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WHERE WILL BUGS ATTACK???

AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE NOW HAVE OUR
PERMANENT MEETING PLACE, AT THE GREEN
OAK TOWNSHIP FIREHALL, 11411 E. GRAND
RIVER, IN BRIGHTON, MI.

IT REALLY TURNED OUT TO BE A TERR-
IFIC PLACE TO MEET, WITH MUCH MORE
ORGANIZATION & BREATHING ROOM THAN
SOME OF OUR PREVIOUS SPOTS.

WE'RE PRINTING THE MAP FOR EVERY-
ONE ONE MORE TIME IN THIS ISSUE, BUT
PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP A COPY ON HAND
SO YOU WON'T FORGET YOUR WAY. WE DEF-
INATELY DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO GET LOST
LOOKING FOR THE MEETING.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
JANUARY 30, (SUNDAY) 1983 AT 2:00 P.M.
SO BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

MASTER PLAN

OUR GENERAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT
2:00. WE'RE CERTAIN THAT NO ONE WILL
WANT TO BE LATE FOR THIS ONE, EITHER.
WE SHOULD HAVE LOTS OF NEWS THIS TIME,
AS THE MEETING FALLS RIGHT AFTER THE
JANUARY CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW THAT
WILL BE HELD IN LAS VEGAS. SOMEONE
FROM OUR CLUB WILL BE THERE TO GET ALL
OF THE LATEST NEWS AND SHARE IT WITH
US FIRST-HAND.

BECAUSE OF THIS, WE WILL NOT BE
TIME-SCHEDULING THE REST OF OUR MEET-
ING. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO SET ANY KIND
OF SCHEDULE WHEN WE ARE NOT SURE HOW
MUCH INFORMATION WE WILL HAVE TO GO
OVER.

CLASSES:

DON'T FORGET, YOU CAN STILL SIGN
UP FOR OUR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS.
WE HOPE TO BE STARTING THESE SOON
AFTER OUR JAN. MEETING, SO WE SHOULD
HAVE THE FINAL INFORMATION AT THE
MEETING. THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO,
AND POSSIBLY MORE GROUPS THAT WILL
MEET EVERY TWO WEEKS. (BASIC PROGRAM-
MING AND MACHINE LANGUAGE.)

RUNNING HIGH SCORES FOR 25 CENT GAMES:

SPACE FORTRESS

LEVEL 9-3 BASES	
1-GEOFF SIEMBOR	10,200
2-BILLY ZDAN	7,550
3-JAMIE BROWN	7,025

GALACTIC INVASION

LEVEL 9-3 BASES	
1-GEORGE MOSES	814
2-RICK MOSES	464
3-DARRELL HAINES	406

THE WIZARD

LEVEL 3-ONE PLAYER	
1-BILLY ZDAN	4,340
2-DAVE DEVRIES	2,540
3-SHAWN WILLIAMS	2,400

SPACE INVADERS

LEVEL 4	
1-JAMIE BROWN	2,360
2-BILLY ZDAN	1,560
3-RICH YENSON	1,530

PINBALL

GAME ONE	
1-DAVE DEVRIES	21,650
2-RICK MOSES	15,030
3-JOE McMULLEN	13,850

PIRATES CHASE

LEVEL 9-3 TURNS	
1-BRETT BILBREY	10,855
2-PEGGY GLADDEN	9,923
3-MIKE TOTH	1,793

VIDEO BUGS

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'VE GOT A LOT
OF NEW HIGH SCORES THIS MONTH. WE ARE
KEEPING A RUNNING HIGH SCORE SHEET, SO
YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE AT EVERY MEETING
TO GET TO THE TOP. IT'S REALLY NOT ALL
THAT HARD TO DO, AND IT IS DEFINATELY
A LOT OF FUN TO TRY.

