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KIM-1/6502 POWER!

If you think that KIM-1 with 1K RAM is a limited power machine -- hold on to your hat! Peter Jenrings has written a chess-playing program that runs in 1K using just the keyboard and display. I've played against his current version, which plays at the 'competent beginner' level. Even this is quite impressive, but Peter tells me that he'll be beefing up the strategy over the next few months and expects it to play a fairly competent game. All this in 1K! Never underestimate your KIM.

Peter plans to market his chess program commercially after he polishes it up in the next few months ... I'm looking forward to seeing the final version.
--Jim Butterfield

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As of now we have 4/70 members...and plenty of new ideas to develop. But first, we have some corrections for volume 1 issue 1.

Page 4 - the second instruction in the random number generator should be SDC not (SD)

Page 13 - bottom portion of listing should read:
027A C8
027B C0 06
027D 90 F3
027F 20 3D 1F
0282 60

Page 16 - top address should read 005B (not 005K), address 0091 should contain 09 15 (not 09 15)

Page 18 - address 0238 should be D0 (not DC) address 0242 should be D8 (not DB)

ALREADY CORRECTED IN #1

To alleviate possible typographical errors in future issues, please try to submit articles single spaced on white bond so that we may cut and paste instead of re-typing. Also, if you expect a personal response to correspondence, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, to help defray expenses.

MOS KIMATH PACKAGE PRELIMINARY

Let's hold off from interfacing calculator chips to our 6502's - at least for a while. I just received preliminary documentation from MOS Technology for a floating-point package (up to 17 digits and exponents from +99 to -99) that may be what we need for adding higher math functions to our machines. It's a 2K x 8 ROM with routines for ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY, DIVIDE, SQUARE ROOT, LOG, ANTLOG, TANGENT, and ARCTANGENT, in 4 different formats. KIMATH also has several subroutines for evaluating polynomial expressions which can be used to approximate most other mathematical functions.

The price and availability are not known at this time and will be passed along when released from MOS.

RAMS1111

Have you seen the October issue of BYTE?

The theme of the issue was source code interpretation and several different methods were presented. This application is a natural for the KIM1 (with suitable I/O). The article on page 36 showed, perhaps, the most logical and easiest to implement form of source code handling (I will be using this algorithm). There were also several audio Com'ts.

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to digital conversion circuits using the 567 tone decoder that looked promising.

I am quite excited over the possibility of combining two of my hobbies in this manner and will be spending a lot of energy in this area. I know that some of you are also working on this application, so let's hear from you.

If we can get a workable program together - we may be able to interest MOS Technology into making off a ROM (2K x 8). There might be room for a BAUDOT PRTR program also (ON ONE CHIP!).

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THE OTHER TIMER

by Richard W. Lutz

Need a second interval timer? Your KIM system has one in the 6530-002 that is used only when loading or dumping to audio cassette. In applications where possibly you have dedicated your "application" timer (address 1704-170F) to a real time clock and you may still need to time intervals or incorporate delays, the other timer is available instead of using software timing loops. However, the timer has to be polled (BIT Test) rather than run on an interrupt basis as PB-7 on 6530-002 is used for the audio cassette interface.

Addressee of The "Other Timer":

- 1744 = Divide by 1 Time
- 1745 = Divide by 8 Time
- 1746 = Divide by 64 Time
- 1747 = Divide by 1024 Time
- 1746 = Read Time Out Bit (Bit Test)

Want your program in firmware? Richard is offering to program EPROMS with your program. He also has a circuit board available (with buffered address lines) that will accept the PROM and a 6530. For details, drop him a post card.

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Here's a tip that may help other beginners with the KIM-1. In order for the analog step SST switch to work, it is necessary to load the interrupt vector: 1000 into location 177A & 177B 177A (00) 177B (1C)
I didn't know this--the manual isn't clear--and I sent my computer back to MOS Tech. for repairs.

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RELATIVE BRANCH TABLE
6502 and 6800

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BACKWARD RELATIVE

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F			
4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F				
5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F					
6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F						
7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F							
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FORWARD RELATIVE

MODIFYING THE S.D. SALES 4K LOW-PRICE RAM BOARD
FOR USE WITH KIM

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My KIM-1 system currently has an additional 8k of RAM and a 16-line by 64-character video display of my own design plus an ASCII keyboard. One of the two 4k memory boards in my system is a modified S.D. Sales Altair-compatible board. My first contribution to the newsletter is the enclosed article detailing the modifications I made to the S.D. Sales board. The neophyte KIM owner should probably not attempt to perform such a modification, but a more knowledgeable user who is looking for a low-cost memory, but up to now has not had the confidence to purchase an Altair-compatible board, will be interested.

