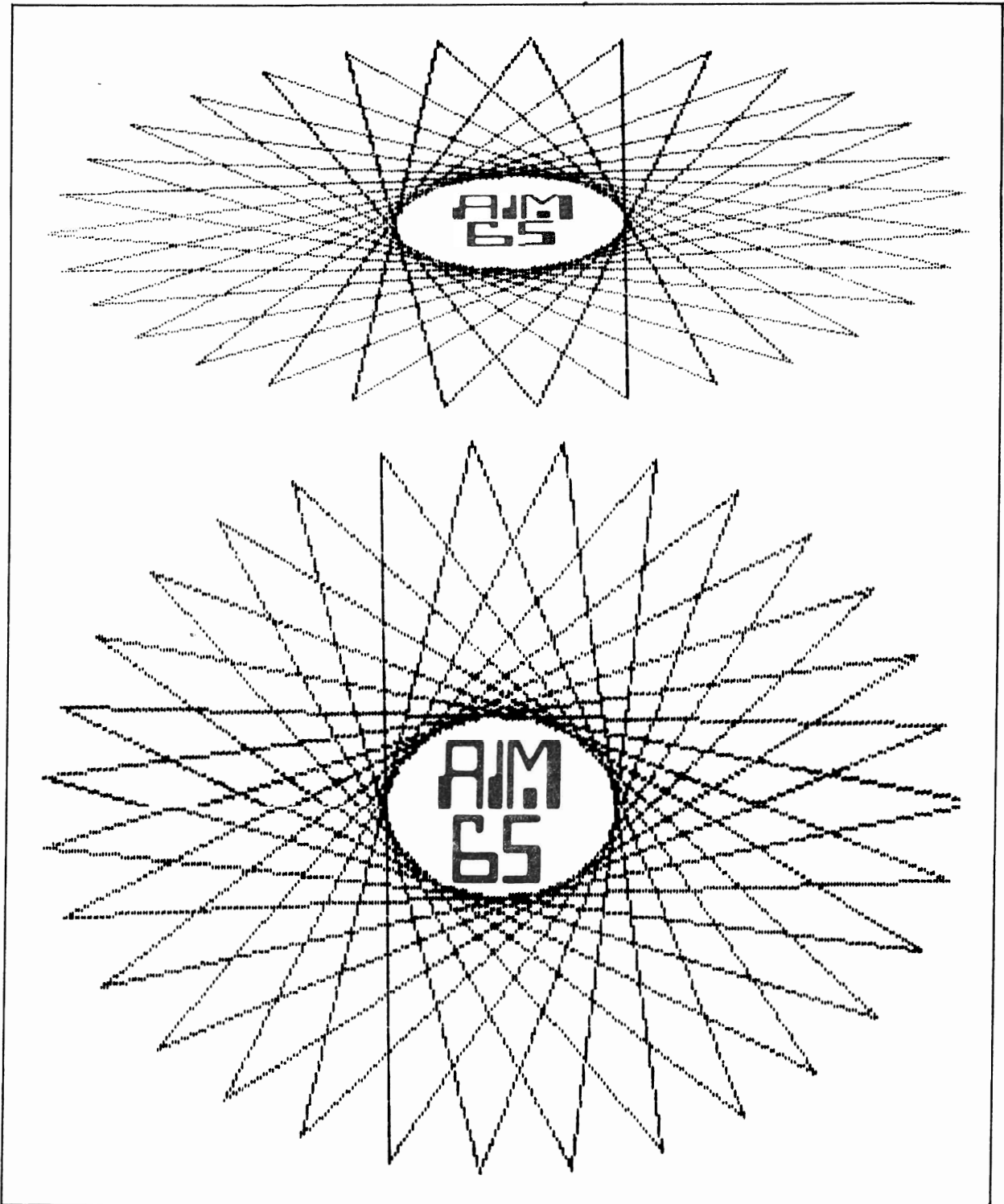


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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Your response to the questions on the subscription envelope has been gratifying. By far, most of you are interested in articles about interfacing AIM 65 to the outside world, (especially floppy disks) and finding out who makes what for the system. I'm going to do my best to give you what you want in the way of subject matter, and hopefully you'll keep me informed if your needs should change.

### ESSENCE OF AIM (65)

A computer is a computer is a computer. That's obvious. But the fact remains that some computers can do certain things better than others. Look at people. The same person that would make a great jockey would probably make a lousy long distance runner (and vice versa).

To hear some people talk, you'd think the AIM 65 is great at everything. Well, you and I, being realists, KNOW that that's not true. The AIM 65, like any other computer, has its good points and its not-so-good points. While some of the no-so-good points can be improved upon (see the article in this issue on adding a sound channel to the AIM), I would most like to see articles that expand upon and accentuate AIM 65's strong points.

Here are some applications in which AIM 65 excels:

- \*low-cost, self-contained educational system.
- \*laboratory instrumentation monitoring and experiment control computer.
- \*minimum-cost software/hardware development system.
- \*remote communications terminal (by adding a MODEM)
- \*control panel and "smarts" for OEM machine or assembly-line controller
- \*intelligent, general-purpose calculator
- \*low-and medium-volume OEM products, with PROM-selected multiple "personalities"
- \*Any product requiring a minimal hard-copy capability

I'll bet that you can think of several more.....

### THIS ISSUE

You'll notice that we have plenty of AIM 65 graphics in this issue. This capability adds a whole new dimension to the usefulness of the machine and is quite exciting. Thanks for this ability must go first to the AIM 65 designers who used a software approach for interfacing the printer and next to the folks at Micro Technology Unlimited and Micro Mag who actually did the graphics software and made it available to the rest of the world (separately, I might add).

EDITOR

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## COVER STORY

### AIM 65 GRAPHICS SOFTWARE

Would you believe that the graphics on the front cover (except for the lettering) were generated with an AIM 65? Well, it's true. Of course a little help was needed in the way of software since, by its lonesome, AIM 65 isn't so artistic. That help comes in the form of some creative software instruction from the folks at Micro Technology Unlimited (POB 12106, Raleigh, NC 27605 (919) 833-1458).

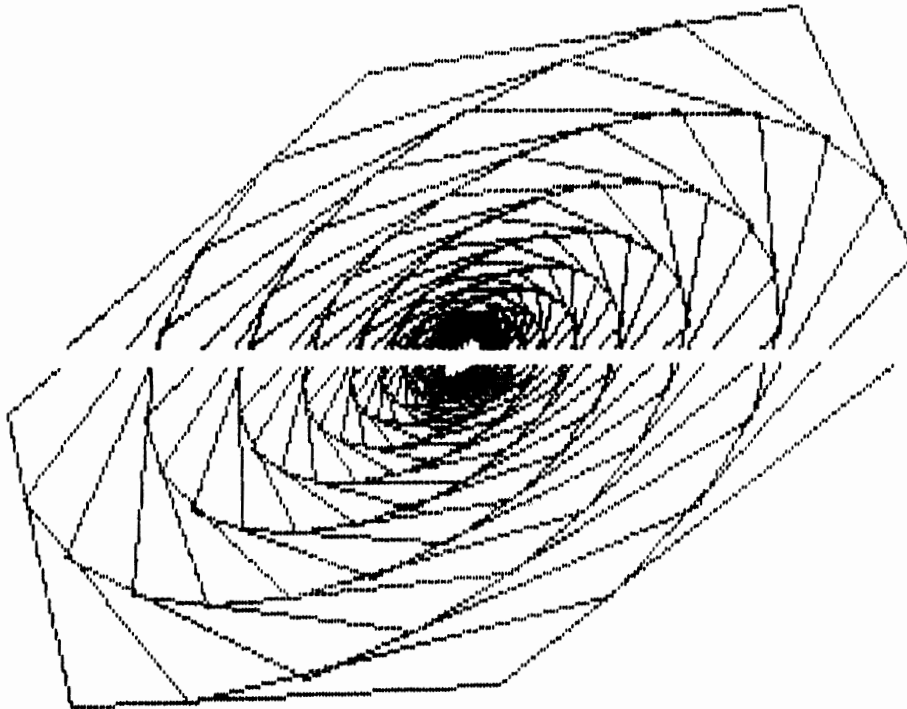
MTU supports AIM 65 in several ways. They manufacture hardware expansion accessories (see the list in the AIM 65 suppliers section of this issue), AND several software packages. These software packages greatly enhance the capability of the AIM 65 in several ways.

The first package is called the TEXT/GRAPHICS PRINTOUT PROGRAM FOR THE AIM 65 (K-1009-1C) and includes two programs. One of them dumps the contents of the text editing buffer out to the printer sideways. That's right, SIDEWAYS. With line lengths of to 80 characters and 10 lines per strip, AIM's printouts become much easier to read. (I just couldn't believe my eyes the first time I saw this work. It's really incredible!) I wish MTU would release the source code on this program so people could tie this into the assembler and BASIC. Now that would

REALLY make AIM 65 shine!

