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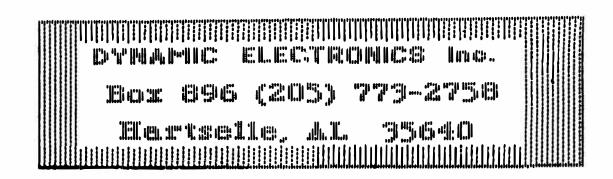
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- 1 REM COPYRIGHT (C) T&D SOFTWARE 1987 job costing
- 2 PMODE0:GOTO60000
- 50 IFPEEK(116)=&H7F THEN CLEAR80 00:MM=400:MJ=100 ELSECLEAR150 0:MM=50:MJ=20
- 52 DIM MN\$(MM), MD\$(MM), MU\$(MM), M C(MM)
- 54 DIM JN\$(MJ), JD\$(MJ), JU\$(MJ), J C(MJ)
- 55 DIM EQ(14), EC\$(14), ET(14)
- 56 IFPEEK(&HC000)=68 THEN DN=1 E LSEDN=-1
- 57 F1\$="% % ### ###.## \$### #.##"
- 58 F2\$="% % % % % % %

% #### % % ### #.## \$####.##" 60 CLS:PRINT:PRINT"
costing":PRINT

62 PRINT" THIS BUSINESS PROGRAM
WILL ALLOW YOU TO ENTER
MATERIAL DESCRIPTIONS, CO
DE NUMBERS, AND COSTS INT
O THE COMPUTER. YOU CAN AL
SO ENTER JOB CODE NUMBERS
, JOB DESCRIPTIONS, AND
JOB COSTS INTO THE C
OMPUTER.

job

- 64 PRINT" ALL OF THIS DATA MAY B E SAVED, LOADED, EDITED, AND PRINTED ON THE PRINTER."
- 65 GOSUB9000:CLS:PRINT@96
- 66 PRINT" AFTER ENTERING THE MAT ERIALS AND JOB DATA, YOU C AN HAVE THE COMPUTER QUICKLY TOTAL UP AN ESTIMATE. ALL YOU HAVE TO TELL THE C OMPUTER IS THE JOB OR MATE RIAL CODE NUMBER, AND THE QUANTITY. ":GOSUB9000
- 67 CLS:PRINT@128," YOU MAY PUT UP TO 13 LINES ON EACH ESTIM ATE. WHEN YOU ARE DONE ENTERING THE JOBS AND MATE RIALS, PRESS 'P' AND THE COMPLETE ESTIMATE WILL BE

PRINTED ON YOUR PRINTER IN EXPANDED FORM."

68 GOSUB9000

100 CLS:PRINT" time & mat erials job

costing

102 PRINT" menu

104 PRINT

106 PRINT" I/O DEVICE = "
;:IF DN=1 THEN PRINT"disk" EL
SE PRINT"tape"

108 PRINT

110 PRINT" C. CHANGE I/O DEV
ICE L. LOAD DATA F
ILE S. SAVE DAT
A FILE M. EDIT
MATERIALS J. ED

```
E. 220 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="R" THEN100
   IT JOB CODES
                                        222 IF K$="A" THEN 230
    ESTIMATE JOB COSTS
                                        224 IF K$="V" THEN 240
    Q. QUIT
                                       226 IF K$="P" THEN 280
112 PRINT
114 PRINT" your choice? 229 GOTO 220
120 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="M" THEN200 230 PF$="MATERIAL":IF NM=MM THEN
121 IF K$="C" THEN 130
                               232 NQ=NM+1:CLS:PRINT@64
234 PRINT" THIS IS MATERIAL EN
TRY #";NQ
236 PRINT
122 IFK$="J" THEN 300
123 IF K$="L" THEN 140
124 IFK$="E" THEN 400
125 IF K$="S" THEN 170
126 IF K$="Q" THEN 990
                                      238 GOSUB 1000:NM=NM+1:MN$(NM)=C
129 GOTO 120
                                           D$: MD$ (NM) = DS$: MU$ (NM) = UN$: MC
130 IFDN=1 THEN DN=-1 ELSEDN=1
                                           (NM)=CS:GOSUB2000:IFK$="Y" TH
                                           EN 232
131 GOTO100
140 GOSUB10000:IFF$="" THEN100 239 GOTO 200
142 OPEN"I", #DN, F$: INPUT#DN, NM
                                       240 IF NM=0 THEN 220
144 IF NM=0 THEN 150
                                       241 PT=1
242 CLS:CD$=MN$(PT):DS$=MD$(PT)
243 UN$=MU$(PT):CS=MC(PT)
244 PF$="MATERIAL":GOSUB 3000:GO
148 LINE INPUT#DN,MU$(I):INPUT#D
N,MC(I)
149 NEVT T
                                       246 IF K$="D" THEN 255
149 NEXT I
                                       247 IF K$="E" THEN 260
150 INPUT#DN', NJ
                                     248 IF K$="M" THEN 200
152 IF NJ=0 THEN 169
                                      250 IF PT=NM THEN 242
154 FOR I=1 TO NJ
                                   251 PT=PT+1:GOTO242
255 IF PT=1 THEN 242
256 PT=PT-1:GOTO242
156 LINE INPUT#DN, JN$(I)
157 LINE INPUT#DN, JD$(I)
158 LINE INPUT#DN, JU$(I)
                                      260 GOSUB 4000
159 INPUT#DN, JC(I)
                                      265 MN$(PT)=CD$:MD$(PT)=DS$
168 NEXT I
                                      270 MU$(PT)=UN$:MC(PT)=CS
169 CLOSE:GOTO100
170 GOSUB10000:IFF$="" THEN100 271 GOTO 242
172 OPEN"O", #DN,F$:PRINT#DN,NM 280 IF NM=0 THEN 220
174 IF NM=0 THEN 180
                                       281 PD=-2:GOSUB 7000:GOSUB8000
                                      282 FOR I=1 TO NM:CD$=MN$(I):DS$
175 FOR I=1 TO NM
176 PRINT#DN, MN$(I)
                                           =MD$(I):UN$=MU$(I):CS=MC(I):G
177 PRINT#DN, MD$(I)
                                           OSUB 5000: NEXT
178 PRINT#DN, MU$(I):PRINT#DN, MC( 289 GOTO 200
   I)
                                       300 CLS:PRINT@64
179 NEXT I
                                       302 PRINT"
                                                             jobs menu
180 PRINT#DN,NJ
                                       304 PRINT
                                      306 PRINT" # OF ENTRIES = ";
182 IF NJ=0 THEN 199
184 FOR I=1 TO NJ
                                           NJ
                                  308 PRINT
186 PRINT#DN, JN$(I)
                                      310 PRINT"
187 PRINT#DN, JD$(I)
                                                       A. ADD A JOB TYPE
188 PRINT#DN, JU$(I)
                                                          V. VIEW/EDIT J
                                          OBS
189 PRINT#DN, JC(I)
                                                              P. PRINT LI
198 NEXT I
                                           ST
                                                                  R. RETUR
                                           N TO MAIN MENU
199 CLOSE:GOTO100
200 CLS:PRINT@64
                                       320 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="R" THEN100
                                       322 IF K$="A" THEN 330
202 PRINT"
                  materials menu
                                       324 IF K$="V" THEN 340
                                       326 IF K$="P" THEN 380
204 PRINT
206 PRINT"
               # OF ENTRIES = ";
                                       329 GOTO 320
                                       330 PF$="JOB":IF NJ=MJ THEN 320
   NM
                                       332 NQ=NJ+1:CLS:PRINT@64
208 PRINT
210 PRINT"
               A. ADD A MATERIAL
                                       334 PRINT" THIS IS JOB ENTRY #
                   V. VIEW/EDIT M
                                          " ; NQ
   ATERIALS
                      P. PRINT LI
                                       336 PRINT
                          R. RETUR
   ST
                                       338 GOSUB 1000:NJ=NJ+1:JN$(NJ)=C
   N TO MAIN MENU"
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D\$:JD\$(NJ)=DS\$:JU\$(NJ)=UN\$:JC

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(NJ)=CS:GOSUB2000:IFK$="Y" TH
   EN332
339 GOTO 300
340 IF NJ=0 THEN 320
341 PT=1
342 CLS:CD$=JN$(PT):DS$=JD$(PT)
343 UN$=JU$(PT):CS=JC(PT)
344 PF$="JOB":GOSUB 3000:GOSUB 3
   080
345 IF K$="U" THEN 350
346 IF K$="D" THEN 355
347 IF K$="E" THEN 360
348 IF K$="M" THEN 300
350 IF PT=NJ THEN 342
351 PT=PT+1:GOTO342
355 IF PT=1 THEN 342
356 PT=PT-1:GOTO342
360 GOSUB 4000
365 JN$(PT)=CD$:JD$(PT)=DS$
370 JU$(PT)=UN$:JC(PT)=CS
371 GOTO 342
380 IF NJ=0 THEN 320
381 PD=-2:GOSUB7500:GOSUB8000
382 FORI=1 TO NM:CD$=JN$(I):DS$=
   JD$(I):UN$=JU$(I):CS=MC(I):GO
   SUB 5000:NEXT
389 GOTO 300
400 TL=0:NE=0
402 CLS:PRINT"
                 time & material
   s estimate":PRINT
410 PRINT@488, USING"TOTAL $#####
   .##";TL;:PRINT@448," <J>OB,
   <M>ATERIAL, <P>RINT";
412 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="M" THEN420
414 IF K$="J" THEN 440
416 IF K$="P" THEN 500
419 GOTO 412
420 NQ=NE+1:PP=NQ*32
421 IF NQ=14 THEN412
422 PRINT@448,STRING$(31,32);:PR
   INT@448, "ENTER MATERIAL CODE:
    ";:LINE INPUT L$:PRINT@448,S
   TRING$(31,32);
423 IF L$="" THEN 410
424 PRINT@448, "ENTER QUANTITY: "
   ;:LINE INPUT Q$
425 NE=NE+1:EC$(NE)=L$
426 EQ(NE)=VAL(Q\$):ET(NE)=0
430 EC$=EC$(NE):GOSUB 6000
432 IF F=0 THEN NE=NE-1:GOTO410
