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THE BIJE RAM is the most exciting thing out these days, primarily because it is a real piece of equipment - and available. Deliveries started last week.

Cost data is: Complete - wired 170.

Complete - kit (o) 130.

Complete = Kit (o) 130.

Bare kit with power(*) 70. (send orders to Robert Fabris--)
Bare kit without power 60. (personal checks for these are ok)

(o) About 80% of the kit's construction requires wire wrapping, and 5% is soldering, while the remainder is mechanical assembly. Wire wrapping is a technique that tightly twists a wire around a post, ensuring a mechanical and electrical connection - no heat required - but a tool is. A tool by "OK" retails at 14.95 at electronic shops. This is in the middle of the price bracket.

(*) A regulated power supply is needed, 6 vDC at .5 amp.

The difference between the complete and bare kits is in the RAM itself. The chips used are type 2114, two per K. Actually, we can supply the amount of RAM you desire-1,2,3,or 4K, at a rate of \$15 per K. The chips are 450nsec max speed, by TI - no surplus or unlabelled stock. Kit building instructions and documentation of course.

The small box (see last month's illustration) contains two main parts, the RAM and its controlling items, and the connector at the top left to interface with the outside world plus its associated parts. The box attaches directly to the 50-pin connector in the back and is supported by it. This concept eliminates any possible problem with interferences or losses due to a cable. In use, it will cover up hand controller 4's connection.

The project includes a self-diagnostic capability. Essentially the machine programs a WRITE statement to an address, then a READ statement and compares the two. If they are different, a picture of the BLUE RAM shows up on the screen and the errant chip is indicated with a ? and a statement.

The project also includes a utility program for loading machine language, and three are built-in. 1) enables a multi-color screen with eight colors full width, plus a split screen (similar to &(9)) to give 16. 2) switches control to a machine code program or routine which starts at 6000H. We will include such programs in the ARCADIAN for our mutual understanding. and 3) which is used to copy a game cassette.

ADDED MEMORY, what's it all about???

As a computer, the Bally has a very small usable memory size. We were very surprised to find that there was only 1.8K of RAM really available — it was touted at 4K. While the designers did clever short-cut tricks, we find there is not much to work with. As you've seen in previous issues, our subscribers have come up with some clever utilizations of that space, but... We very early discovered that the instructions imposed in the Bally BASIC cartridge will not allow access to any memory over 1800 bytes, regardless of how much is added physically. Another area of memory is the location of stored data, or 'strings', which is normally about 874 bytes. There is an interaction between string memory and BASIC memory, if one goes up, the other goes down. It is possible to add more string memory without affecting the BASIC memory, and that is what the BIUE RAM does in one mode. It can access over 2000 bytes of string, starting at @(24576), and thereby allow the BASIC



memory to be used for program.

Machine language programs, however, can be stored in the BLUE RAM to its full capability of 4096 bytes (4K) The Bally BASIC is used to "turn on" access to the extended memory (starting at location 6000H) and is essentially bypassed after that so it doesn't "know" how many memory locations are used. A sample program is included later in this issue, and will be a feature as we progress. Eventually, we will be able to produce games of Bally VIDEOCADE quality, because we will be able to understand their programming techniques. Item 3) of the utility program, mentioned above, did you catch that? Any VIDEOCADE can be loaded into the BLUE RAM (except Bally BASIC). Once in there, it is just like any program you put in manually or via tape. It can be looked at, it an be RUN, it can be LISTed, it can be modified, it can be stored on tape. You can change the odds, speed up plays, put in red grass, etc., and learn how things can be done.

As indicated above, Bally BASIC will not access more that 1800 bytes of memory, so the BLUE RAM as a BASIC memory aid (or any other memory addition) is constrained by the BASIC cartridge. What is needed is an operating system without that constraint...

