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No Man is fit to be entrusted with control of the "Present", who is ignorant of the "Past," and no People who are indifferent to their "Past" need Hope to Make Their "Future" Great.

Ancient "Inuit" saying

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John B. Norris

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THE SUBJECT WHO IS TRULY LOYAL TO THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE WILL NEITHER ADVISE NOR SUBMIT TO ARBITRARY MEASURES -- JUNIUS.

EDITORIAL

An "empty mail box" certainly reflects how interest has waned on 1802 Hardware, Firmware and Software experimentation.

Times have changed, the markets flooded with low cost "clones, pressure of business due to computerization certainly temps one to spend his leizure time doing other than what ACE stands for.

However, this time shall pass. The 32-64 bit "chips" are here with "3D", holography and computer Eye Ball command. Tass News Agency claims their new mini-computer is capable of performing up to one-billion operations per second. Certainly impressive. Europe boast more micros per family than any other country. Too bad we can't obtain more European Mag's etc. - perhaps we can catch up. Maybe the "Gold Curtain" is screening their new developments from us or we are developing a bad case of "Tunnel Vision" due to our smugness.

We accept articles on all types of computer hardware, software and firmware, and would be pleased to hear from you.

May the "FORCE" be with you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John B. Harris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "May the 'FORCE' be with you."

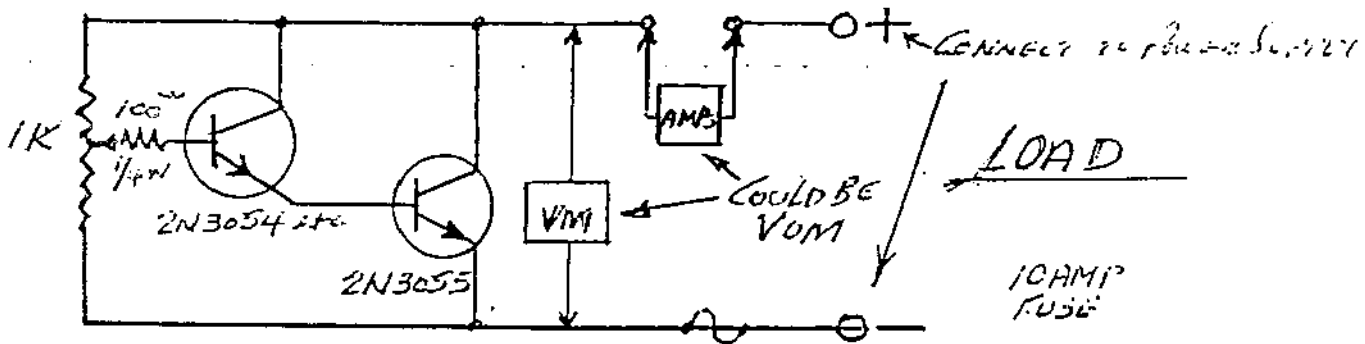
Electronic Power Supply Load Tester

- by Fred Feaver

How many of you have wished you knew exactly how much current your power supply could supply without collapsing, or just how good your voltage regulation was?

Here is a simple, inexpensive load tester that is very easy to build. The total cost should be much less than \$5.00. With a 10 ampere capacity at up to 40 volts, this will handle practically all hobby computer supplies.

Note: The quoted price is for the electronic components.



The 2N3055 has a 60 volt rating at 1.5 amps. $H_{FE} = 20 - 70$ Design for 10 amps. Take worst case $H_{FE} = 20$

$$\text{Base Current } I_B = \frac{I_C}{H_{FE}} = \frac{10}{20} = 0.50 \text{ amps}$$

It is possible to connect the base directly to a potentiometer, but it is better to use a Darlington configuration to reduce the current through the pot.

Say the driver transistor has H_{FE} of 20 with 0.5 amp output:

$$\text{then } I_B = \frac{0.5}{20} = 25 \text{ ma.}$$

Almost any small or medium NPN transistor can be used. I used an obsolete 2N696 from my junk box, it had an output current rating of 500 ma and H_{FE} of 20.

1802 EDITOR/ASSEMBLER
R. Irvine, 294 Book Rd. W. Ancaster Ont. L9G 3L1
Version 1.0

This program was written on a TRS-80 Model I using level 11 basic. There are no peeks or pokes. This should make the program adaptable to computers equipped with virtually any version of Microsoft basic.

When the program is run you are immediately in the command mode. Hitting [RETURN] or entering "HELP" will display all available commands and command syntax. They are as follows:

```
l      :Insert a line
C      :Change a line
ADD    :Add more code to the end of the buffer
DEL    :Delete a line
R      :ReNUMBER program lines
A      :Assemble code
L      :List to screen
P      :List to printer
#XXXX  :Hex to decimal conversion
Dnnnn  :Decimal to hex conversion
```

Pressing shift C when starting a new line of code will jump to the command mode. When the buffer is empty, you must begin by entering I for insert. To add any subsequent lines the ADD command is used.

INPUT FORMAT

Line	Label	Mnem	Oper	Comments
100	START	LDI	#FF	Initialization routine

The operand column will accept Hex entries as data or jump addresses in format #XXXX. It will also accept labels for addresses. The attached listing is from the RCA LSI Products - Applications book 1982, page 234. From the listing you can see the general convention used. This listing took 1 minute 25 seconds to assemble