433 PRINT@PP, USING F1$; MN$(F); EQ
   (NE); MC(F); EQ(NE)*MC(F)
434 TL=TL+EQ(NE)*MC(F)
439 GOTO410
440 NQ=NE+1:PP=NQ*32
441 IF NQ=14 THEN412
442 PRINT@448,STRING$(31,32);:PR
   INT@448, "ENTER JOB CODE: ";:L
   INE INPUT L$:PRINT@448,STRING
   $(31,32);
443 IF L$="" THEN 410
444 PRINT@448, "ENTER QUANTITY: "
   ;:LINE INPUT Q$
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3040 PRINT"
                                                     DESCRIPTION
                                           S$
446 EQ(NE)=VAL(Q$):ET(NE)=1
                                        3050 PRINT"
                                                     UNIT
                                                                    : ";U
450 EC$=EC$(NE):GOSUB 6500
                                           N$
452 IF F=0 THEN NE=NE-1:GOTO 410
                                        3060 PRINT" COST PER UNIT : ";:
453 PRINT@PP, USING F1$; JN$(F); EQ
                                           PRINT USING"$ ####.##":CS
   (NE); JC(F); EQ(NE)*JC(F)
                                        3070 PRINT
454 \text{ TL=TL+EQ(NE)*JC(F)}
459 GOTO 410
                                       3075 PRINT
500 TL=0:IF NE=0 THEN 100
                                       3079 RETURN
510 PD=~2
                                        3080 PRINT"
                                                     <u>>P/<D>OWN/<E>DIT
520 PRINT#PD:PRINT#PD,"
                                           /<M>ENU"
                                        3090 K$=INKEY$:IFK$<>"U" AND K$<
                 TIME & MATERIALS
                                           >"D" AND K$<>"E" AND K$<>"M"
    ESTIMATE"
530 PRINT#PD
                                           THEN 3090
532 PRINT#PD,"
                   CODE NO.
                                        3099 RETURN
                                        4000 PRINT@384,STRING$(31,32);
   DESCRIPTION
                      QTY.
                             UNIT
                  TOTAL"
                                        4010 PRINT@384,"
                                                          PRESS 1-4 TO
     COST/UNIT
                                           EDIT. <Q>UIT"
533 PRINT#PD,"
                                        4020 FORI=1TO4:PRINT@160+I*32,US
                                           ING"#"; I; : NEXT
                                        4030 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="Q" THEN4090
540 FOR II=1 TO NE
550 EC$=EC$(II):T=ET(II)
                                        4035 K=VAL(K$):IFK<1 OR K>4 THEN
560 IF T=0 THEN GOSUB6000 ELSE G
                                        4040 PRINT@160+K*32+18,"";:LINE
   OSUB 6500
                                           INPUT L$
565 IF F=0 THEN 590
                                        4045 ON K GOTO 4046,4047,4048,40
570 IF T=0 THEN TQ=MC(F)*EQ(II):
   PRINT#PD, USING F2$; "MAT"; MN$(
                                           49
                                        4046 CD$=L$:GOTO 4050
   F); MD$(F); EQ(II); MU$(F); MC(F)
                                       4047 DS$=L$:GOTO 4050
   ;TQ ELSE TQ=JC(F)*EQ(II):PRIN
   T#PD, USING F2$; "JOB"; JN$(F); J
                                        4048 UN$=L$:GOTO 4050
                                       4049 CS=VAL(L$):GOTO 4050
   D$(F); EQ(II); JU$(F); JC(F); TQ
                                        4050 CLS:GOSUB3000:GOTO4000
580 TL=TL+TQ
                                       4090 RETURN
590 NEXT II
                                        5000 PRINT#PD, USING"%
595 PRINT#PD
                                                                % %
597 PRINT#PD,"
                                           %
                                               $#### . ##"; CD$; DS$; UN$; CS
                                        5099 RETURN
         TOTAL ";:PRINT#PD,USING
   "$#####. ##"; TL
                                        6000 F=0:IF NM=0 THEN RETURN
                                        6010 FOR I=1 TO NM
599 PRINT#PD:GOTO 100
                                        6020 IF MN$(I)=EC$ THEN F=I:I=10
990 CLS:PRINT@230, "ok to quit? y
                                           00
                                        6099 NEXT:RETURN
991 K$=INKEY$:IFK$="N" THEN 100
992 IFK$<>"Y" THEN 991
                                        6500 F=0:IF NJ=0 THEN RETURN
                                        6510 FOR I=1 TO NJ
                                        6520 IF JN$(I)=EC$ THEN F=I:I=10
1000 PRINTPF$;:LINE INPUT " CODE
   ";CD$:PRINTPF$;:LINE INPUT
   " DESCRIPTION: "; DS$
                                        6599 NEXT:RETURN
                                        7000 PRINT#PD:PRINT#PD,"
1010 PRINTPF$;:LINE INPUT " UNIT
                                                    MATERIALS LIST": PRIN
   ";UN$:PRINTPF$;:LINE INPUT
                                           T#PD:RETURN
   " COST PER UNIT: ";Q$:CS=VAL(
                                        7500 PRINT#PD:PRINT#PD,"
                                                       JOBS LIST": PRINT#
1099 RETURN
                                           PD: RETURN
2000 PRINT
                                        8000 PRINT#PD," CODE
                                                                      DES
2010 PRINT"
                 enter another?
                                                               UNIT
                                           CRIPTION
                                                                        C
    y/n"
                                           OST/UNIT"
2020 K$=INKEY$:IFK$<>"Y" AND K$<
   >"N" THEN 2020
                                        8099 RETURN
                                        9000 PRINT@484,"press [enter] to
2099 RETURN
                                            continue";
3000 PRINT@32
                      ";PF$;" #"P
                                        9010 IFINKEY$ <> CHR$ (13) THEN 901
3010 PRINT "
                                           O ELSE RETURN
   T:PRINT:PRINT
                                        10000 CLS:PRINT@232,"filename: "
3020 PRINT
                            : ";C
                                           ;:LINE INPUT F$:RETURN
3030 PRINT"
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60000 PCLEAR1:GOTO 50

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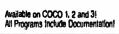
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ML Programming by John Galus

Part 15

Floating Point Math

We can use the math routines contained in the Color Computers Basic ROM in our Assembly language program and in this part of the series I will show how this is done. Basic math operations are all performed in what is called a Floating Point format. Before any number is placed into a a Basic variable or mathematically worked on, it is placed into a FP format. FP formatted number is a five byte number consisting of a one byte Exponent or magnitude of the number and four bytes called the mantissa that represent the number itself. A FP number is something like the Scientific notation that we use except the numbers are in binary (1 or 0) and not decimal. For example the number 10 to the second power equals 10*10 or 100 while, the value 2 to the second power is 2*2 or 4. The most significant bit of the most significant byte of the mantissa holds the sign of the FP number. If this bit is on (it is one) then number is negative, if not the number is positive or zero. Exponent has \$80 added to it. For example the number +2 represented in FP notation as follows:

\$82 00 00 00 00

While the number -2 would look like this:

Here is a short Basic program that will allow you to examine FP numbers held in Basic variables.

