

THIS ISSUE because the economy is getting better. (?) Well, its this way. The people who were writing the most - both programs and tutorials, were out of work. So they had plenty of time to sit down and invent games, or write tutorials for the Newsletter. Now they are working, and time is at a premium to them. Maybe when school is out, the students amongst us can contribute some energies for us all.

CONSUMER ELECTRONIC SHOW is coming up in the first week of June, at Chicago. Rumor has it that Astrocade will have something to show, but at an off-site location. (Many companies hire a couple of hotel rooms for their displays - since transportation is free, delegates can easily 'make the rounds') What to show? Don't know, but again there is a rumor about new technology hand controllers, and a streamlined board (and box?) that can handle the European TV system (PAL) for overseas sales.

QUICKIE #1 Fred Rodney (ad p. 65) reports that his cassettes now come in the soft plastic boxes at no change in prices.

QUICKIE #2 Scores: Pirate's Chase 3,024,100 / after 2hr 10min by Michael Winiarczyk (age 12). I was to have included some scores from the vaults of Michael Prosis, but they have been misplaced. Hope to be back on the track in the next issue.

GAMES INCLUDED:

BANGMAN is a takeoff on the classic Hangman word spelling game. It has two novel features - letters being entered are hidden from view of the opposing player - and the penalty for losing is not a hanging...

BOTS II is a reworked game originally submitted by Ron McCoy. The 9x19 playing field is sprinkled with walls (I) and Bots(*). Each time you pull the trigger, the Bots all move toward you. If they hit each other or a wall, they disappear.

BOTS II operates from Hand Control #1: Knob controls the pointer as in the original version, for 8 possible directions of movement, or staying where you are if the pointer is not visible (far right or left turn of the knob. A sound was added for audible feedback when the pointer is moved.

Trigger fires the raygun if shots are left (shown at the bottom of the screen) and a BOT is within one square. Since it has a BOT sensor built in, it cannot be accidentally fired when they are out of range. The raygun sound effect is fun as the Bot vaporizes right before your eyes!

Joystick (forward or backward) moves you one square in the direction of the pointer, or ends your turn if you want to stay where you are.

As in the original version, after you move one square (or stay put), all Bots move one square toward you. If they hit a wall or another Bot, they are destroyed. If they reach you, you're dead! It still gets hairy once your raygun is out of power!