There are several error traps in the program, but they are by no means extensive. As a result you may find a way to slide bad data past them. A symbol table is printed at the end of the listing with the corresponding addresses.

```

10 REM          1802 EDITOR/ASSEMBLER

11 REM          R. IRVINE  1985

12 REM          VER  1.0

13 REM

14 REM

1000 CLS
      CLEAR 1000
      DEFINT A - Z
      DEFSNG A,D
      N = 500
      PC = 4
      CU$ = CHR$(95) + CHR$(24)
      NN = 1

1010 DIM  H$(15),J(99),A$(7,N),A(N),C$(99),N$(99),LB$(50,2),JJ(N)

1020 FOR X = 0 TO 15
      READ H$(X)
      NEXT

1030 DATA  0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F

1040 FOR X = 1 TO 4
      READ D(X)
      NEXT

1050 DATA  4096,256,16,1

1060 FOR X = 1 TO 7
      READ TA(X)
      NEXT

1070 DATA  0,8,16,24,32,40,48

1080 FOR X = 1 TO 99
      READ N$(X),C$(X)
      NEXT

1090 FOR X = 1 TO 4
      READ P$(X)
      NEXT

1100 FOR X = 1 TO 99
      READ J(X)
      NEXT

1110 GOTO 1320

1120 INPUT "LINE NUMBER, INCREMENT":LN,IN
      IF LN + IN = 0 THEN LN = 100
      IN = 10

1130 LP = LN

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IP = IN
1140 CLS
1150 PRINT TAB( 16) USING "####":LN:
      GOSUB 1310

1160 I$ = INKEY$
      IF I$ = "" THEN 1160

1170 I = ASC (I$)

1180 IF I = 99 THEN IF NN > 1 THEN NN = NN - 1
      GOTO 1320
      ELSE GOTO 1320

1190 IF I = 13 THEN 1610

1200 IF I = 9 THEN GOSUB 1290
      GOTO 1160

1210 IF I = 8 AND LEN (W$) > = 1 THEN W$ = LEFT$ (W$, LEN (W$) - 1
      )
      PRINT " ";I$;I$;CU$:
      GOTO 1160

1220 IF I = 8 AND W$ = "" AND PC > 4 THEN PC = PC - 1
      W$ = A$(PC,NN)
      PRINT STRING$( 8,24): CHR$( 30):W$:CU$:
      GOTO 1160

1230 IF I = 8 THEN 1160

1240 PRINT I$;CU$:
      W$ = W$ + I$
      GOTO 1160

1250 DN = 0
      FOR Z = 1 TO 4
      FOR Y = 0 TO 15
      IF MID$( HEX$,Z,1) < > H$(Y) THEN NEXT Y

1260 IF Y > 15 THEN PRINT "ERROR IN HEX INPUT"
      GOTO 1320

1270 DN = (DN + (Y * D(Z)))
      NEXT Z
      RETURN

1280 IF DN > 65535 THEN PRINT "MAXIMUM CONVERSION IS 65535"
      GOTO 1320
      ELSE HEX$ = ""
      FOR Z = 1 TO 4
      N(Z) = INT (DN / D(Z))
      DN = DN - N(Z) * D(Z)
      HEX$ = HEX$ + H$(N(Z))
      NEXT
      RETURN

1290 IF PC = 7 THEN RETURN

1300 A$(PC,NN) = W$
      W$ = ""
      PC = PC + 1

1310 PRINT TAB( TA(PC))CU$:

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RETURN
1320 CO$ = "HELP"
PRINT
PRINT "COMMAND:";
INPUT CO$

1330 IF CO$ = "DEL" THEN FOR X = 1 TO NN
A$(1,X) = ""
A$(2,X) = ""
A(X) = 0
NEXT
INPUT "LINE TO DELETE";LD
GOTO 1990

1340 IF CO$ = "HELP" THEN GOSUB 1870
GOTO 1320

1350 IF LEFT$(CO$,1) = "D" THEN DN = VAL ( RIGHT$( CO$, LEN (CO$)
- 1))
GOSUB 1280
PRINT "          "; CHR$(27);CO$ > "HEX$
PRINT
GOTO 1320

1360 IF LEFT$( CO$,1) = "*" AND LEN (CO$) = 5 THEN HEX$ = RIGHT$(
CO$,4)
GOSUB 1250
PRINT "          "; CHR$(27);CO$ >"DN
PRINT
GOTO 1320

1370 IF CO$ = "L" THEN CLS
FOR X = 1 TO NN
FOR Y = 1 TO 7
PRINT TAB( TA(Y))A$(Y,X);
NEXT
PRINT
NEXT
PRINT
FOR X = 1 TO LB
PRINT LB$(X,2)" "LB$(X,1)
NEXT
GOTO 1320

1380 IF CO$ = "P" THEN CLS
FOR X = 1 TO NN
FOR Y = 1 TO 7
LPRINT TAB( TA(Y))A$(Y,X);
NEXT
LPRINT
NEXT
LPRINT
FOR X = 1 TO LB
LPRINT LB$(X,2)" "LB$(X,1)
NEXT
GOTO 1320

1390 IF CO$ = "I" AND NN = 1 THEN 1120

1400 IF CO$ = "ADD" THEN NN = NN + 1
GOTO 1140

1410 IF CO$ = "I" THEN FOR X = 1 TO NN + 1
A$(1,X) = ""
A$(2,X) = ""

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INPUT "INSERT AT":I2
GOSUB 1530
FL:= 1
LN = I2
T = NN
NN = II
GOSUB 1140
LN = LP
IN = IP
GOTO 1440

1420 IF CO$ = "A" THEN GOSUB 1630
GOTO 1320

1430 IF CO$ = "R" THEN INPUT "START NUMBER, INCREMENT":LN, IN
LP = LN
IP = IN
ELSE 1450

1440 FOR X = 1 TO NN
A$(3,X) = STR$(LN)
LN = LN + IN
NEXT
GOTO 1320

1450 IF CO$ = "C" THEN INPUT "LINE TO CHANGE":ED
GOTO 1470

1460 GOTO 1320

1470 FOR X = 1 TO NN
IF VAL (A$(3,X)) = ED THEN 1490

1480 NEXT
PRINT "NO LINE NUMBER"ED
GOTO 1320

1490 PRINT
FOR Y = 1 TO 7
PRINT TAB( TA(Y))A$(Y,X):
NEXT

1500 PRINT
T1 = NN
T2 = LN
NN = X
LN = ED
FL = 1

1510 GOSUB 1150

1520 NN = T1
LN = T2
GOTO 1320

1530 II = 0
FOR Z = 1 TO NN
II = II + 1
IF I2 < > VAL (A$(3,Z)) THEN NEXT

1540 FOR Z = NN TO II - 1 STEP - 1

1550 FOR Y = 4 TO 6

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1740 IF K < 12 THEN A$(2,X) = A$(2,X) + A$(6,X)
1750 IF K > 11 AND K < 32 AND LEFT$(A$(6,X),1) = "#" THEN A$(2,
X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(A$(6,X),2)
GOTO 1780

1760 IF K > 31 AND K < 40 AND LEFT$(A$(6,X),1) = "#" THEN A$(2,
X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(A$(6,X),4)
GOTO 1780

1770 IF K > 39 AND K < 50 AND LEFT$(A$(6,X),1) = "#" THEN A$(2,
X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(A$(6,X),2)
GOTO 1780

1780 NEXT X

1790 FOR X = 2 TO NN - 1
IF A$(6,X) = "" OR JJ(X) < 2 THEN 1820

1800 IF LEFT$(A$(6,X),1) = "#" THEN 1820

1810 FOR Z = 1 TO 50
IF A$(6,X) = LB$(Z,1) THEN GOSUB 1850
GOTO 1820
ELSE NEXT
PRINT
PRINT "BAD LABEL ERROR IN LINE";A$(3,X)
GOTO 1320

1820 NEXT X

1830 A$(1,NN) = "0000"

1840 RETURN

1850 IF JJ(X) = 2 THEN A$(2,X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(LB$(Z,2),2)
RETURN

