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JASON OAKLEY HAS BEEN BUSY ON THE FRONT COVER ONCE MORE. AGAIN IT RELATES TO AN ARTICLE INSIDE. THANKS JASON.

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APOLOGIES:

I STARTED JOURNAL EARLY JULY WHEN THINGS GOT WORSE MEDICALLY. MY CONTINUING MEDICAL PROBELM IS THE RESULT OF THE CAR ACCIDENT OVER 4 YEARS AGO WHICH AFFECTED MY SPINE AND EVERY JOINT IN MY BODY. THE CHRONIC PAINS ARE USUALLY AT A BEARABLE LEVEL, BUT THE WINTER JUST PASSED HAS NOT HELPED.

TO COMPOUND THE PROBLEM, PAIN KILLERS GIVE NO RELIEF AT ALL. THE ONLY THING THAT REDUCES THE CHRONIC PAINS IS LYING DOWN SEVERAL TIMES A DAY WHICH TAKES A BIG CHUNK OUT OF THE DAY. IN THE EVENT OF THE JOURNAL CEASING PRODUCTION OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS WOULD BE REFUNDED AS THE CLUB'S FUNDS ARE QUITE SOUND.

IT IS MY INTENTION TO PRUDUCE THE JOURNAL FOR SOME TIME TO COME AS THERE IS STILL A LOT OF LIFE LEFT IN THE HUMBLE VZ. IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE IN PRUDUCING THE JOURNAL AND BEING PART OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE AUSTRALIA WIDE.

GET WELL SOON NEVILLE:

ON BEHALF OF THE HUNTER VALLEY VZ USER'S GROUP AND MYSELF WE WISH NEVILLE HUGHES A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM 3 VERY BAD HEART ATTACKS. KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT NEVILLE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR NEXT PROJECT.

TECHNICAL DATA SHEETS:

I WOULD LIKE YOUR OPINION ON THE DATA SHEETS AS I INTEND THEM TO BECOME A REGULAR ITEM IN THE JOURNAL. IF YOU HAVE A CONTRIBUTION OR IDEAS FOR THEM, THEN PLEASE LET ME KNOW, ED.

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NEXT ISSUE:

IT IS MY INTENTION TO PRODUCE ANOTHER ISSUE AND HAVE IT POSTED OUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS 1992 AND HOPEFULLY KEEP TO A BI-MONTHLY SCHEDULE. BELOW ARE SOME OF THE PROPOSED MATERIAL FOR NEXT ISSUE.

- 1) LISTING OF PUBLIC DOMAIN PROGRAMS.
- 2) LISTING OF PUBLIC DOMAIN SOURCE CODE.
- 3) ARTICLE ON EDITOR/ASSEMBLER INCOMPATIBILITY.
- 4) TECHNICAL DATA SHEET # 4, (5-6?).
- 5) PLUS CONTINUATION OR CONCLUSION OF PARTLY PUBLISHED MATERIAL.

THIS PROJECT IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE MOUSE PROJECT PRESENTED IN THE LAST JOURNAL AND ALLOWS A MOUSE TO BE CONNECTED WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS TO THE VZ. ALL MICE WORK ROUGHLY THE SAME WAY SO I SHALL NOT REPEAT HERE WHAT WAS DESCRIBED IN GARY BULLEY'S ARTICLE. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF MOUSE:-

- A SERIAL MOUSE THIS IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF MOUSE AND HAS AN RS232C INTERFACE. THIS CAN HAVE EITHER A DB9 OR DB25 CONNECTOR. THIS IS THE TYPE OF MOUSE WHICH CAN BE MODIFIED FOR THE VZ USING GARY'S METHOD. AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION IS TO BUILD AN RS232 PORT FOR THE VZ AND PLUG IT IN DIRECTLY.
- (2) A BUS MOUSE THIS TYPE OF MOUSE IS USED BY THE AMIGA, AMSTRAD, ATARI AND SOME IBM CLONES SUCH AS THE COMMODORE PC COLT, PC10 & PC20 AND NOW THE VZ. THE PLUG ON THIS TYPE OF MOUSE IS A DB9 PLUG. FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP FINDING A SUITABLE MOUSE THERE IS ONE AVAILABLE FOR \$50-00 (APPROX) FROM GRACE BROS. IT IS A QTRONIX MOUSE FOR THE AMIGA 500/1000/2000, SERIAL NUMBER X30B (BUS VERSION). HOWEVER, SHOP AROUND AS I'M SURE THAT YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER.

FOR EACH OF THESE MICE, A TWO BUTTON AND THREE BUTTON VERSION EXISTS.

