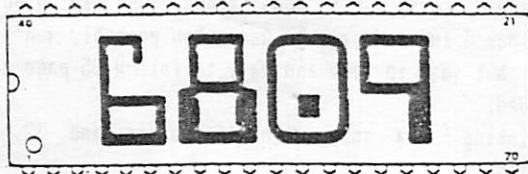


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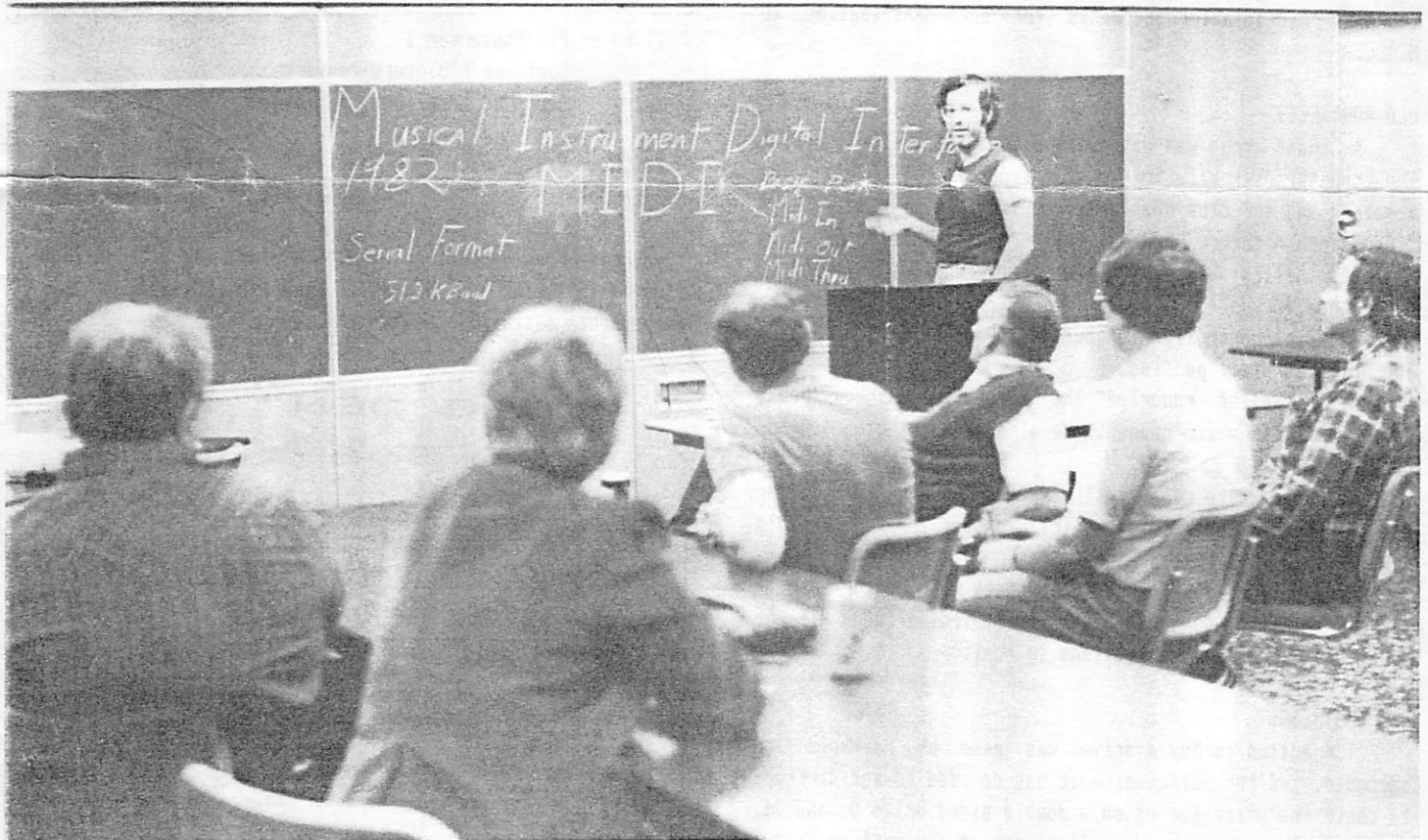


