

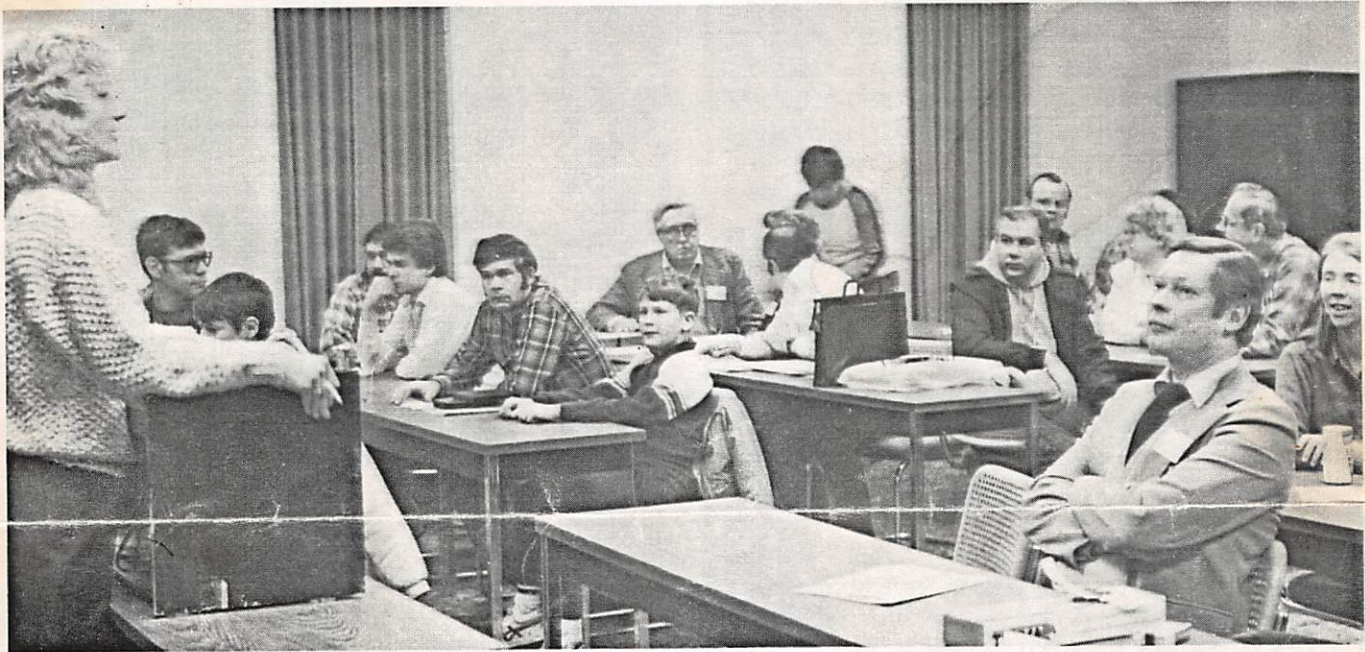
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## COCO MAX and BADGE-A-MINIT

by Jim Mangan

They say all work and no play makes CoCoMAX a dull disk, so now we have put CoCoMAX to work in conjunction with Badge-A-Minit, which my nephew, Joseph Mark Foley recently purchased. CoCoMAX is a perfect supplement to Badge-A-Minit as it lets a person make professional looking badges.

First, let me give a little explanation of what Badge-A-Minit is all about. It is a kit which can be purchased from Badge-A-Minit of LaSalle, Illinois. The kit is used to make round badges that can be pinned onto

### "SPREAD SHEETS" IS TOPIC NEXT MEETING

Club member Richard Kravitz will give a demonstration at the February 28th meeting on how to set up and use a "spread sheet."

Richard will specifically discuss Radio Shack's SPECTACULATOR and touch on spread sheeting in general.

The meeting is this coming FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 at 7 p.m. at the Northampton County Area Community College.



clothing, hats and so forth. It comes with all the essential parts and equipment necessary to make badges. It has metal parts, clear plastic, paper circles, hand press and a few other articles needed to assemble badges. Ready-made

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**NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 28, 7PM**

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 31, 1986

The first meeting of 1986 got underway the usual fashion with President Roni DeGarmo presiding.

The meeting minutes of December were approved as published in the January newsletter after those at the meeting had a chance to read them after they picked up a copy of the 6809 EXPRESS at the sign-in table. Reinhold Radke, newsletter editor, said the newsletter was not mailed before the meeting because they would not have arrived at members residences due to a problem with the xerox machine. Those members not at the meeting will have their newsletters mailed to them.

