

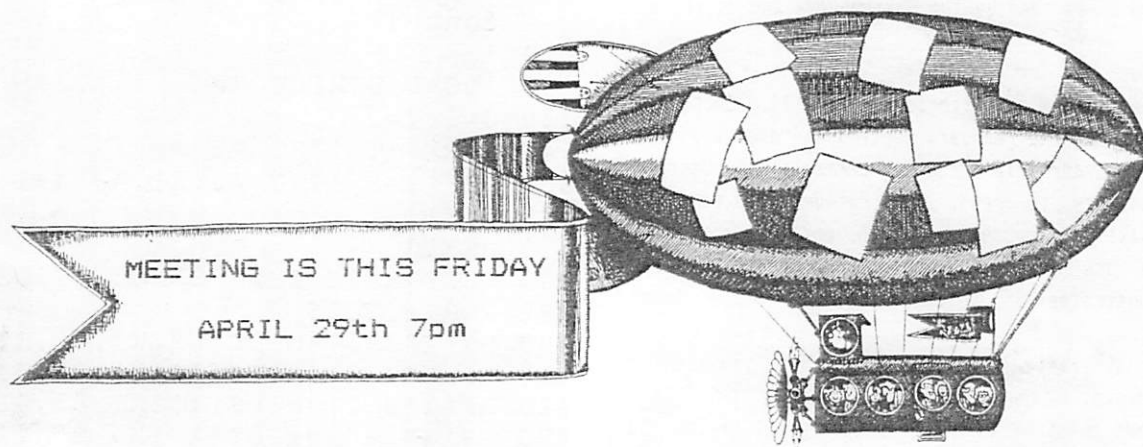


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CONVERT COCO MAX III FONTS FOR USE IN COCO MAX II

This program was published in the Canton, Ohio CoCo Club newsletter and explains how to change CoCo MAX III fonts to the CoCo MAX II. Be sure to make a back-up of the original fnts before making the following changes. Many thanks to L. Todd Knudsen who wrote the program and allows it to be published.

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10 'MF2 TO MF3
20 'BY L. TODD KNUDSEN
30 '
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IBM KEYBOARD ON COCO III AT THIS FRIDAY'S MEETING

Bruce Navarre of Owl-Ware will demonstrate a keyboard adaptor for the CoCo III at this Friday's meeting which allows an IBM-style keyboard to be hooked up to the coco.

Bruce will also have on hand a 40-meg hard drive, a 2400 baud modem and a Thompson Color Monitor. He will also bring along some of the CoCo III software to be donated to the club library.

Bruce also plans to hook-up the modem and call a BBS to demonstrate the speed of the modem.

SO DON'T FORGET - THIS FRIDAY APRIL 29th at 7 P.M.

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40 CLEAR5000
50 DIM AS(72),BS(72),OS(72)
60 CLS:WIDTH40:PALETTES,63:PALETTE0,
0
70 LOCATE5,0:ATTR0,2
80 PRINT"MAX FONTS 2 TO MAX FONTS
3";
90 ATTR0,0
100 PRINT
110 PRINT
120 PRINT"          L. TODD KNUDSEN"
130 PRINT"          - freeware -"
140 PRINT
150 PRINT"This program will convert
CoCo Max II"
160 PRINT"Font disks to work with
CoCo Max III."
170 PRINT
180 PRINT"The control information
for the first"
190 PRINT"half of the Font disks
file names will"
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200 PRINT"be written to the file
    MAXFONTA.FO3 ,"
210 PRINT"the last half to
    MAXFONTB.FO3 ."
220 PRINT
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230 PRINT"To add custom fonts;
    replace any font,"
240 PRINT"on a BACKUP of your font
    disk, with a"
250 PRINT"custom font and then run
    this utility."
260 PRINT
270 LINEINPUT"What drive is the FONT
    disk in:";S$
280 IF VAL(S$)>3 THEN GOTO 60
290 S=VAL(S$)
300 LOCATE 3,22:PRINT"Working on
    font : "
310 '
320 'LOAD DIRECTORY
330 O=0:Y=3
340 FORX=1TO17STEP2
350 DSKI$ S,17,Y,A$(X),A$(X+1)
360 Y=Y+1
370 NEXTX
380 'SEPARATE INTO SINGLE FILES
390 FORX=1TO18
400 B$(X*4-3)=MID$(A$(X),01,11)
410 B$(X*4-2)=MID$(A$(X),33,11)
420 B$(X*4-1)=MID$(A$(X),65,11)
430 B$(X*4-0)=MID$(A$(X),97,11)
440 NEXTX
450 'SORT OUT FILES
460 FORX=1TO72
470 IFLEFT$(B$(X),1)=CHR$(0)THEN$10
480 IFLEFT$(B$(X),1)=CHR$(255)THEN
    530
490 O$=LEFT$(B$(X),11)
500 IF RIGHT$(O$,3)="FNT" THEN
    O=O+1:O$(O)=O$:LOCATE21,22:
    PRINTO$(O)
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MINUTES OF MARCH 25th MEETING

