80 NEWS
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TRS-80 and Superman comic book

Centronics Price Hikes

Centronics Data Computer Corp., Hudson, NH recently raised prices on most of their printers, parts and services.

Centronics printers which are compatible with the TRS-80 are the 730 and 737 models. Prices of these models were increased by six percent, bringing the suggested retail price of the 730 to $795 and the 737 to $995.

Parts for the 730 and 737 models were raised eight percent in price. Service, other than carry-in, was raised 10 percent. Carry-in service rates have not changed. ■

Mailgrams Can be Transmitted by TRS-80s

The TRS-80 Level II can now be used to send Mailgram messages. Mailgrams are an existing service offered jointly by Western Union Electronic Mail, Inc. (MUEMI) and the U.S. Post Office. Initiated electronically, the hard copy is delivered anywhere in the 50 states with the next business day's mail.

The advantages of Mailgrams have been considered to be their speed, compared to regular mail delivery, and their cost, compared to telegram rates.

Tandy Corp. has developed a Mailgram package and negotiated with WUEMI to arrange access to Mailgram services for TRS-80 users via a toll free telephone connection. Message storage of text, mailing lists, etc., is also available.

Accounts must be established with WUEMI if you wish to use the service. Rate sheets and service agreements for accounts are included with Radio Shack's Mailgram package. Account customers will have lower rates than the general public.

If the WUEMI account is not approved, the Radio Shack package may be returned for a full refund. The request must be made within 60 days of the purchase.

The minimum system required for the Mailgram package and service is a 16K Level II with an expansion interface, RS-232-C serial interface board and Telephone Interface II. ■

NJ Personal Computer Show and Fleamarket 80

The New Jersey Personal Computer Show

and Fleamarket will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28, at the Holiday Inn (North) Convention Center, Newark International Airport.

The show is designed with residents of New Jersey, Connecticut and New York state in mind. It is being promoted as a show for hobbyists and small businesses.

Besides the traditional indoor sales area, there will be an outdoor fleamarket.

Indoor or fleamarket exhibition/sales space may be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Indoor booth space costs $180, including table, chairs and electric current. Fleamarket space cost $7 per day.

Contact Kengore Corp., 9 James Ave., Kendall Park, NJ 08824 for further details. ■

Help the Staff

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TRS-80 Guards Metropolis

Superman has inhaled poisonous kryptonite crystals and his super human powers are fading.

How will he save Metropolis from the evil designs of Major Disaster? How will he rescue the crashing jetliner, turn the flood waters back to their basin and contain the nuclear accident at the Metropolis power plant?

This is a case for . . . TRS-80.

Radio Shack and the creators of Superman, D. C. Comics, Inc., have teamed up to produce a Superman comic book, "The Computers that Saved Metropolis." The TRS-80 co-stars, helping the world famous Good Guy in his fight against Evil.

Radio Shack considers the comic a teaching aid. It is available free from them at Advertising Dept. CC-1, 1300 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102.■

Microsette Becomes Personal Micro Computers

Microsette Co. has changed its name to Personal Micro Computers, Inc., to reflect its expanded product line. The company will be offering peripheral products as well as continuing to produce Microsette blank cassettes and Microsette program duplication services.

New products from the company include Fastload, Joy-80, ROM Extender and Pro-80.

Fastload is an interface between the

CTR-41 recorder and the TRS-80 parallel port which loads standard tapes 16 times faster than the usual baud rate.

Joy-80 is an analog-to-digital converter which may be used as a joy-stick for games or an input device for light level sensing, voice input and sound sensing, etc.

ROM Extender plugs into the TRS-80 to decode and access unused 2K space in the memory map. It is possible to gain up to 2014 bytes for common machine language programs.

Pro-80 is a prototyping printed circuit board with a 40-pin connector for assembling