



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SORCERER USER'S GROUP

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Dear Sorcerer User,

* * * IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION * * *

The next meeting of the S.C.S.U.G. will be on Thursday, August 8, 1985 in the Community Room of the Sears Savings Bank in Westchester. The door will be open at approximately 7:00 P.M. and an informal but important meeting will be held at approximately 8:00 P.M. This will, in all likelihood be our last meeting at this location. THIS WILL NOT BE OUR LAST MEETING! I will make this last double trip to get the key and open the door. We would like to get as large a turn-out as possible to discuss the future meeting locations, so PLEASE COME.

Walt is deep in the process of moving to Palos Verdes. He has a large room in the rear of his new property that he offers as a meeting place. The second location proposed is the Valley Computer Club meeting in Burbank which is held on the first Wednesday of each month. Our proposal is to alternate between the two locations. No one would be required to get a key during the day and the two locations are somewhat more convenient to two fair sized blocks of our group. For those, like myself, who try to attend most or all of the meetings, we can get car pools going every other month. This is an unusual set-up but we can't come up with any better plan now. If you have an alternative idea, bring it to the meeting.

There was no July meeting as I couldn't get out of the plant to get the key. I phoned as many as I could reach and the only one showing up was Gene Tabor. My deepest apologies to Gene for causing this inconvenience. I had just come off jury duty, some trying family business came up and I was out of the plant on company business.

The following people have written to me in response to the letter in the April BYTE magazine which was submitted by Daniel Say of Vancouver, B.C.:

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In addition to those listed I have received a couple of phone calls with no further response. I have completed written responses to all but one of the above. The last will require a long letter which I have started. I will bring all the letters to the meeting in case someone would like to help with their problems or just to read them.

I borrowed a copy of the Turbo User Group newsletter for "show and tell". As you may have guessed this "magazine" is devoted to those souls doing useful work or learning Turbo PASCAL. It is published 6 times a year and membership is \$20.00/year (overseas \$30.00 U.S.). I highly recommend this to those of you using Turbo PASCAL. I will bring Volume I, Issue 6 to the meeting. For those too far away, write to: Turbo User Group, P.O. Box 1510, Poulsbo, WA 98370, U.S.A. It will be worth the trouble.

I had no response for the offer to get Fancy Font. I will be getting it in the FX-80 version. I guess the rest of you are on your own.

I have for sale an Exidy S-100 Expansion Unit (the box) with cable and a Godbout Compupro Econoram IV 16k static RAM card. The box is Exidy built and has a Rev. B mother board and comes with an original Exidy manual which is scarce. There is also a manual for the 16k SRAM card. Both items are in very good condition and the price is \$225.00 for the lot. If you are interested please write or call me at the address or phone shown on page one.

As promised I have reproduced for this issue the diagrams for constructing a compact S-100 chassis. The design is by Walt Hendrickson and is very compact. It is the unit that Walt brings to meetings when he has something to demonstrate. The length is not given, but a box 17 to 18 inches long should be enough. The transformer used is one that Walt had custom wound for use in assembling Sorcerers when there were no more Exidy power modules left. It is superior in every respect to the one Exidy furnished and runs cooler. It is quite adequate for this application. The S-100 card cage is one that Priority One sells and is very good quality. With no scrounging I would guess the cost to be in the \$130.00 range. Contact CCP and Walt Hendrickson for more details and the availability of the transformer. By the way, Walt generated the diagrams on a plotter, and if my memory serves, he used his Sorcerer. I don't know which plotter was used, as he has at least two. Not shown, but a useful addition would be a jack for the speaker connection such as an RCA type. Note that the design has good weight balance - a good idea for equipment carted around a lot.

In the next newsletter I will have a replacement diagram for the error in the Sorcerer II Technical Manual dealing with conversion of the main board from Monitor ROM's to standard 2716 EPROM's. It's easy. Additionally I will give the instructions for installing dBASE II Ver. 2.4 on the Sorcerer with the CCP TVI Monitor ROM's.