I am writing an assembler for the 6502 which will use a modified version of the KIM cassette I/O protocol for source input and object output. I have added start-stop control via peripheral pins and can read and write individual records on cassette tapes. The process is slow but cheap and reliable. I would like to distribute the assembler through the User's Group when it is finished. I will make it easy for a user to integrate his own video or hard-copy/output into it.

I am happy that a KIM/6502 User's Group has been started. I would like to see an end to the dominance of the hobby computer field by Altair and friends.

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The modifications described here do not require any damage or physical changes to the board (trace cut) so the board can be restored to any retail resale value as an Altair-compatible board. The modification proceeds as follows:

1. Solder all components on the board per the instructions. Do not insert any IC's into sockets yet. (Do solder the regulators on the board).
2. Install jumpers in the memory-address-selection area between a-a, b-b, c-c, and d-d.

3. Using a short piece of small-diameter bare wire (such as #30 wirewrap wire, straddle pad) tack a jumper between IC-34 pins 6, 9, and 10. Tack a similar jumper between IC-39 pins 2 and 3.

4. Using insulated wire tack a jumper between IC-34 pins 12 and 13 and IC-39 pin 4. Tack a jumper between IC-34 pin 8 and IC-39 pin 6.

5. Tack four insulated-wire jumpers between the following pins of IC's 37 and 33: IC-37 pins 13, 11, 9, and 5 to IC-33 pins 3, 8, 11, and 6, respectively.

6. Tack-solder four 560-ohm, 1/2w resistors between +5 volts (found at IC-34 and IC-37 pin 14) and IC-34 pins 1, 2, 4, and 5.

7. Insert the 21102's and IC-34, a 74S20, and IC's 38, 40, 41, 42, and 43 (8797's).

IC's 35, 36, 37, and 39 are not used, and must be omitted.

Notification is complete and connection between KIM and the memory board should be made via an Altair-style 100-pin connector. The connections are as follows:

pin A (A30)	pin 79	Memory board conn.
pin B (A31)	pin 80	
pin C (A32)	pin E1	
pin D (A33)	pin 31	
pin E (A34)	pin 30	
pin F (A35)	pin 29	
pin H (A36)	pin 22	
pin J (A37)	pin 63	
pin K (A38)	pin 84	
pin L (A39)	pin 34	
pin Z (RAM-R/W)	pin 68	
pin V (R/A)	pin 47	
pin 8 (DB7)	pins 43 and 90	
pin 9 (DB6)	pins 40 and 93	
pin 10 (DB5)	pins 39 and 92	
pin 11 (DB4)	pins 38 and 91	
pin 12 (DB3)	pins 42 and 89	
pin 13 (DB2)	pins 41 and 88	
pin 14 (DB1)	pins 35 and 94	
pin 15 (DB0)	pins 36 and 95	

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pin C (K1)	pin 33	Com't.
pin D (K2)	pin 85	
pin E (K3)	pin 86	
pin F (K4)	pin 32	

System ground must be connected to memory board pins 90 and 100 and a source of +8 volts unregulated to memory board pins 1 and 51. The board draws about 1 ampere. The 8707 buffers used on the memory present a fraction of a TTL load to the KIM, therefore no other buffers are required. Of course, if additional devices are connected to the KIM, buffers will be required.

TIMER turns KIM into a digital stopwatch showing up to 99 minutes and 59.99 seconds. It is designed to be accurate to 50 microseconds per second. The interval time is used to count 9994 cycles and the instructions between the time out and the reset of the timer make up the other 16 cycles in .01 seconds. The keyboard is used to control the routine as follows:

KEY	FUNCTION
0	stop
1	reset
2	print time on terminal
3	return to KIM
4	

TIMER	FUNCTION
0320 A9 00	TIMER
0322 85 F9	RESSET
0328 85 F8	
0328 20 1F 1F	HOLD
032E 20 6A 1F	
032E C9 04	
0330 D0 03	
0332 4C 64 1C	
0335 C9 03	NOQUIT
0337 D0 1F	
0339 A5 F8	
033E 20 38 1E	
0340 20 40 1E	
0342 45 FA 1E	
0346 A9 2E	
034A 20 A0 1E	
034D A5 F9	
034F 20 38 1E	
0352 20 2F 1E	
0352 38 1E	
0356 B0 D0	
0358 C9 02	
035A F0 C4	
035C C9 01	

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TIMER
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MEMORY EXPANSION: Error in Diagnostic
The KIM-2/KIM-3 Users Manual (publication 6500-16) contains a diagnostic program to test memory on page 17 (program 2). Due to a mistake in coding, it won't work. Label 'LOOP' is placed wrongly ... it should be on the previous line. To correct, change location 0265 from value 0C given by the listing to value 09 which will give proper operation. By the way, it's not a very good diagnostic, in my opinion. Let's see some better ones in USER NOTES.
Jim Butterfield

Cont's.