The March meeting of the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club was called to order by the President, Paul Eckhart. The minutes were printed in the newsletter were accepted. The Treasurer's report was read by Tom Castronuova and accepted.

Old Business -

The Amendment to the constitution Article III, Section 1 which was proposed at the February meeting was discussed and was passed by the membership present. Article III, Section 1 has been amended to read, "The membership of this organization shall be composed of such persons who have access to the use of a TRS80 Color Computer or similar machine or demonstrates an interest in the TRS80 Color Computer."

Disks are available at the meetings for \$.50 each or \$12.50 for 25 disks.

Fifteen questionnaires have been returned out of the 50 mailed out. The questionnaires have a stamp already affixed to it so please return your copy. The club officers and members need and want to know your feelings about the club.

New Business -

A computer show will take place at the Vally Forge Convention Center at King of Prussia on May 21 from 10AM to 4PM.

The Northampton Community College requested a contribution to their annual community fund drive. After much discussion, the membership voted to contribute \$60.00. Tom Castronuova made the motion and Ken Dawe seconded the motion.

Bruce Navarre announced that Owlware has a MSDOS keyboard available for the COCO I, II, and III with programmable function keys. Owlware has moved to 5950 Keystone Drive, Bath, Pa. 18014 and the phone number is 837-1917.

LUCG computer bulletin board will have a section dedicated to COCO users. Contact Bruce Navarre for more information. Of course, we have a fine BBS handled by Jim Mangan which the club members should take advantage of.

A suggestion was made to contact old members who have changed their computer systems with the information of the membership change. The subject will be discussed at the next executive meeting.

Bruce Navarre stated he will donate public domain disks with COCO III programs.

Clyde Gano motioned to adjoin the meeting seconded by Roni DeGarmo and the meeting was adjointed. Random access took place and then Tom Castronuova gave the presentation on spreadsheets.

Submitted by Roni DeGarmo

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MEETING TOPICS FOR REST OF YEAR

The Executive Officers of the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club picked the topics to be presented at meetings for the rest of the year during the board's meeting last month.

Topics for each month are:

- APRIL - Bruce Navarre on the CoCo 3 and accessories
- MAY - Bruce Navarre with more on the CoCo 3
- JUNE - Music ?????
- JULY - Dan Zacharias with CoCo 3 Basic conversion to CoCo 2
- AUGUST - Database
- SEPTEMBER - Education
- OCTOBER - Officer Nomination and Word processor with graphics information
- NOVEMBER - Elections and telecommunication
- DECEMBER - Christmas Party and social night

Topic speakers are scheduled for all months except MUSIC. Some of the speakers are not mentioned in hopes that some other members of the club will volunteer to help out. So if YOU know something of any of the topics listed, please contact any officer and they'll gladly let you assist that topic's speaker.

Other items discussed at the executive meeting involved trying to get more interest of members in attending the meetings. A couple of suggestions were to have a drawing for door prizes of donated hardware or software items and a

program contest, where a specific topic will be chosen and have the members write the software for it. Both will be discussed at this month's meeting this Friday, April 29 at 7 P.M.