- 10 CLS
- 20 INPUT"NUMBER ";N
- 30 PRINT"FP NUMBER IS :"
- 40 I=VARPTR(N)
- 50 FOR X=I TO I+4
- 60 PRINTHEX\$(PEEK(I));" ";:NEXT
- 70 GOTO20

All numbers before they are worked on are placed in a zero page area known as the FP Accumulators. These FP accumulators are used when Basic performs one of its math functions. As you know the Color computer can perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It performs these functions at the follow addresses in the Basic ROM:

ADDITION: \$B9C2 SUBTRACTION: \$B9B9 MULTIPLY: \$BACA DIVISION: \$BB8F

performs an operation by Basic pointing the "X" index register to one of the numbers it wants to work with and performs the operation with the other number held in the FP accumulator. use this method the numbers we work with must be in FP You can use the Basic tion. listing above to get the FP value of a number needed. is an example in which we

radians into degrees:

DEG=2 RAD=57.29577951

LDX #RAD ; POINT TO RAD JSR \$BC14 ; BUT IN FPAC1 LDX #NUM ; POINT TO NUM JSR \$BACA : MULTIPLY LDX #NUM ; POINT TO VAR
JSR \$BC35 ; SAVE NEW NUM
JSR \$BDD9 ; CHANGE TO STR\$ JSR \$B516 ;TO STR\$ STACK JSR \$B99F :PRINT IT JSR \$B958 ;PRINT A <CR> SWI RAD FDB \$8665 ; FP NUMBER RAD FDB \$2EE0 FCB \$D5 NUM FDB \$8200 ; NUMBER TWO

FDB 0 FDB 0 END

Notice that after the calculation I place the result back into the area reserved for the into the area reserved for the FP number using the ROM subroutine located at \$BC35. The answer to any math operation is always left in the FP accumulator. You could use this fact to perform any number of math operations one after another. It is not always convienient to convert numbers to FP notation

BY X REGISTER INTO FPAC1

B4F4 - PLACES VALUE IN D

REGISTER INTO FPAC1

BBCC - GETS VALUE IN FPAC1 AND PLACES IT INTO D REGISTER

BDCC - PRINTS VALUE IN D

REGISTER (ALL REGISTERS VALUES DESTROYED)

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TO ASCII and work on them in that form,
we can use these math routines
with numbers held in the 6809's
registers but, here we will be
TO ASCII

BC2A - MOVE NUMBER INTO SCRATCH
MEMORY AT \$45

B516 - STORE NUMBER IN STRING
STACK FOR PRINT restricted to integer or whole numbers. Here we will do a simple divison using this method:

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LDD #150 JSR \$B4F4 ;D INTO FPAC1 JSR \$BC2A ; PUT IN SCRATCH LDD #10 JSR \$B4F4 LDX #\$0045 ; POINT - SCRATCH JSR \$BB8F ; DIVIDE JSR \$B3ED ;GET # INTO D JSR \$BDCC ; PRINT # IN D JSR \$B958 ;PRINT (CR) SWI END

convert a number expressed in radians into degrees.

Here is an example of how we could use the Basic Input ROM routine to input numbers into a Assembly language program.

> JSR \$A390 ;LINE INPUT LDX #\$2DD ; POINT TO BUFFER
> STX \$A6 ; BASIC POINTER
> JSR \$B73D ; GET VALUE INTO X
> TFR X,D ; PUT IN D
> JSR \$BDCC ; PRINT IT
> JSR \$B958 SWI END

I will leave it up to you to use the above input routine to combine with the other routines to perform a math operation. As you can see from the listing we use a number of ROM subroutines to help us perform these operations. Below is a table that explains these ROM subroutine functions.

BC14 - PLACES VALUE POINTED TO BY X REGISTER INTO FPAC1

TO ASCII

STACK FOR PRINT

B99F - PRINT STRING

B73D - GET BASIC NUMBER INTO X REGISTER

A390 - LINE INPUT

BC35 - STORE NUMBER IN FPAC1 INTO FIVE BYTE MEMORY POSITION

B958 - PRINT A CARRIAGE RETURN

Look for more information on other ROM subroutines in future issues of the DYNAMIC COLOR NEWS.

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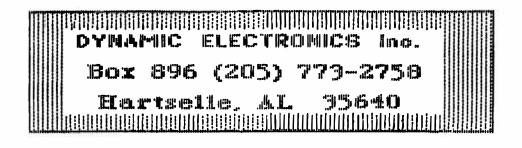
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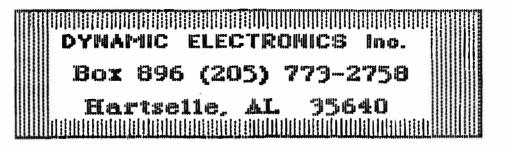
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Sorting Disk Files

In this series we have been showing how to write basic pro-There is much interest in programs for 256K and larger The Banker, Thunder memories. and Disto Rams allowed the earlier computers to be upgraded to 256K and 512K. With 256K there enough memory to support one ramdisk and two ramdisks can be obtained with 512K of memory. ramdisk works just like a disk drive except it is about 20 times faster. You can store and quickly load programs with ramdisk. The color computer 3 can easily be upgraded to 512K.

Unfortunately the newer color computer 2 uses 4464 chips not accept the Banker ram. will However the Disto ram is in a in cartridge and can be used with any color computer with multi-pak interface. This is what we use with our color computer 2. Our color computer 3 has 512K of ram which can be used as two ramdisks.

To be consistent with all computers, the extra memory be used for storing files. in February we presented an dress file program and had plans to expand it so that we could store files in a ramdisk disk. This month we have worked out the bugs and have a program that will allow 10 files to stored in a ramdisk. Each file contains 100 names. The program automaticaly loads the files one at a time and sorts them. files are created on the disk during the procedure. The program works with a disk drive or ramdisk. So if you need a large file, then the program address we presented in February can used to create the files, and the program this month will sort and chain print all of them.

Disk File Sort Program

This program requires machine language subroutines. These are contained in data statements and use memory from 510 to 570. The data is placed into memory by line 70. When the program is run a menu appears as follows:

- 1 SORT FILES
- 2 PRINT FILES
- 3 INSTRUCTIONS
- 4 COLOR COMPUTER 2

For the color computer 3 select 4 and the menu will again be printed with COLOR COMPUTER 3 for the fourth selection. This stores a value in memory 499 which is used to switch to the high speed mode when files are sorted.

When 3 is selected from the menu, instructions are printed on the screen. These explain the format for the files. Files should be on the disk or ramdisk as X0, X1, X2, up to X9. Options 1 and 2 are used for sorting or printing the files.

Line 170 gives the branch locations for the menu options. Sorting starts at line 470. After selecting the item which to sort, the files are compressed by the subroutine line 820. starting at compression process, files less than 100 names are combined with other files. The resulting files will all contain 100 names except the last one.

The sorting takes place from 560 to 800. We put print commands in the program to show what is happening. Notice the two FOR-NEXT loops starting at 570 and 590. We compare X0 with each of the other files and end up with X0 containing the smallest values in ascending order.

Next we compare X1 with the remaining files and generate a new X1. This continues until all files are sorted.

Each file contains 100 We combine 2 files and sort the combination. The lower file will contain the lowest order names. We exchange the files and save the lower file. We then load another file, exchange them, and sort both. Again exchange files and save the lower with the upper containing the smallest ordered This procedure continues until the last file is sorted.

Subroutines are as follows:

- 1160 Exchange files
- 1210 Move file to lower memory
- 1260 Move file to upper memory
- 1300 Sort both files (high using high speed mode)

The lower file occupies memory from 9999 to 19999 and the value in 9999 is the number for the number of files. The upper file occupies memory from 20000 to 29999 and the value in 9998 is the number of upper files.

The print routine is designed to print the files on address labels. This starts in line 200. After entering the print paramenters, the files are chain loaded and printed. Some addresses take 3 lines and some take 4 lines. The program allows for this and adds line feeds as required so that each address requires 6 lines which is standard for address labels.