AN EXTENDED BASIC for the Bally is now being programmed. It has an 8K ROM, twice as much as the current unit, and will be able to access the 4K RAM of the BLUE RAM. It will also be capable of accessing the input/output ports of the BLUE RAM in order, amongst other things, to be able to have direct access to a tape recorder and be able to transfer data 6 times as fast, or 1800 baud. This version will not use screen memory, therefore 4 colors will be available. Expected date of availability is November, and expected price is in the \$75 area. More details will follow as the various enhancements are incorporated. About 95% of existing programs will be operable with the new system... I'd appreciate an indication of your interest in it.

Now that we are rolling along on a new language that will be compatible with both old programs plus the memory addition of the BLUE RAM, the next step is an upgrading of the BLUE RAM, because this new BASIC will be able to access even more memory...

EXPANDED BLUE RAM will have an additional capacity of 12K by a plug-in to the currently available unit. With a total of 16K, we will be able to directly compete with just about any machine now available. Actually, more RAM could be added if some power modifications were made, but it seems that a repackaging scheme would be better (perhaps a board full of RAM that is mounted to the underside of the Bally in a shallow pan...).

ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES:

RAM into ROM. One of the switches on the top of the box is used in the VIDEOCADE-RAM transfer, while the other will disable the WRITE functions to the RAM so that you cannot change what is in there. This capability is also available through the keypad or a program. The box therefore becomes a ROM, and since it has its own power supply, you can remove the box from the Bally and put it on a shelf without losing the program.

INPUT/OUTPUT. The big connector on top (a Zero Insertion Force, ZIF) has 24 connections I am calling ports. 20 of these are for the 16 actual inputoutput ports, their power and grounds; while the other 4 bring up the following from the 50-pin connector:



CLOCK, AUDIO, WAIT, $\overline{I/O}$ REQ, which are to be used for the next phases of peripheral addition. This port will allow addition of an unencoded keyboard, such as the JAMECO at \$34.95, and this will be the first of a number of 'gadgets' to be added.

The BLUE RAM contains an 8154 chip that is used, with the Bally BASIC, to "open" any of the ports to allow power passage in or out. Suppose you wanted to monitor a window, and had a 2ma. relay to sound an alarm, the following program might be used:

10 IF &(162)#Ø GOTO 3Ø

20 GOTO 10

30 &(163)=1

40 PRINT"ALARM ON - WINDOW OPEN

where the relay was activated by line 30.

MACHINE LANGUAGE: Normally one directs the operation of the Central Processing Unit (CPU), the Z-80 chip, through commands that have been indelibly engraved into the operating system (called Bally BASIC in our case). We do this by writing a program using familiar commands GOTO, FOR, etc. It is possible to bypass the commands of Bally BASIC and perform operations directly in machine language. It takes a lot more time to do the programming this way, but the program is much faster and can do more things. The usual way is the POKE command, %, which was first mentioned on p.25 of Volume 1. You will recall we reached into the ROM and extracted the phrase GAME OVER and put it on the screen. The rules of entering POKEd material into memory also appears there, with the requirement to enter bytes in a reverse manner, and convert to decimal notation. More detail is shown on p.45, V 1, where we created the 2x-size word, and then Dave Ibach's tutorial on pp 78,9, also Vol 1. The following program is written specifically for the BLUE RAM and is presented as a general sample of the type of program to be written. The purpose of this example is to read the values of 8 resistances. Note that hex codes are used now... MACHINE CODE SEGMENT:

6000 F3 ED 4B 72 4E 20 A2 ØD **F**7 6007 **D3** ΑØ D3 1Ø 4B 74 4E 600E F5 ED 3A 6015 6E 4E F6 8**ø** D3 AP 3E 28 601C ØF D3 A2 87 DB **B**7 ØD 6023 Ø5 20 F8 10 F6 ED 602A 43 70 4E FB

BASIC SEGMENT:

10 C=500; D=32767

20 FOR A=ØTO 7

30 CALL (24576)

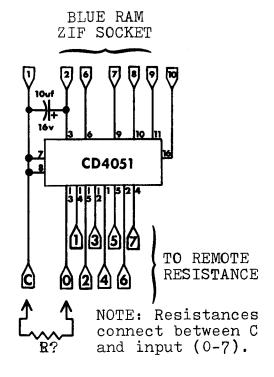
40 PRINT "LINE ",#1,A," = ",

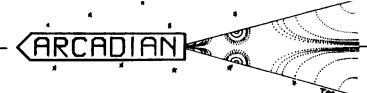
50 IF B= PRINT "OPEN CIRCUIT

60 IF B=32767 PRINT "SHORT CIRCUIT

70 PRINT #1,(32767-B)+328-1

80 NEXT A





MIKE SKALA of Eastlake Ohio would like to get with others in the Cleveland area - call him at 951-2564 in the evenings.

SALVAGE BOARD PROJECT is about done. Hundreds of boards have found their way to new owners, and it looks like the demand has slacked off, enough so that I do not plan to order any more in the near future. I will keep a list of those interested, and when I get enough interest to warrant another order, I'll try again, so send a note if you have a desire. The above is for the as-is boards. Repaired/working boards are still available, at \$70.

For those of you who may have problems after checking the solder joints, opens, shorts, missing/broken pieces, clock, power supply, etc., the following may be of some help. The procedure uses a good board to check out the salvage unit, after isolating some functions, You need two 50-pin connectors and a length of cable, plus a couple of jumpers.

The 16 address lines, 8 data lines, and control lines shown in Table 1 are wired directly from one connector to the other. If you use standard flat wire, cut the unused wires. Table two shows the terminations of the signal lines required for testing the salvage board's microprocessor, and then the system ROM. One additional external connection is required from IC U14pin#6 on the salvage board (*) to BUZOFF pin #49 on the 50-pin connector to the working Bally. The CLOCK signal on the salvage board must be removed by lifting one end of R15 (47ohms), and all three custom chips should be removed from the salvage board.

(*) If your salvage board has the 26-pin connector just to the right of the RESET button, pin#6 of U14 is also available at pin #8 of that connector.

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TABLE 1 Connect the following pins of one connector to the same pins on the other connector: 1,6,9,11,13-40,42,46

TABLE 2 CHECKOUT CONNECTOR TEST CONFIGURATIONS

A MICROPROCESSOR TEST

	PIN #	SIGNAL	WORKING UNIT	SALVAGE
	43	BUSREQ	GROUND	OPEN
	49	BUZOFF	U 14-16 (SALVAGE)	GROUND
	50	SYSEN	OPEN	GROUND
В	MICROPROCESSOR	AND SYSTEM ROM TES	T	
	43	BUSREQ	GROUND	OPEN
	49	BUZOFF	U 14-16 (SALVAGE)	GROUND
	50	SYSEN	GROUND	OPEN

50-PIN CONNECTOR NUMBERING CONVENTION: When the board is in its normal operating position with the RF Modulator to the lower left, Pin #1 of the 50-pin connector is on top at the extreme left. All top pins are odd. Pin#2 is directly under pin #1.

<u>DISC MEMORY</u> Those of you who are interested in a quantum jump in storage capacity for programs will be glad to hear that I have a listing for a Disc Operating System (DOS) that is tailored to the Bally. Not a working system as yet, but the basis on which to build one. This is the first step in development, and if you are interested, drop me a line.