017D 29 0F	HEXOUT AND #50F	remove unwanted bits
017F C9 0A	CMF #50A	change to ASCII by...
0191 18	CLC	adding;
0192 30 02	BMI HEX1	
0184 69 07	ADC #504	\$37 if A to F
0186 69 30	ADC #530	\$30 if numeric
0185 A0 08	HEX1	for the eight bits...
018A 84 E2	OUTCHT LDY #03	
018C A0 02	LDY #02	
018E 94 E3	STY TRIB	send 3 units
0190 BE BE 01	LDX NPU1,Y	starting at 3600 hertz
0193 48	PHX	number of half cycles
0194 2C 47 17	ZON1	keep the character
0197 10 FB 01	BIT CLKRDI	Wait for the previous...
0199 B9 BF 01	BPL ZON1	..cycle to complete
019C 9D 44 17	STA CLKIT,Y	Ge the time to the...
019F A5 E1	LDA GARG	..next pulse (\$7E or C3)
01A1 49 56	EOR #530	
01A3 8D 42 17	STA SDB	
01A4 95 E1	STA GARG	
01A8 CA	DEX	
01A9 D0 E9	BNE ZON1	have we sent all the cycles?
01AB 68	FLA	hope, send another one
01AC C6 E3	DEC TRIB	Get back the character
01AE F0 05	BRQ SETZ	one less unit to send
01B0 30 07	BMI ROUT	and the last one's here
01B2 4A	LSR A	none left? quit
01B3 90 DB	BCC ZON	Take next bit
01B5 A0 00	LDI #500	..and if it's a one...
01B7 F0 D7	BEQ ZON	switch to 2400 cycles/sec
01B9 C6 E2	DEC COUNT	unconditional return
01BB D0 CF	BNE TRY	one less bit
01BD 60	RTS	any more? go back
01BE 02	! frequency/density controls	
01BF C3 03 7E	NRUL .BYTE \$02	two pulses: one cycle!
	.BYTE \$C3,\$03,\$7E	
	end	

A Microcomputer Data Processing course, utilizing the KIM-1, will be held at Thomas Valley State Technical College in Norwich, Connecticut. The course will consist of 22 evening sessions and will run from Dec. 6, 1976 thru Feb. 28, 1977. Contact Frank Pylecki (203) 886-0177 for more information.

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SUPERTAPE1
 C0BTRF 1976

Jim Butterfield
 Toronto

DUMFT LDA #3AD op code LDA
 STA VEB set up subtrn
 JSR INTVEB LDA #327 flag to go to SBD
 STA GANG LDA #3BF open the channels
 LDA #3DF send 100...
 LDA #316 ..SYNC chars
 JSR HIC
 LDA #32A send asterisk
 JSR OUTCHT then the ID
 LDA ID followed by
 JSR CUTFR the start address
 LDA SAL (low and high)
 JSR OUTBTRC LDA SNAH
 LDA SNAH JSR OUTBTRC
 JSR VEB get memory word
 JSR OUTBTRC and send it
 JSR INCVEB on to next address
 LDA VEB+1 is the address..
 CMT EAL ..at the end?
 LDA VEB+2
 SEC EAH
 BCC DUMFT4 no, go back!
 LDA #32F yes, send end-data
 JSR OUTCHT ..and checksum
 LDA CHKL ..hi and low..
 JSR OUTBTRC
 LDA CHKH
 LDA CHKH JSR OUTBTRC
 LDA SNAH JSR OUTBTRC
 LDA #302 send two..
 LDA #304 EOF characters
 JSR HIC
 JSR DISIZ and we're finished
 STX TIC
 HIC subroutines follow here
 HIC count
 HIA send character
 JSR OUTCHT ..and bring it back
 PLA DEC TIC do it again
 BNE HIC1
 RTS

016D 20 4C 19 OUTBTRC JSR CHKT compute checksum
 0170 49 FFA OUTBTRC save the character
 0171 4A LSR A ..and take lts
 0172 4A LSR A four left bits..
 0173 4A LSR A
 0174 4A JSR HEXOUT write 'em ...
 0175 20 PLA now the 4 right bits..
 0176 68 JSR HEXOUT
 0179 20 PLA
 017C 60 RTS

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KIM-1 SOFTWARE
 Robert Tripp, editor of THE COMPUTERIST has put together a package of games, demo-programs and real-time monitor to control the whole works on a cassette. It's available as a package (cassette, source listings & instructions) for \$10.00. It's called PLEASE. runs on the basic KIM with no additional memory or I/O and sounds very interesting. It is available from Micro Cosmos, 210 Daniel Webster Hwy. - Wob., to. Nashua, N.H. 03600

