CLUB ASKED TO JOIN NATIONAL "COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH"

Computer Learning Month (CLM), an educational foundation of the Software Publishers Association, has asked Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club to participate in this year's National Users Group Day of Computer Learning Month by sponsoring a public event on Saturday, October 1, 1988 (or any other day in October if the 1st is impossible).

The following describes the function of Computer Learning Month and National Users Group Day.

Computer Learning Month has broadened its scope for 1988 and now has even more activities, events, contests and information for college faculty, teachers, students and parents. Computer buffs and computer novices, experts and beginners can all find something of interest to them and ways to participate in Computer Learning Month in October '88.

In 1987, schools, community groups and retailers wholeheartedly entered into the spirit of Computer Learning Month by hosting a variety of activities and events in October. We encourage all of you to get involved this year and plan your own local activities, computer learning fairs, parent nights, faculty conferences, open houses, demonstrations and the like. Non-users benefit from more experienced users sharing their knowledge and more experienced users benefit from learning new activities and from helping others gain the benefits.

In planning your event, consider contacting other groups in your community to help you. Users' groups, senior citizen centers, boy scouts, girl scouts, YMCA's and YWCA's, public libraries, museums, local colleges, schools and other community groups may be interested in jointly hosting an event in your community. Many retail stores will be participating this year, so make sure to ask your local computer and software stores if they are a Computer Learning Month sponsor. If they are, they may be hosting events themselves and be interested in jointly hosting an event with your organization.

First of all, you'll probably want to set up a committee to help you with all the planning and details. We suggest you order a Computer Learning Month Event Kit(s); so you can hand out Computer Learning Month books to people who attend your event (see page 4). Your committee needs to decide on a date, where it will be held, the purpose of your event, who you want to attend, how many people you can handle, your equipment needs, the source of equipment and event activities and materials. In planning your event, you should consider many factors. Who will come and why would they want to come? Should the event be an open house in which people can come and go, or would a more structured program be better?

Next, you need to publicize your event. Local stores may help you. Local radio stations and newspapers frequently will announce public service events, so ask them. Schools regularly send announcements home to parents. If you're not working with a school, but your event serves the people in their community, they may be willing to send an announcement home with their students or post an announcement in their school.

Ideas for Hosting Computer Learning Month Events:

Schools: Schools are uniquely suited for hosting a Computer Learning Month event, since they can easily reach students, parents and their community to promote their event. To improve parents' understanding of your goals and activities using computers in your school, you might host a back-to-school night for parents and showcase projects students completed with computers. Or you might have a group of students in your school plan a Saturday fair to teach each other and people in the community different applications of computers and software. If you need to raise funds for technology in your school, you might include a fund raiser at your event (a raffle, walk-a-thon, etc.).

Users' Groups: Users' group members have considerable knowledge about computers and software that people in their community need. We encourage all users' groups to host events for non-users in their community. You might join forces with another community group that can help you reach people who are not currently using computers or you might arrange to work with another group that wants to learn more about computers, for example, a local boy scout troop or senior citizen center. One way to introduce people to the benefits of using computers and software is to make sure everyone who attends your event leaves with something they created or produced. You might host several different nights of events, each focusing on a different topic; for example, one night that focuses on using a computer to produce a newsletter or resume, one night that focuses on having fun with a computer, etc. To reach people who are not currently using a computer, you'll need to be creative in your publicity and emphasize the fun people will have. Be careful that your activities are easy for people to get started doing, so they have fun and don't get frustrated.

Colleges and Universities: Colleges and universities might host a fair or event for their local community or offer a free one- or two-day course to the public during October. In addition, many faculty members could benefit from learning how other faculties are using computers in instruction. We suggest that colleges/universities find other colleges near them to work with and jointly host an information exchange conference for their

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facuties. Faculty members from the different schools could share information with one another by presenting papers or hosting panel discussions on the use of software in higher education instruction.

Community Groups: Whether you're a member of a local girl scout troop, the local chapter of Big Brothers, a church or any other community organization, you can organize a Computer Learning Month event. If your group is not familiar with computers, you might ask a local retailer or users' group or any knowledgeable members to help you arrange the activities for your event. If your group is using computers already, you might host an event to show people in your community how your group is using computers and to help others learn more about computers.

Nowhere is the theme of Computer Learning Month — "Take Part in Computer Learning Month. You'll Love the Relationships that Develop." — more meaningful than when families and groups come together to share their knowledge and their interest
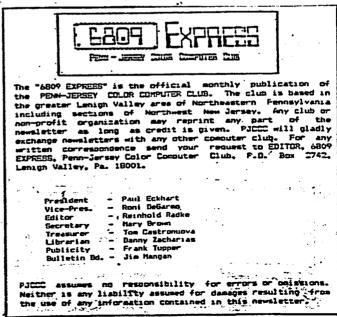
in learning together about computers. Although the old image of a computer user is an individual sitting at a computer in isolation, the computer offers unlimited opportunities for parents and children to interact and share their experiences. Community groups can work together, sharing their computer knowledge and the variety of software they have used.