1860 A$(2,X) = A$(2,X) + LB$(Z,2)
RETURN

1870 CLS

1880 PRINT "I :INSERT A LINE. (WHEN ASKED TO 'INSERT AT' IF THE L
INE #
ENTERED IS 120 THEN THE INSERTED LINE WILL BE
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1890 PRINT "C :CHANGE A LINE"

1900 PRINT "ADD :ADD MORE CODE TO THE END OF THE BUFFER"

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    X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(A$(6,X),2)
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1800 IF LEFT$(A$(6,X),1) = "#" THEN 1820

1810 FOR Z = 1 TO 50
    IF A$(6,X) = LB$(Z,1) THEN GOSUB 1850
    GOTO 1820
    ELSE NEXT
    PRINT
    PRINT "BAD LABEL ERROR IN LINE";A$(3,X)
    GOTO 1320

1820 NEXT X

1830 A$(1,NN) = "0000"

1840 RETURN

1850 IF JJ(X) = 2 THEN A$(2,X) = A$(2,X) + RIGHT$(LB$(Z,2),2)
    RETURN

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    RETURN

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1980 PRINT
      PRINT
      RETURN
1990 FOR X = 1 TO NN
2000 IF VAL (A$(3,X)) < > LD THEN NEXT
2010 IF X = NN + 1 THEN PRINT "NO LINE NUMBER"LD
      GOTO 1320
2020 FOR Y = X TO NN - 1
2030 FOR Z = 1 TO 6
2040 A$(Z,Y) = A$(Z,Y + 1)
2050 NEXT Z
2060 NEXT Y
2070 NN = NN - 1
2080 GOTO 1320
2090 DATA  LDN,0, INC,1, DEC,2, LDA,4, STR,5, GLO,8, GHI,9, PLO,A, PHI,B, SEP,
      D, SEX,E
2100 DATA  BR,30,BO,31, BZ,32, BDF,33, BPZ,33, BGE,33, B1,34, B2,35, B3,36, B
      4,37, NBR,38, BN0,39, BNZ,3A, BNF,3B, BM,3B, BL,3B, BN1,3C, BN2,3D,
      BN3,3E, BN4,3F, LBR, C0, LB0, C1, LBZ, C2, LBDF, C3, NLBR, CB, LB0, C9,
      LBZ, CA, LBNF, CB
2110 DATA  ADDI,7C, SDBI,7D, SMI,7F, LDI, F8, ORI, F9, ANI, FA, XRI, FB, ADI, FC
      , SDI, FD, SMI, FF
2120 DATA  IDL,00, SKP,3B, IRX,60, OUT1,61, OUT2,62, OUT3,63, OUT4,64, OUT5,
      65, OUT6,66, OUT7,67, INP1,69, INP2,6A, INP3,6B, INP4,6C, INP5,6D,
      INP6,6E, INP7,6F
2130 DATA  RET,70, DIS,71, LDXA,72, STXD,73, ADC,74, SOB,75, SHRC,76, RSHR,7
      6, SMB,77, SAV,78, MARK,79, SEQ,7B, REQ,7A, SHLC,7E, RSHL,7E, NOP, C
      4, LSN0, C5, LSNZ, C6, LSKP, CB, LSIE, CC, LS0, CD, LSZ, CE, LSDF, CF
2140 DATA  LSNF, C7
2150 DATA  LDX, F0, OR, F1, AND, F2, XOR, F3, ADD, F4, SD, F5, SHR, F6, SM, F7, SHL, F
      E
2160 DATA  EQU, ORG, END, DEFM
2170 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,
      2,2,2,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
2180 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
2190 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
2200 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
2210 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
2220 DATA  1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1

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0000		100		ORG	#0000
0000	F880	110	PRMTST	LDI	#80
0002	B5	120		PHI	5
0003	F800	130		LDI	#00
0005	A5	140		PL0	5
0006	E5	150		SEX	5
0007	98	160		GHI	8
0008	55	170		STR	5
0009	F8AA	180		LDI	#AA
000E	F5	190		SD	
000C	3A89	200		BNZ	COLDST
000E	88	210		GLO	8
000F	55	220		STR	5
0010	F8AA	230		LDI	#AA
0012	F5	240		SD	
0013	3A89	250		BNZ	COLDST
0015	3044	260		BR	INIT
0017	F88F	270	MEMSIZ	LDI	#8F
0019	B5	280		PHI	5
001A	F8FF	290		LDI	#FF
001C	A5	300		PL0	5
001D	E5	310		SEX	5
001E	F8AA	320		LDI	#AA
0020	55	330		STR	5
0021	F5	340		SD	
0022	3236	350		BZ	LOOP1
0024	7B	360	QFLASH	SEQ	
0025	F820	370		LDI	#20
0027	B5	380		PHI	5
0028	25	390	QON	DEC	5
0029	95	400		GHI	5
002A	3A28	410		BNZ	QON
002C	7A	420		REQ	
002D	F820	430		LDI	#20
002F	B5	440		PHI	5
0030	25	450	QOFF	DEC	5
0031	95	460		GHI	5
0032	3A30	470		BNZ	QOFF
0034	3024	480		BR	QFLASH
0036	95	490	LOOP1	GHI	5
0037	FC10	500		ADI	#10
0039	B5	510		PHI	5
003A	F8AA	520		LDI	#AA
003C	55	530		STR	5
003D	F5	540		SD	
003E	3236	550		BZ	LOOP1
0040	95	560		GHI	5
0041	FF10	570		SMI	#10
0043	B5	580		PHI	5
0044	F800	590	INIT	LDI	#00
0046	B3	600		PHI	3
0047	A6	610		PL0	6
0048	F84C	620		LDI	#4C
004A	A3	630		PL0	3
004B	D3	640		SEP	3
004C	F880	650	START	LDI	#80
004E	B6	660		PHI	6
004F	B4	670		PHI	4
0050	F801	680		LDI	#01
0052	A4	690		PL0	4
0053	3583	700		B2	LOAD

0055	A0	710		PLO	0
0056	F880	720		LDI	#80
0058	80	730		PHI	0
0059	F800	740		LDI	#00
005B	00	750		IDL	
005C	E6	760	XMIT	SEX	6
005D	94	770		GHI	4
005E	56	780		STR	6
005F	90	790		GHI	0
0060	F3	800		XOR	
0061	3A69	810		BNZ	OVRUN
0063	84	820		GLO	4
0064	56	830		STR	6
0065	80	840		GLO	0
0066	F3	850		XOR	
0067	327D	860		BZ	SAVE
0069	95	870	OVRUN	GHI	5
006A	56	880		STR	6
006B	94	890		GHI	4
006C	F3	900		XOR	
006D	3A75	910		BNZ	URTCHK
006F	85	920		GLO	5
0070	56	930		STR	6
0071	84	940		GLO	4
0072	F3	950		XOR	
0073	328F	960		BZ	OVFLOW
0075	3675	970	URTCHK	BZ	URTCHK
0077	3077	980	PRTCHK	BN1	PRTCHK
0079	E4	990		SEX	4
007A	61	1000		OUT1	
007B	305C	1010		BR	XMIT
007D	90	1020	SAVE	GHI	0
007E	87	1030		PHI	7
007F	80	1040		GLO	0
0080	A7	1050		PLO	7
0081	304C	1060		BR	START
0083	97	1070	LOAD	GHI	7
0084	B0	1080		PHI	0
0085	87	1090		GLO	7
0086	A0	1100		PLO	0
0087	305C	1110		BR	XMIT
0089	F8AA	1120	COLDST	LDI	#AA
008B	B8	1130		PHI	8
008C	A8	1140		PLO	8
008D	3017	1150		BR	MEMSIZ
008F	7B	1160	OVFLOW	SEG	
0090	308F	1170		BR	OVFLOW
0000		1180		END	

0000 PRMTST
0017 MEMSIZ
0024 OFLASH
0028 GON
0030 GOFF
0036 LOOP1
0044 INIT
004C START
005C XMIT
0069 OVRUN
0075 URTCHK