THE HARDWARE:-

TO CONNECT A BUS MOUSE TO THE VZ, THE 8 BIT INPUT PORT AS DESCRIBED IN JOURNAL #30 IS REQUIRED. THE PIN DEFINITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: -

PIN	-	DESCRIPTION	DATA LINE
	-	VERTICAL MOTION HORIZONTAL MOTION VERTICAL MOTION 90 DEG. OUT	- DØ - D1 - D2
4		OF PHASE OF 1. HORIZONTAL MOTION 90 DEG. OL OF PHASE OF 2.	
6		Mouse Button 3 (Optional) Mouse Button 1	- D4 - D5
8	_	+5 VOLTS GROUND MOUSE BUTTON 2	- N/A - N/A - D6

AS CAN BE SEEN ABOVE, SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THE INPUT PORT MUST BE made. The changes I made were to use a DB9 socket and connect the PINS AS SHOWN ABOVE. D7 MUST BE CONNECTED TO GROUND, THIS IS REQUIRED SO THAT THE MOUSE DRIVER CAN DETECT THE PRESENCE OF THE MOUSE PORT.

WARNING: WHEN CONNECTING THE 8 BIT INPUT PORT TO THE PRINTER INTERFACE, CHECK WHICH VERSION OF THE INTERFACE YOU HAVE. THIS IS BECAUSE SOME INTERFACES USE A4 TO TRIGGER THE 74LS138 NOT A0.

THIS MEANS THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRINTER IS ACCESSED WHEN A4 IS LOW (I.E. PORTS 0 - 15), THE INPUT PORT IS ACCESSED WHEN A4 IS HIGH (I.E. PORTS 16 - 31). THIS CAUSES ADDRESS CONFLICT WITH THE DISK SYSTEM. ALSO NOTE THAT THIS VERSION OF THE INTERFACE IS NOT IN THE VZ TECHNICAL MANUAL. BE CAREFUL!!

THE MOUSE DRIVER:-

THE VZ MOUSE DRIVER IS AN INTERRUPT DRIVEN MACHINE CODE PROGRAM WHICH INTERPRETS THE RAW DATA SENT TO THE VZ BY THE MOUSE. THIS RAW DATA INDICATES MOUSE MOVEMENT AND BUTTON PRESSES.

THE MAIN AIM OF THIS PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE MOUSE FACILITIES EQUIVALENT TO THOSE ON AN IBM PC. THE LATEST MICROSOFT MOUSE DRIVER (VERSION 8.0) PROVIDES 53 FUNCTION CALLS THAT LET PROGRAMS PERFORM SPECIFIC TASKS, SUCH AS CHECKING A MOUSE BUTTON. THE VZ MOUSE DRIVER PROVIDES ALMOST THE WHOLE SUITE OF MOUSE FUNCTIONS.

THE MOUSE DRIVER CAN BE BROKEN INTO THREE DISTINCT PARTS:-

- (1) THE INTERRUPT ROUTINE,
- (2) THE MOUSE FUNCTION LIBRARY,
- (3) THE BASIC MOUSE FUNCTION.

NOTE:

(I) VERSION 1.03 OF THE VZ MOUSE DRIVER ONLY SUPPORTS TEXT MODE(0). (II) THIS VERSION OF THE MOUSE DRIVER SUPPORTS A MOUSE CURSOR WHICH IS INDEPENDENT OF THE KEYBOARD CURSOR.

THE INTERRUPT ROUTINE:-

EVERYTIME AN INTERRUPT OCCURS THIS ROUTINE MUST BE CALLED. IT LOOKS AFTER THE POLLING OF THE MOUSE AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL MOUSE "VARIABLES". THE MORE TIMES THE MOUSE IS POLLED, THE MORE SENSITIVE THE MOUSE CURSOR MOVEMENT. THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE MOUSE IS POLLED CAN BE SET BY A PROGRAM.

THE MOUSE FUNCTION LIBRARY:-

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE ARE 53 IBM MOUSE FUNCTIONS. NOT ALL FUNCTIONS ARE PROVIDED IN V1.03 OF THIS DRIVER. THESE FUNCTIONS ARE DOCUMENTED IN TWO READILY AVAILABLE BOOKS:-

- (1) THE MICROSOFT MOUSE PROGRAMMERS REFERENCE \$65-00 FROM DYMOCKS
- (2) THE DOS PROGRAMMERS REFERENCE \$60-00 (APPROX) ALSO FROM DYMOCKS.

In the next journal I shall describe each of the available functions in detail.

THE BASIC MOUSE FUNCTION:-

TO ALLOW THE BASIC PROGRAMMER EASY ACCESS TO THE MOUSE FUNCTION LIBRARY, A NEW BASIC COMMAND HAS BEEN PROVIDED. THE SYNTAX OF THIS COMMAND IS:-

MOUSE (M1%, M2%, M3%, M4%).

M1% is the mouse function number. M2% - M4% are parameters to the mouse functions.

NOTE: NOT ALL PARAMETERS ARE USED BY ALL MOUSE FUNCTIONS BUT THEY MUST STILL BE PROVIDED IN THE CALL.

