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Column One

Last month's column has aroused a good deal of interest. Readers want to know "Where can we get this laser-beam printer?"

For now, you can't. But you should be able to by the end of the year, but it won't say Canon on it...

Let me explain. The Canon Laser Beam Printer, inexpensive version, was shown at the Comdex conference last fall, by Canon. However, they will only sell them in lots of many hundreds or thousands, and only with a "video" interface. In other words, you must send it a signal not unlike the signal sent to a TV set to make it show a picture.

But who can send a video interface signal? Anybody who makes a board to generate the signal. Probably not a project for the home hacker (though I bet some PEEK (65) readers could do it). More likely companies who now manufacture letter-quality printers will get smart and design a board which will receive RS-232 signals and generate video signals to drive the printer.

The beauty of the whole thing, in addition to its quiet operation and lovely print quality, is that Canon is offering the machinery for about \$1,000 in large quantities! This means that even after adding a board and the cost of selling the thing and their profit, manufacturers will be able to sell the whole kaboodle at maybe \$3,500!

So, how do you get one? Just wait. You will see lots of ads by Diablo or NEC or whoever buys the mechanism in quantity. Then just go to your dealer and buy one!

Our faces are red. In the December issue, on page 10, the following words appeared: ".enter and save the BEXEC* program listed here..." You guessed it -- there was a long listing with the article, but no BEXEC*. Discovered too late to insert this month, the missing BEXEC* will be printed next issue. If you are too anxious to wait another month, send us a self addressed stamped envelope and we will mail the listing to you right away.

The Canon Printer story brings up an interesting point. What to do if you need a letter-quality printer NOW. It looks like whatever one you buy may be rendered thoroughly obsolete within the year. Or maybe not. Other seemingly brilliant products have hit the market with fatal flaws, or never hit it at all, after very promising announcements. So do you spend your money for something you are pretty sure will be outdated before the new wears off? Or struggle along with something which doesn't really do the job while you wait for a new

product which may never show at all, or may be late, or may not be as good as it sounds?

Actually, everyone in the computer game is in that situation all the time. Buy an IBM PC, then out comes Macintosh. Buy a Mac, and IBM announces the expected super-PC multi-user system. Buy that, and the Japanese will jump in with a 5th generation "knowledge-based" system.

What we all have to do, every time, is buy something which will do the job we need done, at a price which is fair, and then when the inevitable better system comes out next month, console ourselves with the thought that when it comes time to replace our system, we will get the one which will render THEIRS obsolete.

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DEPRECIATION ANALYSIS

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In 1982 I was looking for a good depreciation program for my OSI 8PDF, to help me with my income tax. I came upon a program written for a TRS-80 Model I in the December 1982 issue of Popular Computing that looked like it would do the trick if I converted it.

I should know better, because every time I go about converting a program written for another computer, I usually wind up re-writing a major portion of it, as I either want to add features that the original author did not include, or I find that his coding is not efficient or worse yet I find errors in concept or coding.

In this case it was all of the above, admittedly in stages, with a healthy review of IRS rules and regulations to boot.

To be fair, Mr. Gitt's program was basically a good one giving a broad range of options and swiftly doing a task that could be tedious at best, thus my first attempt at re-coding was a straight forward conversion from TRS-80 Basic to OSI Basic. This was a three track program that ran OK, but the program had a lot of unnecessary comparisons of the type IF C > zzz THEN etc. So I worked on condensing those to the minimum, also eliminating unnecessary PRINT routines along the way.

Now things looked better and it took up fewer tracks, but I was still not satisfied. Depreciation is primarily allowed for equipment used in business, even if it is part time like writing this article. It is also allowed for other income generating uses such as

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10 REM DEPRECIATION PROGRAM REV2, COPYRIGHT (C) 1983 BY BOB BALDASSANO
12 REM ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.
15 REM THIS VERSION IS WRITTEN FOR OSI SYSTEMS USING OS65D AND IS
20 REM BASED ON PROGRAM BY A.P. (TONY GITT), DEC'82 POP COMPUTING
22 REM ALL ERRORS OF THAT VERSION CORRECTED, PROGRAM EXPANDED, AND
24 REM UPDATED FOR 1983 TAX RETURN RULES 11/83. DISK: FILE NAME DEPA.NL
40 CLEAR: DIMD(30): PRINT: (20): PRINT*(8,15) "TAX DEPRECIATION"
50 FOR I=1 TO 2500: NEXT: PRINT: (21): US="*****.###"
60 DEF FNA(X)=INT(100*X+.5)/100
100 REM INPUT DATA
110 PRINT: INPUT "NAME OF ITEM": I#
120 A=0: B=0: F=0: F1=0: D(1)=0: A9#=""
130 INPUT "WHAT IS TODAY'S DATE (MM/DD/YY)": DP#
140 INPUT "PURCHASE DATE (MM/DD/YY)": D#
142 INPUT "COST OF ITEM": IC
144 INPUT "IS IT USED FOR BUSINESS": AP#
146 IF ASC(AP#) <> 89 THEN BA=0: GOTO 152
150 AP#="BUSINESS": BA=1: GOTO 154
152 INPUT "APPLICATION": AP#
154 PRINT "PERCENT USED IN THIS "; AP#: INPUT "APPLICATION": PU
155 PU#STR$(PU)+"%"
156 C=FNA(OC*PU/100)
160 PRINT "DO YOU WISH TO DISREGARD THE ACCELERATED COST"
170 INPUT "RECOVERY SYSTEM (ACRS)": A9#
180 GOTO 340
185 INPUT "WAS THE ITEM ORIGINALLY PURCHASED FOR BUSINESS": Z#
187 BU=0: IF LEFT$(Z#,1)="" THEN BU=1
190 A=1: INPUT "USEFUL LIFE IN YEARS": IL
192 INPUT "STRAIGHT LINE OR DECLINING BALANCE METHOD": Z#
194 IF LEFT$(Z#,1)="" THEN 200
196 R=100: IFL=BORL=100RL=12 THEN SV=0: GOTO 210
198 INPUT "WHAT IS THE SALVAGE VALUE": SV: GOTO 210
200 INPUT "DEPRECIATION RATE IN % (NEW =200: USED = 150)": R
210 R#STR$(R)+"%"
220 REM CALCULATE YEARLY RATE
230 YR=R/(100*L)
240 REM CALCULATE EXTRA FIRST YEAR DEPRECIATION
250 ED=0: IF BU THEN IFL>6 THEN ED=.2*C
260 CV=C-ED-SV
270 REM CALCULATE INVESTMENT CREDIT
280 IFL<3 THEN IC=0
290 IFL>=3 THEN IC=C/30
300 IFL>=5 THEN IC=C/15
310 IFL>=7 THEN IC=C/10
320 GOTO 410
330 REM DETERMINE YEAR/DAY/MONTH
340 MM=VAL(LEFT$(D#,2)): DD=VAL(MID$(D#,4,2)): YY=VAL(RIGHT$(D#,2))
370 FY=12-MM: IF DD<15 THEN FY=13-MM
380 LY=12-FY
390 IF YY<81 OR A9#="" THEN 185
395 GOTO 1370
400 REM FIRST YEAR DEPRECIATION
410 CV=1:D(CY)=CV*YR*(FY/12): IFR<>100 THEN CV=CV-D(CY)
440 REM MIDDLE YEAR DEPRECIATION
450 FORCY=2 TOL:D(CY)=YR*CV: IFR<>100 THEN CV=CV-D(CY)
460 NEXT
490 REM LAST YEAR DEPRECIATION
500 IFCY=0 THEN 540
510 CY=L+1:D(CY)=YR*CV*(LY/12): IFR<>100 THEN CV=CV-D(CY)
520 IFR=100 THEN IFL<>BORL<>100RL<>12 THEN CV=SV
530 REM OUTPUT DATA TO VIDEO SCREEN OR PRINTER
540 INPUT "OUTPUT TO PRINTER INSTEAD OF VIDEO": Z#
542 DV=2: DW=64: LF=0: IF LEFT$(Z#,1)="" THEN DV=1: DW=80: LF=8
543 T=INT((DW-(LEN(I#)+26))/2)
544 IF DV=2 THEN PRINT: (21): PRINT: PRINT
545 IF DV=1 THEN PRINT#DV: PRINT#DV
550 PRINT#DV, TAB(T): "DEPRECIATION ANALYSIS FOR "; I#: PRINT#DV
560 PRINT#DV, TAB(40+LF): "DATE PREPARED: "; DP#: PRINT#DV
570 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "INPUT DATA: "; PRINT#DV
580 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "ITEM NAME: "; TAB(30): I#
582 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "DATE OF PURCHASE: "; TAB(30): D#
584 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "COST OF ITEM: "; TAB(30): IC
586 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "APPLICATION: "; TAB(30): AP#
588 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "APPLICATION RATE: "; TAB(30): PU#
605 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "APPLICATION BASIS: "; TAB(30): "F"
606 IF (BA=0) OR (YD<3) THEN 610
607 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "BASIS AFTER INV. CREDIT: "; TAB(30): "F"
610 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "USEFUL LIFE: "; TAB(29): IL: " YEARS"
620 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "DEPRECIATION RATE: "; TAB(30): R#: PRINT#DV
640 CY=1: Y=1899+YY: IF DV=2 THEN INPUT "CONTINUE": Z#: PRINT: (21)
670 PRINT#DV: IFC=1 THEN 740
680 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): "DEPRECIATION CALCULATIONS: "; PRINT#DV
690 PRINT#DV: IFC=1 THEN PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): " YEAR": TAB(10+LF): " INVESTMENT":
695 IFC=1 THEN PRINT#DV, "CREDIT":
700 IF A=1 THEN PRINT#DV, TAB(35+LF): "EXTRA FIRST YEAR DEPRECIATION"
710 IF A=0 THEN PRINT#DV
720 IFC=1 THEN PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): Y+CY:
725 IFC=1 THEN PRINT#DV, TAB(13+LF): "FNA(IC) :
730 IF A=1 THEN PRINT#DV, TAB(44+LF): "FNA(ED): GOTO 740
735 PRINT#DV, TAB(35+LF): CHR$(10)
740 PRINT#DV: PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): " YEAR": TAB(10+LF): " DEPRECIATION": PRINT#DV
750 IFR=1 THEN 860
760 IFR=1 THEN 800
770 IFR=1 THEN 790
780 IFR<>1 THEN 800
790 IFR<>1 THEN 810
800 FORCY=1 TOL: GOTO 820
810 FORCY=1 TOL+1
820 PRINT#DV, TAB(LF): Y+CY: PRINT#DV, TAB(11+LF): "FNA(D(CY))
830 IFC<>100 ORCY<>200 ORCY<>30 THEN 870
840 IF DV=2 THEN INPUT "CONTINUE": Z#: PRINT: (21)
850 R1=1: PRINT#DV: GOTO 740
860 R1=0
870 NEXT: IFCV=0 THEN 925
880 PRINT#DV: IFC<>1 THEN 925
    
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investing. But if you also use the computer to play games or do other non-income generating chores (with the possible exception of educational expenses in some cases), you have to calculate the business use as a percentage of the total use and deduct depreciation using what the IRS calls an adjusted basis.