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1 .BOTS II
2 R=15;B=3;GOTO 30
3 X=RND (20)b7-77;Y=RND (10)b8-40;O=X;P=Y
4 T=20b(Y+32)c8;S=(X+77)c7;C=S+T;RETURN
5 P=(200-C)c20+1;P=11-P;O=C-(20bP)+20;P=8bP-40;O=7bO-77;X=O;Y=P;RETURN
6 CY=-40;CX=-65;RETURN
7 GOSUB 5;IF O>J X=X-7
8 IF O<J X=X+7
9 IF P>K Y=Y-8
10 IF P<K Y=Y+8
11 G=X;H=Y;GOSUB 4;IF @(C)=43GOSUB 20;TV=79;GOTO 130
12 IF @(C)=N+1I=I-1
13 IF @(C)=73FOR Z=1TO 8;MU=80+Z;BOX 0,P,5,5,3;NEXT Z;@(A)=0;I=I-1;GOSUB 27;G
SJB 22;RETURN
15 U=1;@(C)=N+1;GOSUB 20;TV=42;GOSUB 27;RETURN
17 GOSUB 3;IF @(C)#0GOTO 17
18 RETURN
20 CX=G;CY=H;RETURN
21 CX=0;CY=P;RETURN
22 IF W=1RETURN
23 NT=0;GOSUB 6;PRINT #1,"SHOTS:",B," BOTS:",;IF I<10PRINT " ",
24 PRINT #1,I,;NT=3;RETURN
26 M=M+C;C=M;RETURN
27 BOX 0,P,6,7,1;RETURN
30 C=0;U=1;N=0;I=R;W=0;CLEAR
40 FOR Y=-32TO 40STEP 8;FOR X=-70TO 63STEP 7;C=C+1;@(C)=0;BOX X,Y,6,7,1;NEXT X
;NEXT Y
50 FOR A=1TO ABS(R-4);GOSUB 17;GOSUB 21;TV=73;@(C)=73;NEXT A
60 FOR A=1TO R;GOSUB 17;GOSUB 21;TV=42;@(C)=1;NEXT A;GOSUB 23;GOSUB 17
72 FOR L=1TO 155;BOX 0,P,7,7,2;LINE 0,P,4;BOX 0,P,2,2,1;Z=Q;Q=(KN(1)+127)c28
77 IF Q=1LINE 0,P+3,1;M=20
78 IF Q=2LINE 0+3,P+3,1;M=21
79 IF Q=3LINE 0+3,P,1;M=1
80 IF Q=4LINE 0+3,P-3,1;M=-19
81 IF Q=5LINE 0,P-3,1;M=-20
82 IF Q=6LINE 0-3,P-3,1;M=-21
83 IF Q=7LINE 0-3,P,1;M=-1
84 IF Q=8LINE 0-3,P+3,1;M=19
85 IF (Q<1)+(Q>8)M=0
86 IF Z#Q MU=50
87 U=C+M;IF (U<1)+(U>200)GOTO 90
88 IF JY(1)IF (@(U)<N+1)+(M=0)BOX 0,P,7,7,2;GOSUB 27;GOTO 95
89 IF TR(1)IF B>0IF M#0IF @(U)=N+1GOTO 200
90 NEXT L;M=0
95 @(C)=0;GOSUB 26;GOSUB 5;GOSUB 21;TV=43;@(M)=43
100 J=0;K=P;U=0;N=N+1;I=0;W=1;FOR A=1TO 200;IF @(A)=N C=A;I=I+1;GOSUB 7
102 NEXT A;W=0;GOSUB 22
110 IF V=1 C=M;GOSUB 5;GOTO 72
120 GOSUB 6;R=R+1;PRINT "YOU WIN!";;GOTO 135
130 GOSUB 6;R=R-2;PRINT "GO BOTS!";
135 B=Rc2-4;IF B<2B=2
140 PRINT " TR TO GO",
160 IF TR(1)GOTO 30
162 GOTO 160
200 B=B-1;&(20)=169;NT=99;MU=60;NT=3
220 D=0;E=P;F=C;GOSUB 26;A=C;GOSUB 5;@(C)=73;GOSUB 13;O=D;P=E;C=F;&(20)=0;GOSUB
23;GOTO 90

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I would like to thank all of the People who ordered from us in the past month. However, we still have a large number of Games which we would like to Pass on to you at a substantial savings.

