The creators of CFDM and PCFDM proudly present:

The CoCo Report

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Taking CoCo into the 21st Century

A new goal has been recently adopted by Rick's Computer Enterprise and the Friends of CFDM. That is the preservation of the CoCo hobby into the 21st Century! The CoCo's birth, about 16 years ago, was a real boon to those who desired to learn about this new phenomena called the "home computer." Not that the ticket was inexpensive, but it was then possible for thousands to actually own a computer and learn how to use it. I believe it can be easily verified that many of those who presently make their living with computers can trace their introduction and education back to our little CoCo.

The easy to read instructional books and the simple nature of the CoCo made it possible for the user to actually learn how to program the machine! This aspect of home computing has virtually disappeared with the modern power boxes that are found in our homes today.

For about ten years thousands upon thousands of ordinary folks found great pleasure in the CoCo and in following the product development and the growth of the CoCo Community. Then, it seems, the rug was pulled very quickly as support from Tandy and the major publications ended. Today only a few hundred CoCoists are known to the community. Probably fewer than a thousand can be identified as supporters of the remaining clubs and publications. There may be that many more who still use the CoCo, but do not know about the existing community.

But we still carry on with viable support for an enthusiastic group and we have made it our goal to carry the CoCo into the 21st Century. With the advent of the CoCo 3 Emulator, created by Jeff Vavasour, and the new PCFDM, a PC disk magazine dedicated to the CoCo, the way has been paved for many who once knew the CoCo to return some support and help us make our goal a reality.

Please check out the information on the back page of this newsletter and join with us in our effort!!

CoCo Support: The Delphi communication network still has active CoCo SIGs. Both the CoCo SIG and OS9 SIG of Delphi have a number of members who are always ready to assist and befriend CoCoists.

WILL YOU JOIN THE EFFORT?

You can play a part in making our plans a reality. Even if you don't presently own a CoCo, you can support our cause.

If you own a PC, you can have a Great "Window" to the CoCo Community with the new PC disk magazine, PCFDM for only $30 per year.

If you would like to receive "The CoCo Report", this newsletter, you can get the four issues over the next twelve months for only $7.

Or...if you do own a CoCo or a PC with the CoCo 3 Emulator, you can join CFDM and get four great issues over the next twelve months for only $30.

Please see the back page of this issue for more details on these products.

WE WANT YOU IN OUR SUPPORT GROUP! PLEASE JOIN CFDM, PCFDM, OR THE COCO REPORT FOR A YEAR!

CoCo Fever!!

CoCo Support: The Glenside Color Computer Club of Chicago is the sponsor of the famous "Last" Chicago CoCoFESTs. This years event will be held April 13th and 14th. Members of Glenside also receive their newsletter. Contact the club by writing to: Glenside Color Computer Club, 119 Adobe Circle, Carpentersville, IL 60110-1101.

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The CoCo 3 Emulator

The "significant" CoCo related program of the 1990's has got to be the CoCo 3 Emulator from Jeff Vavasour. If you have a PC and you haven't ordered your copy, you really should! The Emulator is a PC program which when executed will make your PC into a CoCo. And...if you have a fast PC, you'll have a faster CoCo than the original. Speeds of 3 to 5 times that of the real CoCo are now possible. Also, if you have enough PC RAM, your Emulator will be a 512K CoCo. No need for a memory upgrade on the Emulator!!

Other features are four software disk drives, a Snapshot option, PC<>CoCo transfer option, and other menus "inside" the Emulator to allow you many other neat options. Also included are RETRIEVE and DSKINI software which will allow you to "move" your CoCo disks to the PC (for use by the Emulator or even by PC programs) and "move" your PC files to CoCo disks. And there's more that I can't begin to mention here.

The Emulator is available only from Jeff Vavasour. The price is $25. Please note that the needed CoCo ROM files are not included, but software is included which lets you make copies from your "real" CoCo and "move" them to your PC.

Here's the address to order your CoCo 3 Emulator:
Jeff Vavasour
c/o Dept of Physics
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, B.C.
Canada   V6T 1Z1

CoCo Support: The Atlanta Computer Society is one of the two remaining giant CoCo clubs. The ACS continues to sponsor it's big CoCo fest the last of each September. You can get more Infomation by writing to:
ACS
P. O. 80694
Atlanta, GA 30369

The CoCo Registry

The CoCo Registry is a database program of active CoCoists with gobs of information about them. About 480 members are currently enrolled in the Registry. When that number reaches 500, we will publish the final version. The cost will be $7.

