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## EDITORS CORNER

My apologies for being 3 weeks late with this issue. I wanted to be certain that the CHIP 8 AE article was complete and the program verified. The program is the first major game printed in IPSO for a long time, and it is quite impressive. Thanks Larry, you did quite a job!

Wes Striner also worked long and hard providing a handy index of IPSO articles. It is placed at the back of this issue so you can remove it easily and place it at the front of your IPSO binder for easy reference.

The Seventh annual meeting of ACE took place on May 8, 1984. John Norris was re-elected President, Fred Feaver as Secretary, Ken Bevis as Treasurer. Fred Flethero takes over my duties as Editor on Sept 1, and I go on to Hardware along with Tony Hill. Software adds Mike Smith, Rob Erlich and Dan Thomas, as well as Wayne Bowdish. Ed Leslie keeps Product mailing in hand, while our trusty Publication committee remains unchanged and true as ever with Dennis Mildon and John Hanson. The new group take over on September 1, 1984.

## MEMBERS CORNER

Errata : IF 34 p 22. Two Chip Epromer  
On the diagram on page 23, pin 12 of the 2716 is mislabeled as it should be ground. Pin 21 is Vpp.

Comment from Don Stewart of BC. Canada - re ACE adopting a new processor

- Many members do not want to leave the 1802, which is a fine port oriented applications processor.

- Why not use the 1802 as the Input / Output controller and add a 16 bit processor on the buss. That way, the 1802 remains supported, and those who desire better processing can be satisfied too!

For Sale: J Cayer, Box 2034 Hinton Alberta, Canada, phone 403-865-2097  
Trade 1 unpopulated ACE backplane ver I, a ACE VDU board and MC6847 and 1372 chips for an unmodified RCA Cosmac VIP.

For Sale: Wes Steiner, 2659 Wildwood Dr., Langley BC Canada V2Y 1G2

Netronics ASCII II Keyboard, Video Display board, metal enclosure and RF modulator complete with all schematics and manuals.  
Generates 64 or 32 characters upper/lower case by 16 lines on TV or Video monitor. Communicates via RS-232 or 20ma current loop at 300/110 baud.  
Requires +8 vdc and 8vac (20v p/p) power supply. \$100.00

## NEW PRODUCTS

The ACE Disk Controller Board ver II is just completing field tests, and should be ready for production by the end of May.

The 80 x 24 Video Display Board has completed prototyping, and will be ready for production in late June.

## HARDWARE ERRATA - ACE BOARDS 84:04:07

A number of ACE members have written about the lack of accurate cross referencing of parts lists to drawings on the Front Panel and VDU boards.

Below are listed the values for each board.

Front Panel

R3 to 5 -	470 ohm $\frac{1}{4}$ watt	Eprom Burner
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R2	22k	
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R1	10k pot.	
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C1	10 mic. tantalum	
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C12	10 mic. electro.	
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C5	330 " "	
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C3,4	.001 " ceramic	
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C2	.1 " ceramic	
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R7	200 ohm $\frac{1}{4}$ watt	Hex Pad
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R9	5.11k "	
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R8	47k "	
----	-------	--

C9	22 mic. electro.	
----	------------------	--

C6	.15 " mylar	
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C7,8	1.0 " tantalum	
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R14 to 22	470 ohm $\frac{1}{4}$ watt	Led Display
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R23 to 64	130 " "	
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R11 - 13	22k " "	Single Step
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R9	22k " $\frac{1}{2}$ watt	Clock
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R10	100k " $\frac{1}{4}$ watt	
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C10	20 pf ceramic	
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C11	20/35pf " adjustable	
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VDU board

Parts list as per page 5 and drawing as per page 6.

add - 22k  $\frac{1}{4}$ watt resistor on back of board between pins 13 and 16 of 4025.

add - jumper between S1 (D6) and plate through hole 1" above S1 connected to SIP pin 4 (74C244 pin 7).

cut trace between S1 D6 plate through hole and plate through hole  $\frac{1}{2}$ " above S1 connected to SIP pin 7 (74C244 pin 7).

Note: I know of no one who has been able to make the VDU board Ver2.

work properly with the 1374. My personal experience with the board has been with a direct video output from pin 12 of the 1372, which works fine. Other members who used version 1 reported good results with the 1372 composite output, but it required quite a bit of fiddling and no interference from other electrical signals.

IC#

- |                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 - 4025                     |                            |
| 2 - 4068                     |                            |
| 3 - 74C373                   |                            |
| 4 - 74C244                   |                            |
| 5 - 74C10 *HC 10             | * HC CMOS parts or LS TTL  |
| 6 - 74LS139                  | parts may be required      |
| 7 - 74C00 *HC00              | for high speed operation   |
| 8 - 74C20                    | or to counter              |
| 9 - 74C244                   | significant buss loading   |
| 10 - 74C245 *HC245           |                            |
| 11 - 4508                    |                            |
| 12 - 74C244 *HC244           |                            |
| 13 - 2016/6116               |                            |
| 14 - MC 6847 **Motorola Part | ** Motorola part only must |
| 15 - MC1372                  | be used, other VDU chips   |
| 16 - 2016/6116               | such as AMI 68047 have     |
| 17 - 2016/6116               | different pin outs.        |
| 18 - 2016/6116               |                            |
| 19 - MC1374 Optional         |                            |

COMPONENTS

Resistors

- 1 - 9x22k SIP or 9x22k 1/4w. 5%
- 3 - 22k
- 1 - 5k
- 1 - 5.6k
- 3 - 240 ohm
- 2 - 600 ohm
- 1 - 1k
- 1 - 15k pot
- 1 - 10k pot

Optional 1374

- 3 - 470 ohm
- 1 - 6.8k
- 1 - 3.3k
- 2 - 2.2k
- 1 - 75 ohm
- 1 - 560 ohm
- 1 - 220 ohm
- 1 - 180k
- 1 - 30k
- 1 - 56k

