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Hello, and happy Labor Day !! Boy, I don't know about you but the summer is going fast ! Continuing our study of Ephesians Chapter 5...

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; 13 but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. 14 Therefore it is said,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20 always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

Paul is continuing to give some practical instructions to the Church at Ephesus. He makes an interesting analogy between darkness/light and evil/God that I think needs some study. References to God and light are found throughout the Bible. The Gospel of John states that Jesus is the light to men which gives us life. The book of Acts relates the story of the conversion of Paul and that Jesus appeared to him as a "blinding light". The book of Revelations states that heaven is full of the light of God. God created light on the first day, etc. If you remember studying light in school, it is very interesting. Light is a form of energy that travels at a consistent 186,000 miles a second and never wears out !!! The light from distant stars and galaxies is observable everyday, even though it may have been emitted a billion years ago. The light from the sun literally runs our world and enables life to exist on earth. One tiny candle can be seen in a large room, otherwise dark. Light literally pierces and eliminates darkness. Paul states that light exposes things done in the dark. The Bible is God's word that reveals sin in our lives. The very nature of God is light. Just as God and

sin can not coexist, light and darkness can not coexist - light always drives out darkness. Scientifically, darkness is defined as the absence of light. In other words, darkness is nothing itself, only the absence of light. Living apart from God (which is sin) is to live in darkness because God is the one who brings light and life into man. Verses 15-17 state that we should be wise, not foolish by understanding what the will of the Lord is. This is a KEY truth that can make the difference in one living a happy and successful life. If we rely on our own intelligence and wisdom and not God's we can end up in BIG trouble. How many times have you said "If I had only known.." when something goes awry, well, God did know and you could have found out from him! My wife Julie and I are doing a study in the Bible specifically about knowing God's will for us. Matthew says that God is the sheperd, we are the sheep and the sheep know the sheperd's voice and only follow his directions. God is our father and he wants to help us just as we want to help our children not make mistakes that will hurt them. God loves us more then we could imagine and is always trying to help us by giving much needed direction. All we have to do is spend the time to listen for this direction. Won't you step out and accept Jesus' love for you ?

God Bless you all.

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## NIAD NEWS

- . Our "new" front page is the result of a friend doing our Logo on a Xerox laser printer. Hope you like it !
- . Progress is being made on the updates to the Review Summary. I think you will be pleased with the information provided which will help you make intelligent decisions on your software purchases.
- . A class action suit has evidently been filed on behalf of all ADAM owners by an Ohio ADAMite. I don't know the specifics of the suit but it evidently has something to do with the fact that Coleco has resisted releasing many ADAM and Colecovision titles that were completed.
- . New ADAMs are still selling strong and rumor has it that there are still 1000's in the warehouses of the retailers who purchased them from Coleco. Look for even lower prices this Christmas !!
- . Ben and Peter Hinkle have again performed a great service for the ADAM community with the release of their "Hacker's Guide to ADAM - Volume II". See our reviews in this issue. I'm pleased to start carrying both Volume I and Volume II of the Hacker's Guide on our product list.
- . See our Game Hints for some great tips on 2010: Text Adventure that many of you have been asking for.
- . Utilities Vol 2 is a great addition to our Public Domain library - see this months PD Workshop.
- . Jeopardy Question Pack has gotten mixed reactions, although most feedback is positive. Some of you have expressed that you feel the questions are too difficult and it is not as forgiving as the basic game as far as misspelled answers. Additional feedback is requested to help evaluate whether changes should be made. I have played the game, although not all the way through, and have had no problems. It is a great addition to one of the best computer games around. Walter's software is now working on a Family Feud Question pack, as an add on to this great game.
- . Signshop is one of our top sellers. Thanks to Bruce Crocker, here are three corrections that need to be made to fix program bugs:  
1437 INPUT pw:INPUT ph  
1432 ? CHR\$(4); "open "+fi\$+dn\$  
1445 ? CHR\$(4); "close "+fi\$+dn\$  
To make these changes, load the program SS.QBJ, enter the lines EXACTLY as above, hitting the return key after each line entered. Make sure you have a backup of your data pack before you attempt this fix.  
We are still working on the enhancement to Signshop to allow use of dot matrix printers. It looks like we will
- may have to make a modification to SMARTBasic to allow some of the printer codes to pass through.
- . ADAMCalc is a great program. Glenn Benham provides the following information on how to use parallel printer interfaces, connected to dot matrix printers to print spreadsheets (the software provided with these parallel interfaces works on all ADAM programs, except ADAMCalc).  
Save your spreadsheet file in the normal way, save it again using the "SAVE VALUES" option. You may then call your file up via SMARTWriter and print the sheet that way. However, the spreadsheet, or portion of the spreadsheet can not be more than 78 characters across.
- . ADAM BBS are growing in number. I will have a list of all known BBS in next months issue. See a couple new ones in the Updates section.
- . Modems have arrived in quantity - thank God !  
All orders have been filled.
- . Disk drives - the last of the Coleco drives have arrived and been shipped, there will be no more. Eve is still having problems obtaining some of the electronic components required for their new drives. Due to price increases on some of the components, Eve has increased the projected price of the single sided drive about \$ 60.00. Letters have sent to all of you that have already ordered this drive. The price on the double sided drive will only go up slightly.
- . Spyhunter is one of the best games for the ADAM, but has been very hard to find. We have just purchased a large quantity and added it back on our product list.
- . New keyboards have also been added to the product list for a great price. The complete keyboard, without a cable is included.
- . Donkey Kong and Jr. are now back on the Product list as well.
- . ADAMNET cables are now available from NIAD. These cables are used to connect the keyboard or the disk drive to the main console.
- . Chicago Local Chapter meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Glenside Library, 25 East Fullerton in Glendale Hts, IL.  
Our August meeting was again well attended with many of you getting your questions answered and seeing demos of software. These meetings are an excellent way to meet other ADAMites and share information, common problems, etc. Come to our September meeting.

. Renewals - Get your renewals in early enough to insure you don't miss any issues. If "0886" are the first 4 letters of your your member number, this is your last issue.

#### NIAD product information - SPECIALS

- . New ADAM Keyboards - \$9.95
- . ADAMNET 6 ft. flat cables for keyboard/disk drive \$2.95
- . Royal Ambassador Education Pack - a series of 8 excellent educational programs, with Christian themes - \$ 9.95 Disk/ \$ 11.95 DDP
- . New (Tan) ADAM hand controllers - 2 for \$ 10.00
- . Double Sided disk drive upgrades - \$139.95 each or two for \$265.00 (must be packaged together).
- . 3 1/2 by 15/16 " tractor feed address labels \$6.95/1000
- . 9 1/2 by 11" 20 LB tractor feed with "clean edge" perforations \$9.95/ 500 or \$16.95/1000
- . Six ribbons for \$25.95
- . Right directory tapes for copying Supergames \$2.50
- . Reconditioned data drives \$19.95
- . Super Zaxxon \$10.95

#### NEW PRODUCTS

- . Hacker's Guide to ADAM - Volumes I/ II \$11.95 e
- . Spyhunter
- . Donkey Kong
- . Donkey Kong Jr.
- . Trivia Pack I
- . Jeopardy Question Pack
- . Reedy Entertainment Pack
- . Media Aid Utilities Pack
- . Multiwrite word processor
- . Electronic Games Pack
- . PIA2 Parallel printer interface
- . Number Bumper math arcade game
- . Quickcopy backup utility program
- . Paintmaster Hi Res painting program
- . Signshop sign/picture printing program
- . Powerprint print formatting program
- . New Infocom CP/M text adventure games
- . Rocky Super Action Boxing
- . Super Sub Roc PD game

- . 80 Column Video board
- . Disk drives - single and double sided

#### NIAD Services

- . Disk conversion of Super games - Buck Rogers, Super Zaxxon, Dragon's Lair, 2010: Text Adventure, Donkey Kong and DK Jr., Recipe Filer, Smart Letters & Forms, Family Feud - send in the card label from your data pack as proof of purchase and \$4.00
- . Replacement SMARTBasic tapes \$7.00
- . ADAMLink II Telecommunications software for upload and download of programs \$7.00
- . Fix SMARTFiler tapes (send yours in) to provide the ability to print mailing labels by correcting the spacing problem and give you the latest bug free version \$4.00
- . Updates or fixes to damaged Public Domain tapes \$3.00.