0077 PRTCHK
007D SAVE
0083 LOAD
0089 COLDST
008F OVFLOW

USING A BAUDOT TELETYPE ON THE 1802

- BY B. MILLER, I.F. #6, p. 38

The low cost of a CPU card, such as those offered by Tektron or Netronics makes the 1802 chip a natural for anyone who wishes to ease into the microprocessor field without too great a cash outlay. However, before any serious programming can be done some form of terminal must be obtained, as loading via a hex keypad and reading data from LEDs or a 7 Segment Display is rather slow.

At this point the cost of the system will likely soar as a Video Display or a printer will cost upwards of five hundred dollars. Even a reconditioned Model 33 Teletype which is an ASCII machine and will interface with the 1802 hardware and software available, costs over one thousand dollars.

A low cost alternative for those who can get their hands on one, is a Model 15 or 19 Teletype unit. These units have long been removed from commercial service and can often be obtained from ham radio operators for a very modest amount. As they are Baudot machines they require some software modifications if they are to be used on a system that communicates in the ASCII code. This, however is not difficult to implement.

A Baudot machine is however lacking in two areas that cannot easily be overcome:

- 1) The keyboard is a rather slow mechanical one that is awkward to use; i.e. it must be shifted for letters-figures changes. Also there are no provisions for many of the arithmetic signs used in BASIC, for example.
- 2) Some useful ASCII characters that might be found in the output string, are not available on the printer. Examples of this are arithmetic signs such as plus, multiplication sign, equals, less than, greater than, etc.

As a result of the above, it was felt that it would be better to use a low cost ASCII keyboard-Encoder chip set configured as a parallel input rather than using the Teletype keyboard as a Serial input device. That looked after 1) above.

The second limitation can be tackled by assigning some of the extra characters such as ! . and dollar sign to the missing arithmetic signs. This usage will soon become quite natural to the user.

The ASCII to Baudot conversion can be performed by a hardware circuit, and indeed many hams have gone this route. However it is more natural to do this in software in a computer system as no additional parts are required and the memory that it takes is minimal.

THE HARDWARE

The first thing that must be done is make sure that your Teletype is working well. Details of the operation of the machine are available from many sources. The Sept. 1977 issue of 73 Magazine is largely devoted to TTY, and although there are more comprehensive sources available, I was able to gain insight into the operation of the machine well enough with this issue to get the machine running.

The Selector magnets (on the L.H.S. of machine) should be wired in parallel, rather than in series as this will allow them to work on a low voltage "loop" supply. I am using a simple 10 volt D.C. supply, as shown in figure 1.

Current to run the magnets in this configuration is roughly 60 M.A. This can be handled by any Plastic Tab type transistor with a dissipation of about 5 watts and a breakdown voltage more than 50 or 60 volts. The Reverse-biased diode from coll.-emitter is to suppress the spike produced by the magnets as the field collapses when they are de-energized. I have configured this circuit to be in the "marking" state (machine locked up when no data present) when Q is equal to "0" which is the state that the 1802 will be in after a Reset. Therefore, whatever program is running, it is not necessary to initialize the Q line to lock up the TTY.

I have not encountered any problems in running the magnets directly: i.e. no opto-isolator between the CPU and TTY.

Note that most references to TTY in ham publications will show a high voltage (in the vicinity of 120 volts D.C.) loop supply. This is not required in this case and would only complicate the switching design.

The speed of the Teletype machine that you have must be determined before the software delay loop is written. This can be done by wiring the keyboard contacts into the loop and running the machine in the "local" mode. If an oscilloscope is connected across the keyboard contacts and the space bar is depressed, the single "1" data bit in the middle of the 5 bit data stream will be easy to distinguish and measure. A 22 ms pulse corresponds to a 60 WPM machine, 20 ms equals 66 WPM, 17.57 ms equals 75 WPM.

While the TTY is connected in the local loop check to see whether the machine unshifts (goes from figs-to lets) when the space bar is depressed, or for that matter after a carriage return. I am not familiar with other machines but the model 19 that I have will unshift on space (UOS). This must be taken into account in the software program or the computer will "lose track" of the shift condition of the TTY machine, and print incorrectly.

THE SOFTWARE

The software program to run the Teletype was developed to be compatible with Pittman Tiny BASIC 1802. It is in the form of SCRT type subroutines and can of course be utilized by other programs, such as machine language programs developed by the user.

