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Clyde Gano, left, charter member of Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club, is shown making his demonstration on how-to-use a data base file such as "Elite File." Clyde demonstrated how to use such a file and how a user can tailor the data-base to fit his or her own needs. He demonstrated a data list of a typical church inventory he made up for the demonstration. Many in audience had questions of Clyde and he answered them so well that I didn't have to ask the ones I had planned.

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS IS TOPIC OF THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING 7PM

IN DEFENSE OF THE COCO 1

by Paul Eckhart

I had the opportunity to take home the club's new Coco 3 and monitor. Like a child with a new toy, I couldn't wait to get the system set up and running. Since my computer desk is almost identical left and right, by merely moving my printer, the two systems were set up side by side - the old and the new. My old "silver-haired" computer, losing its luster from years of heavy use, looked shabby beside its young kid brother. The sharpness of the color demonstrated by the RGB monitor was impressive, as compared to the artifact colors coming from my reliable Sony Trinitron.

The only Coco 3 software I had were the programs from The Rainbow, so I copied them on to one disk for a Coco 3 demo. These programs included a word processor, Le Lutin adventure, and poker game (I made over $50,000 in a half hour.) After about 2 hours of time, I was convinced - I suppose in the color computer world, I'll always be a Coco 1 lover.

Don't get me wrong! The graphics and colors impress me. However, for the types of things I do on the computer, graphics and colors aren't needed. I realize OS-9 Level II is an advanced operating system, but for what I do Owl-DOS does the trick.

Maybe it's because I deal with past history in my genealogy business. I've always thought dinosaurs were unique animals. Call me outdated, out of style, or living in the past - I'll accept all those diatribes. My gray Coco 1 and me have gone through lots together. She's (Are computers male or female?) been stripped to a bare board and put back together. Her new keyboard and internal modifications were by my hand. Can I possibly abandon her now for some attractive young Coco 3? Fear not Serial Number 4284, you're mine forever. Long live the Coco 1!!.

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS IS TOPIC OF THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING

Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club's resident electronic whiz and charter member, Jerry Behler, will present the topic for this Friday's meeting, July 31st at the Northampton County Community College. The topic is "Tele-communications," a subject Jerry has presented yearly since the club's founding.

He will set up and demonstrate how to use a modem and how to access the club's "COCO DEN" BBS operated by another charter member, Jim Mangan of Bethlehem.

Be sure to attend and prepare your questions ahead of time in case you get too engrossed in the demonstration and you forget to ask what you had in mind.

"COCO DEN" BBS

215-866-1805

Clyde Gano demonstrates "Elite File" to members at the last meeting.

Minutes of June 26, 1987 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Eckhart. The minutes for the May meeting were approved as written in the newsletter. Tom Castronuova gave the Treasurer's Report which was approved.

Old Business:

Charlie Ross will take care of ordering new disks for the club.

Please send any newsletter material to Reinhold Radke.

New Business:

Congratulations were extended to Chet Belsky on the openeing of his new Radio Shack Computer Center.

The meeting was then adjourned. Clyde Gano followed with an interesting and informative talk on Elite File.

Submitted by: Mary Brown

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Top Ten Coco Programs - How Do They Compare To Yours?

by Paul Eckhart

Newspapers and magazines list the top ten bestselling books, most attended movies, pop hits, etc. I thought it would be apropos to list my choices as the top ten pieces of Coco software, as used in my computer work, and invite other members of the club to send a list of their most popular programs to the Editor. If enough of you respond we can tabulate the results of a PJCCC poll of most popular software. Here's mine:

1. Telewriter-64 (c) Cognitec

   A most useful word processor. Since Telewriter happened to be the first word processing package I bought, I feel most comfortable with it. A few enhancements deserve to be mentioned, but I'll include them all under the Telewriter name.

   a. Telepatch (c) Bob Van der Poel

      Provides Telewriter with block move, overstrike, faster disk input/output, etc.

   b. Teleform (c) Cigna Company
      Provides mail merge, and in-memory formatting capabilities.

2. Cocomax II (c) Colorware, Inc.

   A super-duper graphics program. Those of you who have this mouse-driven program know all of its features. Add the 4 Max Fonts disks from Derringer Software, and you'll be set to draw and label anything. If only I were a better artist!