- 10 'THIS IS SORT 7-16
- 20 CLS
- 30 POKE14*256,0:IF PEEK(25)<>14 THEN POKE25,14:RUN"SORTA
- 40 PRINT"aDDRESS fILE SORT pROGR AM
- 50 PRINT"cOPYRIGHT (c) 1987
- 60 PRINT"dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS INC
- 70 FOR XA=510 TO 570:READ A:POKE XA,A:NEXT XA 'LOAD ML SUBROU TINE
- 80 NF=PEEK(9999)
- 90 CLS:PRINT"1 SORT FILES
- 100 PRINT"2 PRINT FILES

- 110 PRINT"3 INSTRUCTIONS
- 120 X=PEEK(499):IF X=2 THEN X\$=" 3" ELSE X\$="2
- 130 PRINT"4 COLOR COMPUTER "X\$
- 140 PRINT"PRESS NUMBER
- 150 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$=""THEN 150
- 160 Z=VAL(Z\$)
- 170 ON Z GOTO470,200,1530,180
- 180 X=X+2:IF X>3 THEN X=0
- 190 POKE 499, X:GOTO80
- 200 PRINT"THIS PRINTS THE FILES ON 6 LINES FOR LABELS
- 210 INPUT"ENTER 1 FOR DIRECTORY" ;D:IF D=1 THEN DIR
- 220 INPUT"NUMBER OF FILES"; W
- 230 FOR Q=0 TO W-1:Q\$=RIGHT\$(STR \$(Q),1):Q\$="X"+Q\$:LOADM Q\$:PR INT"LOADING "Q\$
- 240 CLS:F=PEEK(9999):PRINT"THERE ARE "F "FILES IN "Q\$
- 250
- 260 FOR R=0 TO F-1 'BEGINNING OF PRINT LOOP
- 270 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
- 280 PP=0:M=10000+100*R:PRINT"THI S IF FILE #"R:X=45:J=0:W=1
- 290 CR=0:FOR PQ=M TO M+44:A=PEEK (PQ):IF A=13 THEN CR=CR+1
- 300 NEXT PQ:GOSUB 410:PRINT#-2,"
- 310 X=15:FORJ=3TO4:W=J+1:GOSUB 4 10
- 320 IF J=3 THEN PRINT#-2,", ";:G
 OTO350
- 330 IF J=4 THEN PRINT#-2," ";:GO TO350
- 340 PRINT#-2," "
- 350 NEXT J
- 360 X=10:M=M+75:J=0:W=6:GOSUB 41 0:PRINT#-2," "
- 370 J=0:W=7:M=M+10:IF TN>OTHENGO SUB 410
- 380 PRINT#-2, CHR\$(13): IF CR=1 TH EN PRINT#-2," "
- 390 NEXT R:NEXTQ
- 400 PRINT"LAST FILE IS PRINTED": END
- 410 PRINTW;:FOR K=0 TO X-1:AX=M+ X*J+K
- 420 A=PEEK(AX):B=PEEK(AX+1):IF A =32 AND B=32 THEN 450
- 430 A\$=CHR\$(A):PRINTA\$;:PRINT#-2, A\$;
- 440 NEXT K
- 450 PRINT: RETURN
- 460 '
- 470 PRINT"THIS SORTS THE FILES":
 PRINT"N NAME SORT":PRINT"T TE
 LEPHONE SORT":PRINT"Z ZIP COD
 E SORT":PRINT"PRESS M FOR MEN

480 S\$=INKEY\$:IF S\$="" THEN 480 490 S=10000 500 IF S\$="N" THEN OS=0:N\$="NAME 510 IF S\$="T" THEN OS=85:N\$="TEL **EPHONE NUMBERS** 520 IF S\$="Z" THEN OS=60:N\$="ZIP CODES 530 PRINT"SORTING ON "Ns:DIR 540 INPUT"ENTER THE NUMBER OF TH E FILES ON THE DISK"; LF 550 GOSUB 820 'COMPRESS DISK FIL ES 560 FOR QQ=0 TO W 570 LOADM J\$(QQ): GOSUB1260 'PUT IN UPPER MEM 580 'J1\$ IN UPPER MEMORY 590 FOR K=QQ+1 TO W 600 PRINTJ\$(QQ), J\$(K) 610 LOADM J\$(K): GOSUB 1160 'EXC HANGE FILES 620 PRINT"EXCHANGING FILES 630 ' 640 PRINT"SORTING BOTH FILE 650 A=PEEK(9999):B=PEEK(9998):NF =A+B:GOSUB 1300 660 ' 670 PRINT"BREAKING INTO 2 F ILES 680 A=PEEK(9999):B=PEEK(9998): BREAK INTO 2 FILES 690 PRINT"THERE ARE"A" LOWE R FILES AND "B" UPPER FILES 700 PRINT"EXCHANGING FILES 710 GOSUB 1160 'EXCHANGE FILES 720 POKE 9999, B: POKE9998, A 730 EN=10000+100*B-1:BE=9999 740 PRINT"BE="BE" EN="EN" T HERE ARE "B" FILES. NAME OF F ILE IS "J\$(K) 750 SAVEM J\$(K), BE, EN, BE: PRINT"S AVING "J\$(K) 760 NEXT K 770 EN=9999+100*PEEK(9999):BE=99 99:SAVEM J\$(QQ), BE, EN, BE:PRIN T"SAVING "J\$(QQ) 780 NEXT QQ 790 PRINT"SORTING IS COMPLETED 800 END 810 ' 820 PRINT"THIS CHECKS AND COMPRE SS THE FILES 830 POKE 9998,0:W=0:FOR J=0 TO L 840 'ESTABLISH NAMES OF DISK FIL ES 850 J\$=RIGHT\$(STR\$(J),1):J\$(J)=" X"+J\$:PRINTJ;J\$(J)" 5310":NEX TJ

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1230 XX=29999:GOSUB 1520:POKE502
870 LOADM J$(J):A=PEEK(9999):PRI
                                             , MS: POKE503, LS: XX=10000
   NT"5312 THERE ARE "A"LOWER FI
                                          1240 GOSUB1520: POKE504, MS: POKE50
   LES
                                             5, LS: EXEC531: POKE9999, NF: POKE
880 PRINT"LOADING "J$(J)
                                             9998,0:RETURN
890 IF A=0 THEN 870
                                          1250 '
900 A=PEEK(9999):B=PEEK(9998)
910 PRINT"THERE ARE "B "UPP
                                          1260 'MOVE FILE TO UPPER MEMORY
                                          1270 NF=PEEK(9999):XX=10000:GOSU
   ER AND "A" LOWER FILES
                                             B 1520: POKE500, MS: POKE501, LS:
920 P$=J$(J)+"/BIN":KILL P$:PRIN
                                             XX=19999:GOSUB 1520:POKE502,M
   T"KILLING" P$
                                             S: POKE503, LS: XX=20000: GOSUB15
930 IF A=100 THEN 1010
940 PRINT"THERE ARE "A" LOWER
                                             20: POKE504, MS: POKE505, LS
   FILES AND "B" UPPER FILES
                                          1280 EXEC 531:A=PEEK(9999):POKE
                                             9998, A: POKE9999, 0: RETURN
950 PRINT"COMBINE FILES
960 GOSUB 1080
                                          1290 '
                                          1300 'SORT ROUTINE
970 A=PEEK(9999): IF A=100 THEN 1
                                          1310 POKE 65495+PEEK(499),0:PRIN
   010
                                             T"HIGH SPEED
980 PRINT" < 100 COMBINED FILES
                                          1320 X=NF-1:Y=X
990 PRINT"MOVING FILE TO UPPER M
                                         1330 Y=INT(Y/2):V=X-Y:CC=0:B1=1
                                          1340 AA=0:B1=1
1000 GOSUB 1270:GOTO 1030
                                         1350 FOR J=CC TO V:P=10000+100*J
1010 BE=9999:EN=9999+100*A:SAVEM
                                             +OS:Q=10000+100*(Y+J)+OS
    J$(W), BE, EN, BE
                                         1360 PRINTJ; J+Y
1020 PRINT"SAVING "J$(W):W=W+1
                                         1370 FOR L=0 TO 8
1030 NEXT J
                                         1380 M1=P+L:M2=Q+L:A=PEEK(M1):B=
1040 GO SUB 1220:LF=W 'MOVE UPPE
                                             PEEK (M2)
   R TO LOWER
                                         1390 IF A & B THEN GOTO 1430
1050 A=PEEK(9999):BE=9999:EN=999
                                         1400 IF A=B THEN 1420
   9+100*A:SAVEM J$(W),BE,EN,BE:
                                         1410 GO SUB 1470:AA=AA+1:GOTO 14
   PRINT"THERE ARE "A" FILES IN
                                             30
   "J$(W): RETURN
                                         1420 NEXT L
1060 '
1070 'COMPRESS FILES
                                         1430 NEXT J:IF AA>0 THEN GOTO 13
                                            40
1080 A=PEEK(9999): IF A=100 THEN
                                         1440 IF Y>1 THEN 1330
   RETURN
                                         1450 PRINT"DISABLING HIGH SPEED"
1090 XX=20000:GOSUB1520:POKE500,
                                             :POKE65494+PEEK(499),0
   MS:POKE501,LS:B=PEEK(9998):XX
   =20000+100*B:GOSUB1520
                                         1460 RETURN
                                         1470 PRINT"EX "J" AND "(J+Y)
1100 POKE502, MS: POKE503, LS: XX=10
                                         1480 IF B1=1 THEN CC=J:B1=0
   000+100*A:GOSUB1520:POKE504,M
                                         1490 P1=P-OS:Q1=Q-OS
   S: POKE505, LS: EXEC531: C=A+B: D=
                                         1500 XX=P1:GOSUB 1520:POKE500,MS
   C-100
                                            :POKE501, LS:XX=P1+99:GOSUB 15
1110 IF D<=0 THEN POKE 9998,0:PO
                                            20:POKE 502,MS:POKE503,LS:XX=
   KE 9999, C: GOTO1130
                                            Q1:GOSUB 1520:POKE 504,MS:POK
1120 POKE 9998, D: POKE 9999, 100
                                            E505, LS
1130 PRINT"THERE ARE"(A+B)"FILES
                                         1510 EXEC 510: RETURN
    COMBINED": RETURN
                                         1520 MS=INT(XX/256):LS=XX-256*MS
1140 '
                                            : RETURN
1150 'EXCHANGE FILES
                                         1530 '
1160 XX=10000:GOSUB 1520:POKE500
                                         1540 CLS:PRINT"THESE ARE INSTRUC
   MS: POKE501, LS: XX=19999
                                            TIONS. FILES": PRINT" SHOULD BE
1170 GOSUB 1520: POKE502, MS: POKE5
                                             LABELLED X0,X1,...X9.
   03, LS: XX=20000: GOSUB 1520
                                         1550 PRINT"EITHER A DISK DRIVE O
1180 POKE 504, MS: POKE505, LS: A=PE
                                            R RAMDISK": PRINT"CAN BE USED.
