

HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE BUS?

The 'Neatest Development of the Year' award has got to go to the COMMODORE PET computer for its use of the IEEE 488 (GPIB) General Purpose Interface Bus for all communication I/O. Although the bus is somewhat difficult to understand, at first, the real advantage of utilizing this method of I/O handling becomes apparent when you consider that only one piece of interface hardware and one software driver routine can handle up to 15 different devices at varying data transfer rates.

This clearly indicates what we can expect in future 'personal' computers, as it fits in so neatly with the concept of distributed intelligence in system design.

I feel certain that other equipment manufacturers will follow suit and adopt this bus into new gear, but, in any case, it will be quite interesting to see what develops in this area.

Has anyone interfaced KIM to the IEEE Bus? Would you be interested in a tutorial article on the basic concepts of the bus? If I can find the time, I'll try to get something together for the next issue.

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A FLOPPY DISC FOR KIM.....(finally)
-the editor-

I used to dream of the day when I'd be able to hook KIM up to a floppy disc! Now, at work anyway, my dream has come true!!!
A company called HDZ in New Jersey has interfaced KIM to a SVXES disc/controller combination and has written some neat software to make the whole thing work together like a system, not like a bunch of parts thrown together.

The operating system is file oriented (like some high-class mag-tape systems you've probably heard about) and includes a version of the MOS assembler/editor as an integral part. Assembly with named object and source files. The ability to load a 6K source file in less than a half a second really made it clear what a time saver this system could be. (Without the disc, it works out to about one-third to one-fourth time being wasted just waiting for slow tape being read or written to.)

The Editor has actually been spruced up a bit from its original form and makes the system quite easy to operate as well as being quite powerful in function.

RODS, as it's called, requires the top 8K of RAM for its storage, and is bootstrapped in via a short program that is easily loaded in via tape.

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HARDWARE REVIEW

MEMORY-PLUS FROM THE COMPUTERIST

BY THE EDITOR

Sooner or later, the question of memory expansion enters the minds of most KIM users. Here's another alternative from the same folks who brought us PLEASE (a play package), HELP (a work package), and MICRO (a newsletter dedicated entirely to machines of the 6502 genre).

The thing that really interested me was the way this board was configured. Besides having an 8K block of RAM, MEMORY-PLUS includes sockets for 8K of Intel 2716 EPROM, a complete programming facility for the 2716, and the MOS Technology 6522 VIA (Versatile Interface Adaptor). I prefer to call it the VVIA (VERY VERSATILE INTERFACE ADAPTOR). I'm sure you'd agree after studying the 24 page spec sheet that accompanies this device.

But back to MEMORY-PLUS....

The built-in 2716 programmer requires the user to supply +25 volts, but this can be gotten easily from three 9 volt transistor batteries hooked up in series. The programming software is, of course, included as is a memory test program and a 60 page manual.

Since MEMORY-PLUS is the same size and shape as KIM, it can be mounted directly beneath the KIM by means of 1" stand-offs. Hardware was provided for this purpose, but it proved unusable - factory so suitable stand-offs were found elsewhere. Rubber feet are included to protect the bottom of the board and an optional set of pre-wired connectors is available to speed up assembly time. By the way, MEMORY-PLUS comes fully assembled, tested and includes a 90 day warranty, (just like KIM). All IC's are socketed and battery backup of the RAM is provided for, if needed.

It's really quite impressive to have all this power in so small a package. The next step is to get an assembler/editor and extended I/O monitor "burned" into a few 2716's and turn this two-board machine loose as a low-cost development system.

About the only negative comment I can make about MEMORY-PLUS is that further memory expansion could be slightly difficult. Definitely not just a matter of plugging in another board. This may not be a disadvantage in certain applications, but should be considered.

MEMORY-PLUS costs \$245.00 and is available from: THE COMPUTERIST, P.O. Box 3, S. Chelmsford, Ma. 01824 617-256-3649. Get their catalog of other KIM products.

ALL THE PROGRAMS FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KIM ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A CASSETTE, EACH CASSETTE IS RECORDED IN THE NORMAL KIM TAPE SPEED ON A HIGH QUALITY TAPE. THE PRICE OF \$18.00 INCLUDES SHIPPING AND HANDLING ANYWHERE IN NORTH AMERICA. DEALER INQUIRIES WELCOME. YOUR ORDER SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER. NO PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS YOUR CHECK IS INCLUDED. SEND ORDERS TO: ERIC C. REHNE, 109 CENTRE AVE., W. NORRITON PA 19401

The following program utilizes the now famous driver circuit on page 57 of the Kim U... Manual. Although it is set up to provide the sound of four phaser bursts, it can easily be modified in a number of ways to provide all kinds of neat sounding effects.

Location 201 sets no. of repeats (00 to FF). Location 207 in conjunction with 209 set the length of tone before increment/decrement 207 (00 to FF); 209 (04 to 07).

One interesting variation is to load: 203 with FF 214 with C6 (dec) 222 with 00

Among other sounds you should be able to make a "Bomb Drop Whistle" and a "Bad Alert" condition. The program is relocatable and uses one page zero location (EE). The program could also easily be converted to a subroutine leaving you no excuse for not adding sound effects to your next program.

R2D2-Eat your heart out!

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200 A0 04 LDY #04
202 A9 00 STA EE
204 85 0E LDA #01
206 A9 01 STA #1706
208 8D 06 LDA #01
210 8D 01 STA #1701
212 A6 00 INC #1700
214 CA EE LDX (EE)
216 DO FD DEX 1
218 2C 07 BIT 1707
220 10 F3 BPL 2
222 E6 EE INC (EE)
224 A5 EE LDA EE
226 C9 FF CMP #FF
228 F0 02 BEQ 3
230 D0 DF BNE 4
232 88 02 DEY 5
234 D0 DA BNE 4
236 AC 4F JMP 1CA

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200 A0 04 LDY #04
202 A9 00 STA EE
204 85 0E LDA #01
206 A9 01 STA #1706
208 8D 06 LDA #01
210 8D 01 STA #1701
212 A6 00 INC #1700
214 CA EE LDX (EE)
216 DO FD DEX 1
218 2C 07 BIT 1707
220 10 F3 BPL 2
222 E6 EE INC (EE)
224 A5 EE LDA EE
226 C9 FF CMP #FF
228 F0 02 BEQ 3
230 D0 DF BNE 4
232 88 02 DEY 5
234 D0 DA BNE 4
236 AC 4F JMP 1CA

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SKEET SHOOT September/77 Jim Butterfield, Toronto

Start the program and you'll see targets racing across the screen from right to left. You don't have to fire at any of them... but if you do, remember that you must lead off your shot to give the bullet time to reach the target. You have 20 shots; shoot by hitting any numbered button. You'll see the bullet move from right to left, too. If you hit the target, you'll see the explosion. After 20 shots, KIM will tell you the number of hits you made! then you can press GO for another game.

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0200 A2 00 START LDY #0
0202 86 F9 STX HITS
0204 86 FA STX POINTL
0206 86 FB STX POINTH
0208 A9 13 LDA #13
020A 85 D0 STA SHOTS
020C CA DEX
020D 86 D1 STX BULLET
020P 86 D2 STX TARGET
0211 A5 D2 LDA TARGET
0213 10 DD BPL FLIGHT
0215 AD 04 LDA TIMER
0218 29 3P AND #3P
021A 09 0C ORA #0C

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reset hit counts
19+1 shots
set X-$FF
..no bullet, and
..no target
is there a target?
yes, continue
no, make random target
not too slow..
..and not too fast

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021E 29 0B	AND #5B	place off screen
0220 85 D2	STA TARSPP	..in random position
0222 C6 D4	DEC TARSPP	count down delay
0224 D0 06	BNE SIGHT	time to move target?
0226 A5 D3	LDA SPEED	yes, restore count down
0228 85 D4	STA TARSPP	
022A C6 D2	DEC TARSPP	
022C A5 D1	LDA BULLET	move the target
022E 30 06	BMI CLEA	is bullet in flight?
0230 C6 D5	DEC BULSPD	no, skip bullet move
0232 D0 06	BNE CLEAR	count down delay
0234 C6 D1	DEC BULLET	time to move bullet?
0236 A9 08	LDA #8	yes, move it
0238 85 D5	STA BULSPD	reset..
023A D8	CILD	..countdown
023B 20 40	JSR KEYIN	directional registers
023E 20 64	JSR GETKEY	test keyboard
0241 C5 D6	CMP LAST	same key?
0243 F0 12	BEQ TRIG	yes, skip key action
0245 85 D6	STA LAST	keep new key ID
0247 C9 10	CMP #10	numeric key?
0249 B0 0C	BCS TRIG	no, skip key action
024B A5 D1	LDA BULLET	bullet already in filter?
024D 10 08	BPL TRIG	yes, don't fire
024F A2 06	LDX #6	position bullet right
0251 86 D1	STX BULLET	
0253 86 D0	STX STRIKE	
0255 C6 D0	DEC SHOTS	no hit yet
0257 A9 7F	LDA #7F	one less shot left
0259 8D 41	STA PADD	set direct registers
025C A2 05	LDX #5	
025E A0 13	LDY #13	show six digits
0260 A9 01	LDA #0	set digit #6
0262 E4 D1	CPX BULLET	start with digit blank
0264 D0 03	BNE NOBUL	..if bullet in this spot
0266 BD B0	LDA BTAB.X	
0269 E4 D2	CPX TARGET	..put in in segment
026B D0 02	BNE NOTARG	..if target in this spot
026D 49 21	EOR #21	add target segments
026F C9 20	026F C9 20	a hit?
0271 D0 10	BNE SHINE	no, skip ahead
0273 A5 D7	LDA STRIKE	have we counted it?
0275 30 0C	BMI SHINE	yes, skip
0277 F8 18	SED CLC	no, count it
0279 A5 F9	LDA HITS	
027B 69 91	ADC #1	.. in decimal
027D 85 F9	STA HITS	explosion display
027F A9 FF	LDA #FF	.. set counted flag
0281 85 D7	STA STRIKE	
0283 8D 40	STA SAD	
0286 8C 42	STY SBD	
0289 C6 D8	DEC ZIP	
028B D3 FC	BNE ZAP	
028D 88 88	DEY DEY	
0290 10 CE	BPL LITE	
0292 C9 FF	CMP #FF	more digits?
0294 D0 04	BNE ENTES	explosion?
0296 A5 D4	LDA TARSPP	no, skip next
0298 85 D5	STA BULSPD	delay..
029A A5 D1	LDA BULLET	..display
029C 25 D0	AND SHOTS	shot complete, and..
029E 30 03	BMI QUIT	..last shot?
02A0 4C 11	JMP MAIN	yes, show score
02A3 20 1A	JSR SCANDS	no, keep going
02A6 20 6A	JSR GETKEY	show score!
02A9 C9 13	CMP #13	test keyboard for
02AB D0 F6	BNE QUIT	..GO key
02AD 4C 00	JMP START	if not keep going
02B0 01 40	BTAB	if GO start over
02B3 08 08		
02B6 end		

"KIM D-BUG" by Lew Edwards

Want to eliminate the job of replacing an opcode with a BRK instruction, looking at each register separately, doing a conversion on the "PC" register to find out which flags are set and how to change them, then restoring the opcode and setting a new break in place? "KIM D-BUG" can eliminate all that hassle for you! It lets you see the X, Y, & ACC registers at a single glance and select the one you want to alter with the stroke of a single key. Another keystroke shows all the flags in binary form, and permits toggling individual flags with the keys A thru P. You can jump from "KIM D-BUG" to KIM monitor and back at your pleasure, with full access to all monitor functions. "KIM D-BUG" automatically inserts the BRK opcode and the restores the original opcode when the break has executed, making a simple operation of the whole business.

To use "KIM D-BUG", start at 0100 and press "GO". Nothing happened? The IRQ and NMI vectors have been changed to the ones "KIM D-BUG" needs and you are now back in the monitor. Put your starting address into 00EP & 00P0 (low order first as usual), press "PC" and verify that this address is now in the program counter. Press "SR" and you will see KIM substitute 00 for the opcode at that address, then restore the original. You are now in the "KIM D-BUG" mode and will have a new set of responses to the keys. Press "DA" and you will see X register contents on the left, Y register contents in the center, and ACC register contents on the right. You may now alter the contents of the ACC register via the HEX keys. If you press "4" or "GO", the display will remain the same, but the HEX keys will now alter the Y or X register respectively. Press "PC" and the display will switch to Y's and O's indication flag conditions in order from left to right C,Z,V,I,N,D. Keys A thru P will set or reset the flags in the same order.