THE NEW COMMAND MAY BE CALLED FROM WITHIN A BASIC PROGRAM OR IN IMMEDIATE MODE. ALTHOUGH YOU MAY USE INTEGER CONSTANTS AND VARIABLES TO CALL MOUSE FUNCTIONS, RETURN VALUES ARE PASSED BACK TO THE PROGRAM. THESE RETURN VALUES WILL ALWAYS BE STORED IN THE VARIABLES M1%, M2%, M3% AND M4%, AND AS SUCH PROGRAMS SHOULD AVOID STORING DATA IN THESE VARIABLES.

To BE CONTINUED

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00016 KITC EQU 6800H 00078 LD (HL),135 00018 (WITC EQU 30779 00079 00079 RET 0008017 RLTC EQU 30779 00079 00079 RET 0008019; 00019; 00020; USER: APPLICATION PROVIDED 00021; USER FUNCTION. 00081 MSG: DISPLAY USER MESSAGE. 00022 ISER PUSH AF 00085 LDIR RET 000884 LD BC,28 LDIR RET 000866 RET 00086 RET 000866 RET 000885 LDIR 000886 RET 000896 RET 000896
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00125
            LD
                 (WLTC).A
00126
           RET
00127;***************
00128 ; LNAM: LOAD THE NAME OF THE
00129 ;
             PROGRAM INTO THE DISK
00130 ;
             FILENAME BUFFER.
00131;
00132 LNAM LD
                HL, FNAM
00133
           PUSH IY
00134
           POP
                DE
00135
           INC
                DE
00136
           LD
                BC,8
00137
           LDIR
00138
           LD
                A, FTYP
00139
                (DE),A
           LD
00140
           RET
00141 FNAM EQU
00142 :1
00143 *MAINMENU*
00144 ;***************
00145 ; FIND: CHECK THAT THE DISK
00146;
             CONTAINS THE PROGRAM
00147
             TO LOAD.
00148
00149 FIND CALL PWON
00150
           CALL SRCH
00151
           PUSH AF
00152
           CALL PWOF
00153
           POP
                AF
00154
           RFT
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EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

THE SOURCE CODE FOR KSCAN2.1 CONSISTS OF 5 FILES, INITØ, BASIC, SYSTEM, PLOT AND MATRIX. BELOW YOU WILL FIND DETAILS OF EACH FILE TOGETHER WITH NUMBER OF LINES OF EACH FILE AND NUMBER OF PAGES PER FILE WHEN PRINTED IN TWO COLUMNS PER PAGE (SEE PAGE 6 FOR EXAMPLE).

If I PRINTED 3/4 PAGES PER ISSUE IT WOULD TAKE 4/5 ISSUES TO COMPLETE WHICH IS TOTALLY UN-ACCEPTABLE.

ONLY ONE EDITOR ASSEMBLER IS CAPABLE OF ASSEMBLING THE SOURCE CODE, LESLIE MILBURN'S DISKOPS6 (64K VERSION - PUBLIC DOMAIN) MUST BE USED. BESIDES NEEDING THE EXTRA MEMORY DISKOPS6 ALSO HAS ADDITIONAL COMMANDS, ONE OF WHICH IS USED TO 'LINK' THE SOURCE CODE TOGETHER.

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INITO
          13 05 A813 DEEF 36DC - LINK BASIC - 694 LINES -
                                                                   5.60 PAGES
          1A 05 A813 C831 201E - LINK SYSTEM - 451 LINES -
BASIC
                                                                   3.63 PAGES
          ØB ØC A813 B7E7 ØFD4 - LINK PLOT - 
ØD ØD A813 AA8A Ø277 - LINK MATRIX -
SYSTEM
                                                                   1.45 PAGES
                                                - 180 LINES -
PLOT
                                                    21 LINES -
                                                                   0.16 PAGES
MATRIX
          ØE Ø3 A813 DØ4D 283A -
                                                  - 599 LINES -
                                                                   4.83 PAGES
                                                   1945 LINES - 15.68 PAGES
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USER 02 00 A813 B34B 0B38 - PRINTED THIS ISSUE. KSCAN2.1 01 00 7AE9 8267 077E - KSCAN2.1 OBJECT CODE (M/C)

FOR ANY INFORMATION ON KSCAN2.1, ITS SOURCE CODE OR DISKOPS6 CONTACT LESLIE MILBURN. ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON PAGE 12.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXTENDED DOS FACILITIES V12.1 BY LESLIE MILBURN

EXT DOS V12.1 COMMANDS

FORMAT

THIS IS THE SAME AS DOS INIT. IT INITIALISES A DISK FOR USE. WHEN FINISHED IT PROMPTS USER FOR A DISK LABEL AND THE CURRENT DATE.

LABEL - THIS ALLOWS THE USER TO PUT A LABEL ON A FORMATTED DISK.

VOL - THIS ALLOWS THE USER TO READ BACK THE DISK LABEL.