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(ARCADIAN)
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1
  2.
  3
                                                  "Q
                                                          QØØ
                                                                Q"; RETURN
                                                       Q
                                        700 PRINT
    . CODE
                                                               Q"; RETURN
                                                         Q00
                                                   "QØØ
                                        710 PRINT
    .BY RON PICARDI
                                                              Q"; RETURN
                                                          Q
                                                   * Q
                                                       Q
                                        720 PRINT
 10 CLEAR
                                                       Q":RETURN
                                        730 PRINT
 15 FC=7; BC=Ø
                                                             000
                                                                  Q00"; RETURN
                                                       Q00
                                                   "Q
 20 PRINT
                                                             Q00": RETURN
                                                  "Q00
                                                         Q
                                        750 PRINT
          "MORSE CODE"
 30 PRINT
                                                                Q"; RETURN
                                                             Q
                                                  "Q
                                                       QØØ
 35 PRINT
                                                         QØØ"; RETURN
                                        770 PRINT
                                                   "QØØ
              SPEED?"D
 36 INPUT "
                                        780 PRINT "Q00
                                                         Q"; RETURN
 37 NT=D
                                                          QØØ
                                                               Q00":RETURN
                                        790 PRINT "000
 40 PRINT
                                                   "Q
                                                             Q00
                                                                  Q"; RETURN
                                                       000
                                        800 PRINT
 60 PRINT "YOUR MESSAGE"
                                                                  Q00"; RETURN
                                        810 PRINT "000
                                                          090
                                                               Q
 65 PRINT
                                                            Q";RETURN
                                        820 PRINT "Q
                                                       000
              ON KEYBOARD, "
 67 PRINT
                                                           Q"; RETURN
                                        830 PRINT "Q
                                                       Q
 68 PRINT
                                                   "Q00"; RETURN
                                        840 PRINT
 69 PRINT "TYPE WORDS RUN FOR CODE"
                                                           Q00"; RETURN
                                        850 PRINT "Q
                                                       Q
 70 PRINT
                                                  "Q
                                                        Q
                                                           Q
                                                              Q00"; RETURN
                                        860 PRINT
100 B=0
                                                             Q00"; RETURN
                                                   "Q
                                                       QØØ
                                        870 PRINT
105 B=B+1
                                                                Q00"; RETURN
                                        880 PRINT "Q00
                                                             Q
110 N=KP
                                                                  Q00"; RETURN
                                        890 PRINT "Q00
                                                          Q
                                                             000
115 IF N=106G0T0 400
                                                                  Q"; RETURN
                                        900 PRINT "Q00
                                                          Q00
                                                               Q
120 @(B)=N
                                       1000 PRINT "Q Q00
                                                             Q
                                                                QØØ Q*
130 TV=N
                                       1005 B=B-1
140 GOTO 105
                                       1010 FC=0;BC=7;NT=0
400 BC=FC
                                       1020 FOR C=1TO B
405 FOR A=1TO B-1
                                       1030 TV=@(C)
410 N=@(A)
                                       1050 NEXT C
411 IF N<44G0T0 422
                                                      END OF MESSAGE"
                                       1060 PRINT "
412 IF N>90G0T0 422
                                       1065 NT=3
413 IF N=47GOTO 422
                                        1070 IF &(22)=16G0T0 10
414 IF N>57IF N<65G0T0 422
                                        1080 IF &(23)=8G0T0 100
418 N=Nb10
                                        111E GOTO 1070
420 GOSUB N
                                                  MORSE CODE by Ron Picardi is a
422 FOR C=1TO 25bD; NEXT C
                                                  somewhat advanced program over
425 CLEAR
                                                  others I've received. They trans-
430 NEXT A
                                                  lated a keypad input directly into
435 GOTO 1000
                                                  code and made an immediate output.
                                  Q00": RETURN
440 PRINT "Q00
                 000
                      Q
                        Q
                             Q00
                                                  Ron, on the other hand, allows you
450 PRINT "Q00000000"; RETURN
                                                  to enter a message up to 200 cha-
                               Q00"; RETURN
460 PRINT "Q
               QØØ
                    Q QØØ Q
                                                  racters, and then it will transmit
480 PRINT *Q00
                 Q00
                      Q00
                            QØØ
                                 Q00"; RETURN
                                                  the whole thing at a user-entered
           "Q
490 PRINT
               QØØ
                    QØØ
                          QØØ
                               Q00"; RETURN
                                                  speed. This makes it
                                                                          ideal for
500 PRINT
          "Q
               Q
                  Q00
                       QØØ
                             Q00": RETURN
                                                  training reception via tapes. And
                     Q00
                           Q00"; RETURN
               Q
                                                  it could be used for on-the-air
           "Q
                     Q00"; RETURN
520 PRINT
                  Q
                                                  transmission(under control of a
               Q
530 PRINT *Q
               Q
                  Q
                     Q
                         Q"; RETURN
                                                  licensed operator, of course.)
          "QØØ
540 PRINT
                 Q
                       Q
                           Q"; RETURN
550 PRINT "Q00
                 Q00
                      Q
                          Q
                             Q"; RETURN
560 PRINT *Q00
                 Q00
                      000
                            Q
                               Q"; RETURN
                                                           Mr. Ronald F. Picardi
                                                             630 Bacon Road
570 PRINT "Q00
                 Q00
                      000
                            Q00 Q"; RETURN
                                                            Saginaw, MI 48603
650 PRINT *Q
               Q00"; RETURN
                                                      See Moditica
660 PRINT
          "QØØ
                 Q
                    000
                          Q"; RETURN
670 PRINT
          "Q00
                 Q
                    000
                         Q"; RETURN
                                                        2-88
680 PRINT "Q00
                 Q
                    Q"; RETURN
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690 PRINT "Q"; RETURN