   EK(9998):B=PEEK(9999)
                                              ONLY USE A BACKUP
1190 POKE9998, B: POKE9999, A: EXEC5
                                         1560 PRINT"COPY AS FILES ARE REW
   10: RETURN
                                            RITTEN ON":PRINT"THE DISK OR
1200 5
                                            RAMDISK. ALL FILES
1210 'MOVE FILE TO LOWER MEM
                                         1570 PRINT"CAN BE CHAIN LOADED A
1220 NF=PEEK (9998): XX=20000: GOSU
                                            ND PRINTED": PRINT"BY USING TH
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E PRINT OPTION.

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B1520: POKE500, MS: POKE501, LS

1580 PRINT"THIS PROGRAM IS CC-3 COMPATIBLE 1590 INPUT"PRESS ENTER FOR MENU" ; P: CLS: GOTO90 1600 END 1610 ' 1620 DATA190,1,244,16,190,1,248, 166, 132, 230, 164, 167, 160, 231, 1 1630 '

1640 DATA 188,1,246,35,243,57 1650 ' 1660 DATA 190,1,244,16,190,1,248 ,166,128,167,160,188,1,246,45 ,247,57,57,57 1670 'EXG DATA 1680 DATA 190,1,244,16,190,1,248 ,166,132,230,164,167,160,231, 128,188,1,246,45,236,57,

HAM RADIO & COMPUTERS Bill Chapple W46QC

Each month we look at software or hardware that can be used for ham radio applications. Last month we finished a Morse code terminal. There is quite a demand for software for color computers especially for radio.

The Radio Shack Color Computers can easily be adapted to various modes of operation for ham radio use. The cassette port inputs audio similar to the level obtained at the earphone jack of a transceiver. It also outputs audio that can be fed into the microphone jack of a transmitter. Our next hardware approach will be to use this for interfacing. previous efforts were directed toward using the printer port. This had the advantage that the interface would work with any computer that had an RS232 port.

Some of the software we have previously developed is useful jumping from one program to another. This software allows to be retained in memprograms ory. As we add more software may be of this interest. presented 2 methods of doing In our very first issue we presented the MULTIPROGRAM MANAGER. This allowed up to 5 programs to be stacked within a 32K memory bank. Later we developed a ramdisk which used the

second 32K bank in a 64K computer for storing programs. Either these will allow you to quickly jump from one program to another and both were developed and presented in Color News.

I want to thank each of you who have shown an interest this section. As stated last month I am going to adjust my schedule so that I will have more time for this section. I have stated before, the information we are presenting about color computers but directed toward ham radio applications. We have readers who are not hams and this is the reason I explain the ham terms as they are used.

As an example a radio log is a history of information regarding a radio contact. The program could be modified to provide a personel summary of em-We could just rearployees. range our titles and have a different application for the program.

While on the subject of satility, our RS232 interface port could be used for applications beside Morse As an example the precode. sence of a tone could keep a device turned on. The interface cicuit changes the tone to a 17 voltage which the computer

use to turn on the cassette relay which can control a device.

Also the information we are presenting could be applied to other computers. Last month we started handling IBM clones. They have RS-232 serial ports and our interface circuit could be used with them.

This month we have a log program. The program will work on a color computer 3. In fact all of our programs will work on the color computer 3 unless stated otherwise. A log contains information about stations con-With a log we would tacted. like to look back and see when or if we have contacted or worked a certain station. As an example suppose you hear a German station DL7FF sending CQ. use the log's search feature to find the station's call letters. If the station is in your log, information then about station will be displayed.

We would also like to load and save data to a cassette or disk. These options are included in the program. Also stations can be added to the log and all of the stations can be reviewed.

To make it easy items such as the date, your power, frequency band, and type emission may remain the same from one contact (QSO) to another. The computer asks for the name of the item to enter. If there is no change from the previous entry, then press the ENTER key and the previous values will be entered.

When the program is run the following menu appears:

- 1 ERASE ALL INFORMATION
- 2 SEARCH FOR A STATION
- 3 ADD A STATION
- 4 REVIEW LOG
- 5 LOAD OR SAVE LOG

To initilize the log select "1". When "2" is selected, you will be prompted for the call letters of the station for which you want to search. After pressing enter, the information about the station will be printed on the screen if it is in the log.

To add a station select "3" and enter the information as it is asked. Selecting "4" allows all stations in the log to be displayed one at a time. Press ENTER for the next station. When "5" is selected you will be presented another menu that allows loading and saving data to a cassette or disk. Just answer the questions as they are asked.

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- 2 PCLEAR1:CLS
- 4 FOR J=510 TO 528:READ A:POKEJ, A:NEXTJ 'ML SUB
- 6 DIM X\$(13),Y\$(13):FOR J=1 TO 1
 2:READ X\$(J):NEXT J 'LABELS F
 OR ITEMS
- 10 PRINT: PRINT" HAM RADIO LOG
- 20 PRINT"COPYRIGHT (c) 1987
- 30 PRINT"dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS iNC
- 40 PRINT
- 50 PRINT"1 ERASE ALL INFORMATION "'800
- 60 PRINT"2 SEARCH FOR A STATION"
 '2000
- 70 PRINT"3 ADD A STATION"'4000
- 75 PRINT"4 REVIEW LOG"'6000
- 77 PRINT"5 LOAD OR SAVE LOG"'800
- 80 X\$=INKEY\$:IF X\$=""THEN80 'WAI T FOR PRESSED KEY
- 90 X=VAL(X\$):ONX GOTO 800,2000,4 000,6000,8000
- 100 GOTO80
- 800 POKE 9998,39:POKE9999,16 'PU T ENDING VECTOR TO=10000
- 810 PRINT"INFORMATION IS ERASED" :GOTO40
- 1999'
- 2000 PRINT"THIS SEARCHES FOR A S TATION
- 2010 INPUT"ENTER STATION CALL";Y \$(1):V\$=Y\$(1):Q\$=LEFT\$(V\$,1): Q=ASC(Q\$):POKE500,Q
- 2020 L=LEN(V\$):M=10000:E=256*PEE K(9998)+PEEK(9999):POKE 9996, 39:POKE9997,16
- 2022 EXEC510:M=256*PEEK(9996)+PE EK(9997)-1:IFM (E THEN 2030
- 2023 IF M>=E THEN 2200
- 2024 M=M+2:MS=INT(M/256):LS=M-25 6*MS:POKE9996,MS:POKE9997,LS: GOTO2022
- 2030 V=M:GOSUB 2500:IF U=0 THEN 2024
- 2040 IF U=1 THEN M=V:CLS:GOSUB 6 020 'PRINT THE DATA

2050 PRINT:PRINT"1 FOR NEXT OCCU 2060 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$=""THEN2060 2070 Z=VAL(Z\$):IF Z=0 THEN GOTO 2080 M=M+L:GOTO2022 2200 PRINT"THIS IS THE END OF DA TA": INPUT"PRESS ENTER"; E: GOTO 2499 ' 2500 FOR J=1 TO L 'THIS CHECKS F OR A MATCH 2510 A\$=MID\$(V\$,J,1):A=ASC(A\$) 2520 B=PEEK(M): IF A <> B THEN 2550 2530 M=M+1:NEXT J 2540 U=1:RETURN 2550 U=0:RETURN 4000 PRINT: PRINT"THIS ADDS A STA TION TO THE LOG 4002 PRINT"ENTER NEW DATA OR PRE SS ENTER TO PRESERVE THE OLD 4003 M=256*PEEK(9998)+PEEK(9999) +1 'MARK BEG OF NEW DATA 4009 ' 4010 FOR J=1 TO 12 4020 PRINTX\$(J)": "Y\$(J) 4030 LINE INPUT P\$ 4040 IF P\$="" THEN 4055 4050 Y\$(J)=P\$4055 GOSUB 4410: POKE M,58: M=M+1 'SEPERATE ITEMS WITH A : 4060 NEXT J 4070 M=M-1:POKE M,0:MS=INT(M/256):LS=M-256*MS:POKE 9998,MS:PO KE 9999, LS: GOTO10 'ERASE : & PUT 0 FOR END 4399 4400 'THIS BREAKS STRINGS DOWN & STORES IN MEMORY 4410 L=LEN(Y\$(J))4420 FOR AA=1 TO L:A\$=MID\$(Y\$(J) , AA, 1): A=ASC(A\$) 4430 POKE M, A:M=M+1:NEXT AA:RETU RN 5999 6000 PRINT"THIS REVIEWS THE LOG 6010 M=10000: E=256*PEEK (9998)+PE EK (9999) 6015 FOR K=1 TO 13:Y\$(K)="":NEXT 6016 GOSUB 6020:GOTO6065 6020 PRINT:FOR J=1 TO 12:P\$="" 6025 IF M>=E THEN 6100 'CHECK FO R END OF DATA 6030 A=PEEK(M):A\$=CHR\$(A):IF A\$=

":" THEN 6050

6035 IF A=0 THEN 6050

Ham Hadlo Arograms

MORSE - This program allows a key to be pressed and then sounds the Morse equivalent. It also will send random characters. This is an excellent tool for developing code speed for the the Novice, Technician, or General class licenses.

