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NEWSLETTER

The big advantage of the recent mailing list clean out is that we now have far less people on our mailing list and therefore can write to you more often, keeping you up-to-date with what is going on here at Molimerx and in the Tandy community.

One thing that I must make clear is that these new Newsletters will in no way replace our catalogue listings - the flyers that you get from us from time to time. They will continue in exactly the same way. But interspersed with them there will be the odd Newsletter.

In the mailing list clean up mailout, was included a 20% Sale notification which was to continue until the 'next Flyer'. This is **not** the 'next flyer' - that Sale is still in existence and it will remain so until our next proper flyer is sent, which will probably be about midsummer.

An important new item that Molimerx now has in stock is a book entitled the Programmer's Handbook of Computer Printer Commands. This has already been advertised in our IBM and Sanyo catalogues and we include on the reverse of this Newsletter the write-up on it. As you will see, I find this to be an extremely useful publication. It is without a doubt, expensive at £30 (although the 20% makes it easier) but it is also some 257 pages of solid reference material and I suppose reference books do come expensive. It sells for \$38 in the United States. It is the first of a series of such books. As printers are introduced by manufacturers, so new volumes of the work will be added. I am informed by the publishers in the States that they will not be doing a reprint of this book, so if anybody is interested I really would recommend that they dig down and buy Volume 1 now because the subsequent volumes will be of little use without it.

I boobed on the description of DosTamer in the catalogue. Nowhere on page 192 did I mention (actually for the simple reason that I did not know at the time) that the Model 4 version described therein has a number of important differences from the Model III version. In fact these differences are so fundamental that I think it calls into question whether the Model III version is actually worth buying. On the Model 4, I find DosTamer in some respects indispensable. But be aware that the Model III version does not contain many of the features described on page 192 - in particular, for instance it does not support the tagging of files.

To some rather happier news, the up-to-date versions of Hyperzap and Hypercross are now being shipped. Update fee for all normal updates, which includes both of them, is still only £10 inclusive. Hypercross now, in the ALL version, supports 200 formats and the XT version has about 90. As important as both of these statistics is the fact that Hypercross now includes, as they say without additional charge, a Basic Translator. Almost identical to CNVBASIC, it carries out the translation from the Model I/III Basic syntax to the Model 4/CPM syntax 'on the fly'. In other words as the Basic program is transported across so it is also, at least in part, translated. I make a disclaimer there because no software that I have ever seen can do a full translation. There are always some odds and ends of syntax to clear up. This translator however, does change all of the PRINT @ statements, making all of the necessary calculations as it goes. It also inserts the spaces. The lucky present owners of Hypercross get all of this just for the normal £10 update fee - a bargain in any syntax! New purchasers can also be pleased that these added features do not carry an added price increase. Both Hypercross and Hyperzap are still priced as per the catalogue.

I trust that you have enjoyed this short Newsletter. If you did, let us know as it would be useful when we come to decide whether to continue on with them frequently, infrequently or not bother!

Yours sincerely

A J Harding

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BOOK — PROGRAMMER'S HANDBOOK OF COMPUTER PRINTER COMMANDS

Occasionally a book comes along which is so useful that one wonders why somebody did not do it before. Users of microcomputers, particularly programmers, are continually requiring details of the Escape and Control codes for various printers. Perhaps they are considering purchasing a printer or perhaps they are writing a program which should be made compatible with as many printers as possible. For whatever reason, a table in book form of all these codes, for the vast majority of the popular printers of today is extremely useful. This is exactly what Mary Lou and Fred East have put together. It is an absolutely invaluable reference book. It is not, of course, the sort of book you take to bed to read but when you need to know some of the information in it, it becomes priceless. The contents is an attempt to include all of the printers, both daisy wheel and dot matrix, made by the various manufacturers supported but of course it was, originally, up to those manufacturers to supply the data. Whether they have in fact supplied the data for all of their printers manufactured up to the end of 1984, we do not know. Accordingly, a complete list follows. You will see the manufacturer and then the model number of the printer supported. For each of these peripherals the book contains a control code table. It states the code and the hexadecimal and decimal number together with the function. Thus, for instance, for the Epson FX-80, we see that the code for Condensed Print On is SI, the hexadecimal code for it OF and the decimal equivalent is 15. Some printers occupy more pages than others, of course. To give you an idea the FX-80 we have just mentioned occupies three pages. The size is roughly A5 and there are 257 pages. The manufacturers and model numbers are as follows:—