There are several considerations that arise in developing the necessary software program. The important ones are as follows:

- 1) The ASCII output of the BASIC program (or users program) must be converted to Baudot. The ASCII output is parallel and is

converted as such to Baudot. This is most easily accomplished by a look-up table. The parallel Baudot data could then be serialized by a UART but it is rather easy to implement this in software so that is the method that I have chosen to use. In the Baudot data I have imbedded a "1" in the L.S.B. in all cases. This is a loop sustaining bit and eliminates the need for a register allocated for use as a counter. (Tiny Basic uses most of the registers, making this a consideration)

2) The software routine must keep track of the nature of the last character printed: i.e. whether it was a letter or a figure. This is done by looking at the M.S.B. of the ASCII char. i.e. the 7th bit. If it is a "0" the char. is a figure; a "1" indicates a letter. Therefore upon receipt of an ASCII character, the program determines what the present char. is and compares it with the data stored in Register C which contains the nature of the last character sent. If a difference exists a routine which outputs the correct "Figs" or "letters" character takes over, and then returns to the main print program to output the character given it by the main program. After this character is printed, its nature is stored in the Register C for use by the next character that is inputted. The character "space" is trapped before it enters the above routine as it looks like a figure and stores a code in Register C as such, but when it is printed it will unshift the TTY carriage. This has the effect of printing letters in place of numbers if there is a space between them. The "space" character is handled differently in the routine and always results in a letters code being placed in Register C after it is printed.

Certain control codes outputted by Tiny Basic as well as pad characters will also cause the output routine to lose track of the shift condition unless taken care of by the output routine. By setting location 0111 in Tiny to 02 as opposed to the 82 code in the original program, the pads will come out as nulls. The look-up table should code ASCII nulls to a "Figs" character (hex 37). I have set all unused ASCII code locations to the code for Baudot "blank" (hex 01) It appears that Tiny outputs some control characters that are not mentioned in the text, and which will confuse the output routine at times if this coding is not done.

3) This software program uses several registers to store temporary data during the I/O routines. I have chosen to use registers not used by Tiny BASIC 1802. While the text that comes with Tiny states that Register Fo is not used by the interpreter, I have been unable to have any luck using this register for a purpose such as storing the nature of the last character, which requires that the register is left unaltered between I/O calls. It is therefore used for ASCII character storage through the I/O routine.

If the program is loaded exactly as given it may be tested as follows

Address	Data	
0000	C0 0E 00	Long jump to Initialization (after initialization program will jump to 0004)
0003	XX Don't care	
0004	D4 0E 53	Call Inee
0007	30 04	Repeat

This will print out the characters typed into the ASCII keyboard.

PARALLEL ASCII KEYBOARD INPUT

I have used a standard ASCII KEYBOARD, G.I. AY5-3600 Encoder and two 4016 quad transmission gates to form the input system.

The Keyboard Encoder Chip's "data ready strobe" is connected to the 1802's EF 3 line and is tested in software. The ASCII data is gated to the bus through the two 4016 quad transmission gates. These are enabled by the N 1 line of the 1802. A "6A" instruction will cause the keyboard entry to be loaded into the Accumulator and M (R X).

System Initialization For Input-Output Subroutines

The following is a system initialization which will be required if the Monitor in your system does not support the SCRT (Standard Call and Return Technique) system of calling sub-routines as set out in the R.C.A. 1802 User's Manual. This is only required if the user wishes to use these routines as part of machine language programs of his own; initialization is already present in Pittman Tiny Basic and it will run properly without this initialization being entered in memory.

Assuming a 4K memory, maximum space will be left for user's Basic programs if the following scheme is used;

OE00-OE52 Initialization (if required, per above)
OE53-OEDB Ineee, Outee, Break subroutines
OFO0-OFFF ASCII-BAUDOT look up Table, Stack

Basically, more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the last page is not required by the look-up table and could be used for other purpose. I have chosen to leave it filled with the code for a Baudot "blank".

System Initialization

OE00	F8	OE	LDI	OE	; Set this program to run with
02	B6		PHI	R6	; R6 as the program counter
03	B7		PHI	R7	