MORE SOFTWARE:
 6902 Program Exchange, 2920 Hoana Ln., Reno Nevada, 89509
 (\$25 for program list.) Most programs were written for TIM & JOLT monitors, but easily converted to KIM by changing I/O subroutines called. You need a TIM or JOLT extra, order TIM (DEMON) subroutines list and you will receive a list of 16 TIM routines and their effects to make conversion to KIM a lot easier. (and it's cheaper than buying a TIM manual).
 89509

035E DO CB
 0360 A9 9C LDA #9C
 0362 8D 06 17 STA TIMSET
 0365 20 1F 1F JSR SCANDIS display value
 0368 AD 07 17 LDA TIMGET check timer
 0368 FD F8 BE, EXIKX wait loop
 036D 8D 00 1C STA KHX delay 4 usec
 0370 A9 9C LDA #9C
 0372 8D 06 17 STA TIMSET
 0375 18 CLC
 0376 F8 JED set flags
 0377 A5 P9 LDA IMH Increment hundredths
 0378 69 01 ADC #1
 0378 85 P9 LDA IMH
 037D A5 P9 LDA ICMINTL
 037F 69 00 ADC #0 Increment seconds
 0381 85 FA JTA POINTL stop at 60
 0383 C9 60 CMT #60
 0385 D0 08 BNE CRKEY
 0387 A9 00 LDA #0 zero seconds
 0389 85 FA STA POINTL
 038B A5 P9 LDA POINTH
 038D 18 CLC
 038E 69 01 ADC #1 Increment minutes
 0390 85 P9 STA POINTH
 0392 D8 CLD
 0393 20 6A 1F JSR CRKEY read keyboard
 0396 C9 00 CMT #0 key 0
 0398 D0 C8 BNE DISPL
 039A FD BC BNY HCLLD stop

Programs for the 6502 can often be found in Dr. Dobbs' Journal of Computer Calligraphies & Orthodontia (5: 94025). The August 1976 issue contains a full set of floating point routines (including logarithms but not trig functions). September 1976 has a 'classsembler'. You'll need to do a little modifying since programs are often written for other monitors (like APPLE or JOLT).

TIM BASIC NOW AVAILABLE ON KIM CASSETTE
 from Bob Grater

Bob Grater has informed me that the Byte Shop #2 will be making Tom Pittman's Tiny Basic available on KIM compatible cassettes for \$9.50 + \$1.00 shipping. The user manual is included in the deal.
 (Basic Starts At \$2000) (Not \$2000)

Also from Bob...The SBA-1 (serial adapter board) will be available for \$24.95 + \$1.00 shipping from: Byte Shop #2, 3400 W. El Camino Real, Santa Clara, Cal. 95051.

We will have it set up at the Byte Shop #2, so that KIM users in the Bay Area can bring their KIM-1 in and play it thru our TVT to see how the system works. Also included a simple circuit that I use to clock the UART off of 5V on KIM instead of the on-board clock---this makes a super stable clock. All the CD4020 outputs are buffered and can be used to drive a number of other accessory circuits.

from Bob Grater

CD4020

500 KHz

to UART clock

BAUD RATE SELECT

from Bob Grater

Feq. Available

pin #9 =	500 KHz
pin #7 =	63.5 KHz
pin #5 =	81.25 KHz
pin #4 =	16.25 KHz
pin #3 =	781.25 Hz
pin #2 =	7806.25 Hz
pin #1 =	78062.5 Hz
pin #0 =	780625 Hz
pin #15 =	7806.25 Hz
pin #14 =	78062.5 Hz
pin #13 =	780625 Hz
pin #12 =	7806.25 Hz
pin #11 =	78062.5 Hz
pin #10 =	780625 Hz

BAUD RATE = $\frac{\text{Clocking}}{16}$

NOTE: Some members have reported that they are having difficulties getting the following Kluge Harp to run correctly. ~ the editor ~

KIM-1 KLUGE HARP

I am sending a program for a KLUGE HARP (OCT 75, BTRF, PAGE 14) 28704 (919) 867-5822

from Robert G. Lloyd
7554 Southgate Rd.
Fayetteville, N.C.

