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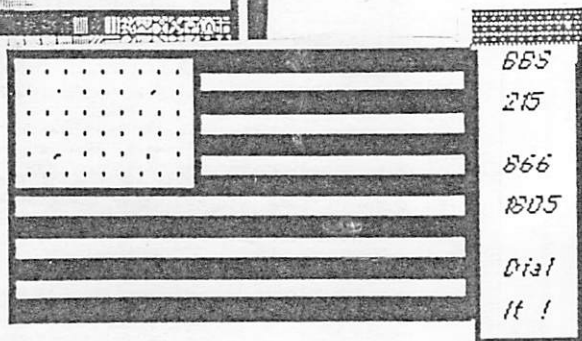
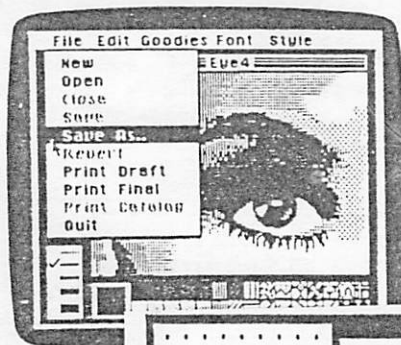
Mary Brown and Pete Unks will demonstrate how COCO MAX II works on the color computer at the next meeting of Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club to be held this Friday, January 29 at 7 p.m. at Northampton County Community College.

CoCo Max II is a graphics program for the color computer which "almost turns your CoCo into a replica of the Macintosh. Terrific hi-res color, very easy to learn and use," according to Family Computing Magazine.

"I never expected to see anything like it on my CoCo screen," said Jim Mangan in a review of Coco Max a couple of years ago in these pages of 6809 EXPRESS. "There isn't a single command to remember. Even a person who has no drawing ability like myself can create a presentable picture. I've spent hours just doodling enjoying all the things from silly to the serious. Fascinating experience. Buy it, you won't be sorry." writes Jim.

Mangan's quote still appears in the Colorware company's ads in the Rainbow and other computer magazine.

So don't miss the demonstration and if you have any questions - bring them along and maybe you can get the answers for them at the Friday, January 29th, meeting.



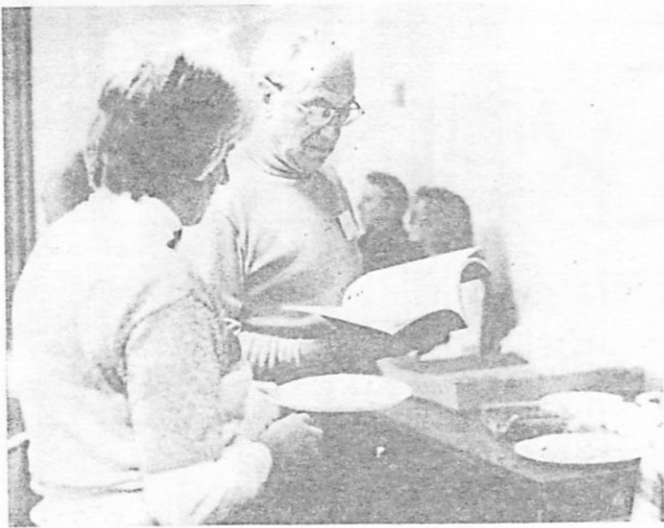
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One of Jim Mangan's CoCo Max graphics

RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY



Scenes from the December meeting where members enjoyed a social evening and the Moravian Sugar Cake and other goodies.



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 1967 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Roni DeBarano who welcomed members and guests. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Tom read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

Reinhold reported that the calendar would be sent with next month's newsletter. The membership list will be printed in March.

Members are asked to help with the clean-up each month. The rooms at NCACC have been reserved for our club for the next six months.

The club will purchase a plastic crate to replace the "old" one for the hot drinks.

Members are asked to return the survey form so that interest in computer topics can be determined.

The meeting was adjourned and the annual Christmas party followed.

Submitted by: Mary Brown

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS MEETING

A number of club members renewed their membership at the December meeting and the deadline for renewal is quickly approaching. The deadline is FEBRUARY 1 according to the club constitution.

PLEASE complete the application in this newsletter and bring it to the January 29 meeting or mail it to Tom Castronuova, 368 E. Nesquehoning St., Easton, PA 18042. DON'T FORGET your \$12 DUES.

If you don't renew YOU will miss out on not receiving the newsletter or the benefits of belonging to the club, i.e.- discounts on software and hardware items and the fellowship of belonging to an organization with a common goal - the Color Computer.

Treasurer Tom Castronuova will have extra application forms at the January 29 meeting in case you might need some for your friends.

MORE ON GRAPHICS DESIGNER

by CLYDE GAND

In the December '86 6809 EXPRESS, Paul Eckhart presented a fine review of CoCo GRAPHICS DESIGNER by Zebra Systems.