SUBSEARCH PROGRAM BY Ron Picardi... *

Your mission is to find and destroy the enemy sub before he gets you. You can launch search probes on a 10x10 map. When you have sonar contact, you will have missiles to fire, at three depths.

100-180 search pattern and map

400-440 contact

500-650 missile launch and results

660 ship is torpedoed

900 sub is hit

950 try again

1000 end

Ron has made some comments about the modification to his Black Hole program by Jerry Winn, last issue. Ron originally created a "window", or location which would "win" the game. Actually, there are three windows, depending on whether the game is easy, moderate, or hard. These windows are: X= +14 to +16, Y=+10 to -10; X=+15, Y=+5 to -5; and X=+15, Y=0, respectively. Along with all these is the requirement that C=5 (speed). Jerry"s modification opened the windows too much, they encompass the Black Hole and are inside the Cygnus' orbit. To learn more about the program, Ron suggests a GOTO 500 instead of RUN.

MUSIC modification suggested by Bert Holmes should make it easier to change the notes while you are entering them. He proposes that two lines be changed:

65 J=J-127; IF J<Ø J=J+255

70 $\%(E+Z)=\%(E+Z)\div256 \times 256+J$

YAHTZEE modification should allow the use of four players by dropping line 10, which frees up just enough memory.

YAHTZEE modification which improves legibility and frees up some memory was suggested by Rich Tietjens. Change the lines to read:

See

5-88

10 :RETURN; CLEAR; BC=12; NT =1

45 GOSUB 90

90 FOR S=49 TO 90; MU=S; NEXT S; RETURN

318 CX=-59; CY=27-Dx16; PRINT"\(\psi'\),

320IF JX(B) MU=64;@(D)=\$\phi;BOX -71,CY,14,14,2

325IF TR(B) GOSUB 90; D=9; GOTO 335

360 X= -71; Y=27-Dx16; Z=RND(6);@(D)=Z

365 BOX X, Y, 14, 14, 1; MU = 70+Z

370 IF Z#Z*2x2 BOX X.Y.2.2.2

375 IF Z=6 BOX X-4, Y, 2, 2, 2; BOX X+4, Y, 2, 2, 2

380 IF Z=1 BOX X-4, Y+4, 2, 2, 2; BOX X+4, Y-4, 2, 2, 2

385 IF Z=3 BOX X-4, Y-4, 2, 2, 2; Box X+4, Y+4, 2, 2, 2

Rich also notes that the new version can be saved with :RETURN;:PRINT; FOR A=Ø TO 4;PRINT; NEXT A;PRINT "NT=Ø;NT=2;LIST;PRINT 5; PRINT 6;PRINT "RUN

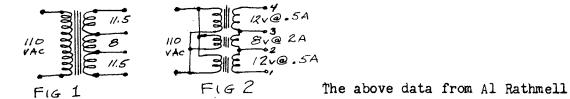
which will allow lines 5 and 6 to be recorder for credit purposes but will automatically delete them from memory each time the game is loaded. The :RETURN command rests NT to 3. The FOR/NEXT loop puts a short leader on the tape. Setting NT to 2 while recording and to p while loading helps prevent lost bits on reloads.