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ADDRESS MACHINE CODE LABELS MNEMONICS COMMENTS
0100 A0 0F MUSIC LDT #8FF
02 A9 00 LOP2 LDA #800
04 8D 03 17 STA PBDD
07 EE 03 03 INC
0A A9 80 LDA #880
0C 8D 01 17 STA PADD
0F EE 08 03 INC
12 EE 08 03 INC
15 A2 02 NOTER LDX #802
17 CA LOP1 BNE LOP1
18 00 FD LOP1 BNE LOP1
1A 38 DET DET
1B 20 E5 BNE LOP2
1D A5 16 LOP2 LDA #800
1F 8D 00 03 STA NOTER
22 EE 1E 03 INC
25 A2 0F LDX #8FF
27 A0 0F LOP4 LDT #8FF
29 88 LOP4 DET
2A 00 PD BNE LOP3
2C CA BNE LOP3
2E D0 F8 BNE LOP4
2F C5 30 CMP #830
31 D0 CF BNE LOP2
33 A9 00 LDA #800
35 8D 1E 03 STA
38 A9 02 LDA #802
3A 8D 16 03 STA
3D 4C DC 1C JMP PCCMD
  
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THE SCORE START IS SET AT ADDRESS 031E
THE SCORE END IS SET AT ADDRESS 0330
THE SCORE IS LOCATED IN "O" PAGE

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TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR SET LOC 031E TO 00, SET LOC 0330 TO 30
0000 02 02 55 55 39 39 33 33 39
40 40 45 45 4C 4C 55 39 39 40
40 45 45 55 39 39 40 40 45 45
55 55 55 39 33 33 39 40 40 45
00C8 45 4C 4C 55 02 02 02
  
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DAISI SET LOC 031E TO 00, SET LOC 0330 TO 63
0000 02 02 02 1C 1C 22 22 22 28
28 28 39 39 39 33 2D 28 43 33
28 39 39 39 39 39 39 26 26 26
1C 1C 1C 22 22 22 28 28 28 33
2D 28 26 26 22 26 26 26 26 26
22 20 22 26 1C 1C 22 26 28 28
28 28 26 22 22 28 33 33 28 33
39 39 39 39 39 28 28 22 26 26
39 28 28 22 26 22 20 1C 22 28
005A 26 26 39 28 28 28 02 02 02
  
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SUPERTAPE WORKS GREAT!! HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ~ the editor ~

KIM-1 / TTY FIXIT MOD - from Ronald Kushner, 310 Addison Cty., Cornell Hts., Pa. 19020
The keyboard return from the TTY normally goes through a 150 ohm resistor (R49) to +5 volts. Disconnect the keyboard return lead from pin "m" on the applications connector and connect it through a 470 ohm R will resistor to pin "m" (+12 vdc). Pin "m" is now used for both audio cassette interface and TTY when hooked to +12 vdc. This turned hopeless chat-ter into perfect copy. Now if I can only figure a way to get the teletype home from work....

SUPERTAPE!
Jim Butterfield
Toronto

How long does it take you to load a full 1K of KIM-1 memory? Over two minutes? And if you're going for memory expansion, how long will it take you to load your 8KT twenty minutes?

Hold onto your hats. Program SUPERTAPE will write fully compatible tapes in a fraction of the time. You can load a full 1K in 21 seconds.
Fully compatible means this: once you've written a tape using SUPERTAPE! you can read it back in using the normal KIM-1 program (starting at 1875 as usual). And the utilities and diagnostic programs work on this super-compressed data (e.g., DIRECTORY and VDATA).

You'll need some memory space for the program, of course. If you have memory expansion, there'll be no problem finding space, of course. But if you're on the basic KIM-1, as I am, you'll have to "squeeze in" SUPERTAPE! along with the program you're dumping to tape. I try to leave page 1 alone usually (the stack can overwrite your program due to bugs); so I stage SUPERTAPE! in that area. For the convenience of relocation, the listing underlines those addresses that will need changing. There are also four values needed in page zero which you may change to any convenient location.

For those interested in the theory of the thing, I should mention: SUPERTAPE! is not the limit. If you wished to abandon KIM-1 monitor compatibility, you could continue to speed up tape by a factor of 4 or 5 times more. (Can you imagine reading 1K in four seconds?). For the moment, however, SUPERTAPE! is plenty fast for me.

Thanks go to Julien Dube for his help in staging early versions of SUPERTAPE!
PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SUPERTAPE TRIALS

So far, Supertape has been tried on a half-dozen or so cassette recorders, with mixed results. Three of these give solid input: never-fail loading. The other three work poorly or not at all.

The only common factor I can spot (don't have elaborate test facilities here) is cassette player output level - the good ones invariably blast out a fairly strong signal. In principle, level shouldn't matter; the first thing the signal hits on the KIM-1 board is a lister which cuts all signals down to the same size.