The second part of this printout program is the one responsible for the neat designs on the cover of this issue. It's purpose is to give AIM 65 users a hard copy record (in one of two modes) of whatever is displayed on the MTU Visible Memory (320x200 bit-mapped graphics board). (This is an 8K dynamic RAM board that doubles as a video-graphics display when connected to a video monitor.) The "quick print" mode lets you print out the entire 320x200 dot image on one strip of paper while the "quality print" mode prints out the image as two strips of 320x100 each which can then be taped together for a complete, properly proportioned image. (see the cover for an example of each) Of course, the printout program doesn't really care what 8K memory location the pattern is coming from so patterns can be written into ANY memory board, or even taken from ROM, if desired. But the greatest impact and practicality will be achieved when this program is used in conjunction with the MTU graphics board.

The second package is called AIM 65 GRAPHICS/TEXT SOFTWARE (K-1008-5C) and contains such goodies as an interface program which allows graphics to be generated directly from an AIM 65 BASIC program, a program which turns the Visible Memory board into a 53 character by 22 line video display for AIM 65, a swirl pattern generator, a 320x200 Life game, a graphics subroutine library, and several BASIC demo programs thrown in for good measure.



## AIM 65 GRAPHICS

(The next two articles are being reprinted with permission from the publisher of 65XX MICRO-MAG, a German publication dedicated to 6502 based machines. 65XX MICRO-MAG is written almost entirely in German so it would be useful to have a command of the language. If not, we'll be translating some of the AIM 65 articles and reprinting them in future issues of INTERACTIVE. Thanks go to Roland Lohr (Hansdorfer Strasse 4, 2070 Ahrensburg, W. Germany)

### AIMPLOT — PLOTTING MEASUREMENT VALUES

This utility plots the results of measurements on the AIM printer at a speed of 9 dots per sec. VALDOT converts a parameter in A into a dot position (hex 00 A 63), AIGRA does the printout.

By means of the subprograms presented here, the printer of AIM 65 becomes a measurement value plotter, which outputs about 9 values per second. VALDOT converts a measurement value in the accumulator into the corresponding measurement point position. AIGRA takes care of printing out this dot. The user therefore only has to convert his measurement value into the hexadecimal value range 00-63 capable of presentation.

With regard to the way in which the printer works, one should familiarize himself with the AIM USER'S GUIDE, pages 7-19 ff. There in particular one is warned against manipulating the timing of the printer. In this respect the user need have no fear, because the author was able to return to the original routines of the monitor with its time constants unchanged. With regard to commentary, reference is made for the most part to the MONITOR PROGRAM LISTING.

```

0200 2C 11 A4 AIGRA BIT PRIFLAG ROUTINE CORRESPONDS
                                TO IPST IN
0203 10 2A BPL OUT $F045 FOR OUTPUT OF A
                                LINE.
0205 20 CB F0 JSR PINT INITIALIZE
0208 20 66 02 JSR NIPSU
020B A9 C1 LDA #$C1
020D 8D 0C A8 STA PCR
0210 20 A0 FF JSR PAT23
0213 D0 08 BNE NIP02
0215 20 A0 FF JSR PAT23
0218 D0 03 BNE NIP02
021A 4C 79 F0 JMP PRIERR
021D 20 30 02 NIP02 JSR NPDOT
0220 20 30 02 JSR NPDOT
0223 AD 77 A4 LDA IDOT
0226 C9 0A CMP #$0A ONLY 1 LINE
0228 90 F3 BCC NIP02
022A A9 E1 LDA #$E1
022C 8D 0C A8 STA PCR MOTOR OFF
022F 60 OUT RTS
0230 A9 00 NPDOT LDA #$00 ROUTINE CORRESPONDS
0232 BD 01 A8 STA DRAH TO PRNDOT IN $F087
0235 AD 0D A8 NDOT0 LDA IFR
0238 29 02 AND #$02
    
```

```

023A F0 F9 BEQ NDOT0
023C AD 0C A8 LDA PCR
023F 49 01 EOR #$01
0241 8D 0C A8 STA PCR
0244 EE 77 A4 INC IDOT
0247 AD 79 A4 LDA IOUTU
024A 0D 00 A8 ORA DRB
024D 8D 00 A8 STA DRB
0250 AD 78 A4 LDA IOUTL
0253 8D 01 A8 STA DRAH
0256 A9 A4 LDA #$A4
0258 8D 08 A8 STA T2L
025B A9 06 LDA #$06
025D 8D 09 A8 STA T2H
0260 20 66 02 JSR NIPSU
0263 4C BA F0 JMP $FOBA

0266 A2 00 NIPSU LDX #$00
0268 20 21 F1 JSR INCP
026B BD 60 A4 NIP51 LDA IBUFM,X
026E CD 77 A4 CMP IDOT
0271 D0 16 BNE NIP53
0273 AD 7A A4 LDA IBITL
0276 F0 08 BEQ NIP52
0278 0D 78 A4 ORA IOUTL
027B 8D 78 A4 STA IOUTL
027E D0 09 BNE NIP53
0280 AD 7B A4 NIP52 LDA IBITU
0283 0D 79 A4 ORA IOUTU
0286 8D 79 A4 STA IOUTU
0289 0E 7A A4 NIP53 ASL IBITL
028C 2E 7B A4 ROL IBITU
028F CA CA DEX, DEX
0291 10 D8 BPL NIP51
0293 4C 18 F1 JMP $F118

                                CALCULATE DOT POSITION FROM
0296 48 VALDOT PHA
0297 A2 00 LDX #$00

0299 20 38 F0 JSR OUTPR
029C A2 00 LDX #$00 X AS ADDRESSER RETRIEVE
                                VALUE

029E 68 PLA
029F C9 05 DIVA CMP #$05
02A1 90 05 BCC FEIN REMAINDER <5
02A3 E9 05 SBC #$05 DIVIDE BY 5 UNTIL REMAIN-
                                DER <5
02A5 E8 INX ADDRESSER + 1
02A6 D0 F7 BNE DIVA ALWAYS JUMP
02A8 18 FEIN CLC ADDITION PREPARATION
02A9 2C 82 EF BIT #$04 OPERAND FROM FIXED
                                VALUE STORAGE
02AC 08 PHP RESCUE STATUS
02AD 49 03 EOR #$03 INVERT 2 BITS
02AF 69 01 ADC #$01 COMPUTATION IN THE
                                4-PART COMPLEMENT
                                STATUS RETURNED
02B1 28 PLP STATUS RETURNED
02B2 F0 02 BEQ SPEI SKIP
02B4 29 03 AND #$03 IF REQUIRED , MASK 2 BITS
02B6 9D 60 A4 SPEI STA IBUFM,X PRINT STORAGE
02B9 8A TXA IF X IS...
02BA 2C 97 F0 BIT #$01 EVEN OR ODD DIRECT
                                OPERAND
                                IF ODD
02BD D0 08 BNE ZUR
02BF BD 60 A4 LDA IBUFM,X
02C2 69 05 ADC #$05 ADD TO DOT POSITION
02C4 9D 60 A4 STA IBUFM,X
02C7 60 ZUR RTS
    
```

CARRY OUT THE REST OF  
ROUTINE PRNDOT  
ROUTINE CORRESPONDS  
TO PRNDOT IN \$FOE3

TO THE REMAINDER OF  
ROUTINE IPSU  
VALUE IN A  
RESCUE PARAMETER  
ERASE PRINT BUFFER COM-  
PLETELY

X AS ADDRESSER RETRIEVE  
VALUE

REMAINDER <5  
DIVIDE BY 5 UNTIL REMAIN-  
DER <5

ADDRESSER + 1  
ALWAYS JUMP  
ADDITION PREPARATION  
OPERAND FROM FIXED  
VALUE STORAGE  
RESCUE STATUS  
INVERT 2 BITS  
COMPUTATION IN THE  
4-PART COMPLEMENT  
STATUS RETURNED  
SKIP  
IF REQUIRED , MASK 2 BITS  
PRINT STORAGE  
IF X IS...  
EVEN OR ODD DIRECT  
OPERAND  
IF ODD

ADD TO DOT POSITION

**test program:**

```

A9 00          LDA #500      STARTING VALUE
85 00          STA $00       COUNTER
20 96 02 T1    JSR VALDOT   COMPUTE
20 00 02       JSR AIGRA    PRINT
E6 00          INC $00      COUNTER
A5 00          LDA $00      COUNTER
C9 64          CMP #564     ALREADY 10
D0 F2          BNE T1       NO
00            BRK          END
    
```

The test program plots ascending measurement values from 0-99 (dec.), which are passed on to the accumulator.