ED JUGE

Tandy Topics

By Ed Juge
 director of market planning
 TANDY Corporation/ RADIO SHACK

SUPPORT

It's probably time to talk about this very controversial subject once again. I just returned from one of the industry's major conferences, held this year in Naples, FL, where the subject came up a couple of times. When I got back into the office, there was a letter from a new Tandy 1000 TX owner, dealing with the same subject... "Where do I go for detailed information...?" So, let's talk about it.

There are many individual definitions of what the term includes. The best way to start this discussion is to separate support from repair. If your computer breaks, you want repair service. If you need to know how to make it do something, or how to connect it to something, or how to get a particular piece of software running on it, then you're in need of what we would term "support."

Within even this definition, there are many forms of support available to Tandy users. With tens of thousands of software packages and hardware options available for MS-DOS computers, no one source will have all the answers. Our Tandy-branded products are supported by Radio Shack. In general, support for non-Tandy Express Order products, is furnished by the product vendor. A support phone number is in every Express Order product package.

Tandy business products are supported through your nearest Customer Training and Support Center (ask you local Radio Shack Computer Center or store for the phone number.) Those facilities furnish support for hire, but it's really reasonable.

Free support for Tandy products, including "consumer" computers like the CoCo, is

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510 NEXTX
520 '
530 DRIVES
540 OPEN"O",#1,"MAXFONTA.FO3":
    S1=1:S2=0/2:GOSUB 610:CLOSE
550 OPEN"O",#1,"MAXFONTB.FO3":
    S1=0/2+1:S2=0:GOSUB 610:CLOSE
560 DRIVE0
570 PRINT
580 PRINT"All done..."
590 END
600 '
610 N$=""
620 FOR LOOP=S1 TO S2
630 LOCATE21,22:PRINTO$(LOOP)
640 N$=N$+O$(LOOP)
650 NEXT LOOP
660 PRINT#1,CHR$(&HOE)+N$+"    FNT";
670 '
680 N$=""
690 FOR LOOP=S1 TO S2
700 LOCATE21,22:PRINTLEFT$(O$(LOOP)
    ,8)"    "
710 N$=N$+LEFT$(O$(LOOP),8)+CHR$(00)
720 NEXT LOOP
730 PRINT#1,"Woodhaven"+CHR$(00)+
    N$+"-spare"+CHR$(00)
740 RETURN
    
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- 9 26-3276 Phantomgraph (Disk)
- 10 26-3189 BASIC 09 Tour Guide (Book)

See you next month!

There are still questions about connecting a Tandy portable to a Brand X printer or interfacing with a specific type of mainframe. Or you may want to know if anyone offers software for some somewhat obscure task. Besides our Training and Support Centers, where is that information best found? Let me suggest a few places...

First, there are several magazines that deal with our computers and products which operate with our computers. Most (if not all) have technical columnists who can answer a lot of your questions.

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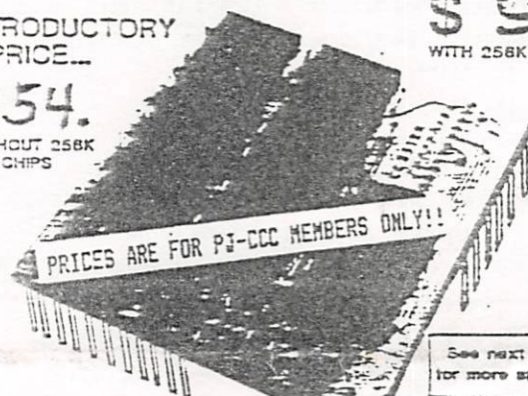
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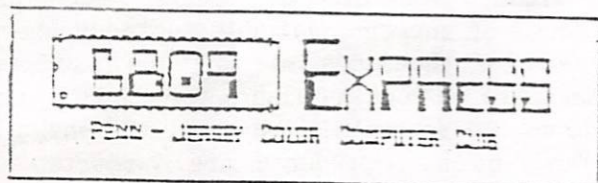
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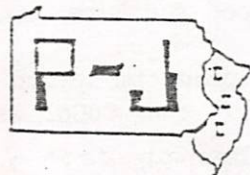


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