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EDITOR'S CORNER

Well, hat in hand, I beg your forgiveness for publishing an article with so many errors or omissions in it, as Larry Owen's CHIP 8AE article contains at least 2 typos, no reference to port and flag corrections required for different systems, and 3 omissions. The corrections are as follows:

	10EA - 38	instead of 3B	
	14DC - 3A		30
add at	11FA - D4	66 02 80 23 23	
	1380 - E3	61 00 F8 CB A9 06 59 D4 24	
	14D7 - 92	73 9F FB DF 3A D7 30 24	- VDU Version only
	14EA - 30	D7 E2 E2	- VDU Version only
	14F5 - 00	00 00 00 00 00 00	- VDU Version only
delete	159D - C4		- VDU Version only
move	1585 to 159C	to 1586 - 159D	- VDU Version only
add at	1585 - C4		

1861 Version Port References are located as follows:

1381 - 61	turn off display
1417 - 61	" " "
14D3 - 61	" on "

Flag 4 is used in this version: 15B5 - 3C
 15BE - 3C
 15C5 - 34

1861 version uses Inport 4 for the keyboard at 148E, while the VDU version uses Inport 7 at 148D.

All regular CHIP 8 games will run on this version, loaded at 0200h.

Hardware News

The version 11 Disk Controller Board is in production, and the members who have waited patiently so long for the new board should receive them by the end of August.

Work has started on the 80 x 25 Video board, Tony Hill has a working proto type, which now has to be translated into artwork and a finished board.

The club is contemplating a D to A ; A to D board for controller projects. I would appreciate hearing from you if you are interested in such a board, or if you have circuits which work for either function. Jim Kreter, from Worthington Ohio, is leading the design on this project.

Member's Corner

Al Magnani asks whether Eproms and Rams can be mixed on a single board, such as ACE's Eprom Board. The answer is yes, our board was designed specifically for just that, as is the CPU card's memory area.

Tom Jones, 295th Avn Co, SFTS Det., APO N.Y. 09028 is working on a portable speech synthesizer for a handicapped child. Tom would appreciate contact with someone who has experience in this area, and who would be willing to shop for hard to get parts for him in the USA. This is a very worthwhile project in a new frontier area of applied microprocessors.

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REVIEW - PASCAL WITH YOUR BASIC MICRO

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Pascal With Your BASIC Micro
Jeremy Ruston
Howard W. Sams & Co., Inc.
Indianapolis, IN: 1983
\$9.95

Many colleges require Pascal as a prerequisite to more advanced software classes. Many software textbooks present example programs in Pascal (or the very similar Algol or PL/M). However, the student who wants to study in more depth than provided for by the over crowded computer lab schedule and even more the person studying independently will likely be frustrated by the lack of inexpensive Pascal compilers for the microcomputers available to him/her.

Jeremy Ruston has met this need in his book, PASCAL ON YOUR BASIC MICRO. In the book he provides a listing in BASIC for a cross compiler from Pascal to BASIC.

In order to use Ruston's compiler a mass storage device, a BASIC with array and string manipulations (DIM, MID\$, and string concatenation) and 16K of free memory are needed. Cassette tape can be used for mass storage. Quest BASIC will work. Tiny BASIC would require simulating the array and string manipulations in machine language calls and because it doesn't tokenize will require more memory. Getting the compiler into 16K requires that all remarks be deleted (many of Ruston's remarks state the obvious) and error messages shortened to numbers. Just how compact the compiler becomes depends on how efficient your BASIC's tokenizing is. The cross compiler can be shortened an additional ten to fifteen percent by collecting repeated code into subroutines.

The bad news is: 1) Only a subset of Pascal is supported. 2) No code optimization is performed. 3) Compilation is of glacial speed. I clocked it at 4 1/3 lines per minute on complex expressions. and 4) Functions and procedures (Pascal's names for subroutines) must be hand linked.

The good news is: 1) Ruston's Pascal has thorough error detection. 2) Unlike many tiny Pascals, Ruston's supports variables of type REAL (assuming your BASIC supports floating point arithmetic). 3) Because it is fully disclosed it can be used as an example of compiler implementation. 4) It can be modified to compile subsets of similar languages. Algol, FORTRAN, and PL/M should be easy and Forth and LISP very difficult.

When using the compiler to learn Pascal, I suggest that the student work through the exercises in the first six chapters of Ruston's book before starting a formal class. If a printer is available the completed exercises can be listed (by modifying lines 1350, 1380, 1530, and 1550 of the compiler) and used as examples of working programs. During formal study a student can

REVIEW - PASCAL WITH YOUR BASIC MICRO (cont.)

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try out his/her design before jousting for a terminal in the computer lab. Where I studied Pascal computer lab sardining was bad enough that the instructor suggested that we use any Pascal compiler available to us.

Another use for Ruston's compiler is to check out algorithms in a structured environment before coding them in assembler. Use of this technique can produce code so polished you can see yourself in it.

As an example of what Ruston's compiler does let's take the routine called <ENGINEERING SPACE/WARP ENGINES SUBMODULE (4)> from STAR SHIP SIMULATIOM-1. I have modified the routine to be a stand-alone program which can be used for determining scaling (fudge) values. The Pascal "source" code is easily written by referring to Garrett's sketch code on page 96 and his list of variables on pages 48 and 49. See the Pascal "source" listing which was entered into Ruston's compiler and the BASIC "object" listing which was automatically generated as compiler output. Pascal requires variables to be declared to be of some type (INTEGER and REAL in this case) before they are used. In Pascal (and other structured languages) the IF...THEN construct is used only to determine whether a statement list will be executed and is not used in completing loops. Compare the next to last line in the Pascal listing with line 260 in the BASIC "object" code. FOR, REPEAT, UNTIL, and WHILE are used for loop control. This is one of the factors which improves the readability of structured languages. Ruston's compiler creates constants called TRUE and FALSE which appear in the BASIC listing but are not used in the example program. Pascal teachers usually require meaningful variable names which must be hand shortened for most BASIC's. The remainder of the Pascal listing can be understood by comparing it to the generated BASIC listing.

For those of us who obtained an 1802 based microcomputer for educational use, a Pascal compiler is a logical addition.

PASCAL:

VAR

CH, CI, CJ, MOD: INTEGER;

F2, CK, CU: REAL;

BEGIN

F2 := 32000;

CH := 50;

REPEAT

WRITE ('ENTER WARP FACTOR');

READLN (CI);

CU := 3*CI*CI;

WRITELN ('VELOCITY = ',CU,' HUNDRED THOUSAND KM/S.');

WRITE ('ENTER RELIABILITY MODIFIER');

READLN (MOD);

IF (CI>0) AND (CH>0)

THEN BEGIN

F2 := F2-CU/CH;

CH := CH+MOD;

END

WRITELN ('ENERGY = ',F2);

WRITELN ('FUNCTIONAL STATUS = ',CH);

WRITELN ('')

UNTIL CU<=0;

END.

BASIC:

10 REM --CONST--

20 TRUE=-1

30 FALSE=0

40 REM --BLOCK--

50 REM --BEGIN--

60 F2=32000

70 CH=50

80 REM REPEAT

90 PRINT "ENTER WARP FACTOR";

100 INPUT CI

110 CU=3*CI*CI

120 PRINT "VELOCITY = ",CU," HUNDRED THOUSAND KM/S."

130 PRINT "ENTER RELIABILITY MODIFIER";

140 INPUT MOD

150 IF (CI>0)(CH>0) THEN 180

160 GOTO 230

170 REM IF

180 REM THEN

190 REM BEGIN

200 F2=F2-CU/CH

210 CH=CH+MOD

220 REM END

230 PRINT "ENERGY = ",F2

240 PRINT "FUNCTIONAL STATUS = ",CH

250 PRINT ""

260 REM UNTIL

270 IF NOT(CU<=0) THEN 80

280 END

ACE HARDWARE - PLEASURES, PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTIONS

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I feel as though I am probably the last person to get my ACE system up and running - I have had some boards finished for over a year now, but, except for the memory, no convenient way to test them until I got it all together. 'All' is the front panel, back-plane, CPU, and 64K RAM. The 6847 Video, version II will follow - hopefully it will go more quickly than some of the others.

I did have some difficulty getting my ACE system to work. Probably I learned far more about the system and the 1802 than I would have had it started easily, but then there were evenings when I felt I was learning too much. This article will describe the areas of difficulty I had - perhaps I'm not actually the last person.

(a) Back-plane (ver 2) - This went together quite well for me. I did have two shorts in the buss which the notes caution about. The 4050 buffer in the cassette circuit has outputs 2, 4, and 6 tied Hi rather than the inputs - 3, 5, and 7. I also found that the 2N3904 was not quite able to drive my current loop terminal - I substituted a 2N4355 from my ELF II. Otherwise the backplane was great.

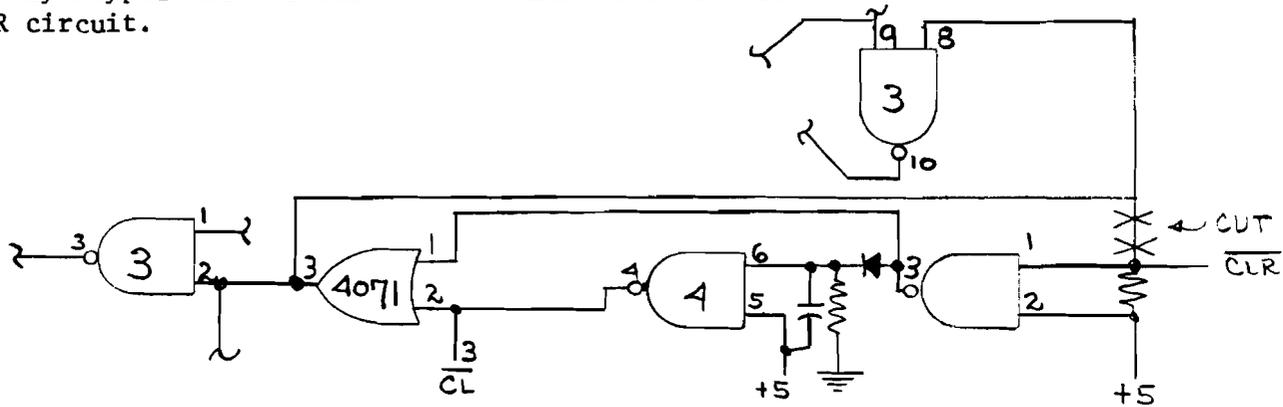
(b) Front Panel - This is really where I had my difficulties and yet, in retrospect, the problems were not that bad. The artwork was excellent and most of my confusion just came from the drawings. Resistor and capacitor values on the layout would have helped but you do pay more attention without them. Most of the time went to keying in, over and over again, the tape load program - I almost got it memorized. As to the drawings: the Reset switch operates CLR, the Load switch WATT, the LEDs for the EPROM burner go to +5 VDC, not common, and the page and 2K LEDs should be driven by a buffer (I had to disconnect them to get the burner to work reliably), D8 is shown backwards and D6 and D7 designators are reversed on the schematic. The switch numbers do not agree between the layout and schematic.

Thank you, Mike, for your suggestion to locate the hex keypad separate from the front panel. I am very pleased to have it on a flat cable, easy to operate. Now that I have the ACE Monitor on EPROM, I don't seem to use the keypad, but I sure did, very often, while trying to get started. The area where the keypad should go I plan to use for Ni-Cad batteries for the clock. Finally, the crystal I bought turned out to be the low-power type mentioned in the clock data sheet and indeed a 200K resistor is required between crystal and clock.

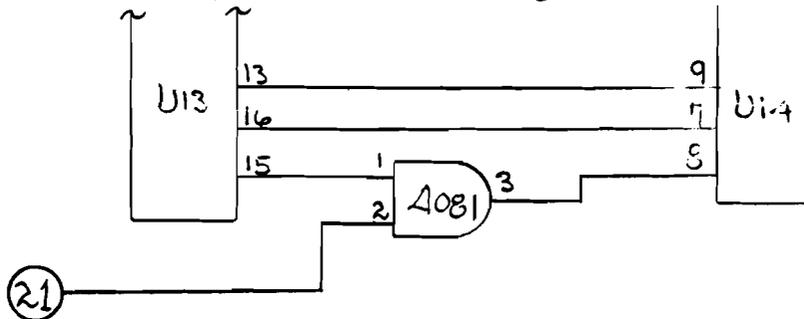
The front panel, operational, is truly neat - I'm very pleased with the hexadecimal displays and especially delighted to be able to program EPROMs so readily (I did install a ZIF socket).