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3 .
5 BANGMAN
6 E SAMS 3/3/79
10 CLEAR ;PRINT "ONE PERSON KEYS IN A WORD TO 10 LETTERS;ANOTHER TRIES TO GUES
S IT WITH NO
20 PRINT "MORE THAN 9 WRONG GUESSES USING KN & TR(1)
30 PRINT ;PRINT "PRESS GO
50 I=KP;IF I=13 CLEAR
100 E=0;Q=0
200 PRINT "ENTER WORD, THEN PRESS GO.
300 FOR A=0TO 9
310 CY=31
320 PRINT "LETTER *",#3,A+1
330 BOX -55,23,50,8,2
400 K=KP
410 IF K=13 GOTO 790
420 IF K>90 PRINT "INVALID";GOTO 310
430 IF K<65 PRINT "INVALID";GOTO 310
600 @(A)=K;@(A+10)=K          9500 CX=-50;CY=16;PRINT "PRESS GO";GOTO 50
700 NEXT A                    9600 BOX 60,27,10,14,1;BOX 58,28,2,1,2;BOX 62,28,2,1,2;BOX 60,24,6,1,2;RETURN
790 CLEAR
800 FOR B=0TO A-1
900 Y=-32;X=-80+(Bb8)+3
1010 BOX X,Y,7,3,1;NEXT B
1100 CY=-24;CX=6;PRINT "USED LETTERS";CY=-32;CX=42;PRINT "BELOW:
1200 FOR M=0TO 25;@(M+20)=M+65;NEXT M
1300 FOR D=0TO 25
1400 CY=31;CX=-80
1410 PRINT "GUESS *",#3,D+1
1420 BOX -33,19,94,16,2
1430 G=(KN(1)+132)c10+65
1440 CY=23;CX=-74;TV=G
1450 IF TR(1)=0 GOTO 1430
1540 IF @(G-45)=-1 PRINT "HAS BEEN USED";GOTO 1400
1550 @(G-45)=-1;CY=-40;CX=-78+((G-65)b6);TV=G
1600 FOR C=0TO A-1
1700 CY=-25
1800 IF G=@(C) CX=-79+(Cb8)+3;TV=G;Q=1;@(C)=-1
1900 NEXT C
2000 IF Q#1 GOSUB 9600+(Eb10);E=E+1;IF E=9 GOTO 9000
2050 Q=0
2100 FOR F=0TO A-1
2110 IF @(F)*-1 GOTO 2200
2120 NEXT F
2130 CY=17;CX=-50
2140 PRINT "CONGRATULATIONS
2150 CY=0;CX=-80;PRINT "PRESS GO";GOTO 50
2200 NEXT D
9000 CX=-80;CY=-9
9010 PRINT "SORRY ABOUT THIS
9020 PRINT "THE WORD WAS
9030 FOR H=0TO A-1
9035 CX=-79+((Hb8)+3)
9040 TV=@(H+10);NEXT H
9060 BOX -16,0,10,10,1;BOX -8,7,27,5,1;BOX -19,11,1,2,1;BOX 4,11,1,2,1;BOX -9,4,
1,4,1
9110 BOX -6,3,1,5,1;BOX -8,0,6,1,1;BOX -18,7,3,3,2;BOX -17,7,2,1,1;BOX -14,7,3,3
,2
9160 BOX -14,7,1,1,1;BOX -11,7,1,3,2;BOX -9,6,2,1,2;BOX -7,8,3,1,2;BOX -7,7,1,2,
2
9200 @(9)=222;@(0)=87;@(1)=87;@(2)=80;@(3)=80
9225 FOR U=0TO 5
9230 @(23)=255;@(21)=255
9240 @(23)=0;@(21)=31
9260 FOR V=5TO 20;@(19)=U;NEXT U
9270 @(21)=0;@(19)=0
9300 X=RND (10)+55
9310 Y=RND (12)
9320 BOX X,Y,1,1,2
9340 NEXT U
9345 FOR Z=0TO 5000;NEXT Z
9410 @(9)=50;FC=0

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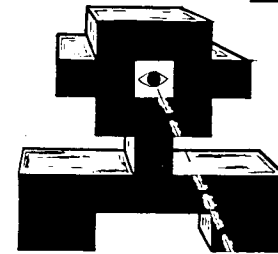
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2 .
3 .
4 .*** CIRCLE PLOTTER
5 CLEAR ;:RETURN ;NT=0
7 BC=0;FC=131
10 INPUT "_Xa"A
11 INPUT "↑Y`"B
12 INPUT "RAD?"R
13 U=1;O=1;P=1;Q=1
15 F=A-R
16 FOR X=FTO F+2bR
17 S=RbR-((X-A)b(X-A));T=Uc4;IF T>Rc8T=U-1
18 FOR U=TTO 500
19 IF (UbU)>SGOTO 21
20 NEXT U
21 U=U-1;IF (S-UbU)<((U+1)b(U+1))-SGOTO 23
22 U=U+1
23 Y=U+B
24 BOX X,Y,O,P,Q;BOX X,Y-(2bU),O,P,Q
25 BOX Y-B+A,X-A+B,O,P,Q
26 BOX Y-B-(2bU)+A,X-A+B,O,P,Q
27 NEXT X
30 CY=40;GOTO 10
110 GOTO 10
    
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BANGMAN DOCUMENTATION:

- 10 - 200 Initialize and instructions.
- 300 - 700 Ask for and accept up to ten valid letters.
 - 600 Stores the word in two locations:
 1. To keep track of the letters correctly guessed.
 2. To print the word if not guessed in nine tries.
- 800 - 1010 Set up blanks for the word.
 - 1200 Store each letter of the alphabet for future use so the same letter is not used twice.
 - 1300 Initiate guessing loop. Allows 26 guesses.
- 1430 - 1450 Allows one to guess a letter by turning knob #1.
 - 1540 If storage position is set to -1 the letter has been used.
 - 1550 Sets value of storage position to -1 and prints letter at the bottom of the screen.
- 1600 - 1900 Loop through the storage positions in 600 (1). If a match is found print the letter in the appropriate location(s) on the blanks established in 800-1010 and change the storage position value to -1. Set flag "Q" to 1.
 - 2000 If the flag "Q" is not equal to 1 then the chosen letter did not match a letter in the word so go to subroutine 9600 plus counter E times 10 and print that portion of the man. Increment the E counter. If there have been nine wrong guesses default to 9000 to "bang" part of bangman. Otherwise flag "Q" equals 0.
- 2100 - 2200 Loop through storage positions in 600 (1). If all positions are -1 then the word has been guessed. Print "congratulations" and press go to start a new game.
 - 9000 - 9020 The word was not guessed within the nine wrong guesses allowed. The man was completely built, so - -
 - 9030 - 9040 Print out the word (from 600 (2)) on the blanks.
 - 9060 - 9160 Draw a gun with the word COLT on it.
 - 9200 Change the screen to a border format.
 - 9225 - 9340 Put six random shots in the body of the man. Use sound effects. 9230-9240 is the shot. 9260 is the ricochet.
 - 9350 Blank out screen
 - 9360 - 9370 Blank out man
 - 9400 Uncover screen from top to bottom with man gone.
 - 9410 Restore screen to full screen format.
 - 9500 Press go to start a new game.
- SUBROUTINES**
 - 9600 Prints head, eyes, mouth.
 - 9610 Prints neck.
 - 9620 Prints body.
 - 9630 Prints right arm.
 - 9640 Prints left arm.
 - 9650 Prints right leg.
 - 9660 Prints left leg.
 - 9670 Prints right foot.
 - 9680 Prints left foot.