#### UPDATES

. E & T Software has updated their Softpack and Business Pack software programs. You may receive the free updated version by sending your original E & T tape or disk with \$2.50 to cover shipping to:

E & T Software  
PO Box 821242  
Dallas, TX 75382-1242

. Some of the Eve Double sided disk upgrades evidently have an overheating problem. Eve is sending out information on how to correct the problem.

. The new Soccer cartridge is reviewed in this issue. Next month we will have reviews of 2 more new cartridges developed in Great Britain - Skiing and Amazing Bumpman.

. Murdock Games has just released a Pro Football simulation game, written in SmartBasic which looks real good. We will have a full review next month.

. Our Pinball games pack is still under development - hopefully next month.

. A graphics screen dump program is one that we owners of dot matrix printers could really use. I talked to a Vinh Le, who has indicated he has developed such a program. However, he was reluctant to send a review copy, but requested that I place a volume order first ! Sounds a little strange to me or he may just be new at this. In any case he is supposedly sending out prints of some of the screen dumps. We will keep you posted.

. Orphanware is nearing completion of a serial RS232 interface and required software to allow a serial terminal (not just a monitor, but a terminal with a keyboard) to be attached to the ADAM for 80 column video under CP/M 2.2. More about this next month.

. Bob Lennes is doing some research on how to read and write blocks of data to the 64K memory expander from SMARTBasic 1.0.

. Bob Tarnowski, developer of Trivia Pack (reviewed last month) is working on two new programs - Bible Trivia and a childrens Trivia.

. Digital Express has released Intel-BEST 3.3 - see our review in this issue.

. Data Backup, developer of the ADAM Tractor Feed has come out with an improvement that will physically attach the Tractor Feed to the ADAM printer and prevent it from working loose. The clips and screws are included on all new Tractor Feeds and may be obtained by current

Tractor Feed owners by writing to Data Backup, PO Box 335, Iona, ID 83427

. Two new ADAM Bulletin Board systems are now online:  
(617) 776-7666 11PM to 8AM EST  
(702) 873-8056 24 HRS

**PUBLIC DOMAIN WORKSHOP**

LIBRARIAN CHANGES

Our Public Domain libraries are growing ever bigger and more complex to manage.

The majority of programs submitted are SMARTBasic (although CP/M is not far behind and being well managed by Chuck Kolander) and it is getting tougher to handle. Hence, I will be taking this over, specifically to handle the review of programs being submitted. We have been getting alot of programs submitted that we already have on our PD library, as well as some copyrighted programs. We will be more selective in accepting programs from now.

NIAD has the best Public Domain library for the ADAM and we need to insure we maintain this level of quality.

Additionally, we will not accept any programs that involve anything to do with the occult - astrology, Dungeons & Dragons, witchcraft, etc.. I strongly believe that these themes are very harmful, especially to impressionable children.

Here is the new PD librarian list - please refer to it for furthur submissions:

**SOFTWARE EXCHANGE**

NIAD supports a software exchange for all members in order to supply public domain and non-copyrighted programs. "Libraries" will be maintained for each of the major software products by a NIAD member. Current librarians are:

SMARTBASIC >>>>>>>> L. Marschand  
UTILITIES  
SMARTLOGO

ADAMCALC >>>>>>>> Greg Van Valkenburg  
701 Pond View Dr  
Audubon, PA 19403

CPM 2.2 >>>>>>>> C. Kolander  
1295 A Pearl Ave  
Glendale Hts, IL 60139

**SOFTWARE EXCHANGE RULES:**

NOTE: YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO PURCHASE A SPECIFIC LIBRARY FOR ONLY \$ 5.00 (disk) or \$ 7.00 (Data pack) FROM THE NIAD PRODUCT LIST IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PROGRAM TO EXCHANGE.

The Public Domain library is made up of volumes (individual tapes or disks) that contain from 10 to 25 individual programs. In order to receive all the library programs in a specific library send a disk or data pack with one program for the library ( all programs should be tested and well documented via a separate "readme" file prepared by SmartWriter ) to the librarian. Include a self addressed and STAMPED return mailer. The librarian will copy the entire library on your DDP and return it to you.

NOTE: You must submit the same type of program as the library you are requesting -i.e. send a Basic program to get a Basic library volume, a CP/M for a CP/M, etc.

Additionally, you may submit NON-COPYRIGHTED programs from books or magazines, EXCEPT Family Computing magazine.

**Miscellaneous**

. I have had several requests for complex math programs such as curve fitting, solving simultaneous equations, integration, etc.; thanks to Dan Pease we now have a series of these advanced math programs on our Basic PD volume # 14.

. John Diagioni is having a problem with the the text adventure game on CP/M volume #6. It doesn't seem to end properly when the sequence FEE, FIE, FDE, FOO was entered. Could someone please write in if they have encountered this and have the solution ?

. For you Jeopardy lovers, there is a special set of questions available that relate to the authors of this fine game at Coleco. After loading the game, when it asks you if you have a question pack, hold down the control key and press the up arrow, then the right arrow, then the bottom arrow and finally the left arrow - the special questions will then be loaded.

UPDATES - As noted in previous issues, we occasionally find

bugs or make improvements in the PD volumes. You may receive these updated versions by sending in your original tape/disk and \$3.00. The volumes recently updated are: Basic volumes BNDV4, BNDV7, BNDV8 Utilities UNDV1 and ADAMCALC ANDV1

**BASIC UTILITIES VOLUME TWO**

The collection of programs on the new NIAD Utilities UNDV2 is perhaps the finest collection of Public Domain ADAM utilities around. We have assembled the best of the available Basic utilities. Hats off to Jim Young who sent us the Renumber, Cleanup, Merge, Hellodate and Diredit programs. These are fine programs that Jim put alot of work into, he also provided fine documentation for each program. Also, thanks to Wayne Motel and Bob Tarnowski for testing and constructing the volume.

NIAD PUBIC DOMAIN  
UTILITIES VOLUME 2  
\*\*PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS\*\*

Thanks to James Young and others for their fine, and unselfish work in developing and contributing these excellent utilities to the ADAM Public Domain.

This medium is self-booting ON DATAPACK ONLY. Place in drive 1 and pull the RESET. SMARTBasic will be loaded and the catalog will be presented via a catalog menu HELLO program. Select the program you wish to run using the arrow keys and press <RETURN>. If you purchased this volume on disk or want to copy it to disk, use the program, BAISCMODIF on this volume to change the contents of address 16641 from an 8 to a 4 which will allow the menu to be loaded directly by SMARTBasic when it is booted.

NOTE: Files with CAPITAL filenames can not be run directly from Basic. They are either documentation files that should be read and printed via SMARTWriter or special files.

- \* catmenu - For use as a HELLO file to provide a catalog menu for selecting programs. See CATMENU.DOC.
- \*udsprite - A sprite demonstration taken from UTILDUMP.
- \*menuselect - Creates a catalog menu for selecting programs.
- \*colorselect - For use as a HELLO file to set screen colors.
- \*diredit - A good directory editor utility program. See DIREDOC.
- \* DIRET.ASM - Fast loading version of DIREEDIT. Type "brun DIRET.ASM".
- \*cleanup - A nicely done utility for renumbering SMARTBASIC programs. See CLEANDOC.
- \*hellodate - For use as a HELLO file to place the current date into memory. See HELLODTDOC.
- \*merge - A good utility for merging up to 10 SMARTBASIC files into 1. See MERGEDOC.
- \*repack2 - A good utility for reclaiming lost space due to deleted files on tapes or disks. See REPACK1.DOC.
- \*adresread - For quickly viewing current values in memory.
- \*viewram - For displaying the contents of active memory. See VIEWRAMDOC.
- \*damagetape - Used to help reconstruct data lost through damaged tape. See DAMAGEDDOC.
- \*catcreate3 - Prints a neatly formatted directory of your disk or tape on your printer. Will display up to 70 files and the number of blocks used.
- \*CRUNCHER - This machine language program is used to create fast loading versions of your programs. See CRUNCHDOC.
- \*catclear - This program will remove the deleted files from your tape or disk. Self Documented.
- \*renumber - Another useful utility for renumbering your programs.