3. Pro-Color-File (c) Derringer Software

   My favorite database, again probably since it's the first I owned. This program allows you to define your screen and data segments, as well as printer or screen formats for reports. A national users group can help with any problems.

4. Dynacalc (c) Scott Schaeferle

   A Visicalc-clone spreadsheet. Helpful for our church's financial reports, and especially for keeping track of my student averages in school. Since this program does so much I still haven't discovered the half of its capabilities.

5. Hardcopy (c) Whitesmith

   A multi-purpose printer dump. Pictures come in three sizes, or wall-size if you wish. Prints labels, greeting cards, and, with the special effects menu, even does banners.

CLUB PUBLICITY POSTER AVAILABLE

The Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club's publicity poster is was available at the last meeting to all those that attended. The poster is printed on card stock and therefore unable to be included in the newsletter since the newsletter is folded for mailing.

The posters are printed on three different colors of paper, grey, blue and yellow, with a line for YOUR telephone number so that when YOU distribute or hang the posters in YOUR AREA, the local people can call YOU about the club.

The posters can be hung up in shopping centers, on store bulletin boards or even in your house window if you have enough traffic walking by your home. Either way, when you come to the July 31st meeting this Friday, BE SURE to pick up your posters if you haven't gotten them yet. Even if you took some last meeting, you may take more since we certainly have enough.

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6. Graphics Designer (c) Zebra Systems

   The second half of my printer dump favorites. An earlier article in the December 1986 6809 EXPRESS listed its many features. A Print Shop-like [(c) Broderbund] program, Designer prints greeting cards, banners, and posters. An editing feature allows you to design your own pictures, characters, or borders.

7. Disk Utility 2.1 (c) Jeff Francis

   Very handy disk handling piece of software. Allows you to avoid much of the typing if copying programs, backing up disks, formatting, and doing all those other disk routines. Alphabetizes directories,

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gives start, end, and execute addresses of ML programs, and permits easier name changes of programs. These and other capabilities are the reason this disk is always close at and.

8. Mikyterm - Public domain

My first data communications/modem software, and still my most popular. Because the documentation is included on the disk, there is always someplace to turn if a question arises.

9. CoCo Calligrapher (c) Sugar Software

A quick and easy way for me to fill in the student's names on the certificates I hand out to the top science students each marking period. A large number of font styles, the self-centering feature, and the choice of large or small type make this a favorite for titling reports on those college term papers.

10. Tut's Tomb (c) Mark Data Products

Yes, I do play games occasionally. This since ranks as my all time favorite. Watch out for the snakes, bats, vultures, and those devious whirling curses. 16 separate screens get you to the end, but then you start over - at double the speed.

There they are - my choices of the Top Ten CoCo programs. I'm sure you'll disagreed with many, since we each have our individual whims. I didn't include any adventures, but I will admit that my daughters and I love the challenge of a good graphics adventure. Solving them as a family is the only way to go. Therefore, the list above is of my 10 favorite individually used programs. What are yours?

MEETING THIS

FRIDAY,

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NEW 512K UPGRADE FOR COCO 3

Now available the LR Tech 512K upgrade with all gold contacts and 120 nanosecond 256K chips. Useable as a RAM disk from basic or as large system memory for OS 9 level 2!!!

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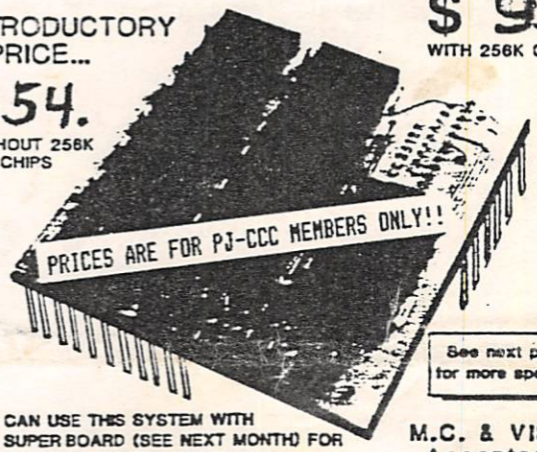
$ 95. WITH 256K CHIPS



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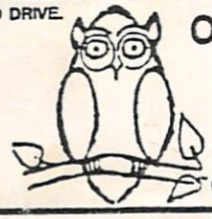

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