PROGRAM TAPES. Dick Houser has labored long and hard to put all of the programs listed in the ARCADIAN onto tapes that he is willing to copy for your use, He has included all the little corrections, and has added lead-in REM (.) statements to give them a uniform look.635 Los Alamos Ave., Livermore, CA.94550 to get prices

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1.
   2.
   3 .SUB SEARCH
   4 .BY RON PICARDI
 100 X=RND (10);Y=RND (10);U=RND (10);V=RND (10);FC=7;BC=250
                              rest X 🐉 🔭 .
 110 CLEAR ; BOX 0,0,160,60,1
                                                 - j. l
 120 BOX -70+Xb14,-30+Yb6,6,2,3;CY=40;PRINT "ENTER SEARCH 1 TO 10"
 130 CY=-35; INPUT Y; CY=-35; CX=0; INPUT X
 140 FOR A=0TO X; BOX -70+Ab14, -30,2,2,3; MU="5"; BOX -70+Ab14, -30,2,2,3; NEXT A
 150 FOR A=0TO Y; BOX -70+Xb14, -30+6bA, 2, 2, 3; MU="5"; BOX -70+Xb14, -30+Ab6, 2, 2, 3; NE
AT A
 155 IF X=UIF Y=VG0T0 400
 160 E=RND (100); IF E=20G0T0 660
 180 GOTO 120
400 CLEAR ; PRINT "SONAR CONTACT"
420 CY=0:PRINT "BATTLE STATIONS"
 440 FOR A=1TO 10;&(18)=30;FOR B=255TO 0STEP -10;&(22)=B;NEXT B;FOR B=1TO 30;NEX
T B; NEXT A; &(18)=0
500 X=RND (5);Y=RND (5);Z=RND (3);CLEAR
510 J=2;K=2;L=0;D=RND (4)
515 FOR C=1TO 1+D; CLEAR ; FC=0; BC=7
 520 PRINT "FROM", #2, J, #2, K, #2, L
                                            GIS PRINT " ENTER TARGET DATA"
530 PRINT "SUB WAS"
                                            GIG INPUT "X-AXIS"K
540 IF J>YPRINT "NORTH"
550 IF J<YPRINT "SOUTH",
                                            618 INPUT "Y-AXIS"J
560 IF J#YIF K#XPRINT " AND "
                                            620 INPUT " DEPTH"L
570 IF K<XPRINT "EAST"
580 IF K>XPRINT "WEST"
590 PRINT " "; IF L>ZPRINT "SHOT TOO LOW"
600 IF L<ZPRINT "SHOT TOO, HIGH"
610 IF L=ZPRINT "DEPTH OK"
620 INPUT "ENTER TARGET DATA"J,K,L
621 &(21)=255;&(23)=255;CLEAR ;PRINT "MISSLE ON THE WAY";FC=7;BC=0
623 FOR A=-40TO 40; BOX Ac2, A, 1, 3, 3; BOX -40-Ac2, -40, 10, 2, 3; FOR B=1TO 10; NEXT B
624 BOX Ac2, A, 1, 3, 3; BOX -40-Ac2, -40, 10, 2, 3; NEXT A
626 &(21)=0;&(23)=0;FOR A=40TO -40STEP -1;BOX 20,A,1,3,3;FOR B=1TO 10;NEXT B;BO
X 20,A,1,3,3; NEXT A
628 FOR A=10TO 30; MU="!"; LINE 20,-40,0; LINE A,-40+RND (15),3; NEXT A
640 IF Y=JIF X=KIF Z=LGOT( 900
650 NEXT C
660 CLEAR ;PRINT "ABANDON \$HIP";PRINT "YOU HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED"
670 BOX 0,-20,50,5,1;BOX 22,-18,4,5,1;BOX 10,-16,1,6,1;BOX -5,-18,5,5,1
690 FOR A=1TO 2; FOR B=-20TO 20STEP 2; LINE -0, -20,0; MU="!"; LINE B, 10,3; NEXT B; NE
XT a
700 FOR A=1TO 10;&(22)=255;FOR B=60TO 10STEP -1;&(18)=B;NEXT B;&(22)=0;FOR B=1T
0 30; NEXT B; NEXT A; &(22)=0
710 FOR A=-40TO 40; LINE -78, A, 0; LINE 78, A, 1; NEXT A
890 GOTO 950
900 CLEAR ; PRINT "BOOM ! !!"
910 BOX 0,0,50,8,1;BOX 10,5,8,5,1;BOX 25,0,4,6,1;BOX -25,0,6,4,1
920 FOR A=-30TO 30STEP 2;LINE 0,0,0;MU="!";BC=7;LINE A,10+RND (30),3;BC=0;NEXT
950 CLEAR ; PRINT "DO YOU WANT TO"; PRINT "TRY AGAIN?"
960 PRINT "1.YES 2.NO"
970 IF &(23)=8GOTO 100
975 IF &(22)=8G0T0 1000
980 GOTO 970
1000 CLEAR ;PRINT "OK I HOPE YOU ENJOYED";PRINT "YOURSELF"
                                Eighty - three
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POWER SUPPLY The special transformer used by Bally (Fig. 1) can be replaced by a combination of three separate transformaers as shown in Fig.2 for a home-built supply. Assure that the secondaries are in phase - that is, the voltage across pins 1 and 3 should be 20, and across 1 and 4 it should be 32. If not, reverse one set of connections and retest.