- \*filterbas - CPM/SMARTWRITER filter program. Read REM statements in the program.
- \*basicmodif - This SMARTBASIC editing program will enable

- you to change the default values on your SMARTBASIC tapes.
- \*diskdoctor - This program will allow you to read in a block of data from tape or disk, change any value, and write the altered block back to the media.
- \*initdisk - This program will initialize your disks.

### BEGINNER'S BASIC WORKSHOP

Last month we talked about a how SMARTBasic is automatically loaded (booted) when you put in the SMARTBasic tape and pull the computer reset. We explained how to copy SMARTBasic to another tape and then place your favorite Basic programs on that tape so that you can load SMARTBasic and then run your programs without swapping tapes.

Now, we are going to create a MENU program that, once loaded will display all the Basic programs on the tape and allow you to select the program you wish to run with the arrow keys, much like the SMARTWriter directory. Using this type of menu has the advantage of providing an easy method for kids to run their own programs.

One more refinement will really spruce it up. SMARTBasic has a built in routine when it is first loaded that will automatically load and run any program that is named HELLO. Hence, if you put a program on your tape and name it HELLO, from then on every time you load this SMARTBasic tape this HELLO program will be immediately run as soon as SMARTBasic is loaded. You might say "So what?". Well, if you type in the following program and save it under the name HELLO on the same tape containing SMARTBasic and your favorite programs, it will automatically run each time you load the tape, display the menu of programs on the tape and allow the user to select one to be run. By doing this you have created what is called a TURNKEY tape that takes very little and only simple input to use.

Remember, however, that after you have finished using the first Basic program and want to run another, you will have to enter RUN HELLO to get the menu back so you can select another program to run.

```
10&      *** CATMENU ***
12&      by BOB TARNOWSKI
20&      adapted from:
22&      MENU-SELECT          by BOB LENNES
30LOMEM :30250
35POKE 16149, 255:POKE 16150, 255:POKE 64885, 0
40FOR a=28900 TO 28920:READ v:POKE a, v:NEXT
43 cd=PEEK(16821)
45DATA
205,138,252,62,8,33,72,113,1,0,0,17,1,0,205,243,252,50,71,11
3,201
47POKE 28904, cd:REM current drive for catalog
50IF PEEK(257)<>255 THEN POKE 16150, 255:POKE 16953, 0
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55IF PEEK(257)=255 THEN POKE 17240, 241:POKE 17251,
20:TEXT:POKE 17251, 15:GOTO 70
60POKE 17115, 241:POKE 17126, 20:TEXT:POKE 17126, 15
70&
100CLEAR:DIM f1$(46)
110 bk%=CHR$(8): zz=0
150VTAB 2:? CHR$(24); " ONE MOMENT..CATALOGING "
180CALL 28900
185IF zz=1 THEN 260
200HOME:INVERSE:VTAB 24:HTAB 1:? " PRESS ARROW KEYS -
<RETURN> "; :NORMAL
210VTAB 1:HTAB 6:? "DIRECTORY:"; :HTAB 17
220FOR n=29000 TO 29011
230IF PEEK(n)=3 THEN n=55307:GOTO 250
240? CHR$(PEEK(n));
250NEXT:VTAB 5:HTAB 2:? "ONE MOMENT..":VTAB 5
260FOR i=29000 TO 30000 STEP 26
270 p=PEEK(i+12):IF p<>16 AND p<>208 THEN 310
280FOR t=0 TO 10:IF PEEK(t+i)=3 THEN t=10:GOTO 300
290 lt=PEEK(t+i): f1$(num)=f1$(num)+CHR$(lt)
300NEXT t: num=num+1
310NEXT i
311IF zz=1 THEN 315
313IF PEEK(29012)=2 THEN POKE 28912, 2: zz=1:GOTO 180
315?:VTAB 3
320FOR i=0 TO num-1 STEP 2
325HTAB 4:? LEFT$(f1$(i), LEN(f1$(i))-1); :HTAB 19
330 f$=f1$(i+1):IF f$<>" THEN ? LEFT$(f$, LEN(f$)-1)
335NEXT
340&
345 h=3: v=3:VTAB v:HTAB h:? CHR$(27);
348POKE 64885, 0
350 p=PEEK(64885):IF p=0 THEN 350
360POKE 64885, 0
365IF p=128 THEN ? bk$; " "; :GOTO 340
367IF p=3 OR p=27 THEN 1000
368IF p=13 THEN 600
370IF p>159 THEN 400
375IF p<160 THEN ? CHR$(7); bk$; " "; :GOTO 340
400IF p=162 AND v<2+num/2 THEN HTAB h:? " "; bk$; :
v=v+1:VTAB v:? CHR$(27);
410IF p=160 AND v>3 THEN HTAB h:? " "; bk$; : v=v-1:VTAB
v:? CHR$(27);
420IF p=163 AND h=18 THEN HTAB h:? " "; : h=3:HTAB h:?
CHR$(27);

430IF p=161 AND h=3 THEN HTAB h:? " "; : h=18:HTAB h:?
CHR$(27);
440IF p>163 THEN ? CHR$(7); :GOTO 340
490GOTO 350
600REM Run File
610 x=h/18: y=(v-3)*2
615HTAB 1
620IF f1$(x+y)=" THEN VTAB 2:FLASH:? CHR$(7); " CANNOT
ACCESS-"; :GOTO 680
630IF RIGHT$(f1$(x+y), 1)="A" THEN 648
632IF RIGHT$(f1$(x+y), 1)="H" THEN 634
633VTAB 2:FLASH:? CHR$(7); " *** "; RIGHT$(f1$(x+y), 1);
" FILE-"; :GOTO 680
634ONERR GOTO 700:IF PEEK(257)<>255 THEN POKE 16953, 95

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635? CHR$(4); "brun "; LEFT$(f1$(x+y), LEN(f1$(x+y))-1)
640ONERR GOTO 700
645IF PEEK(257)<>255 THEN POKE 16953, 95
648ONERR GOTO 700:IF PEEK(257)<>255 THEN POKE 16953, 95
650? CHR$(4); "RUN "; LEFT$(f1$(x+y), LEN(f1$(x+y))-1):IF
d%=4 THEN ? 5
655? 1
660END
680? "SELECT ANOTHER"; :NORMAL:FOR de=1 TO 2500:NEXT
681VTAB 2:HTAB 1:? " ";
690VTAB v:HTAB h:? " "; :GOTO 340
700 e=ERRNUM(0):CLRERR
710IF e=8 THEN ? " READ ERROR. RE-INSERT MEDIA.":CLRERR:FOR
t=1 TO 1400:NEXT:RUN
720TEXT:? "ERROR#"; e
790POKE 16953, 95:END
1000POKE 16953, 95:TEXT:END

```

## SMARTBASIC WORKSHOP

### Miscellaneous Tips

#### DATA AND REM SPACE "BUMP" FIX

One of the bugs in SMARTBasic 1.0 is that everytime you save a program, any DATA or REM statements will have a space inserted after them. This can be a nuisance and create a serious problem if too many are added - you will start to get crazy messages like "FATAL SYSTEM ERROR" which indicates you have a BIG problem. The following pokes will eliminate this problem. I do not know who to give credit to for finding them, but thanks anyway.

You can use the "Basicmods" program from NIAD PD volume #BNDV4 or the "Diskdoctor" program, also on #BNDV4 to make the change (NOTE: See the June/86 issue for some background on how to use these programs).

If using Basicmod you want to change the following addresses to the values indicated -

ADDRESS	New Value
15824	216
15830	8
15831	55
15832	19

If you use Diskdoctor the changes are in block 17, bytes 208, 214, 215 and 216.