Capacitors

- 12 - 0.001 bypass
- 1 - 180 pf
- 1 - 0.01 uf
- 1 - 47 pf
- 1 - 6-30 trimer cap

Optional 1374

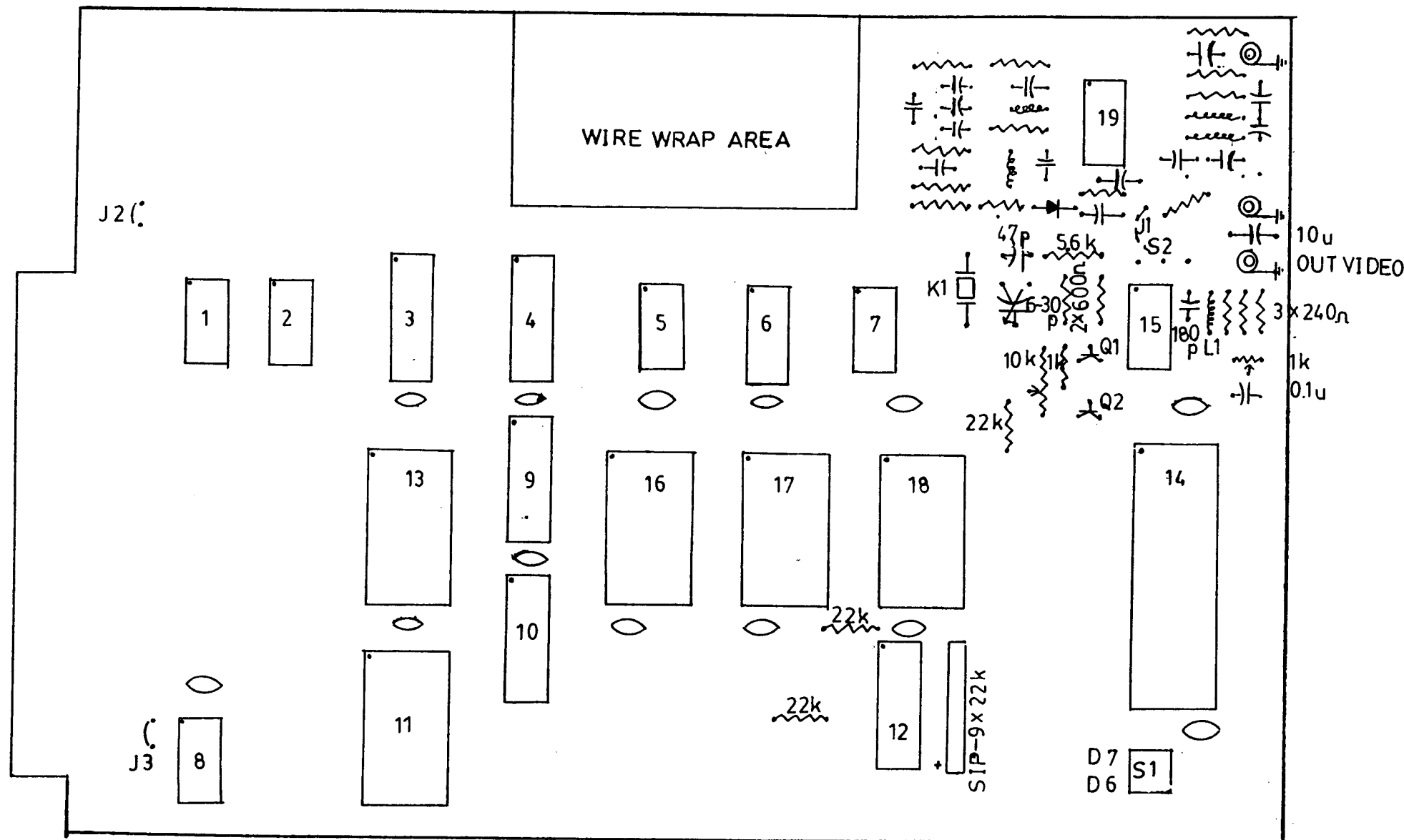
- 4 - 0.001 uf
- 1 - 56pf
- 1 - 120 pf
- 3 - 47 pf
- 1 - 10 uf
- 2 - 22 pf
- 1 - 0.001 uf

Other Components

- 1 - 0.1 u henry tuning coil
- 1 - 3.579 Mhz crystal
- 2 - PC mount RCA (phono socket)
- 1 - 4 position Dip Switch
- 2 - 2N3504

Optional 1374

- 1 - 1N914 diode
- 2 - 0.22 u henry coils
- 2 - inductor coils



## INTERFACING THE QUEST 64K DYNAMIC RAM BOARD TO ELF II

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This article is in answer to the help article of I.F.#25 and I hope not "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE". If you are using the Elf II adapter and super-expansion board you are ahead of the game as all the instructions in the manual regarding the super-expansion board are performed as written and will get you to the 50 pin connector from the S-100 buss. Mods follow.

### MODIFICATION #1 THE CPU CLOCK

STEP 1 Cut the trace coming from under the 1861 from pin 1 and going upward to plated thru hole near Pin 8 of Elf Buss. Cut just before the hole.

STEP 2 Jumper pins 6 and 8 on the underside of the Elf Buss. NOTE: If you need the CLOCK signal on any accessory boards STEPS 1 and 2 will conflict and another way for signal transfer thru the connectors must be found.

STEP 3 On the solder side of the SUPER-EXPANSIONBOARD connect a wire from S-100 pin 24 to 50 pin connector pin 32.

STEP 4 Verify continuity from 1802 pin 1 and S-100 pin 24.

### MODIFICATION #2 THE CPU WAIT STATE CAPABILITY

STEP 5 On the solder side of the Elf II connect a 10K ohm resistor from A-6 pin 2 to A-6 pin 40

STEP 6 No direct equivalent to Elf II.

STEP 7 Remove Jumper J-5 on Elf II.

STEP 8 Jumper pins 10 and 13 on the underside of the 86 pin busson the Elf.

STEP 9 Install a 1N914 diode in place of Jumper J-5 (removed in STEP 7) cathode toward A-13 pins 5 and 6.

STEP 10 On the solder side of the SUPER-EXPANSION BOARD connect a wire between 50 pin connector pin 38 and S-100 pin 72. (Verify continuity from 1802 pin 2 to S-100 pin 72).

### MODIFICATION #3 TPA SIGNAL

STEP 11 On the solder side of the super-expansion board connect a wire between U-12 pin 3 and S-100 pin 76.

End of Elf II mods.

Do the steps in Appendix C to assure hardware loading in first 8K, a must for ElfII.

There was an ADDENDUM on a timing problem with the MC3480 and J-1 had a terminal designation mixup. If you didn't get one with your kit Quest would probably send you one on request.