04	F8	O8	LDI	O8	
06	A6		PLO	R6	
07	D6		SEP	R6	
08	F8	26	LDI	26	; Set R7 to point to table of
0A	A7		PLO	R7	; initial values.
0B	47		LDA	R7	
0C	B5		PHI	R5	; Initialize R5 (SCRT Return
0D	47		LDA	R7	; routine pointer)
0E	A5		PLO	R5	
0F	47		LDA	R7	; Initialize R4 (SCRT Call
10	B4		PHI	R4	; routine pointer)
11	47		LDA	R7	
12	A4		PLO	R4	
13	47		LDA	R7	; Initialize R3 (System program
14	B3		PHI	R3	; Counter)
15	47		LDA	R7	
16	A3		PLO	R3	
OE17		47	LDA	R7	; Initialize R2 (System stack
18		B2	PHI	R2	; pointer)
19		47	LDA	R7	
1A		A2	PLO	R2	

1B	47	LDA	R7	; Initialize R1 (Interrupt Service
1C	B1	PHI	R1	; pointer)
1D	47	LDA	R7	
1E	A1	PLO	R1	
1F	47	LDA	R7	; Initialize R0 (DMA pointer)
20	B0	PHI	R0	
21	47	LDA	R7	
22	A0	PLO	R0	
23	E2	SEX	R2	; Set X Register to R2
24	7A	REQ		; Put serial output in
				; Mark state.
				Convention Mark equal 0
				Space equal 1
				-on Q line
25	D3	SEP	R3	; Go to 0004 At this location at
				the beginning of memory user
				can select either a long jump
				to Basic (0100) or to a Monitor
				or other machine language program.

Table of Initial Register Values

26	OE45	TAB	1	; SCRT Return routine start address
28	OE33			; SCRT Call Routine start address
2A	0004			; Jump to Basic or Monitor address
2C	OFFA			; Stack location
2E	0000			; Interrupt service routine addr.
30	OFFA			; DMA storage initial value
32	D3	SEP	R3	; Go to Called subroutine; leave
				; R4 pointing to entry of Call
				; subroutine
<u>CALL</u>				; Point to Stack
33	E2	SEX	R2	; Save D
34	BF	PHI	RF	; Save R6 on Stack
35	96	GHI	R6	
36	73	STXD		
37	86	GLO	R6	
38	73	STXD		
39	93	GHI	R3	; Copy R3 into R6 to save return
3A	B6	PHI	R6	; address
OE3B	83	GLO	R3	
3C	A6	PLO	R6	
3D	46	LDA	R6	; Load the subroutine address
3E	B3	PHI	R3	; into R3
3F	46	LDA	R6	
40	A3	PLO	R3	
41	9F	GHI	RF	; Restore D
42	30 32	BR	32	; Branch to 32, Exit point for
				; call subroutine
44	D3	SEP	R3	; Return to main program; leave
				; R5 pointing to entry of Return
				subroutine
<u>RETURN</u>				; Save D
OE45	BF	PHI	R7	; Copy R6 into R3 (R6 contains
46	96	GHI	R6	; return address)
47	B3	PHI	R3	
48	86	GLO	R6	
49	A3	PLO	R3	

4A	E2	SEX	R2	; Point to stack.
4B	12	INC	R2	; Pop stack
4C	72	LDXA		; Restore the saved old R6
4D	A6	PLO	R6	; into R6
4E	FO	LDX		
4F	B6	PHI	R6	
50	9F	GHI	RF	; Restore D
51	30 44	BR	44	; Branch to 44, exit point for
				; return subroutine

Input-Output subroutines for Tiny Basic 1802

INEEE

OE53	36 53	B3	53	; Wait til ASCII Key pressed
55	3E 55	BN3	55	; (Keyboard strobe to EF3)
57	6A	INP	2	; ASCII data to D, m (R2)
58	FE FE	SHL,SHL		; Shift out 2 M.S.B.
5A	3B 63	BNF	63	; If DF equal to 0 go to 63
5C	FE	SHL		; Shift out M.S.B.
5D	3B 63	BNF	63	; If DF equal 0 go to 63
5F	F8 20	LDI	20	; ;
61	F5	SD	R2	; Subtract 20 from ASCII char.
				; (Change L.C. to U.C.)
62	38	SKP		; Skip
63	FO	LDX	R2	; ASCII char. on stack to D.
64	D4 OE 6B	CALL	OUTEE	
67	D5	RETURN		; Return to caller
68	C4 C4 C4	NOP		; NOP's for spacing

OUTEE

OE6B	AF	PLO	RF	; Save ASCII char at Rfo
6C	FB 20	XRI	20	; Compare char, "space"
6E	32 96	BZ	96	; Same? Yes-go to 96
70	8F	GLO	RF	; Get ASCII char.
71	FE FE	SHL,SHL		; Shift out 2 M.S.B.
73	3B 8A	BNF	8A	; If DF equal to 0, go to 8A
75	8C	GLO	RC	; Get RC (let-figs register)
76	FB FF	XRI	FF	; Compare RC, FF
78	32 96	BZ	96	; Same? yes-go to 96
7A	F8 7A	LDI	7A	; Load 7A to D
7C	D4 OE 9F	CALL	PRINT	
7F	30 96	BR	96	; Go to 96
81	8F	GLO	RF	; Get ASCII char.
82	D4 OE 9F	CALL	PRINT	
85	F8 00	LDI	00	; Load 00
87	AC	PLO	RC	; to RCo
88	8F	GLO	RF	; Get ASCII char.
89	D5	RETURN		; Return to caller
8A	8C	GLO	RC	; Get RC (let-figs register)
8B	FB 00	XRI	00	; Compare RC, 00
8D	32 81	BZ	81	; Same? yes-go to 81
8F	F8 6D	LDI	6D	; Load 6D to D.
91	D4 OE 9F	CALL	PRINT	
OE94	30 81	BR	81	; Go to 81
96	8F	GLO	RF	; Get ASCII char.
97	D4 OE 9F	CALL	PRINT	
9A	F8 FF	LDI	FF	; Load FF
9C	AC	PLO	RC	; to RCo
9D	30 88	BR	88	; Go to 88

<u>PRINT</u>				
<u>OE9F</u>	AE		PLO RE	; Save ASCII char at REo
A0	F8	OF	LDI OF	; Load OF
A2	BE		PHI RE	; to RE 1
A3	C4	C4	NOP NOP	; NOP's -extra space
A5	OE		LDN RE	; Load Baudot char. from look-
				; up Table-pointed to by RE.
A6	FE	FE	SHL SHL	; Shift out 2 M.S.B.
A8	7B		SEQ	; Set Q "start bit"
				; Convention Mark-"0"
				; Space-"1"
				; on Q line
A9	D4	OE C5	CALL DELAY	
AC	FE		SHL	; Shift out M.S.B.
AD	32	BA	BZ BA	; If D equals 0 then go to BA
AF	3B	B4	BNF B4	; If DF equals 0 then go to B4
B1	7A		REQ	; Reset Q
B2	30	B5	BR B5	; Go to B5
B4	7B		SEQ	; Set Q
B5	D4	OE C5	CALL DELAY	
B8	30	AC	BR AC	; Go to AC
BA	7A		REQ	; Reset Q "Stop bit"
BB	D4	OE C5	CALL DELAY	; Stop bit two units duration
BE	D4	OE C5	CALL DELAY	
C1	D5		RETURN	; Return to caller
C2	C4	C4 C4	NOP	; NOP's-extra spaces
<u>DELAY</u>				
<u>OEC5</u>	BC		PHI RC	; Save Baudot char at RC
C6	F8	C8	LDI C8	; Delay constant for 75 WPM
				; Teletype and 1.79 MHZ clock
C8	FF	O1	SMI O1	; Subtract 1 from D
CA	C4	C4 C4	NOP	; NOP's for timing
CD	C4	C4	NOP	; NOP's for timing
CF	3A	C8	BNZ C8	; D equals 0, No-go to C8
D1	9C		GHI RC	; Restore Baudot char to D
D2	D5		RETURN	; Return to caller
D3	C4		NOP	; NOP-extra space
<u>BREAKSUB</u>				
<u>OED4</u>	3F	D9	BNL D9	; If EF4 equals 0 go to D9
				; (Break switch connected to
				1802 EF 4 line)