ONE DISAPPOINTMENT, HOWEVER, WE
ASKED OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS TO SEND
US THEIR CHOICE OF AN EXTRA CARTRIDGE
FOR OUR LIST OF CHALLENGES. THE BAD
PART IS THAT WE DID NOT EVEN GET ONE
RESPONSE! I GUESS NOBODY HAD ANY IDEAS

OUT THERE. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE LIST OF GAMES AS IT IS FOR NOW. SHOULD ANYONE HAVE OTHER IDEAS, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

CLUB TAPE:

OUR APOLOGIES TO EVERYONE FOR THE DELAY WITH OUR CLUB TAPE. AFTER FINALLY GETTING THE MASTER TAPE TOGETHER, WE ENDED UP WITH A TAPE SHORTAGE. HOWEVER, A GIANT THANKS TO MIKE PERCE OF 'WAVEMAKERS' FOR GENEROUSLY HELPING US THROUGH OUR CRISIS. MIKE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG BACKER OF THE ASTRO-BUGS AND AN AVID "ASTROCADER". (AS WELL AS A GREAT PROGRAMMER). IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT HE HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR US ALREADY, BUT THIS TIME HE REALLY SHINES. HE NOT ONLY MADE A NEW MASTER FOR OUR TAPE, BUT ALSO MADE SEVERAL COPIES FOR US, AND HAD THEM BACK TO US WITHIN A WEEK. MIKE, YOU ARE A TERRIFIC GUY!!!

CORNER STORE:

IT'S REALLY A SHAME IF YOU DIDN'T GET IN ON OUR BARGAINS AT THE LAST MEETING. A LOT OF OUR GUYS GAVE SOME GREAT PRE-CHRISTMAS DISCOUNTS. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT ESOTERICA LTD CAME UP FOR A VISIT, AND GAVE DISCOUNTS ON ALL THEIR SOFTWARE. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEY ALSO GAVE OUR CLUB A NICE DONATION FROM THEIR SALES. DAN DRESCHER & JIM CURRAN... THANKS A MILLION!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH ASTROCADE?

THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF RUMORS FLYING AROUND ABOUT THE COMPANY. SOME GOOD, MOST BAD. ALL WE CAN SAY IS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY SEEM TO BE SOMEWHAT BACK ON THEIR FEET NOW, SO MOST THINGS DON'T LOOK TOO BAD. AND REMEMBER, WHEN THE BALLY CORP. DEVELOPED OUR MACHINE, THEY ONLY MARKETED IT FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, THEN GAVE UP, BUT IT LIVED ON WITH THE HELP OF THE 'ARCADIAN' AND USER GROUPS. (NUTS LIKE US.) SO I DON'T FEEL THAT THE ASTROCADE WILL EVER COMPLETELY DIE OUT TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING IT!!

UNCLASSIFIED ADS:

WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY ADS FOR THIS ISSUE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE, SEND \$1.00 ALONG WITH YOUR AD TO PEGGY. (ADDRESS ON FRONT.) WE ARE ALSO NOW ACCEPTING HALF AND FULL PAGE ADS. CALL OR WRITE.

THE INSIDE CORNER BY BRETT BILBREY

WELL... NO ONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS? I SUGGEST THAT UNLESS YOU WANT THE QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN TO BE DROPPED, THAT YOU SEND IN SOME QUESTIONS. THIS MEANS YOU!!! I'M NOT AFRAID OF TOO MANY QUESTIONS, BUT I AM AFRAID OF NO QUESTIONS BEING ASKED.

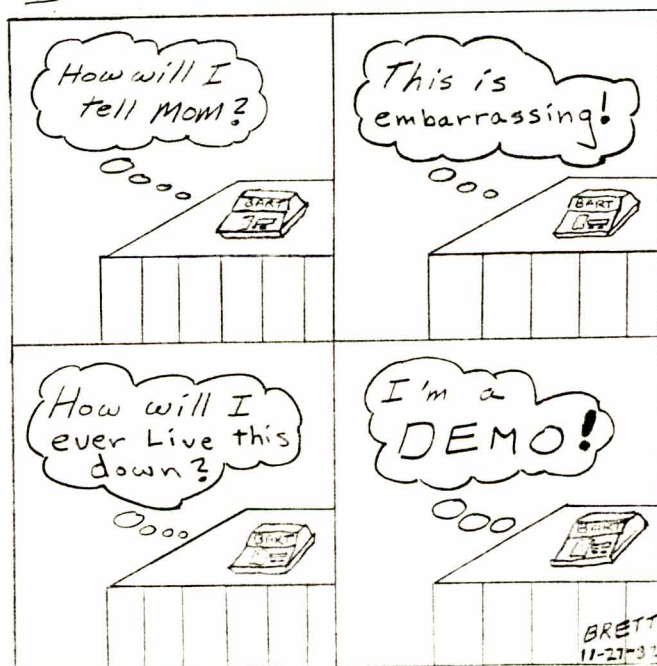
SEND ALL QUESTIONS TO:
QUESTIONS
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AT THE NEXT MEETING, I WILL HAVE A COMPLETE REPORT ON THE WINTER C.E.S. FROM LAS VEGAS, SO BE SURE AND BE THERE TO BE IN ON ALL THE LATEST NEWS.