Once you make these changes you'll never have those extra added spaces again.

#### SMARTTRIX "FAST" COMMAND By Jack Reedy

The following program adds the "FAST" command to your standard SMARTBasic for use by the SmartTRIX program:

```

100 rem FASTinstall
110 rem Installs the SmartTRIX FAST command in standard
SmartBasic

```

```

120 poke 16149,255:poke 16150,255
130 for x=65530 to 65533: read a: poke x,a:next
140 data 205,30,255,201
150 nw$="FAST": for x=1 to 4
160 poke x+387,asc(mid$(nw$,x,1)):next
170 poke 6453,250:poke 6454,255
180 text:input "Insert the SmartTRIX medium and press
RETURN:;a$
190 print chr$(4); "bload ml-bicon"
200 print:print "FAST Installed."

```

#### RANDOM NUMBER GENERATION

There are many occasions when you want to generate a random number for use within a program. The SMARTBasic RND command is supposed to do this, but if you need to generate a series of random numbers, you will always get the same sequence of numbers if RND is used. Here are two routines submitted by Bob Tarnowski that will always generate a true random number -

This program uses keypad responses to generate a random number:

```

10 poke 16149,255:poke 16150,255:poke 64885,0
20 print "PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE"
30 a%=a%+1:if a% > 20000 then a%=1
40 if peek (64885) then rn=RND(-a%):goto 60
50 goto 30
60 rem CONTINUE WITH YOUR PROGRAM

```

This program uses the controller keypad instead of the keyboard:

```

10 print "PRESS # ON KEYPAD TO BEGIN"
20 a%=a%-1:if not PDL(11) then 20
30 rn=RND(a%)
40 rem CONTINUE WITH YOUR PROGRAM

```

#### GRAPHICS (PART 2) BY W. Motel

This continues the discussion of my graphics changes in the CUBE program last month. Lines 5050 - 5080 are as follows:

```

1) gl% = 128  gh% = 21  gz% = 80,  ga% = 24
2)      128      21      8      26
3)      8        23      208     26
4)      24       21      8       26
5)      80       21      8       26

```

From my machine language, gh% is the hi-portion of the VRAM address, gl% is the low. This is the starting address I want to change in VRAM. gz% contains the count (number of bytes). Remember, we are changing 8 bytes for each character. ga% contains the color code (hi 4 bits is the color code for the character, the lower 4 bits is the background color).

First the color codes. Decimal 24 is (in hex) 18. This is 1 (black letters) on 8 (red) background. (Remember, we

use the TI video chip internal color values, not the SmartBasic color codes). 26 is 1A (in hex), or black letters on A (10) yellow background.

Keep in mind from last month, the initial change made all characters white letters on blue background. We now selectively change specific characters.

Now that we have the color codes, let's figure out the characters used within each VRAM page 21, 22 and 23. gh% denotes the PAGE, gl% denotes the offset into that page ( 0 thru 255 - with 8 bytes for each character) and gz% is the number of bytes (8 for each). Looking at #1, we see we are changing 128 bytes into PAGE 21 for 80 bytes. The 80 bytes mean 10 characters (80 / 8). What character starts 128 bytes in? 128 / 8 = 16, therefore, we are starting to change at the 17th character. (NOTE, we add 1 because the 1st character occupies bytes 0 - 7, the second is 8 - 15, and so on). So this means we are changing the 17th (for 10) thru 26th character.

What are these characters? (Refer back to last month). Since ascii character 32 (space) is the 1st character allocated to Page 21, the 17th thru 26th are the digits 0 - 9. (These are black on red).

#2 changes just the digit 0 to black on yellow. #3 offsets 8 bytes (2nd character) into Page 23 for 26 characters (26 \* 8 = 208). These are the small letters a - z, also black on yellow. #4 does the 4th character in Page 21 (gl% = 24). This is the # sign. Finally # 5 does the 11th character in Page 21, which is the \* sign. Listed below is a chart of the ascii, character, and offsets for text characters in VRAM (GR/HGR mode). Try playing around with it and hopefully you can use it in some of your programs.

ASCII	CHAR.	OFFSET
32	space	0
33 - 47	special punc.	8 - 127
35	#	24
40	(	64
41	)	72
42	*	80
48 - 57	0 - 9	128 (for 80)
58 - 63	special punc.	208
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64	@	0
65 - 90	A - Z	8 (for 208)
91	[	216
92	\	224
93	]	232
94	^	240
95	-	248

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96	'	0
97 - 122	a - z	8 (for 208)
123 - 127	special punc.	216

BOOT program for SMARTBASIC (loads into addr: 51200 x'C800')

LOAD DISP	M.L	DEFinition
		For actual address, add LOAD DISP to 51200 or <xx> hex to C800
00 <00>	F3	DI Disable Interupt
01 <01>	18 0E	JR,addr Jump to addr +14 (17)
03 <03>	hex as:	BASICPGM-02-03-00-01-1C-00
17 <11>	31 58FE	LD SP,nn Set stack pointer with 65122 <FE58> for EOS
20 <14>	78	LD A,B Load A reg with B reg (From Op Sys -- B has last drive used ID)
21 <15>	06 01	LD B,imm Load B with 01 (for CALL at 26)
23 <17>	21 03C8	LD HL,imm Load HL with 51203 <C803>
26 <1A>	CD COFC	CALL addr OPEN-FILE routine 64704 -<COFC> EOS routine IN -- (A) has device id (B) has I/O mode (1 = READ) (HL) has addr of FILE NAME STRING (note: 51203 has name BASICPGM and hex code 02 - 03) OUT -- If OK (Z = 0) (A) = file # for FCB use
29 <1D>	28 03	JR Z,addr Jump to addr +3 (34) IF Z = 0
31 <1F>	C3 E7FC	JP addr Unconditional jump to 64773 <FCE7> (Smartwriter)
34 <22>	32 04D0	LD (addr),A Store (A) (returned file id) into address 53252 <D004>
37 <25>	CD 3EC8	CALL addr Routine that does actual read/store of basic interpreter Routine is at 51262 (<C83E> see below)
40 <28>	FE 00	CP imm Compare A reg to 00 (passed from routine)
42 <2A>	28 03	JR Z,addr Jump to addr +3 (47) (If Z reg is 0)
44 <2C>	C3 E7FC	JP addr Unconditional jump to 64773 <FCE7> (Smartwriter) (read/store was not successful)
47 <2E>	3A 04D0	LD A,(addr) Load (A) with contents of 53252 <D004> (File id #)
50 <32>	CD C3FC	CALL addr CLOSE-FILE routine 64707 -<C3FC> EOS routine IN -- (A) has file # OUT -- If OK (Z = 0), else Z = 1 and (A) = error code
53 <35>	28 03	JR Z,addr Jump to addr +3 (58) IF Z = 0
55 <37>	C3 E7FC	JP addr Unconditional jump to 64773 <FCE7> (Smartwriter)
58 <3A>	2A ODC8	LD HL,(addr) Load HL register pair with contents of 2 bytes from addr 51213 (H) get 51213 or 01 (L) get 51214 or 00
61 <3D>	E9	JP (HL) Jump to address value in HL HL has 01-00 or decimal address 256 (which is the start of where BASIC is loaded into memory)



LOAD DISP	M.L	DEFinition
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For actual address, add LOAD DISP to 51200 or <xx> hex to C800