(c) CPU Board - My confusion on the ACE buss over the reset and load switches continued here. I was trying to get DMAIN to work

for my keypad and I found I had to make a minor alteration to the CLR circuit.



(d) RAM Board - I had this board operational on my ELF II with a hay-wired interface - it had gone together very well except for my mistakes. (My mistakes took up most of my time on all of the boards) I did make a minor change; since I already had all 64K populated, I chose to disable the memory here for the clock's memory mapping. The revision is simple; cut the trace from U13-15 to the dip switch, U14-8, and insert an AND gate as shown.



All in all, I quite enjoyed stuffing the boards and getting the system to work. My sincere thanks to the people who did the real work putting the system together.

ELF II INPUT KEY DEBOUNCE

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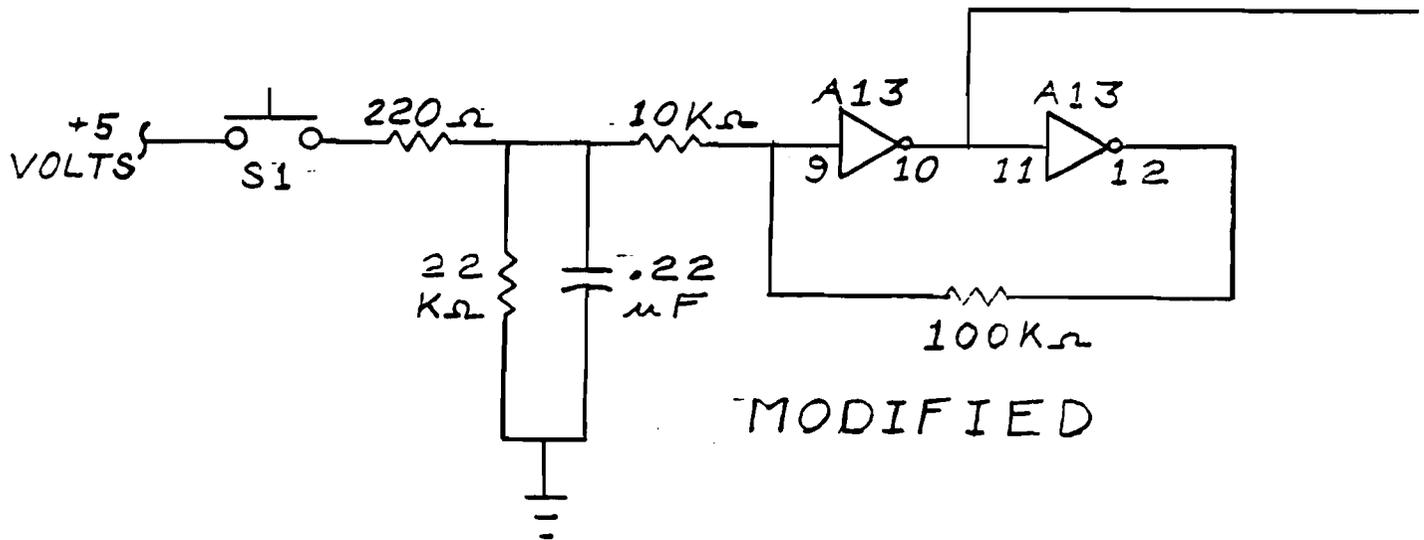
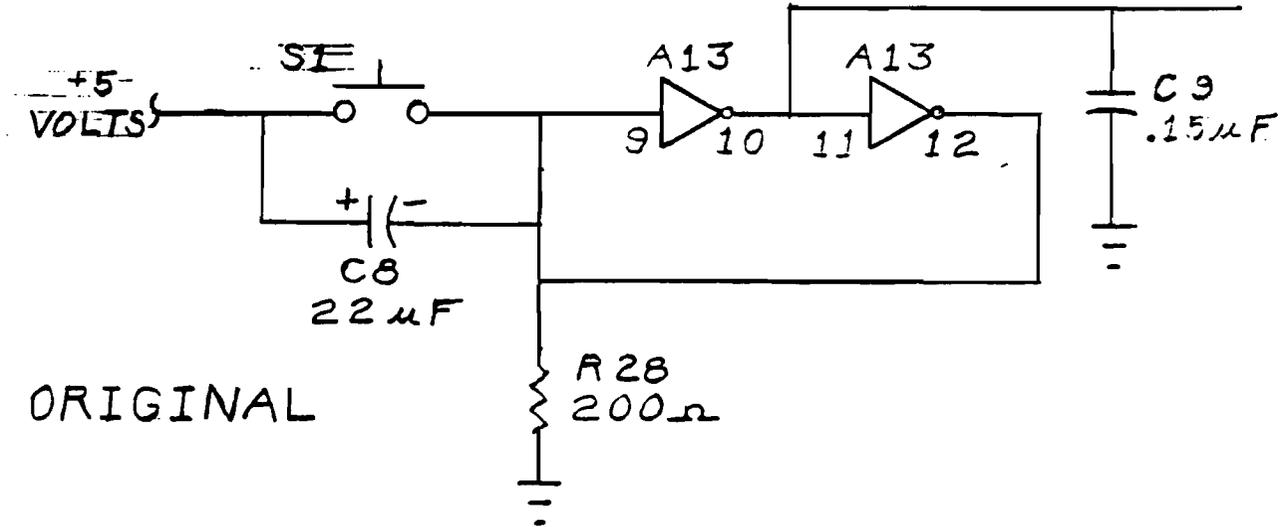
Upon completing my ELF-II, I started Tom Pittman's machine language course. By the time I was writing programs over 30 bytes long, a rapidly worsening attack of byte doubling was evident. I tried lubricating the input key, S1. This helped, but loading an eighth-K program still took two or three tries. Upon inspection of the input switch debounce circuit (see the first figure), I found some things I wanted to change: 1) C8 was connected directly across S1. When C8 was charged to 5 volts and S1 closed, the initial current flowing through S1 was limited by the possibly less than one ohm of wiring resistance. Five amps, even very briefly, is over ten times the current at which most key switches are designed to operate, and can lead to rapid aging of the switch. 2) C9 slows transitions at pin #10 of A13. The longer the input of a logic device stays close to its threshold, the greater the chance of picking up a stray noise pulse. 3) When pin #12 of A13 is low and S1 is then pressed, the current flowing through S1, then into ground via A13, is primarily limited by the on resistance of the FETS in A13. This could produce ground noise.

To provide more predictable currents, the circuit in the second figure was constructed. The switch and capacitor current is limited by the 220 ohm resistor. The 22K ohm resistor and the 0.22 uF capacitor have the same time constant as the old C8, R28 combination, but allow the addition of the 220 ohm resistor without major impact on the time constant. The 10K ohm resistor and the 100K ohm resistor combine to provide hysteresis which is nearly independent of A13's characteristics. Besides the parts shown in the diagram, a 16-pin IC socket and either a 16-pin or an 18-pin dual inline component header are needed. If an 18-pin header is used, the two extra pins are cut off and the lug above one of these pins will be used to support the node where the capacitor, the 220 ohm resistor, the 22K ohm resistor, and the 10K ohm resistor join.

Bend pins 9 and 12 of the socket outward. Solder the remaining pins to the corresponding header pins. When connecting the remaining components, position them so that when the header is installed in A13's original socket, the new components will not contact components on the circuit board. Connect the 100K ohm resistor between pins 9 and 12 of the socket. Connect the 0.22 uF capacitor "piggyback" across the 22K ohm resistor. Connect one end of this "piggyback" pair to lug #8 of the header. Connect one end of the 220 ohm resistor to lug #9 of the header. Connect one end of the 10K ohm resistor to the lead of the 100K ohm resistor which connects to pin #9 of the socket. Connect the three remaining resistor leads together (one each from the 22K ohm resistor, the 220 ohm resistor, and the 10K ohm resistor). Lug #12 of the header should have no connection. Check the construction against the diagram of the modified circuit. Remove C8, C9, and R28 from the circuit board. Remove A13 from its socket and insert it into the socket which is mounted on the header. Plug the completed assembly into the A13 socket on the circuit board.

Check the circuit by loading and inspecting a program.

This circuit has been 100% effective for me and should work wherever debouncing a single pole, single throw switch is desirable.



FORTH RECURSION: AN UPDATE

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I finally received my Forth manuals and found them to be extremely useful. As a matter of fact, I found a much more elegant way of implementing recursion. We can simply stop compilation, use the smudge bit to let forth know that the definition there but incomplete, then use the word itself in the definition (it will find it in the dictionary), finish the definition, and finally flip the smudge bit again. For example, the factorial word can easily be defined like this:

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: N! [ SMUDGE ] DUP 0= IF DROP 1 ELSE DUP 1 - N! * THEN ; SMUDGE
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Or FIB as:

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: FIB [ SMUDGE ] DUP 1 = IF DROP ELSE
  DUP 2 = IF DROP 1 ELSE DUP 1 - FIB
  SWAP 2 - FIB + THEN THEN ; SMUDGE
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That's all there is to it. I also found that in FORTH Dimensions, they had defined a word, MYSELF, which accomplishes the same (this was in volume 4, which I hope is in the mail). Also in volume 5, they solve another recursion problem, that of forward references. i.e. - One word calls a second word which in turn calls the first. They use variables and vectored execution to solve this problem very elegantly.

In any case, I am back at school now, with little time left before registration day, so I will not be able to do too much until the summer. But I did start writing up the code for a LISP interpreter. The biggest problem I've run into is figuring out exactly what must get compiled first. Right now I have several sheets of code in haphazard order which has to be straightened out ... wishful thinking would be nice in forth. Hopefully, I'll have something reasonable put together by the end of summer. This summer I also hope to get a disk system working, an EPROM burner and additional memory ... the struggle for a good system continues. One last note, I did find that the book I referred to in my last letter will indeed be released in June, by the MIT Press (co-published by McGraw Hill), in case anyone is interested. It is an excellent book.

CALENDAR MAKER

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I bet there are a lot out here like me, and that's why there's danger of a cover-only *Ipsa Facto*. I have had a variety of programs that I want to send ever since becoming a member in 1981. But there's always one little place that is particularly inelegant to fix before sending in each program, and they run with the 1861 and meanwhile you've had to add an 80x24 monitor to do the part-time work that provides the money for your hobby, because an irreplaceable high-voltage capacitor went out in the TV you had converted to a monitor and you spend so much time using your computer on the job that you don't have time to finish the job and make it convertible while your FORTH tape sits untried for over a year and your 64K board, your disk controller board and all the components sit unsoldered gathering dust on your work table for the same length of time. Isn't that why you other guys haven't sent anything in yet either?

Well, actually none of my programs are that hot, and that's why I planned to send a bunch and let the Editors see if there were any worth printing. But I was determined to at least offer this one for a fall issue. It's now 21 Jan; well, there's always fall 1984.

This might be a useful program for people who like to have some calendars with a little room to jot notes of things done or to do in the date rectangles. It is written for an ELF II and an Epson MX80 (original, Graftrax80, or Graftrax^{PLUS} versions), but I imagine it can be easily converted (I have even written in CR's before the LF's--redundant for Epsoms--just in case). The user inputs the year number, in ASCII, e.g. 31 39 38 34, via the hex keypad, followed by the length of February that year in hex: 1D if it is leap year, 1C otherwise; followed finally by the sequential number (Sunday = 01, Saturday = 07) of the first day of the year. The program will automatically reduce the vertical height of the rectangles in months with six instead of five calendar weeks so it can fit on a page without overlapping.

The program loads in any two consecutive pages. The order of the two blocks may be reversed if desired; the only change necessary is to make FC in the third byte of the currently first block FF instead.