GENERAL MEETING:

AT OUR GENERAL MEETING IN JAN. WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ADDING TO OUR BOARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT IN THIS WAY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THE JOB OF GETTING MEETINGS AND THIS NEWSLETTER READY EVERY TWO MONTHS IS GETTING A BIT MUCH FOR JUST A FEW OF US TO HANDLE. WE COULD USE HELP IN THE AREAS OF CLEANING, MAILING, REFRESHMENTS, ETC. SO PLEASE, IF YOU CAN FIND A LITTLE TIME, LEND A HAND!!!

BART



ASTRO-BUGGED?

BY BRETT BILBREY

WE HAVE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT! THE PUZZLE CONTEST IS A SUCCESS AND WILL BE CONTINUED!!! THE SOLUTIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON TWO CATEGORIES: EXECUTION SPEED AND SIZE EFFICIENCY. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 29, 1983. TO ENTER, SEND A COMPLETE PROGRAM LISTING AND SEPERATE COMMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION TO:

ASTRO BUGGED
14430 BARCLAY
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126

THE WINNER AND SOLUTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT MEETING AND IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. THE PRIZE WILL BE THE CURRENT ASTRO-BUG CLUB TAPE (OR A REFUND IF YOU ALREADY BOUGHT ONE, SO BUY IT!!!).

BUG PUZZLE #1 SOLUTION:

THE FIRST PUZZLE WAS:

YOU ARE SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIRCLE OF 1000 PEOPLE, WITH A GUN THAT HAS 1000 BULLETS. STARTING WITH PERSON NUMBER ONE, YOU SHOOT THAT PERSON, THEN START SHOOTING EVERY OTHER LIVE PERSON (3,5,7...) CONTINUOUSLY AROUND THE CIRCLE UNTIL EVERY PERSON IS DEAD. BY NUMBER, WHO IS THE LAST ONE TO DIE?

THE WINNER IS... CRAIG ANDERSON. WE HAD A LOT OF GOOD ENTRIES, ONE SO GOOD THAT I HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE BOB WEBER AN HONORABLE MENTION. WHAT FOLLOWS ARE THEIR SOLUTIONS. I THINK YOU WILL FIND THEM INTERESTING.

CRAIG ANDERSON'S SOLUTION:

PRIOR TO WRITING A COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SOLVE A PROBLEM, ONE MUST DEFINE THE ALGORITHM UPON WHICH THE PROGRAM IS TO BE BASED. TO DEFINE THE ALGORITHM ONE MUST FIRST ANALYZE THE PROBLEM.

AN ANALYSIS OF THIS PROBLEM REVEALS AN INTERESTING TRAP. THAT EVERY OTHER LIVING PERSON IS SHOT SUGGESTS THAT IT IS A BINARY PROGRESSION. THE TRICK OCCURS WHEN WE SEE THAT THE UPPER LIMIT OF THE PROGRESSION, 1000, IS NOT A BINARY NUMBER. AN ALGORITHM BASED ON A SIMPLE BINARY SERIES BREAKS DOWN ON THE FOURTH ITERATION WHEN 1000 IS NOT EVENLY DIVISIBLE BY 16 WHERE IT WAS BY 2, 4 AND 8. (ED. NOTE-NR. F. TOMJACK WAS ON TO THIS SAME SOLUTION BUT GOT STUCK AT THIS POINT.) TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT, THE LAST SURVIVOR OCCURS AT THE POINT WHERE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UPPER LIMIT OF THE

SERIES EQUALS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE UPPER LIMIT AND THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER IN THE BINARY SEQUENCE. THE NEXT BINARY ABOVE 1000 IS 1024. SUBTRACTING 24 FROM 1000 GIVES US 976. THE LUCKY NUMBER OF THE LAST POOR FOOL TO BUY A BULLET.