Families and community groups who are interested in learning more about computers, will enjoy the Computer Learning Month Events sponsored by retailers, schools and groups. *Everything You Need to Know ... About Computer Learning* provides the help and advice you need in getting started using computers and software for learning. Families and groups already using computers will enjoy using the *Family Activities Guide* to expand their use of computers at home. *Preparing for a Career in the 21st Century* provides information for anyone who wants to learn more about using computers in different careers. Entering the Computer Learning Month contests can be fun for families, adults, students and groups. For those families and groups who are more advanced computer users, Computer Learning Month offers the chance to explore new uses, enter contests and share ideas, hints and suggestions with others.

During Computer Learning Month, families and groups will:

■ Have an opportunity:
- to learn the value of computers
- to learn to use computers for learning, productivity and fun
- to learn how to better prepare for careers using computers
- to learn how schools are using computers

■ Have an opportunity to learn together as a family through local events and hands-on activities to do at home.

■ Have the opportunity to win computer and software prizes for trying new activities with computers.

■ Have an opportunity to share knowledge with others in the community and have the personal satisfaction of helping others gain the benefits of technology.

If any member has any idea of what PJ-CCC can do to promote computers and wishes to have the club participate in this event please come to the meeting this Friday, August 26 and let's hear your idea. If there is enough interest - maybe the club can do something for the community. Let's discuss it this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Northampton County Community College.

MINUTES OF JULY 29, 1988 MEETING

Vice-President Roni DeGarmo called the meeting to order and welcomed all in the very hot weather. The June minutes were accepted as read. Tom Castronuova read the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:
The Library List is about 75% complete at this time. Editor Reinhold Radke reported on information about a Pyramix Game and Utility letter. To take advantage of the offer the order must be placed by 8/31/88. Contact Reinhold for further information. The Club extends a thank you to Chet Belsky for his donation of a disk storage case for the library. Our disk drive will be taken for repair.

NEW BUSINESS:
A motion was made and seconded for the purchase of a new cooler for the Club. Reinhold will take care of this for us. The meeting was then adjourned. Danny Zacharias gave a presentation of CoCo 2 and CoCo 3 conversions. Zacharias. Jason Walters also demonstrated some of his work.

Submitted by: Mary A. Brown

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 1988 MEETING

President Paul Eckhart called the meeting to order. The April and May minutes were accepted as printed in the June newsletter. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:
The Club received a thank you letter from NCACC for the donation made to the college fund. Richard Kravitz informed the Club that the meeting dates have been reserved until the end of this year. The meeting was then adjourned. A Musica 2 demonstration was given by Eric Rhyder.

NEW DOS FOR COCO 3

ESP Software announces the new UPDOS. a new operating system software for the CoCo 3. According to their brochure send to PJ-CCC, UPDOS is a User/Programmer Friendly DOS.

Features of UpDOS include ESP key-command repeat and edit function; automatic boot of any program, fits in standard 8K eprom, printer and disk reliability at high speed, 35/40 track and double sided disk support, lower case command, 32 column TRUE lower case, dual output to screen and printer, cold start from keyboard, fast and normal clock speeds at a keypress, power up your CoCo in any screen width and any color combination and configure your tastes with a menu driven, easy to use M/L program.

Also featured in UpDOS are new graphic commands HVIEW, HSAVE and HLOAD. You can also choose between CoComax 3 or CoComax3/deluxe compatibility.

UpDOS also features multiple column pages directories and allows you to copy files with ease and you can edit even Basic line numbers. It even has RUNM, BORDER, AUTO and UNDO command and much more.

UpDOS requires a 128K CoCo 3 and disk drive. Cost is only $24.95 plus $2 shipping and handling. Send your check or money order to ESP, P.O. 63065, Wichita, KS 67303. or phone (316) 946-0440. C.O.D.'s please include an additional $2.50 and there is no delay on personal checks according to the brochure.

SPECTRUM PROJECTS STILL IN BUSINESS

A recent mailer to the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club indicates that Spectrum Project is still in business, but now uses the name of Spectrum Sports, P.O. Box 291, Howard Beach, NY 11514.

The mailer received indicates a " SUMMER SPECTACULAR 50% OFF" sale of all CoCo software listed. There are so many that I will only highlight a few of the items. Come to the meeting this Friday and you can look over the complete list of goodies to be had for 50% off software and 10% off books, chips, hardware,etc.

Some of the featured items are: CoCo III software library - a $150 value for only $99 plus 50% off that price. CoCo III utilities, listed for $24.95, CoCo III screen dump listed for $24.95; OS-9 Solution listed at $29.95; CoCo III Font Bonanza, disk #1 and disk #2 listed at $39.95, Schematic Drafting Processor for $29.95; CoCo Checker for $24.95 and CoCo Calendar for $19.95. For ALL 23 utilities - a total of $500 plus value - for a special price of $149.95. Now all of these listed prices do NOT include the 50% OFF as suggested on the flyer. So if you are interest in any of these refer to February 1988 Rainbow for more details - pages 17, 25 and 27, or come to this Friday's meeting, August 26 at 7 p.m. to look over the flyer.

