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OFFICER ELECTION IS FRIDAY, NOV. 25

The next meeting of Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club will be held THIS FRIDAY, November 25, 1988 at the Northampton County Community College.

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING - ELECTION OF OFFICERS will be held that night so be sure you attend.

Those members nominated for office at the October meeting are:

- PRESIDENT - Roni DeGarmo
- VICE-PRESIDENT - Ken Dawe and Rick Hengerveld
- SECRETARY - Mary Brown
- TREASURER - Clyde Gano
- NEWS-LETTER EDITOR - Reinhold Radke
- LIBRARIAN - Adam Blake
- PUBLICITY - Pete Unks

Nominations for office positions will be closed just

before the voting at this Friday's meeting and any other member in good standing may be added to the list until the nominations are closed.

We also need volunteers to serve on the following committee:

- CLEAN-UP -
- REFRESHMENTS - Cold -
- HOT -
- EQUIPMENT -
- NCACC LIAISON - Richard Kravitz

PLEASE ATTEND THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING, NOV. 25 at 7 p.m. Topic for the evening is MAX -10 AND COCO MAX III presented by Pete Unks. See the article in this issue of the 6809 EXPRESS for a short review of MAX-10.

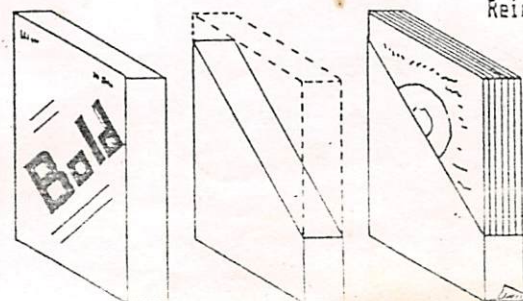
FILE YOUR RAINBOW MAGAZINES IN THIS "CHEAP" FILE BOX

Put your RAINBOW Magazines into the Soaps! Detergent boxes that is.

Save the GIANT size detergent boxes, like BOLD, FAB or others. Cut the box as shown in the illustration, leaving about 5 inches in the front. This leaves enough room to support the box in holding the magazines and also enough room to see the dates of the Rainbow Magazines. Each box holds at least six issues of The RAINBOW.

You may spray paint the box, like I did, or decorate it with Contact paper or whatever. Make sure you vacuum the box before painting or decorating it in order to get all the soap detergent out. Also, if you decide to paint, sandpaper the box lightly to roughen the varnish which coats the printing so your spray paint will hold up and not be easily scratched like mine.

Another tip is using duct tape or aluminum or "silver" tape some like to call it, to put along the bottom of the box from the back to the front, leaving a couple of inches folded over in the front so you can pull the box out without trying to get your fingers between the boxes when pulling them out from your bookshelf.



Reinhold Radke

Review by Rick Hengeveld

I recently was sent two programs for review from Sundog Systems of Pittsburgh, Pa. Sundog is owned and operated by Glen Dalgren. Glen has in the past worked for other software developers and recently formed his own company.

Sundog Systems main forte seems to be game development for the CoCo and they fill the job well. The first program we'll look at is called Kung Fu Dude. This program comes on a copyguarded disk and is compatible with both the CoCo 2 and 3. Upon booting the disk you are greeted with a board asking you to check for the proper color set - CoCo 2 users may tap the reset button to get the correct color set and CoCo 3 users should power up while holding the F1 key to get the proper colors. At this point you meet up with the high kicking Kung Fu Dude.

CoCo 3 users have the option at this time to go double clock speed for some real high speed kicking. Kung Fu Dude is a joystick operated martial arts game of excellent quality. The graphics are very good and quite colorful. Play goes through several levels with the player controlling the

movement, kicks and punches as the Kung Fu Dude is attacked by a never ending horde of masked men. As K.F.D progresses to higher levels he meets tougher opponents and even gunfire. The action is fast and furious. The graphics and play action are among the best you'll find for the CoCo 2.

The other entry from Sundog is a graphic adventure game called "In Quest of the Starlord." This program is for the CoCo 3 only and as with Kung Fu Dude comes on a copyguarded disk. The first thing you notice is the size of this game as it comes on two floppy disks, giving you 4 sides of adventure.

I talked to the developer before receiving my programs, and with good reason. Starlord features 320x200 graphics boards that are so detailed that disk access is required for each change of screens. Starlord is set in the future with the adventurer (you) being pursued by bounty hunters and an unfriendly government. A game save feature is provided and I recommend frequent use, death seems to come quickly in the future!

If you are a seasoned adventurer, I highly recommend this game. I have solved my share of adventure games but so far this one has been able to keep me on side 2 of the first disk.

Both programs are available from Sundog Systems as well as other vendors for approximately \$25.00 and \$35.00 respectively

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"COCO DEN" BBS
215-866-1805

OWL-WARE NEED CHRISTMAS HELP

Tom Roginsky of Owl-Ware, Airport Rd., Bath, Pa. has appealed to Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club members if they know any college student who will be home for Christmas break that might be interested in working in his computer store the week before Christmas and the following two weeks.

Anyone who knows such a person, have them contact Tom at 837-1917. He'll discuss the situation and pay with them.

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A REVIEW BY HPU

MAX-10 AND

COCO MAX III

Max-10 version 2.0 is the new word processor from Colorware. The use of this program in combination with CoCo Max III (also by Colorware) would be reason enough to run out and buy a Color Computer 3.

You are looking at an article which is the product of both programs plus some pictures from GrafX. The graphics have been created and/or edited by using CoCo Max III. They have been processed by the Max-10 picture translator for use by the word processor.