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3 CLEAR
5 FC=7;BC=163;&(9)=145;&(0)=106;&(1)=106
6 &(2)=0;&(3)=0
7 PRINT "(C)CHECKERS JOHN COLLINS";GOTO 3000
8 R=U;Q=-1;X=11;U=89;T=-1;V=8;A=12
9 NEXT Q;NEXT X
10 NEXT U;NEXT U;IF T<0GOTO 1200
20 GOSUB 2000;PRINT "KEY RUN ";STOP
50 CX=-71;FOR U=ATO 89;IF @(U)<4GOTO 55;A=U;U=89
55 NEXT U;FOR V=1TO 8;PRINT #1,U,;FOR U=ATO 89;IF @(U)<4GOTO 10
60 FOR X=9TO 11STEP 2;FOR Q=1TO -1STEP -2;IF @(U)=4Q=-1
70 B=QbX;S=U+B;IF @(S)=0GOTO 9
75 IF U>2IF @(S)*3GOTO 9
80 C=B+B;F=Qb20;Z=Ub100;GOTO Z
100 IF @(U+C)*3GOTO 9
200 IF @(S)>2GOTO 9
220 IF V=1 S=U+C;GOTO 8
230 S=U-B;IF @(S)*3GOTO 9
235 IF @(U-C+F)=2GOTO 260
240 IF @(U-F)>3 U=U-F;GOTO 8
250 IF @(U-C)>3 U=U-C;GOTO 8
260 S=U-B+F;IF @(S)=3GOTO 8
290 GOTO 9
300 IF @(S-F)*1GOTO 9
310 IF @(S)=3GOTO 8
320 S=S-2b(X-10);IF @(S)=3GOTO 8
330 GOTO 9
400 IF @(U+C)=0IF @(U)=4GOTO 8
410 GOTO 9
500 L=1
600 L=1;IF @(U+C)<3GOTO 9
610 IF @(U+F)<3IF @(U+C-F)=3GOTO 9
620 IF @(U+F)=3IF @(U+C-F)=1GOTO 9
625 IF U=5GOTO 700
630 L=L+1;D=@(U+LbB);IF (D=0)+(D>3)GOTO 9
650 IF L*2IF D<3GOTO 8
660 GOTO 630
700 IF @(U)=5GOTO 9
800 GOTO 8
1000 CX=-71;CY=40;PRINT "FROM";GOSUB 1700;R=I;PRINT " TO";GOSUB 1700;S=I
1010 IF ((R)>2)+((R)=0)+((S)*3)GOTO 1000
1040 IF @(R)*1IF R>5GOTO 1000
1200 IF ((S-R)b(S-R)<122)GOTO 1600
1210 IF T>0IF @((S+R)c2)<4GOTO 1000
1220 J=T;@(S)=@(R);@((S+R)c2)=3;@(R)=3
1400 FOR X=9TO 11STEP 2;G=S+JbX;IF ((G)=3+T)+((G)=3+T+T)GOTO 1450
1430 GOTO 1500
1450 G=S+2bJbX;IF @(G)*3GOTO 1500
1470 R=S;S=G;X=11;NEXT X;GOTO 1220
1500 NEXT X;IF (ABS(@(S)-3))=2IF J=T J=-T;GOTO 1400
1510 GOSUB 2000;GOTO 1610
1600 @(S)=@(R);@(R)=3;I=R;GOSUB 2020;I=S;GOSUB 2020
1610 IF T>0IF S>800(S)=1
1620 IF T<0IF S<200(S)=5
1630 IF T>0GOTO 50
1640 T=1;GOTO 1000
1700 INPUT " ROW";M;INPUT " COL";N;I=Mb10+N+1;RETURN
2000 CLEAR ;FOR I=1TO 8;CY=40;CX=-5+Ib10;PRINT #1,I,;NEXT I;FOR I=1TO 8;CX=-5
2010 CY=-49+Ib10;PRINT #1,I,;NEXT I;FOR I=12TO 89;IF @(I)*0GOSUB 2020
2015 NEXT I;RETURN
2020 M=-17+(I-(Ic10)b10)b10
2030 N=-49+(Ic10)b10
2040 BOX M,N,10,10,1;IF @(I)*3 J=ABS(@(I)-3)b3;BOX M,N,8,J,3
2050 IF @(I)>3BOX M,N,6,J-2,3
2100 RETURN
3000 FOR I=1TO 100;@(I)=0;NEXT I;FOR I=12TO 18STEP 2
3010 @(I)=2;@(I+11)=2;@(I+20)=2;@(I+31)=3;@(I+40)=3
3020 @(I+51)=4;@(I+60)=4;@(I+71)=4;NEXT I;A=67
3030 GOSUB 2000;GOTO 50

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MORSE CODE TRAINER

Fred Rodney, Educational
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There have been very few cartridges or cassettes available to Astrocade owners with programs designed specifically to "teach". Fred Rodney, an FCC licensed Radio-Telephone Operator, has designed and made available an excellent and efficient program for learning the International Morse Code.

As some of you are aware, one must know the Morse Code in order to obtain an Amateur ("Ham") Radio Operator license. The FCC requires a person to pass a 5 wpm test for a Novice Class license. This cassette tape program is a "trainer", or, programmable "teacher" of the International Morse Code. With it, one can learn the Code at 5 wpm, 15 wpm, or even 20 wpm, quickly and easily.

Mr. Rodney's MORSE CODE TRAINER can also be thought of as an educational "game" for people interested not just in radio, but also in cryptography or mystery. Before delving any further into the Code, here is a description of the MORSE CODE TRAINER cassette.

The tape contains two programs. Side one is the Morse Code Trainer and side two is Morse Code II, for advanced study.

Upon loading, a menu appears offering nine study levels. The easiest, level one, teaches the easy letters A, E, I, M, N, O, S, T, and U, while level nine deals with everything at once; the entire alphabet, numerals and punctuation.

Menu two allows the selection of the learning or testing speed: Slow, Moderate or Fast.

Menu three allows the student to choose the "Learn" mode or "Testing" mode. The beginner would select the first level from Menu one, the slow speed from Menu two and the "Learn" mode from Menu three.

In the learning mode, you will hear a character presented as a series of dits and dahs, followed by a visual of the letter or number. For example, with letter F, whose code equivalent is • • — •, you will hear "dit-dit-dah-dit". After one or two seconds, an F will appear on the screen briefly. As a registered Radio Monitor, I can personally attest to the realism of the "dit-dah" sound produced by the Astrocade.