NOTE: THE DISK LABEL USES A S:FILETYPE (SYSTEM FILE) AND OCCUPIES ONE SECTOR ON THE FLOPPY DISKETTE. IF YOU WISH TO PLACE THE DISK LABEL ON PART OF THE DISK WHICH IS NOT USED THEN I SUGGEST THAT THE SECOND HALF OF TRACK Ø SECTOR 15 BE USED. THIS IS CURRENTLY UNUSED.

DIS? -(?) = FILETYPE (OPTIONAL)

THIS DISPLAYS ALL FILES ON THE FLOPPY DISKETTE BY ?:FILETYPE. THE (?) IS OPTIONAL BUT IF NOT SPECIFIED THEN ALL FILES WILL BE DISPLAYED. IF IS SPECIFIED, (IE. DIST) THEN ONLY T:FILETYPES WILL BE DISPLAYED. THE OUTPUT FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS:

FILETYPE:FILENAME - START - MEMORY ADDRESS
TRACK SECTOR - START END
T:FILENAME 01 00 7AE9 8673

AFTER EACH SECTOR OF THE DISK DIRECTORY HAS BEEN DISPLAYED THE OUTPUT WILL BE PAUSED. PRESS <u>SPACE</u> TO CONTINUE LISTING OR <u>BREAK</u> TO EXIT.

CHA"FILENAME", ? - (?) = FILETYPE

THIS FACILITY ALLOWS YOU TO CHANGE THE FILETYPE OF A FILE ON DISK. THE FILENAME AND FILETYPE ARE REQUIRED.

NOTE: AFTER CHANGING THE FILETYPE THE PROGRAM OR DATA MAY NO LONGER RUN OR LOAD. CHA CAN BE USED TO PROTECT FILES AGAINST ACCIDENTAL ERASURE OR TO CONVERT SOURCE CODE FILES FOR USE WITH OTHER EDITOR ASSEMBLERS.

REL "FILENAME", XXXX

THIS FACILITY ALLOWS YOU TO RELOCATE A FILE. THE FILENAME AND NEW START ADDRESS IS REQUIRED. A NEW END ADDRESS IS AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATED AND BOTH THE NEW START AND END ADDRESSES ARE PLACED INTO THE DISK DIRECTORY. USE HEX NUMBERS ONLY.

NOTE: A BASIC PROGRAM CAN BE RELOCATED TO A NEW START ADDRESS. HOWEVER, SOMETIMES THE RUN COMMAND WILL NOT WORK. HINT: TRY TYPING THE FIRST LINE IN IMMEDIATE MODE THEN GOTO 20 (FOR EXAMPLE).

EXA, XXXX, YYYY

THIS FACILITY ALLOWS YOU TO EXAMINE ANY TRACK (XXXX) AND SECTOR (YYYY) ON THE FLOPPY DISKETTE. USE ONLY HEX NUMBERS. THE SECTOR WILL THEN BE DISPLAYED. PRESS <u>SPACE</u> TO CONTINUE SEEING THE FOLLOWING SECTORS ON THE DISKETTE. TO EXIT USE <u>BREAK</u>.

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DISKOPS1 & 2 (DISK OPERATIONS) 40/12 INSTRUCTIONS BY LESLIE MILBURN

THIS IS A MACHINE CODE UTILITY WHICH ALLOWS MACHINE CODE PROGRAMMERS USING THE DICK SMITH EDITOR ASSEMBLER TO SAVE AND LOAD THEIR SOURCE CODE TO AND FROM DISK. (NOTE TO SAVE OBJECT CODE A TAPE MUST STILL BE USED) AS THE PROGRAM IS NOT RELOCATABLE TWO VERSIONS ARE SUPPLIED ON DISK, THESE ARE:-

DISKOPS1 - EXPANDED VZ200 DISKOPS2 - EXPANDED VZ300

GETTING THE PROGRAMS OPERATIONAL: -

STEP 1: POKE 30897,200:POKE 30898,242

STEP 2: BRUN"EDITOR ASSEMBLER"

OR: CRUN"EDITOR ASSEMBLER"

STEP 3: ONCE THE EDITOR ASSEMBLER IS OPERATIONAL ENTER THE FOLLOWING

LINE:-

JP 4005H - ASSEMBLE AND RUN. THIS WILL REBOOT THE DOS.

STEP 4: BRUN"DISKOPS 1 OR 2" DEPENDING ON THE MEMORY SIZE OF YOUR VZ.

THE ADDITIONAL COMMANDS ARE:-

TU: FILENAME - LOAD SOURCE FILE FROM DISK.

TR:FILENAME - SAVE SOURCE FILE ON DISK.

TD:

- This is for use when the source file isn't complete. The source code is saved with the filename of <u>SOURCE</u>. If the file already exists then the new file replaces the file on disk.

WARNING: -

The TD: routine interferes with the disk track map so use this with caution. I recommend that a separate disk be used as it is possible for disk files to be damaged.