OK, got your initial values keyed in? Now press "AD", which causes a switch to KIM's monitor. Key in the address you want the break to occur and press "SR". You will see your START address displayed briefly, and then your BREAK address. Your program has now run from the first location to the second. If you want to return from the monitor to "KIM D-BUG" instead, you simply press the "PC" key, then "SR". The START and STOP will be the same and your program will stop before it gets started (KIM D-BUG runs from PCL,H to POINTL,H), but you would be in "KIM D-BUG" mode.

Let "KIM D-BUG" help you find those elusive BUGS-----HAPPY HUNTING!

0100 A9 01	START	LDA #01	Initialize interrupt vectors
0102 8D FB 17		STA NMIH	
0105 8D FB 17		STA IRGH	
0108 A9 15		LDA #15	
010A 8D FA 17		STA NMIL	
010D A9 34		LDA #32	
010F 8D FE 17		STA IRQL	
0112 AC 16 1C		JMP NOSAV	Jump to monitor here
0115 A5 P9	NOGO	LDA INH	"SR" key starts things here
0117 F0 P9		BEQ NOGO	won't run with BRK opcode
0119 85 ED		STA CODE	save valid breakpoint opcode
011B A9 00		LDA #00	
011D A8		TAY	no offset for index
011E 91 FA		STA POINT,Y	substitute BRK opcode
0120 85 EE		STA HOLD	delay count
0122 A5 EF		LDA PCL	move 'from' address to window
0124 85 FA		STA POINTL	
0126 A5 FO		LDA PCH	
0128 85 FB		STA POINTH	
012A 20 19 1F	LOOK	JSR SCAND	show it and stall a bit
012D C6 EZ		DEC HOLD	
012F D0 F9		BNE LOOK	
0131 4C C8 1D		JMP GOEXEC	then run program
0134 85 F3	IRGOGO	STA ACC	BREAK TIME!
0136 68		PLA	save the registers in standard
0137 85 F1		STA PREG	locations just like KIM
0139 68		PLA	
013A 85 EF		STA PCL	
013C 68		PLA	
013D 85 FO		STA PCH	
013F 84 FA		STY PREG	
0141 86 F5		STX IREG	
0143 BA		TSX	
0144 86 F2		STX SPUSER	
0146 A0 02		LDI #02	

0148 A5 EP	BAK2	LDA PCL	back up PC 2 counts
014A D0 02		BNE NOPAGE	skip next if not page border
014C C6 F0		DEC PCH	
014E C6 EF	NOPAGE	DEC PCL	
0150 88		DEX	
0151 D0 P5		BNE BAK2	
0153 A5 ED		LDA CODE	put opcode back where it belongs
0155 91 EP		STA PCL,IY	
0157 A5 EP	STOP	LDA PCL	transfer PC address to POINTER
0159 85 FA		STA POINTL	
015B A5 FO		LDA PCH	
015D 85 FB		STA POINTH	
015P D8		CLD	
0160 20 19 1F		JSR SCAND	binary mode for keys
0163 20 6A 1F		JSR GETKEY	show break address
0166 C9 14		CMR #14	& get keyboard input
0168 F0 2B		BEQ FLAGS	PC key?
016A B0 EB		BCC STOP	yes, show flags
016C C9 10		CMR #10	too high, try again
016E F0 A2		BEQ NOGO	AB key?
0170 90 E1		BCC STOP	KIM takes over
0172 85 FD		BCC STOP	hex, try again
0174 A2 03	MOVE	STA INDEX	use DA, + or GO as index value
0176 B5 F2	MOVLP	LDX #03	
0178 95 F8		LDA REG,X	move X, Y, & ACC registers
017A CA		STA POINT,X	to window
017B D0 P9		DEX	
017D 20 BP 01		BNE MOVLP	
0180 C9 10		JSR PUSH	
0182 B0 D3		CMR #10	show 'em & get a key
0184 A6 FD		BCC STOP	not a hex key?
0186 16 E2		LDX INDEX	change mode
0188 16 E2		ASL REG,X	which register?
018A 16 E2		ASL REG,X	update it
018C 16 E2		ASL REG,X	
018E 15 E2		ORA REG,X	shift out the old
0190 95 E2		STA REG,X	add in the new
0192 38		SEC	
0193 B0 DP	FLAGS	BCC MOVE	& put it in the window
0195 A5 F1		LDA PREG	load flags
0197 4A 67		LSR	shift C flag to carry
0198 29 67		AND #67	mask unwanted bits
019A 90 02		BCC BICON	
019C 09 10		ORA #10	replace the carry flag in new location
019E A2 03		LDX #03	
01A0 48	BILP	PHA	save accumulator
01A1 29 11		AND #11	2 flags at a time in binary
01A3 95 F8		STA POINT,X	stick 'em in the window
01A5 68		PLA	recover accumulator
01A6 4A		LSR A	next pair
01A7 CA		DEX	
01A8 D0 P6		BNE BILP	t11 done
01AA 20 BP 01	LITR	JSR PUSH	show a key time
01AD C9 10		CMR #10	hex key?
01AF B0 A6		BCC STOP	no, change mode
01B1 C9 0A		CMR #0A	decimal?
01B3 90 P5		BCC LITE	keep trying
01B5 AA		TAX	alpha, use as index value
01B6 BD C3 01		LDA TABLE,X	bit to flip in PREG
01B8 45 F1		FOR PREG	flip it
01BB 85 F1		STA PREG	
01BD B0 D6		BCC FLAGS	& to the window
01BP 20 1F 1F	SUBROUTINE "PUSH"	JSR SCANDS	key down?
01C2 D0 FB		BNE PUSH	wait
01C4 20 1F 1F	KEY	JSR SCANDS	next key?
01C7 F0 FB		BEQ KEY	no, keep looking
01C9 20 6A 1F		JSR GETKEY	yes, which one?
01CC 60	RTS		take it back

01CC 61 C2 40 TABLE "BIT FLIPPERS"
01CD 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
reference address 01C3

GRAPHICS INTERFACE from... Roy Flacco, Drexel Univ., Physics Dept., 52nd & Chestnut Ave., Phila. PA 19104

Here's the graphics interface I told you about. It has some through a number of revisions (hence the delay in getting it to you) but I think it is worth it. The whole thing sets up with plenty of room on a 4x6 perforboard, hardly loads the KIM lines at all (everything is buffered), outputs to almost any standard oscilloscope, and costs well under \$30.

Basically the interface accepts two 8-bit parallel words (one at a time from FAG-FA7), latches them alternately into two 8-bit data buffers (U1,U2), converts them into two positive analog voltages (via U3,U4) which are directly proportional to the data words so that $\mu\text{hex} = 0.0$ volts, and $\text{PFhex} = 2.56$ volts, and presents these voltages for presentation as an X,Y point on a scope CRT.

PB6 is used to latch the data—a positive transition latches the data into the X buffer, a negative transition latches the data into the Y buffer. The best way to do this is initialize PB6 to a 1 and then alternately DEC and INC PB6. This latches Y, then X.

In order to avoid the slowing of the DACs from causing a smeared display, the trailing edge of the X strobe generated by U5 initiates an unblanking pulse which turns on the CRT beam for a time set by VR1. The rest of the time the beam is blanked (turned off) by the normally-high output of U6. This convention is dictated by the type of scope; some scopes have a 2-axis (intensity mod.) which works in reverse, namely a positive level turns the beam on. In this case, merely use the output of U6 instead of the \bar{C} as shown on the schematic.

If your scope is AC-coupled on the Z-axis you may have to make some minor changes in the blanking pulse in order to avoid hot spots where the beam sits for long periods of time. One such change would be to trigger U6 from Q1 the same as U5 (use one of the A inputs on the 74121) and use the pulse to blank the beam only during the latching process. This requires some experimentation and will also depend on how you write your software.

The heart of the circuit is of course the DACs, which are type ZM25E available from Ferranti Electric Inc., East Bethpage Rd., Plainville, NY 11803. They go for \$8 each. Ferranti, incidentally, is a great company to deal with—excellent turn-around, very helpful, friendly people, and they make really fine parts. Anyway, the chip is a 16-pin DIP containing an R/2R resistor ladder, bipolar switches, a precision 2.56 volt reference, and an 8-bit counter (which we don't use in this case). The counter is used in ADC applications and for generating ramps and such. The biggest advantage to using this chip is that the output is already converted to a voltage, as opposed to most DACs which have a current output. This means the usual I/V op-amp converter may be eliminated. Also to use. If you want a different full-scale output voltage you may either add an op-amp at the output, or more interestingly, you may apply an analog voltage at the input of the R/2R ladder instead of the internal reference. This allows you to effectively multiply your analog voltage by your digital word. The useful range of this external voltage is 0 to +3.0 volts. For more info write for the data sheet.

Also, because of the dual-function aspect of the chip, it should be possible to construct an ADC/DAC using only a few more parts than this output-only DAC. The applications to games and graphics-sketching are too numerous to list in detail, but for example, how about a throttle for the Lunar Lander, or a chase game displayed on the CRT? I'm going to design one using a joystick over the next few weeks after I get life up and running using this present interface.

One last thing about the scope you use! If it has AC-coupling on either the vertical or horizontal channels you are in for a smeared display due to the tendency of the beam to travel back to the origin. This is difficult or impossible to correct short of rebuilding your amplifiers or getting a newer scope. If the Z-axis is AC-coupled or non-existent, take heart, though. I have successfully converted my Tektronix 117 to DC-coupled blanking using a high-voltage level-shifting circuit, and would gladly pass it along if anybody needs it, or help designing another.

As a demonstration of the graphics, I wrote (and include) a little program which produces some of the prettiest pictures you ever saw. It resides entirely in page zero and uses less than half the page. The first time you run it you'll see why I named it Starburst; depending on the mask at μ01 and the initial points at μ075 and μ076 you can get hundreds of different fascinating displays which spin, explode, flash, and otherwise dazzle.

The use of an algorithm to generate the new point from the previous one exempts you from using much memory, since only a few coordinates are stored at any one time. The algorithm FULGEN is a variation on the ellipse-drawing one used in Aug. 77 BYTE, using 8-bit arithmetic. All overflow, underflow, and truncation errors are ignored, hence the rapidly moving display, which seems at times to bounce off the edges of the display screen and wrap around on itself. Using 16-bit arithmetic and taking care of over and under flow would help considerably toward stabilizing the picture, but frankly I like it more as it is.

HAPGEN calculates the proper coordinates for display in the four X-Y quadrants, since FULGEN works only on the first, and PROC picks up the proper combination of halves and sends them to PROC which offsets them by μ08 , μ09 to center the origin. I found it was necessary to include a DELAY loop between points to slow the motion down to a reasonable speed; changing this produces dramatic changes in the appearance. Note also that replacing the JMP at μ054 with the proper branch should make the program relocatable (there is a lot of flab in the program, like the LDX at μ043). I left it in to make it easier to see the program flow.

In writing your own software, bear in mind the basic format is LDA Ycoord./STA PAD/DEC PBD; then LDA Xcoord./STA PAD/INC PBD. Be sure to initialize PADD, FBDD, and PB6 at the start. Adjust RVI for the brightest display without smearing.

μ02	A9 FF	START	
μ03	8D 01 17	IDA #FF	STARBURST GRAPHICS
μ04	A9 01	IDA #01	Set FA for all outputs
μ05	8D 03 17	STA PBDD	Set PB6 for output
μ06	8D 02 17	STA PBD	Set PB6-1
μ07	A5 76	IDA FULLY	Generate new point FULLY
μ08	49 FE	ISR #FPE	by other masks; 7F,FB, etc.
μ09	38	SEC	
μ10	65 75	ADC FULLX	
μ11	85 75	STA FULLX	
μ12	85 75	STA FULLX	
μ13	4A	ISR	
μ14	18	CIC	
μ15	65 76	ADC FULLY	
μ16	65 76	STA FULLY	
μ17	4A	ISR	
μ18	85 78	STA HFY	new FULLY
μ19	49 FF	EOR #FF	scale-down into quadrants
μ20	38	SEC	new half-Y
μ21	69 00	ADC #00	
μ22	85 7A	STA NHY	
μ23	45 75	IDA FULLX	new negative half-Y
μ24	85 77	STA HFX	
μ25	49 7F	ZOR #07F	new half-X

In the last couple of issues of the KIM-1/6502 User Notes, Eric has mentioned the MM57109 "Number Cruncher Unit" (NCU) manufactured by National, and has noted that it should be easy to add hardware and software standpoints, to interface to the KIM-1. Well, for those with the chip and the curious, here are the schematics and software listings of the interface that I am currently using to get the NCU and KIM-1 to parlie with each other. Also, I've included the details of my I/O expansion hardware (I've multiplexed peripheral port A) to complete the package of information.