Mr. Gitt mentioned this in his article, but did not allow for it in his program, assuming 100% business use. Well when you have a computer, why do these things by hand? So I added an automatic basis calculation. That was OK, but now I compounded my problem as his program also computed such things as investment credit and first year expensing; calculations only allowed for business use, not investment or educational use. So now I had to trap out these calculations.

As I was doing this - (remember the third bugaboo, error in concept or coding?) - I found that Mr. Gitt had not followed IRS convention for use of straight line depreciation when using the Alternate Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS). He used the old method where depreciation is allocated by months of service in the first year, and not the required half-year convention that says you are only allowed one-half of the years depreciation in the year you place it in service, and you get the other half in the year following the recovery period. If anyone used his program for his 1982 tax and used the alternate ACRS, they would have had an error in their return, and a nasty note from the IRS.

After all this I had a nice program to do my 1982 depreciation calculations with, but if I had done it by hand, I would have had it done sooner! Ah, but I had a jump on 1983 taxes and beyond I said.

That was almost correct. When I got my J. K. Lasser's tax guide for my 1983 return this year, the IRS did it to me again - (Sob) - they changed the rules on investment credit for equipment placed in service in 1983 and beyond! This amounted to a reduction of the properties depreciable basis by 50% of the credit claimed.

Not to worry, I added this to my program too, and cleaned it up some more, so now YOU can do all this neat depreciation without having to do more than punch a few buttons after you

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910 SV#="SALVAGE VALUE AT END OF"
920 PRINT#DV,TAB(LF);SV#;CY+Y-1;"IS $":PRINTUSING#DV,FNA(CV)
925 PRINT:PRINT:IFDV=1THENPRINT#DV,CHR$(12)
930 DV=2:INPUT"ANOTHER ANALYSIS";Z#:IFLEFT$(Z#,1)<>"Y"THENRUN"BEEXE"
945 GOTD40
1360 REM DETERMINE YEAR/TYPE DEPRECIATION
1370 PRINT:(21):PRINT"PLEASE SELECT DESIRED DEDUCTION/DEPRECIATION":PRINT
1380 PRINTTAB(10)"<1> SEC. 179, MAX. SHORT TERM DEDUCTIONS/DEPRECIATION
1385 PRINTTAB(10)"<2> STANDARD ACRS ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION/DEDUCTION
1390 PRINTTAB(10)"<3> ALT. ACRS METHODD LONG TERM DEPRECIATION"
1400 PRINT:INPUT"YOUR SELECTION NUMBER";Z
1405 IFZ<1ORZ7>3THEN1370
1406 IFZ=1AND BAK>1THENPRINT"ONLY BUSINESS PROPERTY ELIGIBLE":GOTO1380
1410 YD=YY-80:ON YD GOTD1470,1500,1500,1610,1610
1450 IFYY>85THENGOTO1720
1460 REM 1981 DEPRECIATION
1470 ED=0:C1=C:IFZ7<>3THEN1960
1480 GOTD2260
1490 REM 1982/83 DEPRECIATION
1500 ED=0:C1=C:ONZ7GOTO1520,1960,2260
1520 IFC>5000THEND(1)=5000:C1=C:C=5000:GOTO1960
1560 R#="100% WRITE OFF":IFC<5001THEND(1)=C:B=1:GOTO540
1600 REM 1984/85 DEPRECIATION
1610 ED=0:C1=C:ONZ7GOTO1630,1960,2260
1650 IFC>7500THEND(1)=7500:C1=C:C=7500:B=1:GOTO1960
1670 IFC<7501THEND(1)=C:R#="100% WRITE OFF":B=1:GOTO540
1710 REM 1986 AND BEYOND DEPRECIATION
1720 ED=0:C1=C:ONZ7GOTO1740,1960,2260
1740 IFC>10000THEND(1)=10000:C1=C:C=10000:B=1:GOTO1960
1780 IFC<10001THEND(1)=C:R#="100% WRITE OFF":B=1:GOTO540
1820 REM 5 YEAR ASSET COST RECOVERY STSYEM
1830 IFBATHEN IC=C*.1:IFYD>2THENC=C-.5*IC:RB=C
1835 CY=1:F1=1:D(CY)=D(1)+C*.15:CY=2:D(CY)=C*.22
1870 FORCY=3TO5:D(CY)=C*.21:NEXT:CV=0:F=1:C=C1
1930 R#="ASSET COST RECOVERY SYSTEM":GOTO540
1950 REM ACCELERATED USEFUL LIFE SELECTION
1960 PRINT:(21):PRINT"SELECT TYPE OF LIFE USE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:
1970 PRINT:PRINTTAB(10)"<1> RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT - 3 YEAR LIFE"
1980 PRINTTAB(10)"<2> NORMAL BUSINESS USE - 5 YEARS"
1990 PRINT:INPUT"WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF YOUR SELECTION";Z
2010 L=INT(Z*2+1):IFZ>2ORZ<1THENGOTO1960
2020 ON Z GOTD 2170,1830
2040 REM ALT ACRS STRAIGHT LINE DEPRECIATION WITH HALF-YEAR CONVENTION
2050 C1=C:IFBATHEN IC=C*.1:IFYD>2THENC=C-.5*IC:RB=C
2055 ED=0:F=1:CY=1:HY=.5:DP=C/L:D(CY)=DP*HY:FORCY=2TO5:D(CY)=DP:NEXT
2060 CY=L+1:D(CY)=DP*HY:C=C1:R#="ALT ACRS STRAIGHT LINE":GOTO540
2160 REM 3 YEAR ACRS
2170 IFBATHEN IC=C*.06:IFYD>2THENC=C-.5*IC:RB=C
2175 F1=1:D(1)=D(1)+C*.25:D(2)=C*.38:D(3)=C*.37:CV=0:F=1
2180 R#="ASSET COST RECOVERY SYSTEM":C=C1:GOTO540
2240 END
2250 REM ALT ACRS LONG TERM USEFUL LIFE SELECTION
2260 PRINT:(21):PRINT"SELECT TYPE OF USEFUL LIFE FROM THE FOLLOWING : "
2270 PRINT:PRINTTAB(10)"<1> ALT ACRS TERM - 5 YEARS"
2280 PRINTTAB(10)"<2> ALT ACRS LONG TERM - 12 YEARS"
2285 PRINTTAB(10)"<3> ALT ACRS LONG TERM - 25 YEARS"
2290 PRINT:INPUT"WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF YOUR SELECTION";Z
2295 IFZ>3ORZ<1THENGOTO2260
2300 L=INT((Z-1)*12.5):IFZ=1THENL=5
2310 GOTD2050

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type in the enclosed program. For those of you who find that too taxing (HeHe), I will provide an 8 inch disk with the program on it suitable for video systems for \$10.

For those who want to know more on the subject, the IRS publishes a number of good pamphlets on depreciation and other business deductions.



TANDON 848-1 TO CAP

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Ye Ed asked out-of-the box experiences (see PEEK 12/83). Well here's one which began as a horror story but has a happy ending.

I bought a TANDON 848-1 8" drive to go with my converted Superboard. A year later, it was running! I bought the drive on the strength that it

possessed the Standard Industry Interface (the big discount helped too), and the assurance that the 'Tasker Bus Motherboard System' disk controller would drive it. From the beginning, the problem was that the radial track alignment on the drive was out (clunk, clunk, clunk on track zero). But I did not know that at the time. Was the data-separator faulty? No, it ran fine in another system. So did the disk-controller. The power supplies were investigated for ripple and checked out OK. Everything that could be taken apart and checked was checked. The drive was tested with a TRS-80 III, no problems! Well, I gave up and put the drive back on the shelf. Months went by. The service manual arrived! The first copy was lost in the post. The service manual revealed vital information, like the misleading strapping information that comes with the drive (see below). Once the strapping was right, the data separator pots were set midway and the drive booted - every so often. It was

noticed that the drive could not find a track when it went back to the directory for a track number. Aha! Seventy dollars and a week later, it was at long last, fully operational!

Settings the pots on the data separator was a breeze, virtually any setting worked. But more precisely, find the two extreme settings of the pot at which the drive will boot, then set the pot midway between these two points. The settings are important (2.6 and 2.9 usec) but more important is that one timing should be slower than the other (.3 of a usec).

The TANDON 848-1 is a belt-drive and is not microprocessor controlled. This is in contrast to the 848E direct-drive which is microprocessor controlled, and therefore probably difficult to interface to OSI hardware.

This is the strapping I did to make my drive work, (see diagram):

1. Strap DS1 - drive select 1.
2. Programmable shunt U3, open 1-16 and 2-15. Leave all others closed.
3. Close DS.
4. Close Y.
5. Cut M1 to remove 20 second delay.
6. Remove 2-pin micro-switch socket, situated immediately behind diskette lever. Again, this is to remove the irritating 20 second delay before the drive stops.
7. The drive can be stopped in software by -

- (I) POKE 49154,0
- (II) Selecting another drive

Throwing a switch is quicker.