TAPE DROPOUT??? One subscriber has reported taht he has lost programs after a period of six months or so. All he gets are ?? Improper storage, tape decay? Any suggestions/solutions welcome.

PROGRAMS NEEDED This newsletter lives on subscriber contributions, about 85% of the material comes from the readers, and the stock of material is pretty low. I need tutorials, programs, items of interest...

DIAGNOSTIC CARTRIDGE? The attached bit of material is from the 2-page JS&A ad that enticed most of us old-timers into buying the Bally. "Unit" was later changed to mean "Add-On Memory". Regardless, we never saw such a beast. As a second best (?), it is true that there is a diagnostic device that can be used to check out the Bally. This is cabled to the 50-pin connector and includes a 2716 PROM, two LED alphanumeric readouts and their drivers, and some

Computer is also self-diagnostic. We have developed a cartridge that lets the unit itself check every integrated circuit and every solid-state component and which displays any malfunction on your TV screen. Then all you do is send the circuit board or your entire unit to JS&A's service-by-mail center for prompt replacement. The cartridge will be sent free-of-charge to JS&A customers after you receive your unit.

bits and pieces. Once set up, the program in the 2716 reviews just about everything in the Bally - memory, keypad, control ports - and if it finds something wrong, it says HE IP and gives a code which can be looked up to get the specifics. It also includes a subroutine that places a veritable rainbow of colors all over the screen. Another subroutine allows the entry of machine code programs from the keypad, using a new overlay chart. Those of you who may be interested in this device, I can provide a copy of the listing, the instructions/code, and a schematic, for \$6.50 ppd. The program is called "BALCHECK", and the listing was provided by Tom Wood.