## AIMGRAPH — GRAPHICS CAPABILITY FOR THE AIM PRINTER

This program lends 63 graphics characters to the AIM printer. You may even create other character fonts like Arabic or Chinese by only altering the contents of the table.

By studying the AIM MONITOR PROGRAM LISTING, it can be seen that the ROM starting with cell F2E1 is also a character generator ROM. The dot matrix is contained in 5 table sections for the columns. Here the table is controlled with the hexadecimal value of the symbol to be printed as the index. This is again almost a classical solution of how one can replace hardware by software. Our program pursues this line further and dupes the program run at the point at which the monitor comes back from the subprogram INCP. The pointer built up in \$A47D and \$A47E for the dot pattern to be used is manipulated to the appropriate location of our table, which starts from 0300.

By means of this method, it is obvious that any other desired symbol sets can be generated, even multiple sets in direct access. The author does not have sufficient time to play with these possibilities, and for this reason the standard graphic printout of a beautiful girl is missing. Readers will certainly take care of that promptly and exert themselves to bring games such as LIFE onto the printer.

AIMGRAPH can rely on an almost identical subroutine AIGRA such as the program AIMPLOT in this issue. Only the command for line counting is changed as follows:

```
0226 C9 5A          CMP #55A      FOR 90 DOTS
```

The subprogram NIPSU called up is to be replaced by the following NIPSU2. Whoever wants to operate AIMPLOT and AIMGRAPH simultaneously can query a software switch in AIGRA before the dot counting and correspondingly also in the subprograms NIPSU/NIPSU2, which are very similar to each other.

```

0266 A2 00          NIPSU2 LDX #500      CORRESPONDS APPROXI-
                                MATELY TO IPSU IN $FOE3
0268 20 21 F1       JSR INCP
026B BD 60 A4       NIPSU1 LDA IBUFM,X
026E 29 3F          AND #33F      CLIP AS ADDRESSER
0270 A8             TAY
0271 18             CLC          ADDITION PREPARATION
0272 A9 1F          LDA #1F       CONVERSION TO NEW
                                TABLE BASIS
    
```

```

0274 6D 7D A4          ADC JUMP      ADDRESS COMPUTED BY
                                INCP
0277 85 00            STA PNTL     MAKE $00/01 THE TABLE
                                POINTER
                                DITTO FOR HIGH ADDRESS
0279 A9 10            LDA #510
027B 6D 7E A4        ADC JUM+1
027E 85 01            STA PNTL+1
0280 B1 00            LDA (PNTL),Y  HOLE DOT PATTERN FROM
                                TABLE
                                DOT SET
                                ...AS IN SECTION IPSU
0282 2C 7C A4        BIT IMASK
0285 F0 16            BEQ NIPS2
0287 AD 7A A4        LDA IBITL
028A F0 08            BEQ NIPS3
028C 0D 78 A4        ORA IOUTL
028F 8D 78 A4        STA IOUTL
0292 D0 09            BNE NIPS2
0294 AD 7B A4        NIPS3 LDA IBITU
0297 0D 79 A4        ORA IOUTU
029A 8D 79 A4        STA IOUTU
029D 0E 7A A4        NIPS2 ASL IBITL
02A0 2B 7B A4        ROL IBITU
02A3 CA CA            DEX, DEX
02A5 10 C4            BPL NIPS1
02A7 4C 18 F1        JMP $F118    TO THE REMAINDER OF
                                ROUTINE IPSU
    
```

```

<M>=0300 0080 C0E0 F0F8FC40C201010100804FE CHARACTER
< > 0310 18AA 02 C6 1C00 10 1000 0E1EFE0280 1882 GENERATOR
< > 0320 0010 00 04 F400 10 1000 1028100006 1C80 TABLE
< > 0330 1CFE FE FE FEFEE0 0000 000EFEFE00 020E FOR A
< > 0340 0080 C0E0 F0F8FC40 1C20 103810 08 0482 GRAPHICS
< > 0350 8C54 02 AA 8800 10 1000 0E1E80C80 04CC FONT
< > 0360 0010 1CFC C000 20 0800 10 1010000E 3C60
< > 0370 4400 FE FE FEFEE0 0000 000E3E0200 020E BUILT UP AND
< > 0380 C080 C0E0 F0F8FC40 38 20 10FE 1E08 0482 IN SUCCESSION
< > 0390 FEAA 02 92 FE 1E 1E F0 F0 0E1E8001 80 FE01 AS TABLES
< > 03A0 00F0 00 04 E806 C006 FE FE7CFE00 1E EE01 COLO THRU COL4
< > 03B0 8200 00 FE FEFEE0 FE00 00FE 1E02 FE 02 FE MONITOR
< > 03C0 2080 C0E0 F0F8FC40 1C20 103810 08 0482 PROGRAM
< > 03D0 8C54 02 82 8810 00 00 10 0E1E8060 80 04CC
< > 03E0 0010 70 FC C008 00 00 10 1010 FE3E 3C0C INVERSE
< > 03F0 4400 00 00 FE FE00 00 FE 00E0E0E2 FE 02 E0 REPRESENTATION
< > 0400 0080 C0E0 F0F8FC40 C20 10 1010 08 04FE POSSIBLE BY
< > 0410 18AA 02 82 1C10 00 00 10 0E1E8080 FE 1882 EXOR-ING
< > 0420 0010 00 04 F410 00 00 10 002810 FE1E C02 TABLE CONTENTS
< > 0430 1C00 00 00 00FE00 00 00 FEE006 02 FE FEE0
    
```

As can be seen from the instruction in \$026B, the program provides the information in the printer buffer starting with \$A460 with a graphic meaning. It is not at all difficult to bring this information by program to that location. But the question has still not been answered as to how one goes from EDITOR directly and interactively by means of a USER OUTPUT FUNCTION to the graphic printout of the open text line. To this end suggestions are welcome.

To test out AIMGRAPH, there is the following program for printing out the first 20 ASCII symbols (\$20-\$33 corresponding to a gap up to 3). By changing the initial value in the accumulator, one is able to print out the entire symbol set.

```

0500 A2            LDX #00      ADDRESSER
0502 A9            LDA #20      ASCII = BLANK (SPACE)
0504 9D            STA A460,X   IBUFM,X
0507 38            SEC
0508 69            ADC #00      ADD X]
050A E8            INX
050B E0            CPX #14      20 CHARACTERS
050D D0            BNE 0504
050F 20            JSR 0200     PRINT
0512 00            BRK          BACK TO MONITOR
    
```

## INSIDE BASIC

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### Basic Token List

Token	Operation	Address
80	END	B65E
81	FOR	B55C
82	NEXT	BB00
83	DATA	B767
84	INPUT	B9BC
85	DIM	BDDA
86	READ	B9F0
87	LET	B814
88	GOTO	B714
89	RUN	B6EC
8A	IF	B797
8B	RESTORE	B631
8C	GOSUB	B6F7
8D	RETURN	B741
8E	REM	B7AA
8F	STOP	B65C
90	ON	B7BA
91	NULL	BF87
92	WAIT	C56C
93	LOAD	E848
94	SAVE	B69F
95	DEF	C0F1
96	POKE	C563
97	PRINT	B8A9
98	CONT	B685
99	LIST	B4BC
9A	CLEAR	B481
9B	GET	B9AD
9C	NEW	B465
AE	SGN	C978
AF	INT	CA0B
B0	ABS	C997
B1	USR	0003
B2	FRE	C0BD
B3	POS	CODE
B4	SQR	CC75
B5	RND	CD96
B6	LOG	C729
B7	EXP	CCF1
B8	COS	CDD2
B9	SIN	CDD9
BA	TAN	CE22
BB	ATN	00BB
BC	PEEK	C54C
BD	LEN	C4BA
BE	STR\$	C1A3
BF	VAL	C4EB
C0	ASC	C4C9
C1	CHR\$	C42A
C2	LEFT\$	C43E
C3	RIGHT\$	C46A
C4	MID\$	C475

addition  
subtraction  
multiplication  
division  
exponentiation  
logical AND  
logical OR  
negation  
logical NOT  
comparison