62	<3E>	21 0DC8	LD HL,imm	HL loaded with value 51213 <C80D>
65	<41>	11 00D0	LD DE,imm	DE loaded with value 53248 <D000>
68	<44>	01 0400	LD BC,imm	BC loaded with value 0004
71	<47>	ED B0	LDIR	Transfer data from address in HL to address in DE for count in BC
73	<49>	21 02D0	LD HL,imm	HL loaded with value 53250 <D002>
76	<4C>	35	DEC(HL)	Decrease contents of addr in HL by 1
77	<4D>	3A 04D0	LD A,addr	Load A with stored file ID at 53252 <D004>
80	<50>	2A 00D0	LD HL,(addr)	Load HL with contents of 53248 <D000>
83	<53>	01 0004	LD BC,imm	Load BC with 1024 <0400>
86	<56>	CD D2FC	Call addr	READ-FILE routine 64722 <FCD2> EOS routine IN -- (A) has file ID # (HL) has buffer address (BC) has number of bytes OUT -- If OK, (Z = 0)
89	<59>	20 16	JR NZ,addr	If Z Not Zero, (error) Jump +22 to 113
91	<5B>	01 0004	LD BC,imm	Load BC with 1024 <0400>
94	<5E>	09	ADD HL,BC	Increase HL by value in BC (1024) This increases HL (store address) by 1 block (1024 bytes)
95	<5F>	DD21 00D0	LD IX,imm	Load IX (index registers) with 53248 <D000>
99	<63>	DD75 00	LD (IX+d),L	Load contents of L into address specified by (IX + d) d = 0, address is 53248 + 0 = 53248 This stores the lower portion of the new store address (in HL) back to 53248)
102	<66>	DD74 01	LD (IX+d),H	Load contents of H into address specified by (IX + d) d = 1, address is 53248 + 1 = 53249 This stores the upper portion of the new store address (in HL) back to 53249)
105	<69>	3A 02D0	LD A,(addr)	Load A with contents of 53250 <D002> (this contains the number of blocks)
108	<6C>	FE 00	CP imm	Is A = 0 yet if true, Z flag set to 0, false set to 1
110	<6E>	20 D9	JR NZ,addr	Z not 0 (compare not true), jump to address -39 (52073) (redo read for next block)
112	<70>	C9	RETURN	(return back to instruction after call) Since we originally came here from 52037, RET to next instruction after this at 52040 (Compare to see if we successfully Completed this routine)
113	<71>	3E 01	LD A,imm	Load A reg with 1 (for error set)
115	<73>	C9	RETURN	(return back to instruction after call)

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The following addresses are also used

- 53248/53249** Address to store block being read in (BASIC program)  
Initially contains 00-01 (<0100> hex or 256 )  
(see instructions at 53062 - 53072)  
- 53080 loads this value in HL for actual read (for each block)  
- 53094 thru 53102 modifies this (up by 1024) for each block read
- 53250/53251** Number of blocks to read in for file (for read loop counter)  
Initially contains 1C-00 (<001C> hex or 28 )  
(see instructions at 53062 - 53072)  
- 53105 thru 53110 modifies this (Down 1) for each block read  
and reloops thru read until value is 0
- 53252** Device (FILE) id #  
Used for EOS routines

### SMARTBasic BOOT By W. Motel

The following is the actual BOOT program used on the SmartBASIC tape. The program is located on BLOCK 0 of the BASIC tape. When the reset button is pulled, this program is read (from block 0) and stored into memory at address 51200 (hex C800). This is the same thing that happens on any boot up for the ADAM. Once the program is loaded, execution begins at address 51200. Basically, what needs to happen, (1) the Boot program reads a file into memory (in this case BASICPGM, the Basic interpreter). Once read in, control is passed to it and it begins to execute (the BASIC interpreter).

I've tried to briefly describe each instruction, but you will need a little knowledge of machine language. Shown is the LOAD DISplacement (from 51200 <hex C800>). I refer to most instructions/points by this DISP value. 51200 is the default address of where the BOOT program is loaded. It can then read in a file and transfer it to another area of memory.

One common instruction used is the family of Jump Relative (JR). These cause branches (either conditional/unconditional) to a point RELATIVE to the address of the NEXT instruction. The relative value can be positive (forward) or negative (backward). The negative value is shown in complement form (positive value subtracted from hex <100>). An example is at Load Disp 29. Here is a jump of +3. This branches around the following instruction at Disp +31, to Disp +34. A negative jump is at Disp 110. The D9 value is a backward jump of decimal 39 (hex <27>). 100 - D9 = 27 <hex>.

This Boot consists of 2 parts. 00 thru 61 is the main portion. It opens BASICPGM, sets up the internal areas and calls the read/transfer routine. After the file BASICPGM is all read in and moved into memory, the file is closed and a check is made to see if everything was successful. If it was, execution passes to address 256, the start of the BASIC interpreter. If not, a jump to 64773 (Smartwriter) is made.

Disp 62 - 115 is the actual read/copy of BASICPGM. It is performed 28 times, for the 28 blocks of the file. It is called from the main routine.

As you look thru this, you will see a series of register loads and Calls to Operating System routines. These are routines already made and provided as part of the operating system (EOS) supplied by Coleco.

One last thing. BASIC loads into address 256 thru 27406 (normal LOMEM). 28 blocks \* 1024 bytes = 28672 total bytes. This should yield a start of address 256 thru 28927. What actually occurs is that the last block and the last part of the 2nd from last block of BASICPGM do not contain any worthwhile data, LOMEM gets set over this. Perhaps Coleco originally had something in mind for this area.

Hopefully you'll get something from this and be able to use it as a basis of learning machine language or writing your own Boot.

### ADAMCALC WORKSHOP

The following Monthly Expense spreadsheet is from our ADAMCalc PD Volume ANDV1.

The monthly expenditure is for business but can be used for personal expenses also. Just enter the check#, date, who it was to the amount under the proper headings (which can be changed easily to match your expense categories). This will give you your monthly totals for each category.

@1,3;<T;EXPENDITURE LEDGER  
 @1,4;>T;! COST OF!  
 @1,19;>T;  
 @2,2;>T;  
 @2,3;<T;1986  
 @2,4;>T;! SALES !  
 @3,2;>T;  
 @3,4;<T;-----  
 @3,9;<T;RENT &  
 @3,12;<T;AVCO  
 @4,1;<T;CHECK  
 @4,4;<T;SUPPLIES  
 @4,6;<T;PAYROLL  
 @4,7;<T;NON-EMP  
 @4,9;<T;PHONE &  
 @4,10;<T;OFFICE  
 @4,12;<T;LEASE  
 @4,13;<T;OTHER  
 @4,16;<T;BANK  
 @4,17;<T;AUTO  
 @4,19;<T;NON-DED  
 @5,1;<T;NUMBER  
 @5,2;<T;DATE  
 @5,3;<T;NAME  
 @5,4;<T;CHEMICALS  
 @5,5;<T;PAYROLL  
 @5,6;<T;TAXES  
 @5,7;<T;LABOR  
 @5,8;<T;TOOLS  
 @5,9;<T;UTILITIES  
 @5,10;<T;SUPPLIES  
 @5,11;<T; INS.  
 @5,12;<T;PAYMENTS  
 @5,13;<T;TAXES  
 @5,14;<T;ADVERTISING  
 @5,15;<T;ROYALTIES  
 @5,16;<T;CHARGES  
 @5,17;<T;EXPENCE  
 @5,18;<T;MISC.  
 @5,19;<T;UCTBLE  
 @5,20;<T;TOTALS  
 @6,20;>D;sum([ 6,4: 6,19])  
 @7,2;>T;  
 @7,3;>T;  
 @7,8;>T;  
 @7,9;>T;  
 @7,10;>T;  
 @7,11;>T;  
 @7,12;>T;  
 @7,14;>T;  
 @7,15;>T;  
 @7,16;>T;  
 @7,18;>T;  
 @7,20;>D;sum([ 7,4: 7,19])  
 @8,20;>D;sum([ 8,4: 8,19])  
 @9,20;>D;sum([ 9,4: 9,19])  
 @10,20;>D;sum([10,4:10,19])  
 @11,20;>D;sum([11,4:11,19])  
 @12,20;>D;sum([12,4:12,19])