NOTE:-

ALL SOURCE CODE FILES WHEN SAVED ARE OF FILETYPE 'W' AND ONLY THE FIRST 8 CHARACTERS OF THE FILENAME ARE RECOGNISED, IE: W:FILENAME

ERROR MESSAGES:-

IF THE ORIGIN IS NOT SET TO THE FIRST FREE BYTE AFTER THE SOURCE CODE USING THE 'O' <<RETURN>> COMMAND THEN YOU WILL GET A *** WRONG ORIGIN FOR RUN *** ERROR.

INFORMATION AND SOURCE CODE: -

WRITE TO LESLIE MILBURN: - FOR A SOURCE CODE LISTING OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PROBLEMS.

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A SOURCE CODE LISTING IS AVAILABLE FOR \$5-00.

LISTING 5:

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0020 '*** 1536 VZ SCREENS
0030 '*** VERSION 1.3
0040 '*** R.B.K. 18/5/86 ***
     ******
0050
0088
0089 '***FIND TOP OF MEMORY AND PROTECT 20 BYTES BY LOWERING TOM.
0090 IF PEEK (30791)=77 THEN GOTO 500 : '7847H AS LOAD CHECK.
                                               : 'TOM POINTERS.
0100 M1=PEEK (30898):L1=PEEK (30897)
                                               : 'PROTECT 20 BYTES.
0110 TM=M1*256+L1-21
0120 MS=INT(TM/256):LS=TM-MS*256
                                               :'NEW TOM POINTERS.
                                               : 'SET NEW TOM.
0130 POKE 30898, MS: POKE 30897, LS
                                                : 'RESET ALL POINTERS.
0140 CLEAR 50
0150 'THIS ACTION DESTROYS THE VLT-ALL VARIABLES MUST BE RENEWED.
0160 M1=PEEK (30898):L1=PEEK (30897) : 'NEW TOM POINTERS.
                                               : 'NEXT ADDR IN RESERVED
0180 MS=INT(ST/256):LS=ST-256*MS
0190 IF ST>32767 THEN ST=ST-65536
                                               :'START OF ROUTINE.
                                               : 'CONVERT TO SIGNED INT
0198
0199 '***LOAD MACHINE CODE INTO PROTECTED TOM AND SET USR POINTER
0200 CLS:PRINT@230, "LOADING MACHINE CODE"
0210 CS%=0
                                                : 'CHECK SUM COUNTER.
0220 FOR ID=ST TO ST+15
                                               :'LOAD 16 BYTES TO TOM.
         READ VL%:POKE ID, VL%:CS%=CS%+VL% : LOAD M/L INTO PROTECT
0230
0240 NEXT ID
                                           :'WRONG DATA.
:'SET USR POINTERS.
0250 IF CS%<>1483 THEN GOTO 1000
0260 POKE 30863,MS:POKE 30862,LS
0270 POKE 30791,77
                                               :'SET LOAD CHECK.
0399
0400 '***Z-80 BLOCK MOVE ROUTINE.
0410 DATA 058,033,121 : 'LD A,(7921H) PICK UP VALUE FROM USR().
0420 DATA 033,000,112 : 'LD HL,7000H (#28672D START VIDEO RAM)
0430 DATA 017,001,112 : 'LD DE,7001H (#28673D NEXT)
0440 DATA 001,255,007 : 'LD BC,07FFH (#2047D SIZE OF VIDEO RAM)
                         :'LD (HL),A
0450 DATA 119
0460 DATA 237,176
0450 DATA 119
                        :'LDIR
                                          (BLOCK LOAD COMMAND)
                          : 'RET
0470 DATA 201
0498
0499 '***INITIALIZE DELAYS - CONTROL SPEED OF EXECUTION BY D.
                                               :'TONE IS REST (0-31)
0500 T%=0
                                                : 'DELAY IS SHORT(1-9)
0510 D%=4
0520 P%=30744
                                                : 'SET UP SCREEN MODE.
0594
0595 '***THIS LOOP DOES A LOT OF WORK.
     '***IT LOADS ALL VALUES INTO THE A-REG FOR VIEWING.
0596
     ****IT SWAPS BETWEEN HI- AND LO-RES SCREEN MODES.
0597
0598 '***IT SWITCHES BETWEEN NORMAL AND INVERSE SCREEN TYPES.
0599 '***IT SWITCHES BETWEEN GREEN AND ORANGE BACKGROUNDS.
0600 FOR A%=0 TO 255
                                :'ALL VALUES PUT INTO A=REG.
        MODE (0): POKE P%.0
0610
        CLS:PRINT@234, "VALUE = "; A%: SOUND T%, D%
0620
0630
        X=USR(A%)
0640
        COLOR,0:SOUND T%,D%
        COLOR, 1: SOUND T%, D%
0650
       POKE P%.1
0660
0670
        X = USR(A\%)
       COLOR, 0: SOUND [%, D%
0680
        COLOR, 1: SOUND T%, D%
0690
0699 '
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HI-RES SCREENS. 0710 MODE (1) 0720 X=USR(A%)0730 COLOR. 0: SOUND T%. D% 0740 COLOR, 1: SOUND T%, D%

0750 NEXT A%

0800 GOTO 600

0998

0700 '

0999 '***WRONG DATA MESSAGE.