D6	FD	00	SDI 00	; Set DF equal to 1 (Break cond.
				; in Tiny Basic)
D8	D5		RETURN	; Return to caller
D9	FC	00	ADI 00	; Set DF equal to 0 (No Break)
DB	D5		RETURN	; Return to caller

ASCII TO BAUDOT LOOK-UP TABLE

<u>Address</u>	<u>Data</u>	<u>(ASCII)</u>	<u>(Baudot)</u>
OF00	37	nul	"figs"
OF07	29	bel	Bell
OF0A	11	LF	line Feed
OF0D	05	CR	Carriage Ret.
OF20	09	SP	Space
OF21	2D	!	!
OF22	23	"	"
OF28	3D	((
OF29	13))
OF2A	0F	*	. (no * avail)
OF2B	2D	+	! (no + avail)
OF2C	0D	,	,
OF2D	31	-	-
OF2E	0F	.	.
OF2F	2F	/	/
OF30	1B	0	0
OF31	3B	1	1
OF32	33	2	2
OF33	21	3	3
OF34	15	4	4
OF35	03	5	5
OF36	2B	6	6
OF37	39	7	7
OF38	19	8	8
OF39	07	9	9
OF3A	1D	:	:
OF3B	1F	;	;
OF3C	0F	<	. (no < avail)
OF3D	25	=	(no = avail)
OF3E	0F	>	. (no > avail)
OF3F	27	?	?
OF41	31	A	A
OF42	27	B	B
OF43	1D	C	C
OF44	25	D	D
OF45	21	E	E
OF46	2D	F	F
OF47	17	G	G
OF48	0B	H	H
OF49	19	I	I
OF4A	35	J	J
OF4B	3D	K	K
OF4C	13	L	L
OF4D	0F	M	M
OF4E	0D	N	N
OF4F	07	O	O
OF50	1B	P	P
OF51	3B	Q	Q
OF52	15	R	R
OF53	29	S	S
OF54	03	T	T
OF55	39	U	U
OF56	1F	V	V
OF57	33	W	W
OF58	2F	X	X
OF59	2B	Y	Y
OF5A	23	Z	Z

Control Characters

OF13	37	DC 1	"figs"
OF91	37	DC 3	"figs"

NOTE: Other locations in memory not listed (in page OF that is) should be coded with the code for Baudot "blank" i.e. 01.
 This insures that any ASCII characters that Tiny Basic might output that are not available on a Model 15 Teletype keyboard will not result in illegal codes being presented to the Teletype printer.

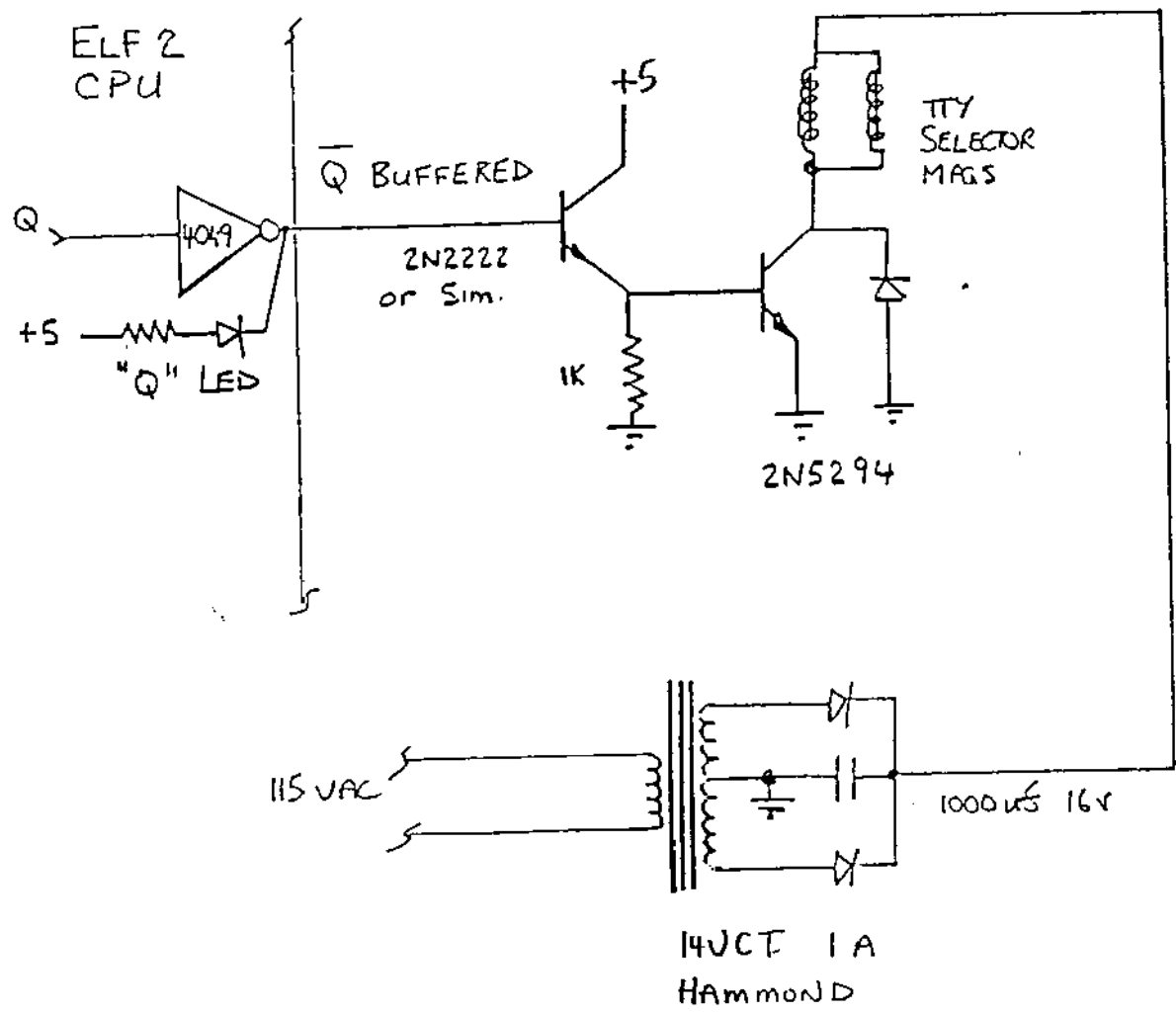


Fig 1

LOGIC PROBE

- BY M. PUPEZA, I.F. 8, p. 36

One of the easiest to use and most useful trouble shooting aids for problems in your micro system is a good logic probe. After playing around with quite a few circuits, I finalized on this relatively simple circuit modified from one lifted from Popular Electronics March 1974.

I made several mods, mainly to increase the input impedance to not load down CMOS circuits excessively.

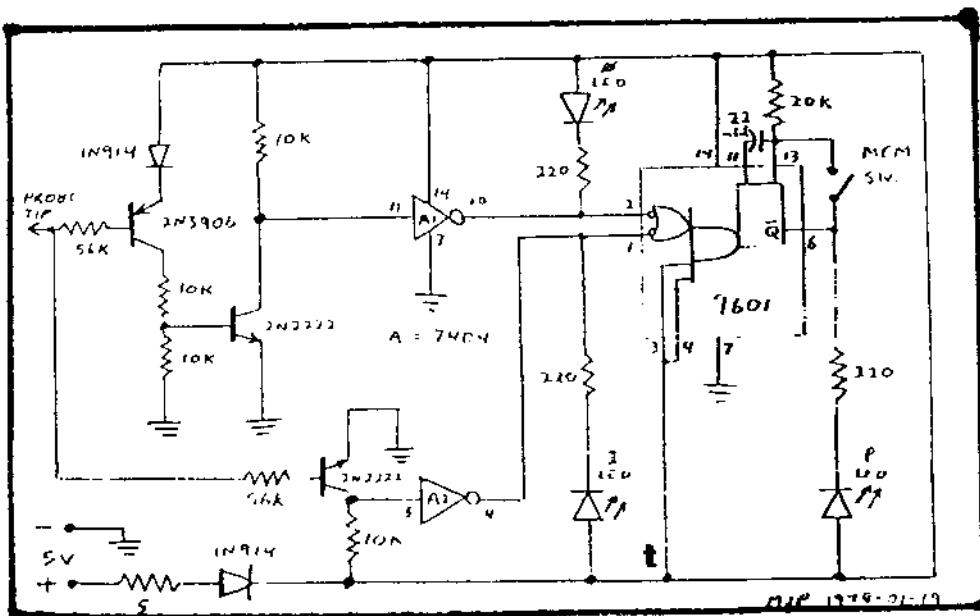
The circuit actually works best on TTL since the leds turn on at +2.6V and below +0.8V. A floating input does not turn on either led and any change of state causes the pulse led to come on for a moment. A pulse train causes the pulse led to remain lit and will record single pulses down to a 50 ns one.

The memory switch allows the pulse led to come on and stay on at any change in state of the input. This is handy when tracing a single narrow pulse that is not repetitive and can also be used to detect power interruptions.

For CMOS applications, this probe will detect the problem almost all the time if the power supply is at 5 Volts for the circuits and the probe. The only time you might fail to get a proper indication on the probe is when the signals do not reach the full high or low potentials due to loading. This hasn't happened to me yet.

Construction of my model was on some perf board and slipped into a short length of 1" copper tubing in which I had drilled 3 holes for the red, green, and amber leds. I installed a test probe into a plastic crutch tip and slipped it on one end and the switch and short length of coax power cable on a crutch tip slipped onto the other end. Any type of holder such as a penlite case, a cigar case, or similar could be used.

This probe works very well (a lot better than most I've tried) and has become indispensable for work on my system and other projects. While it can't replace a good scope, it certainly beats my Radio Shack \$9 multimeter.



4.7V

LEVEL HI > 2.6 V
LO < .8 V

PROBE HI ≈ .07ma
LOAD LO ≈ .04ma

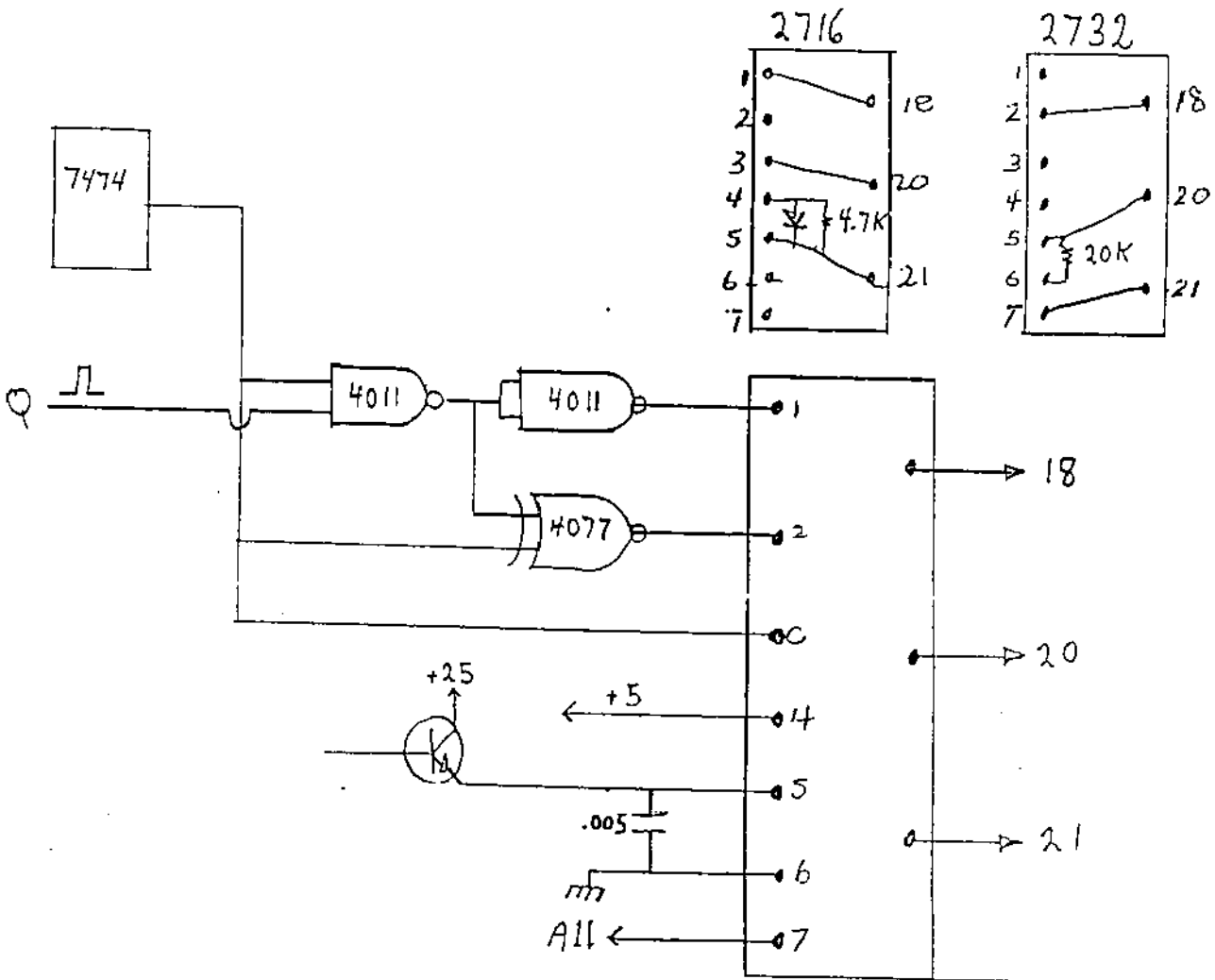
EPROM BURNER WITH PERSONALITY MODULE

BY D. WARNUK

THUNDER BAY ONTARIO P7B 5E3

I WIREWRAPPED THE "EPROM BURNER" IN I.F. #36 AND USED IT WITH 2716 CHIPS. TO INCREASE ITS VERSATILITY I MODIFIED IT SOME WHAT AND ADDED A "PERSONALITY MODULE" MADE FROM A 14 PIN DIP SOCKET. I CAN NOW ALSO USE 2732 CHIPS. SEE PARTIAL DIAGRAM OF HOW I DID IT.

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RS-232C INTERFACE

- BY B. MURPHY, I.F. #5, p. 41

If you are fortunate enough to have an RS-232 device such as a terminal, digital cassette deck, et., and wonder how to plug that funny 25 pin connector into your micro, this article should be of interest to you.

By using the circuit in figure 1, I was able to connect a 300 BPS ASCII terminal to my TEC-1802. The CD4049 was included mainly as a buffer, as I was a little nervous having a chip that has +/- 12 volts on its input line tied directly to the 1802 CPU! Perhaps a 10K pullup resistor should exist between the MC1489L and the CD4049 - my interface works fine without it.

The MC1489L is a RS-232-C line receiver and the MC1488L is the matching line driver chip. These chips are easy to use and only cost \$1.75 each. There are actually 4 receivers/drivers in each chip so that other devices can use the free sections. If you are not using all inverters in the CD4049, you should tie all input lines to ground.