Register usage: [in brackets: initialization phase only]

R0: FC

R2: STAK

R6.1: last date of month (LOM)

R6.0: current month day (DOM)

R7.0: DOM (-10 (-10 (-10))) during ASCII conversion

R8.1: first weekday of current week (FWW)

R8.0: counter for horizontal and vertical lines

R9: year-number address (YEAR)/weekday name list addr.
 RA: [HT list address] next month name, length address
 RD: print routine address
 RE: [February length address]
 RE.0: weekday counter (DOW)
 RF.1: lines per week (VRTCL)
 RF.0: counts tens in month day number (TENS)

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                                Initialization
xi 00: 90 B2                    STAK this page (could be next page)
02: FC 01                      data lists and print routine
04: B9 BA BD BE                are on next page
08: FB FD A2                   STAK address
0B: F8 99 A9                   YEAR initialization address
0E: FB 0B AA                   HT list address
11: F8 01 AD                   print routine address
14: FB 2B AE                   February length address
17: E2                          SEX R2
18: 4A DD                      send HT list
1A: 3A 18                      to printer
1C: E9                          SEX YEAR
1D: 3F 1D                      wait for
1F: 37 1F                      INPUT key
21: 6C 64                      then read and display hex
23: B9 FF 9D                   until the four digits of
26: 3A 1D                      the year are filled in
28: E2                          SEX back to R2
29: 3F 29                      wait for next input
2B: 6C 5E                      read and store length of February
2D: 64 22                      verify correct keystrokes
2F: 37 2F 3F 31               wait for one more input
33: 6C 64 22                 read, display first weekday of year
36: 3B                        jump with it
                                Start monthly loop
37: 8E                        get current DOW
38: FA 07                     make sure it's no more than SAT
3A: BB                        and put in FOM
3B: 8A FF 92                 check for and handle
3E: 33 (3E)                   end of year (e.g., stop)
40: F8 0A DD DD DD           start page with 3 x LF
45: 4A DD                     write name
47: 3A 45                     of the month
49: 4A B6                    load, set LOM
4B: 52 9B F4                 add to FOM and subtract
4E: FF 25                    37 to see if 5 or 6 week month
50: CF                        setting VRTCL to
51: FB 0A                    10
53: C7                        or
54: FB 0B                    8
56: BF                        respectively
57: F8 09 DD DD DD DD DD DD then HT across the page
5E: F8 96 A9                 set R9 to YEAR
61: 49 DD                    and print
63: 3A 61                    it
65: A6                        reset DOM to 00

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xi 66: 49 DD          print weekday
    68: 3A 66          names
                                Start weekly loop
    6A: F8 0D DD      CR (no LF)
    6D: F8 50 A8      set counter to 80 (char/line)
    70: 28            print a
    71: F8 5F DD      row of _
    74: 88
    75: 3A 70
    77: 86 52          End of month? (LOM
    79: 96 F7          - DOM
    7B: 3A 83          = 0?)
    7D: F8 0C DD      If so, new page,
    80: 1E            next DOW,
    81: 30 37          and go do new month
    83: F8 00 AE      else reset DOW
    84: F8 0D DD F8 0A DD CR, LF
                                Start daily loop
    8C: 1E            next DOW
    8D: 98 52          first day this calendar week?
    8F: 8E F7          (DOW - FOW
    91: 3B C3          < 0?) not yet?
    93: 3A 9A          = 0?) past the first?
    95: F8 7C DD      > 0?) just? then type !
    98: 30 9D          and jump
    9A: F8 20 DD      past, so no left outside border
    9D: F8 7C DD      and type inside border
    A0: 16            next DOM
    A1: 88            VRTCL
    A2: 3A C3          = 0?
    A4: F8 0E DD      if so, expand print
    A7: F8 00 AF      and reset TENS, to
    AA: 86            convert DOM
    AB: A7            to
    AC: FF 0A          ASCII
    AE: 3B B3          and
    B0: 1F            print
    B1: 30 AB          it
    B3: 8F            out
    B4: 3A B9          with, if under 10,
    B6: F8 20          a SP in 10's place
    B8: C8            ...
    B9: FC 30
    BB: DD
    BC: 87 FC 30 DD
    CO: F8 14 DD      back to 10 char/inch
    C3: F8 09 DD      HT to righthand side of day space
    C6: 86 52          end of month?
    C8: 96 F7          (LOM - DOM
    CA: 32 D1          = 0?)
    CC: 8E FF 07      if not, then SAT done? (DOW - 7
    CF: 3A 8C          = 0?)
    D1: F8 20 DD      if either, SP to right border pos
    D4: F8 7C DD DD    and type !!
    DB: 88            counter = 0 (first line of week)?

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xi D9: 3A E7      if not, branch
   DB: 9F A8      otherwise, set counter = VRTCL
   DD: 8E 52      DQW to STAK
   DF: B6 F7      and subtract it from DQM,
   E1: CF         if result not less than 00
   E2: FB 00      (in which case set up to 00)
   E4: A6         reset DQM for another horiz. pass
   E5: 30 83      and go back and make it
   E7: 28 88      if past first line, count one off
   E9: 3A DD      and if not finished, go cross again
   EB: FB 01 B8   else, set FQW to 1 (Sunday)
   EE: 30 6A      and go start new week

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Subroutine and Data

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xj 00: D0      Your printer routine goes here. I
   01: 22 52      said I've been busy. I haven't had
   03: 3E 03      time to replace my oh-boy-let's-try-
   05: 7B         the-new-printer emergency software
   06: 67         interface with hardware for 2 1/2
   07: 7A 7B      years!
   09: 30 00
   0B: 1B 44      ESC D introduces HT list to Epson.
   0D: 0B 16 21 2C the list,
   11: 37 42 4D 00 with 00 terminator
   15: 0E 4A 41 4E 55 41 52 59 14 00 "JANUARY"
   1F: 1F         31 (days long)
   20: 0E 46 45 42 52 55 41 52 59 14 00
   2B: xx         February length will go here
   2C: 0E 4D 41 52 43 48 14 09 00 1F
   36: 0E 41 50 52 49 4C 14 09 00 1E
   40: 0E 4D 41 59 14 09 00 1F
   48: 0E 4A 55 4E 45 14 09 00 1E      { ^N (0E) expands,
   51: 0E 4A 55 4C 59 14 09 00 1F      { ^T (14) normalizes,
   5A: 0E 41 55 47 55 53 54 14 00 1F
   64: 0E 53 45 50 54 45 4D 42 45 52 14 00 1E
   71: 0E 4F 43 54 4F 42 45 52 14 00 1F
   7C: 0E 4E 4F 56 45 4D 42 45 52 14 00 1E
   88: 0E 44 45 43 45 4D 42 45 52 14 00 1F
   94: 07         BEL (clapper removed)
   95: xx
   96: 0E 20 20 xx xx xx xx " 1984(?)"
   9D: 0A 0A 00      LF twice after month and year
  A0: 0E 20 53 75 6E 14 09      " Sun "
  A7: 0E 20 4D 6F 6E 14 09 0E 20 54 75 65 14 09
  B5: 0E 20 57 65 64 14 09 0E 20 54 68 75 14 09
  C3: 0E 20 46 72 69 14 09      " Fri "
  CA: 0E 20 53 61 74 14 00      " Sat "

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

THE ELF TELLS TIME
(A TALKING ELF CLOCK)

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Does your ELF computer spend time collecting dust in the corner of your workbench? Give your ELF a full time job --- announcing the time of day for you. This article describes a talking clock using the Netronics ELF II microcomputer with the National Semiconductor DT1050 DIGITALKER chip set. The ELF clock will automatically announce the time on the hour, or at any time when requested, with a statement such as "THE TIME IS TWO EIGHTEEN PM." Although not as elegant as a grandfather clock with its stately chimes and expensive furniture decor, this ELF clock can be a useful timekeeper and conversation piece for you. Or, if you simply want details on connecting DIGITALKER to the RCA 1802 microprocessor (on the ELF II bus), that's here too.

We begin with a brief description of DIGITALKER, then describe interface circuitry, checkout software, and the clock program, and conclude with operating instructions for the talking clock.

The DIGITALKER DT1050 chip set comprises a Speech Processor Chip (SPC) and two 64K vocabulary ROMs. Together these provide 144 spoken words, letters, numbers, beeps and pauses. (See Table for vocabulary list and associated word codes.) It takes 55 seconds to speak the entire vocabulary in rapid succession, which indicates that the bit rate has been reduced by a factor of more than 25 compared to that used for digital transmission of telephone speech. Yet DIGITALKER intelligibility is extremely good. For more details on DIGITALKER, see "Build a Low-Cost Speech-Synthesizer Interface", BYTE, June 1981.

DIGITALKER is easily interfaced to any eight bit microprocessor bus. As shown in the block diagram of Figure 1 the microprocessor need only be connected to the SPC, which in turn handles all communications with the vocabulary ROMs. The microprocessor controls the SPC by placing a word code on the data bus and strobing (pulsing) a control line. DIGITALKER then outputs the word on the audio line and, when finished speaking, raises the interrupt line to tell the microprocessor that it is ready for another word. In comparison with other popular microprocessors, the ELF CPU (1802) is ideal for this type of controller application because it provides all required interface signals without the necessity for separate input/output (I/O) support chips.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

The actual circuit diagram is similar to the block diagram and is shown in Figure 2. Functions on the left side of the circuit diagram connect directly to the 1802 microprocessor via the ELF II bus at the pin numbers indicated. Speech is initiated by strobing low the WRITE BAR line. In this design the strobe is generated by using the 1802 N1 line, which corresponds to the OUT

2 (62) instruction. The interrupt signal from DIGITALKER (which tells when the SPC is ready to receive another word command) is connected to External Flag 2 and is thus accessible with the B2 and BN2 instructions. Although only one vocabulary ROM is shown there are two ROMs connected in parallel. The pin names on the two ROMs are identical except for pin 20, which is CS on one ROM and CS BAR on the other. The audio output from the SPC drives an amplifier, filter, and speaker.

Although the circuit is straightforward, some items encountered during its construction are of interest.

I wire wrapped the circuit on a Netronics kluge board, which plugs into the main ELF II circuit board. If you don't have the kluge board you may be able to rig something up since there are only about 16 bus connections used.

The SPC and output amplifier require a filtered DC supply of 7 to 11 volts. DIGITALKER current draw from this supply is about 55 milliamperes while talking and 45 milliamperes quiescent. I tried using the unfiltered eight volt supply (which feeds the five volt regulator) as a voltage source for the SPC but this resulted in excessive hum in the audio output. A separate filtered supply or a nine volt transistor radio battery will work fine.

The SPC requires a 4 Mhz crystal, which I found at a local electronics store. I had considered using the 3.58 Mhz crystal that drives the 1802 microprocessor but the SPC clock input requires more than a five volt swing, and the DIGITALKER specification sheet calls for a frequency tolerance of plus or minus two percent.

Since the Netronics kluge board provides room for only two oversize sockets, and DIGITALKER requires three, I soldered the two vocabulary ROMs piggy-back and plugged them into one 24 pin socket. (If you find this necessary use a low wattage iron with a pencil lead thin tip.) The 40 pin SPC uses the other oversize socket.

The LM386 output amplifier will supply about one-half watt to an 8 ohm speaker, which is enough for comfortable listening across a room. To prevent oscillation I had to connect a 0.1 uf bypass capacitor across the LM386 supply and ground pins right at the chip.

The entire circuit as shown in Figure 2 (except speaker) takes only a small portion of the kluge board and leaves plenty of room for other projects.

PROGRAMMING

The programs in this article are written for the minimum ELF configuration (256 bytes of memory) and thus when a register is used to point to memory only the low byte is initialized.

The SPC resets its interrupt line whenever it receives a valid word command, and sets the line high at the completion of the spoken word. Thus the program can use the interrupt line from the SPC to tell when DIGITALKER is ready to accept a new word command. If a new word command is sent before the interrupt line goes high the new word will begin immediately and truncate the old one.

Notice that the programs do not test whether the interrupt line is high until after a word code is sent to DIGITALKER. This is because, at power up, DIGITALKER resets the interrupt line and it stays reset until a word is finished. If the program were to wait for the interrupt line to go high before sending the very first word command it would wait forever.

Once the circuit in Figure 2 is ready you will want to check it out with a simple driver program (see Listing 1). When this program is run, DIGITALKER will say "THIS IS DIGITALKER. IT IS OK". You can make it say anything in its vocabulary by changing the code starting at address 13 HEX according to the word list in the Table. Be sure to end the list with the code FF HEX so that the program knows where to stop.