HERE IS THE PROGRAM, WHICH WILL FIND THE SURVIVOR IN ANY CIRCLE OF PEOPLE BEING SHOT IN A RECURSIVE BINARY SEQUENCE, WHERE X EQUALS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE. CARRY IT IN YOUR BILLFOLD; IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE SOMEDAY IF YOU REMEMBER TO GO HOME FOR A SANDWICH WHILE THE LUNATIC WITH THE GUN IS RELOADING.

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10 A=1;INPUT X
20 GOTO (A>X-1)+30
30 A=A+A;GOTO 20
31 PRINT X-(A-X)
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THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT. SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS TO BE JUDGED ON SIZE AND SPEED OF EXECUTION I OPTIMIZED THE Z-80 FUNCTIONS BY AVOIDING THE OBVIOUS MULTIPLICATION IN LINE 30 (Z-80'S CAN'T MULTIPLY BUT THEY CAN ADD LIKE BANDITS!) AND BY USING A BOOLEAN AND JUMP IN LINE 20 INSTEAD OF AN IF STATEMENT. (ED. NOTE- THE ASTROCADE MULTIPLIES NUMBERS BY CALLING A MACHINE LANGUAGE MULTIPLY ROUTINE THAT REALLY ADDS THE NUMBERS A WHOLE BUNCH OF TIMES. BUT FOR MOST BASIC PROGRAMS DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.)

LINE 10 INITIALIZES THE BINARY SERIES (A) AT 1 AND CALLS FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE. LINE 20 CHECKS TO SEE IF THAT NUMBER (A) IS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE. IF SO, IT JUMPS TO LINE 31 WHERE WE SUBTRACT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE AND THE NEXT HIGHEST BINARY FROM THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE THEN PRINT THE ANSWER AND STOP. IF A IS NOT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE CIRCLE, THE PROGRAM JUMPS TO LINE 30 WHERE A IS DOUBLED (BINARY SEQUENCE) THEN SENT BACK TO BE TESTED IN THE NEXT ITERATION (NEXT CYCLE OF THE GUN AROUND THE CIRCLE).

WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, CRAIG CAME UP WITH A SMART SOLUTION. BUT NOW WE COME TO BOB WEBER'S SOLUTION. IT IS NOT AS FAST, OR AS SHORT, BUT IT HAS A VERY, VERY UNIQUE SOLUTION; GRAPHICAL! BOB USES THE PX FUNCTION TO CHECK A BOX OF 1000 PIXELS (PEOPLE)

AND THE PIXELS DISAPPEAR AS THE PEOPLE GET SHOT.

BUG PUZZLE #2

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>1 CLEAR ;BOX 1,5,100,10,1;B=1000;  
X=-49;Y=0;GOTO 20  
>2 X=X+1;IF X=51X=-49;Y=Y+1;IF Y=10Y=0  
>3 RETURN  
>20 BOX X,Y,1,1,2;B=B-1;IF B=0GOTO 60  
>30 GOSUB 2;IF PX(X,Y)=0GOTO 30  
>40 GOSUB 2;IF PX(X,Y)GOTO 20  
>50 GOTO 40  
>60 PRINT YB/100+X+50
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(b=MULTIPLICATION SIGN).

I USED A BOX CONTAINING 1000 PIXELS TO REPRESENT THE 1000 PERSONS, AND THE PX(X,Y) FUNCTION TO CHECK TO SEE IF THEY WERE DEAD OR NOT. LINE #20 KILLS A PIXEL AND CHECKS TO SEE IF THEY ARE ALL DEAD. LINE #30 CHECKS TO SEE IF THE NEXT ONE IS DEAD, AND IF IT IS GOES ON TO THE NEXT ONE. IF IT IS NOT, LINE #40 CHECKS TO SEE IF THE NEXT ONE IS ALIVE. IF IT IS IT GOES TO LINE #20, AND IF IT ISN'T GOES ON TO THE NEXT ONE. LINE #2 IS THE SUBROUTINE THAT ADDS ONE TO THE STRING, AND CHECKS TO SEE IF IT HAS PASSED 1000. IF YOU WATCH CLOSELY, YOU CAN SEE THAT IT IS ONLY KILLING EVERY OTHER LIVE PIXEL.