Application I/O Interface

Hardware:

To start things out, we should first look at the Application I/O interface shown in Fig. 1. Peripheral port B is used by the interface to choose the appropriate input or output port. Below is the assignment of the bits of port B. Three bits are devoted

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I	O	O	O	O	O	N/A	I
Input Select	Port Select	#	N/A	IRQ			

used as a keyboard request signal in my system to port selection; thus, you can potentially have up to 8 ports. In practice only 7 ports are used since the eighth port is used as a dummy I/O port (see below and subroutine OTSL). Typical input port and output port hardware are shown in Fig. 2. It should be noted that each port is either an input or an output not both, as one will find in an 8080 (8008) microprocessor system.

The two lower bits of port B are used as the input and output for the KIM-1 from and to, the sense inputs and auxiliary outputs respectively. The two multiplexed I/O bits were intended to serve as the handshake I/O lines, but their use is not limited to this application. One need only to remember that the two bits are inverted by the multiplexing chips and that the auxiliary outputs are normally low (active high). You will see that these two bits are extensively used by the NCU interface.

Software:

Three simple subroutines are all that you need to drive the Application I/O interface. They are INIR (Initialize data direction registers), INSL (Select an input port) and OTSL (Select an output port). I won't discuss the details of each subroutine, per se, since they are all well documented, except to state how they are used and a couple of precautions. To use OTSL and INSL, you just load the accumulator with the port # desired in bits 2(LSB), 3 and 4(MSB) with all other bits zero (bit 1 may be an exception), then jump to the appropriate subroutine. A word of caution: Never select an input port with OTSL, the results could be catastrophic since the 6530 outputs of the KIM-1 would be trying to drive the 74125 outputs. You should also be aware that port 7 should not be used since it is used by OTSL to allow a glitch free clearing of the chosen output port, i.e. no undefined states; consequently, the chosen output is always initialized to zero by OTSL.

After the mode (I or O) and port are selected, you need only execute an LDA 1700 or STA 1700 to complete the operation.

NCU Calculator Interface

Hardware:

The hardware that connects directly to the MM57109 is shown in Fig. 3.

There is nothing unique about this part of the interface since all the suggestions given by National in the NCU data sheets were followed. In brief, though, all outputs from the NCU are buffered with a 74LS367 gate with the appropriate pull-down resistor to VDD on the gate's input. All TTL compatible inputs to the NCU have pull-up resistors to VCC (VCC). The clock has a frequency of approx. 400 KHz and uses a 74C04 run at 9V since the oscillator input as well as the HOLD and POR inputs are not TTL compatible.

The interface between the 74LS367's and the Application input bus is shown in Fig. 4. Again this interface follows closely the suggestions of National. Outputs D01, D02, D03 and D04 are latched into a 7475 by the R/W strobe which also sets a 7476 flip-flop. The BR output, if strobed, also will set a 7476 flip-flop. These flip-flops are reset by an auxiliary output signal from the Application interface after the KIM-1 has read the port. The ERR and RDY outputs of the NCU are also made available to the KIM-1.

The interface between the 74100 instruction latch and the Application output bus is shown in Fig. 5. This is a multi-purpose interface. Not only does it interface to the NCU circuitry, but it also interfaces with a "Beer Budget Graphics Interface" (BYTB, 1, 15, Nov., 1976). The circuitry for the latter is omitted but I shall explain the remaining circuitry pertinent to the NCU interface. Bits 06 and 07 are decoded to perform the instruction latching and hold function required in the NCU driving software. Briefly, 01XXXXX (X=instruction bit) latches the instruction into the 74100, then 11XXXXX brings the HOLD line low and the NCU commences the execution of the instruction. When the sense input #1 detects RDY=1 the KIM outputs 00XXXXXX and waits for RDY=0. More on this when we look at the driving software.

The last piece of hardware is the power supply. The NCU requires +5V and -4V. The +5V supply uses a 7805 and is self-explanatory. The -4V supply is derived from a -5V IC regulator whose output is further regulated to -3.9V with a zener diode. It should be noted that the capacitor of the size chosen on the output of the -5V regulator is necessary for the proper operation of the regulator.

This interface, as well as all the others, was constructed on Vector phenolic board. I used point-to-point wiring with a Vector wiring pencil. Sockets were used for the MM57109 and 74C04. The circuit worked the first time and has been running for about 6 months.

Software:

There are three basic subroutines which comprise the minimum needed to drive the NCU. They are CRST (Clear and reset NCU), EXEC (Execute a single word of an instruction) and OUTC (Get output from NCU). To fully utilize the capabilities of the NCU, you would need a jump, jump on condition, store and recall instruction subroutines, all of which would be similar in format to the OUTC subroutine. As it stands, the program MAIN allows you to write and execute a linear program (i.e. no jumps) and use only the registers in the NCU for storage.

To write a program for the NCU, you first write out the program in mnemonics, then translate the mnemonics into hexadecimal opcodes (see enclosed list of NCU opcodes). Then you load the encoded program into memory starting at 0300 (hex) up to a maximum of 255 steps. The last byte of the program must be FF to indicate to the KIM the end of the program. To start the program press AD 0200, the reset switch for the NCU, and then GO. After it is finished, the program will return to the KIM monitor and the output will be located in memory locations B0 to BC in one of two formats, described in the NCU data sheets, depending on whether the NCU is in scientific or floating point mode.

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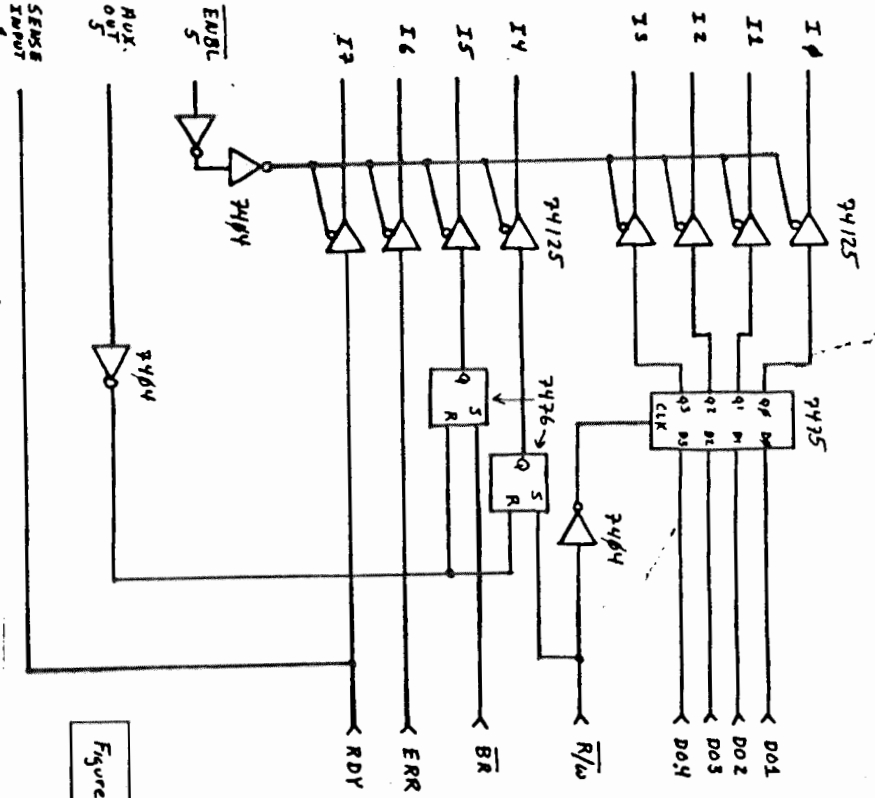


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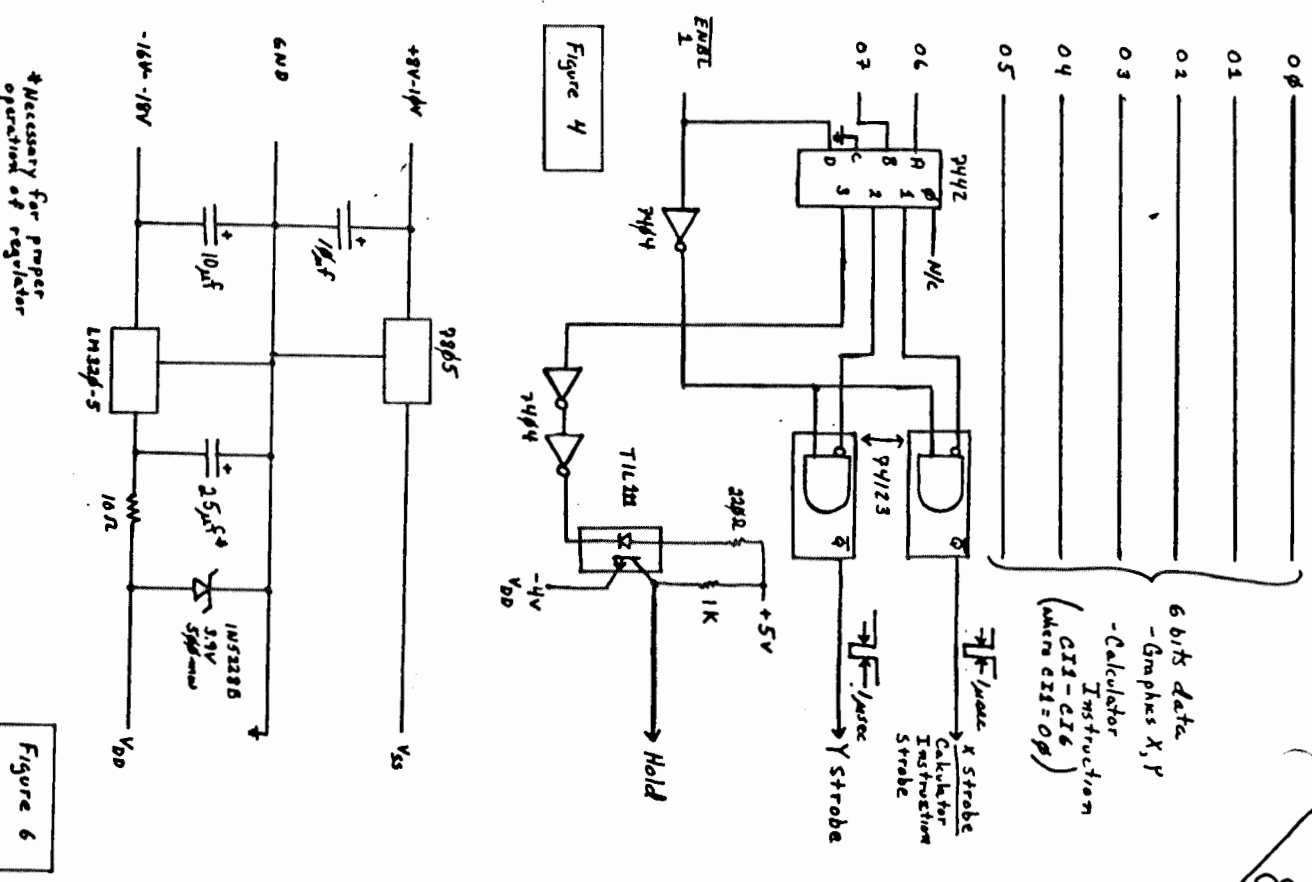
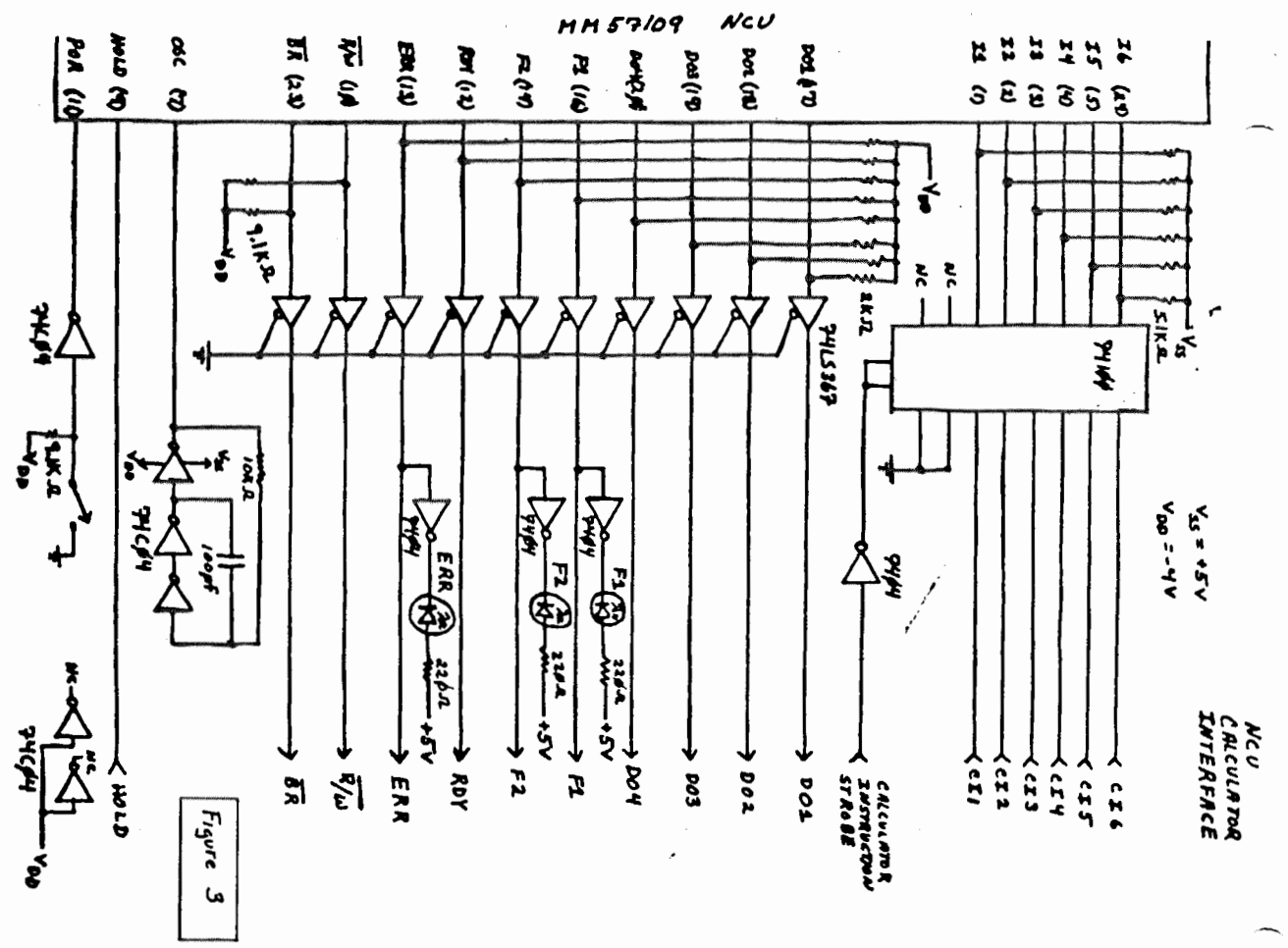
0200 4C AF 02 JMP MAIN Enter here if you want all NCU
0203 4C B2 02 JMP CNTU registers cleared
                        Enter here if you want registers
                        undisturbed
0206 A9 00 INIT LDA 00 Set data direction registers
0208 80 01 17 STA 1701 for Port A
020B A9 3E LDA 3E for Port A
020D 80 03 17 STA 1703 and for Port B
0210 60 RTS
0211 48 INSL PHA Save port #
0212 20 06 02 JSR INIT Set data direction registers
0215 68 PLA Get port #
0216 8D 02 17 STA 1702 Select input port
0219 60 RTS
021A 48 INSL PHA Save port #
021B 20 06 02 JSR INIT Set data direction registers
021E A9 1E LDA 1E Select port 7
0220 8D 02 17 STA 1702
0223 A9 FF LDA FF Set Port A data direction
0225 8D 01 17 STA 1701 register for all bits as output
0228 A9 00 LDA 00
022A 8D 00 17 STA 1700 Clear Port A (all bits zero)
022D 68 PLA Get output port #
022E 8D 02 17 STA 1702 Select output port
0231 60 RTS