For those who would like to improve their tape speed but can't get full speed Supertape to work on their cassettes, a change of two locations will give intermediate packing default:

Name	Speed Improvement	01BE	01CO
STANDARD	x 1	0C	12
FASTAPE	x 2	06	09
SPEEDTAP	x 3	04	06
SUPERTAPE	x 6	02	03

Maybe we should start a catalogue of cassette recorder models and what speeds each will support.
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Looking at Tapes

Jim Butterfield, Toronto

Program VTAPE lets you actually see the contents of a EIH format tape as it's going by. It shows the data going by very quickly, because of the tape speed... but you can at least 'sense' the kind of material on the tape.

In case of tape troubles, this should give you a hint as to the area of your problem: nothing's noisy, drop-out? And you can prepare a test tape (see below) to check out the tape quality and your recorder. The test tape will also help you establish the best settings for your volume and tone controls.

Perhaps VU-TAPE's most useful function, though, is to give you a 'feeling' for how data is stored on tape. You can actually watch the processor trying to synchronize into the bit stream. Once it's synched, you'll see the characters rolling off the tape... until an END or illegal character drops you back into the sync mode again. It's educational to watch. And since the program is fairly short, you should be able to trace out just how the processor tracks the input tape.

VTAPE starts at location 0000 and is fully relocatable (so you can load it anywhere it fits).

KIM UTILITY: VU-TAPE

02

0000 D8	START	CID
0001 A9 7F	LDA #27E	set display dir reg
0003 9D 41 17	STA PADD	..window 6 and tape in
0006 A9 13	LDA #13	and keep pointer
0008 A9 13	STA POINT	
0009 B5 E0	STA SBD	get a bit and
000A 8D 42 17	JSR RDBIT	..slip it into
0010 46 F9	LSR INH	..the right-hand
0012 05 F9	ORA INH	..slide
0014 85 F9	STA INH	
0016 AD 46 17	STA SAD	show bit flow on display
0019 C9 16	CMP #16	..is it a SYNC?
001B D0 E9	BNE SYN	nope, keep 'em rolling
001D 20 24 1A	JSR RDOCHT	yup, start grabbing...
0020 C9 2A	CMP #32A	..9 bits at a time and...
0022 D9 F5	BNE TST	..if it's not an '...'
0024 A9 00	BNE TST	..then start showing
0026 AD E9 17	STA SAD	..characters 1 at a time
0029 20 24 1A	JSR RDOCHT	
002C 20 00 1A	STA SAVX	..converting to hexdec..
002F D0 D5	JSR FACT	
0031 A6 E0	BNE SYN	..if legal
0033 E8	LDX POINT	
0034 E8	INX	
0035 E0 15	INX	Move along to next..
0037 D0 02	CPX #15	..display position
0039 A2 09	BNE OVER	(if last digit,...
003B 86 E0	LDX #309	..reset to first)
003D 9E 42 17	STX POINT	
0040 AA	STX SBD	
0041 BD E7 1F	TAX	change character read
0044 3D 40 17	LDA TABLE, X	..to segments and..
0047 D0 DB	STA SAD	send to the display
	BNE STREAM	unconditional jump

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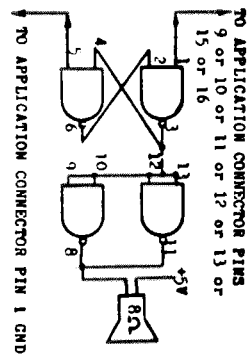
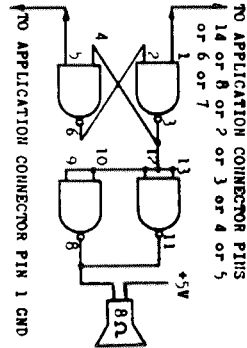
0000 A0 87 CO LDR #8
 0002 8C 43 17 STI R8B
 0005 A9 16 LP LDA #16
 0007 20 7A 19 JSR OUTCH
 000A D0 79 RNS L P
 BNE L P

Make a test tape containing an endless stream of SYNC characters with the following program:
 Check out Tapes/Recorders

directional...
 SYNC
 ..out to tape

Now use program VTAPE. The display should show a steady stream of SYNC characters. Try playing with your controls and see over what range the picture stays locked in. The wider the range, the better your cassette/recorder.

Here is the circuit for the music



The program by STAN COKERS (ALPHANUMERICS ON THE KIM DISPLAY) is very good. I tried it and it works great. Is the 'r' some way to hook up a set of RAM 2 X 7 DOT MATRIX LEDs for the display?
 I am trying to get a chip started in the FAYETTEVILLE area. We only have 5 members right now.