@13,20;>D;sum([13,4:13,19])  
 @14,20;>D;sum([14,4:14,19])  
 @15,20;>D;sum([15,4:15,19])  
 @16,20;>D;sum([16,4:16,19])  
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 @27,20;>D;sum([27,4:27,19])  
 @28,20;>D;sum([28,4:28,19])  
 @29,20;>D;sum([29,4:29,19])  
 @30,20;>D;sum([30,4:30,19])  
 @31,20;>D;sum([31,4:31,19])  
 @32,20;>D;sum([32,4:32,19])  
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 @37,20;>D;sum([37,4:37,19])  
 @38,20;>D;sum([38,4:38,19])  
 @39,20;>D;sum([39,4:39,19])  
 @40,20;>D;sum([40,4:40,19])  
 @41,20;>D;sum([41,4:41,19])  
 @42,20;>D;sum([42,4:42,19])  
 @43,20;>D;sum([43,4:43,19])  
 @44,20;>D;sum([44,4:44,19])  
 @45,20;>D;sum([45,4:45,19])  
 @46,20;>D;sum([46,4:46,19])  
 @47,20;>D;sum([47,4:47,19])  
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 @49,20;>D;sum([49,4:49,19])  
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 @51,20;>D;sum([51,4:51,19])  
 @52,20;>D;sum([52,4:52,19])  
 @53,20;>D;sum([53,4:53,19])  
 @54,20;>D;sum([54,4:54,19])  
 @55,20;>D;sum([55,4:55,19])  
 @56,20;>D;sum([56,4:56,19])  
 @57,20;>D;sum([57,4:57,19])  
 @58,20;>D;sum([58,4:58,19])  
 @59,20;>D;sum([59,4:59,19])  
 @60,20;>D;sum([60,4:60,19])  
 @61,20;>D;sum([61,4:61,19])  
 @62,20;>D;sum([62,4:62,19])  
 @63,20;>D;sum([63,4:63,19])  
 @64,20;>D;sum([64,4:64,19])  
 @65,20;>D;sum([65,4:65,19])  
 @66,1;<T;\*\*\*\*\*  
 @66,2;<T;\*\*\*\*\*  
 @66,3;<T;\*\*\*\*\*  
 @66,20;>D;sum([66,4:66,19])  
 @67,4;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,5;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,6;>T;TOTAL

@67,7;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,8;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,9;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,10;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,11;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,12;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,13;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,14;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,15;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,16;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,17;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,18;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,19;>T;TOTAL  
 @67,20;>T;TOTAL  
 @68,4;>D;sum([6,4:66,4])  
 @68,5;>D;sum([6,5:66,5])  
 @68,6;>D;sum([6,6:66,6])  
 @68,7;>D;sum([6,7:66,7])  
 @68,8;>D;sum([6,8:66,8])  
 @68,9;>D;sum([6,9:66,9])  
 @68,10;>D;sum([6,10:66,10])  
 @68,11;>D;sum([6,11:66,11])  
 @68,12;>D;sum([6,12:66,12])  
 @68,13;>D;sum([6,13:66,13])  
 @68,14;>D;sum([6,14:66,14])  
 @68,15;>D;sum([6,15:66,15])  
 @68,16;>D;sum([6,16:66,16])  
 @68,17;>D;sum([6,17:66,17])  
 @68,18;>D;sum([6,18:66,18])  
 @68,19;>D;sum([6,19:66,19])  
 @68,20;>D;sum([6,20:66,20])  
 @71,18;>T; ALL COLMNS  
 @71,19;<T;UMNS  
 @71,20;>D;sum([68,4:68,19])  
 >,M  
 0:10  
 1:8  
 2:7  
 3:23  
 8:10  
 14:12  
 nonde:0,19  
 misc:0,18  
 auto:0,17  
 bank:0,16  
 fees:0,15  
 ads:0,14  
 taxes:0,13  
 avco:0,12  
 ins:0,11  
 office:0,10  
 rent:0,9  
 labor:0,5  
 chem:0,4

## SMARTWRITER TIPS

### AUTOMATIC FORM GENERATION WITH ADAM

By D. Zimmerman

A form is a preformatted printout that will print lines, characters, and words at predetermined locations on the paper. A job application is an example of a preformatted form. A form can be generated on ADAM and multiple copies can be printed or copies can be run off a copy machine from a master. Data can be entered into the form by hand, typewriter, or by GETting the form from disk and using ADAM to insert data into a MASTER form if room is provided in the form. I use this method to generate masters of things like material lists and instruction sheets that I hand out to my students as they manufacture projects. Each material list form is EXACTLY the same except for the information contained within which changes with each assigned project. The benefits of doing this in a classroom setting are many.

1) The students become familiar with one style over and over again throughout the entire year. After a short time I find the students do not even "see" the form itself but instead concentrate on the forms content which is my objective in the first place.

2) Commercial material will not be in the same format and is difficult to modify. I have yet to find commercial material that did not have to be changed to fit specific situations.

3) The use of print wheel characters as graphics will dress up and make a form VERY attractive to look at. Spaces are left in certain locations of some forms where I pencil simple drawings in to help illustrate a point.

4) Changes are easy and fast once the specific master is created. Modifications to either the flow of ideas or the actual data itself is done by GETting the form from disk and overtyping the changes into the old form. We still find minor unnoticed errors in some forms that have been in use for two years now. The end result is a clean, error free, attractive, unique, and easy to modify form to work from.

5) The worksheet forms that the students are required to use seem to help me bridge the gap between the slow learners and the faster ones. I use "instruction" forms that instruct the student in a step by step manner. The faster students hardly look at the "instruction" sheets and still complete the task while the slower ones must rely on them all the time. The age range in my classes have ranged from 14 years old to 22 years old, the grade levels from 7th to 12th grade, and the classifications from learning disabled to "normal". These levels are located within the same classes primarily because of P.L 94-142 which requires the "mainstreaming" of handicapped students. The students

at the 3rd or 4th grade reading level are required to show

me their "instruction" sheet for the specific assignment and after they are helped with the reading of the sequentially numbered steps, do the task, mark an "X" in the provided location and then go on to the next instruction on the form. This method provides the teacher a fast way of providing a very clear series of simple instructions to a student who may have difficulty completing complicated tasks. The bonus being the slower ones are not neglected in favor of the more demanding "smarter" ones.

6) Neatness is encouraged when the students work from forms that are printed and neat looking themselves. In many cases I will hand out copies of an empty ADAM generated form along with the identical form filled out on ADAM. The students are required to fill out the blank form by printing in the sequence of operations to be performed to complete the assigned task. One of the worst things a teacher can do is to hand students sloppy hand written "ditto's" and expect neatness in return from the students.

The use of ADAM generated forms in a classroom is only one application. I keep the "master forms" and related application forms on tape libraries that can be called up and modified at will. The ability to print out multiple copies also gives me flexibility in adapting to unexpected conditions such as the copy machine being down again for three days. Any news ideas or student handout shortages noticed in a days operation will be printed out on ADAM that same night and ready to go the next day. This fast response time has given me the flexibility to reach out and explore adventuresome activities that I would never been able to do without ADAM. The key advantage is the ability to generate on the spot neat and accurate forms tailored to fit varying conditions and the ability to modify these forms so the teaching strategies can be changed to meet these varying conditions. The application of ADAM generated forms is limited only by the users imagination. Here is a sample of just one of the many forms I have generated with SMARTWriter:

DATE	ITEM	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL

## REVIEWS

### SUPER ACTION FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

By L. Marschand

This is a brand new Colecovision game cartridge from CBS Electronics of Great Britain ! Yes, that is why it is titled FOOTBALL, which is European for American SOCCER. These games are distributed by Telegames, which is the largest videogame distributor in Europe. See the Updates section for more information on other new games on the way. This cartridge is designed to work with the Super Action controllers, but we found that you could play a reasonable game using the standard ADAM controllers.

The instructions are in five languages, emphasizing this international game.

The initial option screen allows you to choose either a fast or slow game (recommend slow game until you learn).

There are also 4 non-game options:

1. Penalty competition - one player against the goal keeper
2. Penalty taking - one player against a computer controlled goal keeper !
3. Penalty safing - your are the goal keeper against a computer controlled player
4. Tackling - the opposition has the ball and you must get it.

There is also a demonstration option which displays a typical game and is a good way to learn before you start to play.