My board has only been up and running for 4 days at the time of this writing but it seems to be OK. No known bugs. I am presently awaiting delivery of Quest Super-Basic, which will give it the "ACID TEST".

Ending this on a note of humor. An addition to Gary Jones Murphy's Laws article of I?F, #37. "The transistor will always blow first to protect the fuse."

HAPPY COMPUTING

## 64K MEMORY BOARD MODIFICATION TO REPLACE THE 4116 CHIPS WITH 4164 CHIPS

KEN BEVIS

The ACE 64K memory board was designed to use 4116 chips, with a little work you can use the 4164 chips and dispense with the -5 and +12 power supplies.

Since only one row of 4164 chips is required, only one row on the board was modified. In my case I already had 4116's in CAS positions 1 & 2, I decided to modify CAS position 3, that is memory chips 18 - 24.

The +12 volts must be removed from pin 8 and the +5 volts on pin 9 must be moved over to pin 8, all capacitors on pin 9 must be removed. Pin 9 will become an additional address line, pin 1 was not changed at this time but it was planned to remove the -5 volts on completion.

### STEPS

1. Remove the +5V from pin 9 at 4 locations on the solder side at chips 23, 21, 19, 17. These are very short foil connections. Pin 9 is also bussed on the chip side of the board and will not test open until all 4 have been removed.
2. Repeat as in item 1 at chips 24, 22, 20, 18, to clear off pin 8 from the +12v.
3. When pins 8 and 9 are cleared then strap the +5 volts over to pin 9 in at least 2 places, I did it at chips 24, 22, and 20.
4. At this point I plugged in the board and powered up to check pin 8 for +5 and pin 9 that it was floating, stay clear of pin 1 with -5. The 4164 has no internal connection to this pin.
5. Clear the ground or +5 from the following pins, 2 of chip 16, 18 of chip 15. These 2 were straightforward, the next 2 are more difficult. Pin 11 of chip 12 requires cutting the foil above and below and bridging around with a short piece of #30. Pin 3 of chip 15 is no longer connected to ground but is connected to pin 18 under chip 15 and must be opened. If 15 is socketed it may be easy, in my case I had the chip soldered in and solved the problem by drilling a hole up through the board to open the trace.
6. With chip 15 pins 3, 18, chip 12 pin 11 and chip 16 pin 2 all open then proceed with wireing up address lines to pin 9 of the row of memory chips. Connect pin 9 at chip 17 to both chip 16 pin 18 and to chip 12 pin 9. Connect chip 16 pin 2 to chip 15 pin 19 and chip 12 pin 11 to chip 15 pin 2. Now connect chip 15 pin 3 to chip 12 pin 6 and chip 15 pin 18 to chip 16 pin 17.
7. It's now time to power up again and verify that the CPU still runs and all address lines are still functioning with the additional latches on A6 and A7.
8. I installed One 4164 chip in the new row and accessed it at address 9000h before plugging in all 8.
9. Since I have EPROM, VIDEO, I/O and small bits of ram in the C0 - FFh block I wanted to dissable this section of ram. I cut the trace from chip 10 pin 1 to the CAS3 on the row of memory and installed a 10K pullup to +5 volts. I then installed diodes from CAS1, CAS2 and chip



10 pin 1 to the CAS3 lead. Now remove all 4116 chips.

Don't forget to Test it out with a memory test program and remove any hazzards like the +12 and -5.  
 There is other ways of addressing this board if you wanted to install more chips and do bank select, by rearranging the address lines on 4514 decoder you would not require the diodes. A decoding arrangement using the uppermost addresses could select 64K blocks.

### COSMIC APPLICATION FOR THE COSMAC

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On page 100 of the March 1983 issue of "Discover" magazine Professor Frank Drake of Cornell University asks eight questions related to the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. In the seventh question a message from a hypothetical extraterrestrial is to be decoded. It is in a binary code and contains 121 bits. As the only positive integer factor of 121 is eleven let's assume the message is intended as an eleven by eleven video image (this might be wrong - who says that every binary word must contain the same number of bits?). Doubling the bits to make it reasonably square on the video screen, then converting to hex code we get:

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40  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
48  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
50  00 00 0F C0 FC 00 00 00
58  00 00 C3 0F CC 00 00 00
60  00 00 33 30 CC 00 00 00
68  00 00 0F C0 30 00 00 00
70  00 00 FF FC 0C 00 00 00
78  00 00 0F C0 30 00 00 00
80  00 00 3F F0 C0 00 00 00
88  00 00 F0 3C 30 00 00 00
90  00 00 C0 0C 0C 00 00 00
98  00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00
A0  00 00 CC CC C0 00 00 00
A8  00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

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Well look at that!... Oh, yes. To look at that you will need the video graphics software from the July 1977 issue of "Popular Electronics" or volume 1, number 2 of "Questdata" magazine.

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CHIP-8 AE (ACE EXTENDED)  
PIXIE V2.0  
VDU V2.0

This article presents an updated version of CHIP-8. Actually, it is two versions, one for the 1861 Pixie chip, and the other for the ACE VDU display board. Both versions are almost completely compatible with each other, and with the original CHIP-8 by RCA.

These new versions feature an expanded instruction set, a choice of display resolutions, and the builtin facility for even further future expansion. Although these versions are intended to reside in memory starting at address Hex 1000, they are relocatable anywhere in memory, provided that they start on a page boundary. Both versions require 1.5K for the interpreter. The VDU version has its display memory already assigned by the hardware, while the Pixie version requires a minimum 1/4K, and a maximum 1K of display memory (depending on the desired display resolution) at any location, starting on a page boundary. For the Pixie, this is, by default, starting on the first page above CHIP-8 AE, which is at Hex 1600 if the interpreter starts at 1000. This default may be changed (more on that later).

It may be wondered why, when the original CHIP-8 required only 1/2K of memory, these updated versions require three times that amount. First, the original "borrowed" a few routines from the monitor in RDM. Second, these updated versions now have about twice as many instructions as the original. Third, the price of memory has fallen quite a bit since the original was written, and thus compact code was not a prime consideration in writing these versions. In fact, speed of execution took a higher priority in most of the routines. And fourth, these versions now have built-in character generator tables for 63 ASCII characters in addition to the original 16 Hex characters.