HEX CODES FOR NOTES

LOW OCTAVE	MIDDLE OCTAVE	HIGH OCTAVE
C AA	C 55	C 2B
C# A0	C# 50	C# 28
D 98	D 4C	D 26
D# 90	D# 48	D# 24
E 89	E 45	E 22
F 80	F 40	F 20
F# 7A	F# 3D	F# 1E
G 72	G 39	G 1C
G# 6C	G# 36	G# 1B
A 66	A 33	A 19
A# 60	A# 30	A# 18
B 5A	B 2D	B 16
		C 15

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Your truly
ROBERT G. LLOYD

ANOTHER KIM-1 APPLICATION IDEA
 AN AUTOMATIC PROGRAMMER can be set up to program fusible-link types (825123, 825129 etc.) or the erasable variety (1702A, 5204, etc.) Will save many hours of time doing a job that your computer does alot better. Who'll be the first to get this together?

A NOTE FROM WILLIAM R. DEWILLY, 1320 Blood Road, Colesville, NY 14037

The KIM-1 USER'S MANUAL, page 36, last line, states that RAM locations 1700 to 172B are available for application programs; however 17E7, 17E8, 17E9, 17FA and 17EB are used for CML, CHM, SAVX, SAVX and SAVX respectively (see page 3 of 6530-003 software list). Therefore application programs should not use those locations and the last line on page 36 of the KIM-1 USER'S MANUAL should be changed to: ".....RAM from 1700 to 17E6."

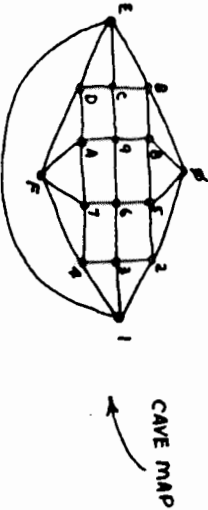
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HUNT THE WIMPUS
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I first ran across the WIMPUS in THE BEST OF CREATIVE COMPUTING where it is programmed in BASIC. The following is based on this program with modifications so I could fit the program and messages in the KIM-1 memory. The messages appear on the display in scanning form with "sort-of" alphanumeric letters.

The WIMPUS lives in a cave of 16 rooms (labeled A-F). Each room has four tunnels leading to other rooms (see the figure). When the program is started, you and the WIMPUS are placed at random. Also placed at random are two bottomless pits (they don't bother the WIMPUS, he's too heavy). If you enter a room with a pit, you fall in and lose. If you enter a Bats' room you are picked up and flown at random to another room. You will be warned when Bats' flies or the WIMPUS are nearby. If you enter the room with the WIMPUS, he wakes and either moves to an adjacent room or just eats you up (you lose). In order to capture the WIMPUS you have three cans of "MOOD CHANGER" Gas. When thrown into a room containing the WIMPUS the gas causes him to turn from a vicious snarling beast into a meek and lovable creature. He will even come out and give you a hug. Beware though, once you lose a can of Gas in the room it is contaminated and you cannot enter or the gas will turn you into a beast (you lose).

The program starts at \$356. If you lose and want everything to remain the same, (except the room you are in), restart at \$316. Use the reset key to stop the program because about half of page one is used and if you just use the stop button the stack will eventually work its way down into the program. The byte at \$229 controls the speed of the display. Once you get use to the characters you can speed things up by putting in a lower number. The message normally given tells you what room you are in and what the choices are for the next room. In order to fire the mood gas press PC (Pitch Can?) when the rooms are to be selected are displayed. Then indicate the room into which you want to pitch the can. It takes a fresh can to get the WIMPUS (he may move into a room already guessed). GOOD HUNTING!



0000 80 EE DC BE 80 F7 DD F9 80 84 04 80 xx 80 30 80
 0010 F8 BE D4 D4 F9 B8 ED 80 B8 F9 F7 DE 80 F8 DC 80
 0020 xx xx xx xx 80 00 80 DC DC F3 ED 80 C0 80 PC BE
 0030 B7 F3 F9 DE 80 F7 80 9C BE B7 F3 BE ED 80 80 00
 0040 --- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --
 0050 02 02 00 01 01 00 03 04 00 06 07 00 09 0A 01 04
 0060 05 03 01 02 03 02 05 06 05 08 09 08 0B 0C 08 07
 0070 08 04 03 04 07 06 07 04 09 0A 0F 0C 0D 0E 0C 0A
 0080 0B 0E 05 06 0F 08 09 0F 08 0C 0D 0E 0E 0F 0D 0D
 0090 80 B7 84 ED ED F9 ED 80 C0 80 DC D4 B8 EE 80 xx
 00A0 80 B9 F7 D4 ED 80 B8 F9 F1 F8 80 C0 80 EE DC BE
 00B0 80 B8 DC ED F9 80 00 80 DC DC B7 D3 80 00 xx

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(cont.)