If you are not in the Registry, you can be. There's absolutely no charge or obligation. Just fill in the form that comes with this issue of The CoCo Report, then send it back to Rick's Computer Enterprise. When the final version comes out, you'll be in it!!

Our Friends, The Molls !!

Godfrey and Muriel Moll are Great folks!! That's the only way to describe them. Even after discounting their faithful support to CFDM, from almost Day 1, they have expressed their friendship in many other ways to my family and to other members of our group.

Godfrey and Muriel first visited our home about three years ago. It was such a great pleasure to meet some of our CFDM friends and to experience first hand what we had been led to believe all along. The people who make up the CoCo Community are some of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet.

The Molls are retired now and spend much of their time traveling around the country visiting their children and also dropping in on CFDM Friends along the way. Muriel and Godfrey live in Springfield, Missouri in the summers and in Panama Beach, Florida in the winters.

The picture below was taken at Rick's Picnic in July of 1995. It's a perfect picture in that it shows the feeling that they convey about their own relationship ...."Closeness!!"

Godfrey and Muriel Moll

CoCo Support: Adventure Survivors is a newsletter published by our friends, L. E. and Nan Padgett of Peachtree City, GA.   If you enjoy the classic CoCo adventure programs, you need to get a membership in this group. The newsletter is published bimonthly and is filled   with   good   Information.   Contact Adventure Survivors at: 24 Perthshire Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269

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The COCO Registry

Name _____ Tel: _____

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City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Your Interests: (Circle all that apply.)
RSDOS   OS9   ADOS   Graphics   Utilities
Games   Printers   BBS   MSDOS   Clubs   Fests
Forums   Education   Emulators   Databases
Hardware Projects   Spreadsheets   Music
Word Processing   Programming languages
Other _____
_____

Organizations you support: (Circle)
CFDM   UPTIMES   68micros   MI&CC
Adventure Survivors   The CoCo Trader
OS9 Underground   Glenside CoCo Club
Atlanta Computer Society   Delphi   Internet
CoCo Link   UP-2-DATE
Others _____
_____

Your System(s)
(Circle)
CoCo3 CoCo2 CoCo1
PC Apple Commodore
Other _____
RAM size _____
Monitor: TV RGB CMP
Disk Drives: 0 1 2 3
35 track 40 track
Hard drive (size _____)
Printer _____
Mouse   Joystick
Digitizer   Cassette
Other hardware or
comments: _____
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Please fill out your data form as completely as possible. Mail to:

The CoCo Registry
P.O. Box 276
Liberty, KY 42539

You will be notified when the database is complete. At that time you will be able to obtain a copy at a very reasonable price.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!

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Rendering of the 128 column CoCo Registry screen

current record number

In actual Registry the items which apply are highlighted and underlined.

Screen set 2...Press right arrow to see this portion of the screen

High-lighted name of currently displayed entry

A little Help line

Screen set 1...Press left arrow to see this portion of the screen

The Main Menu

Tells how many entries the search found.

The Dedication

Tells which issue

How many records in this database.

This Record, Interests, System, and Support boxes reflect currently high-lighted member

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RSDOS OS9 ADOS MSDOS
GRAPHICS UTILITIES
GAMES PRINTERS BBS
CLUBS FESTS FORUMS
EDUCATION EMULATORS
DATABASES SPREAD SHEETS
HARDWARE PROJECTS
MUSIC WORD PROCESSING
PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

---- System ----
COCO 1 COCO 2 COCO 3
PC   APPLE   COMMODORE
32K 64K 128K 512K
TV   RGB   CMP
DRIVES: 0 1 2 3
35 TRACK 40 TRACK
HARD DRIVE DIGITIZER
PRINTER: TANDY
MOUSE JOYSTICK
CASSETTE SPEECH/SOUND

---- SUPPORT ----
COCO FRIENDS DISK MAGAZINE   UPTIMES
68 micros   MID IOWA & COUNTRY COCO
ADVENTURE SURVIVORS   THE COCO TRADER
OS9 UNDERGROUND   GLENSIDE COCO CLUB
ATLANTA COMPUTER SOCIETY   DELPHI
INTERNET   COCO-LINK   UP-2-DATE
SOURCE   CFDM

DEDICATION

This database is dedicated to those individuals and organizations who continue to display interest and support to the CoCo III

MAIN MENU

1 MAKE A SEARCH TEMPLATE
2 SEARCH AND SHOW
3 DUMP TO 1 COLUMN LABELS
4 DUMP TO 3 COLUMN LABELS
5 SET PRINTER BAUD RATE
6 QUIT THE COCO REGISTRY

****NAME SCROLL BOX****
JIM BENNETT
TERRY SIMONS
CURTIS PAINTE
WILLIAM ROSENFELD
LIN & NAN PADGETT
MARCUS SPRINGER
DAN WILLIAMSON
HERB SCHULER
TERRY LARAWAY
WILLIAM S. SUTTON
FOUND: 0051

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Rick's Picnic 1995

On July 15th, 1995, a number of our CFDM Friends met with us in Liberty, Kentucky for the first Rick's Picnic and Mini CoCo Fest. The attendance for the event reached 41 and that was Great!!