ALPHACOM:	Alphapro 101	IBM:	**
AMDEK:	5040	INFORUNNER:	**
ANADEx:	WP-6000, DP6500, DP-9000B, DP-9001B, DP-9500B, DP-9501B, DP-9602B, DP-9625B, DP-9625B, DP-9725B, COLOUR	INTEGRAL:	IDS-480, P80, P132
	ADS2000	JUKI:	6100
ANTEX:	DOT MATRIX PRINTER (DMP), IMAGEWRITER, LQP (LETTER QUALITY PRINTER)	MANNESMANN-TALLY:	SPRINT 80, 180I, 180L
APPLE:	**	MICRO PERIPHERALS:	PRINTMATE 99, PRINTMATE 150, SOLUTION SERIES S, X, SX, SPRINTER
ATARI:	**	NEC:	3510, 3520, 3500R, 3530, 3515, 3525, P2/P3-2, P2/P3-7, P2/P3-3, 2000, 2050, 5530, 8850, 3550
AXIOM:	**	NORTH ATLANTIC QANTAX:	7020, 7030, 7040, 7035, 7065
BMC:	BX80, PB401	OKIDATA:	ML82A, ML83A, ML93, ML92, ML84 STEP 2, PACEMARK 2350, PACEMARK 2410
BLUE CHIP:	120/10		ESW-3000
BROTHER:	HR-15, HR-25, HR-35	OLYMPIA:	KX-P1092, KX-P1091, KX-P1090
CAL-ABCO:	LEGEND 800	PANASONIC:	PRIMAGES I
CANON:	**	PRIMAGES:	P300, P600
CARDCO:	LQ/1, LQ/3	PRINTRONIX:	**
CENTRONICS:	122, 150-1, 150-2, 150-3, 150-4, 351PC, 351, 354, 352, 353, 358-1, 358-2, 358-3, 358-4, 702, 703, 704, 730-1, 730-2, 730-3, 730-4, 737-1, 737-2, 739, GLP, H80-1, H80-2, H136A	QANTEL:	**
	MSP-10/15, MSP-20/25	QUME:	SPRINT 5, SPRINT 9, SPRINT 11 PLUS
CITIZEN:	1550, 8510A, 8510B, 1570F, A10-20, F10-40, 7500, 8510S/SC	RADIO SHACK:	IBM MODE, DMP-430, DMP-2100P, TRP-100, TRS MODE
C. ITOH:	SC-1200, SC-1500, SC-5500		RP1300-IBM, RP1300, RP1500, RP1600, RP2200Q, RP1500, RP1600Q
COPAL:	**	RICOH:	EXP400, EXP500, EXP550, EXP770
DATA GENERAL:	PT8050, PT8070	SILVER-REED:	**
DATA TERMINALS:	DS180, DS220	SMITH-CORONA:	DELTA 10, RADIX 10, GEMINI 10X, POWERTYPE - PM MODE, POWERTYPE - WP MODE
DATAPRODUCTS:	36, 620, 630 API, 36 API, 630 ESC, INK JET PRINTER, P11, P31, P32, P38, S11, S31, S32	STAR MICRONICS:	1120 DAISY PRINTER
DATASOUTH:	LETTERPRINTER 50 (LA 50), LETTERPRINTER 100 (LA 100)	SUMITRONICS:	**
DIABLO:	DX-15, DX-25, DX-35	TELETEX (TTX):	850, 855
	LQ-1500, FX-80, RX-80, MX 80	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS:	P1340, P1351
DIGITAL:	TYPE III, MX-80 with GRAFTRAX/80, MX-80	TOSHIBA:	120, 130, 140, 315 COLOUR
DYNAX:	SP320, SP830, DPL24, SP380	TRANSTAR:	**
EPSON:	3014-I, 3024-I, 3014-II, 3024-II, 3184, 3304/3404	WANG:	**
FUJITSU:	**		
GENICOM:	ALL		
HERMES:			
HEWLETT:			

** Information for printers not received at time of publication.