0100 80 9C BE B7 F3 BE ED 80 B9 B8 DC FD F9 00 80 F3
 0110 84 F8 80 B8 8C ED F9 00 80 FC F7 80 9C BE B7
 0120 B4 DC ED F9 80 80 80 F6 F7 80 9C BE B7
 0130 F3 BE ED 80 BD DC F8 80 EE DC BE 80 00 80 ED BE
 0140 F3 F9 D0 FC F7 F3 80 ED D4 F7 F8 B9 F6 80 80
 0150 EE EE 84 84 F9 F9 F9 80 F1 F9 B8 B8 80 D4 80
 0160 F3 84 F8 80 00 80 BD F7 ED 80 80 D4 80 DC DC
 0170 B7 80 00 80 80 BE F8 80 DC F3 80 BD F7 ED 80 DC
 0200 84 DE 85 3D A9 07 85 3F A0 05 A2 05 B1 DD C9 00
 0210 D0 01 60 95 E4 88 CA 10 F3 D8 18 98 65 8F 85 DC
 0220 20 28 02 A4 DC 4C 0A 02 A2 0A 6 DB A9 32 80 07
 0230 17 20 3E 0C 2C 07 17 10 F8 56 08 D0 EF 60 A9 7F
 0240 8D 41 17 A0 00 A2 09 B9 E8 00 84 F 20 4E 1F C8
 0250 0C 06 90 F3 20 3D 1F 60 20 8C 1E 20 3E 02 D0 F8
 0260 20 3E 02 F0 F8 20 3E 02 F0 F6 40 6A 1F 09 15 10
 0270 E7 60 A5 00 00 04 56 C0 D0 F8 29 BE F0 05 0A 90
 0280 FD F0 05 06 00 A5 00 60 06 C0 5E 00 A5 00 60 A2
 0290 04 D5 38 00 03 CA 10 10 F9 60 20 72 02 29 0F 09 04
 02A0 90 0D 20 B2 02 AD 06 17 29 03 A4 B5 C6 85 C8 A5
 02B0 C8 60 A6 CA 95 50 95 C6 B5 60 95 C7 85 70 85 C8
 02C0 85 80 85 59 60 A2 03 D5 C6 F0 01 CA 10 F9 60 A0
 02D0 01 20 0C 02 A0 00 49 AC 20 00 02 4C D4 02 8D D0
 02E0 F9 F7 F8 30 80 EE 3C BE 80 80 F9 F8 80 F7 80 F6
 02F0 BE BD 80 F1 20 DC B7 80 9C BE B7 F3 BE ED 80 00
 0300 AD 06 17 85 30 A9 EF A2 0E 95 C1 CA 10 F9 A9 03
 0310 85 D0 A0 05 10 02 A0 00 A2 05 20 72 02 29 0F D5
 0320 CA F0 F3 5A 10 F9 99 CA 00 88 10 EC 20 82 02 A0
 0330 03 84 E1 89 36 00 20 5F 02 5A 30 17 B0 03 00 04
 0340 A9 19 10 0A ED 01 90 04 A9 0E 10 02 A9 00 00 00
 0350 20 00 C2 56 E1 24 E1 10 D4 A4 CA B9 87 1F 85 0C
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 03B0 3D 20 00 02 4C 16 03 A9 4F 20 CF 02 A9 65 20 CF
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 03F0 6C 03 A0 02 A9 DE 20 00 02 F0 F7 A9 73 20 CF 02

EDITORS NOTE: On the Bay Area TTY from The Byte Shop #2, my friend TTY is up and running! Practically, it's a 32x16 display (a board to convert to a 6x16 display is available from other sources) that scrolls up after the screen is filled instead of going to another page. The screen is cursor control, and parallel interface are included on the main board instead of the usual plug-in arrangement. The pc board is definitely of industrial quality! From Bob Greiner that it's been improved. The price of the TTY is \$139.00 + 2.00 shipping from The Byte Shop #2. 3400 W. El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California 95051.

There is a slight bug in the travelling message program I sent you. It seems that the last character is displayed momentarily and then goes blank. Rearrange as follows: The WIMPUS program enclosed has it fixed the right way.

I have the assembly level listing of WIMPUS (haven't typed it though). It is so long that I thought the hex listing would suffice. There are a few things of interest like a random number generator (ala Sept. '76 Byte) in 0272-028E but mostly it is all WIMPUS. For those interested I'd be willing to send the assembly listing for a self-addressed stamped envelope. I'd also be willing to copy the program on tape for those furnishing a tape and return postage. (It's not really that long though and can be punched in fairly quickly).

I hope the User-Notes are coming along well. I can hardly wait.

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