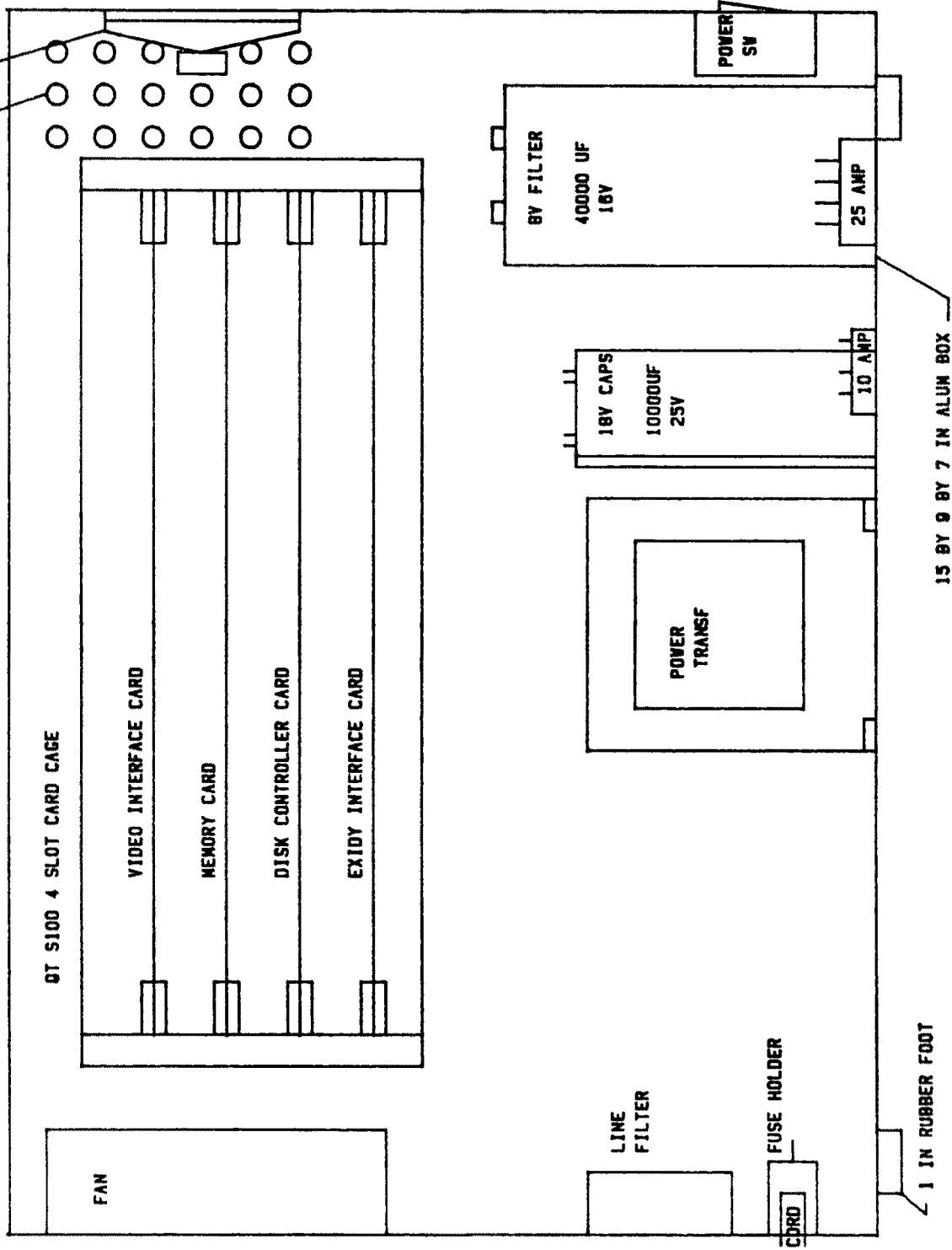
That's all for this time. Be ready for a change in meeting location for September. Watch for the LAST ENVELOPE notation - it may be yours - so send me more envelopes (stamped) so you will know where the meeting will be.

Have fun and remember.....If the input editor has been designed to reject all bad input, an ingenious idiot will discover a method to get bad data past it.