Run two wires from 3-14 on U3 to a small switch. I placed the switch on the front of the drive, in the top right-hand corner. (Drill a hole to take the switch).

The switch selects or de-selects the drive in drive hardware. No ill effects have been noticed.

A possible alternative is to use the Motor Control lines.

The 848-2 is a two sided drive. OSI software can see it as drive A and drive B. A

little more work is involved here - see the service manual. You must remove the resistor pack (the blue IC by the connector) in drive 1, if using 2 physically separate drives.

In spite of my experiences, if things don't work, it is still a good idea to first check the power supply:

(I) Good grounding is essential.

(II) The drive surge-current requirement is 2 1/2 amps at 24v.

(III) A voltage regulator must have at least 3v difference between input and output voltages. Check the level of the AC ripple.

To convert from 1MHz to 2MHz operation is straightforward. Even though the computer/disk controller/drive will read at 2MHz (separate Rx clock), it will not write. One strap change is required on the Tasker disk-controller board: the disk-controller Tx clock line must be restrapped to give 250KHz. (The 02 clock line is changed to 2MHz on the computer). This could be checked with a frequency meter.

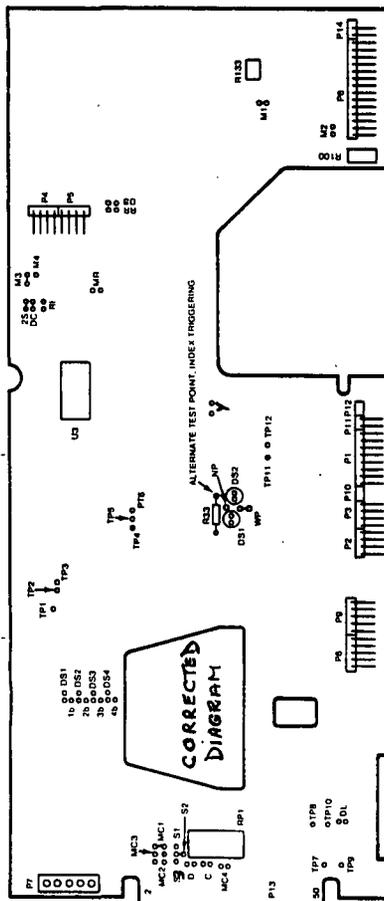


Figure 1-6
Circuit Board Assembly (c)

Finally, the shipping disk and Manual circuit board assembly diagram, contain omissions and errors with regard to 'Y', 'S2', 'MCl'. The shipping disk has DS marked incorrectly as (U3,2-15): (U3,2-15) is HL.



A REAL TIME CLOCK

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Here is a no hardware (almost) real time clock for Super-board. As described here it will work with the OSI monitor only, but by using different memory locations to hold the hours, minutes, and seconds you can make it compatible with any system.

As a bonus, there is a demonstration of a method of tackling a machine language load right onto a BASIC load. Even more, there is a demo of an auto-run routine, and a way to have the computer go back to the program after doing a LIST. Usually it gives you the O.K. message after doing a LISTING.

HOW IT WORKS:

A wire is run from the TV sync signal to the NMI (Non Maskable Interrupt - see a 6502 manual for more information) pin of the 6502. Every sixtieth of a second this pulse interrupts the program and increments the clock as needed. You will not notice that this is being done as the machine code does this very quickly. As a matter of fact, I did not even have to turn it off during cassette saves or loads, however, this might be a wise precaution.

WHAT TO DO - HARDWARE:

Run a wire from U65 pin 4 through an SPST switch to pin 2 of the expansion connector. Leave the switch OFF until the software is entered (otherwise the interrupt tries to execute a program that isn't there yet). That must be the easiest modification to your machine you have ever done! If you can't find U65, a 74LS123 chip. get help with this work. It will only take a minute.

SOFTWARE:

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to enter the code as in the block dump, or as you have modified it. Type in the BASIC, both the clock demonstration, which will prove it all works, and the portion at line 50000 on, that makes an auto machine language loader.

You can test the clock (after all the code is in) by flipping the switch to on, and typing RUN. Answer the questions to reset the time, and watch the time displayed on the screen. Of course, you will want to develop your own software to use this new feature on your machine. Maybe a timed skill test, checking the speed of a routine or other uses such as controlling the lights via a BSR or other interface are possible.

To make a self loading copy of this program AND the machine code from \$0130 to \$0173, all you have to do is type: RUN 50000, press record, and then press RETURN. An autoloader version of the program will be made. Don't turn off the recorder until the OK message. You will not see anything happening on the screen while the ML is being written to tape. The Basic routine used would be too slow.

SOFTWARE EXPLANATION:

Memory locations \$E5 to E0 are reserved for the real time clock. Put these elsewhere for ROMTERM or other monitors that use this area of memory. \$E4 and \$E5 are used to temporarily save the X and A register during the interrupt. \$E3 stores the number of sixtieths of a second. Retrieve it by a PEEK to location 227 (decimal).

\$E2 stores the number of seconds. PEEK location 226. \$E1 stores the number of minutes. PEEK location 225. \$E0 stores the number of hours. PEEK 224.

The machine code at \$0130 up, basically stores the A and X registers, increments \$E3, the sixtieths counter. If this is 60, then it resets this to zero, but adds one to the seconds counter,...and so on for the minutes and hours.

I have added two places to adjust the clock. I found that my clock was running quite slow. This is due to the fact that the video sync is only approximately a sixtieth of a second, as derived from the computer's crystal. The 01 at \$0148 adds an extra sixtieth of a second every

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F
0130 85 E4 86 E5 A9 3C A2 00 E6 E3 C5 E3 D0 26 86 E3
0140 E6 E2 C5 E2 D0 1E 86 E2 A2 01 86 E3 E6 E1 C5 E1
0150 D0 12 A2 01 86 E3 A2 00 86 E1 A9 18 E6 E0 C5 E0
0160 D0 02 86 E0 A5 E4 A6 E5 40 A9 00 8D 03 02 20 77
0170 A4 4C C2 A5
:Q0130
0130 85E4 STA $E4
0132 86E5 STX $E5
0134 A93C LDA #$3C
0136 A200 LDX #$00
0138 E6E3 INC $E3
013A C5E3 CMP $E3
013C D026 BNE $0164
013E 86E3 STX $E3
0140 E6E2 INC $E2
0142 C5E2 CMP $E2
0144 D01E BNE $0164
0146 86E2 STX $E2
0148 A201 LDX #$01
014A 86E3 STX $E3
014C E6E1 INC $E1
014E C5E1 CMP $E1
0150 D012 BNE $0164
0152 A201 LDX #$01
0154 86E3 STX $E3
0156 A200 LDX #$00
0158 86E1 STX $E1
015A A918 LDA #$18
015C E6E0 INC $E0
015E C5E0 CMP $E0
0160 D002 BNE $0164

0162 86E0 STX $E0
0164 A5E4 LDA $E4
0166 A6E5 LDX $E5
0168 40 RTI
0169 A900 LDA #$00
016B 8D0302 STA $0203
016E 2077A4 JSR $A477
0171 4CC2A5 JMP $A5C2
0174 60 RTS

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0 POKE515,0
5 FORI=1TO30:PRINT:NEXT
10 REM CLOCK DRIVER
20 A=224:B=A+1:C=A+2:D=A+3:SC=53419
22 INPUT"RESET TIME Y/N";N$
23 IFN$="N"THEN 40
25 PRINT:PRINT
31 PRINT:INPUT"TIME IN H,M,S";H,M,S
35 POKEA,H:POKEB,M:POKEC,S:POKED,0
40 FORI=1TO30:PRINT:NEXT
42 H$="TIME:";FORI=1TOLEN(H$)
43 POKE53414+I,ASC(MID$(H$,I,1)):NEXT
50 H=PEEK(A):H$=STR$(H):IFH<10THENH$=" 0"+RIGHT$(H$,1)
60 M=PEEK(B):M$=STR$(M):IFM<10THENM$=" 0"+RIGHT$(M$,1)
70 S=PEEK(C):S$=STR$(S):IFS<10THENS$=" 0"+RIGHT$(S$,1)
80 J=PEEK(D):J$=STR$(J):IFJ<10THENJ$=" 0"+RIGHT$(J$,1)
90 T$=H$+M$+S$+J$:FORI=1TO12:POKESC+I,ASC(MID$(T$,I,1)):NEXT:
50000 REM ROUTINE TO RECOVER AFTER LIST GOTO500
50010 SAVE:POKE4,194:POKE5,165
50015 LIST:POKE4,195:POKE5,168
50020 PRINT:PRINT"0POKE515,0
50030 REM TURN ON THE MONITOR
50040 PRINT"POKE251,1:POKE11,67:POKE12,254:X=USR(X)
50050 PRINT".0130/";
50060 A1=304:A2=372:GOSUB50100
50090 PRINT".0169G":END
50095 REM WRITES M/L TO TAPE
50100 FORA=ALTOA2
50110 OP=PEEK(A):H=INT(OP/16):L=OP-16*H
50120 H=H+48-7*(H>9):L=L+48-7*(L>9)
50130 WAIT61440,2:POKE61441,H
50140 WAIT61440,2:POKE61441,L
50150 WAIT61440,2:POKE61441,13
50160 NEXTA:RETURN:

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Exit from the routine is at \$0164, by reloading the X and A registers, and doing an RTI, return from interrupt, instruction.

The Basic program from 0 to 90 is quite straightforward. It is a demonstration to put the clock on the screen. Line 0 makes sure the computer is no longer in SAVE. A, B, C, and D are memory locations 224, 225, 226, and 227 that store hours, minutes, seconds, and sixtieths. These are PEEKed, converted to strings, and then POKEd onto the screen in line 90. A simple routine.

The autoloader routine is a little trickier. As you know, the normal response after LIST is for the computer to say OK. If we want another statement to be executed, we will have to point the vector at location 4 and 5 to a CONT command instead. This is what happens in line 50010. Let's start again.

50010 The SAVE sets the cassette output pointer, but before LIST is executed in the next line, the program is pointed at the CONT code by POKing the appropriate address into locations 4 and 5. The computer will now CONTINUE instead of saying OK.

