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# 2195 PR 2200 00TU 2260 2210 LET D=04H 2220 00TU 2290 2240 LET 0=04-0 2240 PRINT 'HERE ARE YOUR NEXT TWO CARDS....' 2270 LET n=(RNG)(14))+2 2270 LET n=(RNG)(14))+2 2270 LET n=(RNG)(14))+2 2270 LET n=(RNG)(14))+2 2270 IF A>14 SUTU 2270 2280 IF A>15 SUTU 2270 2290 IF A>16 SUTU 2270 2290 IF A>16 SUTU 2270 2290 IF A>18 SUTU 2270 2290 IF A>18 SUTU 2270 2350 IF A=11 SUTU 2400 2350 IF A=11 SUTU 2400 2350 IF A=13 SUTU 2400 2390 IF A=13 SUTU 2400 2390 IF A=14 SUTU 2400 2400 PRINT A=14 SUTU 2400 2400 PRINT \*SUSUAL \*\* 2400 PRINT \*SUSU Games by These games-Stars, Acey-Deucy, Carl Kelb Applications in Pittman's Trap, and Slot-were Softw 6800 are" adapted from older versions for the 6800. Note: A bell print statements for each \*. Tiny BASIC

# to Tom Pittman's Tiny BASIC (control-G) was imbedded in the

1 PR
1000 PRINT 'WHICH GAME DD YOU WANT T'
1001 PRINT 'TYPE I FOR STARS'
1002 PRINT 'TYPE I FOR STARS'
1004 PRINT 'TYPE A FOR SLOTS'
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1006 IF Z-2 GUTO 1000
1050 IF Z-2 GUTO 2000
1050 IF Z-3 GUTO 4000
1050 PRINT 'MALLON' TO NY GALAXY, I'M IN CHAMMEE OF THE STARS HERE.'
1120 PRINT 'HAY HY GAME SETARS AND GET SOWE STARS FOR YOURSELF!'
1140 PRINT 'TRY TO GUESS NY MUMBER, AFTER YOU GUESS I'
1170 PRINT 'YOU ARE TO NY NUMBER, AFTER YOU GUESS I'
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1170 PRINT 'YOU ARE TO NY NUMBER, AFTER YOU GUESS I'
1170 PRINT 'USEN, LEVER STARS (&&&&&&&& HEARS FOR YOURSELF!'
1180 PRINT 'VERY, VERY CLOSE TO NY NUMBER)
1190 PRINT 'NUMBER, SEVEN STARS (&&&&&&& HEARS FOR YOU ARE VERY,'
1200 PRINT 'NUMBER, SEVEN STARS (&&&&&&&& HEARS FOU ARE VERY,'
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2000 REH ACEY-DUCEY
2100 PR
2101 PRINT "ACEY-DUCEY IS PLAYED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:"
2102 PRINT "THE DEALER (COMPUTER) DEALS TWO CARDS FACE UP."
2103 PRINT 'YOU HAVE THE DPTION TO BET OR NOT TO BET DEPENDING.
2104 PRINT 'YOU HAVE THE DPTION TO BET OR NOT TO BET DEPENDING.
2104 PRINT 'YOU HOW THE BET OF NOT TO BET DEPENDING.
2106 PRINT 'F YOU DO NOT MANT TO BET. INPUT A 0."
2110 PR
2100 PRINT 'YOU NOW HAVE '10?" DOLLARS."

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24 54 ORIGIN 38

FØ 5Ø FF ØØ

CASSETTE 1

START OF BOOTSTRAP LOADER

00 C0 00 FF

END OF BOOTSTRAP LOADER

ORIGIN AØØ

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TO INTERRUPT SYSTEM AT THE TINY BASIC LEVEL HIT "REPEAT KEY"

TO IGNORE LINE JUST TYPPED HIT "ESC" KEY

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