C5A9  
C592  
C76A  
C851  
CC7F  
BD42  
BD3F  
CCB8  
BC9C  
BD6F

### Dyadic Operation

### Zero Page Usage

#### AIM BASIC V1.1 -

0000-0002	0-2
0003-0005	3-5
0006	6
0007	7
0008	8
0009	9
000A	10
000B	11
000C	12
000D	13
000E	14
000F	15
0010	16
0011	17
0012	18
0013	19
0014-0015	20-21
0016-005D	22-93
005E	94
005F-0060	95-96
0061-0069	97-105
006A-006B	106-107
006C-006D	108-109
006E-0072	110-114
0073-0074	115-116
0075-0076	117-118
0077-0078	119-120
0079-007A	121-122
007B-007C	123-124
007D-007E	125-126
007F-0080	127-128
0081-0082	129-130
0083-0084	131-132
0085-0086	133-134
0087-0088	135-136
0089-008A	137-138
008B-008C	139-140
008D-008E	141-142
008F-0090	143-144
0091-0092	145-146
0093-0094	147-148
0095	149
0096-0097	150-151
0098-009B	152-155
009C-009E	156-158
009F-00A8	159-168
00A9-00AE	169-174
00AF	175
00B0	176
00B1-00B6	177-182
00B7	183
00B8	184
00B9-00BA	185-186
00BB-00BD	187-189
00BF-00D6	191-214

New-line jump  
USR jump  
Search character  
Scan-between-quotes flag  
Input buffer pointer; # subscripts  
Default DIM flag  
Type: FF = string, 00 = numeric  
Type: 80 = integer, 00 = floating point  
DATA scan flag; LIST quote flag; memory flag  
Subscript flag; FNx flag  
0 = input; \$40 = get; \$98 = read  
Comparison evaluation flag  
Input flag: suppress output if negative  
I/O for prompt suppress  
Width  
Input column limit  
Integer address (for GOTO, etc.)  
Input buffer  
Temporary string descriptor stack pointer  
Last temporary string pointer  
Stack of descriptors for temporary strings  
Pointer for number transfer  
Misc. number pointer  
Product staging area for multiplication  
Pointer: Start-of-Basic memory  
Pointer: End-of-Basic, Start-of-Variables  
Pointer: End-of-Variables, Start-of-Arrays  
Pointer: End-of-Arrays  
Pointer: Bottom-of-strings (moving down)  
Utility string pointer  
Pointer: Limit of Basic Memory  
Current Basic line number  
Previous Basic line number  
Pointer to Basic statement (for CONT)  
Line number, current DATA line  
Pointer to current DATA item in memory  
Input vector  
Current variable name  
Current variable memory address  
Variable pointer for FOR/NEXT  
Y-save; new-operator save; utility pointer  
Comparison symbol accumulator  
Misc numeric work area  
Work area; garbage yardstick  
Jump vector for functions  
Misc numeric work and storage areas  
Accumulator No. 1: Exponent, 4 Mantissa, Sign  
Series evaluation constant pointer  
Acc No. 1 high-order (overflow) word  
Accumulator No. 2: E,M,M,M,M,S  
Sign comparison, Accumulators No. 1 vs No. 2  
Acc No. 1 low-order (rounding) word  
Series pointer  
Error jump  
Subroutine: Get Basic char; C6, C7 = Basic pointer

## Basic Entry Points

(Note: addresses indicate where a routine is: the first address is not always the entry point.)

B000-B002	Cold start jump	BD00-BD3E	Identify and set up function references
B003-B005	Warm start jump	BD3F	Perform OR
B006-B009	Vectors to subroutines; Floating to fixed, fixed to f1.	BD42-BD6E	Perform AND
B00A-B043	Action addresses for primary keywords	BD6F-BDD9	Perform comparisons, string or numeric
B044-B071	Action addresses for functions	BDDA-BDE3	Perform DIM
B072-B08F	Hierarchy and action addresses for operators	BDE4-BE6D	Search for variable location in memory
B090-B174	Table of Basic keywords	BE6E-BE77	Check if ASCII character is alphabetic
B175-B1AB	Basic messages, mostly error messages	BE78-BEDB	Create new Basic variable
B1AC-B1D9	Search stack for FOR or GOSUB activity	BEDC-BEEC	Array pointer subroutine
B1DA-B21C	Open up space in memory	BEED-BEFO	32768 in floating binary
B21D-B229	Test: stack too deep?	BEF1-BF0F	Evaluate expression for positive integer
B22A-B256	Check available memory	BF10-C08B	Find or create array
B257-B27E	Send canned error message, then:	C08C-C0BC	Compute array subscript size
B27F-B29C	Warm start, wait for command	C0BD	Perform FRE, including:
B29D-B328	Handle new Basic line from keyboard or device	C0D1-C0DD	Convert fixed-point to floating-point
B329-B355	Rebuild chaining of Basic lines in memory	CODE-C0E3	Perform POS
B356-B3AD	Receive line from keyboard	C0E4-C0F0	Check if direct command, print ILLEGAL DIRECT
B3AE-B435	Change keywords to Basic tokens	C0F1-C11E	Perform DEF
B436-B464	Search Basic for a given Basic line number	C11F-C131	Check FNx syntax
B465	Perform NEW, then:	C132-C1A2	Evaluate FNx
B481-B4AD	Perform CLEAR	C1A3-C1B2	Perform STR
B4AE-B4BB	Reset Basic execution to start-of-program	C1B3-C1C4	Calculate string vector
B4BC-B55B	Perform LIST	C1C5-C231	Scan and set up string
B55C-B600	Perform FOR	C232-C263	Subroutine to build string vector
B601-B630	Execute Basic statement	C264-C2FA	Garbage collection subroutine
B631-B63F	Perform RESTORE	C2FB-C343	Check for most eligible string for collection
B640-B65B	Check F1 key, and if down:	C344-C37A	Collect a string
B65C-B684	Perform STOP or END	C37B-C3B7	Perform string concatenation
B685-B69E	Perform CONT	C3B8-C3E0	Build string into memory
B69F-B6AA	Perform SAVE	C3E1-C418	Discard unwanted string
B6AB-B6B8	Get input character	C419-C429	Clean the descriptor stack
B6B9-B6D7	Send formatted character to output	C42A-C43D	Perform CHR\$
B6D8-B6E2	Check if I/O device is Cassette, TTY, or User	C43E-C469	Perform LEFT\$
B6E3-B6EB	Test if any key depressed	C46A-C474	Perform RIGHT\$
B6EC-B6F6	Perform RUN	C475-C49E	Perform MID\$
B6F7-B713	Perform GOSUB	C49F-C4B9	Pull string function parameters from stack
B714-B740	Perform GOTO	C4BA-C4BF	Perform LEN
B741-B766	Perform RETURN, and then:	C4C0-C4C8	Move from string-mode to numeric-mode (LEN, ASC, VAL)
B767-B774	Perform DATA, i.e., skip rest of statement	C4C9-C4D8	Perform ASC
B775	Scan for next Basic statement	C4D9-C4EA	Input byte parameter
B778-B796	Scan for next Basic line	C4EB-C529	Perform VAL
B797	Perform IF, and perhaps:	C52A-C535	Get two parameters for POKE or WAIT
B7AA-B7B9	Perform REM, i.e., skip rest of line	C536-C54B	Convert floating-point to fixed-point
B7BA-B7D9	Perform ON	C54C-C562	Perform PEEK
B7DA-B813	Get fixed-point number from Basic line	C563-C56B	Perform POKE
B814-B89C	Perform LET	C56C-C587	Perform WAIT
B89D-B8A8	Enable printer on "!" character	C588-C58E	Add 0.5 to Accumulator No. 1
B8A9-B949	Perform PRINT	C58F-C5A5	Perform subtraction
B94A-B966	Print string from memory	C5A6-C685	Perform addition
B967-B987	Print single format character (space, question mark)	C686-C6BC	Complement Accumulator No. 1
B988-B9AC	Handle bad input data	C6BD-C6C1	Print OV (overflow) and exit
B9AD-B9BB	Perform GET	C6C2-C6FA	Multiply-a-byte subroutine
B9BC-B9E6	Perform INPUT	C6FB-C728	Function constants: 1, SQR(.5), SQR(2), -.05, etc.
B9E7-B9EF	Prompt and receive input	C729	Perform LOG
B9F0-BADB	Perform READ; common routines used by INPUT and GET	C76A-C797	Perform multiplication
BADC-BAFF	Messages: EXTRA IGNORED, REDO FROM START	C798-C7CA	Multiply-a-bit subroutine
BB00-BB58	Perform NEXT	C7CB-C7F5	Load Accumulator No. 2 from memory
BB59-BB7E	Check data type, print TYPE MISMATCH	C7F6-C812	Test and adjust Accumulators No. 1 and No. 2
BB7F	Input and evaluate any expression (numeric or string)	C813-C820	Handle overflow and underflow
BCB9	Evaluate expression within parentheses ( )	C821-C837	Multiply by 10
BCBF	Check right parenthesis )	C838-C83C	10 in floating binary
BCC2	Check left parenthesis (	C83D	Divide by 10
BCC5-BCCF	Check for comma	C846	Perform divide-by
BCD0-BCD4	Print SN (syntax) and exit	C851-C8E0	Perform divide-into
BCD5-BCDB	Set up function for future evaluation	C8E1-C905	Load Accumulator No. 1 from memory
BCDC-BCFF	Set up variable name	C906-C93A	Store Accumulator No. 1 into memory
		C93B-C94A	Copy Accumulator No. 2 into Accumulator No. 1
		C94B-C959	Copy Accumulator No. 1 into Accumulator No. 2
		C95A-C969	Round off Accumulator No. 1
		C96A-C977	Compute SGN value of accumulator No. 1