We had some very interesting presentations as well as CoCo hardware and software at bargain prices. Among those making presentations were Jeff Vavasour, Jim Bennett, Stuart Wyss-Gallifent, Norm Barson, Jim Sternett, L. E. Padgett, Alan Dages, and Ben Walker.

If you missed Rick's Picnic I, be sure to come this year. Tickets are $20 per person. That includes a catered Picnic Supper and admission to the event.

Below are a couple of pictures from last year's event.

Jeff Vavasour (right) gives Larry Heiderschiedt some tips on the Emulator.

Dewey Cooper, Kasey Cooper, and Kayla Cooper play CoCo games on CoCo Row!

Kayla, Rick, and Donna take a moment for a candid photo.

More CoCo Support: For CoCo Shareware contact Robert A. Turner, Binary Systems. The address is: P. O. Box 396, Double Springs, AL 35553-0396

Terry Laraway has many CoCo products including a new graphics editor called "The Tool". Contact Terry at this address: 41 N.W. Doncee Drive, Bremerton, WA 98311

Jeff Cho has MAX-10 Borders. Contact Jeff at: 187 Bramblebush Rd., Stoughton, M02072

Jim Bennett has MAX-10 support with his PAGE DESIGNER COLLECTION. Write Jim at: 118 Corlies Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

CoCo Support: FARNA Systems is Frank Swygert's CoCo company. Frank publishes 68'micros, a magazine dedicated to the CoCo and other OS9 machines. You can contact FARNA by writing to:

FARNA SYSTEMS
Box 321
Warner Robbins, GA 31099

TAKE THE COCO TO THE LIMIT!!

ORDERING INFORMATION

CFDM is a monthly disk magazine for the CoCo3. CFDM has been a monthly for 50 months, and will continue as a monthly until June 1996. At that time we will begin publishing as a quarterly, four times per year. You can get the last four monthly issues, #50-53, for $20...or...you may get the first quarterly year, which starts in September 1996, for $30. Each issue of the monthly is a flippie diskette with the magazine on side 1 and our programs, music, and graphics on side 2. With every third issue you'll get a bonus disk with more programs, music, and graphics. When quarterly publication begins, you'll receive the regular flippie with each issue, plus a bonus disk and a copy of CFDM HARDCOPY. HARDCOPY is a professionally printed paper version of the CFDM magazine side. We have about 170 subscribers to CFDM at present.

We want you in our group....please join today!!

PCFDM is our new PC disk magazine which contains 99% CoCo material. This disk will include information from CFDM, CoCo 123 (the Glenside newsletter), the Adventure Survivors newsletter, a Delphi Report, and an Emulator Report. The Delphi section will feature an article by Marty Goodman and other news from Delphi. The Emulator Report will feature articles from Jeff Vavasour. And there's more.... PCFDM will be a quarterly and each subscription will start with issue #3 and run thru issue #6. You can subscribe to PCFDM for only $30 for these four issues. At this time you can get a sample issue of PCFDM, issue #2, by sending a formatted 1.44 meg 3 1/2" disk and a stamped self-addressed envelope (or send $2 and I'll furnish the disk and postage). I believe you'll like it!!

Endeavor to persevere.....!!

The CoCo Report is this newsletter. This first issue is a sample. Following issues will probably have more pages and a variety of CoCo news. If you are no longer active in the CoCo Community, you can show your support by subscribing to The CoCo Report. The cost is $7 per year. That gets you four issues on a quarterly basis. The next issue will be out in June 1996.

Send to: Rick's Computer Enterprise
      P. O. Box 276
      Liberty, KY 42539

Name _____

Address _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Enclosed Payment is:

___ CASH   ___ CHECK   ___ MONEY ORDER

Yes Rick, I want to help keep the CoCo alive to the 21st Century. Please enter my subscription for the following:

___CFDM (monthly issues #50-53)..............$20

___CFDM (quarterly issues #54-57)..............$30
      (Starts September 1996)

___PCFDM (quarterly issues #3-6)...............$30

___The CoCo Report (quarterly issues 2-5)...$7

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