TALKING CLOCK

The TALKING CLOCK program keeps accurate time by counting the 60 Hertz frequency of the 110 volt house current. DIGITALKER will automatically announce the time on the hour with a statement such as "THE TIME IS THREE PM." The program will also announce the time on demand with a statement like "THE TIME IS ELEVEN FIFTY THREE AM." And it lets you sleep by remaining quiet at night.

Before describing the program we need to add a little more hardware to get the 60 Hertz line frequency to the microprocessor. The circuit shown in Figure 3 accomplishes this by coupling the secondary of the power transformer to the ELF interrupt line. A 4N25 opto-isolator provides ground isolation and half-wave-rectification of the AC current. The voltage divider in front of the opto-isolator prevents its three volt reverse voltage limit from being exceeded. False counts due to noise on the house current are prevented by the low pass filter formed by the resistor-capacitor combination in front of the 74C914 schmitt trigger. The clock would mysteriously gain time before I added this filter. A switch allows you to disable interrupts while setting the clock. Other control signals connected to the interrupt line should be disconnected, including that from the 1861 video driver chip on the ELF II. You may wish to use a simpler 60 hertz interface circuit which I noticed after the clock was built. It uses capacitive coupling instead of an opto-isolator and is shown in Figure 1 of the article "CP/M, Your Time Has Come: A Real-Time Clock for the Most Popular Microcomputer Operating System", BYTE, May 1982.

The talking clock program is described by the flowcharts in Figure 4 and by comments in the program listing. An interrupt service routine counts down 3600 cycles (3599 through zero) to form a one minute delay. The main program waits in a tight loop for the I key to be pressed or for one minute to elapse. If the I key is pressed the program goes to the talk routine and announces the time. As each minute goes by the program advances the minute and adjusts the talk code. The time is automatically announced on the hour. AM and PM are interchanged at noon and at midnight. It takes about 45 minutes to key in the code. I recommend battery backup.

CLOCK STARTING AND OPERATING PROCEDURE

For clarity, the following step by step procedure is given for starting and operating the clock.

STEP 1: Disable interrupts with the interrupt switch (see Figure 3) and then load TINY MONITOR (see sidebar) and the TALKING CLOCK program. It is very important to remember to disable interrupts at this point. Otherwise your ELF will persist in wandering off to never-never-land.

STEP 2: If restarting the program (to adjust the time, for example) you must reload instruction FB HEX into address 1E HEX because it is overwritten by the stack anytime an interrupt occurs (i. e., 60 times per second when the program is running with the interrupt switch closed.) As you might imagine, it took me awhile to squeeze this program into the 256 bytes of RAM.

STEP 3: If after 1 AM and before 1 PM use instruction 7A HEX in address 2E HEX; otherwise use 7B HEX. This allows the program to be silent overnight.

STEP 4: Decide the hour and minute that you will start the clock. Load the hour into address 98 HEX and the minute into address 9C HEX. For example, if you plan to start the clock at 11:05 load 11 HEX into address 98 HEX and load 05 HEX into address 9C HEX.

STEP 5: (Optional). This step is necessary only if you want the program to speak correctly (when the I key is pressed) before it automatically adjusts its talk code on the minute and on the hour.

Load the talk code for the hour (as determined from the Table) into address 99 HEX. The program does this automatically on the hour. For example, if the clock is to be started between eleven and twelve o'clock use the talk code 0B HEX (for eleven).

Load the tens talk code into address 9B HEX, and the minute talk code into address 9D HEX. The program does this automatically on the minute. For example, if the clock will be started at 58 minutes past the hour, the correct tens talk code is 17 HEX (for fifty), and the minute talk code is 08 HEX. The tens talk code

should be 2E HEX for minutes 01 through 09, and code 43 HEX for minutes 10 through 19.

STEP 6: Set AM/PM as follows. Load 20 HEX into address A1 HEX for AM, or 2F HEX into address A1 HEX for PM.

STEP 7: (Optional.) The program as listed begins announcing the hour at 7 AM, and remains silent after 11 PM is announced. These times can be changed by altering the contents of HEX addresses 79 and 7F.

STEP 8: Run the program by starting execution at location 1E HEX. The hour will be shown on the HEX display. When the preset time arrives, start the clock by closing the interrupt switch. DIGITALKER will announce the time on the hour. If you wish to hear the time immediately, push the I key (see step 5.) When the I key is pressed, the minute is shown on the HEX display while the time is announced.

ANOTHER APPLICATION

Now that I've gotten this far, I decided to throw in another page of code that came in handy once. PROGRAM 2 is a simple timer program which randomly selects one of eight announcements when the preset time has elapsed. It was written to go with the BOGGLE word game by PARKER BROTHERS after it was noticed that the three-minute sandglass timer that came with the game was unreliable. To operate the timer program, first load in the TINY MONITOR (see sidebar), then load PROGRAM 2 and RUN starting at hex address 20. The length of delay is determined by the values of XX, YY, and ZZ as explained in the program comments. For example, for a 3 minute delay use XX = 5D, YY = 6A, and ZZ = 67. Press the I key to start the timer. After FLF/DIGITALKER announces that the time is up the program is ready to go again. Simply press the I key to restart the timer.

IN CLOSING

These programs just begin to demonstrate the applications possible with programmable speech. Try writing some talking programs of your own. Some suggestions are a guessing game in which the program would pick a number for you to guess and announce whether your guess was too low or too high, or a program to teach simple arithmetic with statements like "TWO PLUS TWO EQUALS ?" or "NINE TIMES EIGHT EQUALS ?". When building sentences you might become exasperated at the limited vocabulary. Additional speech ROMS are available for DIGITALKER, or you may prefer one of the Votrax style unlimited vocabulary systems. These latter give lower quality speech, but are improving. The March 1984 BYTE magazine describes one of the latest unlimited vocabulary chips. Also, the price is coming down. When I wrote the TALKING CLOCK code three years ago the price of DIGITALKER was \$80, which was more than I paid for my used ELF II. Now it is available for \$35 (for example from JAMECO in San Carlos, CA.)

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-----SIDEPAR-----

TINY MONITOR PROGRAM

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
00	F8 1D AF		LDI 1D, PLO F	RF=1D
03	EF		SEX F	X=F
04	6C		INP 4	M(RF)=KEYPAD
05	30 1C		BR JMP	GO TO JMP
07	7B		SEQ	Q LIGHT ON
08	3F 08	W1	BN4 W1	WAIT FOR I PRESS
0A	6C AE		INP 4, PLO E	RE=KEYPAD
0C	37 0C	NEXT	B4 NEXT	WAIT FOR I RELEASE
0E	8E		GLO E	GET RE
0F	5F EF		STR F, SEX F	STORE IN M(RF), X=F
11	64 2F		OUT 4, DEC F	DISPLAY KEYPAD
13	3F 13	W2	BN4 W2	WAIT FOR I PRESS
15	EE		SEX E	X=E
16	C5 C4		LSNQ, NOP	LONG SKIP IF Q=0
18	6C		INP 4	STORE KYBD IN M(RE)
19	64		OUT 4	DISPLAY M(RE), RE+1
1A	30 0C		BR NEXT	GO TO NEXT LOC
1C	30 30	JMP	BR ADDR	GO TO M(1D)

An auxiliary program, called an operating system, or monitor, is useful when working with larger programs to allow memory contents to be examined and changed and to allow execution to begin at an arbitrary address. The TINY MONITOR program is provided as an aid to using the TALKING CLOCK program. It has capabilities similar to the "ETOPS-256" operating system in the March 1977 issue of POPULAR ELECTRONICS, but in addition displays the memory address and is a little shorter.

Directions for using TINY MONITOR:

Turn off the interrupt switch (see Figure 3). Load the program and then turn off the RUN, LOAD, and MEMORY PROTECT switches.

To start program execution at any address, key in the address on the HEX keyboard and turn on the RUN switch. The program will run with R0 as the program counter.

To examine memory, start execution at address 08 HEX. The Q light will remain off. Key in the address to be examined, then press and release the I key. The address will be displayed. To see

the memory contents, press and hold down the I key. When the I key is released, the next address will be displayed, and its contents can be examined by again pressing and holding the I key.

To change memory contents, start execution at address 07 HEX. The Q light will turn on. Key in the address to be changed, then press and release the I key. The address will be displayed. Key in the new memory contents, then press and hold the I key. The new contents will be displayed. When the I key is released the next address will be displayed, and its contents can be changed by keying in the new data and pressing the I key.

To exit the monitor, turn off the RUN switch.

-----END SIDEBAR-----

LISTING 1

INTERFACE CIRCUIT CHECKOUT PROGRAM

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
00	F8 13 AD		LDI START PLO D	RD POINTS TO START
03	ED		SEX D	X=D
04	7B		SEQ	Q LIGHT ON
05	F0	GTWD	LDX	M(RD) TO D
06	FD FF		SDI FF	D=FF-D
08	32 11		BZ STOP	BRANCH IF LAST WORD
0A	64 2D		OUT 4 DEC D	DISPLAY WORD CODE
0C	62		OUT 2	SPEAK WORD, R(X)+1
0D	35 0D	WAIT	B2 WAIT	WAIT FOR DIGITALKER
0F	30 05		BR GTWD	NEXT WORD
11	7A	STOP	REQ	Q LIGHT OFF
12	00		IDL	STOP
13	00 47	START	WORD LIST (LAST WORD FOLLOWED BY FF)	
15	61 60			
17	2E 2A			
19	FF			

TABLE SHOWING DIGITALKER WORD LIST

WORD	HEX CODE	WORD	HEX CODE
THIS IS DIGITALKER	00	CENTI	48
ONE	01	CHECK	49
TWO	02	COMMA	4A
THREE	03	CONTROL	4B
FOUR	04	DANGER	4C
FIVE	05	DEGREE	4D
SIX	06	DOLLAR	4E
SEVEN	07	DOWN	4F
EIGHT	08	EQUAL	50
NINE	09	ERROR	51
TEN	0A	FEET	52
ELEVEN	0B	FLOW	53
TWELVE	0C	FUEL	54
THIRTEEN	0D	GALLON	55
FOURTEEN	0E	GO	56
FIFTEEN	0F	GRAM	57
SIXTEEN	10	GREAT	58
SEVENTEEN	11	GREATER	59
EIGHTEEN	12	HAVE	5A
NINETEEN	13	HIGH	5B
TWENTY	14	HIGHER	5C
THIRTY	15	HOUR	5D
FORTY	16	IN	5E
FIFTY	17	INCHES	5F
SIXTY	18	IS	60
SEVENTY	19	IT	61
EIGHTY	1A	KILO	62
NINETY	1B	LEFT	63
HUNDRED	1C	LESS	64
THOUSAND	1D	LESSER	65
MILLION	1E	LIMIT	66
ZERO	1F	LOW	67
A	20	LOWER	68
B	21	MARK	69
C	22	METER	6A
D	23	MILE	6B
E	24	MILLI	6C
F	25	MINUS	6D
G	26	MINUTE	6E
H	27	NEAR	6F
I	28	NUMBER	70
J	29	OF	71
K	2A	OFF	72
L	2B	ON	73
M	2C	OUT	74
N	2D	OVER	75
O	2E	PARENTHESIS	76
P	2F	PERCENT	77
Q	30	PLEASE	78
R	31	PLUS	79
S	32	POINT	7A
T	33	POUND	7B
U	34	PULSES	7C
V	35	RATE	7D
W	36	RE (PREFIX)	7E
X	37	READY	7F
Y	38	RIGHT	80
Z	39	SS (PLURALIZER)	81
AGAIN	3A	SECOND	82
AMPERE	3B	SET	83
AND	3C	SPACE	84
AT	3D	SPEED	85
CANCEL	3E	STAR	86
CASE	3F	START	87
CENT	40	STOP	88
400 HERTZ TONE	41	THAN	89
800 HERTZ TONE	42	THE	8A
20 MS SILENCE	43	TIME	8B
40 MS SILENCE	44	TRY	8C
80 MS SILENCE	45	UP	8D
160 MS SILENCE	46	VOLT	8E
320 MS SILENCE	47	WEIGHT	8F