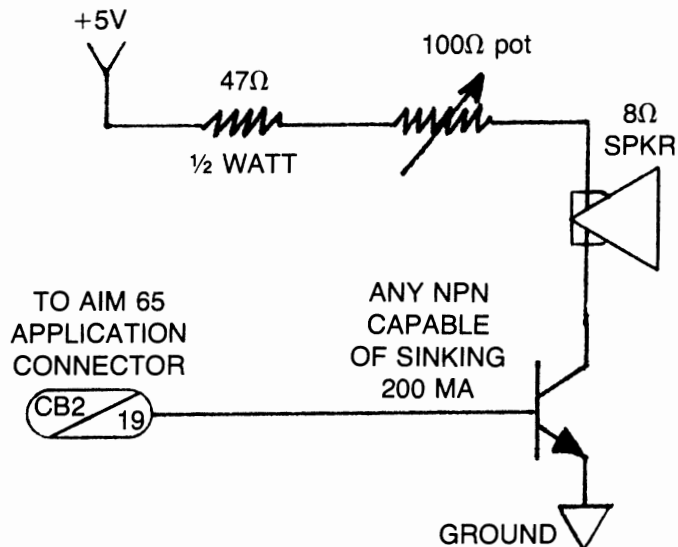
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## AIM-65 SOUND

Wouldn't it be nice if your computer had a means of letting you know when it needed some attention?

Well, now it can do just that with the addition of a speaker and some additional parts. No, the idea isn't new — just an adaption from the PET since it also has a 6522 VIA chip installed. And because this interface uses the CB2 line, you don't really lose too much of the system's I/O capability.



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C978-C996	Perform SGN
C997-C999	Perform ABS
C99A-C9D9	Compare Accumulator No. 1 to memory
C9DA-CA0A	Convert floating-point to fixed-point
CA0B-CA31	Perform INT
CA32-CABC	Convert string to floating-point
CABD-CAF1	Get new ASCII digit
CAF2-CB00	String conversion constants: 99999999,99999999,1E+9
CB01	Print IN, followed by:
CB0C-CB1B	Print Basic line number
CB1C-CC4B	Convert floating-point number to ASCII
CC4C-CC74	Constants for numeric conversion
CC75	Perform SQR
CC7F	Perform power function
CCB8-CCC2	Perform negation
CCC3-CCF0	Constants for string evaluation
CCF1-CD43	Perform EXP
CD44-CD8D	Function series evaluation subroutines
CD8E-CD95	Manipulation constants for RND
CD96-CDD1	Perform RND
CDD2	Perform COS
CDD9-CE21	Perform SIN
CE22-CE4D	Perform TAN
CE4E-CE85	Constants for trig: pi/2, 2*pi, .25, etc.
CE86-CE9D	Character subroutine, to be copied to BF to D6
CE9E-CEA2	Initialization constants
CEA3-CFAE	Cold start: initialize Basic, prompt, etc.
CFAF-CFF9	Startup messages and prompts
CFFA-CFFF	Patch

This particular circuit as well as the software presented was found in the Rockwell Hobby Club newsletter but has appeared in numerous other publications. Actually, if you're on the lazy side, you can use the battery operated speaker/amplifier from Radio Shack (about \$10.95) and save yourself the trauma of building something.

The neatest thing about this method of sound generation is that once the 6522 is properly initialized, the CPU can go off and perform other tasks. **NO FURTHER PROCESSOR INTERVENTION IS REQUIRED!**

This is because the shift register in the VIA can be set to operate in the "free running" mode. In this mode, whatever data that is loaded into the shift register, will be continuously shifted out to the CB pin on the 6522.

Hook up the transistor amplifier (or the Radio Shack speaker/ amplifier) to AIM 65 and load in the two example sound programs or just fool around with three POKE locations in the 6522.

POKE 40971,16 (ACR) sets the 6522 chip to a "free-running" state with the shifting rate determined by T2 timer.

POKE 40970,51 (SR) loads the shift register with a "constant" that will be continuously shifted out on CB2.

POKE 40968,N (T2L) where N is a number from 1 to 255 that determines the frequency of the note by setting the time out period for T2.

Here are values for musical note equivalents. (Assuming a '51' was poked into 40970.)

### HERE IS HOW TO MAKE MUSIC:

Use a subroutine for your musical sound effects. Start with

```

2000 POKE 40971,16
2010 POKE 40970,10: REM THIS IS FOR TONE--FROM 1 TO 255-VERY MELLOW
      TO VERY SHARP.
2020 POKE 40968,115: REM THIS IS PITCH. FROM 1 TO 255-HIGH TO LOW.
2030 POKE 40971,0: REM THIS TURNS SOUND OFF.
2040 RETURN

```

To play continuously, eliminate line 2030.

Here's another one:

```

3000 POKE 40971,16
3010 POKE 40970,10
3020 FOR P = 1 TO 255
3030 POKE 40968,P
3040 NEXT P
3050 POKE 40971,0
3060 RETURN

```

Now you can start experimenting on your own with various sound effects.

You folks without BASIC should take this opportunity to convert these routines to machine language. The only possible problem area will be in the time delay loop in line 3020. You'll get the feel for how slow BASIC is when compared to machine code.



# PRODUCT SURVEY

## LET'S CLOSE THE LOOP

As a semiconductor manufacturer, we NEED your inputs. You are the marketplace, and should be the determining factor in the kinds of products we produce. If you have any ideas for things that would be useful either on a system level (modules, single-board computers, etc) or, at the component level (peripheral devices, CPUs, interface chips and the like), LET US KNOW!!!!!! Here are some questions to get you started. Please feel free to write a 10-page essay, if that's what it takes.

## SYSTEM LEVEL STUFF

As you know, we are second-sourcing the Motorola 68000 CPU. Since we may be building some sort of single-board computer with this device, it would be very helpful to know what kinds of features you would desire in such a product.

First, let's discuss a little background on the 68000 chip so you have an idea of it's place in the computing world. The 68000 is an advanced 16-bit processor with a direct addressing capability of 16 Megabytes (up to 64 Megabytes with some simple bank select logic). Actually the internal architecture of the machine works on 32-bit data but is externally limited to 16 bits because of present packaging constraints. This machine has been favorably compared with the PDP 11/34 and is really a minicomputer CPU rather than a microprocessor. Systems design will be much more complicated with the 68000 than with the 6502, for example, due to it's minicomputer-like design. You probably won't see the 68000 used in small, dedicated controller applications because of this complexity. However, for high-end microprocessor and traditional minicomputer applications, the 68000 will really shine. In fact, a network of 68000s in a multiprocessor configuration could probably move into the mainframe area of ability.

A person looking through the 68000 documentation will probably wonder why there are no op-code tables published. One reason is that by combining the 68000's 56 basic instructions, variations on these instructions and 14 addressing modes, you can come up with over 1000 instruction combinations! Another reason is that hand-assembly is next to impossible, and Motorola assumes that every serious user will be using at least an assembler to program the beast and more likely a high-level language, since that's what the machine was designed for anyway. (After attempting to hand assemble a rather short 68000 program, I fully concur with Motorola).

Now that you've had a chance to see the 68000, (at least through my eyes), you can start thinking about what kinds of things you'd like in a single-board computer designed around the 68000.

## QUESTION 1

What sort of I/O device would you desire on a 68000 single board computer? In addition to an ASCII keyboard, you have a choice between a 40 column printer/display or an interface for a user-supplied CRT and printer. Keep in mind that an on-board 40 column printer display would probably raise the price of the board between \$150 and \$200 so if you'd be primarily using your own CRT and printer, the increased cost of the on-board I/O would be wasted.

## QUESTION 2

Which two of the following high-level languages would you like to see available for the 68000 single-board computer: Basic, Pascal, Forth, Fortran, APL, LISP, or Cobol?

**DETACH THIS SECTION AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR COMMENTS**

### QUESTION 3

What kinds of I/O capability would be necessary for the 68000 board to meet your needs? IEEE 488? Several RS232 channels? Cassette? Floppy? Video? What? Again, keep in mind that even though we'd like to have everything, the cost will go up needlessly with things we don't really need.

### QUESTION 4

What kinds of features would you like that aren't normally included in a single-board computer?

### QUESTION 5

How much memory should be included on the main board How much ROM/PROM space? How much RAM? In the 68000, the lowest 1K bytes are dedicated to "exception" vectors, trap, interrupt, reset and error vectors, so we must start with that much as a base minimum.