In order to test out the interface, the program found in listing 1 was written. Note that the input and output routines are written as subroutines, so that they can be "lifted" for other programs. If your system clock is running at a speed other than 1 MHZ, then the constants in statements 73 and 104 will have to be adjusted accordingly. The values in the program listing are for 300 BPS, and can be changed to run at other speeds if required.

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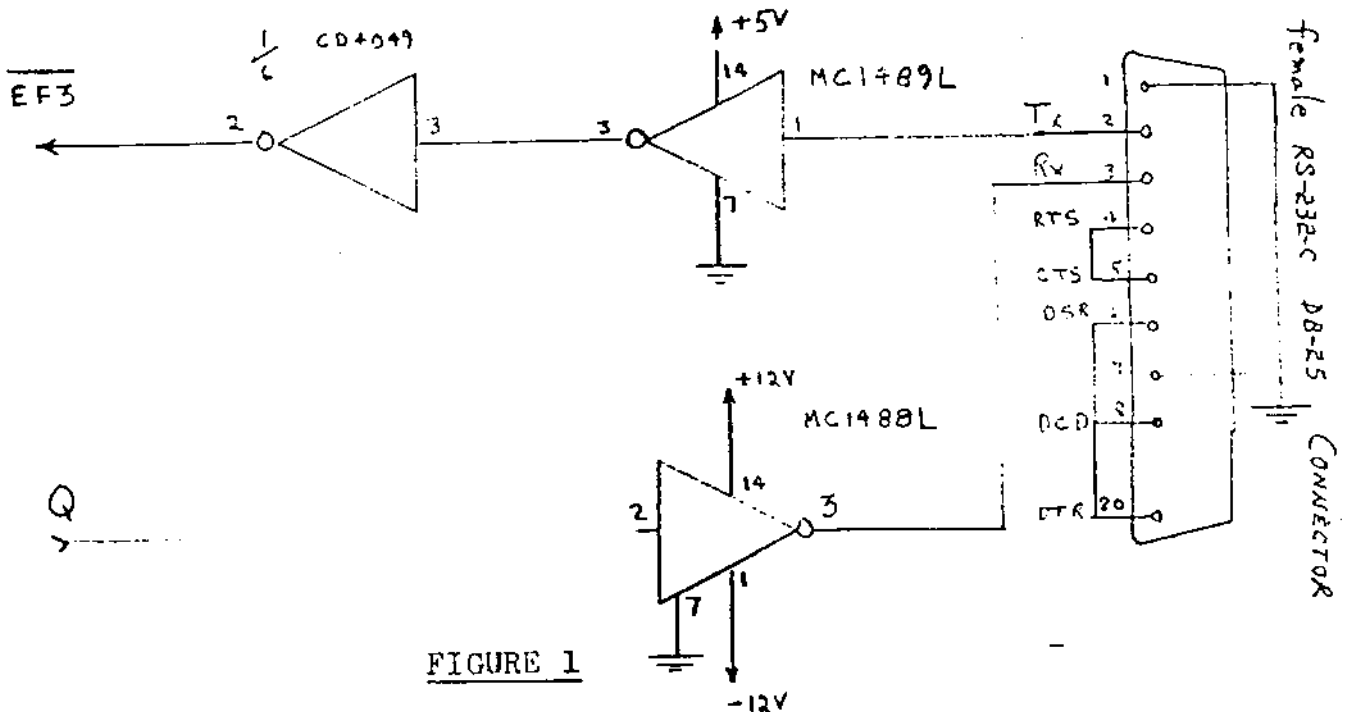


FIGURE 1

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59          SEP R15          DELAY ONE BIT TIME
60          GLO R13          GET BITS TILL NOW
61          SHRC             GET HIGH BIT INTO DF
62          PLO R13          SAVE SHIFTED VALUE
63          LSDF             TEST IF BIT WAS THERE
64          REQ              NO...SO SET SPACE
65          SKP              SKIP THE SEQ
66          SET TO MARK
67          SEQ              DELAY ONE BIT TIME
68          DEC R14          NUMBER OF BITS TO GO
69          GLO R14          INTO 0
70          BNZ TXSHIFT     BRA IF NOT DONE YET
71          SEQ              SET STOP BIT (MARK)
72          SEP R15          DELAY FOR 1 STOP BIT
73          SEP R15          ANOTHER ONE...
74          BR              RETURN TO CALLER
75          *
76          DLYRTN R9       BACK UP 1 LEVEL
77          DELAY L01        1 BIT TIME AT 1MCHZ
78          * NOTE: ABOVE VALUE WORKS ONLY FOR 1 MCHZ CLOCK
79          PLO R12          SAVE AWAY
80          DEC R12          COUNT DOWN
81          GLO R12          RESULT INTO 0
82          BNZ DECR        DONE ?
83          BR              RETURN TO CALLER
84          *
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LOCN	OBJ	CODE	STMT	SOURCE	STATEMENT	1802 VER 1.3
005C	2E		117	DEC	R14	NUMBER OF BITS TO GO
005D	8E		118	GLO	R14	INTO D
005E	3A	52	119	BNZ	RXLOOP	BRA IF NO DONE YET
0060	DF		120	SEP	R15	DELAY FOR STOP BIT
0061	9E		121	GHE	R14	RESULT INTO D
0062	3D	42	122	BR	RXRETURN	RETURN TO CALLER
			123 *			
0064			124	END		

0 DIAGNOSTICS GENERATED
12 SYMBOLS

SYMBOL TABLE:

MAINLOOP	0011	DECR	003C
TXRETURN	001F	RXRETURN	0042
TXENTRY	0020	RXENTRY	0043
TXSHIFT	0027	RXSTART	0049
DELYRN	0038	RXLOOP	0052
DELAY	0039	RXBITON	0059

Super Elf 7-segment Display Replacements by Steven S. Coles

Easy interfacing and the ability to run on battery power have brought several 1802-based single board computers out of retirement at the Seattle Robotics Society. Super Elves and Super Elf Adapter Boards obtained secondhand are frequently lacking the FND 500/503/560 half-inch-high common cathode 7-segment displays for high and low address. These numbers are no longer stocked by any supplier I contacted. However, two days of phone calls and digging through surplus bins located the following substitutes: Radio Shack 276-1647, Heath/Zenith 411-819, Heath/Zenith 411-884, William J. Purdy Company AND 362R, General Instrument MAN 6780, Hewlett Packard HDSP 5503 and Texas Instruments TIL 322A. The Radio Shack part is usually found on the discontinued item table, if at all. Those stocking the TIL 322A said that they would not be obtaining new stock after April, 1986. A large inventory of TIL 322A was found at the Chicago, Illinois warehouse of Marshall Electronic Industries. While I have not tried the Fairchild FND 530/540/550, they do have the correct pinout and provide green, yellow and amber light. As these require slightly higher voltage, D19 and/or D20 (CR1 and/or CR2 on the adapter board) may have to be jumpered, in which case display types should not be mixed. Prices for the displays I did obtain ranged from \$1.39 to \$3.15 (Yanklandish dollars).

The 4368/9368 display driver chips (and the MAN 6780's) were found at Active Electronics.

A SIMPLE 'CAPS-LOCK' CIRCUIT

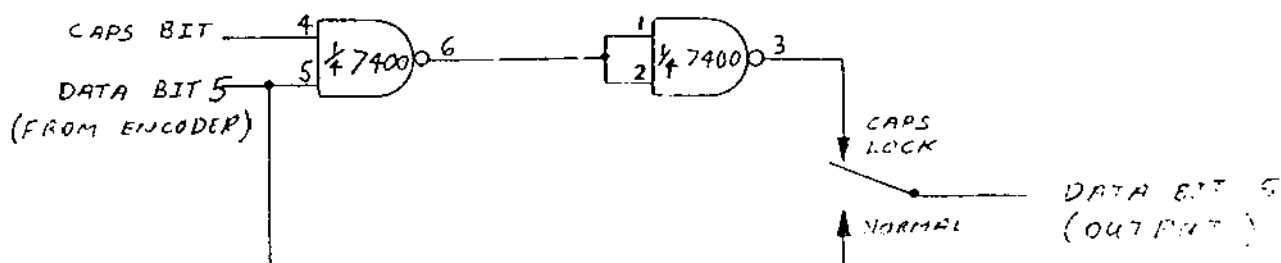
W. Bowdish

Some time ago I purchased a used ASCII keyboard for my system. The keyboard has a single chip keyboard encoder which is capable of generating the full 128 ASCII character set. Unfortunately it is a typewriter style keyboard. The unshifted output consists of lower case alphabetic characters, digits and some special characters. The shift key causes the upper case characters to be generated. This setup is fine for many applications but most monitors and languages only accept upper case letters. What to do?

When the keyboard was purchased (several people got them at about the same time) Frank Ditomaso spent many hours determining how the keyboards worked (you don't get much documentation for \$20). Frank found that the encoder chip generated a rather interesting bit (I'll call it the CAPS bit) along with the usual data and parity bits. The following table shows how this bit is related to the ASCII codes.

ASCII code (hex)	CAPS bit	ASCII data bit 5
00 - 1F	0	0
20 - 3F	1	1
40 - 5F	0	0
60 - 7F	0 for lower case (61-7F) 1 for all other characters	1

In order to convert lower case to upper case, all that has to be done is to logically AND data bit 5 and the CAPS bit and use the result as data bit 5 of the character. The following schematic shows a circuit which will do this. I had a 7400 in the junk box so that is what the circuit is based on. The switch was mounted on the keyboard case and labeled appropriately.



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