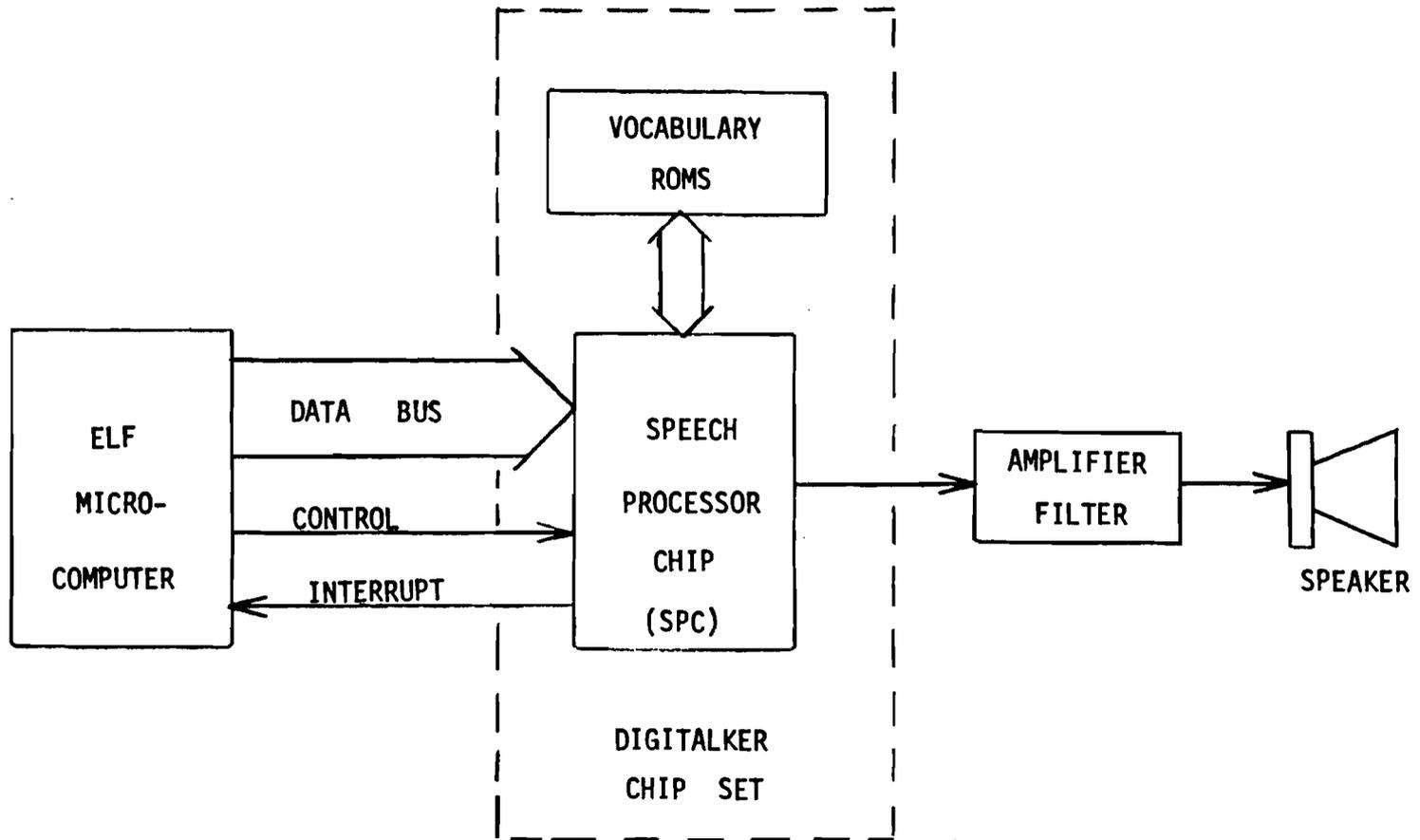


FIGURE 1
ELF/DIGITAL TALKER BLOCK DIAGRAM

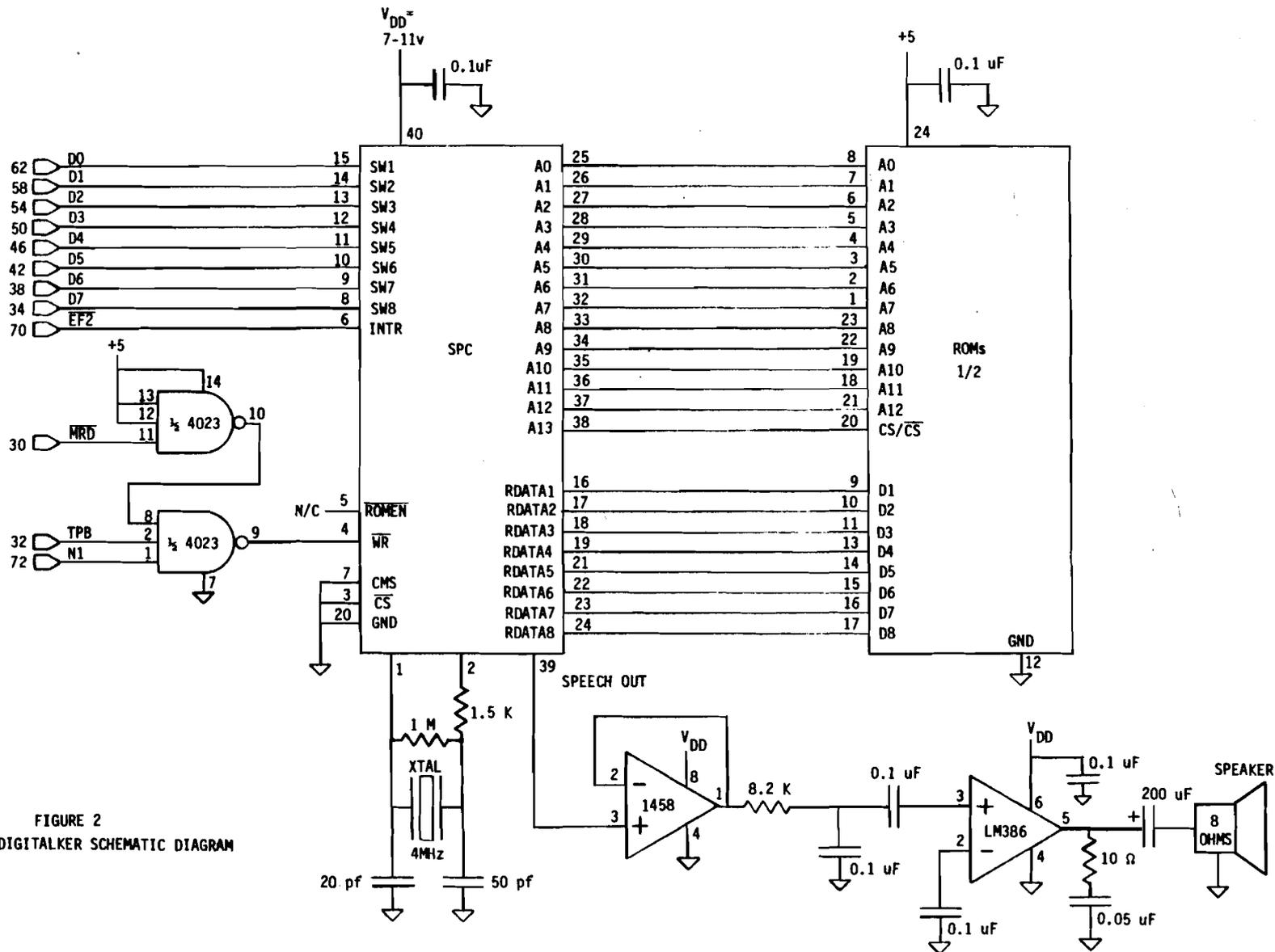
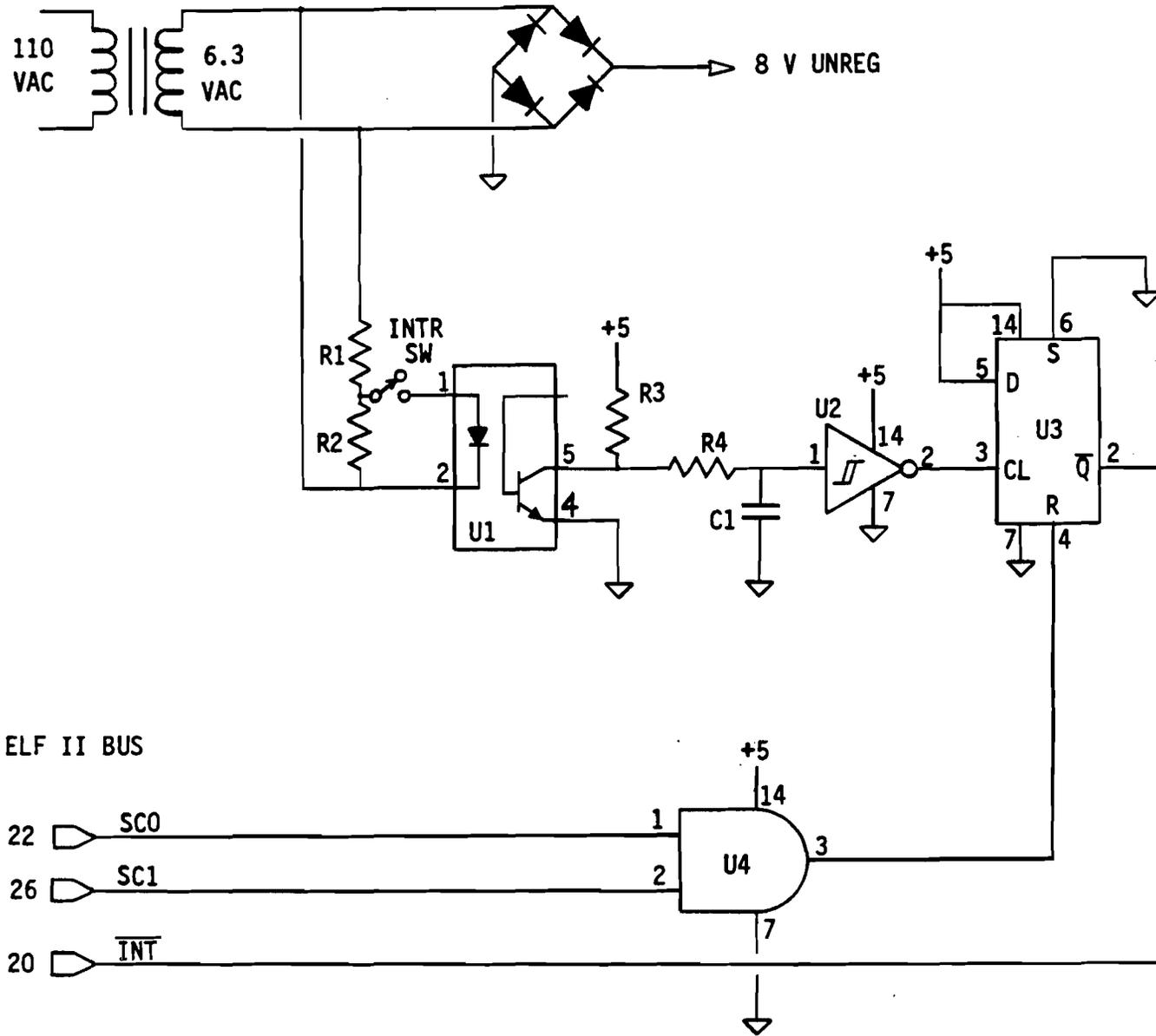


FIGURE 2
ELF/DIGITALTALKER SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



ELF II BUS

22 SC0

26 SC1

20 INT

FIGURE 3

TALKING CLOCK INTERRUPT CIRCUIT

- U1 4N25
- U2 74C914
- U3 4013
- U4 4081
- R1 820 Ohms
- R2 180 Ohms
- R3 10 K
- R4 22 K
- C1 0.05 uF