**TAKE A FEW MINUTES**

### QUESTION 5A

For what applications would you consider using a 16-bit processor? (68000 or other machine)

### QUESTION 6

Now for some 6500-type stuff:

Assuming we were going to be designing another single-board computer based on the 6052, sort of an advanced AIM 65 type system, what would you like to see? Should an on-board printer/display be provided? Or would you rather see an I/O-independent system that could utilize an external CRT and printer? Remember the cost factor.

### QUESTION 7

Would you insist on a floppy interface, or would cassette storage be sufficient for your application? You'd be paying about \$60 more for each board if the floppy interface were included.

### QUESTION 8

What types of expansion modules do you have a need for in your application? RS232, IEEE, I/O etc.

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

**QUESTION 9**

What would you be using an advanced 6502 system for? OEM? Software development, Hardware, development, Self-teaching, hobbyist, engineering application, or what?

**QUESTION 10**

What do you feel is the minimum usable display/printer size that is practical for a low-cost development system -20, 40, 60, 80 or 120 columns?

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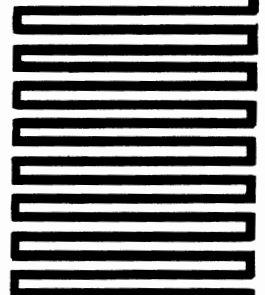
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**PRODUCT SURVEY**

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## DISKS FOR THE AIM 65

Five companies have announced disk systems for AIM 65. These companies are:

**HDE Inc**  
 POB 120  
 Allamuchy, NJ 07820  
 (201) 362-6574

**COMPAS MICROSYSTEMS**  
 224 S.E. 16 th St.  
 Ames, Iowa 50010  
 (515) 232-8187

**Micro Technology Unlimited**  
 POB 12106  
 Raleigh, N.C. 27605  
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**RNB Enterprises**  
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 Phoenix, Arizona 85017  
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**Applied Business Computer**  
 Suite G  
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 Fullerton, CA 92631  
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Here are the features for each:

### DE OMNI-65 SYSTEM

- \*uses the KIM-4, 44-pin expansion arrangement w/4.5"x6.0" card
- \*two systems are available—a single-density/single-sided 5" drive system (up to two drives) and a single-density/single-sided 8" system (up to two drives)
- \*system is disk-based and the bootstrap program must be loaded in from cassette
- \*this system has the ability to save and load Basic data files (as well as program files), programs can be appended or chained from disk, disk accesses may be accomplished under Basic program control, and machine language routines can be automatically called in from disk when needing to link up with Basic through the USR function.
- \*able to assemble from disk only. Object code must be saved to disk manually. Can link multiple source files together from disk with special assembler directives
- \*schematic included in documentation
- \*source listing of system not available
- \*controller board, power supply, cables, and a single-density/single-sided mini floppy drive sell for around \$800 in the U.S.

### COMPAS "DAIM" SYSTEM

- \*disk file compatibility with the Rockwell System 65
- \*uses the AIM 65/SYSTEM 65 expansion motherboard
- \*can interface with up to two single-density/single-sided mini-floppy drives
- \*schematic is included
- \*assembly listing of system available on disk for \$10.
- \*interfaces with the on-board AIM 65 Assembler and Basic ROM options to enable the saving and loading of source and object files (although the DAIM cannot link assembler files together from disk, COMPAS has an optional disk-based assembler (\$95) that will do the job).
- \*able to assemble to and from disk (only one output file may be open on a single drive at one time)
- \*disk software is on ROM.
- \*controller board, power supply, single drive and cables sell for around \$850 in the U.S.

### RNB VAK-7 SYSTEM FEATURES

- \*uses the KIM-4, 44-pin expansion arrangement w/7"x10" card
- \*available only as full-size 8" drive system with double-density capability included and double-sided drive an option.
- \*ROM software includes the ability to assemble from disk, and save and load Basic programs to and from disk
- \*drive cabinet is included
- \*uses DMA approach with 1K shared RAM.
- \*up to four double-density/double-sided drives can be handled by the controller.
- \*source listing not available but all routine entry points are included in documentation.
- \*schematic included.
- \*controller board, cabinet w/one 8" double-density drive, power supply, and cable sells for around \$1300 in the U.S.

**APPLIED BUSINESS COMPUTER FP-950 SYSTEM FEATURES**

- \*uses the AIM 65/SYSTEM 65 expansion motherboard
- \*can interface with up to four double-sided/double-density mini-floppy or full-size drives
- \*ability to save and load Basic programs to and from disk
- \*can assemble program to and from disk
- \*includes information on accessing the disk from user program control
- \*able to execute programs directly from disk
- \*has an on-board Centronics compatible printer port and printer
- \*schematic not available
- \*disk software is ROM-resident
- \*source listing not available (company does provide some routine entry points).
- \*controller board, power supply, cable, and one double-sided/double-density mini-floppy drive sells for around \$850 in the U.S.

**MICRO TECHNOLOGY UNLIMITED "APEX 65" FEATURES**

- \*uses the AIM 65 expansion bus pinout which is compatible with their own card cage.
- \*the controller will handle up to four Shugart compatible, 8" double-density/double-sided drives.
- \*will save and load object code, Basic programs and Assembler source code.
- \*system is disk-based with bootstrap on ROM
- \*DMA type with 16K shared memory
- \*controller card sells for around \$600 in the U.S. The user must provide the power supply, the drives, and cables.

Check with each individual vendor to see if they're delivering systems and by all means **ORDER THE DOCUMENTATION** to see what it's like **BEFORE** you order the system.

If you have one of these systems, how about writing a product review for **INTERACTIVE** The other readers would enjoy reading about it.

**HOW TO USE THE SPECIAL FUNCTION KEYS**

Your AIM 65 is equipped with six keys which can be used for going from the monitor to your programs with a minimum of keystrokes. The first three keys are called the 'FUNCTION KEYS' and are designated F1, F2, and F3 on the right hand side of the keyboard. The operation of these keys is covered pretty well in the AIM USER GUIDE section 3-47 of the Rev 3 edition (section 3-46 of Rev 2) so I won't go into too much detail here except to point out one thing. The function keys are intended to be used in calling user-written monitor extensions. The monitor treats these functions as SUBROUTINES so an RTS is necessary at the end to allow returning to the monitor. If the keys are used to jump to a user routine which isn't meant to return to the AIM 65 then the stack will be left with some garbage on it. This garbage could fill up the whole stack if you get carried away with the function keys unless the stack is cleaned up with two PLA instructions when you enter your routine.

The three other keys (5,6 and N) would be of interest to those who are installing EPROMS in the Basic or Assembler sockets in AIM 65 and wanted to jump into them with one keystroke.

The most versatile entry is available with the Z26 ROM socket. Here you have two entry points available with one keystroke each. In the monitor mode, pressing the '5' key will transfer control to \$B000. This would be the logical cold start entry point for the new software (an enhanced machine language monitor, for example). The '6' key jumps to location \$B003 which could be the warm start entry point.

The 'N' key transfers control to \$D000 which is the first address in the Z24 ROM socket. This key isn't as versatile as the '5' and '6' keys but can be still quite useful when non-technical persons may be operating the equipment. They can just be told to press the 'N' key after the machine is powered up instead of having to understand how to set the program counter and then start running at the address.

**WE'VE GOT OUR EARS ON**

Leo Scanlon, Rockwell Documentation Manager, is eager to hear from anyone who feels he has found an error in, or has a suggestion for the AIM 65 documentation. When writing about a manual, please refer to the text by section number (rather than page number) and the manual revision number.

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## DISASSEMBLER UTILITY

### Unknown Author

(This handy little routine was submitted for publication and got inadvertently separated from the cover letter. If you know who wrote it (someone from France) please let me know so I can give the proper credits)

One thing missing on the AIM 65 is a provision for disassembling a single program line to the on-board display. If the printer is turned off, the instructions just whizz by much too quickly to read. Depressing the space bar, of course, causes the display to halt temporarily but getting good enough to halt things after just one line takes much skill.

Well, here's one solution to the problem. A short program that does the trick.