50015 LIST is executed, but the program continues. First we will reset the pointer back to its original setting. (Note: - change this for ROMTERM or you will crash).

50020 puts line 0 in. POKE 515,0 turns off the LOAD.

50040 This puts the following commands onto the tape. They will be executed as if you had typed them from the keyboard. If the LOAD flag is set, the cassette input can operate the computer as if it was the keyboard. The machine doesn't know the difference. This gimmick saved OSI a lot of monitor space. Immediate commands executed from tape: POKE 251,1 same as L, to set monitor load. The POKES to 11 and 12 set up the user vector to the monitor, which can be entered

at \$FE43. The X=USR(X) does that.

The rest of the program writes the ML to the tape. If you look you will see that it is identical to you entering the code manually, except that the entering device is the tape - via the above mentioned gimmick.

50050 set the memory to \$0130, the / starts data entry.

50060 Data from 304 decimal (\$0130 hex) to 372 (\$0173) is to be read, converted to hex High and Low bytes by the calculations in 59119 and 50120, then written to the cassette port H byte first, Low next, then a carriage return (13). These things are done in 50130 to 50150.

The last thing executed is a .0169G (see line 50090). Yes, exactly as if it came from the keyboard, it starts executing at \$0169. Here is a RUN command executed from a ML program. The code at \$0169 and \$016B, turn off the Load that the monitor was in, and the next two lines of code, at \$016E and \$0171 set up and execute the RUN.

I know that this article is quite a lot to chew if you are a beginner. You may be able to work it through with the help of the various other resources that you have. If not, why not write me a note asking for clarification of this or that point. I'd be glad to explain the details of the above if someone asks. On the other hand, if you all have it figured out there is no sense my wasting valuable space.

Lastly, if you get this running properly, you can, and this would be the ideal solution, put the real time clock into EPROM, and thus it would always be available. It will also avoid the shock you get if you turn on the interrupts (remember the switch?) before putting the software in. Your machine will behave rather strangely! You are forewarned! The cure, of course, is to flip the switch only after entering the software.



EXTENDED MONITOR IN EPROM

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It is very convenient to have

an extended monitor (EXMON) program always available. In case of a crash of any kind, it is always possible to go to the extended monitor on rebooting with a minimum of disturbance to the contents of memory. This is true for both cassette systems and disk systems. Rebooting a disk system always rewrites not only the disk operating system (DOS), but also about 24 pages of memory, with the standard BEXEC* program. The error responsible for the crash may well be overwritten in this process. Additionally, if the memory contains a program that had not yet been saved, it will be irretrievably lost upon rebooting. An EXMON is also useful for installing short patches or pieces of hand-assembled code, for examination of memory in various formats, and for setting of breakpoints while debugging a program.

An extended monitor program in EPROM can never be wiped out by any software flaw. By going first to the extended monitor after a crash, diagnostics can be run, including any kind of core dump that appears to be indicated. Programs still in memory can be moved to high core where they will not be disturbed, and the system then booted in the normal way. After booting, the program can be moved back to normal program space and the work in hand before the crash can be continued.

The OSI cassette based extended monitor program is not self-modifying, so it can be successfully transferred to EPROM. In the OSI CLP, memory space from \$E000 to \$F000 is free, and is not used by most add-on peripherals. I have relocated the OSI EXMON to \$E800-\$EFFF and burned it into an EPROM. A simple relocation of the code will not work: locations \$66 to \$15F from the start of code comprise a table which must not be changed. Also, locations \$64,65 and \$160 to \$199 contain pointers to subroutines which must be relocated by the magnitude of the offset. This is not done automatically by the "R" command, since these are pointers and not 3-byte instructions.

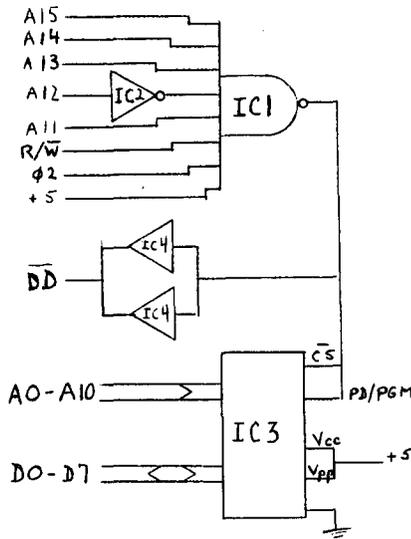
The figure shows the wiring diagram that I used. ICl is a 74LS30 and is used as an address decoder. In addition to address lines A15-A13, A11, and inverted A12; lines R/W and 02 of the clock are connected to the inputs of ICl to select addresses in the range \$E800-\$EFFF; but only when a

read is wanted and only when the address is valid (02 high). The eighth input to IC1 is tied high (+5v). Obviously, another address could be chosen if desired by the correct choice of lines to be inverted. IC2 inverts A12 to provide the inverted A12 needed. IC3 is the EPROM, a 2516 single supply 2Kx8 chip. My system runs at 1 MHz; in adapting this circuit to a 2 MHz system, it will be necessary to insure that the EPROM can function at the shorter read time. Finally, IC4 is a pair of 7417 open collector drivers to switch the bus buffers from sending (from the CPU), to receiving (by the CPU), by driving line DD low. Two chips in parallel are used to drive DD since the line is quite heavily loaded. For this reason, too, a pull-up resistor is not required at the open collector. This circuit can be connected to either the 600 board or the 610 board. The pinouts for the expansion connectors are not the same on these two boards, so I have not given either of them. The circuit is a good candidate for wire-wrap construction. I have rebuilt this circuit 3 times as I have expanded and altered the extras connected to the expansion connector, and it has worked each time. Therefore, I suppose that the wiring arrangement is not especially critical. A source of +5V power is required. Both expansion sockets have one pin unused. It is possible to connect the +5V bus on the board to this unused pin if desired, or a separate +5V and ground supply can be run to the added circuit from another power supply. If you use this with the 600 board, remember that it is necessary to plug 8T28 bus buffers into sockets U6 and U7.

For those interested in the construction of this circuit, I am willing to provide a wire-wrap list if you include a SASE with your request. Be sure to indicate whether you plan to use this with the 600 board or 610 board. I hope to be able to offer the EPROMS for sale, if I can get OSI's permission to distribute their copyrighted software in this way. My own EPROM has two changes in the EXMON program which I will mention only briefly here. First, the "J" command restores the locations on page zero that are used by both EXMON and BASIC and returns to the warm start location for BASIC. Otherwise, it is impossible to return to

BASIC-In-ROM. The "z" command now dumps 24 characters in ASCII format. To add these commands, it was necessary to recover a few bytes of space, and the hexadecimal add was taken out. The other hexadecimal arithmetic commands are still present, however.

This article has presented a useful addition to the OSI ClP computer in the form of an EPROM containing the extended monitor program.



24K RAM/EPROM CARD FOR THE TASKER BUS

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INTRODUCTION

The 24K RAM/EPROM card is a double sided printed circuit board that has been designed as if it were to be manufactured as a plated-through-hole printed circuit board. No thru hole plating is used at this time and results in some small scale integrated circuits being directly soldered into the board with solder points at the top and bottom of the board.

The memory integrated circuits are all socketed. Some 24 pin compatible types are CMOS RAM type 6116, STATIC RAM type 2128, and single supply 2716 EPROMS. For RAM the CMOS 6116 types are recommended as they use the least power. The Data buffers also are socketed to allow for inverting or non-inverting data buffer types to be used. If you are using the

board for RAM ONLY, then either 8T28's or 8T26's may be used. If you plan to use this board for EPROMS, then you must check to see what type of data buffers you are currently using within your system. Check U5 and U6 on the ClP or Super-board. As supplied, the board may have either type of buffer as the board is intended primarily as a RAM card.

RAM CARD

The card is pre strapped for RAM either 6116 or 2128. The strap to allow for EPROMs is just to the right of pins 21 on the 24 pin sockets marked R4 and R8.

EPROM STRAP

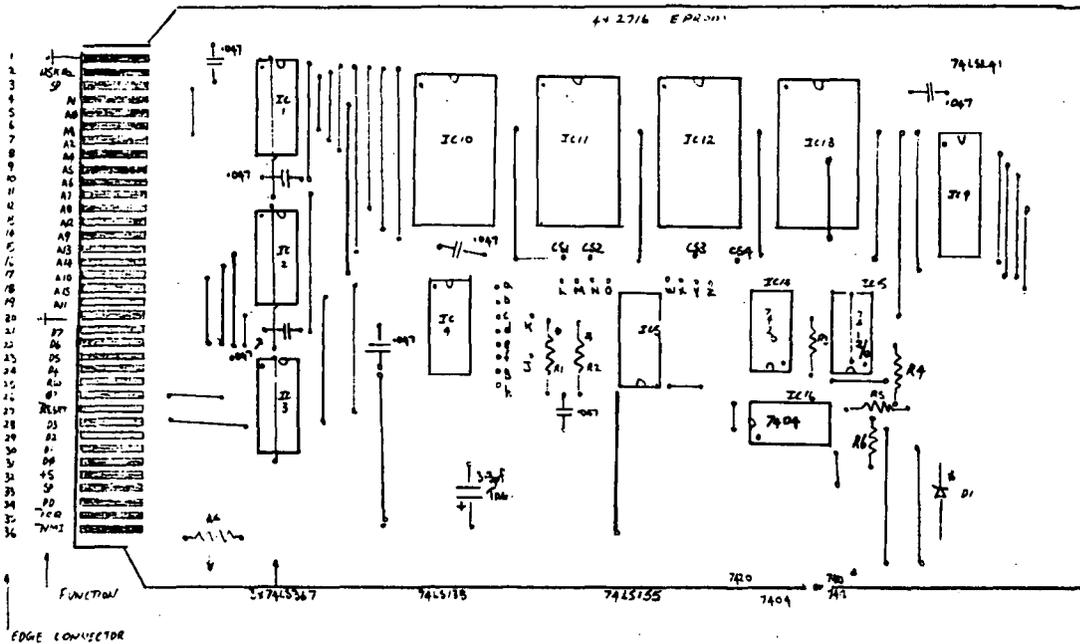
For the EPROM to function correctly, pin 21 of a 2716 should be logic 1 (+5volts). The RAM devices have the R/W (Read/Write) line connected to pin 21. It is possible that a 2716 device will function correctly with R/W connected to this pin as we only read EPROMs and the R/W line is logic 1 during a read.