TALKING CLOCK PROGRAM

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
1E	F8 E6 A1		LDI INT PLO 1	INTRPT PROG CNTR
21	F8 1F A2		LDI 1F PLO 2	STACK POINTER
24	F8 0F A7		LDI 0F PLO 7	MINUTE FLAG
27	A8		PLO 8	INTRPT COUNTER LO
28	F8 0E B8		LDI 0E PHI 8	INTRPT COUNTER HI
2B	F8 D5 A9		LDI INC PLO 9	INC SUBR PNTR
2E	7A (OR 7B)		REQ (OR SEQ)	USE 7A BFOR 1PM
2F	F8 98 AA	INIT	LDI HOUR PLO A	HOUR POINTER
32	F8 9C AB		LDI MIN PLO B	MINUTE POINTER
35	F8 93 AC		LDI WORD PLO C	WORD POINTER
38	F8 A1 AD		LDI A/P PLO D	A/P POINTER
3B	EA		SEX A	X=A
3C	64 2A		OUT 4 DEC A	DISPLAY HOUR
3E	EB		SEX B	MINUTE POINTER
3F	87		GLO 7	FLAG CHECK
40	3A 8E		BNZ ICHK	IF NZ BR ICHK
42	D9		SEP 9	INCREMENT MINUTE
43	FF 60		SMI 60	60 MINUTE CHECK
45	3A A6		BNZ ADJ	IF MINUTE = 60
47	73		STXD	BCD MIN = 0
48	F8 43 5B		LDI 43 STR B	TENS CODE = SILENCE
4B	60 60 73		IRX IRX STXD	MIN CODE = SILENCE
4E	EA D9		SEX A SEP 9	INCREMENT HOUR
50	FF 12		SMI 12	IF HOUR NOT 12
52	3A 59		BNZ TEST	BRANCH TEST
54	ED F0		SEX D LDX	GET A/P
56	FB 0F 73		XRI 0F STXD	REVERSE IT
59	EA	TEST	SEX A	X = HOUR POINTER
5A	F0 FF 13		LDX SMI 13	IF HOUR <> 13
5D	3A 6B		BNZ HCHK	BR HCHK
5F	31 64		BQ REQ	OTHERWISE
61	7B 30 65		SEQ BR SET	REVERSE
64	7A	REQ	REQ	0
65	F8 01	SET	LDI 01	SET HOUR TO 01
67	5A 60		STR A IRX	STORE BCD HOUR
69	30 73		BR STOR	BRANCH STORE
6B	F0 FD 09	HCHK	LDX SDI 09	D = 09-D
6E	72 33 73		LDXA BPZ STOR	IF HOUR > 9
71	FF 06		SMI 06	REVERSE DEC ADJ
73	73	STOR	STXD	STORE TALK CODE
74	F0 64		LDX OUT 4	SHOW BCD HOUR
76	31 7E		BQ NITE	CHECK HOUR OK
78	FF 07		SMI ON	IF TIME < ON
7A	3B 2F		BM INIT	BRANCH INIT
7C	30 82		BR TALK	OTHWS BRANCH TALK
7E	FD 11	NITE	SDI OFF	IF T > OFF
80	3B 2F		BM INIT	BRANCH INIT
82	EC F0	TALK	SEX C LDX	GET WORD CODE
84	FD FF		SDI FF	IF CODE = FF
86	32 2F		BZ INIT	BRANCH INIT
88	62 60		OUT 2 IRX	SPEAK WORD, PX+2
8A	35 8A	WAIT	B2 WAIT	WAIT FOR WORD
8C	30 82		BR TALK	NEXT WORD

TALKING CLOCK PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

8E	3F 2F		ICLK	BN4 INIT	I PRESS?
90	64			OUT 4	SHOW MINUTE
91	30 82			BR TALK	BRANCH TALK
93	8A 8A		WORD	THE	ANNOUNCE
95	8B 8B			TIME	TIME
97	60			IS	PHRASE
98	11		HOOR	11	BCD HOUR
99	0B 0B			0B	HOUR TALK CODE
9B	17			FIFTY	TENS TALK CODE
9C	55		MIN	55	BCD MINUTE
9D	05 05			FIVE	MINUTE TALK CODE
9F	46 46			SILENCE	PAUSE
A1	20 20		A/P	A	A=20, P=2F
A3	2C 2C			M	M
A5	FF			FF	END PHRASE CODE
A6	F0 73		ADJ	LDX STXD	GET BCD MINUTE
A8	FF 20			SMI 20	IF MINUTE < 20
AA	3B B5			BM SILN	BRANCH SILN
AC	F6 F6			SHR SHR	OTHERWISE SHIFT
AE	F6 F6			SHR SHR	MSD TO LSD
B0	FC 14 5B			ADI 14 STR B	FORM TENS & STORE
B3	30 C8			BR UNIT	BRANCH UNITS
B5	F8 43 5B		SILN	LDI 43 STR B	TENS = SILENCE
B8	60 F0			IRX LDX	GET BCD MINUTE
BA	FD 09			SDI 09	IF MINUTE < 10
BC	33 C4			BPZ TENS	BRANCH TENS
BE	72			LDXA	OTHSW TALK CODE =
BF	FF 06 73			SMI 06 STXD	REV DEC ADJ (HEX)
C2	30 2F			BR INIT	BRANCH INIT
C4	2B		TENS	DEC B	POINT TO TENS
C5	F8 2E 5B			LDI 2E STR B	TENS = OWE
C8	60 72		UNIT	IRX LDXA	GET BCD MIN
CA	FA 0F 5B			ANI 0F STR B	STRIP TENS
CD	3A 2F			BNZ INIT	IF BCD UNITS = 0
CF	F8 43 73			LDI 43 STXD	UNITS TALK CODE =
D2	30 2F			BR INIT	SILENCE
D4	D0		EXT1	SEP 0	MAIN POINTER
D5	F0 FC 01		INC	LDX ADI 01	INCREMENT TIME
D8	A7			PLO 7	SET MINUTE FLAG
D9	FA 0F			ANI 0F	STRIP TENS
DB	FD 09			SDI 09	DECIMAL ADJ R0D?
DD	87			GLO 7	IF YES DF = 0
DE	CF			LSDF	SKIP IF NO DEC ADJ
DF	FC 06			ADI 06	DECIMAL ADJUST
E1	73 60			STXD IRX	STORE TIME
E3	30 D4			BR EXT1	RETURN
E5	70		EXT2	RET	RESTORE X,P; R2+1
E6	22		INT	DEC 2	DECREMENT STACK
E7	78			SAVE	SAVE OLD X,P
E8	22 52			DEC 2 STR 2	SAVE D
EA	88 3A FB			GLO 8 BNZ DCR	BR IF R8.0 NOT ZRO
ED	98 3A FB			GHI 8 RNZ DCR	BR IF R8.1 NOT ZRO
F0	F8 0F A8			LDI 0F PLO 8	LOAD R8
F3	F8 0E B8			LDI 0E PHI 8	=0E0F
F6	F8 00 A7			LDI 00 PLO 7	RESET MINUTE FLAG
F9	30 FC			BR RSTO	BRANCH RESTORE
FB	28		DCR	DEC 8	DECREMENT R8
FC	72 30 E5		RSTO	LDXA BR EXT2	RESTORE D AND EXIT