Start the program with the F3 key (assuming the proper jump location has been initialized) and the program operates much like the built-in disassembler from then on. Tape the space bar to advance to the next instruction.

```

OUTPUT = $E97A
ADDIN = $EAAE
CGPCO = $E5D7
CGPC1 = $E5DD
REDOU = $E973
READ = $E93C
CLR = $EB44
DISAS = $F46C
RCHEK = $E907
CRLF = $E9F0
* = $0112
JMP DEB
* = $EA
LENGHT * = * + 1
* = $A425
SAVPC * = * + 2
;
* = $0F90
.DEB LDA #$2A
JSR OUTPUT
JSR ADDIN ;READ ADDRESS = 4 DIGITS
BCS DEB
JSR CGPCO ;PC = FIRST ADDRESS
.LECT JSR REDOUT
CMP #$20 ;SP?
BNE LECT
JSR CLR
JSR DISAS ;DISASSEMBLE ONE INSTRUCTION
LDA SAVPC
SEC
ADC LENGHT ;ADJUST PC
STA SAVPC
BCC FIN
INC SAVPC + 1
JSR RCHEK
JSR CRLF
FIN JMP LECT
.END
    
```

## CORRECTION FOR THE AIM 65 BASIC MANUAL

An important page was inadvertently left out of the early AIM 65 BASIC manual. This page had the information which enabled the ATN (arctangent) function to be added to BASIC. So here is that all important information.

The ATN function (see Subject 307) can be programmed in RAM using the AIM 65 Mnemonic Entry (1) and Alter Memory Locations (/) commands, as shown below. The program is written for the AIM 65 with 4K bytes of RAM. The ATN function can be relocated elsewhere in memory by changing the starting addresses of the instructions and constants, the conditional branch addresses, the vector to the constants start address and the vector to the ATN function start address.

### ATN FUNCTION CONSTANTS ENTERED BY ALTER MEMORY <M>

<M>	= 0F80	XX	XX	XX	XX	Constants Starting Address = 0F80 <sub>16</sub>
</>	= 0F80	0B	76	B3	83	
</>	0F84	BD	D3	79	1E	
</>	0F88	F4	A6	F5	7B	
</>	0F8C	83	FC	B0	10	
</>	0F90	7C	0C	1F	67	
</>	0F94	CA	7C	DE	53	
</>	0F98	CB	C1	7D	14	
</>	0F9C	64	70	4C	7D	
</>	0FA0	B7	EA	51	7A	
</>	0FA4	7D	63	30	88	
</>	0FA8	7E	7E	92	44	
</>	0FAC	99	3A	7E	4C	
</>	0FB0	CC	91	C7	7F	
</>	0FB4	AA	AA	AA	13	
</>	0FB8	81	00	00	00	
</>	0FBC	00				

### ATN FUNCTION INSTRUCTIONS STORED BY MNEMONIC ENTRY (1)

<1>	XXXX = 0FBD				Instructions Starting Address = 0FBD
0FBD	A5	LDA	AE		
0FBF	48	PHA			
0FC0	10	BPL	0FC5		
0FC2	20	JSR	CCB8		
0FC5	A5	LDA	A9		
0FC7	48	PHA			
0FC8	C9	CMP	#81		
0FCA	90	BCC	0FD3		
0FCC	A9	LDA	#FB		
0FCE	A0	LDY	#C6		
0FDO	20	JSR	C84E		
0FD3	A9	LDA	#80		Starting Address of Constants = 0F80
0FD5	A0	LDY	#0F		
0FD7	20	JSR	CD44		
0FDA	68	PLA			
0FDB	C9	CMP	#81		
0FDD	90	BCC	0FE6		

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0FDF  A9  LDA  #4E
0FE1  A0  LDY  #CE
0FE3  20  JSR  C58F
0FE6  68  PLA
0FE7  10  BPL  0FEC
0FE9  4C  JMP  CCB8
0FEC  60  RTS
0FEC

```

## BASIC INITIALIZATION FOR ATN FUNCTION

BASIC memory must be initialized below the memory allocated to the ATN function. The ATN vector in RAM must also be changed from the address of the FC error message to the starting address of the ATN function instructions. This can be done using BASIC initialization, as follows:

```

<M>
MEMORY SIZE? 3968          Limit BASIC to F8016
WIDTH?
 3438 BYTES FREE
  AIM 65 BASIC V1.1
POKE 188, 189             Change ATN function vector low to
                           BD16
POKE 189, 15             Change ATN function vector high to
                           OF16
?ATN (TAN(.5))          Test case to verify proper ATN func-
                           tion program
                           Expected answer = .5
.5

```

## SAVING ATN OBJECT CODE ON CASSETTE

The object code for the ATN function can be saved on cassette by dumping addresses \$00BB through \$00BD (Jump instruction to ATN) and \$0F80 through \$0FEC (constants and instructions) after the function is initially loaded and verified.

The ATN function can then be loaded from cassette by executing the Monitor L command after BASIC has been initialized via the 5 command. After the ATN function has been loaded, reenter BASIC with the 6 command.

## ERROR!!! ERROR!!! ERROR!!!

There is a error in the JUMP INDIRECT instruction of ALL 6500 family CPU chips, no matter who they were made by. This fatal error occurs only when the low byte of the indirect pointer location happens to be \$FF, as in JMP (\$03FF). Normally, the processor should fetch the low-order address byte from location \$03FF, increment the program counter to \$0400 and then fetch the high-order address byte. Instead, the high-order byte of the program counter never gets incremented and so the high-order address byte gets loaded from \$0300 instead of \$0400. For this reason, your program should NEVER include an instruction of the type JMP (\$xxFF).

Try this example to satisfy yourself that you understand the problem: insert the following data into the AIM at the indicated memory locations.

```

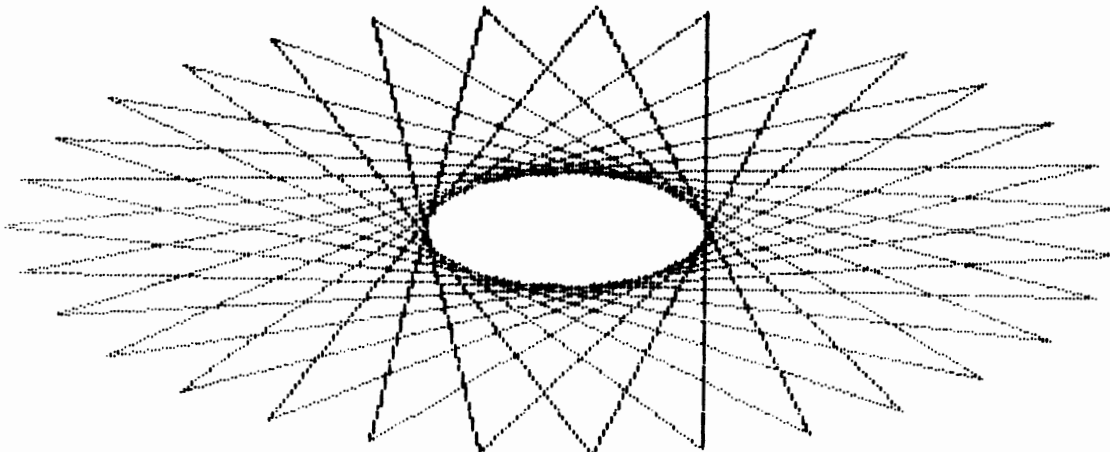
0300 04
0310 6C FF 03
03FF 50 05
0450 00
0550 00

```

Execute the instruction at \$0310. If the instruction worked correctly, the BRK at 0550 would have been encountered and the AIM display should be displaying 0551 xx. But, since the JMP indirect did not operate correctly, 0451 xx will be displayed since the high-order byte for the address was loaded from 0300 instead of 0400.

## CORRECTIONS CORNER

The biggest boo-boos in issue #1 were in the AIM 65 SPARE PARTS PROCUREMENT article. The proper phone number should be (714) 632-2190 for orders or inquiries. Two other major errors turned out to be that \$2.00 handling fee is applicable to orders under \$25.00 (not \$10.00) and the reset switch really costs \$2.37 (not .30). All this information is applicable only to U.S. orders.



# OFFSET LOADER FOR AIM 65

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*(Editor's note: Since AIM 65 has no built-in capability for loading object code to a location different from where it was dumped, this program will be a godsend for some).*

## Purpose

There are many methods of using the AIM 65 to burn EPROM's. One such method is to transfer object code from the AIM 65 to the System 65 (for use by its PROM Programmer) via the TTY interface (Doc. No. R6500 N04). In order to perform this operation, it is required that object code be stored in AIM memory. In most cases (if not all cases) the object code will be assembled to operate from the address range B000, DFFF (AIM ROM sockets). If code assembled at those addresses is then loaded into the AIM, the data will go to ROM sockets and will not be stored in RAM. It now becomes desirable for a user to be able to dump object code during assembly and reload into RAM for transmission to the System 65 or simply for residence so that it can be used by any PROM burning device.

Notice that this Relocator, relocates code byte-for-byte such that the program being loaded may not necessarily execute at its relocated address.

## Description

Figure 1 is an AIM 65 disassembly of the Relocating loader program. This program is essentially a copy of the AIM monitor L-COMMAND (Pages 15 & 16, Doc. No. 29650 N36L). The first difference is in the beginning (addresses 0200 0214) where the operator defines the desired starting address of the object code. Those desired addresses are stored in locations \$A41C and \$A41D (ADDR & ADDR+ 1). The other difference is that when the absolute addresses of each block are read in they are not stored (022D & 0230).

Figure 1 shows the programs located at address \$0200 thru \$0265; however, the code is written such that it is relocatable. If these addresses are desired for use as storage, the program can be used to relocate itself in an area which will not be used for storage otherwise and it will execute anywhere in memory.

## Operation

This loader will work for both paper tape and audio cassette tape.

Operating instructions for both modes appear below:

### Paper Tape

1. Start program = 0200
2. G.
3. TO = XXXX desired address always 4 digits
4. IN = L
5. Start paper tape reader on completion will appear in the AIM display.

### Audio Cassette Tape

1. Start Program = 0200
2. G.
3. TO = XXXX
4. IN = T FILE = (NAME) T = 1 (or 2)
5. Start tape (PLAY) on completion will appear in the AIM display.