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0232 20 06 02 CRST JSR INIT Set data direction registers
0235 A2 05 LDX 05 Load accumulator with a NOP
0237 A9 3F LDA 3F Instruction for NCU and
0239 20 54 02 JSR EXEC do it 5 times so that
023C CA DCX CA NCU is now reset if reset
023D D0 F8 BNE CRST+5 switch was pressed.
023F A9 2F LDA 2F
0241 20 54 02 JSR EXEC Execute a NCLR instruction
0244 A9 14 LDA 14
0246 20 11 02 JSR INSL Select port 5 (input)
0249 A9 16 LDA 16 Pulse Auxiliary output 5
024B 8D 02 17 STA 1702 to reset R/W and BR
024E A9 14 LDA 14 data latches
0250 8D 02 17 STA 1702
0253 60 RTS
0254 48 INSL PHA Save instruction
0255 A9 04 LDA 04
0257 20 1A 02 JSR OTSL Select port 1 (output)
025A AD 02 17 EXC1 LDA 1702 Check if
025D 4A LSR A (RDY=1)
025E 80 FA BCS EXC1 (RDY=0)
0260 68 PLA Get and
0261 48 INSL PHA Store instruction
0262 09 40 ORA 40 Put instruction in
0264 8D 00 17 STA 1700 Instruction latch
0267 09 80 ORA 80
0269 8D 00 17 STA 1700 Set HOLD=0
026C AD 02 17 EXC2 LDA 1702 Check if
026F 4A LSR A (RDY=0)
0270 90 FA BCC EXC2 (RDY=1)
0272 68 PLA
0273 8D 00 17 STA 1700 Set HOLD=1
0276 60 RTS
0277 A9 16 OUTC LDA 16 Do an OUT instruction
0279 20 54 02 OUT1 JSR EXEC
027C 20 54 02 OUT2 JSR EXEC Second byte is ignored by NCU
027F A2 00 LDX 00 Initialize output buffer pointer
0281 A9 14 LDA 14
0283 20 11 02 OUT3 JSR INSL Select port 5 (input)
0286 2C 00 17 BHI OUT3 Check for no more data
0289 30 0F AND 0F (RDY=1)
028B AD 00 17 LDA 1700
028E 29 10 AND 10 Check for R/W flag set
0290 F0 F4 BEQ OUT2
0292 AD 00 17 LDA 1700
0295 29 0F AND 0F Load and
0297 95 80 STA B0,X Store digit
0299 E8 INX Bump buffer pointer
029A A9 16 LDA 16
029C 8D 02 17 STA 1702 Clear R/W flag
029F A9 14 LDA 14
02A1 8D 02 17 STA 1700
02A4 2C 00 17 BPL OUT2 Check if done (RDY=1)
02A7 10 DD BPL OUT2
02A9 8A TYA
02AA 09 80 ORA 80 Store buffer pointer
02AC 95 80 STA B0,X with bit 7 set to 1
02AE 60 RTS
02AF 20 32 02 MAIN JSR CRST Clear NCU registers
02B2 AD 00 LDY 00 Initialize program pointer
02B4 B9 00 03 LOOP LDA 0300,X Get instruction
02B7 C9 FF CMP FF Is it end of program?
02B9 F0 07 BEQ END -if 5g output # in NCU X register
02BB 20 54 02 JSR EXEC
02BE C8 INY Bump program pointer
02BF 4C B4 02 JMP LOOP Do next instruction
02C2 20 77 02 JSR OUTC Output X register of NCU
02C5 4C F4 1C JMP MONITOR Back to KIM

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00 _____

01 _____

02 _____

03 _____

04 _____

05 _____

6 bits data
- Outputs X, Y
- Calculator Instruction
(C13-C16)
(where C13=00)

My experience with this calculator chip has led to the discovery of only one unusual feature. It appears that the flag outputs are only valid when HOLD signal is low. Other than that, everything seems to work fine.

Closing Notes

As mentioned before this information package is sufficient to get your MCU up and running. Nevertheless, it should be born in mind that this interface is flexible and the software is super simple (therefore limited). Much could be done to improve things. My current project is the development of a more substantial software package, which would turn an expanded KIM-1 into a Super programmable calculator.

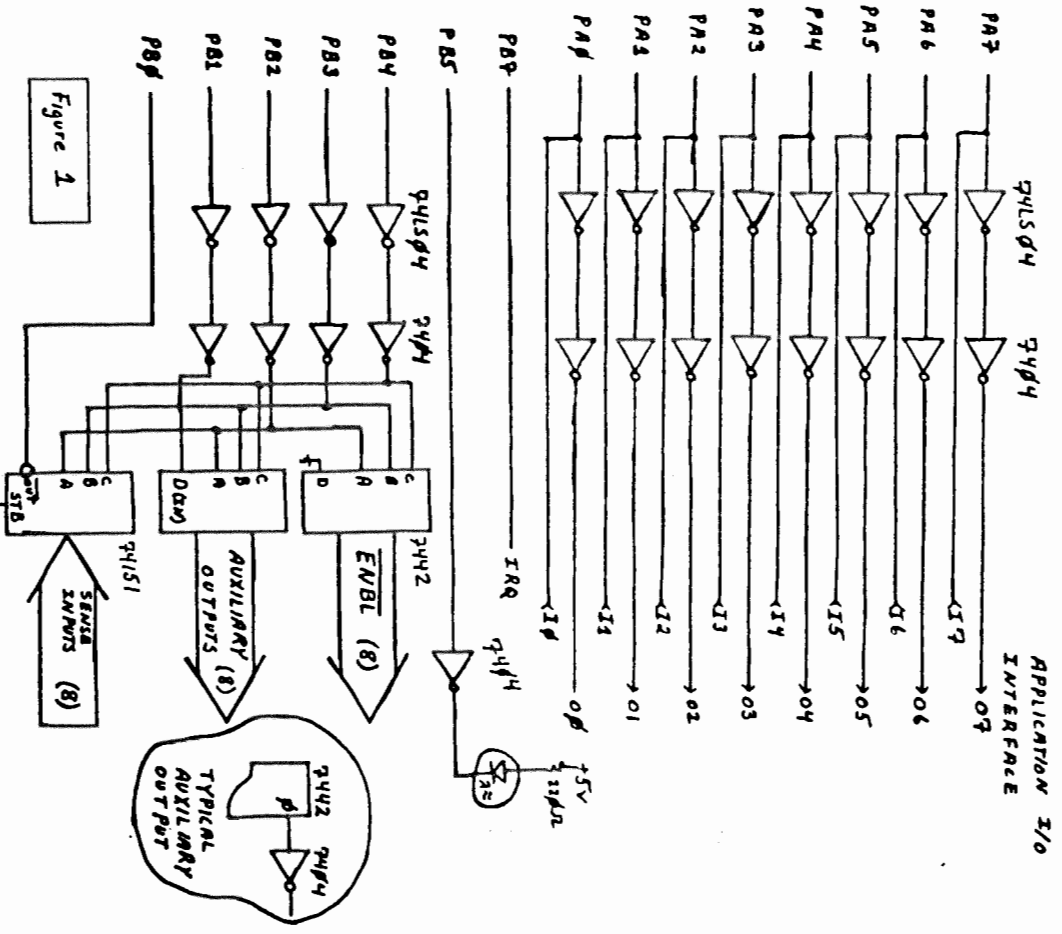


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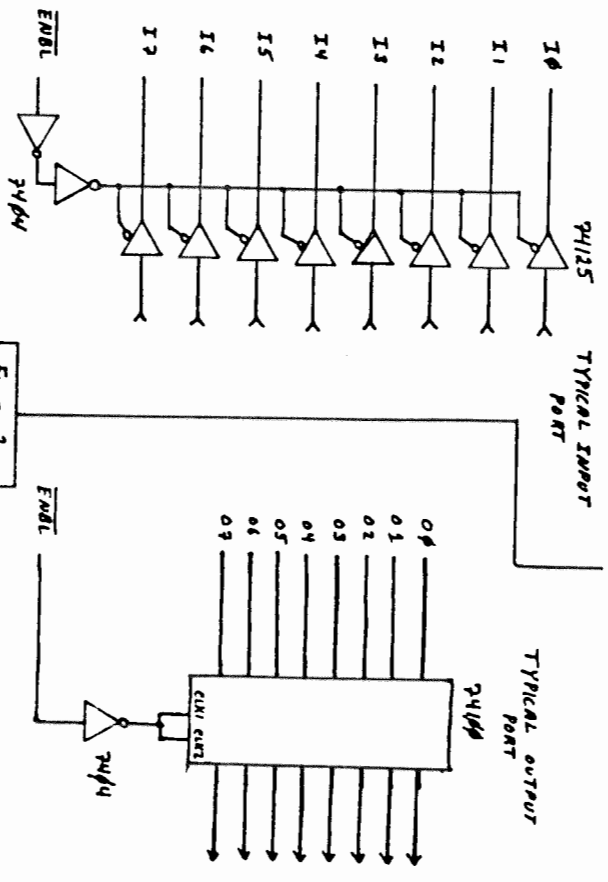