1000 CLS:PRINT@230, "ERROR IN DATA ";CS%

1010 END

FUNCTIONS IN BASIC

IT MAY BE A SURPRISE TO MOST BASIC PROGRAMMERS BUT THE FUNCTION (FN) COMMAND, ALONG WITH THE SUBROUTINE (GOSUB) COMMAND, ARE PROBABLY THE MOST USEFUL BASIC COMMANDS. THEY ARE CONCISE AND CLARIFY BASIC CODING CONSIDERABLY. UNFORTUNATELY ONLY GOSUB IS SUPPORTED ON THE VZ.

I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF QUERIES FROM USERS ON HOW TO USE THE FN STATEMENT - PARTICULARLY WHEN TRYING TO CONVERT PROGRAMS WRITTEN FOR OTHER MACHINES. IN THIS BRIEF NOTE, I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW TO GET AROUND IT.

IN THE LEVEL II BASIC THAT IS IN THE VZ'S ROM, TWO TYPES OF FUNCTION ARE SUPPORTED -

- 1. LIBRARY (OR SYSTEM) FUNCTIONS, AND
- 2. USER-DEFINED FUNCTIONS.

FUNCTIONS CAN BE USED TO MANIPULATE NUMERIC OR STRING DATA TYPES. THE VZ SUPPORTS A NUMBER OF INTRINSIC OR LIBRARY FUNCTIONS SUCH AS SQR, ATN, RND, CHR\$, LEFT\$ and INT etc. The procedures for these are imbedded in the ROM as Basic utilities. Steve Olney's Extended Basic "WAKES UP" A FEW MORE, SUCH AS DEFINT, CSNG AND STRING\$.

UNFORTUNATELY ONE OF THE OMISSIONS FROM THE FULL LEVEL II IMPLEMENTATION ON THE VZ IS THAT THE USER DEFINED FUNCTIONS (DEF FNX) ARE NOT SUPPORTED IN ANY WAY. RUSSELL HARRISON'S EXTENDED BASIC XB DOES PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR DEF FN HOWEVER. NOTE THAT FUNCTIONS CAN ONLY RETURN A SINGLE VALUE TO THE CALLING PROGRAM.

THE LACK OF THIS FEATURE OFTEN CROPS UP WHEN ATTEMPTING TO CONVERT PROGRAMS TO RUN ON THE VZ - BUT WRITTEN IN OTHER DIALECTS OF BASIC. THE CONCISE CODING INHERENT IN FUNCTION STATEMENTS IS ALSO A DESIRABLE FEATURE WHEN WRITING CLEAR CODE. FORTUNATELY A FAIRLY SIMPLE REMEDY IS AT HAND AND DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE FUNCTION STATEMENT HAS TWO COMPONENTS. THE FIRST IS THE DEFINITION OF THE FUNCTION, AND THE SECOND, IS THE ACTUAL ---IMPLEMENTATION OR CALL TO THAT DEFINITION. LET'S EXPLAIN.... SUPPOSE THAT WE WISH TO FREQUENTLY COMPUTE THE AREA OF A CIRCLE GIVEN A NUMBER OF VALUES FOR THE RADIUS. THE COMMAND LINE

10 DEF FNA(X) = 3.1416 * X * X

SHOULD BE DECLARED EARLY IN THE PROGRAM. DEF MEANS DEFINE, FNA FUNCTION A (ANY LETTER FROM A TO Z CAN BE USED.), AND (X) IS A MEANS DUMMY : ARGUMENT FOR THE RADIUS USED BY THE FUNCTION. THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ASSIGNMENT IS THE EASILY RECOGNIZED FORMULA FOR CALCULATING THE AREA OF A CIRCLE.

LATER IN THE PROGRAM, THE VARIOUS VALUES FOR THE RADIUS ARE ASSIGNED TO VARIABLE V (EITHER FROM DATA OR INPUT STATEMENTS.) AND THEN THE FOLLOWING LINE MAY APPEAR -

210 PRINT V.FNA(V)

THE TWO LINES GIVEN (10 AND 210) WILL TOGETHER, PRINTOUT THE RADIUS AND THE CORRESPONDING AREA FOR A CIRCLE. THE CALL BY FNA SENDS THE INTERPETER OFF THROUGH THE BASIC PROGRAM TO FIND THE DEF FNA STATEMENT. WHEN LOCATED, THE VALUE V IS SUBSTITUTUED FOR THE DUMMY VARIABLE, THE CALCULATION CARRIED OUT, AND THE RESULT RETURNED TO THE CALLING SEQUENCE. (ONLY A SINGLE VALUE CAN BE RETURNED.)