The test mode is designed so the student may determine how much he has learned. Twenty-five characters will be presented by sound only, one at a time, at the speed the person has selected. The person listens, writes down the character being sent and after the test can check his answers by using the study sheet that comes with the cassette.

Side two of the tape is basically formulated the same as side one, with the overall level of study more advanced. It also deals with certain coded messages.

In addition to the tape and detailed study guide, Mr. Rodney has also included a schematic of a simple oscillator, utilizing a 555 chip, that is easily built with parts from your "junk box" or nearest Radio Shack store. With the completed oscillator, one will be able to "send" Morse Code for further practice.

This taped program is very well done. It incorporates ideas used by the U.S. Navy and by professional code instructors. The Code was developed in the mid 1800's by Samuel B. Morse for the U.S. Government. Originally, the Code involved the clicks of a key connected to a telegraph line. With the advent of radio, clicks were replaced by the familiar tonal dits and dahs that are made by keying an electronic oscillator. In radio communications, the Morse Code is superior to voice communications in a number of ways. The Code can be understood in very noisy situations and crowded band conditions. In addition, it only takes a couple of watts of transmitting power to communicate around the world, whereas voice communications usually require at least 200 watts of power and that's on a good day with a superior antenna!

If you are interested in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator, I strongly suggest you begin with Fred Rodney's Trainer tape. It only costs \$9.00, compared to commercially prepared Morse Code teaching packages costing \$100.00 or more! Mr. Rodney will also be more than happy to furnish you with additional info on how to obtain a "Ham" radio license. You may order the tape by dialing a 24-hour C.O.D. ordering phone at 212-629-2071, or Write to: Fred Rodney, 1190 Albany Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11203.

MAIL BAG: This month Joe Adams writes to say he phoned Astrocade about the problem with the Cosmic Raiders cartridge. (Score reverts to 0 after 50,000 pts.) He reports that it was programmed this way. Interesting . . . Joe also bought the Mazeman cartridge and says "it would have been a smash cartridge if some sound effects had been added." (Game has no sound.- Ed.) On that note, Fred Olivas writes "I hope you get in a Mazeman cartridge real soon because I depend on your clear and honest reviews of game quality vs. price." Thank you, Fred. No Mazeman has been received here. Someone wish to let us borrow one for review? . . . MUNCHMAN question from Bruce Veit: "Is another munchman awarded besides the one at 10,000? Could that be a watermelon after the double lemon run?" How about it gang. Send us the answers, please . . . Uh-oh. Lloyd Friedman of New Jersey warns that "Blastroids-worst game ever." Watch your \$\$\$ folks . . . And finally, Allen Showalter was nice enough to write in to say "Thank you for a great column!" and thank you, Allen! Thanks to All of you who have and continue to write us here at Game Player. Your compliments and praise help keep us going!!!! Our address: Game Player, c/o Michael Prosis, 48-G Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

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2 .
3 .
6 .PROG. M-II 2/20/82
7 .BY S.KENDALL
8 .EVER CHANGING CROSS
10 CLEAR ;BC=119
20 FOR A=12TO 24STEP 2
30 FOR C=1TO 30
40 B=RND (A)b2
52 FOR D=-50TO 50STEP 10
54 BOX D,0,B,B,3
56 NEXT D
70 FOR E=-30TO 30STEP 10
72 BOX 0,E,B,B,3
74 NEXT E
80 NEXT C
84 FOR W=1TO 600;NEXT W
90 BC=RND (17)b8+116
92 BOX 0,0,158,86,3
100 NEXT A
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2 .
3 .
6 .PROG. M-III 2/23/82
7 . S.KENDALL
10 CLEAR ;BC=119
20 FOR A=12TO 24STEP 2
30 FOR C=1TO 30
40 B=RND (A)b2
52 FOR D=-60TO 60STEP 5
54 BOX D,0,B,B,3
56 NEXT D
70 FOR E=-30TO 30STEP 10
72 BOX 0,E,Bb2,Bb2,3
74 NEXT E
80 NEXT C
84 FOR W=1TO 600;NEXT W
90 BC=RND (17)b8+116
92 BOX 0,0,158,86,3
100 NEXT A
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