Figure 2

00	OP	00	0A	09	08	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00
01	HALT	01	EA	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
02	AIN	02	EE	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
03		03	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
04		04	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
05		05	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
06		06	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
07		07	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
08		08	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
09		09	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
10	TJC	10	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
11	TX0	11	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
12	TX<	12	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
13	TX<	13	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
14	TER	14	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
15	JPE	15	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
16	OUT	16	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
17	IN	17	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
18	SHDC	18	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
19	IBNZ	19	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
20	DBNZ	20	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
21	EN	21	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
22	TOCH	22	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
23	ROLL	23	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
24	SIN	24	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
25	COS	25	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
26	TAN	26	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
27	SFI	27	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
28	PI	28	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
29	SP2	29	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
30	SP1	30	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
31	ECLR	31	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
32	DIR	32	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
33	DR	33	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
34	MCLR	34	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
35	INV	35	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
36		36	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
37		37	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
38		38	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
39		39	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		
40		40	ED	07	06	05	04	03	02	01	00		

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If you're still reading, then chances are that you would be interested in hearing about 'HEXADASY'. Picture two circular vinyl discs held together by a centered rivet and you'll have a good idea of what this hex calculator looks like. The instructions describe how to do hex arithmetic with 'HEXADASY', but I feel that its branch calculating ability is by far more important and makes it well worth the \$3.95 price tag. The price/performance ratio of this device is also more realistic. 'HEXADASY' is available for \$3.95 (postpaid in USA) from:

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Anyway, like I was saying, the P.C. boards are now available from PYRAMID DATA SYSTEMS, DEPT A., 6 Terrace Ave., New Egypt, N.J. 08533. For \$25.00 you get the board and documentation. Include an extra \$1.50 if you want a reprint of the Ham Radio article.
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RIVERSIDE ELECTRONIC DESIGN is still alive and well. They can be reached at 716-873-5306 in the evenings. Eugene Zurech, one of the owners, said that they are still making the video and KIM expansion boards. I saw these boards at the CLEVELAND COMPUTERFEST and they looked well thought out and constructed.....ERIC

FORETHOUGHT PRODUCTS is now making a power supply available to power their "KIMs" and similar machines. All outputs are unregulated and include +8 volts at 12 amps, +16 volts at 1 amp and -16 at 1 amp. Input is either 110 VAC or 220 VAC. Price is \$69.50 in kit form or \$89.00 assembled. Get more info on this and their other KIM products at: FORETHOUGHT PRODUCTS, P.O. Box 8066, Coburg, Or 97401 503-485-8575

CONNECTICUT MICROCOMPUTER has announced immediate availability of an RS-232 ADAPTOR FOR KIM. In its present configuration, the adaptor converts current-loop to RS-232 (and vice-versa) but can easily be modified to convert TTL to RS-232 (and vice-versa). ADA, as it's called, comes completely assembled for \$24.50 with drilled, plated-through solder pads for all connections, or, for \$29.50 with barrier strips and screw terminals. Contact them at: Pecono Rd., Brookfield, CT., 06804

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THE 6502 PROGRAM EXCHANGE, 2920 Mcana, Reno, NV 89509 has announced a number of new software packages for the 6502. These include an extended version of FOCAL, a 4K resident assembler, and a mini text editor.

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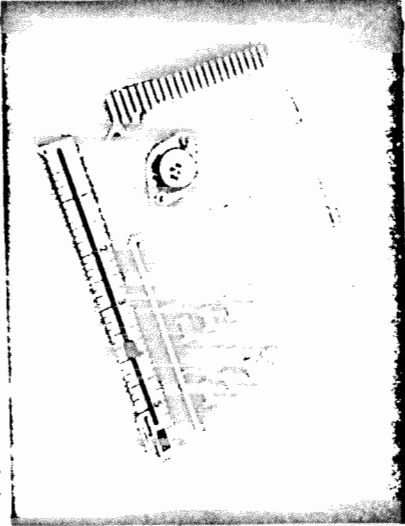
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SOFTWARE REVIEW

"KIM" BY PYRAMID DATA SYSTEMS

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As soon as I hooked a terminal to KIM, it became apparent that the built-in RTU monitor was only a bare-bones approach and a more elegant program development tool was sorely needed. The functions that were most necessary included a more convenient way of entering and dumping HEX data, as well as a more routine and maybe a BREAK processor for debugging purposes. Luckily though, before I got too far into working up these routines for myself, a copy of something called "KIM" came to my attention. Basically "KIM" stands for Extended I/O Monitor and is a 1K extension of the KIM monitor. 17 commands are included in its arsenal (4 of which are user definable) including such niceties as block move, search, and compare; hex dump and entry; a breakpoint routine; a relative branch calculator; etc.

"KIM" has been "ediot-proofed" very nicely and provides the operator feedback necessary for user-confidence. This feature has been sorely lacking in a number of software packages I have seen. SOFTWARE WRITERS TAKE NOTE.

The documentation is very complete, gives examples for each of the 17 commands, and provides a well-commented source listing of the program for ease of understanding.

"KIM" is available for \$10.00 (manual and paper tape) or \$12.00 (manual and KIM cassette) postpaid in USA from PYRAMID DATA SYSTEMS, Dept 'A', 6 Terrace Ave, New Egypt, NJ 08533.

MORRISON ELECTRONICS INC. announces availability of their 4K RAM board designed especially for KIM. According to the flyer, the assembled and tested board sells for \$165.00 and is configured to mount directly below KIM on standoffs. Get more info from them at 3539 Lacon Rd., Hilliard, Oh 43026 (614-876-4408).

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ON VERIFYING PROGRAMS IN RAM Ron Nielsen
 Ottawa

Ever had a program go wild and you're left wondering what got destroyed as a result? CHEK is a handy utility you can use to identify destroyed programs. CHEK calculates the checksum over a block of memory defined by BEG and FIN (inclusive).

I suggest that programs published in the KIM-1 USER NOTES have a checksum at the end so that readers can verify whether they've entered them into memory correctly.

To find the checksum for a program starting at 1780 and ending at 17A1 (e.g. CHEK), run CHEK with BEG=80,17 and FIN=17A,17. The display will show 17A6 FA, where FA is the checksum which must be entered at location 17A5.

How to use if the program is intact, run CHEK with BEG=80,17 and FIN=17A,17. If the display shows 17A6 00, the program between 1780 and 17A1 and the checksum at 17A5 are intact.

ADDRESS	HEX	DESCRIPTION
1780 A900		CHEKSUM CALCULATOR
1781 A8		Put memory block start addr in EO, E1
1782 A8		Put memory block end addr in E2, E3
1783 18		Processor must be in binary mode
1784 18		17FE, 17FF must contain address=1000
1785 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1786 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1787 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1788 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1789 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1790 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1791 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1792 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1793 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1794 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1795 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1796 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1797 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1798 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
1799 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A0 18		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A1 00		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A2 00		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A3 00		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A4 00		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A5 00		CHEK LDM # \$00
17A6 00		CHEK LDM # \$00

How 'bout some TTY graphics?.....can you expand on that?

CHANGING CARD TERMINATOR from Hardy Pottinger, 13 Pauline Ln.
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This is a program written in 6502 assembly language for the KIM-1 microcomputer system. It is designed to accept a message from a console teletype terminal by a carriage return (\$0D) and then interpret a simple list of picture descriptors to repeat the message in a desired pattern. The program as currently written has room for a 10 character message (including terminator). The pattern descriptor else is limited only by KIM's memory. The program resides in locations \$200 through \$26E. The message follows the program, and the pattern descriptor is entered at \$279. Locations \$263 and \$264 are the descriptor table's low and high address bytes. The contents of these two locations may be changed if desired to allow a longer message text.

The descriptor is composed of a list of 7-bit counters of the form:

Ha,Hb,Hc,...,Hm,Hn,Hp,....,Jp

where Ha is a 7-bit space count, and Hn is a 7-bit message count. A new line is signaled at any time by a count with a 1 in bit 0. Any count can be 0. A Jp marks the end of the descriptor and a return is made to the KIM monitor via a BRK instruction. The message is repeated if necessary to fill out each field of 8n bytes. Each line begins with an 18 space margin. This is arbitrary and can be changed by modifying the contents of location \$272. This value must be at least 1.

Examples:

```

80 80 80 80
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
05 05 05 85
05 05 05 85
05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
00 05 05 05 05 85
80 80 80 80 JP
    
```

Produces a checkboard pattern as shown on the example runs. Note that if the message is too long to fill a field it is omitted in the next field or on the next line.

```

1 1 GREETING CARD GENERATOR
2 1 DRRD R FIGURE COMPOSED OF TEXT FROM A USER GENERATED
3 1 MESSAGE
4 1 POINTER STORAGE
5 1
6 1 CHPTR EQU 0
7 1 LPTR EQU 1
8 1 COUNT EQU 2
9 1 MCNT EQU 3
10 1 GETCH EQU $1E3A
11 1 OUTSP EQU $1E3E
12 1 OUTCH EQU $1E90
13 1
14 1 LOC $200
15 1
16 1 STARR LDX $*00
17 1 STX STX CHPTR
18 1 STX STX LPTR
    
```

```

19 0206 20 5A 1E
20 0209 90 6F 02
21 020C E8 80
22 020D C9 80
23 020F D0 F5
24
25
26
27
28 0211 R2 12
29 0213 20 9E 1E
30 0216 C8
31 0217 D0 FR
32
33
34
35 0219 20 5E 02
36 021C R0
37 021D F0 06
38 021F 20 9E 1E
39 0222 C8
40 0223 D0 FR
41 0225 R9 80
42 0227 24 02
43 0229 D0 26
44
45
46 022B 20 5E 02
47 022E F0 1B
48 0230 85 03
49
50 0232 R6 00
51 0234 B0 6F 02
52 0237 C9 80
53 0239 D0 06
54 023B R2 00
55 023D 86 00
56 023F F0 F3
57 0241 E8
58 0242 20 R0 1E
59 0245 E6 00
60 0247 C6 03
61 0249 D0 E7
62
63
64 024B R9 80
65 024D 24 02
66 024F F0 C8
67
68
69
70
71 0251 R9 80
72 0253 20 R0 1E
73 0256 R9 80
74 0258 20 R0 1E
75 025B 4C 11 02
76
77
78
79
80
81
82 025E R6 01
83 0260 E6 01
84 0262 BD 79 02
85 0265 C9 FF
86 0267 D0 01
87 0269 80
88 026A 85 02
    
```


HERE'S A KLUGE-BARP LOADER FOR YOU MUSIC FREAKS, FROM:
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 Australia

"Ron Kushnier's Barp in #6 is a real improvement but lacks the ability to take rests-silence is important in real music. I'm sending you a simple patch which treats code #PF as a rest."

Also included is a Kluge Barp Loader which uses a TVI as an input terminal. Not elegant but it does allow direct loading from sheet music to memory W/O all the table look-up.

Possibly the most important feature is the note codes - they're right, by tuning fork & frequency meter. Now you can play duets with KIM.

Upcoming projects include a music transcriber to automatically take care of sharps & flats in going from one key to another. Also, a hardware multiplexed bus system to allow KIM to play chords. How about some articles on music or sound in general?