Treasurer Tom Castronuova presented the treasurer's report which was approved as read. Publicity Chairman Nelson Russell discussed items received in the mail with a special of \$19.95 for a 300 baud modem from Spectrum Projects. Club Member Tom Roginski of OWL-WARE said he offers the same for \$19 and only \$5 for the cable for which Spectrum wants \$9.95

Paul Eckhart, club librarian, mentioned that the complete listing of items in the library was published in the January newsletter and if any member wants anything listed that they should contact Paul to make sure he brings that item to the meeting since there are too many things in the library to bring everything to each meeting. Paul also asked for volunteers to help index the numerous tapes in the library.

President DeGarmo explained the calendar which is in the January newsletter and has all meeting dates marked. She said that the July meeting is planned as a picnic on July 27, with final information as to where it is to be held to be decided. Questions concerning the March and December meetings were brought up by several members and it was decided to let Richard Kravitz, equipment chairman and who signs the papers with the college for the meeting rooms, find out if we could meet the week before the set March meeting date of the 28th since that is Good Friday. The same will hold true with the December meeting if Richard can make arrangements with NCACC.

OLD BUSINESS- Jerry Behler reminded everyone that the NCACC has allowed club members to use the small "admissions" parking lot as long as we don't ABUSE it. He asked that only those persons who have equipment to bring should be allowed in that lot.

NEW BUSINESS- Jerry Behler informed the membership that Radio Shack's new 1986 Software References and Tandy Computer Guide has several interesting items for CoCo owners. One being a hard-disk interface for OS-9 to be able to hook up a Radio Shack hard disk to the CoCo for \$129. A RS232 pack and direct connect modem in a cartridge pak for \$89.96.

Jerry also said that the latest version of Mickeyterm (V 4.0), the public domain communications terminal program will be donated to the library to replace the old 2.3 version. Documentation is 24 pages long and can be downloaded from the club's BBS owned and operated by Jim Mangan (215-866-1805).

Behler also noted that members should not buy the Y-Pak cable extenders since there is a chance you can blow the whole CoCo and disk controller as has been experienced by BYSOP Jim Mangan. He emphasized it is better to spend a couple of extra dollars and purchase a multi-pak interface

rather than chance everything to the y-cable.

Jerry also noted that the Hardware SIG group would meet February 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at his house. Project for that meeting would be burning software into an E-Prom chip and trying it out in the CoCo. PASCAL SIG sort of "died" said Jerry and if no interest is shown by the Tuesday February 11 meeting he might cancel the SIG.

Behler also mentioned that the club's BBS is presently down for a hardware crash and would be up in a week with a whole new Color-80 BBS system which would require new passwords from those logging on. Bill Jones, who lives in Easton, mentioned that he never got the other BBS set up which was donated by Jim Mangan to help those members who live in New Jersey in order that they can avoid long-distance toll charges. The idea originally was to have the Easton BBS up and running and then exchanging messages with Jim Mangan's CoCo DEN in Bethlehem. Jones said he just doesn't have the time to set it up and if anyone "wants to do the leg work in setting up the software we could have another BBS." Jones said he has the equipment and private phone line available and is offering it for club use if someone can set it up.

In other new business, Tom Roginski of Owl-Ware, noted that the OWL-WARE Winchester Basic for hard-disk drives is now completed since an earlier demonstration of the software at the November meeting of the club. Anyone interested should contact him at OWL-WARE

Richard Kravitz will demonstrate "spread sheeting" at the February meeting of the club and that another computer system would be needed for the meeting. Warren Searfoss volunteered to bring his system.

President Roni DeGarmo reminded everyone that should the college be closed the same day of our meeting due to bad weather, that the meeting would be cancelled. She also mentioned that the new membership list for 1986 will be published in the March issue of the 6809 EXPRESS.

Submitted by Reinhold Radke

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## MARCH MEETING IS FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Richard Kravitz has notified the newsletter that the March meeting has been changed to a week earlier than published in the meeting calendar. The meeting is set for FRIDAY, MARCH 21 at 7 p.m.

The reason for the change of meeting dates is because the last Friday in March happens to be "Good FRIDAY." Richard checked with NCACC to see if it is possible to move the meeting ahead one week and the college approved the move.

SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH MEETING IS FRIDAY MARCH 21 at 7 P.M.

Topic for the March meeting is "The care and feeding of your CoCo."

## BADGE-A-MINIT

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formatted circles with all kinds of designs, sayings, etc., can be obtained but it is much more fun to make your own personalized badges for yourself or for a small group or club.