SO THERE WE HAVE THE WINNER AND A UNIQUE SOLUTION TO THE FIRST PUZZLE. NOW WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PUZZLE AT HAND, PUZZLE NUMBER #2. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF YOU TRY IT. THE IDEA OF THE CONTEST IS TO GET YOU TO TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS USING THE COMPUTER. IF YOU DON'T AT LEAST TRY THE PUZZLES, YOU WON'T LEARN ANYTHING FROM THE SOLUTIONS OF OTHERS. SO, EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU CAN WIN, I WANT TO SEE YOUR SOLUTIONS. YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED AND FIND THAT YOUR SOLUTION IS THE BEST! ENOUGH OF THE PEP TALK, LET'S GET ON TO THE PUZZLE.

IT SEEMS OUR SOLUTION TO PUZZLE #1 BEAT ATARI'S 400/800 SOLUTION! I THINK WE CAN DO IT AGAIN, SO I AM BORROWING THEIR PUZZLE #2 (PLUS IT MAKES MY JOB EASIER). TO GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE: PUZZLE #2 TAKEN FROM M.A.C.E. BY CHARLES GODFREY. SO NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS FROM, LET'S TRY TWICE AS HARD FOR A SOLUTION THAT WILL BEAT THEM!!!

SHIPWRECKED IN A HURRICANE, FIVE SAILORS IN A ROWBOAT LANDED ON A SMALL ISLAND INHABITED BY ONE MONKEY AND NUMEROUS COCONUT TREES (NO, IT WAS NOT DONKEY KONG!). THE TREES HAD JUST FINISHED BEARING A BUMPER CROP OF COCONUTS, ALL OF WHICH HAD BLOWN TO THE GROUND IN THE HURRICANE.

HAVING NOTHING BETTER TO DO, THE SAILORS DECIDED TO GATHER ALL THE COCONUTS ON THE ISLAND INTO A SINGLE PILE. THEY FINISHED THE JOB BY NIGHTFALL, AND THEN FELL SOUNDLY ASLEEP. BUT ONE SAILOR AWOKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND BECAME WORRIED THAT HE WOULD NOT RECEIVE HIS FAIR SHARE OF THE MILKY PALM FRUIT. HE STOLE AWAY TO THE PILE AND REMOVED EXACTLY HIS FAIR SHARE OF THE COCONUTS, BURIED THEM, AND WENT BACK TO SLEEP. ANOTHER SAILOR AWOKE A SHORT TIME LATER AND DID THE SAME (DO YOU SEE A PATTERN STARTING?), BURIED HIS FAIR SHARE OF THE COCONUTS AND RETURNED TO SLEEP. EACH OF THE THREE REMAINING SAILORS, IN TURN, DID LIKEWISE. (MORAL OF THE STORY-DON'T TRUST SAILORS!)

THE NEXT MORNING, NOT SUSPECTING WHAT EACH OF THE OTHERS HAD DONE (THEY DIDN'T NOTICE THE PILE WAS SMALLER?), THE SAILORS DIVIDED THE REMAINING COCONUTS, AND EACH RECEIVED HIS EQUAL SHARE. ONE COCONUT REMAINED, WHICH THEY GAVE TO THE MONKEY. (DON'T WORRY, HE KNEW WHERE SOME BANANA TREES WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND, SO HE DIDN'T STARVE. AND NO, HE DID NOT TELL THE GREEDY SAILORS!)

THE PUZZLE? WRITE A PROGRAM TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COCONUTS IN THE ORIGINAL PILE. SINCE THERE CAN BE MORE THAN ONE CORRECT ANSWER, ALL I AM LOOKING FOR IS THE LOWEST CORRECT ANSWER. THE PUZZLE ITSELF IS NOT TOO HARD, YOU SHOULD FOLLOW MR. ANDERSON'S ADVICE ABOUT ANALYZING THE PROBLEM BEFORE YOU START. PLEASE TRY TO GET YOUR SOLUTIONS TO ME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IF ENOUGH PEOPLE ENTER, THERE WILL BE SECOND AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ASTROBUGS AND HAVE FUN!!! GOOD LUCK TO ALL.

