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WHAT IS IT?

Welcome to the first issue of the PEDISK newsletter. We intend to publish on an as needed basis in order to fulfill the following objectives:

1. Provide news releases on new hardware and software products that become available for PEDISK systems.
2. Provide update information on the PDOS operating system including:
 - a. information on how to get "new release" software when it becomes available.
 - b. information on how to repair any "buss" that may be uncovered in the PDOS II package. (Buss-heaven forbid!)
3. Provide conversion information on how to convert programs written for Commodore disks or tape.
4. Provide software listings on new programs written by users for inclusion in this newsletter.
5. Provide programming tips and special PEDISK subroutines

As you can see, we intend to provide INFORMATION to PEDISK owners.

WHO GETS IT?

The PEDISK NEWSLETTER will be sent free of charge for one year to all those who return the registration sheet at the beginning of the PEDISK manual. This first issue is also being sent to all known PEDISK owners. A copy of the registration sheet is included here for those who have mislaid theirs. Please fill it out and send it in if you have not already done so. Additional newsletters will only be sent to registered PEDISK owners.

NEW PRODUCTS

MAE - MacroAssembler Editor from Eastern House Software is now available for PEDISK II owners. The famous MAE package is a full feature machine language development system tool that even includes a WORD PROCESSOR. It is now available for all 32K PEDISK II owners (V5 up) for \$169.95. Purchase from your Microtech dealer, Eastern House Software, or directly from Microtech.

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PAPERMATE - a full feature word processor is now available for PEDISK II (V4 up). This program, written in BASIC, provides a simple and easy to use stand alone word processor. Originally written for the Commodore disk, it has been converted by Bob Freeman of AB Computers. The price is \$60.00 and it may be purchased from a Microtech Dealer, AB Computers, or directly from Microtech.

KM3 - KM3 was the original disk operating system for the PEDISK I. It is now available as an alternative for PDOS II directly from Wilsolve Industries, P.O.Box 105, Haddonfield, N.J.08033.

KM3 PASCAL - Wilsolve Industries also offers a version of PASCAL for PEDISK II Systems. This subset of standard PASCAL provides a PASCAL source editor, P-code compiler, P-code interpreter, run time package and floating point capability. It is available from AB Computers, Wilsolve Industries or directly from Microtech. KM3 PASCAL requires the KM3 DOS.

fullFORTH+ - a full feature FORTH system for PEDISK II. It offers an interpreter, a cross-compiler, a conditional assembler, string handling, floating point, and a built in screen editor. FORTH is an extensible high level language that allows creation of a custom vocabulary (a custom language!). It also allows the inclusion of machine language for time critical pieces of code. fullFORTH+ is available from your Microtech dealer, from IDPCo., or directly from Microtech at a cost of \$75.00.

PDOS UPDATE!

A new "PROGRAMMER'S MANUAL" is now available for PEDISK Systems. This manual is intended primarily for machine language programmers and provides many details of the inner workings of PDOS II. Complete with many examples as well as listings of some of the PDOS subroutines, this manual is a must for those who are working on custom PEDISK II software. This manual is available to all registered PEDISK owners for \$10.00. It is available from your Microtech dealer or directly from Microtech.

VERSION 5 is the latest! Your revision number can be determined by checking the number on your Master Disk. Here's how to decode:
P232V5-6

The first two characters, P2, indicate a version for PEDISK II.

Disks marked P1 are for PEDISK I.

The second two characters, 32, indicate memory size. In this case-32K.

The third pair of characters indicate the version number. V5 is current.

The last number after the dash indicates compatibility)

-3 means 5 1/4" disk, BASIC 3.0 (Update ROMS)

-4 means 8" disk, BASIC 3.0 (Update ROMS)

-5 means 5 1/4" disk, BASIC 4.0

-6 means 8" disk, BASIC 4.0

Version 5 software is available to registered PEDISK owners by sending \$25.00 along with their MASTER REGISTRATION NUMBER directly to Microtech. This revision requires both a new ROM and a new diskette.