Address	Op Code	Op Name	Comment
0300 A2 00	LDX	#PF	INDEX TO SCORE START
03 A0 00	LDY	#PF	SET FOR LOW OCTAVE
04 00 00	START	STR	TEMPY
07 20 00	STR	GETCH	GET KEY INPUT
0A C9 00	CMP	'A'	IF IT IS 'A' KEY, INDEX
0C D0 00	CMP	'P'	BACK ONE COUNT, DISMAY
0E CA	DEX		NEW INDEX AND
0F 8A	TXA		RETURN
10 20 38 1E	TSR	PRTYBT	
13 20 EC 03	TSR	LFCR	
16 4C 02 03	TMP	NSTART	
19 C9 1F	CMP	'A'	-OR- IF IT IS 'A' KEY, INDEX
1A D0 0B	CMP	'P'	FORWARD ONE COUNT,
1E 8A	TXA		DISPLAY NEW INDEX
1F 20 38 1E	TSR	PRTYBT	AND RETURN
22 20 EC 03	TSR	LFCR	
25 4C 02 03	TMP	NSTART	
28 C9 70	CMP	'P'	-OR- IF IT IS 'P' KEY, NEXT
2A D0 07	CMP	'A'	2 KEY INPUTS ARE LOADED
2C 20 9D 1F	TSR	GETAYT	DIRECTLY TO INDEXED LOC.
2F D0 57	CMP	'A'	
31 F0 57	CMP	'H'	-OR- IF IT IS 'H' KEY, NEXT
33 C9 08	CMP	'H'	LOCATION WILL LOAD FROM
35 D0 09	CMP	'H'	HIGH OCTAVE
37 A0 09	LDY	#DD	
39 8C EB 03	STY	TEMPY	
3C 20 5A 1E	TSR	GETCH	
3F AC EB 03	LDY	TEMPY	
42 C9 61	CMP	'A'	COMPARE TO 'A' KEY, IF A MAMY
44 F0 3F	BEA	'A'	LOAD 'A' CODE, OTHERWISE,
46 CB	INY		INC. INDEX FOR NEXT NOTE.
47 C9 41	CMP	'A'	ETC. FOR ALL POSSIBLE
49 F0 3A	BEA	'A'	NOTES.
4B CB	INY		
4C C9 62	CMP	'B'	
4E F0 35	BEA	'B'	
50 CB	INY		
51 C9 63	CMP	'C'	
53 F0 30	BEA	'C'	

Address	Op Code	Op Name	Comment
55 C0	INY		
56 C9 43	CMP	'C'	
58 F0 2B	BEA	'C'	
5A CB	INY		
5B C9 64	CMP	'D'	
5D F0 26	BEA	'D'	
5F C0	INY		
60 C9 44	CMP	'E'	
62 F0 21	BEA	'E'	
64 CB	INY		
65 C9 65	CMP	'E'	
67 F0 1C	BEA	'E'	
69 C0	INY		
6A C9 66	CMP	'F'	
6C F0 17	BEA	'F'	
6E C0	INY		
6F C9 46	CMP	'G'	
71 F0 12	BEA	'G'	
73 C0	INY		
74 C9 67	CMP	'G'	
76 F0 0D	BEA	'G'	
78 C0	INY		
79 C9 47	CMP	'G'	
7B F0 0B	BEA	'G'	
7D C0	INY		
7E C9 72	CMP	'R'	
80 F0 03	BEA	'R'	
82 20 02 03	TMP	NSTART	
85 09 50 02	LDA	NOTE, Y	
88 9D 00 00	STA	TONE, X	
8B A9 20 00	LDA	'SP'	
8D 20 00 1E	TSR	OUTCH	
90 8A	TXA		
91 20 38 1E	TSR	PRTYBT	
94 20 EC 03	TSR	LFCR	
97 E8	INY		
98 20 5A 1E	TSR	GETCH	
9B A0 00 00	LDY	# 00	
9D C9 31	CMP	'I'	
9F F0 34	BEA	'I'	
A1 C0	INY		
A2 C9 21	CMP	'I'	
A4 F0 2E	BEA	'I'	
A6 C0	INY		
A7 C9 32	CMP	'I'	
A9 F0 2A	BEA	'I'	
AB C0	INY		
AC C9 40	CMP	'J'	
AE F0 25	BEA	'J'	
B0 C0	INY		
B1 C9 34	CMP	'J'	
B3 F0 20	BEA	'J'	
B5 C0	INY		
B6 C9 24	CMP	'K'	
B8 F0 18	BEA	'K'	
BA C0	INY		
BB C9 38	CMP	'K'	
BD F0 16	BEA	'K'	
BF C0	INY		
C0 C9 2A	CMP	'L'	

COMPARE TO REST KEY, IF MATCH, WILL LOAD #EE NOT VALID KEY, KEEP TRYING GET NOTE VALUE FROM TABLE AND STORE IN SCORE PUT A SPACE ON CRT THEN OUTPUT PRESENT LOCATION DO GOLF WA. STEERING UP X ADVANCE TO NEXT SCORE AREA GET KEY INPUT SET TIME INDEX COMPARE TO 'J' KEY, IF A MATCH, LOAD 'J' CODE, OTHERWISE, INC. INDEX FOR NEXT TIME SIGNATURE.

REQ	INSTR	(1/6)	(1/6)
C4	BEQ		
C5	INP		
C6	CMP 'G'		
C7	BEQ		
C8	INP		
C9	CMP 'G'		
CA	BEQ		
CB	INP		
CC	CMP '3'	(TRIPLET)	
CD	BEQ		
CE	INP		
CF	CMP '3'		
D0	BEQ		
D1	INP		
D2	CMP '3'		
D3	BEQ		
D4	INP		
D5	CMP '3'		
D6	BEQ		
D7	INP		
D8	CMP '3'		
D9	BEQ		
EA	INP		
EB	CMP '3'		
EC	BEQ		
ED	INP		
EE	CMP '3'		
EF	BEQ		
F0	INP		
F1	CMP '3'		
F2	BEQ		
F3	INP		
F4	CMP '3'		
F5	BEQ		
F6	INP		

...AND NOW, THE NOTE TABLE---

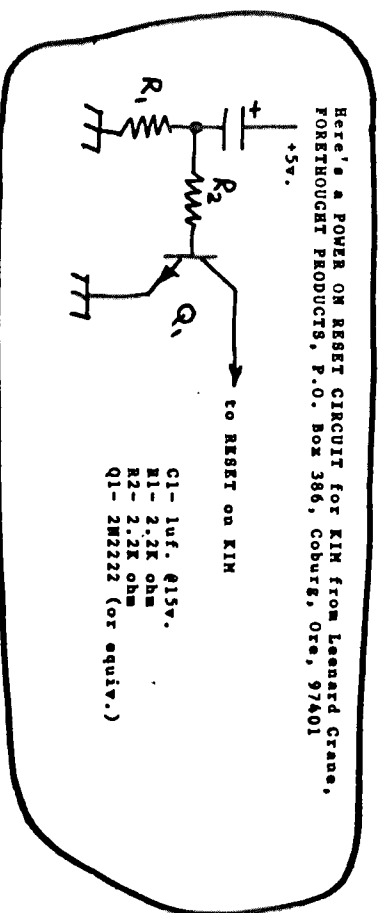
φ15φ	DE	NOTE	TIME	1/4
51	D3	A	φ2 7φ 2φ	1/4
52	C6	A#	71 3φ	1/4
53	C5	B	72 1φ	1/2
54	B1	C	73 1φ	1/2
55	A6	C#	74 φ8	1/4
56	C6	D	75 φC	1/4
57	9C	D#	76 φY	1/4
58	8A	E	77 φ6	1/4
59	83	F	78 φ2	1/4
5A	7B	F#	79 φ3	1/4
5B	74	G	7A XX	1/4
5C	FF	G#		1/4
5D	6C	REST		1/4
5E	67	A#		1/4
5F	61	B		1/4
6φ	5C	C		1/4
61	5C	C#		1/4
62	51	D		1/4
63	4C	D#		1/4
64	48	E		1/4
65	44	F		1/4
66	4φ	F#		1/4
67	3C	G		1/4
68	3B	G#		1/4
69	FF	REST		1/4

φ231	A9 φφ	LDA φφ	REST POSSIBLE PREVIOUS REST
8D	12 φ2	STA φ212	
C8		INP	
C8	B9 φφ φφ	INP	
C9	φφ	LDA φφ, Y	TEST NOTE FOR END OF SCORE
C9	φφ	CMP φφφ	YES: PLAY IT AGAIN, KIM
C9	φφ	BEQ φ2φ2	IS IT A REST?
Dφ	φ4	CMP φ FF	NO: CONTINUE PLAYING
A9	φ2	LDA φφ2	YES: SILENCE PA OUTPUT
8D	12 φ2	STA φ212	
Dφ	BD	BEQ φ	UNCONDITIONAL JMP (continued)

NOTES ON USING KLUGE HARP LOADER

- LOAD NOTES USING KEYS A-G.
- LOAD TIME VALUES W/ FOLLOWING KEYS:

WHOLE	1	EIGHTH	8	TRIPLET	3
HALF	2	SIXTEENTH	6		
QUARTER	4	REST	-R		
- TO SHARPEN A NOTE, SHIFT IT.
- TO EXTEND A TIME VALUE BY 1/2 (DOT IT), SHIFT IT.
- STEP FORWARD W/ → KEY, BACKWARD W/ ← (IF YOUR KB LACKS THESE KEYS, ANY KEYS WILL DO)
- FOR HIGH OCTAVE, HIT THE 'H' KEY BEFORE NOTE KEY.
- TO ENTER ODD VALUES, I.E. A NOTE OUTSIDE 2 OCTAVES, A HALF NOTE TIED TO A DOTTED HALF ETC. USE THE 'P' KEY. THE FOLLOWING TWO KEY ENTRIES LOAD AS A BYTE INTO OPEN LOCATION.



Here's a POWER ON RESET CIRCUIT for KIM from Leeland Crane, FORETHOUGHT PRODUCTS, P.O. BOX 386, Coburg, Ore, 97401

- Q1- 1uf. 915V.
- R1- 2.2K ohm
- R2- 2.2K ohm
- Q1- 2M2222 (or equiv.)

KM Program: DICET Jan/77 Jim Butterfield, Toronto

This program rolls dice. Quietly. If you have an urge to play a dice game like Yahtzee at 3 a.m. you won't wake the household. You can specify how many dice in COUNT, address 0295; from one to six - five are used in the program listing.

To roll all dice, hit GO. To roll selected dice only, hit keys 1 to 6 to indicate which ones you want, then hit GO. Many games need this kind of selective roll: Yahtzee, Poker Dice, Ship/Captain/Crew.

Ship/Captain/Crew, for example, allows you three rolls per play, using five dice. A six is your ship; if you don't have one, you must roll all dice again. Once you have a ship, look for a five, which is your captain; if you don't have him, roll everything except the ship. When you have both ship and captain the total of the remaining dice is your crew, which is your score. You may try to improve your crew if you have any rolls left.

```

0200 D8 START CID
0201 20 40 JP CSR KEYIN
0202 20 6A JP CSR GETKEY
0207 AE 98 02 LIX COUNT
020A CA DEK
020E 86 90 STI CNT
020D C9 13 CPE #413
020F D0 30 BNE NOGO
0211 B5 A0 LDA FLAG,X
0213 D0 0A BNE RUN
0215 CA DEK
0216 10 P9 BPL VUE
0218 A6 90 LIX CNT
021A F6 A0 VEX INC FLAG,X
021C CA DEK
021D 10 PB BPL VEX
021F A1 90 LIX CNT
0221 38 ROLL
0222 A5 97 LDA RND+1
0224 65 9A ADC RND+4
0226 65 98 ADC RND+5
0228 85 96 STA RND
022A A2 04 LDX #4
022C B5 96 BPL
022E 95 97 STA RND+1,X
0230 CA DEK
0231 10 P9 BPL RLP
0233 29 07 AND #407
0235 C9 06 CPE #6
0237 B0 E8 BCS ROLL
0239 99 A6 00 STA NUMB,X
023C 88 DEK
023D 10 E2 BPL ROLL
023F 30 45 BMT PLACE
0241 AA CA NODO
0243 5C 98 02 CPE COUNT
0246 B0 04 BCS NOKEY
0248 A9 01 LDA #1
024A 95 A0 STA FLAG,X
024C A9 7F LDA #7F
024E 8D 41 17 STA SADD
0251 A2 05 LIX #5
0253 A9 00 LDA #0
0255 A9 13 LIX #13
0257 EC 98 02 LITS CPE COUNT
025A B0 08 BCS DARK
025C B5 A0 LDA FLAG,X
025E F0 02 BEQ FLITE
0260 F6 AC INC WINDOW,X
  
```

directional register
test key input
how many dice?
minus one for loop counter
GO key?
no, skip Roll procedure
yes, test ...
any dice rolling?

no: roll 'em all

random values for each die
..whether used or not

new random value

change those lines...
..for n-sided dice
reject this number?
store new roll

test input key
legal?
no, ignore
set "roll" flag
open display

six digits
blank unwanted dice
right-hand digit
stay blank?
yes, skip next part
roll display

```

0262 B5 AC FLITE LDA WINDOW,X
0264 8D 40 17 DARE STA SADD
0267 8C 42 17 STI SBD
026A C6 91 INC ZIP
026C D0 F6 BEQ STALL
026E 88 86 04 INC DKT DEK
0271 10 B4 BPL LITS
0273 A5 92 LDA TIMER
0275 F0 89 BEQ START
0277 C6 92 DEC TIMER
0279 D0 D1 BNE MONEY
027B A6 93 LIX DIE
027D B4 A6 LDA NUMB,X
027F B9 88 1P LDA TABLE+1,X
0282 95 AC STA WINDOW,X
0284 B5 A0 DEC FLAG,X
0286 D0 FC INC VTPK
0288 A2 00 BNE VTPK
028A B5 A0 PLACE LDA FLAG,X
028C D0 08 BNE NEXT
028E E8 INX
028F 8C 98 02 CPE COUNT
0292 D0 F6 BNE PLAY
0294 F0 B6 BEQ MOKEY
0296 A9 50 LDA #50
0298 85 92 STA TIMER
029A 66 93 STI DIE
029C D0 AE BNE MOKEY
029E 05 COUNT .BITE 5
  
```

search for..