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When used with an interface this converts your color computer into a Morse Terminal. To transmit just type the Morse Characters and the computer keys your transmitter. In the receive mode the computer decodes and displays the Morse Characters on the screen. Instructions are included for building an interface with off the shelf parts. HR-2 \$12.95

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Keep a record of your contacts. Just enter the information as it is requested. Items that are the same such as date, frequency, and type of emission need only be entered once and changed as needed. Save and load records to tape or disk. Add to the log and quickly find stations. HR-3 \$9.95

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Now your computer can give you the temperature in both Fahrenheit and Centigrade. Assembly plugs into a joystick port and consists of a thermistor on a 10' cable for the single unit and a second thermistor on a 20' flat cable for the dual unit. The dual unit can be used to measure inside and outside temperature. CC-THERM \$12.95, CC-THERM 2 \$19.95.

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A battery backup for all color computers. Leave programs in your computer and the Memory Saver will preserve them in case of a power failure. A real time saver for cassette systems. \$39.95

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6040 P\$=P\$+A\$:M=M+1:GOTO 6030 6050 Y\$(J) = P\$: PRINTX\$(J)": "Y\$(J)6060 M=M+1:NEXT J:RETURN 6065 PRINT"PRESS ENTER FOR MORE. E TO END"; 6070 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$="" THEN 607 6080 IF Z\$="E" THEN 10 6090 PRINT:GOTO 6016 6100 PRINT: PRINT"LAST ENTRY PRES S ENTER"; 6110 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$="" THEN 611 6120 GOTO10 7999' 8000 CLS:PRINT"THIS LOADS OR SAV ES FILES 8010 EN=256*PEEK(9998)+PEEK(9999):BE=10000:EX=BE 8020 PRINT"1 LOAD CASSETTE FILE 8030 PRINT"2 SAVE CASSETTE FILE 8040 PRINT"3 LOAD DISK FILE 8050 PRINT"4 SAVE DISK FILE 8060 PRINT"ENTER NUMBER 8070 Z\$=INKEY\$:IF Z\$="" THEN 807 8080 Z=VAL(Z\$):ON Z GO SUB 8200, 8300,8400,8500 8090 GOTO10 8199 'LOAD CASSETTE FILE 8200 CLS:PRINT"LOADING A CASSETT E FILE": INPUT"FILE NAME OR EN TER";X\$ 8210 CLOADM X\$:RETURN 8299 'SAVE CASSETTE FILE 8300 CLS:PRINT"SAVING FILE TO A CASSETTE": PRINT"MAKE SURE CAS SETTE IS READY. 8310 INPUT"NAME"; X\$: CSAVEM X\$, BE , EN, EX: RETURN

8400 PRINT"LOAD A DISK FILE": INP UT"1 FOR DIRECTORY"; X:IF X=1 THEN DIR 8410 INPUT"ENTER FILE TO LOAD"; X 8420 LOADM X\$: RETURN 8499 ' 8500 PRINT"THIS SAVES THE FILE T O DISK": INPUT"ENTER 1 FOR DIR ECTORY"; X 8510 IF X=1 THEN DIR 8520 INPUT"ENTER NAME OF FILE TO SAVE": X\$ 8530 SAVEM X\$, BE, EN, EX: RETURN 9500 'DATA STARTS HERE 9900 DATA 190,39,12,188,39,14,36 ,10,166,128,177,1,244,38,244, 191,39,12,57 9999 ! 10000 DATA STATION, DATE, BEGINNIN G, ENDING, MY SIG, HIS SIG, FREQU ENCY, EMISSION, POWER, HIS WEA THER, HIS RIG, COMMENTS, , , , 12000 PRINT"THIS PEEKS MEMORY 12010 INPUT"MEMORY STARTING":G

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12020 F=PEEK(G):F\$=CHR\$(F):PRINT

G: F: F\$

12030 G=G+1:GOTO 12020

can do memory peeks or pokes, or list part of your program, and then continue the program by typing "CONT ENTER". You do not loose your variables with this procedure.

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Compound Interest - by Tom Garcia

Morgan (or someone) As J.P. once replied when asked the best way of becoming a millionaire -"The secret is simple - Compound interest!"

You have probably seen number of programs for computing various kinds of interest. are short and simple and a few are long, complicated and geared towards those needing print-outs for 20 and 30 year time payment calculations. Wanting a customized version of an interest program for my own use I decided to start from scratch in order to end up with just what I needed, no more and no less. The program isn't too long and it is easy to modify for your own particular requirements.

INT/BAS is designed to produce information concerning the return on money that you have on deposit at fixed rates of interest. The three most common types of deposits are: (1) Funds at a savings and loan, compounded daily. (2) Funds being held by a commercial bank, compounded quarterly on March 31st, 30th, September 30th, and December 31st. (3) Money at either of mentioned institutions above, in one of the so-called "T-Bill" related instruments, at simple interest, for a six month term. This last type of plan is often in the form of a certificate of deposit that is \$10,000 or more in value although competition has recently made such investments available in lesser amounts. Interest on these

certificates is usually monthly and, as there is no compounding, the interest should not be left on deposit with the

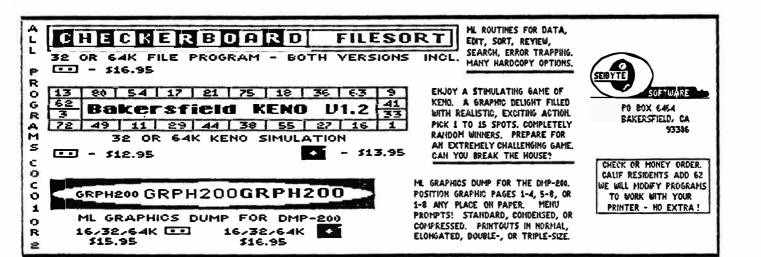
principle.

The program will compute monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual interest appreciation. There are many more possibilities, such as "in by the tenth earns interest from the first", etc., but I will leave those for you to develop on your

The usual convention or practice in the banking industry is to consider that every month has 30 days and that each day is 1/360th of a year. The program uses this form in its calculations. Also, I have elected to information from the request user in the form of monthly units. A change to LINE could adjust this to your needs monthly savings periods are not satisfactory.

You may be surprised (as I was) when you run a few comparisons based on daily compounding of interest vs. monthly or quarterly compounding. There is not much difference in your return. However, it is nice to be able to withdraw funds from an account on the next to last day of the month (or quarter) and not lose any interest. You might want to take that into consideration when selecting a savings institution. The depositor usually gets a better break withdrawals at places that compound daily, such as savings and loans.

10 INT/BAS 20 'TOM GARCIA TUCSON AZ 1985 30 'cOPYRIGHT (c) 1987 300 ON C GOTO 320,350,380,410,46 40 'dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS iNC. 0 50 CLS 310 GOTO 270 60 PRINT 320 I = I/360 + 1ENTER AMOUNT OF MONE 70 PRINT" $330 M=M*I^M$ DEPOSIT Y ON 340 GOTO 480 (NO COMM 350 I=I/12+1 AS)" $360 M = M \times I^{(MM/30)}$ 80 PRINT" \$";:LINE INP 370 GOTO 480 UT M\$ 380 I = I/4 + 190 M=VAL(M\$)390 $M=M*I^INT(MM/90)$ 100 M1=M 400 GOTO 480 110 PRINT 410 I=I/2+1 120 PRINT" ENTER INTEREST RATE 420 MM=180:M2=6 'T-BILL ERROR TRAP 430 $M=M*I^INT(MM/180)$ (EXAMPLE: 7.5 FOR S 130 PRINT" 440 MT=1 ONE HALF PER-C EVEN AND 450 GOTO 480 ENT) 460 I=I+1 140 PRINT" % ";:LINE I $470 M=M*I^INT(MM/360)$ NPUT I\$ 480 M=M*100 150 I=VAL(I\$) 490 B = INT(M)160 I1=I 500 IF ABS(M-B)).5 THEN B=B+1 170 I=I/100 510 B=B/100 180 PRINT 520 M=B190 PRINT" TIME IN DEPOSIT IN 530 CLS:PRINT:PRINT MONTHS?" 540 IF MT>0 THEN PRINT" FOR T ";:LINE I 200 PRINT" -BILL INTEREST": PRINT NPUT MM\$ 550 PRINT" YOUR \$"M1" WILL BE: 210 MM=VAL(MM\$) 220 M2 = MM560 PRINT 230 MM=MM*30 570 PRINT" +++\$"M"+++" 240 CLS:PRINT 580 PRINT 250 PRINT"IS THIS INTEREST COMPO 590 PRINT" AT"I1"% INTEREST UNDED 1. DAILY .. 2. MONTHLY 600 PRINT 3. QUARTERLY 610 PRINT" ON DEPOSIT FOR "M2" MO 4. 6 MO. ("(C)HTM T-BILLS) YEAR 620 M6 = (M - M1)/6LY 630 M6=M6*100:M6=INT(M6):M6=M6/1260 PRINT 00 270 PRINT" (PRESS A NUMBER NOW 640 PRINT) " 650 IF MT>0 THEN PRINT " MONTHLY 280 C\$=INKEY\$:IF C\$=""THEN 280 INTEREST: \$"M6 290 C=VAL(C\$)



SECTION COMMENTS

The heat wave has hit Alabama and the temperature in the high 90s makes it easy for someone to modify his routine. Water type activities are very comfortable with high temperatures. However higher temperatures cause insects which can make outside activities unpleasant. I like to go camping and have found that the higher elevations are a little cooler and acceptable for this time of the year.