If you find you get read errors with the EPROM, then you will need to cut the copper link on the underside of the printed circuit board and connect pin 21 to the +5 volt rail. Provision has been made to do this on only 2 rows of 24 pin sockets, i.e. sockets R1 to R4 and R5 to R8. Sockets R9 to R12 should be used only for RAM. However, technically there is no reason that these could not support EPROMS, other than it is a little more difficult to organize the straps.

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* D1 If you wish you may use a 7410 in place of 7412 if 7410 used, then insert Diode D1 in lieu of strap and leave out resistors R4, R6.

PARTS LIST:

- 2 x 74LS241 U1 U2.
- 2 x 8T26/28 U3 U4.
- 1 x 74LS138 U5.
- 2 x 74LS155 U6 U7.
- 1 x 74LS133 U8.
- 1 x 7438 U9.

3 x 1K ohm resistors R1 R2 R3.
15 x 0.1 or 0.047 uf caps' C1 to C15.

2 x 16 pin sockets. U3 U4.
12 x 24 pin sockets U10 to U21 (R1 to R12).

1 x PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD.

STRAPPING

STANDARD STRAPS

The board is strapped and tested as a RAM only card. It has 11 of the 12 2K blocks enabled. The reason for this is that the equipment used for testing has the BASIC 4 chip still in for the use of the Video Driver in this chip. The BASIC 4 chip occupies memory at B800-BFFF (all addresses used here are Hexadecimal). B800 - BFFF is the top

of 48K and this board as provided is for the second 24K of memory from the 25K to 48K, however, as mentioned socket R12 is not strapped in.

This card is provided as shown.

Socket number.

- R1 6000 - 67FF
- R2 6800 - 6FFF
- R3 7000 - 77FF
- R4 7800 - 7FFF
- R5 8000 - 87FF
- R6 8800 - 8FFF
- R7 9000 - 97FF
- R8 9800 - 9FFF
- R9 A000 - A7FF
- R10 A800 - AFFF
- R11 B000 - B7FF
- R12 not strapped.

You will note that the strap point marked R12 is not connected and that point Y4 is also not strapped. This could easily be added for the memory at B800 - BFFF.

IMPORTANT NOTE! - If you have BASIC-IN-ROM fitted to your computer then cut the link M6 to Sy, otherwise this board will clash with the BASIC.

SELECTING YOUR MEMORY

The total addressable memory on the 6502 computer is 64K (actually 65000+) this is divided into 8 x 8K blocks by Integrated circuit U5.

U5 provides 8 outputs each representing an 8K block of memory. These outputs are brought out to the point marked M1 to M8. Shown in detail here.

U5 Pin.

- 15 M1 8k of memory from 0000 to 1FFF
- 14 M2.....2000 -- 3FFF
- 13 M3.....4000 -- 5FFF
- 12 M4.....6000 -- 7FFF
- 11 M5.....8000 -- 9FFF
- 10 M6.....A000 -- BFFF
- 9 M7.....C000 -- DFFF
- 7 M8.....E000 -- FFFF

M1 represents the 8K of RAM normally found on the C1 or superboard.

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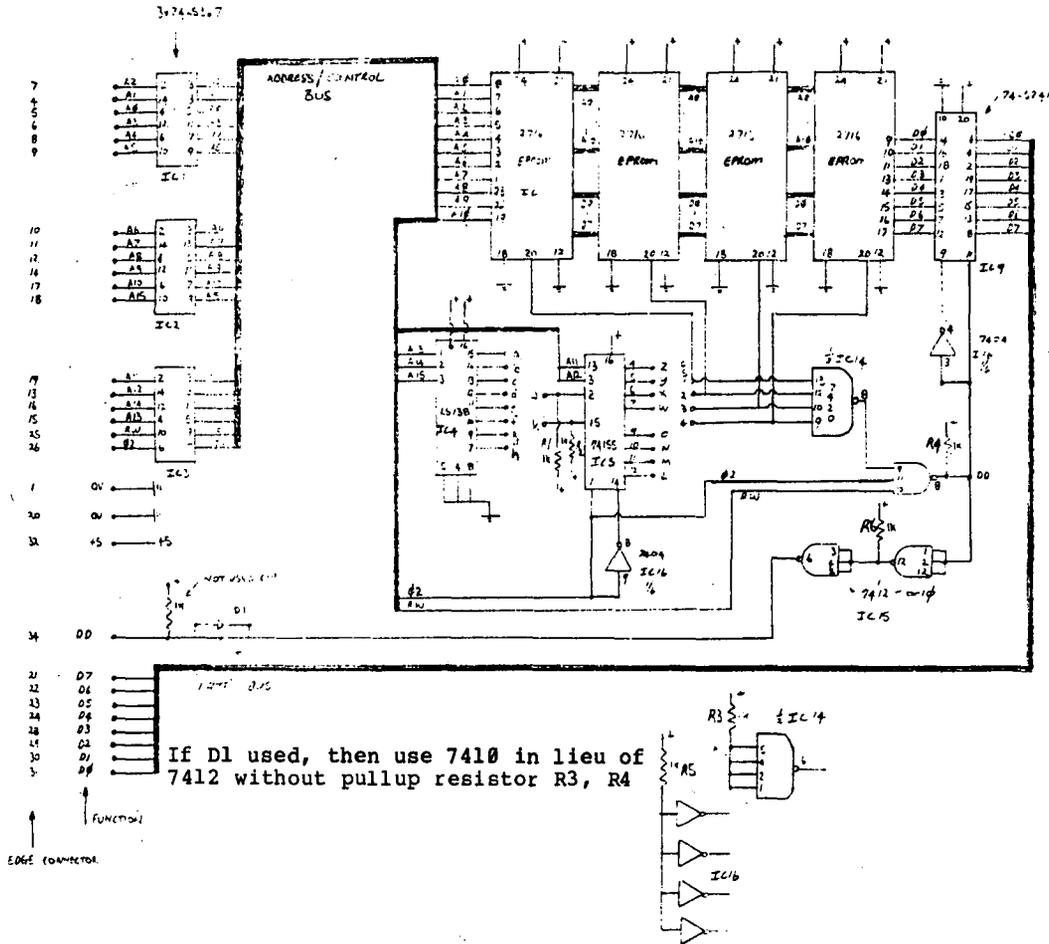
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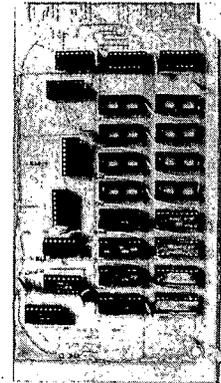
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2716 EPROM BOARD

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IC5. This is in two identical sections. The strap information is applicable to either.

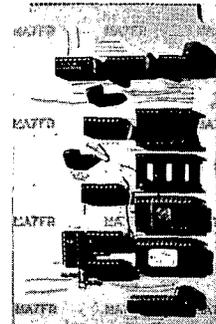
IC4	IC5	7	9	W	Q	
11.	2 or 15	6	10	X	N	= 8000--87FF 33K - 40K
	j or k.	5	11	Y	M	8800--8FFF
		4	12	Z	L	9000--97FF
						9800--9FFF

10. " " A000--A7FF
 A800--AFFF 41K - 48K
 f. " " B000--B7FF
 B800--BFFF

9. " " C000--C7FF
 C800--CFFF
 9. " " D000--D7FF 49K - 56K
 D800--DFFF

7. " " E000--E7FF
 E800--EFFF 57K - 64K
 F000--F7FF
 h. F800--FFFF

EPROM 4 x 2K Blocks



M7 represents input / output, disk, video and keyboard.

M8 represents Color video on a TASAN video (C4 video). ACIA cassette port at F000 on a C1 and the Monitor ROM at F800 (DABUG or CEGMON) or FD00 for the original ROM.

There is an unused 2K block at E800 to EFFF. I have EXTENDED MONITOR in EPROM at this address. EXMON uses routines in the monitor ROM which call the video driver in BAS 4.

SELECTING A 2K BLOCK

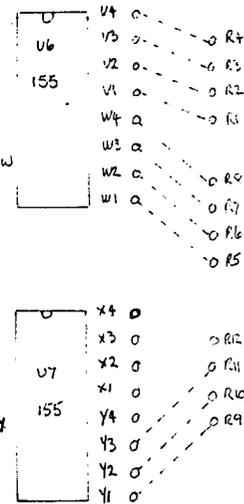
U6 AND U7 are packages, each with two decoders. Each decoder section handles an 8K block and breaks it down into 4 x 2K sections. By connecting an 8K block (M1 to M8) into one of the inputs of U6 (Sv or Sw) or U7 (Sx or Sy) the corresponding outputs will be activated. These outputs are then in turn connected to ANY one of the 24 pin sockets via points marked R1 to R12. You can connect any 2K block to any R point (socket), there is no need other than neatness to keep the straps in any order.

U6 input Sv connects to outputs V1 V2 V3 V4

U6 input Sw connects to outputs W1 W2 W3 W4

U7 input Sx, connects to outputs x1 x2 x3 x4
U7 input Sy connects to output Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4

At any one time 4 x 8K blocks may be active on the board. Any 2K device can be selected into any of the 4 blocks. If



Dotted lines show straps as provided.

an 8K block of memory should happen to contain some other device that is not on this board, then that is ok providing that the relevant 2K sections do not get connected across to one of the R1 to R12 points. It is only when one of the R strapping points become active that there is a DD (data direction) signal sent to the host computer.

More Schematics on page 14.