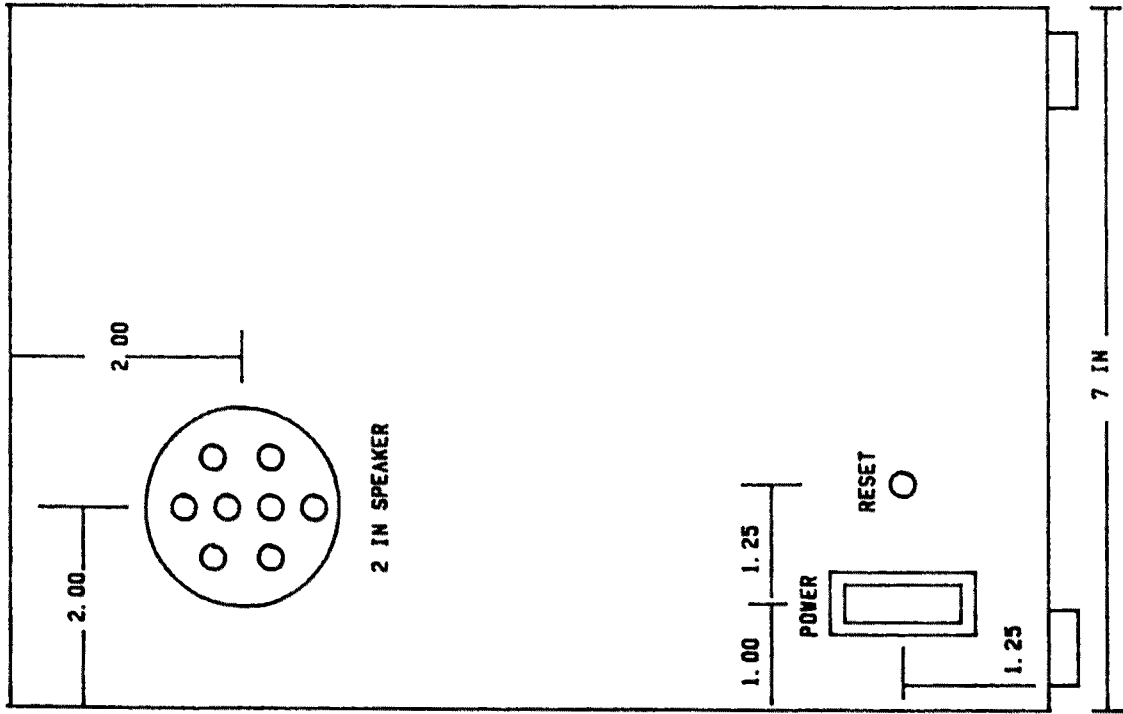
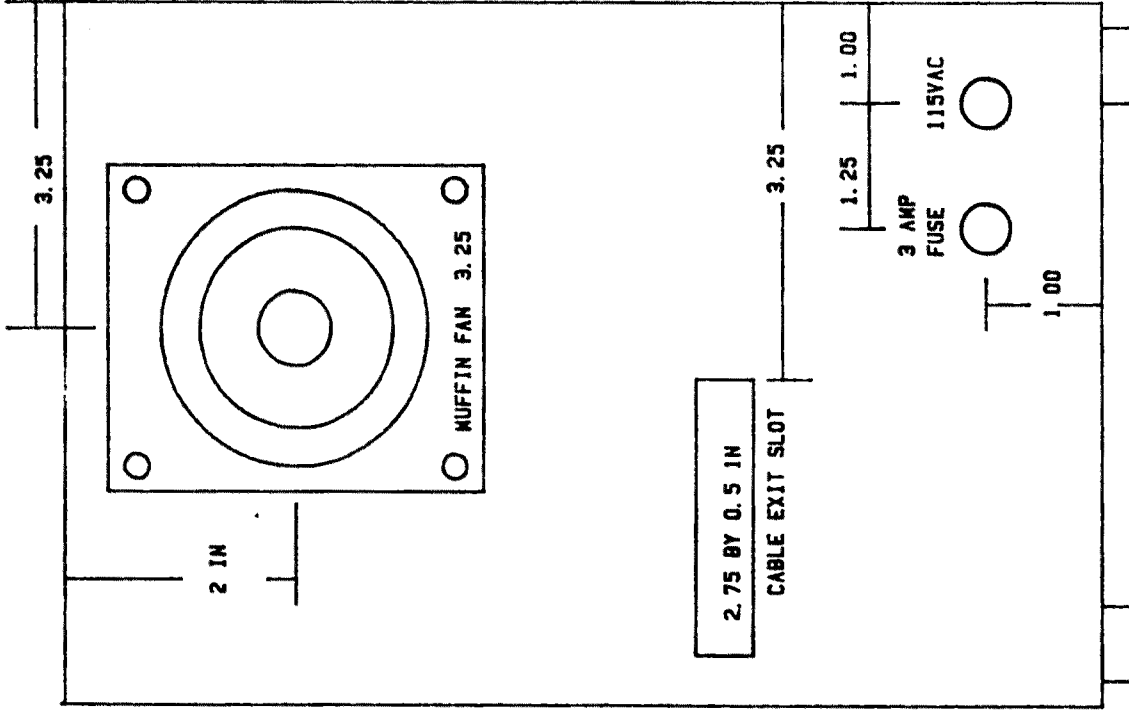
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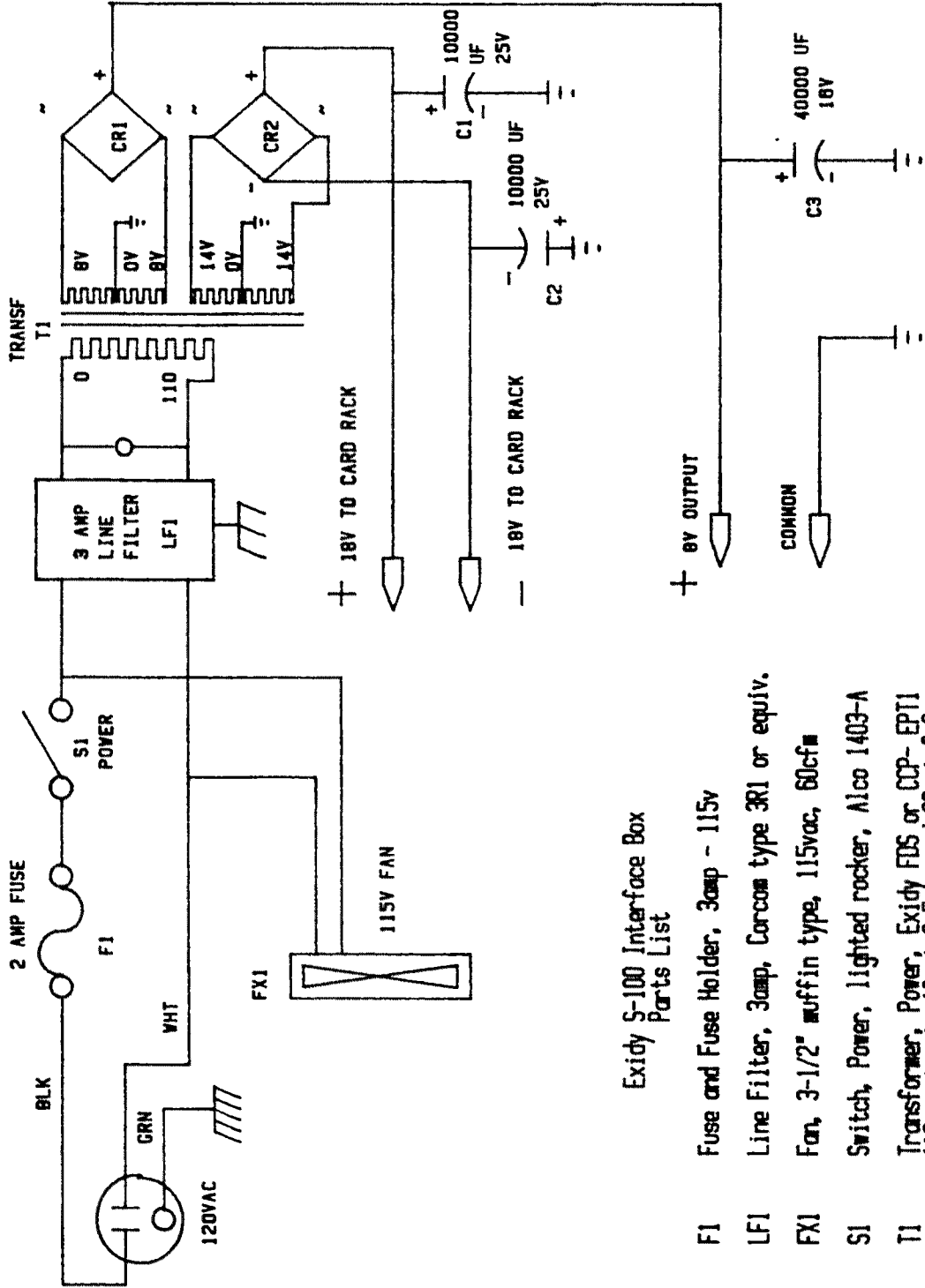
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Exidy S-100 Interface Unit - CCP



SIDE VIEW





Exidy S-100 Interface Box
Parts List

- F1 Fuse and Fuse Holder, 3amp - 115v
- LF1 Line Filter, 3amp, Carcom type 3R1 or equiv.
- FX1 Fan, 3-1/2" muffin type, 115vac, 60cfm
- S1 Switch, Power, lighted rocker, Alco 1403-A
- T1 Transformer, Power, Exidy FDS or CCP-EPT1 110vac input, 16vct @ 5amp and 28vct @ 2amp outputs.
- CR1 Bridge rectifier, 25amp, 50PIV
- CR2 Bridge rectifier, 10amp, 50PIV
- C1,C2 Capacitor, 10,000uf at 25vdc
- C3 Capacitor, 40,000uf at 16vdc