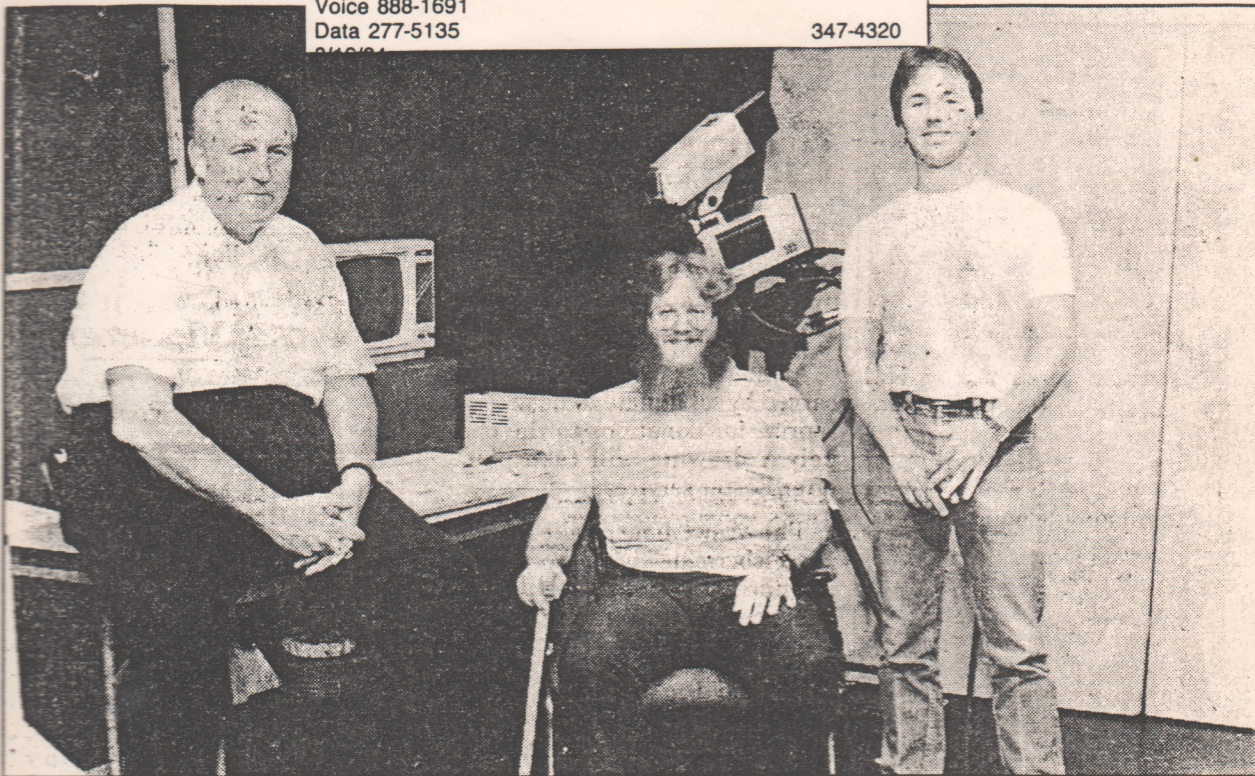


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Coco Sig Computer Club board members, from left: Andy Boudreaux, Chris Mayeux, and Baron Schwing. Not pictured is Gene Clifton.

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Computer club members polishing their program

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Club salute

Four years ago, Christopher Mayeux of Chalmette started looking for a club or support group that could help him learn more about his Tandy Color Computer. When he couldn't find one in New Orleans, he decided to form one.

Mayeux found 10 people who shared a similar interest and organized the Coco Sig, which is short for the Color Computer Special Interest Group. Interest in the club grew and today they have 50 members. Most are from St. Bernard.

The club meets twice a month. On the second Saturday of the month they meet at the Rosedale Library in Metairie at 4 p.m. On

the fourth Saturday they meet at Mayeux's home at 20 Gibbs Drive in Chalmette at 3 p.m.

The club is open to beginning and experienced computer operators, Mayeux said.

"If someone has just purchased a new computer and they don't know how to operate it, they will find help here," Mayeux said. "And someone who has had a computer for a while will also learn new things about their computer."

Andrew Boudreaux said he joined three years ago because he wanted to find someone who could help him learn more programs on his computer.

"I've been very pleased with

the results," Boudreaux said. "There is lots of support and encouragement from the members. It's been a very enjoyable experience."

Mayeux said sometimes they have a guest speaker at their meetings who is a computer expert, but usually at meetings members help each other.

They also spend time planning their television program, shown on Cox Cable in New Orleans. The program airs twice a week and shows viewers how to program their computers, Mayeux said.

For more information call 277-6880.

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