..next rolling die

are we rolling?
no, test keys
time out the roll
not time yet?
which die chosen?
what number is rolled?
change to segments
and put into display window
clear flag
..for sums

TRANSR (Shooting Stars) - Junco version Jim Butterfield, Toronto

Same rules as for Bob Albrecht's original TRANSR! but with a random starting pattern. The object is to invert the starting pattern; so if the board starts out with all nine positions lit, your mission is to turn them all off. If you happen to start with only one position lit, you must try to light all the others.

When you accomplish this, the display will signal that you've won. Pressing GO will then give you a new, random, game. If you press GO before you've won, it will take you back to the start of the game you were doing.

Identity of the various positions is shown in the chart at upper right. The usual rules apply: you can select only lit positions, and they will invert all segments in their field of influences. For example, position 5 inverts 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8; position 2 inverts only 1, 2, and 3.

If you want to play a particular board, you can set it up in "segment" form in locations B0RD to B0RD+2 (addresses 0080 to 0082) and then start the program at B0GIN, location 0217.

```

0200 E6 83 START INC SEED
0202 20 40 1P CSR KEYIN
0205 D0 F9 PNE START
0207 A2 02 LIX #2
0209 A5 93 LDA STND
020B 48 PVA
020C 29 49 AND #4B9
020E 95 80 STA B0RD,X
0210 68 PVA
0212 4A ISR A
0214 09 80 ORA #880
0216 CA INC
0218 10 F4 BPL 1P1
  
```

scramble random number

..while GO key is down

for each digit position..

..horizontal segments

recall random number

and shift setting bit 7

more
TEASER

```

A706 1 enter here if BARD is pre-set
1906 BEGIN LTA #6 create a frame
0219 0 5 8L 85 27 LDA #30 for the board
021B 0L 49 30 47 30 STA WINDOW4
021F 45 8L GO has this game been won?
0221 09 06 CMP #6
0223 00 00 BNE STAFF
0225 42 02 LDA #2 yes, make new board
0227 85 80 LDA PORN I no, conv board into window
0229 95 85 STA WINDOW+1,X
022B 0A PXL LPT2
022C 10 P9 PXL LPT2
022E A0 11 TOP
0230 A2 04 LDY #411 Initial digit pointer
0232 A9 7F LDA #47F five digits
0237 85 8L LITTE directional register
0239 8C L2 17 STA PARD
023F A9 7F STA SBD
0241 E9 01 LDA #47F delay
0243 00 FC SRC #1
0245 80 FC PNE ZIF
0246 88 88 STA SPD store zero to clear display
0248 10 FA LDA #42 17 DEY
024D 20 40 JF DEY
0250 D8 BPL LITTE .. display position
0251 20 6A JF set directional reg to input
0252 09 13 JSR GETKEY key depressed?
0256 F0 C7 CMP #413 01 key?
0258 C9 04 BNG GO yes, do GO procedure
025A B0 D2 CGP #40M no key or greater than 9?
025C 4A CA RGS TOP yes, return to display
025E 30 CE TAX DEY set X=key - 1
0260 85 89 BMT TOP zero key? skip.
0262 A0 03 STX TEMP * value 0 to 8
0264 88 LDY #3
0265 CA CA KEY DEY
0266 10 FA BPL KEY divide X by 3 to give:
026A B9 9E 02 LDA MASK,I BPL KEY
026D 35 88 AND WINDOW4,X ..segment ID in I
026F F0 BD BEQ TOP illegal move - return
0271 45 89 LDA TEMP Ready to make move:
0273 0A ASL A Multiply (key-1) by 3
0274 65 89 ADC TEMP into register I
0276 A8 TAY
0277 A9 L9 LDA #4L9 Set up flag for win test
0279 85 89 STA TEMP
027B A2 02 LDY #2 Make move by..
027D 59 A1 02 LDA WINDOW+1,X ..EORing move table
0282 95 85 EOR TABL,I
0284 55 80 STA WINDOW+1,X ..into display
0286 25 89 AND TEMP Update win-test flag
0288 08 CA STA TEMP
028C 10 EF INT DEY on to the next digit
028E A5 89 BPL CRV
028F 05 89 LDA TEMP Now test for win
0290 C9 L9 CMP #4L9 all segments OK?
0292 D0 9A BNE TOP nope, return
0294 05 8A ORA WINDOW Add win signal to display
0296 05 8A STA WINDOW
0298 A9 79 LDA #479
029A 85 88 STA WINDOW4
029C D0 90 BNE TOP
029E 08 40 01 MASK .BITE 8,40,1
02A1 00 41 41 01 01 TABL .BITE 0,41,41,1,1,41,41,0,0,0,4,49
02A4 00 49 40 49 40 49 40 49 40 49 40 49 40 49 40 49
02B3 00 48 48 08 08 08 48 48 08 48 48 08 48 48 08
02BC end

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Notes on Jumbo TEASER (Shooting Stars)

Bored by regular TEASER, now that you've figured out the moves? Jumbo TEASER gives you a new problem every time. And each problem is tough - maybe you've forgotten how hard the original game was until you memorized the solution.

Every position generated by the program is solvable, although some are devilishly hard to get. Make a note of the original board diagram - it's easy to forget - together with the desired winning pattern, like this:

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Original board: * * * Win on: * * *
                * * *
                * * *

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The example above can be solved in five moves .. but you can make around for hundreds of moves trying to find that combination!

To set up the original game of teaser. If you want it, the following coding will do:

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(answer in memory) A9 40 LDA #410
                   85 81 STA BORD+1
                   A9 00 LTA #0
                   95 80 STA BORD
                   85 82 STA BORD+2
                   LC 17 02 JMP REGIV

```

If you locate the above coding at 0200 to 020C, the program will play only the "standard" game. Locate it elsewhere, and the first game will be standard; after that, anything goes!

For those who have forgotten the moves, here are the areas of influence for each key:

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1 * * * 2 * * * 3 * * * 4 * * * 5 * * * 6 * * * 7 * * * 8 * * * 9 * * *
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
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Here are some interesting comments from John Crossley....

"...I've been going to the Sacramento Microcomputer Users Group meetings for several months but last month I found at least four 6502 people. I told them about you and one told me that he has already sent in a subscription. It's nice not to be alone.

I sent away to the 6502 Program Exchange and got POCAL-65 and a really nice disassembler. The disassembler is one of the slickest pieces of software that I've seen, well worth the 35\$. POCAL-65 is an interesting language to use. The only problem is that the execution speed is slow. The June Kilohead published a comparison of the speed of various BASICS and POCAL was six times slower than the slowest. The nice features are the one dimensional arrays and the fact that the commands can be abbreviated to one letter.

I've got my KINSII: It came in the mail one day and was running the next. The reason that it wasn't running that night is the not- soldered joint. My only reservation is the way that they handle the I/O

ports. First they use P000-PTTA which means that I can't use the KIM-1 without relocating the whole program. Secondly, since some S-100 I/O boards use the upper 8 bits of address, the KIMSI has 7 ports at P200, P400, ... P800. It would seem more logical to put the I/O in page 21 or thereabouts and getting the lower 8 bits out to the upper 8. This way any I/O board would work and some use would be made of that hole in the KIM memory map. The KIMSI is still a very good deal and I recommend it to anyone interested in cheap, S-100 memory, I/O etc.

Included with the KIMSI was a note proposing KIMSI Notes. They hope to get enough material together about the KIMSI to fill a newsletter. I think that they should have given you a try and announced the new Notes after they had the material. Besides, they want another \$6.

While I was waiting for the KIMSI, I was using a nice SR board hooked directly to the KIM. This requires no permanent change to either board.

1. Connect the KIM address bus to the S-100 bus.
2. Connect the KIM data bus to the S-100 data in and out bus.
3. Connect BM R/W (BZ) to pin 8 on IC 78.
4. Connect R/W (RV) to S-100 pin 47.
5. Connect DECODES ENABLE (AK) to pin 5 on IC 75.
6. Remove IC 74 and bend pin 4 out. Replace it so that pin 4 doesn't touch anything.

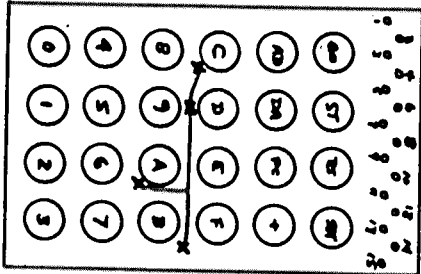
I wired steps 3 and 5 through unused pins on the S-100 connector. It worked fine with 6 inches of ribbon cable. Perhaps I should mention the board I used. It was the LOGOS-1 from Advanced Microcomputer Products and cost \$219. When I got the KIMSI I removed the two jumpers and strengthened the IC pin and it worked just fine...'

Here's a cure for a KIM problem you may not have even known about from George Wells and Alex Engel at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91103.....

A bug appears in the TTY software of both KIM and TIM which makes it difficult or impossible for either of these devices to receive TTY data at the maximum character rate for any baud rate other than 110 baud. For example, a paper type loader running at 10 cps (110 baud) will load correctly into KIM but at 30 cps (300 baud) a cross assembler on another computer has trouble loading the op codes into KIM.

The problem stems from the fact that there are two stop bits required for each character at 110 baud but only one stop bit for all other baud rates; and KIM and TIM were both written with the assumption that there will always be two stop bits per character.

Take a look at the "GETCH" (Get Character) subroutine located at 1E5A in KIM and you will see that it calls the 1 bit delay subroutine (JSR DELAY) 9 times and the half-bit delay subroutine (JSR DEHALF) twice for a total of 10 bits of delay. At 110 baud, since there is an extra stop-bit, KIM has at least 9 milliseconds to process the character; but at any other baud rate, KIM has no margins and may eventually lose sync depending on the length of the message, the baud rate, the baud rate drift, the character rate, and other factors which commonly come under the classifications of "glitching", "noise", or "bad days".



KIM-1 KEYBOARD MODIFICATION

HAVING BOUNCY KEY PROBLEMS with your 'old' style keyboard? You'll be interested in this fix from ROBERT DAHLSTRÖM, Heavy Diamond Labs, 2800 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, MD 20783. This works!

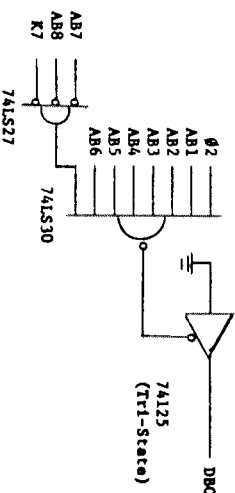
The keyboard on my KIM-1 had the "bouncy" key problem mentioned in User Notes #6. The problem is due to the use of the outer edge of the snap-action discs to jump over the center contact line on the keyboard pc. Since the discs are only held against the pc board with tape, the contact is poor. There are five of these jump-overs in series for the "C" key (four for the "9" key) thereby compounding the problem. To check for the problem, measure the resistance from keyboard pin 3 to pin 15 (numbered from left to right as shown) with the "C" key depressed. It should be less than about 10 ohms.