To escape the heat some people resort to inside activities. We have noticed an increase in computer activity and guess that the temperature is the reason. With the school season starting soon this interest should increase even more.

I am sorry to announce that Spectrogram Magazine has folded. As I look back over the past few years, I remember Color Computer News, Color Computer Weekly, Color Computer Magazine, and Hot CoCo. All of these were color computer magazines and all have ceased publication. I like to see as much support as possible for the color computers and am very disappointed when we loose a publication.

Our support is increasing and we appreciate each one of our subscribers. We have kept our price at \$15 since our first is-As we get larger we will have to make some changes. bulk postage rate is 12.5 cents However there will be extra postage charges as we ex-We are planning on adding more programs and articles. have several options available. One option is to go to 3 columns and reduce the print size. would prefer this over raising our rates. We may have to revise our advertising rates but will try to retain our low subscription rate.

Good software is a must for any computer application. There is a lot of software available for the IBM PC and its clones. Also the color computers are not lacking in the software area. Just about any software application is covered by someone. It takes time to develop software and the color computers have been around long enough to allow development of good software.

What about the color computer Some people seem to think they should dispose of their older computers and purchase a color computer 3. I think Radio Shack did a good Job retaining compatability with the earlier computers. Most 32K programs will work on the color computer 3 with the computer the 32 character mode. There are some special programs being produced for the color computer 3, but there are many programs that are compatabile with all of the color computers. I look at color computer 3 as an enhanced version of the color computers. If you do not need its enhanced features, then continue with what you have.

Our ham radio response is continuing. Software is mainly what is needed for ham radio applications.

I want to thank each of you who wrote a letter. Keep them coming as they let us know about your problems.

BACK ISSUES

Back issues of Dynamic Color News are available for \$1.95 each, 3 for \$5 or 12 for \$15 pp.

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COLOR COMPUTER 3

The color computer 3 is a interesting computer. upgraded to 512K, it has as much memory as most other computers including the IBM clones. we utilize this memory? This is a question that has been asked many times. The easiest way to use extra memory in any computer is to configure it for one or two ramdisks and load and save programs and data using conventional disk drive Most 512K upgrades promands. vide a ramdisk or one is available at a reasonable price.

The 6809 series of microprocessors have 16 address lines and 8 data lines. This means that they can address 64K bytes of memory and handle 1 byte of data at a time. To address extra memory, some form of memory management is required. memory manager in the color computer 3 allows memory blocks 8K bytes to be switched by doing memory pokes. We demonstrated this in our May issue and gave a memory manager for program this purpose. This is much faster than a ramdisk because with a few memory pokes we can move 8K of data. A ramdisk would have to move 1 byte at a time.

RENEWAL TIME?

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+ The date beside your name on + the address label indcates + the last issue you will re- + ceive. Send in your renewal + if you want to continue re- + ceiving technical informa- + tion on Color Computers. + This is the last issue for + those with 8/87.

SAVING HIRES GRAPHICS

Is it possible to utilize the memory manager to provide a simple procedure for saving high resolution graphics pictures? First let's look at the memory manager registers:

Operati Reg.		Extra 64K Reg. Valu	_
Reg.	Value	Keg. vara	_
65440	120	65448 120	d
65441	121	65449* 11	2
65442*	122	65450 * 113	3
65443	123	65451* 11	4
65444	124	65452* 11	5
64445	125	65453 11	6
65446	126	65454 11	7
65447	127	65455 12	7

Register 65442 is the third 8K memory block in the normal operating area. The graphics registers are 65449-65452. If we can move each graphics register into the normal operating area then we can save an 8K block using conventional methods. We can set up a FOR-NEXT loop and repeat the procedure four times to save the complete HIRES picture.

For loading the graphics picture, we reverse the procedure. If we create a FOR-NEXT with J going from 0 to 3, then we can load or save files from a 4 element dimensioned array. It is possible two save two 8K banks at once having two files to contain the picture data. This could be done by moving graphics banks into the normal third and fourth 8K memory banks. We did not explore this procedure but it seems feasible.

HIGH RES GRAPHICS SAVE PROGRAM

This program can be merged with the graphics draw program we presented last month. It saves 32K bytes in four files named X0,X1,X2, and X3. The program should also work with cassette systems by changing the save and load commands to CSAVEM and CLOADM in lines 530 and 620.

- 10 'GRAPHICS SAVE PROGRAM
- 20 'FOR THE COLOR COMPUTER 3
- 30 'cOPYRIGHT (c) 1987
- 40 'dYNAMIC eLECTRONICS iNC.
- 500 PRINT"THIS SAVES HIGH RESOLU TION GRAPHICS TO A DISK
- 510 AA=112:A\$(0)="X0":A\$(1)="X1"
 :A\$(2)="X2":A\$(3)="X3
- 515 BE=16384:EN=24576
- 520 FOR J=0 TO 3
- 530 POKE 65442, J+112: SAVEM A\$(J), BE, EN, BE
- 540 PRINT"SAVING X"J:NEXT J
- 550 END
- 600 PRINT"THIS LOADS GRAPHICS FR OM THE DISK
- 605 A\$(0)="X0":A\$(1)="X1":A\$(2)=
 "X2":A\$(3)="X3
- 610 FOR J=0 TO 3
- 620 POKE 65442, 112+J:LOADM A\$(J)
- 630 PRINT"LOADING X";J
- 640 NEXT J

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RS-232 BAUD RATES

By poking appropriate values into memory locations 149 and 150 the RS-232 port can handle a variety of baud rates.

149	15Ø	Rate
4 2 1 1 0 Ø	88 227 246 153 11Ø 18Ø 87	5Ø 75 11Ø 134.5 15Ø 3ØØ 6ØØ 12ØØ
9 9 9 9 9 9 9	4Ø 25 23 18 1Ø 7 3	1800 2000 2400 3600 4800 7200 9600

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<u> 512K BAMDISK</u>

A ramdisk operates from memory just like a disk drive except it is many times faster. The 512K ramdisk allows drive 2 and 3 to be ramdisks. You can backup a disk to either ramdisk or select either ramdisk for quickly loading programs. Also included is a memory test program. \$17.95

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PRODUCT REVIEWS

This section is open to all producers and dealers of color computer products. We will review your product free of charge and write an editorial on the product. We do not use a rating system but will explain what the product does, and what can be expected from it. Any comments about the review from the firm submitting the product will be printed in a later issue.

PYRAMIX

PYRAMIX is an Arcade Game for the Tandy Color Computer 3. The object of the game is to move a short round guy on the top of blocks that make up a pyramid. The idea is to get all the cubes to match the color of the cube in the upper left of the screen. There are obstacles. Falling a death bolders, a snake, square, and the possibility of falling off the pyramid make the game very challenging.

There are some helps. Two elevators can take you to the top as you lure the snake off. Also there are green time stopper balls that freeze time for everyone except you allowing you to get on with your work.

There are 6 levels of difficulty. For higher levels the blocks must be changed twice. Also hopping on a block that has been changed changes it back to its original color.

As the game is played the score is displayed on the screen. At the end of a game the 5 high scores are displayed. If you exceeded one of the high scores then the computer will ask for your name which will be displayed by your score.

The game can be played with either a joystick or the arrow keys. The arrow keys seemed to be the easiest to use. The colors can be adjusted for either a composite or RGB color monitors. The type monitor is displayed on the screen. Press

"C" to change to composite and "R" to change to RGB.

After finishing a game, another game can be played by pressing the space bar or the joystick fire button. After a few seconds if there is no response, the computer begins playing a demo game. This is interesting because it shows how the game works.

A help screen is available if you need instructions. Just press the "H" key and instructions will appear on the screen.

The game can be played individually or by several players. The five top high scores are displayed at the end of a game. It requires a color computer 3 and color television or color monitor.

PYRAMIX was produced by Color Venture Industries and is distributed by authorized dealers. It sells for \$24.95. For more information contact GIMMESOFT, P. O. Box 421 Perry Hall, MD 21128 or Dynamic Electronics Inc., P. O. Box 896, Hartselle, AL 35640.

LIFE

LIFE is a simulation game. Its fascination derives from its resemblance to real life interactions and from the beautiful patterns and structures it forms. There are three rules for survival.

- (1) Each cell with two or three neighboring cells will survive to the next generation.
- (2) Each cell with four or more neighbors will die due to overpopulation and each cell with less than two neighbors will die from isolation.
- (3) Each empth cell adjacent to exactly three live cells is going to be a birth cell in the next generation.

