

MARCH



LAST MINUTE NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

You may find the index numbers, in audio, on the tape don't exactly match the counter on your cassette recorder. The tape duplicators found problems in handling the match up. The index numbers on the label will be within a few digits, use that to find a program. Look for the April issue to have index numbers only on the label. Also look for it to include the memory left, in bytes, for both the 4K and 16K computers.

Here it is for the March issue:

Program	4K	16K
Centimeters and millimeters	1068	13356
Break the window	2252	14540
Sand Castle	1205	13493
L-O-G-I-C	369	12657
Check reconciliation	379	12667

We had no trouble in loading any of the programs, however if you do, try running the volume up to ten. This is just for the March issue and may not be needed at all. Radio Shack's Blackjack is at the same level.

A word more about the April issue. There will be even more programs. Although the issue is not finalized yet, it is clear it is going to be great! There is a program to help you double check the math in your check book. Another program helps you figure out the angles involved in playing pool. The most excitement, however is generated by a bar graphing program. This is a very versatile program that can have data loaded into it by three different methods.

At CLOAD we decided to include an example for the check reconciliation program, even though you may not need it.

First, load the program into the computer. While its loading, I'll ramble on. The time to use this program is when you have received your statement from the bank, and you want to see if you and the bank agree

about the money remaining in your account. So, you should have your statement, check book and canceled checks in front of you. The program should be READY now, so lets try the sample problem. After you enter RUN, the computer will ask you for "OUTSTANDING CHECKS." These are checks you didn't receive back from the bank. (Checks you have written that are not on your statement.) Lets try some examples. Remember, the format is critical so be careful; Oh yes, no dollar signs please. Lets say you are missing check #1023, to Lucky's Market for \$46.23. That goes into the computer like this:

1023,46.23 (ENTER)

In a similar manner lets put some more outstanding checks in.

1024,100.42 (ENTER)  
1027,1.01 (ENTER) -- (Actually this is  
1031,37.87 (ENTER) an error)  
1032,38.78 (ENTER)  
0,0

Notice the last check was no check at all. 0,0 tells the computer that there are no more outstanding checks (this technique is called a "trailer entry".) After you press ENTER the computer will show you your input, a running total and an entry number we'll be using later. The running total should read 224.31. Nineteen checks is the maximum number of outstanding checks allowed by this program. Press ENTER again and you are ready to input outstanding deposits. This is accomplished in the same way. For our example let's use:

47,100 (ENTER)  
48,100 (ENTER)  
49,5.87 (ENTER)  
0,0 (ENTER)

The running total for deposits is 205.87. Nineteen deposits is the most the computer will take. Press ENTER again and the computer asks for your statement balance. For our example it's 25.73. Press ENTER and it asks for our check book balance, ours is 5.75. Now when you press ENTER things happen. We've got too much money--great lets quit while we're ahead. (1.54)

First we'll review checks, just for drill. Type 1 and ENTER. Wait a minute! Check #1027 was for 11.01 not 1.01. Better correct it.

4 (ENTER)  
C (ENTER)  
1027 (ENTER)  
11.01 (ENTER)

The new check review shows us the new check running total of 234.31.

3 (ENTER)

Damn! Over drawn by 8.46. I remember now; a refund check for 8.46 was deposited but not recorded in our check book.

4 (ENTER)  
D (ENTER)

What is the next entry number? I have forgotten - how about you? All is not lost. Use any number greater than the number of deposits. The computer will then tell you the correct number. I like 22, its higher than 19 and easy to type.

22 (ENTER)

Four, that's it!

4 (ENTER)

Any deposit number will do, even the correct one.

111 (ENTER)  
8.46 (ENTER)

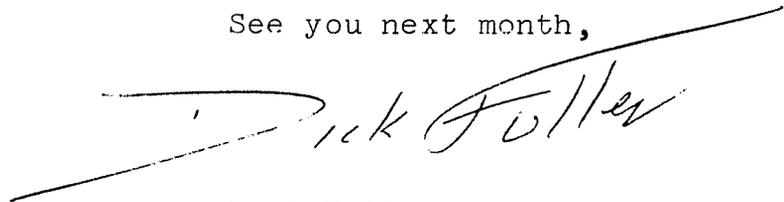
The new total deposits are 214.33.

3 (ENTER)

It balances!!! Call the wife, call the kids, WHOOPIEE!!

P.S. If you get into changing a check or deposit and forgot the numbers or amounts, answer all question with 0 till you get out of the changing routine and can review checks or deposits. If the program should exit at any time after all checks and deposits are entered; RUN 4000 will get you back in to the program.

See you next month,



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