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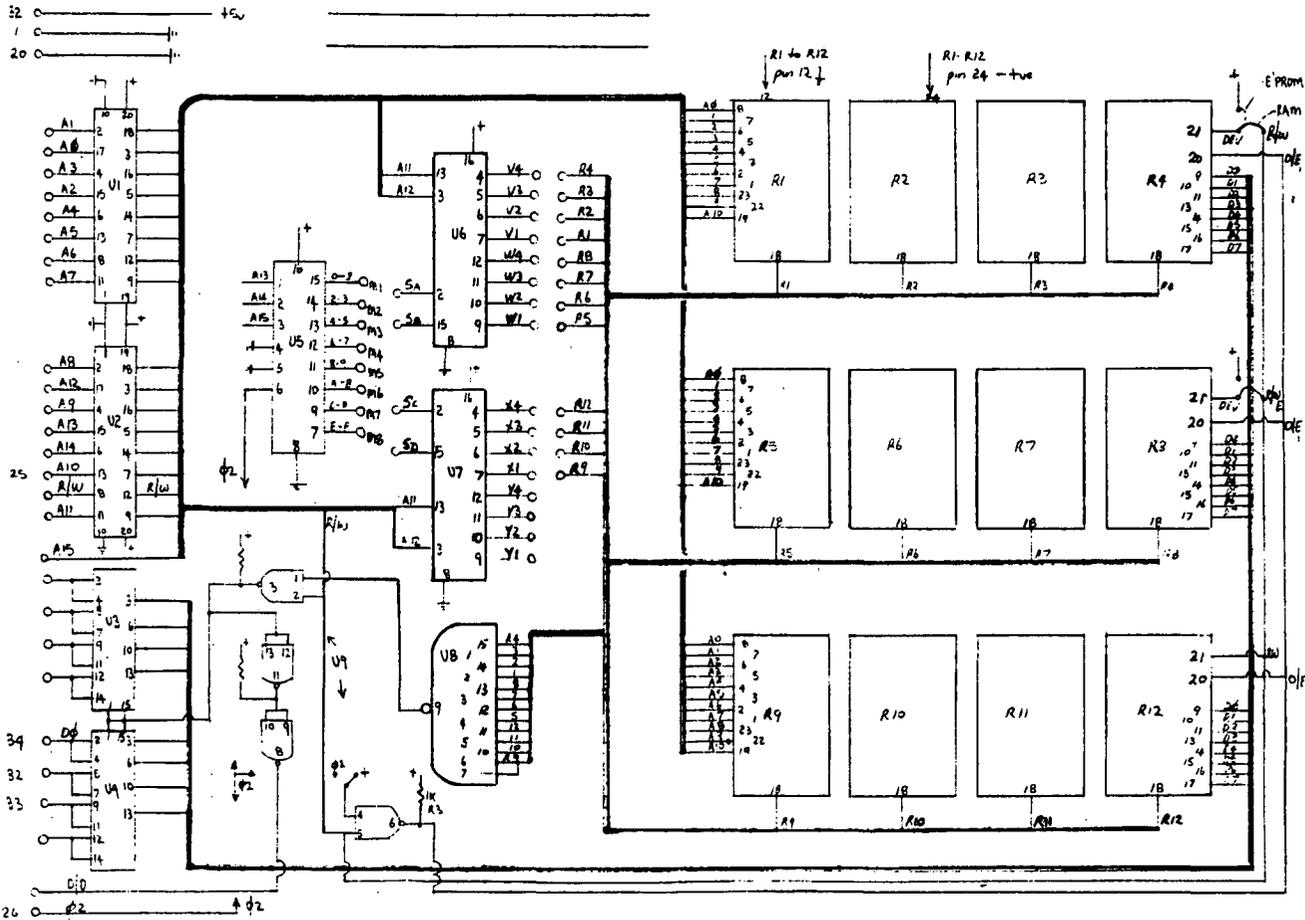
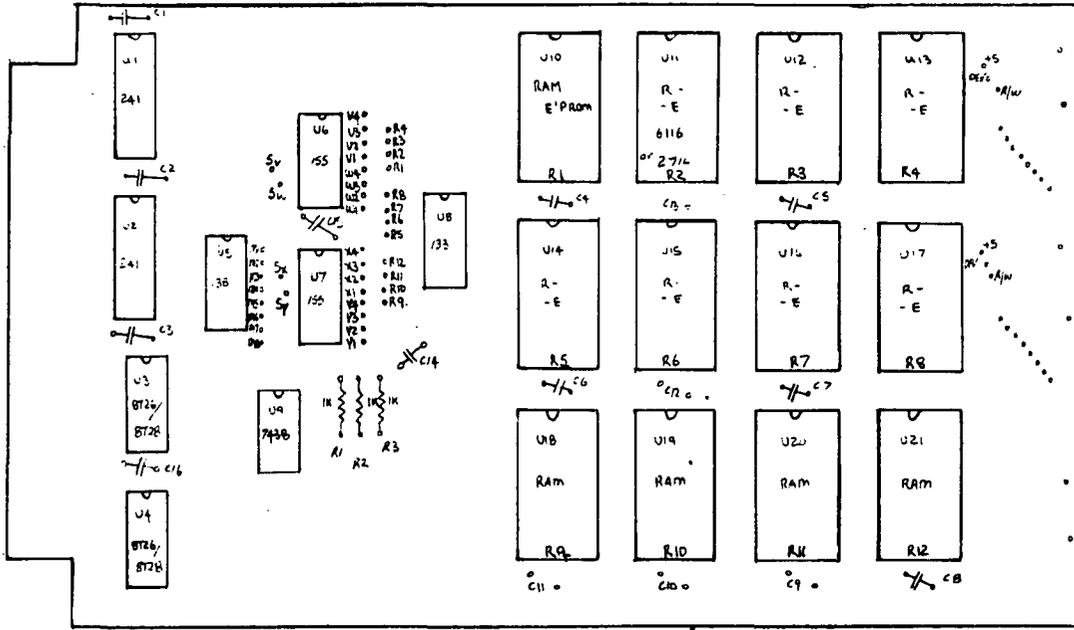
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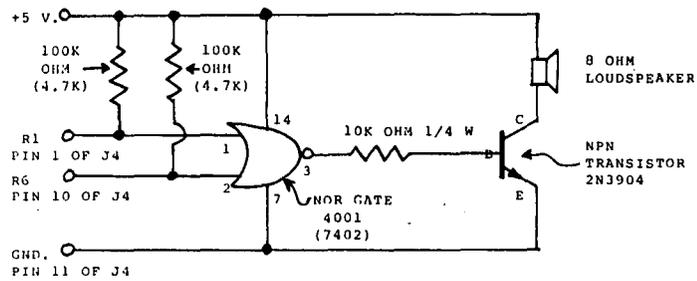
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A couple of years ago, I modified a game program written for a VIC 20 computer for use on the OSI CLP. I'd like to share it with you here. This program uses a lot of little features I gathered from many sources. I put all the repeatedly called subroutines and the guts of the program with low line numbers for speed of operation. A machine code screen clear taken from the BASIC ROM is used to improve the action. My contribution was to use the sound generation capabilities of the computer that OSI considered when they designed the CLP but left out when it came to getting the price within the selling range OSI wanted. A small amount of hardware is required, but you don't have to make any changes to the computer itself, like many hardware modifications require. All the circuitry necessary connects to the CLP through jack J4 on the 600 board. If you buy all the parts new it will cost about \$5.00. All the parts shown are available at Radio Shack stores if you are not a collector of electronic parts like I am. None of the component values are critical, for example any NPN transistor with a gain of at least 50 could be used. Enough said, I will explain the circuitry and some of the unusual program operation.

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KEYBOARD MONITOR CIRCUIT



NOTE: Resistor values for 7402 IC are shown in parenthesis.

FIGURE 1

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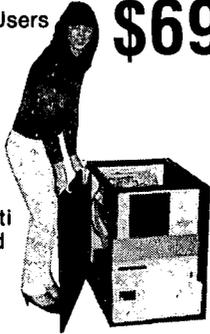
10 1E00          *=$1E00          #NOISE
20 000A=        ADDR=$1A          #GENERATOR PROGRAM
30 1E00 A50A    LDA ADDR          #SAVE 0 PAGE LOCATIONS
40 1E02 48      PHA
50 1E03 A50B    LDA ADDR+1
60 1E05 48      PHA
70 1E06 A900    LDA #0            #SET POINTER TO TABLE
80 1E08 8D9A1E STA $1E9A          #TABLE AT $1F00
90 1E08 A91F    LDA #1F
100 1E0D 8D9B1E STA $1E9B
110 1E10 18     CLC
120 1E11 AD9A1E NEXT LDA $1E9A
130 1E14 850A    STA ADDR          #TABLE VALUES
140 1E16 AD9B1E LDA $1E9B
150 1E19 850B    STA ADDR+1
160 1E1B A803    LDY #3            #STORE LOOP QUANTITY
170 1E1D B10A    LDA (ADDR),Y
180 1E1F F07F    BEQ NOISE        #IF=0 MAKE EXPLOSION SOUND
190 1E21 8D9F1E STA $1E9F
200 1E24 A000    WARP   LDY #0
210 1E26 B10A    LDA (ADDR),Y #READ FIRST TABLE VALUE
220 1E28 F039    BEQ RSTR         #IF=0 THEN RETURN TO BASIC
230 1E2A 8D9C1E STA $1E9C          #WARPLE IF GREATER THAN 1
240 1E2D A001    LDY #1
250 1E2F B10A    LDA (ADDR),Y #TONE DELAY VALUES
260 1E31 8D9D1E STA $1E9D
270 1E34 A002    LDY #2
280 1E36 B10A    LDA (ADDR),Y
290 1E38 8D9E1E STA $1E9E
300 1E3B A900    TONE  LDA #0          #OUT LOW VALUE TO PORT
310 1E3D 8D00DF STA $DF00
320 1E40 20801E JSR $1E80          #JUMP TO DELAY SUBROUTINE
330 1E43 A9FF    LDA #FF          #OUT HIGH VALUE TO PORT
340 1E45 8D00DF STA $DF00
350 1E48 20801E JSR $1E80
360 1E4B CE9D1E DEC $1E9D
370 1E4E CE9C1E DEC $1E9C
380 1E51 D0E8    BNE TONE
390 1E53 CE9F1E DEC $1E9F
400 1E56 D0CC    BNE NWRB
410 1E58 A904    LDA #4            #SET POINTER TO NEXT
420 1E5A 8D9A1E ADC $1E9A          #GROUP IN TABLE
430 1E5D 8D9A1E STA $1E9A
440 1E60 4C111E JMP NEXT
450 1E63 68     RSTR  PLA
460 1E64 850B    STA ADDR+1 #RECOVER PAGE 0 INFO
470 1E66 68     PLA
480 1E67 850A    STA ADDR
490 1E69 60     RTS
500 1E80          *=$1E80          #DELAY SUBROUTINE
510 1E80 AE9E1E LDY $1E9E
520 1E83 AC9D1E LOOP LDY $1E9D
530 1E86 88     DELAY DEY
540 1E87 D0FD    BNE DELAY
550 1E89 CA     DEX
560 1E8A D0F7    BNE LOOP
570 1E8C 60     RTS
580 1E90          *=$1E90
590 1E90 A9A0    NOISE LDA #A0          #NOISE SUBROUTINE
600 1E92 850B    STA ADDR+1 #DUMP PORTION OF ROM
610 1E94 A900    LDA #0            #BASIC TO SOUND PORT
620 1E96 850A    STA ADDR
630 1E98 A20A    LDX #10
640 1E9A A900    LDY #0
650 1E9C B10A    LOOP1 LDA (ADDR),Y
660 1E9E 8D00DF STA $DF00
670 1EB1 A915    LDA #15
680 1EB3 8D9F1E STA $1E9F
690 1EB6 CE9F1E DEL1 DEC $1E9F
700 1EB9 D0FB    BNE DEL1
710 1EBB C8     INV
720 1EBC D0EE    BNE LOOP1
730 1EBE E60B    INC ADDR+1
740 1EC0 CA     DEX
750 1EC1 10E9    BFL LOOP1
760 1EC3 4C631E JMP RSTR
770          .END
    