The program is easy to run. After making a backup copy then RUN "LIFE". A menu appears from

which you can select the options LOAD, EDIT, SAVE, PRINT, CHECK, WATCH, and CLEAR. The generation ant the upper limit is displayed. Patterns can be loaded or saved on the disk. The patterns can be watched through each generation and printed on a DMP 105 printer. A single step option allows you to change the generations one at a time or use the automatic mode. You can edit the patterns and save them to the disk. You can press a "D" from the menu and review the files on the disk.

If the program hangs up it can be reset and restarted by typing GOTO 50. Many patterns are included as files on the disk. It is interesting to watch the patterns they change from generation to generation. The cost is \$20 on disk. For more information contact Prometheus Software, 14684 Joshua Tree Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92388.

new products

This section is available free for producers and dealers of color computer products. These products have not been reviewed by us but are included for our reader's information.

HAM LOG

HAM LOG provides a means of keeping a record of your radio contacts. It is user friendly and asks for information. Data that remains the same such as the date and frequency are repeated for new stations by pressing the ENTER key. Quickly find stations in the log and load and save entries to a disk or cassette. Review all entries and add to the log at any time. The cost is \$9.95 + \$2 shipping for tape or disk. Dynamic Electronics Inc., P. O. Box 896, Hartselle, AL 354640

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

These are some letters we have received. Most have a question and our answer appears at the end of each question. If you have a question you would like for us to answer send it to us at Box 896, Hartselle, AL 35640. We will send you a quick personal reply to your question for \$10. The letters this month are from hams.

Dear Sirs:

Please enter my subscription for DYNAMIC COLOR NEWS for one year. Enclosed check in amount of \$15.00 for same. I am glad to find a publication devoted entirely to Radio Shack Color Computer.

I have both the Color II and Color III computers and the DMP 130 printer. Also have Kantronics All Mode "KAM" that I use on Packet.

I have been unable to use my TNC and Printer at the same time, and wonder if you can give me information on how that I can make connections to do this. I would like to print messages received on the TNC. I have a Multipak Interface and the Delux RS-232 Program Pak with the 4 pin RS-232 cable to connect the program pack to the printer runing thru the Multipak.

Would appreciate any help that you can give, or what you have available to connect this printer while using the TNC.

Respectfully yours, S.R. Duncan

ANSWER: S. R. your problem is software. The software must be able to read the RS-232 byte at the program pak and transfer it to the printer port. The software you are using will require a patch before the printer will work with your TNC.

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Dear Sirs:

I am an Advanced class amateur radio operator and am interested in your magazine. I have 2 COCO's, one an old gray original, upgraded with extended basic, 32K ram, which was a 4K'D' board. The second is a Japanesse COCO II,64K 2 disk drives, CCR-82 cassette, and DMP-130 printer, and a COCO III keyboard.

I built my first 8080 CW key-board just after the 8080 was introduced. Then I built a 6502 based S100 24K homebrew with 8K basic in ram. I used the KIM as the heart of the system. Next I got a OSI C1P, my first desk-top micro. So you can see I have been around a while. I am now retired with a disability so computering has been my main interest for the last couple of years.

I would like a free sample of your magazine please. If it is interesting I plan on subscribing to it. I saw your ad in the 'SPECTROGRAM' magazine. I write a lot of programs, and am looking for a place to 'air' my software.

I am mainly interested utility programs, with my second interest in ML Programming. I am presently just finishing an easy word processor, which is both basic and ML, using the ease and speed of that format. Ιf have an interest, I am starting packet radio program which will be all software, using the COCO's cassette port for direct connection to the radio. additional hardware will required other than a couple of resistors and capacitors interface it to the radio.

Thanking you in advance, Bob Pruett

ANSWER: Bob thank you for your letter. We are very much interested in your packet radio program and other programs. We are now able to purchase more programs than we previously were. You have been involved with computers longer than I have. We will be looking at using the cassette port for ham radio applications soon.



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P D SOFTWARE P O BOX 13256 HOUSTON, TX 77256 Dear Bill,

I was reading in the Ham Radio & Computers column about the question of your marketing ham radio interface hardware. I want to add my' two cents' worth to the discussion.

Support for the Color Computer would be welcome, be it hardware software, and special products for ham radio for use the coco will have a limited I would lean towards market. the hardware useable on making different lots of computers the UTU-XT/P (like and TNC'c are) and market the program for the hardware device with the purchase of the ware.

I have purchased the Kantronics UTU-XT/P and a MFJ-1274, and use them on the CoCo. They could also be used on the IBM, clones or any machine with a RS-232 port. I feel that is the way to go.

Also consider making interfaces to work with programs already in use by CoCo Hams. An example that comes to mind are the programs which Clay Abrams used to market for the CoCo. Perhaps a deal can be made with Abrams to market his CoCo programs again.

On the Subject of software, I would like to find a terminal program for the CoCo that is made to operate a TNC, not a telephone modem. I know that most terminal programs operate TNC's very well. I miss features on "RTTY CW" when working

Packet. How about a terminal "RTTY CW" program with those features like split-screens, and type ahead buffers for TNC's like the Kantronics UTU-XT/P & KAM and TAPR units? about a CoCo terminal program features similar to Pakratt-64 operation? Т know the CoCo can do it.

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Thanks for your kind attention:

73 Dave

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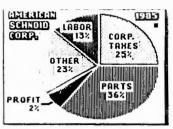
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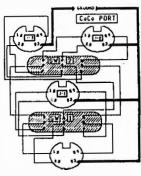
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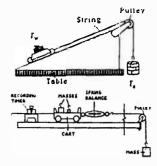
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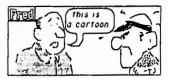
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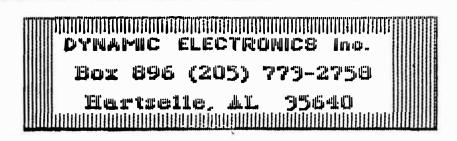
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10 'DOG RACE
20 'PUBLIC DOMAIN SOFTWARE
30 D(1)=465:D(2)=466:D(3)=467:D(
   4)=468:D(5)=469:D(6)=470:D(7)
   =471:D(8)=472:D(9)=473
40 W=0
50 ET=465
60 'FORMAT
70 CLS
80 PRINT" YOUR SCORE IS "S"/"SS
90 PRINT@258, "o
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100 PRINT@94,""
110 LINE INPUT"WHICH DOG(1-9)";D
   $
120 IF VAL(D$)(1 OR VAL(D$))9 TH
   EN 130 ELSE 140
130 GOTO 30
140 '
150 'SCREEN
160 CLS:PRINT"DOG RACE FINISH":P
   RINT@457, "START"
170 FOR A=1 TO 31:SET(17, A, 3):SE
   T(31,A,3):NEXT A
180 PRINT@465, "123456789"
190 FOR R=31 TO 0 STEP-1: SET(63,
   R, 5): SOUND200, 1: SET(63, R, 1): S
   ET(62, R, 1): NEXT R
200 SET(62, 1, 1): SET(63, 1, 1)
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210 '
220 PRINT@D(1), "1":PRINT@D(2), "2
   ":PRINT@D(3), "3":PRINT@D(4), "
   4":PRINT@D(5), "5":PRINT@D(6),
   "6": PRINT@D(7), "7": PRINT@D(8)
   , "8":PRINT@D(9), "9"
230 D(1)=D(1)-(RND(2)*32)
240 D(2)=D(2)-(RND(2)*32)
250 D(3)=D(3)-(RND(2)*32)
260 D(4)=D(4)-(RND(2)*32)
270 D(5)=D(5)-(RND(2)*32)
280 D(6)=D(6)-(RND(2)*32)
290 D(7)=D(7)-(RND(2)*32)
300 D(8)=D(8)-(RND(2)*32)
310 D(9)=D(9)-(RND(2)*32)
320 'WINNER
330 IF D(1)(10 THEN W=1
340 IF D(2)(10 THEN W=2
350 IF D(3)(10 THEN W=3
360 IF D(4)<10 THEN W=4
370 IF D(5)(10 THEN W=5
380 IF D(6)(10 THEN W=6
390 IF D(7)(10 \text{ THEN W}=7)
400 IF D(8)<10 THEN W=8
410 IF D(9) < 10 THEN W=9
420 PRINT@ET, "": ET=ET-32
430 IF W>0 THEN 440 ELSE 210
440 IF VAL(D$)=W THEN 490
450 PRINT@64, "DOG "W; : PRINT@100,
   "WON":
460 FOR A=255 TO 1 STEP -10:SOUN
   D A, 1:NEXTA
470 SS=SS+1
480 GOTO 30
490 PRINT@64, "DOG "W; :PRINT@99."
   WON";:FOR A=1 TO 200:PLAY"O3A
   L1T255V31": SET(RND(11)+18, RND
   (25)+2, RND(8): NEXT A
500 FOR A=465 TO 10 STEP-32:PRIN
   T@A, "": NEXTA
510 PRINT@180, "YOU WIN!!!"
520 S = S + 1
530 SS=SS+1
540 SOUND 200,30
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550 GOTO 30

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