HOME INVENTORY V1.0 (SIENA Only)

Following the success of my Home Accounts program for the Series 3A & C, S3ABANK, a number of people suggested that I issue some of the optional modules as standalone programs. S3AHOME was the third of these modules (the others are the Investment Tracker S3AINVx.ZIP, the Fuel Consumption monitor S3AFUELx.ZIP, the Expense Account Monitor S3AEXPx.ZIP and the Financial Planner, S3APLANx.ZIP. (Where the 'x' is the version number). I have now begun to convert them to run on the SIENA, and this is the first module to be transferred.

This program allows you to keep track of the contents of your home, for insurance purposes.

To Install the program,

1. Put SNAHOME0.APP in your \APP\ directory

2. If you want to use the optional On-Line Help (Highly recommended) put the file SNAHOMEH.OVL into an \APP\SNAHOME\ directory.

3. If you want to use the optional Print option put the file SNAHOMEP.OVL into the \APP\SNAHOME\ directory and the file SNAPRINT.DYL into an \OPD\ directory. Note that this file is common to all my programs, so if you have more than one of them you only need one copy of this file.

4. Install (PSION-I)

Now go into the program. You can either use the default file Home, or use <PSION-N> to start one of a different name. The 'nag' screens can be removed by registering the program, which will also allow you full access to the program, i.e. 23 Rooms and 23 Categories. The unregistered version allows you just 5 rooms and 5 categories, to enable you to see the capabilities of the program. For now use anything you like as the House title, it can be changed later.

The Help system is very extensive and should describe the program's capabilities in full.

Working through the MENU commands will show you the capabilities of the program. You can have unlimited numbers of houses, and the File menu gives you the usual handling commands for these houses (If you want to delete a house, use this menu option. If you delete it from the System screen not all the appropriate files will be deleted).

In each of the three screens (accessed via the diamond key, the menu or appropriate 'hot keys') the Edit menu allows you Enter, Update and Delete entries, and for Rooms and Categories, the option to Move them in the list. Again, for Rooms and Categories, the Enter and Update dialogs give you the option of excluding a room or category from the total value (shown by an "x" in the list rather than a number). There is an Update Items Value option which allows you to uprate (or deflate) every Item (or by Category) for inflation. (As you will see later, Items can be excluded from this by setting a flag as Purchase Price only). There is also a menu option to 'Amend Title', to change the name of the House, and an 'Edit Memo' feature, similar to that used in the Agenda, so that you can also keep track of insurance policy numbers or other details you may wish to record.

The 'Search' menu allows you to use the 'Find Item' option, and the 'Special' menu allows you to add a Password, Print the Items, switch between font sizes, and exit the program. Finally, the

'Set Preferences' option allows you to configure the font type, date format, the currency separator (12,345.00), the number of decimal places, setup the printer (if the Print Module is loaded) and specify if you wish to stay in the Preferences menu while setting up the program. As usual, <Fn-Menu> will toggle the Info screen.   In the Item screen, there is also an additional Menu selection to allow sorting of the Items.

To see how the program is used, use the Menu or <Psion-I> to add an Item. You will be asked for a purchase date, and all the usual details. Leave the flag as 'New for Old' if you want the Item to be taken into account when the Update All option is used. Now use the diamond key to cycle between the 3 screens to see the full capability of the program.

Note that when you enter the Item display from the Rooms screen, you will be shown the Items in that room, but if you enter from the Category screen it shows the Items in that category. In this screen, using the right/left arrows will cycle through the rooms/categories or you can go directly to a Room or Category by using <Psion-S>. (In the Rooms and Categories screens, the arrows move you between houses)

If the Item list gets rather long, there is now a 'Find' option to quickly jump to an Item. If you have more than one Item with the same description, repeated use of the Find option will move through the list.

Finally, in the Item screen you have the facility to Move or Copy Items between Houses, if you are running with more than one House, and an Item Information option (also obtained by pressing the <Space-bar> or <I>) that shows the information that cannot be displayed on the SIENA screen, because of the limited size.

If you find the program useful and wish to register it, please see the file REGISTER.TXT for up-to-date instructions on how to register. Apart from giving you a 'warm' feeling, allowing you 23 rooms and categories, and getting rid of the 'nag' screens, registering will give you access to full support and notification of regular, free, updates.   If anyone has any useful suggestions for improvements, I will always try and include them in the next version.

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