The first step is to configure your individual teams by selecting average, strong or "star" strengths for each of the following - Goal Keeper, Defense, Attack. As an example a strong goal keeper covers more ground than an average one; a strong defender runs faster; a "star" defender runs faster AND tackles more effectively, etc. These 9 different variations of team configuration give a nice variety and challenge to the game. Additionally, each player chooses their team formation - defensive, balanced (3 and 3) or attacking.

There are 3 screens in the game. The first screen displays the middle portion of the field with the players ready for the kick off. Once the ball is kicked the screen scrolls to follow the ball and players. The control stick moves one of your players, by hitting one of the fire buttons you may transfer control to your player nearest the ball. The roller on the Super Action controller is used to move the entire field up and down the field.

The second screen is a close up display of two players. This screen is automatically displayed when any two opposing players close in on the ball. This closeup screen is nicely done with good color graphic renditions of the players going after the ball. A picture of the entire field is displayed with a moving box to indicate where you are on the field as the two players fight for the ball. If the ball is kicked away or one of the players moves away from the other, the mid-field screen is displayed again. The third screen is the goal keeper and net and the forward

who must attempt to kick for a goal. You control the goal

keeper by either having him side step or dive left or right. The forward kicks in the direction he is facing. Here is where the Super Action controllers give the additional options of the strength and arch of the kick. we had some problems with controlling the direction of the kick using with both the Super Action of regular hand controllers. We suspect this is an inherent problem with the game, but did not play it for hours to really test this out.

Overall, we found this to be a good game for the many kids who love Soccer. The graphics are nice and the game play options are extensive. The only problems were with controlling the direction of the kick and that the Super Action controllers are required for some of functions (and we all know how hard they are to find !

Rating - B

### Intel-BEST 3.3 By W. Motel

SmartBEST by DATA DOCTOR was a SmartBASIC enhancement package. It added many capabilities to BASIC, especially in the area of sound and graphics. This was an excellent package (we reviewed in Nov., 85 issue with rating of A+). Digital Express has bought the copyrights to the software from Data Doctor. Intel-BEST is their improved version of SmartBEST.

Intel-BEST modifies SmartBASIC giving you some new commands, access to the sound thru commands, and general improvements to SmartBASIC. This is all accomplished by machine language modifications to the original SmartBASIC, adding less than 200 bytes of additional code. Lowem is originally set by BASIC at 27407, this pushes it up to 27600, therefore it does not "rob" you of much available space for your programs.

What are these enhancements?

#### GRAPHICS

They have modified BASIC so that you only need to remember one color code table. You do not need to know the COLOR/HCOLOR codes and the seperate TI color chip codes for internal pokes.

Machine language routines have been added to give you instant color changes to existing text, background, inverse, etc. color, without the need for erasure of the existing text or screen.

Text block graphics that allow lo-res type colored graphics to be include on the normal text screen, with existing text.

#### SOUND

Simplified Basic commands that give you access to all 3 voices to control tone and volume, plus access to the noise channel (with 8 built in sounds).

## ADDITIONAL CHANGES

Shortcut coding for some commands, I.E F for Flash.

Instructions on how to "load" programs in so that they "MERGE" the program lines together (by line number) to form one program. Useful in combining small program parts. Normally LOAD erases any existing program and replaces it with the new loaded program.

POKE limit automatically set to 65535

Added space to DATA/REM statements is fixed which is a great addition.

Another nice feature is the inclusion of the print drivers for the Eve SP-1 printer interface. Hence, you don't have to load it separately.

LINE command that allows you to selectively "restore" or point to specific DATA lines.

Lets you enter up to 216 characters per line, instead of the usual 128.

Machine language routines that allow you to read or write blocks of data from tape/disk. 2 versions exist, normal routine and one that performs read/write WHILE the program is executing other instructions. This is a commonly used process in games, where new data is being read in while the game is being played.

Also included is a 23 page instruction manual that clearly explains everything, especially the sound commands. 10 demo programs are included, as is a simple media copy program.

Overall, this is an excellent package. They have taken the excellent SmartBEST and have added functions AND made it more user friendly. More importantly, current SmartBASIC programs will run unmodified under Intel-BEST (unless you use 27407 thru 27599 for M.L. routines, you'll have to move these up). If you already own SmartBEST, you may not want to get this, however, considering the fairly low price AND the improvements (read/write routines and DATA/REM bug fix), it's worth it.

RATING - A+

### Hacker's Guide to ADAM Vol II By W. Motel

This is the second volume written by Ben and Peter Hinkle. Actually, they have written three manuals - the first being "Info for ADAM Explorers", followed by the Hacker's Guide to ADAM Volume I and now Volume II.

I would state that Volume II is not a continuation of Volume I but an unique book of important information for the serious ADAMite.

First a little on Volume I which was a combined effort of Ben and his father Peter. It was both a primer for the novice and a detailed source of information for the serious hacker. Topics ranged from how does a computer work, explanations of binary and hex numbers, through machine language, how SMARTBasic works, POKE locations, on up to detail descriptions of VideoRam layouts, the graphics chip and the sound chip, as well as hardware information and

pinouts. Sample programs included use of sound, creating your own screen text characters, sprites and sound usage. This was one of the first, if not the first, comprehensive sources of detailed ADAM information. Although, some sections are somewhat detailed, I feel it is a book everyone should have that is interested in how SMARTBasic and the ADAM work. Even the novice can learn from it. Well, what then is volume 2. First, it is not a book for everyone. It is, however, a book for the hacker or anyone interested in learning how Basic works, how to change Basic and learning how machine language works through Basic's machine language routines. The majority of the 107 page manual is the result of Ben's disassembly of SMARTBasic. The book is a comprehensive volume of how Basic works, listing by address EVERY ROUTINE. The book covers and explains how the "control loop" within Basic controls program code entry in both program and immediate mode, how the parsing routines work (these create the tokenized instructions) and how the program code is actually executed. The actual internal registers are shown for each routine as they relate to the code being executed. ALL the mysterious memory locations are explained i.e. 17115 holds the text color, etc.

The book is very well structured in that it is like a dictionary of routine addresses in sequential order, starting at 256. If you've ever tried to decode Basic machine language, it is a frustrating affair. Once you have figured out where a specific routine is at and you disassemble it, you find it is a series of register loads and calls/jumps to other addresses. Now you're getting a headache because you need to find out what these new address routines do. This laborious process is made easy with this book - just look up the routine that is called and you have the information you need.

What I think is really nice about this book, is the non-technical attempt at describing these routines. Ben has told enough about each routine to give you a description of what it does, what registers are used, etc. without too much detail. It's enough to let you know if you need to further disassemble it to solve your problem or

not.

As I said, everything in Basic is described, graphic routines, printer, keyboard, tape/disk I/O, Hello search/load routines, etc..

In addition, a chapter gives you Basic changes/enhancements you can make including:

- 40 column text
- DATA/REM spacing fix
- Allowing spaces in file names
- Chaining programs together
- GOTO equation i.e. GOTO x\*10
- Define commands for a single key
- Creating a single sound command that controls voice, duration, pitch, volume
- Sprite commands to-
  - . SETUP type and magnification
  - . DEFINE sprite #, bytes of description
  - . SPDRAW at a specified location
  - . BUMP detect collisions

A HELLO program is included that contains all these changes and which will modify your SMARTBasic to provide the above functions.

As I stated above, this may be over the heads of some people but for the "hacker" this is a must. Not only is the information great, the book was printed on a laser printer for quality and includes many illustrations, including complete schematics of the ADAM.

One final note. What Ben has done is invaluable for the ADAM community. Ben and his dad, Peter have really been a Godsend as far as the ADAM is concerned. They have pioneered most of the original research into the ADAM and provided all of us with much of the information that has been both an inspiration and a source of knowledge that I firmly believe has kept the ADAM alive. This has all been done in what I feel was an unselfish, non-money grabbing fashion. I think they deserve a big "Thank you" from everyone interested in keeping the ADAM ALIVE.