It was this review that led me to purchase the program last year and I have not been disappointed. Thanks to Paul's enthusiastic report I have been able to post church bake sales, church dinners, and yard sale signs all over Quakertown. I printed twenty five Christmas cards, several Hannukah greetings, and a number of personalized notes. I even succeeded in making a presentable groundhog for a Groundhog Day card.

I know that other club members followed Paul's advice and purchased the program and since I enjoyed it so much I thought I should pass on a few hints and suggestions that might be helpful to others.

TROJAN HORSE DESTROYS LEHIGH U. FILES

Lehigh University last month announced that a "virus" wiped out some computer files in the university's \$14 million computer network. The virus or also known as a "Trojan Horse" software destroyed term papers, homework, notes, office memorandums, etc.

Lehigh officials believe the guilty program was introduced at public sites of the university where computers are available, including libraries and classrooms. "Once disks at these locations were corrupted, they were able to contaminate user disks, which in turn were able to contaminate other disks on any computer on which they were used," writes the Morning Call in a lengthy story about this incident.

While computer programmers are said to have restored those disks known to have been contaminated at the public sites, officials say the virus still might lurk undiscovered on other disks and make a return visit in future years.

Computer tampering violates a couple of federal laws and state laws according to officials. Other local college officials have said that they have not heard of any virus on their campuses.

I have a Gemini 10X printer and I found that the use of readily available colored ribbons (\$4.00 each) gave quite a professional appearance to the finished work. I have used black, red, green, and blue ribbons on white and colored paper. I did not invest in Zebra's colored paper pack but instead used single sheets of 8 1/2 X 11 colored stock. Since the program prints almost at the top of the sheet it is necessary to tape a "leader" sheet to the top edge of the colored stock to lead it between the paper press and the platen.

Another professional touch is the use of the proper size envelope for the greeting cards and finding 4 3/8 X 5 3/4 envelopes was not easy for me but being persistent paid off and I finally found a stationery store that would order them for me.

When designing a greeting card, the program calls for a border selection for the inside as well as for the cover. I did not want a border for the inside so I used the EDIT BORDERS option to change Border #2 SOLID to BLANK so that, when the program asks to select border, I select #2.

The only difficulty that I have had with the DESIGNER program was after I purchased Picture Disk #1 and used it to create and save work for future use. I didn't realize that after loading a previously designed item which employed Picture Disk #1 it is necessary to reinsert the picture disk into drive #1 while the work is being printed. I thought graphics as well as text was in the saved program but after a lot of IE errors I realized that such was not the case.

I have not had occasion to make much use of the GRAB A GRAPHIC CHARACTER option but I did try this function and found no difficulty in its operation.

It is a thoroughly enjoyable and useful program and I, too, recommend it.

"COCO DEN"

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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th -



ED JUGE

Tandy Topics

By Ed Juge
director of market planning
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COCO 3'S THIRD CHRISTMAS

The final sales numbers aren't in yet, but it was another very Merry CoCo Christmas! Although this was the CoCo 3's third Christmas, we're just into its second full year of existence. Sales were brisk, and there were reported shortages of equipment in some areas.

Multi-Vue began shipping during the month, so if you own a CoCo 3, and haven't gotten it yet... drop in soon.

We're sometimes asked how the CoCo 3 and OS-9 performance compares with the IBM® PC® computer. We haven't run official benchmarks, but one of our software engineers did run some unofficial tests. He looked at throughput, not processing speed. The PC runs at a much faster clock speed than the CoCo 3, but the relative speeds of the operating systems have a considerable influence on how fast you'll get a job done. "Throughput" looks at the end result - how fast a job is done - rather than processing speed.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE
- RETURN IT TODAY!!**

What did he find? He found that the CoCo3/OS-9 combination ran about 35% faster than a standard IBM PC.

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NEW 512K UPGRADE FOR COCO 3

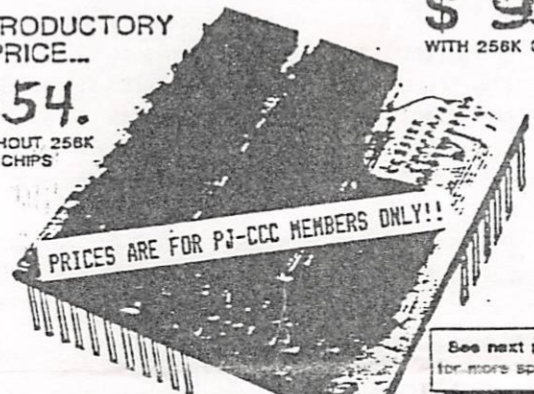
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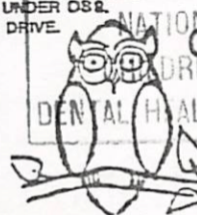
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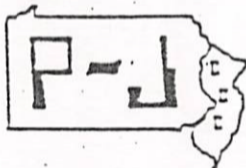
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