=30;K1="K";
980 FOR CY=1 TO 10
985 FOR I=1 TO 5:IFCY>3 THEN Y=I+2:IFCY>5 THEN Z=Z+2
990 IF CY=1 THEN PRINT#2;"P";
995 IF CY=3 THEN PRINT#2;"P";
1000 IF CY=5 THEN PRINT#2;"P";
1005 IF CY>5 AND Z<110 THEN PRINT#2;"P";
1010 IF CY>3 AND Y<110 THEN I=1015 ELSE I=1020
1015 PRINT#2;"P";
1020 IF X<110 THEN PRINT#2;"P";
1025 IF Y=1 THEN FOR P=0 TO 250:PRINT#2;"P";
1030 NEXT
1035 NEXT
1040 RETURN
1275 PRINT#2;"P";
1280 PRINT#2;"P";
1285 PRINT#2;"P";
1290 PRINT#2;"P";
1295 PRINT#2;"P";
1300 PRINT#2;"P";
1305 PRINT#2;"P";
1310 PRINT#2;"P";
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