If you're interested in writing programs, and are intrigued by what you've read so far, then skip ahead and peruse the Instruction Set (please keep ACE in mind when you come up with that Final, Does-All, End-All Gem). But even if your only interest is to run prewritten CHIP-8 games and such, one of these versions may be for you.

#### COMPATABILITY

Just how compatible are these versions with the original CHIP-8? All my tests so far indicate that there is very little problem in running prewritten CHIP-8 programs. The biggest problem that has shown up is in CHIP-8 programs which use machine language subroutines. Some of these may run OK, while others will not. It depends on which 1802 registers are being used by the machine language subroutine, and on what the machine language subroutine is performing. Due to the differences in

hardware for which these new versions are intended, it was impossible to maintain 100% compatability in this area. Another area where some minor differences show up is in the particular keyboard used on any given system. More on that later. With these two caveats out of the way, I believe I can safely say that most CHIP-8 programs should run completely unmodified on these updated versions.

#### GETTING IT UP AND RUNNING - VDU VERSION

OUTPUT ROUTINE - just type in the code as presented in this article. Nothing else should be required.

INPUT ROUTINE - The keyboard input routine for the VDU version is intended for a parallel input, ASCII keyboard.. It is located from 1483 to 1495. It tests for a keypressed signal using EF3 (3E at 1489), and it fetches the keyboard data using an INP 7 instruction (6F at 148D).

If you have a serial input keyboard, or otherwise cannot use the routine supplied, you will have to write your own. In this case, the addresses allocated to this routine (1483 to 1489) may not be sufficient. The only thing to do now is to locate your routine on some other page, necessitating the use of a long jump instruction. This will destroy the relocatability of this interpreter, but there's no easy way around it. Put your long jump (CO \_\_ \_\_) starting at 1489. This will make your routine run with R4 as the Program Counter and R2 as the Stack Pointer, pointing at the first free location on the stack. Also, DF will be cleared.

Your keyboard input routine must return with the keyboard input byte both in the D register (accumulator) and on the stack. On return, R2 should be unchanged, and pointing at the data on the stack. Also DF should be set if the keypressed signal is true, otherwise DF must be cleared. Additionally, you may want to include a test for a specific ASCII character (such as ESC, Hex 1B), upon which your routine will jump directly to your system Monitor. At any rate, this routine should not wait for a keypressed signal. It should return to the caller by jumping to 1445.

#### GETTING IT UP AND RUNNING - PIXIE VERSION

OUTPUT ROUTINE - as mentioned earlier, the Display Memory starts by default on the first page above the interpreter program. This should be OK for almost everyone. But, if for any reason, it should be necessary to change this default value, read on. The high byte of the Display Memory start address is determined by a routine located at 15EE to 15F4. This routine looks at its own present location (page 15), adds 1 to it (resulting in 16), then stores the result where the Interrupt Routine can find it.

To change the default start value, just change the byte at 15F2, which is the amount added to the present location to come up with the high byte start address of Display Memory.

For the Pixie version, the I/O assignments have been written as follows:

Turn Pixie On - 61 (OUT 1) at 14D3  
 Turn Pixie Off - 62 (OUT 2) at 1381 and 1417  
 Pixie Status - is EF1: 3C (BN1) at 15B5 and 15BE  
                   34 (B1) at 15C5

If the OUT instructions must be changed to INP instructions, then both the byte PRECEDING and also the byte FOLLOWING the INP instruction should be changed to E2.

INPUT ROUTINE - the input routine supplied for the Pixie version is intended for a Hex keypad using an INP 4 (6C) instruction at 148E to fetch the data and BN4 (3F) at 1491 to test for the Input Key being pressed. This routine also uses an OUT 4 (64) instruction at 148F so that the input data is displayed on the Hex Display. If this routine (located from 1483 to 1496) must be rewritten, and there is insufficient room here for it, you can use up some free space at 1497 to 14D1 inclusive.

#### SOME GENERAL KEYBOARD NOTES

Due to differences in keyboard hardware, various 1802 systems may react differently to any given CHIP-8 program. This is due generally to the various ways in which the hardware indicates to the software that a key has been pressed. Some ASCII keyboards generate a keypressed signal which is true as long as a key is held pressed, some generate only a short duration strobe signal, and some set a flip-flop which will automatically be reset when the software reads the keyboard (this latter arrangement is ideal for CHIP-8 AE).

On the other hand, most Hex keypads that I have seen on 1802 systems generate a keypressed signal as long as the Input Key, and only the Input Key, is held pressed.

All CHIP-8 AE instructions which access the keyboard have been written to include a check of the keypressed signal. On some systems, depending on your hardware, it may be desirable to turn off this check, in order to improve the playability of some games. For this reason, I include the following chart:

CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION	ADDRESS	DATA (CHECK) ENABLED)	DATA (CHECK) DISABLED)
EX9E	13AE	3B	38
EXA1	13A4	3B	38
EXA3	13A4	3B	38
EXAD	13AE	3B	38
EXB5	13B8	3B	38

EXB7	13B8	3B	38
EXBF	13C2	3B	38
EXC1	13C2	3B	38

In addition to the differences in keypressed signal generation, there is also the difference in data presented by the keyboard. Obviously, Hex data is not the same as ASCII data. In this case, Hex keypads should have fewer problems with CHIP-8 programs than ASCII keyboards. In fact, most ASCII keyboards will have little problem with CHIP-8 programs which require the pressing of a number key to cause an action to occur on the screen. The problem arises only with the Hex characters A to F. For CHIP-8 programs which require these Hex characters from the keyboard in order to cause an action to occur on the screen, there are two solutions. One is to disassemble the program and change the data expected by the program to some convenient value (key). The other is to use the following ASCII keys to "fool" the software. I leave it up to the user to decide which way to go.

EXPECTED HEX DATA	-	A	B	C	D	E	F
EQUIVALENT ASCII KEY	-	J	K	L	M	N	O

#### IN CONCLUSION

From the forgoing, it should be obvious that it was almost impossible to write these new versions of CHIP-8 AE to be 100% compatable with the original. However, very little, if any, modification to existing CHIP-8 programs should be necessary to get them running on your system. In addition, the new expanded instruction set should please those CHIP-8 programmers who, like me, have bumped into the limits of the original CHIP-8.

#### CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET (NUMERICALLY)

N	000D	Display Lo-Res Graphics
N	0010	Display Med-Res Graphics
N	0013	Display Hi-Res Graphics
N	0071	Skip if hit on erase
N	0075	Skip if hit on draw
N	007F	Reset Program
P	00DE	Turn on Display
	00E0	Erase Display
	00EE	Return from subroutine
	OMMM	Do machine-language subroutine at OMMM
	1MMM	Go to OMMM
	2MMM	Do subroutine at OMMM
	3XKK	Skip if Vx = KK
	4XKK	Skip if Vx <> KK
	5XY0	Skip if Vx = Vy
N	5XY1	Skip if Vx > Vy
N	5XT2	Skip if timer T = 00

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6XKK  Let Vx = KK
7XKK  Let Vx = Vx + KK
8XY0  Let Vx = Vy
8XY1  Let Vx = Vx OR Vy
8XY2  Let Vx = Vx AND Vy
N 8XY3  Let Vx = Vx XOR Vy
8XY4  Let Vx = Vx + Vy
8XY5  Let Vx = Vx - Vy
N 8XY6  Let Vx = Vy / 2
N 8XY7  Let Vx = Vy - Vx
N 8XT8  Let timer T = Vx
N 8XT9  Let Vx = timer T
N 8XYE  Let Vx = Vy * 2
9XY0  Skip if Vx <> Vy
N 9XY1  Skip if Vx < Vy
N 9XT2  Skip if timer T <> 00
AMMM  Let I = OMMM
BMMM  Go to OMMM + V0 of bank 0
CXKK  Let Vx = random (KK = mask)
DXYN  Draw N bytes at coordinates Vx, Vy
EX9E  Skip if Vx = keyboard least significant nibble
EXA1  Skip if Vx <> keyboard least significant nibble
N EXA3  Skip if Vx <> keyboard byte
N EXAD  Skip if Vx = keyboard byte
N EXB5  Skip if Vx > keyboard least significant nibble
N EXB7  Skip if Vx > keyboard byte
N EXBF  Skip if Vx < keyboard least significant nibble
N EXC1  Skip if Vx < keyboard byte
FX07  Let Vx = timer (old)
FX0A  Let Vx = keyboard least significant nibble (MSN = 0)
N FX0E  Let Vx = keyboard byte
FX15  Let timer (old) = Vx
FX18  Let beep-time = Vx
FX1E  Let I = I + Vx
FX29  Point I at 5 byte pattern for Vx least significant
      nibble

N FX2C  Point I at 5 byte pattern for Vx most significant
      nibble
FX33  Let M(I) = 3 decimal digits equivalent of Vx
N FX50  Clear most significant nibble of Vx
FX55  Let M(I) = V0 to Vx
FX65  Let V0 to Vx = M(I)
N FN74  Let I#0 to I#N = M(I main)
N FX95  Point I at 7 byte pattern for ASCII character in Vx
N FNC2  Make variable bank #N the Active Bank
N FNC6  Save I(main) at I#N
N FNCA  Restore I(main) from I#N
N FNCE  Swap I(main) with I#N
N FXD4  Let I = I - Vx
P FXFA  Let Display Memory start address high byte = Vx

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NOTES: N = New instruction, available on both VDU and Pixie



versions.

P = Specific to Pixie version only!

# CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET (BY FUNCTION)

## VARIABLES

6XKK Let  $V_x = KK$   
 7XKK Let  $V_x = V_x + KK$   
 8XY0 Let  $V_x = V_y$   
 8XY1 Let  $V_x = V_x \text{ OR } V_y$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY2 Let  $V_x = V_x \text{ AND } V_y$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY3 Let  $V_x = V_x \text{ XOR } V_y$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY4 Let  $V_x = V_x + V_y$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY5 Let  $V_x = V_x - V_y$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY6 Let  $V_x = V_y / 2$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XY7 Let  $V_x = V_y - V_x$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 8XYE Let  $V_x = V_y * 2$  (VF of active bank changed)  
 CXKK Let  $V_x = \text{random}$  (KK = mask)  
 FX0A Let  $V_x = \text{keyboard lsd}$  (waits)  
 FX0E Let  $V_x = \text{keyboard byte}$  (waits)  
 FX33 Let  $M(I) = 3$  decimal digits equivalent of  $V_x$   
 FX50 Clear most significant nibble of  $V_x$   
 FX55 Let  $M(I) = V_0$  to  $V_x$   
 FX65 Let  $V_0$  to  $V_x = M(I)$   
 FXC2 Make variable bank #N the Active Bank

## I POINTER

AMMM Let  $I = OMMM$   
 FX1E Let  $I = I + V_x$   
 FX29 Point I at 5 byte pattern for  $V_x$  lsd  
 FX2C Point I at 5 byte pattern for  $V_x$  msd  
 FN74 Let  $I\#0$  to  $I\#N = M(I \text{ main})$   
 FX95 Point I at 7 byte pattern for ASCII character in  $V_x$   
 FNC6 Save I at  $I\#N$   
 FNCA Restore I from  $I\#N$   
 FNCE Swap I with  $I\#N$   
 FXD4 Let  $I = I - V_x$

## TIMERS AND BEEPER

8XT8 Let timer  $T = V_x$   
 8XT9 Let  $V_x = \text{timer } T$   
 FX07 Let  $V_x = \text{timer (old)}$   
 FX15 Let timer (old) =  $V_x$   
 FX18 Let beep-time =  $V_x$

## SKIP

0071 Skip if hit on erase  
 0075 Skip if hit on draw  
 3XKK Skip if  $V_x = KK$   
 4XKK Skip if  $V_x \neq KK$   
 5XY0 Skip if  $V_x = V_y$   
 5XY1 Skip if  $V_x > V_y$   
 5XT2 Skip if timer  $T = 00$

9XY0 Skip if Vx <> Vy  
 9XY1 Skip if Vx < Vy  
 9XT2 Skip if timer T <> 00  
 EX9E Skip if Vx = keyboard lsd  
 EXA1 Skip if Vx <> keyboard lsd  
 EXA3 Skip if Vx <> keyboard byte  
 EXAD Skip if Vx = keyboard byte  
 EXB5 Skip if Vx > keyboard lsd  
 EXB7 Skip if Vx > keyboard byte  
 EXBF Skip if Vx < keyboard lsd  
 EXC1 Skip if Vx < keyboard byte