Fortunately, this problem can be easily corrected. My solution was to solder a thin wire jumper across these poor contacts as follows. Disassemble the keyboard by first removing the four screws on the back of the keyboard at the corners. Then remove the two remaining screws that hold the keyboard to the KIM-1 (note for reassembly that they are longer) being careful not to pull the keyboard pc board away from the KIM-1 board--it's only hanging by the solder at one end. With the KIM-1 up-side-down, separate the black keyboard panel from the keyboard pc board. (Mine snapped off suddenly when gently pried with my fingernail--then I picked up the keys from the floor). After cutting four small holes through the clear tape at the locations indicated by an X in the figure, the lines from "C" to "9", "D" to "0", "A" to "7" and the line to "B" are exposed. Connecting these points by soldering a thin wire between them routed as shown is sufficient to bridge the five potentially poor contacts. Good luck!

HERE'S AN IDEA FROM LEM EDWARDS (NJ)

A tip on using SSR function to check out branches. Key FF into 00P1, then test all the BCS, BEQ, BMI EBVS branches. Next key in 00 and check out all the BCC, BNE, BPL & BVC branches. Seems obvious, but if you are like me it might not occur to you.

If this sounds like a familiar problem to you and you're not satisfied with changing the TTY DELAY values at addresses 17F2, 3 (see issue #6, page 8 and 11) try this solution. It would be nice to fix KIM by eliminating the offending JSR DEHALF at address 1E7E. But since we can't do that, we'll do the next best thing which is to change it from a JSR DEHALF-1 which gives an immediate return from the subroutine. Note that DEHALF is located at 1E5B and at DEHALF-1 (1E5A) there is an RTS from the end of the previous routine. All we need to do is add some hardware to KIM to decode the second byte of the JSR DEHALF instruction and jam the LSB of the data bus to zero at that time. We have used the following circuit to perform this fix.



As mentioned before, TIM has the same problem except that it has a total delay of 104 bits. However since we are unfamiliar with the operation of TIM we have not tried to fix it.

*****DEBUG*****DEBUG*****DEBUG*****DEBUG*****DEBUG*****
 Issue 7 & 8, page 16-----pin 14 of the 74193 counters should go ground rather than Vcc.
 Issue 7 & 8, page 2-----column 2, line 37 should read "To do this, set \$039C to \$01".

SOME CORRECTIONS FOR THE TVI-6 CIRCUIT

The fixt comment comes from David Byrd, State Tech. Inst., 5983 Maccom Cove, Memphis Tenn 38134

We just interfaced one of PAIA Electronics' TVI-6 video display kits (upper case letters only) to a Kim. While following Popular Electronic's debugging instructions, we noticed that our video monitor was displaying letters which were not complete because they were crowded together. Signal tracing turned up the fact that the LOAD signal was okay but the CLOCK signal presented only 3 cycles per micro-second instead of the specified 6 cycles. I tried replacing C5 (2200 PF) in the clock circuit with a smaller cap. The display looked better but it still needed improvement. After some "cut and try" we ended up with a 390 pf cap and a perfect video display.

Anyone who runs into a similar problem with one of these video display units might want to take note of our experience.

Also from Cass Lewart (12 Georgian Dr., Holmdel, NJ 07733)
 "....I have built Don Lancaster's TVI. It works perfectly except that I changed C5 to 62 pf. and R11 to a 500 ohm pot. You may want to mention that we noticed a missing step in our program MINI DIS (Fidat Book 06 Kim). Step #364 should be 68 PL.
 Mr. Lewart also mentioned that he would be interested in setting up a program exchange for TVI programs. All you TVI-6 users should get in touch with him if you are interested."

From: Tim Bennett, 309 Mary St, Westerville, Ohio 43081

DOUBLE YOUR RAM. ADD 1 K ON-BOARD TO YOUR KIM-1.

All decoding and buffering is already available on your standard KIM-1 except that "K1" must be Or'd with "K0" to enable inverter U16 pin 1. This requires 2 etch cuts, the addition of 2 diodes, 2 resistors, and a jumper along with 8 21102 ram chips.

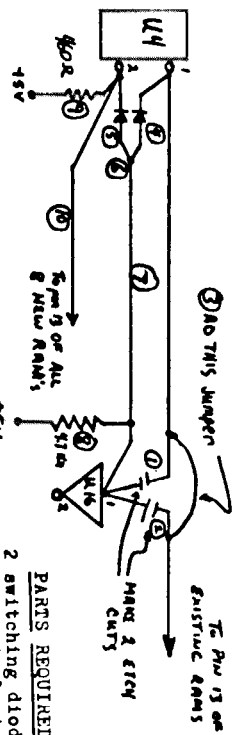
The 8 rams will be paralleled with your existing 6102 rams (U5-U12) except for pin 13 (Chip Enable). They could be soldered piggyback w/ the 6102's, however I was afraid this might cause overheating during operation. I chose to use sockets to lift my new rams from the existing to allow for air circulation. Normal chip DIP sockets are too bulky to permit soldering, thus Molex break-away connectors were used and they were perfect for this application.

Some special soldering techniques are required for a neat job on the RAMs. A 16 pin header or DIP socket (not the wire wrap kind) is used as a guide and holder for the molex connectors while soldering. Slip an 8 pin Molex section on each side of the socket with the break-away strip to the outside. Now tin each of the Molex pins with a little solder where contact will be made with existing RAMs, leaving a tail of solder on the outside of the pins.

Dab a little soldering paste on each of the pins of the existing RAMs where contact will be made. Fit your socket assembly over an existing RAM. NOTE: don't solder pin 15 in the following step. If your assembly was properly prepared, a quick touch with an UNGAR PRINCESS iron will make a secure connection of each pin. Solder each pin (except pin 13) in this manner. Soldering will be easier if the chisel tip is bent to 45°. Carefully unplug the guide and detach the break-away strips by twisting back and forth at the scribe mark. Insert a 21102 in your new socket keeping pin registration the same as the original 6102. Repeat this procedure for the remaining 7 RAMs. Verify that pin 13 of the 21102's do not make contact with the 6102's.
 Now implement the following changes to your "chip select" logic:

1. Cut etch at pin 1 of U16 on component side of pcb.
 2. Cut etch at pin 1 of U16 on back side of pcb.
 3. Jumper pin 1 of U4 (K0) to pin 13 of U5.
 4. Solder cathode (the end with the band) of one of your diodes to pin 1 of U4.
 5. Solder cathode of other diode to *2 of U4.
 6. Connect the anode end of the two diodes together.
 7. Wire the anode end of the two diodes to pin 1 of U16
 8. Connect a 4.7KΩ resistor from the anode of the diodes to a +5V etch.
 9. Connect a 460R resistor from pin 2 of U4 to +5V.
 10. Jumper pin 2 of U4 (K1) to pin 13 of all 8 21102's
 11. I brought +5V and GROUND in through both the application and the expansion connectors to carry the extra load.
- The address of your second K of ram will be from 0400 to 07ff

I happen to have a supply of Molex strips. For a SASE and \$2.00 I'll send enough for this modification + a few extra. Mail to Tim Bennett, 309 Mary St, Westerville, Ohio 43081.



- TOOLS REQUIRED**
- UNGAR PRINCESS soldering iron
 - Soldering paste
 - A very steady hand
 - Solder
 - 1 Dip Sucker, solder tail or 16 pin WICKER

- PARTS REQUIRED**
- 2 switching diodes (2N914)
 - or equivalent
 - 1 460 R, 1/4 W. resistor
 - 1 4.7 KΩ 1/4 W. resistor
 - 16 8 pin Molex sockets on break-away sockets
 - P/N 05-30-0008
 - 4# 30 gauge wire
 - 8 21102 RAMS

Some comments and corrections from John P. O'Leary (Dept of Physics, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611)

I have some comments and three corrections for my SUPERDUMP/LOAD routines published in Issue 7/8. a) Following the comment by James Davis in KIM #4, I have found that setting NPL#03 and TIM#1=\$02 greatly improves the reliability. I have had 100% success on Radio Shack SuperTape certified using Merchants routines from KIM#6. b) The program listing sent to you left out transmission of an EOF character. The instructions LDA #04, JSR OUTPUT should be inserted after the JSR OUTPUT at \$016A. This insertion unfortunately changes all the subroutine entry addresses. I will send a complete corrected listing to anyone who sends me a stamped, legal sized envelope. Without the EOF, SUPERLOAD sometimes will not return until the recorder is manually stopped. c) Most users will have recognized that the opcode 60 should be entered at \$0250 corresponding to the JSR instruction. My current version has the following code at the end: PO 04 BRQ EXIT This addition results in the error flag being returned 06 0B ERROR DBC IFLG in the accumulator as well as being left at IFLG. Please 06 0B ERROR DBC IFLG note. SUPERDUMP/LOAD do not save the A,X,Y registers 05 0B EXIT LDA IFLG and the user is responsible for being sure that his flank RTS is protected. This is not the best programming practice but I was trying for minimum subroutine length. I now have these routines in a more proper form stored in a 2708 EPROM which I have mounted on the KIM-1 board. The address lines are paralleled with those of the 6102's, the data lines are paralleled with the DATAOUT lines of the 6102's. No buffering is needed. I had to replace the inverter in the PAM data buffer enable with a 4-input NAND gate combining K0, K1, K2, K3. I have also 'piggy backed' a set of 2102's on top of the 6102's, daisy chaining the OE's to K1, paralleling all other leads. I am trying to write a short article on this and other modifications I have used on our KIM's to give us KIM-S's (KIM Enhanced). I am not prepared to enter into correspondence on these changes at this time as I am trying to get ready for a 3 month visit to Warsaw for research. I am enclosing listings of START/STOP/WAIT which operate a high current transistor driven relay in the recorder to start and stop it under program control. WAIT gives a 0.50 second delay which is adequate for my recorder. I only switch the motor power, leaving the electronics on, otherwise more than one second was needed at startup while capacitors charged in the amplifier. Finally, BEEP operates a loudspeaker driven from bit 4 of FBD. Entered with \$00 in the A reg, one gets a ringing tone similar to that used for Phaser operation in the APPLE II Star Trek, with \$FF one gets an opposite slide.

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: BEEP ROUTINES FOR SPICAZ
LOC  DP  OPND  VALU  STMT  SCURCF  STMT
1200  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1201  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1202  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1203  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1204  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
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1206  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1207  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
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1256  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1257  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1258  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1259  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP
1260  F5  FD      00FD  BEEP

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START/STOP/WAIT ROUTINE
LOC  DP  OPND  VALU  STMT  SCURCF  STMT
1100  F5  FD      0002  :****
1101  F5  FD      0004  :START/STOP/WAIT ROUTINE
1102  F5  FD      0004  :DATA REGISTERS B
1103  F5  FD      0005  :DATA DIRECTION REGISTER B
1104  F5  FD      0006  :PG# 1110
1105  F5  FD      0007  :START
1106  F5  FD      0008  :SAVE ACC
1107  F5  FD      0009  :SET UP OUTPUT PORT
1108  F5  FD      000A  :... WITHOUT CHANGING ...
1109  F5  FD      000B  :... OTHER LINES
1110  F5  FD      000C  :PUT '0' ON PORT
1111  F5  FD      000D  :... WITHOUT CHANGING ...
1112  F5  FD      000E  :RESTORE ACC
1113  F5  FD      000F  :WAIT 0.500 SECONDS
1114  F5  FD      0010  :SAVE ACC
1115  F5  FD      0011  :PUT '1' ON PORT
1116  F5  FD      0012  :... WITHOUT CHANGING ...
1117  F5  FD      0013  :RESTORE ACC
1118  F5  FD      0014  :... OTHER LINES
1119  F5  FD      0015  :SAVE X
1120  F5  FD      0016  :WAIT 1.05 *255 L00P5
1121  F5  FD      0017  :SAVE Y
1122  F5  FD      0018  :RESTORE X
1123  F5  FD      0019  :RESTORE ACC
1124  F5  FD      001A  :PUTUPN
1125  F5  FD      001B  :
1126  F5  FD      001C  :
1127  F5  FD      001D  :
1128  F5  FD      001E  :
1129  F5  FD      001F  :
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1131  F5  FD      0021  :
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1163  F5  FD      0041  :

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