SPEAK OUT!!!

BY GEORGE MOSES

ARCADE HAND CONTROLS... IS A RE-DESIGN A GOOD IDEA? THERE HAS BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF TALK ABOUT THE WONDERFUL DESIGN OF THE PISTOL GRIP CONTROLS WE ARE BLESSED WITH. WE ALL KNOW THEY DO MORE THAN COMPETITIVE HAND CONTROLS WHEN YOU CONSIDER THEY HAVE FOUR DIRECTIONAL SWITCHES, A TRIGGER SWITCH AND A POTENTIOMETER (KNOB).

SO, WHAT'S THE GRIPE? THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WIRE BREAKAGE CAUSED BY THE USER BENDING THE WIRE DURING GAME PLAY BY LEANING ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PISTOL GRIP. WHOEVER DESIGNED THESE HANDLES WITH THE WIRES COMING OUT THE BOTTOM SHOULD HAVE CHILD-TESTED THEM BEFORE RELEASING THEM FOR PRODUCTION.

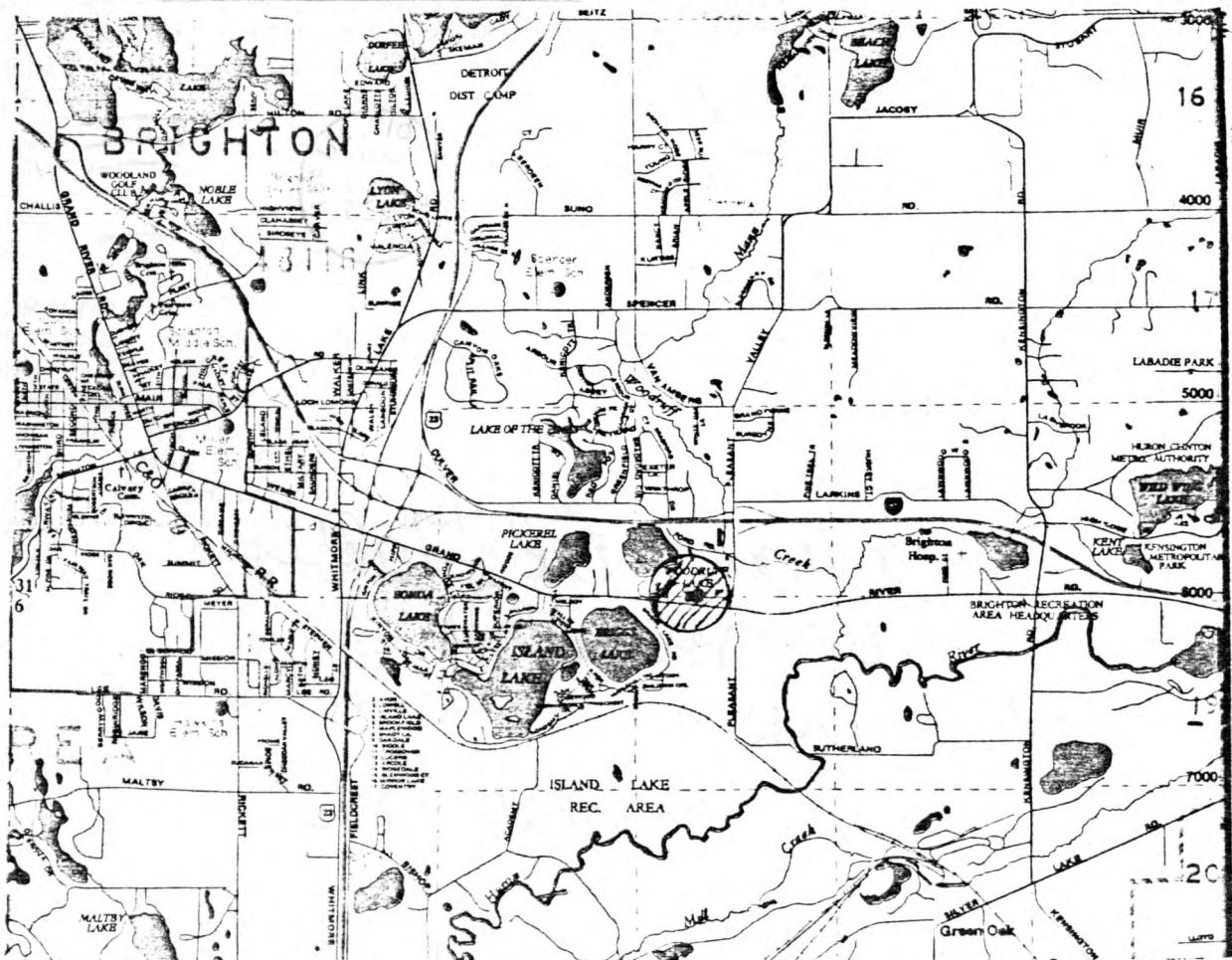
WHEN I FIRST PURCHASED MY ARCADE I NOTICED THE POUNDING THE LITTLE URCHINS GAVE MY WIRES. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I LAID DOWN THE LAW. IF THEY COULDN'T HOLD THE HANDLES UP OFF THE FLOOR, OR OFF THE TABLE, THEY WOULD LOSE THE PRIVILEGE OF PLAYING WITH MY COMPUTER!!!