#### JUMP AND SUBROUTINE

00EE Return from subroutine  
 OMMM Do machine-language subroutine at OMMM  
 1MMM Go to OMMM  
 2MMM Do subroutine at OMMM (returns with 00EE)  
 BMMM Go to OMMM + V0 of bank 0

#### DISPLAY AND CONTROL

000D Display Lo-Res Graphics (default)  
 0010 Display Med-Res Graphics (default)  
 0013 Display Hi-Res Graphics (default)  
 007F Reset Program  
 00DE Turn on Display (Pixie only)  
 DXYN Draw N bytes at coordinates Vx, Vy  
 FXFA Let Display Memory start address high byte = Vx  
 (Pixie)

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

## 000D DISPLAY LO-RES GRAPHICS

This instruction causes the display to have a resolution of 64 dots across (Hex 00 to 3F) by 32 dots high (Hex 00 to 1F). This is the default resolution for both Pixie and VDU versions, and thus need not be set by a program's initialization phase. This resolution is identical with the original CHIP-8's resolution. In the Pixie version, this instruction turns off the display before changing the resolution, and does not turn it back on again.

## 0010 DISPLAY MED-RES GRAPHICS

The display has a resolution of 64 dots across (Hex 00 to 3F) and 64 dots high (Hex 00 to 3F) for both Pixie and VDU versions. In the Pixie version, this instruction turns off the display before changing the resolution, and does not turn it back on.

## 0013 DISPLAY HI-RES GRAPHICS

Due to differences in hardware, this resolution differs between Pixie and VDU versions, and thus a program written to use this resolution on the Pixie will not display properly on the VDU, and vice versa.

PIXIE - The display has a resolution of 64 dots across (Hex 00 to 3F) by 128 dots high (Hex 00 to 7F). The display is turned off before the resolution is changed, and is not turned back on again.

VDU - The display has a resolution of 128 dots across (Hex 00 to 7F) by 64 dots high (Hex 00 to 3F).

## 0071 SKIP IF HIT ON ERASE

This causes the CHIP-8 instruction following this one to be skipped if, during the erasure of a pattern, it was detected that some other pattern had collided with the one being erased. See DXYN for further details.

## 0075 SKIP IF HIT ON DRAW

This causes the CHIP-8 instruction following this one to be skipped if, during the drawing of a pattern, it was detected that the pattern being drawn had collided with a previously drawn pattern. See DXYN for further details.

## 007F RESET PROGRAM

This should be the last instruction executed by a CHIP-8 program. When executed, it waits for a keypressed signal from the keyboard, then restarts the CHIP-8 program from the beginning (at address 0200).

## 00DE TURN ON DISPLAY

This instruction turns on the Pixie (1861) chip. It should be executed after the following instructions: 000D, 0010, 0013, and FXFA. Alternately, a 00E0 instruction may be executed, as it will automatically turn on the Pixie. This instruction has no effect in the VDU version.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

## 00E0 ERASE DISPLAY

This instruction erases the display. For the Pixie version, only that memory which is actually being displayed is cleared. Also, in the sPixie version, this instruction automatically turns on the Pixie chip after the display is erased.

## 00E0 RETURN FROM SUBROUTINE

Restores the contents of the Pseudo Program Counter from the stack, so that execution continues from the Pseudo instruction immediately following the last executed CALL instruction (2MMM).

## 0MMM CALL MACHINE LANGUAGE SUBROUTINE AT 0MMM

This instruction allows dropping from Pseudo-code into machine code, for those rare occasions when Pseudo-code does not perform the job required, or perform it fast enough. When executed, a machine language routine starting at address 0MMM will be executed, with R3 as the Program Counter and R2 as the Stack Pointer, pointing to the first free location on the stack. When the machine language routine is finished, it should return to the instruction following the last executed 0MMM instruction by using a D4 instruction. Registers which are available for use by the machine language routine are:

NO NEED TO SAVE AND RESTORE - R3, R6.0, R7.0, R9.0, RB.0, RC.0, RD, RE, and RF.

MUST BE SAVED BEFORE USING, AND RESTORED WHEN FINISHED - R4, R5, R6.1, R7.1, R9.1, RA, RB.1.

Any registers not mentioned must NOT be used under any circumstances, under penalty of your program crashing!

## 1MMM GOTO 0MMM

As the name implies, this is a jump instruction.

## 2MMM DO SUBROUTINE AT 0MMM

Causes the present contents of the Pseudo Program Counter to be saved on the stack, and then the PPC is reloaded with 0MMM, causing execution to continue from 0MMM.

## 3XKK SKIP IF VX = KK

Causes the next pseudo instruction to be skipped over if variable X of the presently active variable bank is equal to KK.

## 4XKK SKIP IF VX &lt;&gt; KK

Causes the next pseudo instruction to be skipped over if variable X of the presently active variable bank is not equal to KK.

## 5XY0 SKIP IF VX = VY

Causes the next Pseudo Instruction to be skipped over if variable X is equal to variable Y, both being within the presently active variable bank.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

- 5XY1 SKIP IF  $VX > VY$   
 Skips the next Pseudo Instruction if variable X is greater than variable Y, both being within the presently active variable bank.
- 5XT2 SKIP IF TIMER  $T = 00$   
 Checks one of the 16 timers specified by T. If the timer has timed out (contains 00), the next Pseudo Instruction will be skipped.
- 6XKK LET  $VX = KK$   
 The variable specified by X, of the presently active variable bank, is assigned the value specified by KK.
- 7XKK LET  $VX = VX + KK$   
 Adds the value KK to the contents of variable X within the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY0 LET  $VX = VY$   
 Moves the value contained within variable Y to the variable X, both variables being within the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY1 LET  $VX = VX \text{ OR } VY$   
 Logically OR's the contents of variables X and Y, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F is changed. All variables are within the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY2 LET  $VX = VX \text{ AND } VY$   
 Logically AND's the contents of variables X and Y, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F is changed. All variables are within the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY3 LET  $VX = VX \text{ XOR } VY$   
 Logically XOR's the contents of variables X and Y, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F is changed. All variables are within the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY4 LET  $VX = VX + VY$   
 Adds the contents of variables X and Y, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F contains the carry information: 00 = no carry, 01 = carry. All variables are in the presently active variable bank.
- 8XY5 LET  $VX = VX - VY$   
 Subtracts the contents of variable Y from variable X, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F contains the borrow information: 00 = borrow, 01 = no borrow. All variables are in the presently active variable bank.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