AS ALREADY STATED, THIS NEAT CONSTRUCT DOES NOT EXIST IN VZ BASIC. THE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE GOSUB/RETURN COMMANDS CAN OVERCOME THIS SHORTFALL. THE GOSUB COMMAND CAN RETURN MANY VALUES - BUT A FEW MORE ASSIGNMENTS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE GOING TO THE SUBROUTINE AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP TRACK OF THE SUBROUTINES' LINE NUMBER.

AN EXAMPLE BEST ILLUSTRATES THIS - AND LET'S USE THE PREVIOUS EXAMPLE TO SHOW HOW IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE VZ.....

10 INPUT "ENTER RADIUS OF CIRCLE ";R

20 GOSUB 1000

30 PRINT"RADIUS ";R, "AREA ";A, "CIRCUMFERENCE ";C

40 GOTO 10

1000 A=3.1416*R*R

1010 C=2*3.1416*R

1020 RETURN

2000 END

NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO SET UP IS IT? NOTICE THAT TWO VALUES (A AND C) WERE RETURNED. THE CODING AND PROGRAM FLOW IS NOT QUITE AS CLEAR AS USING THE FUNCTION STATEMENT.

HAVE FUN! AND DON'T BE FOXED BY FUNCTIONS WHEN NEXT CONVERTING PROGRAMS ONTO THE VZ.

TECHNICAL-DATA SHEET # 1

WORDPRO & DD POWER SUPPLY CIRCUITS:

BOTH CIRCUITS WERE SUPPLIED BY DAVE BOYCE SOME YEARS BACK AND ARE PUBLISHED AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE TECHNICAL REFERENCE MANUAL.

WORDPRO CIRCUIT: - CAN SOMEONE HELP WITH A TRUTH TABLE FOR THE DECODING CIRCUIT PLEASE AS IT HAS SOME UNUSUAL DECODING, ED.

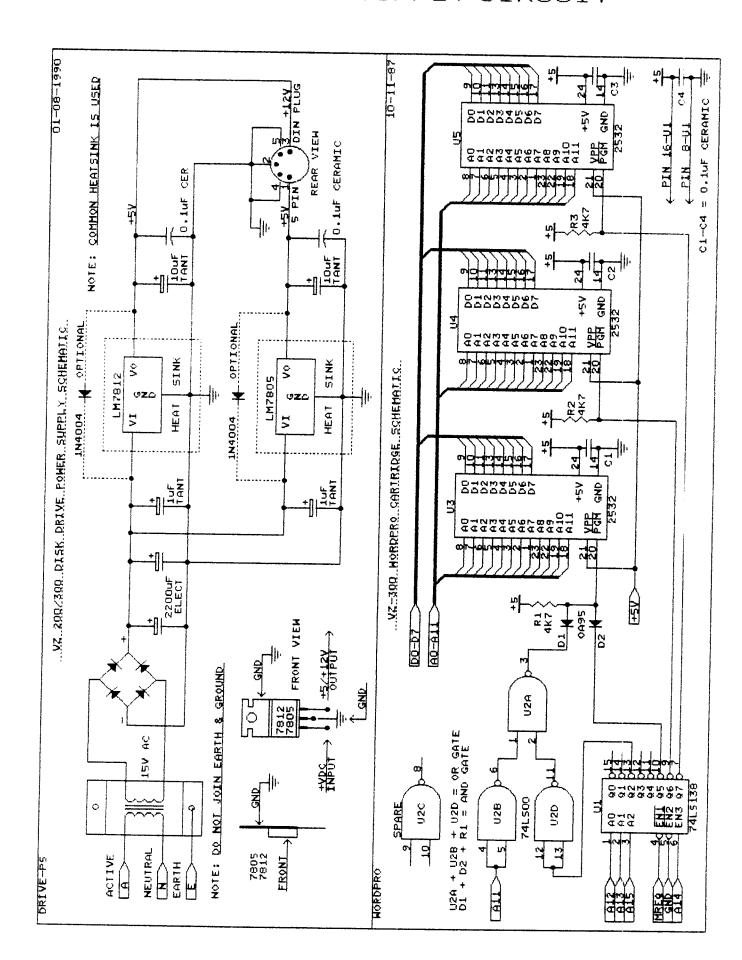
DD POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT:

THIS IS A STANDARD POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT WITH NOTHING FANCY. IT'LL WILL BE INVALUABLE FOR THOSE WITH A CROOK POWER SUPPLY UNIT OR FOR THOSE WHO NEED ONE AND WOULD LIKE TO BUILD ONE THEMSELVES NOW THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FROM DICK SMITH.

NOTE: IF THE DEMAND IS THERE I COULD PREPARE A PROJECT FOR PUBLICATION, BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ED.

WORDPRO TAPE/DISK WORD PROC. CARTRIDGE CIRCUIT

DISK DRIVE POWER SUPPLY CIRCUIT



AS A TWO DRIVE USER I FOUND IF I USED PARK IN DRIVE 2 IT WOULD PARK DRIVE 2. ON POWER UP OR RESET DRIVE 1 WOULD BANG ITS HEAD OFF. JASON OAKLEY MODIFIED IT SO PARK WOULD ALWAYS PARK DRIVE 1 REGARDLESS OF WHICH DRIVE IT WAS RUN FROM.