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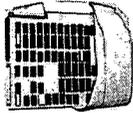
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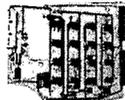


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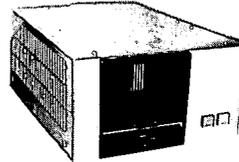


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described next and add to your game programs.

Figure 2 shows the assembly code listing of the sound generator. In order to make different types of tones I decided to have a table of values which contain the instructions to a sound generator routine. Four values are stored in the table for each tone sequence as shown in Figure 3. Byte B1 serves three functions, if it equals zero and the value in B4 is non-zero then the routine returns to BASIC. I added the special crash noise routine after writing the tone generator so the routine has to check B4 before checking B1. If B1 has a value between 2 and 255 then the tone repeats B1 times with B2 decreased by one each time the tone is repeated, thus changing the frequency. When B1 equals one then only a single tone is produced. Byte B4 determines how long the tone stays on by repeating the whole pulse sequence B4 times. The values which are stored in B2 and B3 determine the delay between pulses, in other words the frequency of the tone to be generated. The routine used decrements the values in the table before testing for a zero value. If a zero is stored in B2, the computer will loop through 256 values before

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760 PRINT "PLAYER #":X:":":Z(X,R)
770 NEXT X
780 TS=0:DR=0:H=0:PRINT
790 NEXT P,R
900 POKE133, LB:POKE134, HB
910 END
920 REM DATA FOR NOISE GENERATOR
930 DATA165, 10, 72, 165, 11, 72, 169, 0, 141, 154, 30, 169, 31, 141, 155, 30, 24
940 DATA173, 154, 30, 133, 10, 173, 155, 30, 133, 11, 160, 3, 177, 10, 240, 127
950 DATA141, 159, 30, 160, 0, 177, 10, 240, 57, 141, 156, 30, 160, 1, 177, 10, 141
960 DATA157, 30, 160, 2, 177, 10, 141, 158, 30, 169, 0, 141, 0, 223, 32, 128, 30, 169
970 DATA255, 141, 0, 223, 32, 128, 30, 206, 157, 30, 206, 156, 30, 208, 232, 206
980 DATA159, 30, 208, 204, 169, 4, 109, 154, 30, 141, 154, 30, 76, 17, 30, 104, 133
990 DATA11, 104, 133, 10, 96
900 REM DATA FOR DELAY SUBROUTINE
910 DATA174, 158, 30, 172, 157, 30, 136, 208, 253, 202, 208, 247, 96
920 REM DATA FOR CRASH ROUTINE
930 DATA169, 160, 133, 11, 169, 0, 133, 10, 162, 10, 160, 0, 177, 10, 141, 0, 223
940 DATA169, 21, 141, 159, 30, 206, 159, 30, 208, 251, 200, 208, 238, 230, 11
950 DATA202, 16, 233, 76, 99, 30
960 REM DATA FOR SOUND TABLE
970 DATA1, 90, 1, 8, 0
980 LB=PEEK(133):HB=PEEK(134)
990 POKE133, 255:POKE134, 29
1000 REM SCREEN CLEAR
1010 POKE11, 34:POKE12, 2:POKE574, 96
1020 FORX=0TO27:Y=PEEK(65036+X):POKE546+X, Y:NEXT
1030 X=USR(X)
1040 A$="LOADING":A=53645:GOSUB20
1050 A$="DATA":A=53710:GOSUB20
1060 B=53777:D=0:DR=0:F=0:H=0:HS=54140:K1=0:KE=57088
1070 L=0:LC=0:LS=53445:P=0:PB=0
1080 PN=0:R=0:S=0:SC=0:SL=0:T=0:TS=0
1090 DIM PL(6),R(5),Z(6,6)
1100 FORX=7680TO7785:READY:POKEX,V:NEXT
1110 FORX=7808TO7820:READY:POKEX,V:NEXT
1120 FORX=7840TO7877:READY:POKEX,V:NEXT
1130 FORX=7936TO7940:READY:POKEX,V:NEXT
1140 FORV=1TO5:FORX=1TO6:Z(X,V)=0:NEXTX,V
1150 X=USR(X)
1160 PRINT"WELCOME TO OS1 ZAP"
1170 PRINT:PRINT"by Mike Bruson"
1180 PRINT"January, 1982"
1190 PRINT"Game uses these keys"
1200 PRINT"for movement:"
1210 PRINT"/Z/ UP":PRINT"//// DOWN"
1220 PRINT"/LEFT SHIFT/ LEFT":PRINT"/RIGHT SHIFT/ RIGHT"
1230 PRINT:PRINT"SCORING:"
1240 PRINTCHR*(1):"=1":PRINTCHR*(226):"=2":PRINTCHR*(30):"=3"
1250 PRINTCHR*(232):"=5":PRINTCHR*(15):"=10"
1260 PRINT"You are":CHR*(240)
1270 PRINT"Don't hit a * or"
1280 PRINT"you will get ZAPPED."
1290 INPUT"How many players (1-6)":PH
1300 INPUT"How many rounds (1-5)":RN
1310 PRINT:INPUT"How many rounds (1-6)":PH
1320 IFRN<1ORRN>6:THENPRINT"HUH?":GOTO1310
1330 GOTO260
1300 IFRN<1ORRN>5:THENPRINT"HUH?":GOTO1290

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continuing the next step. You should be careful about putting a zero in these bytes because you may think the computer is stuck in an endless loop. All this information is provided for those who may want to add sound to their own game programs. I wrote this game to work on any ClP computer with at least 8K of RAM memory.

After experimenting with the tone generator I found I could not produce a sound suitable to simulate a crash or explosion needed for many games. A very complex string of data is needed to produce such a sound. Just for fun I decided to output the contents of the BASIC ROM to the sound port. This is a readily available string of random bytes. This works quite well as an explosion. I merely added the new routine and provided a check in byte B4 of the sound table.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Figure 4 contains a listing of the ZAP game which demonstrates three of the possible types of sound; tones, warble and crash, which the machine language program can produce. To use the machine language routine you must first reserve space in the upper part of memory as in lines 980-990. Lines 830-970 and lines 1100-1140 place the sound routine in memory. Sound is produced by poking in values to the sound table and calling the USR function. The pointer to the USR function must be set as shown in line 360. This game program also uses a machine code screen clear so you will notice the pointers in location 11 and 12 to the USR function are changed throughout the game.

Because of the fast action of the higher skill levels, you may wish to change the keys which control the direction of the player on the screen to suit your own preferences. Lines 30-80 contain the keyboard scanning routine so you need only make changes there using data from your user's manual. The game starts when you press any direction key. You can't stop moving once the game starts, you can only change direction. It is not necessary to hold down the direction keys as the player will continue in the same direction until a new direction is entered.

The game ends when you hit a '*' or a random number cuts out your playing time (a real

time clock is needed, but I haven't worked that out). Now OSI ClP's will not have to be silent any longer.

LETTERS

ED:

I have had several complimentary communications on my Word Processor article in PEEK(65) (Dec. 1983, page 2). All, however, refer to typos, such as the missing comma in line 460, and several places where "L" and "I" are interchanged. A more persistent and serious problem is differences in OSI hardware & DOS memory locations between different models. Apparently, memory locations 9504, 9815, and 9834 are not the only ones that OSI uses for their GET routine. You will have to experiment if your model uses another.