A BETTER SOLUTION IS TO DRILL A HOLE IN THE SIDE OR THE BACK OF THE HAND CONTROL AND REROUTE THE WIRE THRU

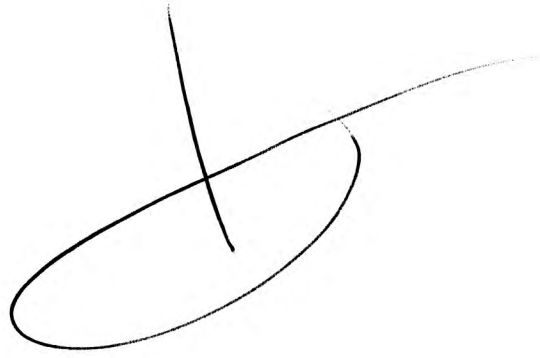
THE NEW OPENING. ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY OF STRAIN DAMAGE ON THE WIRE COMPLETELY. AT LEAST ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, DAVE IBACH, HAS DONE JUST THAT. IT SEEMS TO HAVE SOLVED HIS PROBLEMS. OF COURSE, DAVE HAS GONE ALL OUT WITH HIS ARCADE, INSTALLING A FAN, A HINGED LID, A INPUT AND PRINT SWITCH TO ELIMINATE SWITCHING WIRES WHEN TAPING, AND EVEN A SET OF HOLSTERS ON HIS CART TO STOW HIS HANDLES IN!!!

WHEN THE WIRES FAIL, ALL YOU CAN DO IS ORDER A NEW SET OF WIRES AND GET YOUR SOLDERING IRON AND PUT THEM IN. OR YOU CAN SPEND \$50 AND BUY A NEW SET OF HANDLES, IF YOU HAVE MONEY TO BURN.

OH WELL. NO GREAT PRODUCT IS WITHOUT A FEW DESIGN FLAWS, I GUESS. LIVE AND LEARN AND WORK AROUND THE PROBLEMS HOW ABOUT A HAND CONTROL CLINIC AT ONE OF OUR FUTURE MEETINGS? IF THE CLUB IS INTERESTED, WE COULD GET A SUPPLY OF NEW REPLACEMENT CABLES AND SOME TUNER CLEANER FOR THE KNOBS AND EITHER TUNE UP THE HANDLES DURING THE MEETING OR TAKE THEM IN FOR REPAIR AT THAT TIME AND SEND THEM BACK WITHIN A FEW DAYS. THERE ARE SEVERAL OF US THAT ARE GOOD AT REPAIRING THEM AND IT COULD BE DONE VERY INEXPENSIVELY. LET US HAVE YOUR IDEAS, MY DEAR READERS!!!



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