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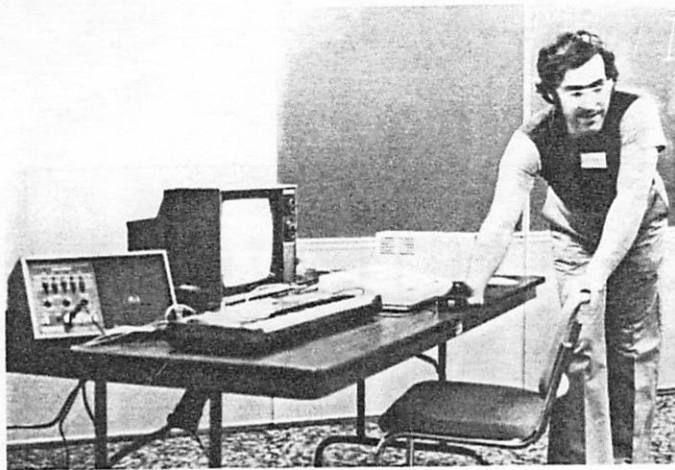
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Mike Skuczias explains how the MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) works with the CoCo at the April meeting

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Mike Skuczias prepares to set up his synthesizer for the MIDI demonstration at the last meeting.

Minutes of April 24, 1987 Meeting

The meeting opened with a welcome by President Eckhart. The March minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Tom also read a letter of thanks for our contribution to NCACC.

OLD BUSINESS:

A thank you was extended to Chet Belsky for bringing the computer disk sale to the attention of the club. The members and the club have profited from the disk sales. A discussion on future orders followed. If we ordered a quantity before we needed them Charlie Ross volunteered to store them for us.

The disk controller for our new CoCo 3 will be coming. The drive is still pending.

Nevin Keller reported the receipt of Rainbow (Feb., Mar., April) from Jim Mangen. We also have Colorama 4.0 for the BBS.

Reinhold Radke reported that he is working on having the membership list and a publicity poster for next month's newsletter.

Roni DeGarmo asked members to check the data on the membership list so that the final list printed will be accurate. Report any corrections to Roni.

NEW BUSINESS:

The motion to buy a drive was made by Reinhold and seconded. After discussion it was decided to ask Al Krapf to check the price for us on a double sided drive 0 and 1, power supply and case. He will report at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. An informative talk and demonstration on the MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) by Mike Skuczias followed.

MAY MEETING THIS FRIDAY 7 PM

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Unleash the power of your CoCo 3 with 300 x 200 screen resolution, and choose any 16 colors from the CoCo 3's 64 color palette ... your graphic creations will come to life before your very eyes.

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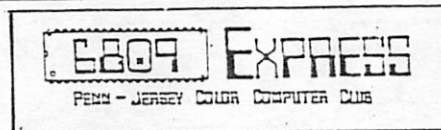
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ED JUGE

Tandy Topics

By Ed Juge
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RAINBOWFEST CHICAGO

April 11 and 12 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield, were wild days for CoCo enthusiasts! One hears about devoted Apple fans, Commodore devotees and others, but I've never seen a more enthusiastic and dedicated group of computer buffs anywhere. Fran McGehee (who is responsible for PR on our Color Computer) and I flew to Chicago for the show. We shared the hotel

NEW SOFTWARE FOR THE COCO III

GINMESOFT of Baltimore, Md, announced it has several new software items for the new CoCo III.

They are: FKEYS III, a user friendly, user programmable key utility that creates up to 20 function keys, it is compatible with Disk Extended Color Basic 1.0 or 1.1 and all versions of the Color Computer. Other features include DOS modifications, a Disable selection and it is EPROMable.

Cost for FKEYS is \$19.95 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling.

MULTI-LABEL III is a multi-purpose label creating program to create mailing address labels, diskette labels, etc. Labels can be saved to disk for future use and can be printed in various fonts on most printers. MULTI-LABEL III requires a CoCo III and costs \$14.95 plus \$2.50 for S&H.

CUSTOM PALETTE DESIGNER allows you to easily alter any palette slot without having to remember names or numbers of colors. You can also save your own customized palettes to disk as a single subroutine which may then be used in a BASIC program. This software also requires a CoCo III and sells for \$19.95 plus \$2.50 for S&H.