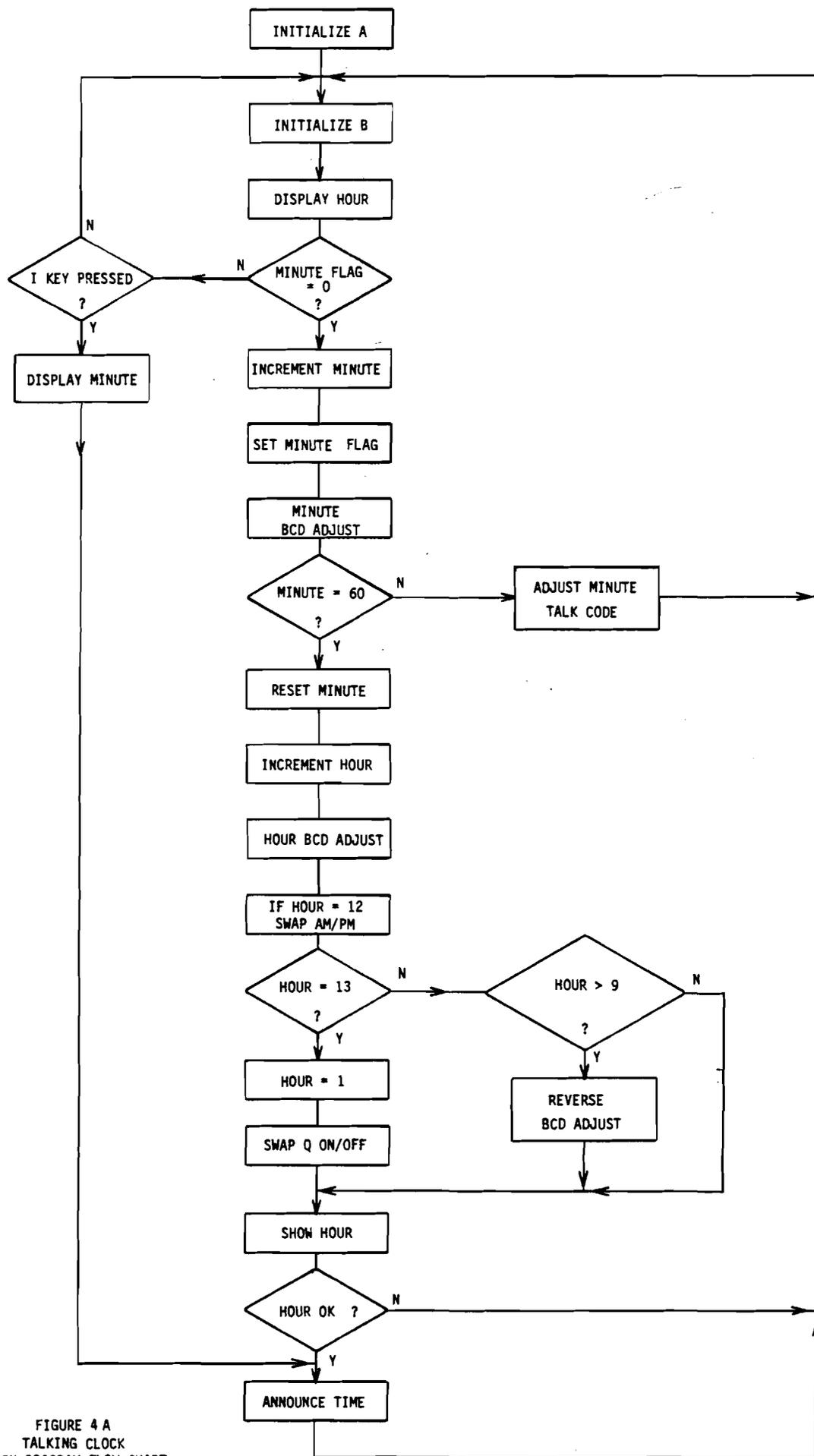


FIGURE 4 A
TALKING CLOCK
MAIN PROGRAM FLOW CHART

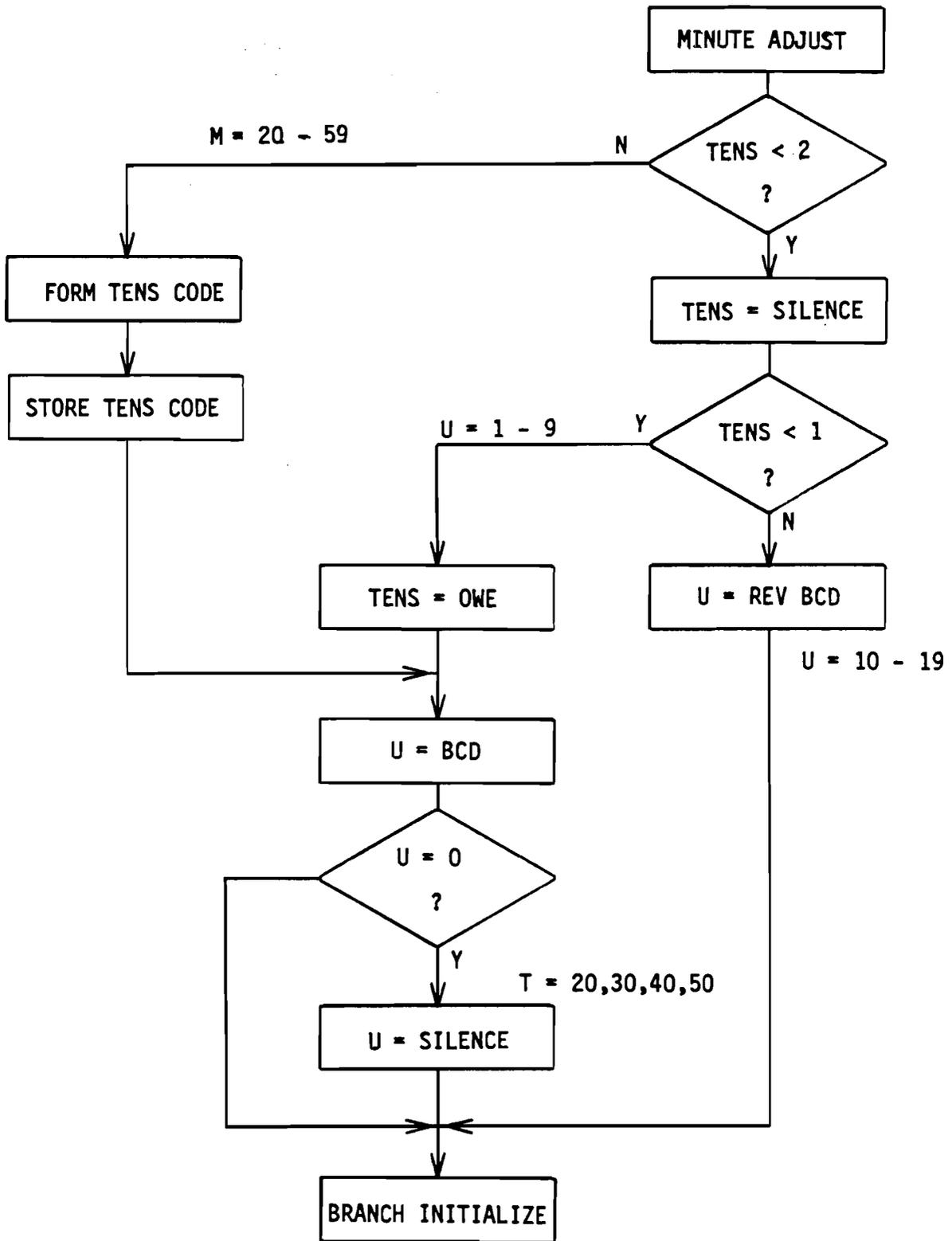


FIGURE 4B
TALKING CLOCK
MINUTE TALK CODE ADJUST FLOW CHART.

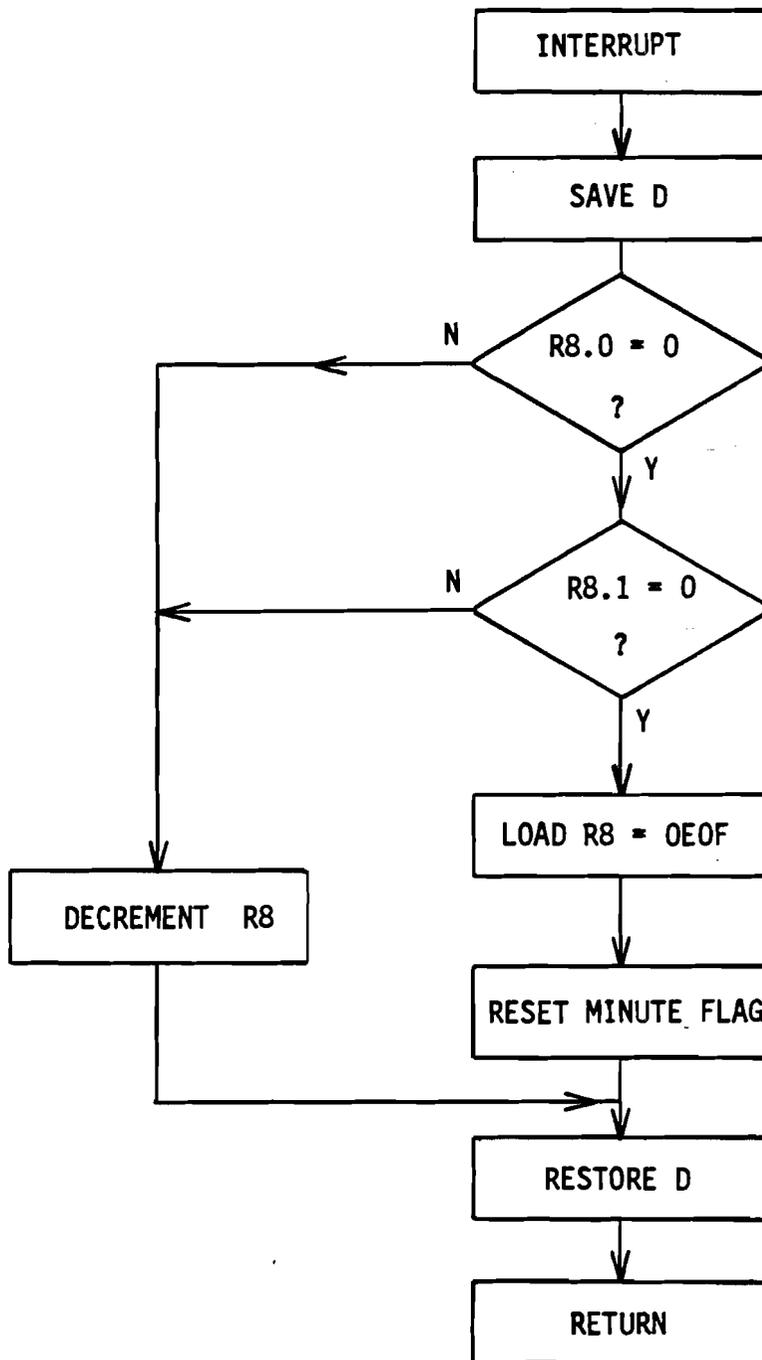


FIGURE 4C
TALKING CLOCK
INTERRUPT FLOW CHART

PROGRAM 2

DIGITAL TALKER TIMER

ADDR	CODE	LABEL	MNEMONICS	COMMENTS
20	FB 80 A4	INIT	LDI 80, PLO 4	SET POINTERS
23	FB 90 A5		LDI 90, PLO 5	TO PHRASES
26	FB A0 A6		LDI A0, PLO 6	
29	FB B0 A7		LDI B0, PLO 7	
2C	FB C0 A8		LDI C0, PLO 8	
2F	FB D0 A9		LDI D0, PLO 9	
32	FB E0 AA		LDI E0, PLO A	
35	FB F0 AB		LDI F0, PLO B	
38	FB 03 AC		LDI 03, PLO C	TEST VALUE
3B	FB 6D AD		LDI SHOW, PLO D	RD POINTS TO SHOW
3E	ED		SEX D	X=D
3F	1C	RNDM	INC C	PUT RNDM NO. IN RC
40	3F 3F		BN4 RNDM	(CHOOSE PHRASE)
42	8C		GLO C	GET RC
43	FA 07		ANI 07	RESTRICT RANGE
45	F9 E0		ORI E0	TO E4---EB
47	FC 04		ADI 04	
49	73		STXD	SHOW IT
4A	60		IRX	
4B	64		OUT 4	
4C	50		STO 0	EXECUTE IT
4D	50		STO 0	FILLER CMD
4E	FB XX AC		LDI XX, PLO C	SET DELAY PER
51	FB YY BC		LDI YY, PHI C	FOLLOWING TABLE
54	FB ZZ AD		LDI ZZ, PLO D	
57	2C	LOOP	DCR C	DELAY XX YY ZZ
58	8C		GLO C	3 MIN 5D 6A 67
59	3A 57		BNZ LOOP	5 MIN 9C B0 AB
5B	2C		DCR C	6 MIN BC D3 CD
5C	9C		GHI C	MIN 01 01 01
5D	3A 57		BNZ LOOP	MAX 00 00 00
5F	2D		DCR D	
60	8D		GLO D	
61	3A 57		BNZ LOOP	END DELAY
63	F0	GTWD	LDX	GET WORD CODE
64	FD FF		SDI FF	STOP IF CODE = FF
66	32 20		BZ INIT	
68	62		OUT 2	OUTPUT WORD, RX+1
69	35 69	WAIT	BZ WAIT	WAIT TILL DONE
6B	30 63		BR GTWD	NEXT WORD
6D		SHOW		SCRATCHPAD MEMORY
80	8A 03 6E 81 45 60 75 FF			E4 FIRST PHRASE CODE
90	8A 8B 60 8D FF			E5 SECOND PHRASE
A0	61 60 8B 02 88 78 FF			E6
B0	78 88 2D 2E 36 FF			E7
C0	34 31 3D 8A 8B 66 FF			E8
D0	00 47 28 22 34 31 7F 02 88 FF			E9
E0	61 60 8B 02 49 8A 70 34 5A 80 FF			EA
F0	01 02 03 88 FF			EB LAST PHRASE

REVIEW RCA LSI PRODUCTS - APPLICATIONS

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RCA LSI Products - Applications SSD-280
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While titled an LSI book it is almost entirely devoted to microprocessors and their peripherals. This book contains nearly fifty application notes ranging in complexity from interfacing CMOS to other logic families and an introduction to microprocessors, to color video and microcomputer controlled production line testing. Although hard engineering facts are the subjects of most of the notes, when to choose microprocessors over small-scale integration and programmable logic arrays, hardware/software trade-offs, and when and how to incorporate assembly language routines into PL/M are also discussed. Emphasizing its own microprocessor products family, RCA strays far enough to discuss programming the 2732 EPROM and interfacing the Intel 8253 programmable counter/timer. Other contents include CMOS ROM's and RAM's, reset and clock circuits, parallel interfacing, analog to digital conversion, keyboard interfacing, UART and serial interfacing, realtime clocks, uP's in color TV receivers, sixteen bit operations, uP controlled thermostats, cassette program storage, battery powered RAM's, hardware multiply and divide, 1804 and 1805 uP's, and CRT terminals.

While aimed at the engineer, this book will easily be understood by the experienced hobbyist and could serve as inspiration for new projects. As a vocational level manual for interfacing lab this book emphasizes real applications.

CHIP 8 AE Disassembler

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The CHIP 8 program written by RCA and the updated version developed by Larry Owen, Tony Hill and myself, offer a variety of game and programming opportunities for the 1802.

But, the code is bothersome to learn, being two bytes long, and containing a variable or an address. The following program automatically sorts out the variables and addresses indicates the condition of the command, and prints out a statement on a 32 character line. The program is located at 2000h, used SCRT and several routines out of my monitor, SYMON, the first two pages of which is also listed for your reference if you so not use it.

The program is entered at 2000h with the PC = R3, SCRT and the stack set. The program sets the start of the program at 0200h, and asks for the end. Input the end in HEX, and sit back while it prints out the code. Please note that this version does not format the output to a printer (ie form feed), but rather outputs a continuous series of lines until done.

The disassembler decodes all original CHIP 8 commands, but only the most useful (in my opinion) of the new CHIP 8 AE commands. For the adventuresome however, I have added a default long jump in the commands with non- decoded commands, so that more can be added as desired. These occur in 0xxx, 5xyn, 8xyn, 9xyn, exnn, and fxnn. Just change the long jump to point to the routine for the new commands, as required.

A sample of the disassemblers output is listed below, listing all commands that it can decode. For your convenience, a listing of the CHIP 8 AE commands is shown on p.40.

0200	007F	RESET GAME	0228	A089	POINT I AT 0089
0202	00E0	CLEAR SCREEN	022A	B389	GOTO 0389 + U0
0204	00EE	ILS RETURN	022C	C43F	SET U4 RND/3F
0206	0123	CALL MLS AT 0123	022E	D238	SHOW 8 AT U2,U3
0208	1234	GOTO 0234	0230	E29E	SKIP IF U2 EQ KEYBD
020A	2345	CALL ILS AT 0345	0232	E4A1	SKIP IF U4 NEQ KEYBD
020C	34AA	SKIP IF U4 EQ AA	0234	F007	SET U0 EQ TIMER
020E	45CC	SKIP IF U5 NEQ CC	0236	F10A	SET U1 EQ HEX
0210	6789	SET U7 EQ 89	0238	F40E	SET U4 EQ ASCII
0212	7801	SET U8 EQ U8 + 01	023A	F415	SET TIMER EQ U4
0214	8910	SET U9 EQ U1	023C	F518	SET BEEPER EQ U5
0216	8021	SET U0 EQ U0 OR U2	023E	F21E	SET I EQ I + U2
0218	8232	SET U2 EQ U2 AND U3	0240	FC29	POINT I TO LSD OF UC
021A	8453	SET U4 EQ U4 XOR U5	0242	FA2C	POINT I TO MSD OF UA
021C	8564	SET U5 EQ U5 + U6	0244	F333	SET I EQ DEC U3
021E	8675	SET U6 EQ U6 - U7	0246	F155	SAVE U0 TO U1 AT I
0220	8786	SET U7 EQ U7 / 2	0248	F065	GET U0 TO U0 FROM I
0222	8897	SET U8 EQ U9 - U8	024A	FC95	POINT I TO UC FOR ASCII
0224	8A2E	SET UA EQ U2 * 2	024C	0000	?
0226	9010	SKIP IF U0 NEQ U1	024E	0000	?