LAST CHANCE FOR PYRAMIX AND UTILITY PROGRAMS AT SAVINGS

ColorVenture, a computer software design and development company from New York, is offering a special deal to members of Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club. For instance, PYRAMIX, an arcade game for the CoCo 3, which retails for $24.95 can be purchased for $10 until August 31, 1988, IF there are five or more orders through the club.

ColorVenture also has a complete MENU of UTILITY software written by Ace Programmer Chris Babcock. These utilities will "help you tap the untold potential of the CoCo 3" according to ColorVenture. The MENU of Utility Software received rave reviews in RAINBOW Magazine, according to Eric Tilenius, president of ColorVenture. Club price for the utility software is $20 for programs that sell in the Rainbow for $100.

Tilenius, writes "What's the catch? The only requirement is that you act as a club. When your club places an order for 5 or more copies of PYRAMIX or our complete MENU of Utility Software, you can get prices that are lower than most dealer prices.

"Frankly, we're taking a risk by doing this. We're hoping to make up the drastically reduced sale price by higher volume. But we think you deserve it this way...Clubs have helped the CoCo Community grow and flourish, and we'd like to give all club members a chance to get high quality software at a tremendous savings. We won't skim on service, either. Each order will be shipped by Priority Mail within 24 hours of when we receive it. And we'll even ship at no extra charge to you."

PYRAMIX is 100% pure machine language brilliance – written by Master Programmer Jordan Tsvetioff. Take advantage of all the power in the CoCo 3. PYRAMIX features the finest in animation, graphics, sound effects, and game play available today. It has all the extras, too, like a pause option, RGB/CMP, keyboard or joystick/mouse play, help screens, multiple skill levels, and the ability to make a backup of the disk.

The RAINBOW Review (12/87): "The colors are brilliant, the graphics are razor sharp, and the action is fast and furious. Excellent sound effects are used throughout the program to enhance the animation... I loved PYRAMIX. I believe this program shows off the graphics potential of the CoCo 3 at its best. ColorVenture should be congratulated for an excellent product, and I anxiously await other CoCo 3 developments from them."

MENU - the utility software program includes, Backup Lightning 512K - the fastest disk duplicator anywhere. Reads in single or double sided 35 or 40 track disks, or SS 80 track disks, OS-9 and RSDOS. Then, it lets you use ALL your drives for making copies. Backup Lightning is SO FAST it will format AND copy a double-sided 40-track disk before and IBM PC can even format one. No need to pre-format disks-Backup Lightning does it all.

Also included on the MENU disk is CoCo MAX II

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(MaxPatch). Now use CoCo Max 2 on your CoCo 3 and never orry about the Colorware pack. Lets you use the Tandy Hi-Res Interface (cat. #26-3028, $9.98) or the CoCoTech Interface to run BOTH CoCo Max 2 and Derringer's MaxEdit on the CoCo 3. Sell your CoCo Max pack and free up a multipack slot, and get FULL 256x192 response using Tandy's interface. It also supports the X-Pad.

Another program on the utility disk is a Hi-Res Joystick driver. This is a program that lets you use the Tandy Hi-Res interface in your programs. Lets you get 640x640 joystick resolution in your software using JOYSTK command in BASIC or from Assembly Language. Get total screen control. Also includes a license to use this driver in software YOU sell.

PRINTER LIGHTNING is another of the utility programs on the MENU disk. This print spooler gives you a 44K buffer from a 128K CoCo 3 or up to 438K (200 pages) from 512K. Fast and reliable. Does not slow down BASIC or miss characters you type as other spoolers do. Selectable baud rates, line feed option. Works with ColorVenture RAMDISK for a real productivity combo. Works with any program using the standard BASIC print vector.

The fifth program on the MENU software disk is the ColorVenture RAMDISK. The finest RAMDISK Driver for the 512K CoCo 3. Reset protected. Gives you TWO 35 or 40 track drives in memory with lightninh-fast access. Reconfigures drives - use drives 0-5 and switch them. Works with PRINTER LIGHTNING. Crash protection to let you recover data if your machine crashes.

So if your are interested in either of these programs, (we allready have person who has turned in his check for this software - we need four more - COME ON) make sure you bring cash or a check (make checks out to ColorVenture) to the next meeting and we should have at least five members interested and the order can then be sent rn through the club. COST for PYRAMIX is $10 and for MENU -Utility - $20.

THE PAK IS BACK!

So says Orion Technologies, of Wichita, Kansas as they announced new prices for their TELEPAK compatible RS232 interface for the CoCo 1, 2 and 3. According to a news release TELEPAK uses standard DB25 cable and is compatible with all RSDOS and OS-9 software that uses the Radio Shack Deluxe RS232 Pack.

The release also states that there are bo baud restriction since you can uses baud rates to 19,200 baud.

The Telepak for use with the CoCo 1 or multipack only, taking advantage of their built-in power supplies costs $44.95. the Telepak Plus can be used with ANY CoCo in any configuration - even with a Y-cable - and it costs $49.95.

All orders add $3 for shipping and handling. C.O.D. is an extra $3.00 and there is no delay for personal checks according to the news release. ORION Technologies, P.O. Box 63196, Wichita, Ks. 67203 or telephone (316)946-0440.

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