The paper circles are 2 3/4" in diameter, leaving a 1/4" margin which gets tucked under when making buttons. These paper circles are awkward to use as they do not show the inner circle which is the limit of what will be finally shown on a completed button. This is where the graphics and fonts of CoCoMAX can be put to good use.

When using CoCoMAX, the first thing to be done is to determine the size of two concentric circles which when printed out will give two circles of 2 3/4" & 2 1/4" diameter circles. When these circles have been established then they are saved to disk to be recalled anytime you want to make a personalized badge. When the two circles are on you CoCoMAX screen they appear to be quite large and really gives you a more than adequate area to work with. All that is needed at this point is to let your imagination take over and you will certainly be surprised as to what a person can come up with. Using all the different fonts plus the neat glyphs font and your own graphics ability many interesting kinds of buttons can be made. Also one can print-out in different colors. My first button was green as dictated by the context of what was on the face of the button. Joe is using CoCoMAX for a few organizations he belongs to and Seamus here is writing this article just to show how a practical use of CoCoMAX can be applied. I am also submitting a sample of the first button I made. This button (see illustration) features the Penn-Jersey CCC, COCO DEN, Seamus your sysop and the BBS # with two clover leaves as an added attraction.

So if anyone desires more information on CoCoMAX and Badge-A-Minit just contact me.

## LAST CHANCE - TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Most of the members renewed their membership for 1986 at the January meeting. According to the club's constitution, those not renewing by FEBRUARY 1 will be dropped from the membership roll.

As has been the experience the last few years, those members who have not renewed will get the February issue which is mailed before the February meeting, but will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list and will NOT get any more issues of 6809 EXPRESS.

The following list of members do not appear to have a renewal application on file with Treasurer Tom Castronuova.

They are: Randy Behler, Dave Breiner, Tony Cappellini, Jim Casselberry, Michael S. Dennis, Jason Fox, Brian Gantert, Phil Herman, Linda Hymans, LeeAnn Keller, Sally Lansche, John Loper, Wayne Moodie, Gerald Ott, Melissa O'Rourke, Jerry and Gregg Pazak, Steven Pitino, Marcus Sandone, John Schisler, Michael Skuczias, Joe Slusser, Marlin Smickley, Peter Unks, Galen VanDine, Jason Walters and Robert Zugates.

If you see any of these members in your travels before the next meeting, remind them to renew their membership in the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome four new members who signed up at the January meeting of PJ-CCC. They are Frank Tupper, 118 South Penn Street, Allentown; Nelvin Keller, 136 S. 15th Street, Easton; Anthony Jaskowicz, 620 Broad St., Tatamy and Bruce Irish, 120 Broad Street, Phillipsburg, N.J.



President Roni DeGarmo presents her demonstration of the new Radio Shack program "DESKMATE" at the January meeting.

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**DO YOUR INCOME TAX ON THE COCO**

TRY-O-BYTE company has "TRY-O-TAX" for those members interested in doing their federal income tax on the Color Computer.

TRY-O-TAX calculates schedules A, B, C, D, E, F, G, SE and W, as well as forms 1040, 2106 and 2441 according to the news release. With the exception of form 1040, they are printed as a computer generated substitute form acceptable by the IRS. The 1040 is printed by line number in order to make it easier to transfer it to the original 1040 sheet.

The disk and 32K version also provides a stand alone program "ESTIMATE" which provides a simple method of estimating the federal tax liability based on 1985 tax law and tables.

The software also provides prompts to guide one through the tax preparation process. In the disk version, schedules are alone as far as practical to that they can be used at the preparer's convenience.

TRY-O-TAX is available for all CoCo versions (please give memory available) and Models III and 4.

TRY-O-TAX is \$29.95 plus \$3 shipping and handling from TRY-O-BYTE, 1008 Alton Circle, Florence, SC 29501 or call them at 803-662-9500. No credit cards or COD, but personal checks are welcomed.

Anyone interested in this see Nelson Russell or Reinhold Radke at the next meeting and they will show you a sample printout of the tax program as provided in the news release.



Discussing DESKMATE after the demonstration.

**BALTIMORE HAMBOREE AND COMPUTERFEST SET FOR APRIL 6**

The annual greater Baltimore Area Hamboree and Computerfest will be held Sunday, April 6 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland.

General public gates open at 9 a.m. and admission is \$4 per person. The event features special commercial exhibitors and dealer area, giant indoor flea market, large hard surface tailgate area, American Radio Relay League display and F.C.C. License Exams.

Anyone interested in this should look for the brochures which will be at the February meeting, February 28 at 7 p.m.



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