```

0200 A0 LDY 05 ; point to MS5
0202 20 JSR E7AF ; disp "TO ="
0205 A2 LDX 02
0207 20 JSR E95F ; get HI
020A 20 JSR EA7D ; Hex
020D 20 JSR E95F ; get next
0210 20 JSR EA84 ; pack
0213 CA DEX
0214 AD STA A41C,X ; ADDR & ADDR+ 1
0217 D0 BNE 0207
0219 20 JSR E9F0 ; crlf to display
021C 20 JSR E848 ; where I, "IN ="
021F 20 JSR E993 ; get 1st char
0222 C9 CMP 3B ; is it a ','
0224 D0 BNE 021F ; no
0226 20 JSR EB4D ; yes - clr chksum
0229 20 JSR E54B ; read record length
023C AA TAX ; of bytes in X
022D 20 JSR E54B ; read address
0230 20 JSR E54B ; do not store!
0233 8A TXA ; length to A
0234 F0 BEQ 0252 ; last
0236 20 JSR E3FD ; no - read data
0239 20 JSR E413 ; store (ADDR, ADDR+ 1)
023C CA DEX ; update length
023D D0 BNE 0236 ; done
023F 20 JSR E3FD ; yes - rd cksum
0242 CD CMP A41F ; OK
0245 D0 BNE 0263 ; no error
0247 20 JSR E3FD ; yes - rd cksum
024A CD CMP A41E ; OK
024D D0 BNE 0263 ; no
024F F0 BEQ 021F ; yes - get next record
0251 EA NOP
0252 A2 LDX 05 ; read 4 zeros
0254 20 JSR E3FD
0257 CA DEX
0258 D0 BNE 0254
025A 20 JSR E993 ; read last (CR)
025D 20 JSR E520 ; set default
0260 4C JMP E182 ; go to monitor
0263 20 JSR E385 ; error
    
```

Figure 1

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Here's a list of all the companies that we know of who deal in accessories for the AIM 65. Rockwell makes no recommendations about these companies and only publishes this list to help our customers become aware of their existence.

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## PARITY BIT GENERATOR PROGRAM

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The AIM 65, and most other 6500-based systems, use a seven-bit ASCII character set, in which the high-order bit (Bit 7) is always a zero. It is possible to give this character odd parity or even parity by simply modifying this high-order bit.

The subroutine below takes an ASCII character in the Accumulator and modifies Bit 7 as appropriate to give it even parity. The same subroutine will generate odd parity if you change the LDX #08 instruction to LDX #09 and change the BPL AGAIN instruction to BNE AGAIN.

```

0000      :THIS PROCEDURE IS WRITTEN AS A
0000      :SUBROUTINE. IT USES THE X AND
0000      :A REGISTERS AND LOCATION $00.
0000      :
0000      TMP = $00
0000      * = $200
0200 A2 08 PARITY LDX #08      :INIT COUNTERS
0202 86 00      STX TMP
0204 CA      DEX
0205 6A AGAIN ROR A      :PUT 1 BIT IN C
0206 90 02      BCC NOPR      :COUNT 1'S ONLY
0208 E6 00      INC TMP
020A CA NOPR DEX
020B 10 F8      BPL AGAIN
020D 66 00      ROR TMP      :PUT PARITY IN C
020F 6A      ROR A      :RESTORE A WITH PARITY
0210 60      RTS
0211      .END
  
```

## BASIC BANNER PROGRAM

G. Brinkmann

(Editor's note; when I first got this program, I couldn't believe that this short of a program could print out banners. Punch it in and try it out for yourself

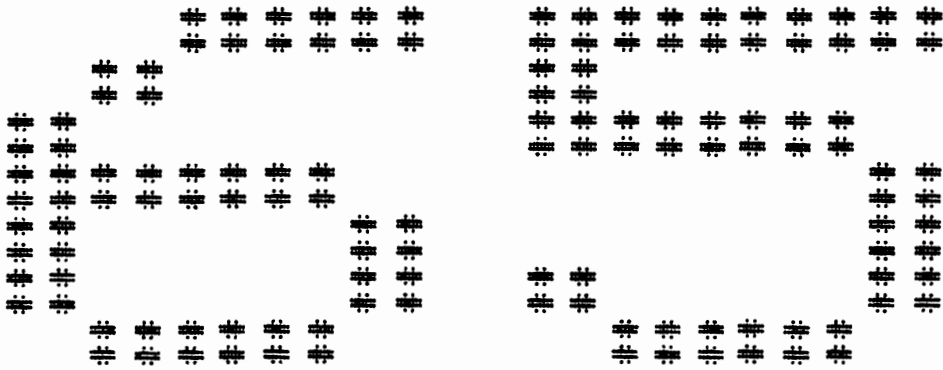
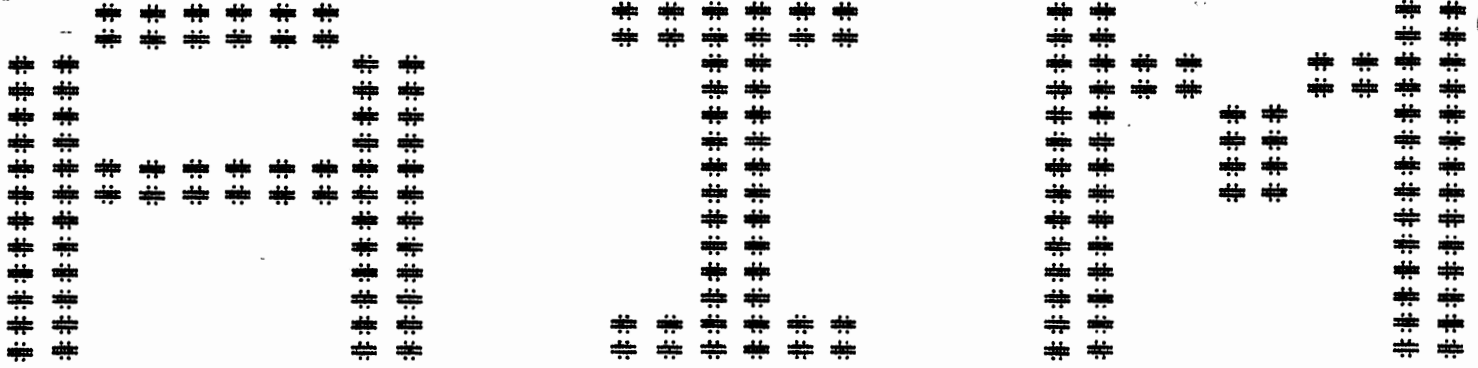
(See back page for sample)

```

10 REM "BANNER"
20 REM G. BRINKMANN
30 REM PRINTER OFF
40 POKE 42001,0
50 INPUT "TEXT";A$
60 INPUT "TIMES";C
70 REM PRINTER ON
80 POKE 42001,128
90 FOR I=1 TO C
100 PRINT " ";PRINT " ";PRINT " "
110 FOR J=1 TO LEN(A$)
120 REM GET CHARACTER
130 B=ASC(MID$(A$,I,1))
  
```

```

140 IF B>63 THEN B=B-64
150 REM PRINTER-TAB
160 B=B+62177
170 FOR J=1 TO 5
180 REM ALL TWICE
190 FOR N=1 TO 2
200 REM LOAD BIT#6
210 A=64:PRINT " ";
220 REM 7 ROWS
230 FOR J1=1 TO 7
240 Z$=" "
250 REM BIT ON?
260 IF (PEEK(B) AND A) THEN Z$="*"
270 PRINT Z$;:PRINT Z$;
280 REM BIT-SHIFT RIGGHT
290 A=A/2
300 NEXT J1
310 PRINT
320 NEXT N
330 REM NEXT COLUMN
340 B=B+64
350 NEXT J
360 PRINT " ";PRINT " "
370 NEXT I
380 NEXT C
390 GOTO 40
  
```



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