CHIP 8 AE Disassembler

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2000  F8 02 B8 F8 00 A8 D4 C1 1F D4 C1 44 D4 C1 54 00
2010  9B AB D4 C1 54 02 8B FA F0 D4 20 57 20 27 2A D4
2020  C1 65 3A 09 3E 24 30 00 20 71 10 20 C4 20 20 D6
2030  30 20 E7 40 21 0E 50 21 1D 60 21 34 70 21 45 80
2040  21 5B 90 21 FC A0 22 11 B0 22 22 C0 22 2E D0 22
2050  3C E0 22 5B F0 22 87 46 B9 46 A9 86 73 96 73 E9
2060  9F F3 32 69 19 19 19 30 60 E2 19 49 B6 09 A6 9F
2070  D5 8B 32 85 D4 C1 87 43 41 4C 4C 20 4D 4C 53 20
2080  41 54 A0 30 CC 9B FB 7F 3A 99 D4 C1 87 52 45 53
2090  45 54 20 47 41 4D 45 A0 D5 9B FB E0 3A AF D4 C1
20A0  87 43 4C 45 41 52 20 53 43 52 45 45 4E A0 D5 9B
20B0  FB EE CA 23 E0 D4 C1 87 49 4C 53 20 52 45 54 55
20C0  52 4E A0 D5 D4 C1 87 47 4F 54 4F A0 8B FA 0F D4
20D0  FE 15 9B C0 FE 15 D4 C1 87 43 41 4C 4C 20 49 4C
20E0  53 20 41 54 A0 30 CC D4 20 F3 D4 C1 87 20 45 51
20F0  A0 30 D2 D4 C1 87 53 4B 49 50 20 49 46 20 D6 C4

2100  8B FA 0F FF 0A C7 FC 07 FC 3A BF C0 FE 06 D4 20
2110  F3 D4 C1 87 20 4E 45 51 A0 9B C0 FE 15 9B FA 0F
2120  CA 23 E0 D4 20 F3 D4 C1 87 20 45 51 20 D6 9B F6
2130  F6 F6 F6 30 01 D4 21 3B C0 20 EA D4 C1 87 53 45
2140  54 20 D6 30 00 D4 21 3B D4 C1 87 20 45 51 20 D6
2150  D4 21 00 D4 C1 87 20 2B A0 30 19 D4 21 3B D4 C1
2160  87 20 45 51 20 D6 9B FA 0F AF FB 00 3A 70 30 2E
2170  8F FB 01 3A 82 D4 21 00 D4 C1 87 20 4F 52 20 D6
2180  30 2E 8F FB 02 3A 95 D4 21 00 D4 C1 87 20 41 4E
2190  44 20 D6 30 2E 8F FB 03 3A A8 D4 21 00 D4 C1 87
21A0  20 58 4F 52 20 D6 30 2E 8F FB 04 3A B9 D4 21 00
21B0  D4 C1 87 20 2B 20 D6 30 2E 8F FB 05 3A CA D4 21
21C0  00 D4 C1 87 20 2D 20 D6 30 2E 8F FB 06 3A DA D4
21D0  21 00 D4 C1 87 20 2F 20 B2 D5 8F FB 07 3A EB D4
21E0  21 2E D4 C1 87 20 2D 20 D6 30 00 8F FB 0E CA 23
21F0  E0 D4 21 2E D4 C1 87 20 2A 20 B2 D5 9B FA 0F CA

2200  23 D0 D4 20 F3 D4 C1 87 20 4E 45 51 20 D6 C0 21
2210  2E D4 C1 87 50 4F 49 4E 54 20 49 20 41 54 A0 C0
2220  20 CC D4 20 C4 D4 C1 87 20 2B 20 56 B0 D5 D4 21
2230  3B D4 C1 87 20 52 4E 44 AF C0 21 19 D4 C1 87 53
2240  48 4F 57 A0 9B D4 21 01 D4 C1 87 20 41 54 20 D6
2250  D4 21 00 D4 C1 87 2C D6 C0 21 2E 9B FB 9E 3A 70
2260  D4 20 F3 D4 C1 87 20 45 51 20 4B 45 59 42 C4 D5
2270  9B FB A1 CA 23 E0 D4 20 F3 D4 C1 87 20 4E 45 51
2280  20 4B 45 59 42 C4 D5 9B FB 07 3A 9C D4 21 3B D4
2290  C1 87 20 45 51 20 54 49 4D 45 D2 D5 9B FB 0A 3A
22A0  AF D4 21 3B D4 C1 87 20 45 51 20 48 45 D8 D5 9B
22B0  FB 0E 3A C4 D4 21 3B D4 C1 87 20 45 51 20 41 53
22C0  43 49 C9 D5 9B FB 15 3A DD D4 C1 87 53 45 54 20
22D0  54 49 4D 45 52 20 45 51 20 D6 C0 21 00 9B FB 18
22E0  3A F7 D4 C1 87 53 45 54 20 42 45 45 50 45 52 20
22F0  45 51 20 D6 C0 21 00 9B FB 1E CA 23 11 D4 C1 87

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2300 53 45 54 20 49 20 45 51 20 49 20 2B 20 D6 C0 21
2310 00 9B FB 29 3A 2F D4 C1 87 50 4F 49 4E 54 20 49
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23A0 46 52 4F 4D 20 C9 D5 9B FB 95 CA 23 E0 D4 C1 87
23B0 50 4F 49 4E 54 20 49 20 54 4F 20 D6 D4 21 00 D4
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23D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
23E0 D4 C1 87 BF D5 00 00 00 F8 20 B3 F8 00 A3 D3 00
23F0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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SYMON Initialization and Routine pages for CHIP 8 AE DISASSEMBLER

The following code is called in part by various routines.

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0000 C0 C0 18 D4 C7 F0 C0 C6 00 C0 C1 D7 C0 C1 D1 C0
0010 C0 43 C0 C0 BD C0 C0 E8 F8 C0 B3 F8 1F A3 D3 E3
0020 71 23 F8 FE B2 B7 F8 FF A2 BC 73 93 B4 B5 F8 AC
   30 A4 F8 9D A5 D4 C6 3B D4 C1 C1 18 D4 C6 5A D4 C3
0040 31 30 4A D4 FE 0C D4 C1 87 BF D4 FE 0C D4 C1 87
0050 4D 3E 87 D4 FE 03 D4 C1 8F C0 5D 30 3E 3F C2 59
0060 42 D0 00 43 C2 34 44 C3 80 45 C3 00 46 C2 25 47
0070 DC 00 4A C2 0E 4D C2 16 50 C2 A9 51 C6 94 52 C2
0080 05 54 C1 DE 56 C6 44 57 C2 CD 58 C6 30 59 C2 84
0090 5A C2 00 00 FE 0F 00 C0 C0 C0 C0 C0 D3 BF E2 96
00A0 B3 86 A3 12 42 B6 02 A6 9F 30 9C D3 BF E2 86 73
00B0 96 73 83 A6 93 B6 46 B3 46 A3 9F 30 AB D4 FE 03
00C0 FF 41 3B DC FF 06 33 E4 FE FE FE FE FC 08 FE AF
00D0 8D 7E AD 9D 7E BD 8F FE 3A CF 30 E6 FC 07 33 E4
00E0 FC 0A 33 C8 FC 00 9F D5 AF F6 F6 F6 F6 D4 C0 F4
00F0 BD 8F FA 0F FC F6 C7 FC 07 FF C6 AD D4 FE 06 D5

C100 D4 FE 0C D4 C1 87 53 54 41 52 54 20 41 44 44 52
C110 45 53 53 20 3D A0 30 B9 D4 C1 00 9D B8 8D A8 D4
C120 FE 0C D4 C1 87 45 4E 44 20 BD D4 C1 59 08 D4 C1
C130 B9 8D 22 52 88 F5 AA 9D 52 98 75 BA 52 8A F4 12
C140 C2 FE 0F D5 D4 FE 0C 98 D4 FE 15 88 D4 FE 15 D4
C150 C1 59 02 D5 48 BB D4 FE 15 46 A9 89 32 53 D4 C1
C160 87 A0 29 30 5B 2A 9A 3A 6A 8A D5 87 73 F8 FF A7
C170 07 FB FF 32 83 2E 8E 3A 83 C8 87 73 D4 C1 87 8C
C180 F8 31 AE 60 F0 A7 D5 46 D4 FE 06 FE 3B 87 D5 46
C190 BB 46 AB 86 73 96 73 EB 9F F3 32 A2 1B 1B 1B 0B
C1A0 3A 98 E2 1B 4B B6 0B A6 9F D5 D4 FE 0C D4 C1 87
   30 44 41 54 41 BF D4 C1 59 0D D4 FE 12 FB 0D 3A B9
C1C0 D5 96 B8 F8 00 A7 A8 46 AA 48 57 17 2A 8A 3A C9
C1D0 D5 D4 C1 87 0A 8D D5 FC 00 3E DD FF 00 D5 87 73
C1E0 F8 FF A7 07 3A E9 F8 FF C8 F8 00 57 60 F0 A7 D5
C1F0 FF 00

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CHIP 8 MINI AE INSTRUCTION SET

007F	Reset program - PC = R0 = 1000	DXYN	Display N byte pattern at coordinates VX, VY; I (memory pointer) gives starting address of locations to be displayed. The displayed locations are exclusively or'ed against display field. VF becomes 01 if some of the display field is already set, 00 if it is not
00E0	Erase the display	EX9E	Skip if VX = hex key input
00EE	Return from interpreter subroutine (2 mmm command)	EXA1	Skip if VX = hex key input
0MMM	Do a machine code subroutine at location OMMM (subroutine must end with D4)	FX07	Set VX to the value of the timer; timer is counted down in interrupt routine
1MMM	Go to OMMM; (range 0200-0FFF)	FX0A	Set VX = keyboard (HEX)
2MMM	Do an interpreter subroutine at location OMMM (subroutine must end with 00EE)	FX0E	Set VX = keyboard (ASC II)
3XKK	Skip if VX = KK	FX15	Set timer to VX; timer is counted down interrupt routine so 01 is ca. 1/60 th second
4XKK	Skip if VX = KK	FX18	Set tone duration to VX; turns Q on for duration specified by VX, 01 is ca. 1/60 th second
5XY0	Skip if VX = VY	FX1E	Set I = I + VX
6XKK	Set VX = KK	FX29	Point I to pattern for least significant digit of VX
7XKK	Set VX = VX + KK	FX2C	Point I to pattern for most significant digit of VX
8XY0	Set VX = VY	FX33	Convert VX to decimal; 3 decimal digits are stored at M(I), M(I+1), and M(I+2), I does not change
8XY1	Set VX = VX "or" VY (Note that VF is changed)	FX55	Save V0 through VX in memory at locations specified by I, V0 at M(I), V1 at M(I+1), etc., I becomes I+X+1
8XY2	Set VX = VX "and" VY (Note that VF is changed)	FX65	Transfer memory locations specified by I to variables V0 through VX, V0 becomes M(I), V1 becomes M(I+1), etc., I becomes I+X+1
8XY3	Set VX = VX "xor" VY	FX95	Point I to pattern of ASC II character stored in VX
8XY4	Set VX = VX + VY (Note that VF becomes 00 if the sum is less than or equal to FF and 01 if the sum is greater than FF)		
8XY5	Set VX = VX - VY (Note that VF becomes 00 if VX is less than VY and 01 if VX is greater than or equal to VY)		
8XY6	Set VX = VY divided by 2		
8XY7	Set VX = VY - VX		
8XYE	Set VX = VY multiplied by 2		
9XY0	Skip if VX = VY		
AMMM	Point I at OMMM (range 0200 - 0FFF)		
BMMM	Go to OMMM + V0		
CXKK	Set VX to a random byte; random byte is anded against KK first		

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