- BXY6 LET VX = VX / 2**  
Divides the contents of variable Y by 2 (actually, does a shift-right), and puts the result in variable X. The 1sb of Vy is stored in the 1sb position of variable F (as Hex 00 or 01). All variables are in the presently active variable bank.
- BXY7 LET VX = VY - VX**  
Subtracts the contents of variable X from variable Y, and puts the result in variable X. Variable F contains the borrow information (00 = borrow, 01 = no borrow). All variables are within the presently active variable bank.
- BXT8 LET TIMER T = VX**  
Moves the contents of variable X to one of the 16 timers specified by T. Variable X is in the presently active variable bank. All timers are automatically decremented by approximately 60 counts per second, until they reach a value of 00. Thus an initial value of FF provides a time of slightly more than 4 seconds.
- BXT9 LET VX = TIMER T**  
Moves the contents of one of the 16 timers, specified by T, into variable X of the presently active variable bank.
- BXYE LET VX = VY \* 2**  
Multiplies the contents of variable Y by 2 (actually, does a left-shift), and puts the result in variable X. The msb of variable Y is put in the 1sb position of variable F (as Hex 00 or 01). All variables are in the presently active variable bank.
- 9XY0 SKIP IF VX <> VY**  
Skips the next Pseudo Instruction if variable X is not equal to variable Y, both being within the presently active variable bank.
- 9XY1 SKIP IF VX < VY**  
Skips the next Pseudo Instruction if variable X is less than variable Y, both being within the presently active variable bank.
- 9XT2 SKIP IF TIMER T <> 00**  
Checks the contents of one of the 16 timers, specified by T. If it has not timed out (contents not equal to 00), the next Pseudo Instruction will be skipped.
- AMMM LET I = OMMM**  
Assigns the value specified by MMM, with an appended leading 0, to the I Pointer.
- BMMM GOTO OMMM + VO OF BANK 0**  
Adds the contents of variable 0 of bank 0 to the value OMMM. The result is put in the Pseudo Program Counter, so that execution will continue from that point.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

CXKK LET VX = RANNDOM (KK = MASK)

A random number (Hex 00 to FF) is logically ANDed with the value KK. The result is then put into variable X of the presently active variable bank.

DXYN DRAW N BYTES AT COORDINATES VX, VY

This instruction draws N bytes (pointed to by the I Pointer) on the screen at an X coordinate specified by variable X (horizontal direction) and a Y coordinate specified by variable Y (vertical direction). The I Pointer is left unchanged. The drawing is done using an exclusive-or process, so that DXYN may be used to both draw and to erase a pattern (if the erasing is done with the same X and Y coordinates). This routine takes note of two types of collisions that may occur between moving patterns on the screen. If a pattern is being drawn, it may land on top of a previously drawn pattern. This is called a Draw-Hit. But if a pattern is being erased, it's possible that another pattern had landed on top of this one between the time it was originally drawn and now. This is called an Erase-Hit. This instruction detects both types of hits, and sets two flags accordingly. But take note:- the Erase Flag will always be set after a DRAW operation, and the Draw Flag will always be set after an ERRASE operation. Therefore, 0071 (Skip if Hit on Erase) should only be used after DXYN has erased a pattern, and 0075 (Skip if Hit on Draw) should only be used after DXYN has drawn a pattern. Both flags, however, remain valid (unchanged) up until the next time that DXYN is used. Also, to maintain compatibility with the original CHIP-8, variable F of variable bank 0 is set on a Draw-Hit, ie: Hex 00 means there was no collision, while Hex 01 means there was a collision.

EX9E SKIP IF VX = KEYBOARD LSD

This instruction fetches a byte from the keyboard (on the fly - no waiting around) and compares the least significant digit (nibble) to the contents of variable X of the presently active bank. If they are equal, the next Pseudo Instruction is skipped over.

EXA1 SKIP IF VX <> DD KEYBOARD LSD

This instruction also fetches a byte from the keyboard and compares the least significant digit to the contents of variable X. If they are different, the next Pseudo Instruction is skipped over.

EXA3 SKIP IF VX <> KEYBOARD BYTE

As above, except that the whole byte from the keyboard is used.

EXAD SKIP IF VX = KEYBOARD BYTE

Identical to EX9E, except that the whole byte from the keyboard is used.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

## EXB5 SKIP IF VX &gt; KEYBOARD LSD

Again, fetches a byte from the keyboard on the fly, clears the high digit (nibble), then compares it to the value in variable X of the presently selected bank. If Vx is greater, the next Pseudo Instruction is skipped.

## EXB7 SKIP IF VX &gt; KEYBOARD BYTE

Identical to EXB5, except the high digit of the keyboard byte is included in the comparison.

## EXBF SKIP IF VX &lt; KEYBOARD LSD

Fetches a byte from the keyboard on the fly, clears the high digit, then compares it to the value in variable X of the presently active bank. If Vx is lesser, the next Pseudo Instruction will be skipped.

## EXC1 SKIP IF VX &lt; KEYBOARD BYTE

Identical to EXBF, except the high digit of the keyboard byte is included in the comparison.

## FX07 LET VX = TIMER (OLD)

Assigns the present value of the (old) timer to variable X of the presently active bank. This timer is separate from the other 16 (which use 8XT8, 8XT9, 5XT2, and 9XT2). Although this timer (and this instruction) is now probably redundant, it was included to maintain compatability with the original CHIP-8.

## FX0A LET VX = KEYBOARD LSD

This instruction waits for a keypressed signal, then inputs the least significant nibble and puts it in variable X of the presently active bank.

## FX0E LET VX = KEYBOARD BYTE

Same as above, but inputs the whole keyboard byte.

## FX15 LET TIMER (OLD) = VX

Takes the value in variable X of the present bank and puts it in the (old) timer. As with FX07, this instruction was included to maintain compatability with the original CHIP-8. This counter is automatically decremented by approximately 60 counts per second until it reaches 00.

## FX18 LET BEEP-TIME = VX

Takes the value held in variable X of the presently active bank, and puts it in the beep-timer. This causes the beeper to produce a tone (sort of) until the beep-timer counts down to 00, which it does at the rate of approximately 60 counts per second.

## FX1E LET I = I + VX

Adds the value found in variable X of the presently active bank to the contents of the I Pointer. A carry to the high byte of the I Pointer is actioned.



## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

## FX29 POINT I AT 5 BYTE PATTERN FOR VX LSD

The least significant digit of variable X of the presently active bank is used to index into a (self-contained) table of patterns. The I Pointer is then pointed at the appropriate pattern, so that a DXYN instruction will cause the LSD of Vx to be displayed. The pattern contains 5 bytes.

## FX2C POINT I AT 5 BYTE PATTERN FOR VX MSD

Identical to FX29, except that the most significant digit of Vx is used.

## FX33 LET M(I) = 3 DECIMAL DIGITS EQUIVALENT OF VX

The Hex value contained in variable X of the presently active bank is converted to 3 decimal digits which are then stored in 3 consecutive memory locations pointed to by the I Pointer. For instance, if Vx contains the value FE, then after this instruction is executed, M(I) contains 02  
M(I+1) contains 05  
M(I+2) contains 04

since Hex FE is equivalent to Decimal 254. The I Pointer is left unchanged after this instruction is executed.

## FX50 CLEAR UPPER NIBBLE OF VX

This instruction clears (sets to 0) the most significant nibble of variable X of the presently active bank.

## FX55 LET M(I) = V0 TO VX

Transfers the contents of variable 0 to variable X inclusive to memory pointed to by the I Pointer. After this instruction is executed, the I Pointer contains its original value plus X plus 1.

## FX65 LET V0 TO VX = M(I)

Transfers the contents of memory locations pointed to by the I Pointer to variable 0 through variable X inclusive. After this instruction is executed, the I Pointer contains its original value plus X plus 1.

## FN74 LET I#0 TO I#N = M(I MAIN)

Transfers the contents of memory locations pointed to by the I Pointer to the I storage locations #0 through #N inclusive. After this instruction is executed, the I Pointer contains its original value plus 2X plus 1. This instruction is intended to provide a quick and convenient method of initializing the I storage locations.

## FX95 POINT I AT 7 BYTE PATTERN OF ASCII CHARACTER IN VX

The ASCII character held in variable X of the presently active bank is used to index into a (self contained) table of patterns. The I Pointer is then pointed at the appropriate pattern, so that a DXYN will display that character. The pattern contains 7 bytes.

## CHIP-8 AE INSTRUCTION SET DESCRIPTION

## FNC2 MAKE VARIABLE BANK #N THE ACTIVE BANK

There are 16 banks of variables, each containing 16 variables. Only one bank of 16 can be active at a time. This instruction determines which bank is active. Note that variable bank #0 is active by default when the program first starts, and until this instruction is executed. Both the variables and the banks are numbered from 0 to F.

## FNC6 SAVE I(MAIN) AT I#N

The contents of the I Pointer are saved in I Storage Location #N. There are 16 storage locations numbered 0 to F. The I Pointer is not changed by this instruction.

## FNCA RESTORE I(MAIN) FROM I#N

The contents of I Storage Location #N are transferred to the I Pointer.

## FNCE SWAP I(MAIN) WITH I#N

The contents of the I Pointer and I Storage Location #N are swapped.

## FXD4 LET I = I - VX

The contents of variable X of the presently selected bank is subtracted from the value contained in the I Pointer. A borrow from the high byte of the I Pointer is actioned.

## FXFA LET DISPLAY MEMORY START ADDRESS HI BYTE = VX

This instruction is applicable only to the Pixie version, and has no effect on the VDU version. It sets the high byte of the start of Display Memory equal to the contents of variable X of the presently selected bank. The low byte of the Display Memory start address is always 00, so that Display Memory always starts on a page boundary. If this instruction is not executed, the Display Memory will start, by default, at the first page above the CHIP-8 AE Interpreter Program. Note that the Pixie chip is turned off before this address is changed, and is not turned back on again.

## CHIP 8 AE code

Common code - 1000 to 13FF.

1000	93	FC	03	BB	FC	01	B4	F8	01	B6	B7	F8	7F	A2	F8	00
1010	A4	F8	CD	A9	F8	00	B2	B8	A8	B9	59	19	99	32	1A	29
1020	D4	83	3B	20	D4	83	33	24	93	30	01	E2	D4	5F	E2	15
1030	95	73	85	73	25	05	A5	9E	B5	D4	24	45	F3	3A	41	15
1040	15	D4	24	45	F3	3A	3F	D4	24	F8	4A	30	53	F8	53	30
1050	53	F8	64	AB	D4	40	F8	0F	30	5C	F8	07	F2	52	8B	F4
1060	E6	AB	0B	A3	07	30	3C	07	F7	3B	3F	D4	24	87	F9	F0
1070	A9	09	30	3D	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2
1080	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	45	F4	38	45	56	D4	24	07
1090	30	8C	D4	66	03	C9	87	F9	F0	A9	06	59	D4	24	87	F9
10A0	F0	A9	09	30	8C	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2
10B0	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	07	30	44	07	F5	30	69
10C0	87	F9	F0	A9	09	30	45	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	D4
10D0	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	D4	24	E2	E2	45	AA	9E	BA	D4
10E0	24	92	A6	45	F4	A5	9E	7C	00	30	3B	9C	56	45	F2	30
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1480 20 30 3F 79 D1 00 FC 00 3E 8C FF 00 E2 6F FB 18
1490 C2 FE 00 02 30 45 89 52 F8 CA A9 09 34 A4 72 3A
14A0 C3 59 30 C5 3A BE 96 59 F8 F0 A9 09 CE FF 01 59
14B0 19 99 32 AB 29 98 CE FF 01 B8 88 32 BE 28 72 32
14C0 C5 34 C1 3C 88 32 CB CD 7B 38 7A 9C FC 01 BC
14D0 02 A9 E2 78 70 30 96 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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1530 CC A9 09 AA 32 6F 79 D1 00 F8 AC A9 F8 8E AE 92
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15D0 32 E0 8E FA 10 32 E0 8C AF 29 2F 8F 3A D9 30 A5
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Editors Note:

The above program and drivers have been verified against a club ACE VDU ver2 board and on a home built 1861 circuit.

The FX0A command will retain only bit count equivalent to Hex 0 - 9, thus certain games or programs requiring an input of Hex A - F will require modification, or will not run properly.

The above program, with both drivers, complete with commented listing is available from ACE on a cassette (Netronics Cassette I/O) for \$ 10.00.

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