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The undersigned is publishing a newsletter devoted to the dissemination of items of interest to owners of Bally Computer System products.

The Tiny BASIC cartridge currently available contains a large number of features that are not defined, discussed, or even mentioned in the Bally-supplied manual. Subscribers are in the process of investigating these features, and through this journal identify and share the information with others. In this way, subscribers are able to develop programs with special enhancements, eventually approaching the quality of factory products. We are, for example, able to call up various sound effects, or produce more colors on the screen than the manual discusses.

For those more technically oriented, we have located the PEEK, POKE, and CALL commands to allow more direct access to the internals.

Others of our subscribers are working on the interface requirements to allow the use of peripherals with the Bally. We are using the cassette interface to trade programs and are considering a sale arrangement for unique and exceptionally interesting programs.

We enjoy a positive relationship with the manufacturer, and have frequent contact. Because of this relationship, our readers are aware of new/proposed/available options, etc., far in advance of the public.

Issues are produced on an as-required basis with a bi-monthly minimum, expanding to monthly as the volume of inputs indicates. The majority of material is subscriber-developed. The Staff is not a computer expert and is learning as much or more than the subscribers. Material needed includes programs, ideas, narratives of how any function works, applications, methods of getting around the limitations of Tiny BASIC, all the kinds of things that RShack and PET user groups and commercial outfits are developing.

If you have material or a program to share, the Typist would appreciate a copy-able version so that the Publisher can just duplicate it.

Because material in the journal is of long-term value, a subscription is for a full year only, November to October, and payment at any time during the year results in receipt of all issues for that year, via First Class.

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