Assuming that PEEK (57088) senses the right & left shift in your OSI, use the following test to see if your model will return the values given below:

```
10 Q = PEEK (57088)
20 PRINT Q
30 GOTO 10
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Note: right shift = 252
left shift = 250
left shift/L = 255
left shift/O = 218
right shift/O = 220

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line 11 checks for "return"
line 12 checks for "L"
line 13 checks for " "
(right shift/N)
line 15 provides a destructive backspace
(right shift/O)
line 16 converts caps to lowercase
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Perhaps these clues will allow you to experiment with the peek values to find the right combination for your OSI. After all, the name for this publication is PEEK(65), isn't it?

Stanley Harshfield
Memphis, TN 38115

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ED:

I finally got tired of only being able to get 48 characters on a line. I've got a ClP-MF W/OS65D 3.3 and a monitor. The computer can easily support more characters, but the operating system stops conservatively short. Thanks to an article in PEEK(65) by

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:POKE 13049,54:POKE 13050,136

Just add this to BEEXEC* and resave, or in DOS "SAVE 13,1=3274/8.

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ED:

I would like to get information / answers regarding the following items:

1. How do you convert a video based C8P-DF to a serial based machine?

2. Are spare parts available from the new owners of OSI?

3. Who are the new owners of OSI, and how can they be contacted?

4. Can CP/M be added to a C8P-DF and if so how? Who sells boards and software?

Thank you very much for any information that you may be able to give me.

Archie P. Berry
Akron, OH 44313

Archie:

1. Too much to handle here, but it's not too hard. We'll try to have some details next month.

2. Yes. Call Tech Support - see ISOTRON Feb ad.

3. You guessed it. ISOTRON, Inc., 140 Sherman St., Fairfield, CT 06430.

4. Depending which CPU Board you have, you may already have the Z80, if you will really use CP/M, see ads by D&N for their Proxy board.

Peek Staff

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ED:

Having recently purchased an OSI computer, I've found that there are many questions I need answered. So far my search has proved useless. After reading a couple issues of Peek, I am going to try them on you. Currently, I have a C2-OEM, Double sided Double density disks, Intertec Terminal, and an Epson printer, all controlled under 65U.

1. Where can I get info on this unit? The only thing I have is a second rate users manual that tells me very little about what I can and cannot do.

2. What types of software will run on it, and where can the software be purchased?

3. Who still supports it?

4. What hardware is out there to work with this system?

5. I would like to change the operating system (what is being loaded on boot) but have no idea how to get into it.

What it all comes down to is that I have a machine that I really like (but who writes an operating system in BASIC) and

would like to keep but I really need some help. I need information on the system.

I don't know what your policy is as far as answering this type of question (throw it out to readers) but I would like an answer if possible. I'll pay postage (and a modest fee) if it will help. I need answers. Help!!!

Eugene S. Mellon
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Eugene:

Welcome aboard! It sounds like you have bought a used machine with only partial documentation. As more time goes by, more used machines are being bought, many with less than complete documentations. So you are not alone. Hopefully, the following will help you and others in the same boat.

1. To start with, early OEM documentations left something to be desired. Hence the pages of back issues of Peek are full of useful information. As for your missing documentations, these should still be available from your dealer or ISOTRON (OSI). Call one of the new Tech Support numbers (ISOTRON ad. March) or the Aurora, OH plant (216) 562-2020. Additionally, Peek's "Goodies" list on the back cover has other supportive manuals including the Howard Sams schematic manuals.

2. What will run on the OEM? Programs for OS65-D, OS65-U, HEXDOS, to name a few, and if your CPU board happens to also have a Z80 CPU and a couple of modifications are made. CP/M,

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3. The software is supported by the respective vendors and/or authors.

4. By hardware we presume you mean terminals, modems, printers, and the like. The answer is - just about anything you can buy. One of the beauties of OSI is that the innards are accessible and modifiable to meet most any condition.

5. Modifying the operating system is not a good idea unless you have sufficient backups of the original, have a good general knowledge of operating systems, and have read up on OSI's in particular. Again, see old Peeks. One non-destructive way to get at it is to POKE the changes in at the beginning of your program. That way, the next time you boot, everything is back to normal. As for operating systems in BASIC, - forget it! Slow! Slow!

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ED:

I'm currently using a ClP series II upgraded to 32k, with the D&N MPI B51 drive and operating under OS65DV3.3 (a whole new world compared to BASIC-in-ROM for me!), and I would like to add a second mini-floppy drive, being the Shugart 400. I understand there is a system patch allowing the stepping rate to be changed to the 20msec rate rather than the 5msec rate required by the MPI. What is the nature and location of such a patch?

Any information you might provide would be greatly appreciated.

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ED:

I have an OSI ClP with the OS65D3 V3.3 disk operating system. Recently, I ran into a deal too good to pass up: two Teac FD50 disk drives in a nice small enclosure and power supply for under two hundred dollars, brand new! But now I'm faced with the problem of interfacing these drives with the ClP. I say problem because these drives have a track to track access time of 25u seconds as opposed to MPI's 83. If anyone knows of how I could step up the software "step rate" I would be very thankful if they would share it with me!!

Also, if anyone knows of any good modem drivers, dumb and/or intelligent, which will operate at 1200 baud, could you please let me know?

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Steve:

Regarding your question about OS-65D's step rate location, it is stored at \$EF. I'm not going to be of much help beyond that since I'm a real hardware rookie. The problem is that 3.3 installs the value at this location on cold boot in the routine at \$2E79. As you may know, OSI is famous for playing with this routine in attempting to compute the system's clock speed. I advise you to call Bill Thompson at ISOTRON Tech. Support 800-321-5805. Give Bill the above information so he doesn't have to look it up, and cry for help... a small crack in your voice helps a lot. Okay, that's my "official" response. If you are ambitious and have another version of 65D running, you may be able to patch your 3.3 diskette with something along the following lines:

(1) Boot the working copy of OS-65D and make a back-up copy of the 3.3 diskette.

(2) Invoke the Extended Monitor and insert the back-up copy of the 3.3 diskette in the drive.

(3) At the EM's ":" prompt, enter "!CA 4A00=01,1".

(4) If a printer is available, enter "!IO ,03" if it's a serial printer, or "!IO ,06" if it's a parallel printer (assuming this is a video system).

(5) Again at the ":" prompt,

enter "Q4E79".

(6) Somewhere between \$4E79 and \$4F78, there is a table of values that run something like:

.BYTE \$33,\$33,\$33,\$33
.BYTE \$66,\$66,\$66,\$66
.BYTE \$xx,\$xx,\$xx,\$xx

The above is from memory and is likely in error as to the specific values, but the pattern of 3 sets of repeating values should appear in some fashion. I believe that by adjusting the row that corresponds to your system's clock speed (i.e. 1st row = 1MHz, 2nd row = 2MHz, 3rd row = GT), you can make the change you desire. The mini-floppy and 8" version of this routine

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differ significantly, and have been altered in subsequent releases of 3.3 I believe. Hopefully, you will be able to disassemble the routine and get a better handle on the effects of the routine.

(7) Assuming the change has been made with the "e" command in the Extended Monitor, this last command will make the change permanent on the 3.3 diskette. At the ":" prompt, enter "ISA 01,1=4E79/8" for mini-floppies or enter "ISA 01,1=4E79/5" for 8" disks.

The last thing that may help is that if you are able to boot 3.3 and the BEXEC* runs, but have problems with subsequent disk accesses, POKEing (\$EF+\$2F79) will allow you to make adjustments under BASIC. I trust you can handle the HEX conversion.

I hope this is of some help.

Richard L. Trethewey

* Re your questions - Modem Drivers - See PEEK back issues Sept '83 page 11 and Oct '83 page 5.

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ED:

Here is a goodie for assuring that a Key Search always FINDS what you want.

Line 760 of EDKFMF pads the Key File with spaces (SPS) when it is loaded to the length of the search field.

Line 1200, the Key File Search Routine, pads field X\$ with

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699 REM      LOAD KEY FILE FROM MASTER
700 RPTR=1:ML=0:FL=FL(EF)-2:SS=""
705 IF EF=N THEN ML=0:GOTO710
706 FOR I=(EF+1) TO N: ML=ML+FL(I):NEXT I
710 BDF=43+LEN(KN$):INDEX<1>=BDF
720 OS=""*:DEV DV$(3)
730 IF EF=1 THEN FOS=0: GOTO 750
739 FOS=0
740 FOR K=1 TO (EF-1):FOS=FOS+(FL(K)):NEXT K
750 INDEX<2>=((RPTR-1)*RL)+FOS+BODF
751 IPTR=BODF+(RPTR-1)*RL
760 INPUT2,T$:US$=LEFT$(SS,(FL-LEN(T$))):PRINT1,OS+T$+US$:PRINT1,IPTR
765 IF INDEX(2)>=(E-ML) GOTO 800
766 PRINT"RECORD NUMBER "RPTR
770 RPTR=RPTR+1
780 IFRPTR<=RNGOTO750
800 EODF=INDEX(1):INDEX<1>=9:PRINT1,EODF
900 REM
950 PRINT:PRINT"KEYFILE: ";F$(1)+RIGHT$(STR$(Y),1)
960 PRINT"LABEL ";FDL$(EF)
965 PRINT
970 PRINT"          KEY FILE LOADED "
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1180 OPENF$(3),FW$,3
1190 INDEX<3>=42:INPUT3,T$
1200 Y$=""*:X$+LEFT$(SS,(19-LEN(X$)))
1210 FINDY$,3
1220 IFINDEX(3)>1EBTHENCLOSE3:MS=K1:GOTO2750
1230 INPUT3,T$:INPUT3,PA:PRINT
1250 CLOSE3:RPTR(A)=K1+(PA-BODF(A))/RL(A)
1260 X=((RPTR(A)-1)*RL(A))+BODF(A)
1270 FORI=1TON(A):FCS(A,I)=""*:INDEX(A)>=X+FP(A,I):INPUT3A,FCS(A,I):NEXTI
1280 IFPC$(A,I)=X$THEN:PRINTC$S:GOTO1310
1290 PRINT:PRINTFCS(A,I),"NO MATCH FOR "X$;" KEYFILE ERROR"
1300 INPUT"ENTER A C TO CONTINUE (MUST FIX FILE)";A$:GOTO2750
1310 REM
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spaces to the right - so as to match the key.

This mod cuts out any checking except to see if the field found matches. If not, Line 1290 is executed - "no match for X\$".

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ED:

Re Al Adams's letter, April '84, page 17. Al suggested to POKE 207,36 (I am using OS65D v3.2). Well, I did that just for fun to see what he was talking about, and it seems to me to be a completely worthless and unproductive thing to do. It causes BASIC programs to bomb out. It gives SN ERROR messages.

It does allow leading spaces to be typed on a BASIC line, but that would only use up memory space for nothing, so who would want to do that?

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ERRATA

April '84 issue, page 16, paragraph in Bruce Showalter's letter should read:

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