Dave Stampe, not pictured

here, has done a remarkable job writing both programs. High quality home publishing with the CoCo3 is not only a reality, but affordable as well. Both Max-10 and CoCo Max III are user friendly, easy to set up, and easy to learn.

As they come out of the box, both programs share certain common characteristics. Each requires the same especially modified high resolution interface. However, you need to buy only one. So if you already own CoCo Max III you pay \$10 less for Max-10 and vice versa. Max-10 comes with an additional piece of hardware called a *clicker*. This gadget gets plugged into the cassette port. It does more than just click. Max-10 will not run without it.

Each program along with its supporting utilities, printer drivers, etc. comes on a disk from which you make working backup copies. Using the copies, you then run the configure programs provided to tailor the disks to your

system requirements. Then you're off and running.

CoCo Max III is a graphics editor with a deservedly fine reputation. It provides a host of features. Equipped with this program, anyone with a modicum of talent can create good pictures.

In the CoCo world, at least, Max-10 is a different breed of word processor. It is really a word processor but it behaves like a graphics program. It uses its own fonts rather than the fonts built into the printer. Therefore, a dot matrix printer that does a good job on graphics is a must. On the other hand, if a high speed copy of text is required (say for rough draft purposes) it can print out in ASCII. Speaking of fonts, with these programs, individually or collectively, you are in font city. For additional fees you can have about 95 extra CoCo Max III fonts and 36 more Max-10 fonts.

As you can see, Max-10 will produce its output in columns if that is your wish. This is easy to accomplish with pull down menus and on-screen rulers all controlled by a mouse (or joystick).

Scrolling through the text is done by simply clicking on an on-screen up or down arrow with your trusty mouse.

Max-10 includes a pop-up spelling checker with a 35000 word dictionary. This dictionary can be added to or even replaced by the user. In fact you can write your own or convert another one from another source. Watching the spelling checker work is interesting. Misspelled words can be fixed on the spot. You don't need to leave your work in order to use this feature.

Max-10 can utilize pictures from *any* graphics editor. Pictures can be pasted in at will and sized to suite the space requirements of the document. All this is easy to do with no commands to memorize and no control codes to imbed in the text. Underlining, and italics appear on the screen. You can preview an entire page at once.

Nothing is perfect. CoCo Max III and Max-10 have their shortcomings. CoCo Max III cannot share its output with other graphics programs except Max-10. Single screen pictures from *CoCo Max II* could be used by Colorscan, Hardcopy, or Graphicom II (all distributed by Computize). Max-10's drawbacks include fixed minimum top and bottom margins, and the inability to print multiple copies. Also, it can't be used as part of a mail merge set-up. Those who bought

Max-10 version 1.0 (no columns, no spelling checker) will have to return their original disk with \$29.95 for the upgrade. But the tremendous advantages of these two programs far outway these flaws.

If the \$79.95 price for each program will strain your budget, why not drop a hint to the fellow pictured below.

H. Peter Unks



Santa Claus

RAINBOWFEST

Princeton Oct. 21-28

By H. Peter Unks

Thousands of Coco enthusiasts visited the thirty exhibitors and eighteen seminars which were featured at the 1988 Princeton Rainbowfest.

Dr. Marty Goodman, Logan Ward, and Steve Bjork were only a few of the seminar speakers who answered questions and sparked some thinking.

Our friends at the Owl Computer Services were among the busiest exhibitors at the show. By Saturday night, their drives (hard and floppy) were gone. Cer-Comp had *Window Master* there for all to see. The latest version of *Lyra*, the MIDI-software music program made the exhibit hall sound like an audio show.

There were some interesting new items. Foto-Ware displayed transfer paper which enables computer graphics to be transferred to T-shirts. Kenneth Leigh Enterprises introduced START OS-9 by Paul K. Ward. Owl demonstrated hard disk basic.

Sunday afternoon was the usual bargain grabbing madhouse, and a good time was had by all. See you in Princeton next year?



COUPON CALCULATOR

Computers are pretty good at solving problems and presenting the results in a manner which is easy to read. This program can be used to display the amount of money you will save with your shopping coupons.

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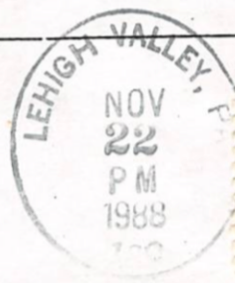
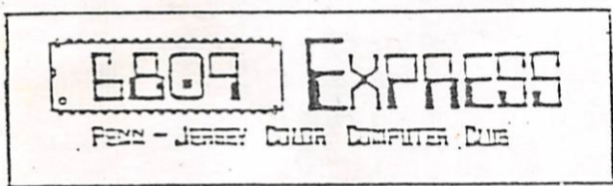
10 CLS
20 PRINT "COUPON CALCULATOR"
30 PRINT:PRINT "TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU'LL SAVE"
40 PRINT "WITH YOUR SHOPPING COUPONS"
50 PRINT "ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS"
60 PRINT "THEN PRESS THE ENTER KEY"
70 PRINT:PRINT "HOW MANY COUPONS DO YOU HAVE"
80 INPUT C
90 PRINT:PRINT "ENTER THE AMOUNT OF A COUPON"
100 PRINT "DON'T USE A DOLLAR SIGN"
110 PRINT "DO USE A DECIMAL POINT":PRINT
120 FOR E = 1 TO C: PRINT "ENTER VALUE OF COUPON #"

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The VARIABLES in this program are:

- C=number of coupons
- E=coupon#
- A=value of coupons
- T=total value of coupons

Line 140 adds up the total, each time a value is entered into the computer. Line 160 prints the total value to be saved.



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