SIXDRIVE is a machine language utility that modifies Disk Extended Basic 1.0, 1.1, or FKEYS III to allow the use of 3 double sided drives without ANY hardware modifications. No special pokes are needed to access drives 4 & 5. It works on any Color Computer and requires double sided drives up to a maximum of 3. Cost is \$16.95 for SIXDRIVE plus \$2.50 for S&H.

GINMESOFT is located at 4 Hallfield Ct., Baltimore, MD 21236 and the phone number is 301-256-7558. You may also contact them on CompuServe - User Id: 722240,24 or DELPHI - Username: GINMESOFT. Or the Launching Pad BBS: 301-661-1826 (leave mail to GINMESOFT) if you have any questions in regards to these programs.

courtesy shuttle from the airport with a doctor from South Carolina who had flown in for the show. He owned one of the original silver CoCos.

I saw our doctor friend several more times during the show. As of our last meeting, he hadn't succumbed to the temptation to pick up a new CoCo 3, but CoCo 2s, 3s, monitors, software and accessories were being carried out of the place in what at times looked like a bucket brigade.

When the room became almost too crowded to move in, I looked at the registration line outside the door, and it was still at least three abreast around the corner, a hundred or so feet down the hall.

A new addition this year, was CoCo Cat in person, greeting show attendees.

At the CoCo Community Breakfast on Saturday morning, the room was packed. Dr. Marty Goodman gave a very entertaining talk on how he happened to get into the Color Computer business, and on the history (or rumored history) of the Color Computer.

All in all, it was a great show, and Lonnie Falk and his crew are to be complimented on an outstanding effort.

READER RESPONSE

Robert Sullivan, president of the New England Coconuts club, recently sent some requests and suggestions that I would like to address.

Mr. Sullivan complemented us on information like the software compatibility data in the January '87 issue. He hopes that type of information will be made available to stores. Actually, I took it from a monthly memo to the stores issued by our computer merchandising department, so yes, they have it.

He feels that I may have spent too much time recently on industry issues like the errors in PC Magazine's review of the 1000 EX

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INTERNATIONAL COLOR COMPUTER CLUB IS ALIVE AND WELL UNDER NEW PRESIDENT

The International Color Computer Club, one of the first clubs from the CoCo, is alive and well under a new president and a new location according to a note received by PJ-CCC.

Paul Schallowitz, new president of the International Color Computer Club, would like to exchange library programs with programs written by PJ-CCC members in our library.

If you are interested in joining the club or have past complaints with them write to Paul A. Schallowitz, President, International Color Computer Club, 17710 Moss Point Dr., Spring, Tx 77379

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and SX. He suggests that the magazine's "letters" column is the appropriate place for that type of response. That's a valid point.

The reason I have also addressed some of those issues here is that every time something like that happens, I receive anywhere from 2 or 3 to more than a dozen letters from Tandy owners, calling it to my attention and saying they hope we will register a strong objection. My interpretation of those letters was that Tandy owners take real pride in their computers, and want to know that we make a strong effort to refute published misinformation. It's all part of the "behind the scenes" non-technical information we hoped to provide by this newsletter. I would welcome other comments, since I want to keep this publication valuable to you.

Mr. Sullivan asked for an overview of what happens with a software product between the time a developer gives it to us and the time it reaches the stores for sale. I'll provide that below.

He was especially interested in the story behind OS-9 Level II. He asks why, at Princeton Rainbowfest last Fall, developers were using OS-9 Lv II, before most of you could even get CoCo 3s.

Simple... early versions of the CoCo 3 were supplied to applications developers, along with early copies of OS-9 Lv II, to encourage them to begin development of applications programs using OS-9 Lv II. Unfortunately, early hardware and software isn't always "bug free", and so developers' ability to get an early start can be hampered until "final" versions reach them. Those early versions are what you saw at Rainbowfest.

He also asks what is and is not allowed in Radio Shack stores and Plus Computer Cen-

ters in relation to Tandy User Groups. The answer is we allow our stores to post notices for Tandy-specific clubs, listing the club name, contact person, along with times, dates and places of regular meetings. In most stores, we can post a single letter-size leaflet, but please don't ask us to distribute a quantity of leaflets or newsletters.

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