LOAD PARK SOURCE CODE INTO YOUR EDITOR ASSEMBLER AND INSERT THE FOLLOWING LINES BY TYPING I19 AT THE COMMAND PROMPT.

020 ;SELECT DRIVE 1 021 LD A,10H 022 LD (IY+0BH),A

AS YOU INSERT THE LINES 020-022 THE OLD LINES FROM 020-070 ARE BEING RENUMBERED TO 023-073 TO END OF PROGRAM. NEXT EDIT LINES 063 AND 072 AS SHOWN BELOW.

063 * PARK1 BY DAVE MITCHELL 072 * DRIVE1 HEAD IS PARKED*

THAT FINISHES THE MODIFICATIONS. SAVE THE SOURCE AND OBJECT CODES AS SHOWN BELOW OR ACCORDING TO THE SYNTAX OF YOUR EDITOR ASSEMBLER.

072**00**H - SET ORIGIN A - ASSEMBLE

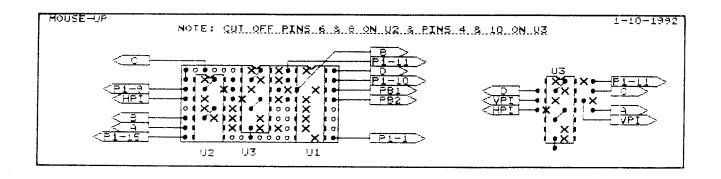
TS:PARK-1 - SAVE SOURCE CODE TO:PARK1 - SAVE OBJECT CODE

REGARDLESS OF WHICH DRIVE YOU BRUN"PARK1" FROM, DRIVE 1 WILL ALWAYS BE THE DRIVE WHICH IS PARKED, WHICH MEANS NO MORE UN-INTENTIONAL HEAD BANGING. HAPPY PARKING !!!

GARY BULLEY VZMOUSE ERRATTA:

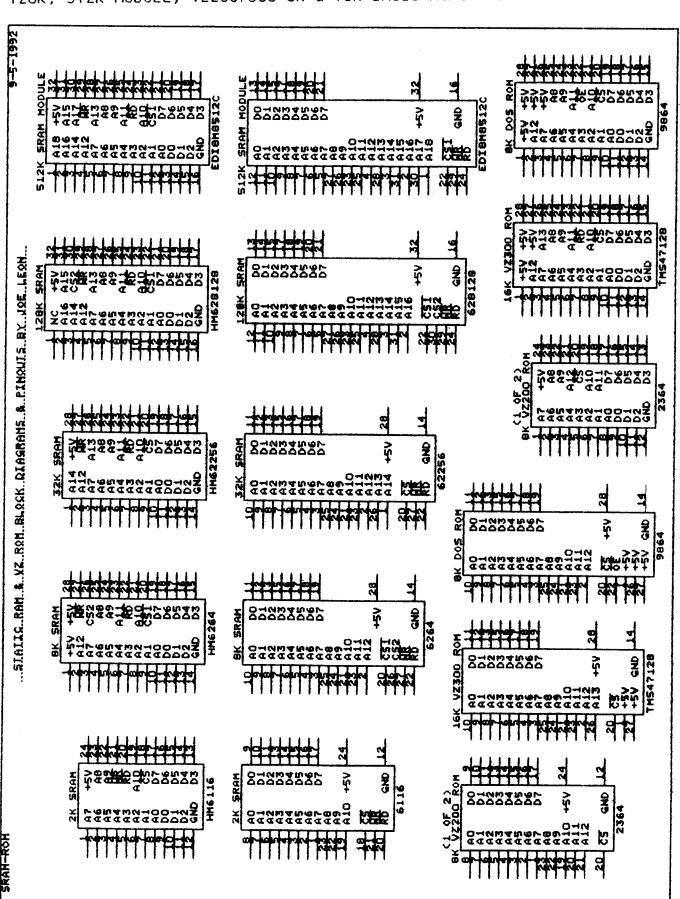
Some errors crept in when I was preparing Gary's VZMOUSE project in last issue. My apologies to Gary Bulley and all concerned, Ed.

THE ERRORS WERE IN THE VERO BOARD LAYOUT AND CONNECTIONS. THE CORRECTED (I HOPE) VERSION IS SHOWN BELOW. DO NOT FORGET TO CUT OFF PINS 6 & 8 ON U2 AND PINS 4 & 10 ON U3 WHICH ARE NOT USED AS IT SIMPLIFIES BOARD LAYOUT. THE 'B' CONNECTION FROM PIN 5 ON U2 IS MADE DIRECTLY TO PIN 3 ON U1. OTHER CONNECTIONS ARE AS SHOWN.



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