RATING - A++

#### THE HACKER'S GUIDE TO ADAM - VOL TWO By D. Zimmerman

Peter and Ben have again stepped to the ADAM forefront and published another volume in their continuing efforts to unlock the secrets of ADAM. This time it is Peter's son Ben who leads the way by presenting the most comprehensive work ever seen on the workings of SmartBASIC. Whatever secrets SmartBASIC held are now exposed for all ADAM users to do with it as they wish. While a bit technical in nature VOLUME TWO will step the reader through how SmartBASIC (or any other high level language) works.

VOLUME TWO is a soft covered 8 1/2 by 11 inch manual that consists of 110 pages divided into eleven chapters, three appendices, and a glossary. The glossary goes far beyond the standard BIT, BYTE, ROM, and RAM words and very clearly explains some of the more uncommon words like CRUNCH CODE, MACRO, PARSE, POINTER, STACK, TOKEN, TABLE, and VECTOR that most users have heard of but do not know exactly what they mean. Appendix 1 contains a ten line CRUNCH CODE VIEWER program for those who want to examine the actual crunch codes of any line typed in as per chapter one and the nine line FLOATING POINT program will show how ADAM represents any number in floating point format as per chapter four. Appendix 2 contains a Z-80 machine language source code of the Basic HELLO program in chapter eleven that installs 40 columns, macros, sound changes, and sprite enhancements to SmartBASIC. Appendix 3 has six pages of previously unseen ADAM schematics. While VOLUME TWO can stand alone it is an extension of HACKER'S GUIDE VOLUME ONE and the casual reader will find it most helpful to have VOLUME ONE on hand for a more detailed explanation of some concepts.

The first ten chapters are the heart of the technical workings of SmartBASIC. They give a detailed explanation of SmartBASIC's built in routines and describe what they do. Flowcharts, diagrams, charts, and excellent printing graphics are used to enhance the readability of VOLUME TWO. This attractive format is used throughout the entire book. The memory locations of each routine is given in bold print followed by an explanation of how they work. Chapters one through ten cover: A BASIC Overview of The Central Loop, crunch codes, and tokens; Zero Page, KeyWords, Math Routines, Command Routines, The Parser, The Data Table, Screen Routines, Tape (Disk) Routines, Sound and Graphics.

Chapter eleven starts out with: "This chapter summarizes 'minor' fixes for SmartBASIC.....". These "minor" fixes Ben refers to are very short BASIC programs that will either temporarily or permanently:

- 1) Boot BASIC from disk.
- 2) Recover "H" files.
- 3) Fix the famous DATA and REM extra space bug.
- 4) Modify BASIC so spaces can be included in the filenames.
- 5) CHAIN Basic programs so that a program can be

LOADED.

- into memory without erasing the one in memory.
- 6) Replace lengthy ON...GOTO lines with GOTO X \* 10.
- 7) Change ADAM's text mode to 40 columns like Apple.
- 8) Define 30 of ADAM's keys so they will contain MACROS that automatically print key words like PRINT, SAVE, LOAD, and the like without having to actually type the keywords in.
- 9) Install a new BASIC command SOUND that eliminates the extensive pokes and machine language required to operate ADAM's sound chip.
- 10) Install four new Basic sprite commands, SETUP, DEFINE, SPDRAW, and BUMP that will give complete control over ADAM's 32 sprites.

Included in chapter eleven are a Basic HELLO program that combines the above into one program and very short programs that demonstrate what these changes do. Chapter eleven is worth more than the cost of VOLUME TWO to me. If chapter eleven contains what Ben calls "minor" changes I would not want to be IBM if Ben ever decided to do "major" changes to ADAM. Oh yes did I forget to mention that Ben Hinkle is in the tenth grade?

RATING - A++

## GAME HINTS

### 2010:Text Adventure

Thanks to James Goebel and Ronald Collins we have the solution and a number of hints for this great, but very tough text adventure game.

I will list a number of clues this month and some more next month. For any of you that just want the solution, send me a self addressed stamped envelope.

#### 2010 CLUE LIST 1

1. You don't have to repair the Hibernator, Water Recycler or any of the Pod Bays or Garages unless you want to or have the time.
2. Pick up a spare, recharged suit.
3. You must sleep -
  - a) Sleep in a Hibernator couch, even if it is not operative, if you are not wearing your suit.
  - b) If you try to sleep somewhere else and get the message "toss and turn", try to sleep again. If you can't either repair something or move to another room and you will be able to sleep.
4. Before you leave the Repair room you must first turn OFF the the Auxillary Generator and also DISCONNECT the Repair Battery.
5. You need to stock up with tools. The MMT and CCP are required to repair the main generators which are outside the ship. You will also need the WLT and PLATE for other repairs.
6. First repair the Auxillary Generators, Recharge them and then deactivate.
7. Go to Life support, repair, recharge and return to the Airlock room.

### MEMBER COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

. I agree with you that ADAM owners should write Family Computing to notify them that we enjoy and need their support for ADAM. Although their current support for ADAM is limited, our letters will not only encourage FC to continue their ADAM coverage, but to expand on the support. I personally want to let you know of my own satisfaction with the NIAD newsletter! As a confirmed ADAM addict, the only thing that's more exciting then sitting at my ADAM, whether I'm playing (learning) or investigating new programs, is getting your Newsletter, which I consider the most informative and complete publication for the ADAM user! It's not the sitting down and reading that I enjoy so much... but it's knowing that many things in the Newsletter are going to get me back on the keyboard. I'm still in the learning stages of "computerese" and it's the computer time I spend at ADAM (and there is never enough time available) that does the teaching. Something very helpful to me in understanding the background and basics to computers in general is the

"Understanding Computers" series of volumes that Time-Life offers. The first two volumes, Computer Basics and Computer Images are so well written for the beginner that I no longer feel as an "outsider" when conversations regarding computers arise.

We recently purchased an AT&T PC 6300 for our office and my ADAM experience has given me a terrific head start in using the various programs that our office requires.

Mostly, thank you for helping me put my ADAM to use at home for more applications and enjoyment than I ever thought was available to the ADAM owner.

R. Amant

- Thank you very much for your comments and support of NIAD and the ADAM. Your comments are gratifying since they reflect that NIAD is achieving the objectives we established over a year ago. Our purpose is to help and encourage the ADAM owner to better use the power he has in the ADAM. Unfortunately, I know that most ADAM owners are not getting the benefits they could out of their systems and NIAD's goal is to help correct this problem.

. I'm a fairly new member of the NIAD group and I have a couple of observations on the SMARTWriter program. I'm sure that several other users have experienced the same troublesome problems I have.

I was typing a fairly long business letter in which I needed several of the lines to be tabbed over 10 spaces at the beginning of each line. I found that when I printed the document the ADAM automatically moved the beginning of the line over to the preset left margin. My cure for this was found only after much trial and error and is really easy. All you have to do is put a hard carriage return

(via the return key) at the end of the previous line and the ADAM will follow whatever tabs of spaces you put in at the beginning of the next line.

I am sitting here re-reading issue #15 in which you gave a few tips on ADAM's SMARTWriter and thought I would drop you a line and let you know how much I appreciate the time and effort you all have put into this newsletter. Keep up the good work, it is needed by a great many of us. Thank you.

E. R. Kiesler

Thank you for the SMARTWriter tip that every SW user must know about. This letter was sent to Don Zimmerman, who has done all you a great service via his monthly SMARTWriter Tips column.

.Thank you for your prompt response in filling my order for all NIAD back issues. I have been very busy for the past week reading and re-reading all the issues. Your effort with ADAM is absolutely superb and the monthly issue is outstanding service and indicative of obvious dedication. Keep up the good work!

J.C. Mattos

- Thanks for the encouraging comments. We continually strive to provide the best in service to our members (even though we occasionally make mistakes).



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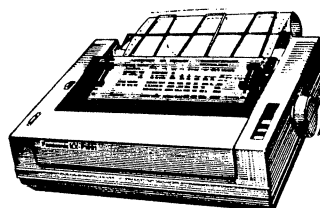
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