NEW BALLY COMPUTER is to be made available. This is a highly graphics-oriented device, complete with ZGRASS language and with all sorts of visual and aural capabilities. It will have lots of features that we thought we were going to get with the Add-On (when the above ad came out) for about 500 bucks. That price went up to 650 after a while... the new machine, with monitor, will be in the 3000. neighborhood. A dual audio cassette interface operating at 2000 baud with provisions for disc as well. The memory has 32K of RAM, plus the ZGRASS in ROM. The design utilizes a card rack system so that additions are just plugged into slots. Certainly a competitor for the APPLE III if they pursue it.



This is a page from BALCHECK and is a

listing of the program to effect machine code from the keypad.

Tractive	or mie broër	and to ellect	Merchine	COGE TIOM MI	s keypau.
		1889 ;		Ente	m Machine Code From Keepad
27BA	CDFF24	1890 R27BA	CALL	R24FF	; Set colors:
27BD	CD1625	1891	CRLL	R2516	; "ENTR 4-DIGT HEX"
2708		1892	SYSSUK	STRDIS	
2700	FF	1893+	RST.	38H	
2701		1894+	DB	STRDIS+1	
2702			DB		
1		1898		4	
2703		1899	DB	59	
2704	0 0	1900	DB	000011009	
2705	8824	1901	DЫ	T248B	; 'STRT ADDR'
2707	3501	1982	LD	Ř. 1	; Get 4 di⊴its
2709	CD7125	1983	CALL	R2571	
2700	E5	1964	PUSH	HL	; Save start
27CD	E5	1985	PUSH) Dave Stant
1	•			HL cores	
27CE	CDCF25	1986	CRLL	R250F	
2701	CDFF24	1907	CRLL	R24FF	
2704		1968	SYSSUK	STRDIS	
2704	FF	1989+	RST .	39H	
2705	35	1916+	DB	STRDIS+1	
27D6	04	1914	DB	4	
2707	28	1915	DB	40	
2708	<u>0</u> 0	1916	DB	000011005	
2709	9524	1917	DU	T2495	. ZENTO O NICT DENZ
27DB	2027	1918	SYSSUK	STRDIS	; 'ENTR 2-DIGT HEX'
270B	rr				
	FF	1919+	RST	38H	
2700	35	1926+	DB	STRDIS+1	
2700	04	1924	DB	4	
27DE	32	1925	DB	56	
27DF	8 0	1926	DB	000011008	
27E0	R524	1927	DW	T2485	; ′DATA′
27E2		1928	SYSSUK	STRDIS	
27E2	FF	1929+	RST.	361	
27E3	35	1930+	DB	STRDIS+1	
27E4	04	1934	DB	4	
27E5	5A	1935	DB	98	
27E6	ØC	1936	DB	00001100E	
					. (BCA) TO BUIL
	F324	1937	DW	T24F3	; ("GO" TO RUN1
I .	CDCF25	1938 R27E9	CALL	R250F	: Delaw
	AF	1939	XOR	Pi	; Get 2 digits
27ED	CD7125	1940	CALL	R2571	
27F8	78	1941	LD	A B	
27F1	FE18	1942	CP	24	
	2093	1943	JR	NZJR27F8	
	Ei	1944	POP	HL	<i>;</i> "GO" key
27F6	E1	1945	POP	HL	. J do nes
27F7	E9	1946	JP	(HL)	
2111	LJ		31	(DE)	
0750	P. 4	1947 ;	E. 6.E.		
27F8	D1	1948 R27F8	POP	DE	
	70	1949	LD	β. H	
1	12	1950	LD	(DE),A	
27FB	13	1951	INC	DE	
27FC	D5	1952	PUSH	DE	
27FD	18EA	1953	JR	R27E9	
	· 	1954 ;			
27FF	37	1955	DB	37H	P. Charatana I. dan .
<u></u>	J1	1956 ;	VD	SIF	; Checksum bate
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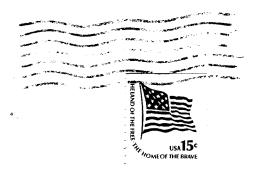
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