New PJCCC Bulletin Board !
by Rick Hengeveld

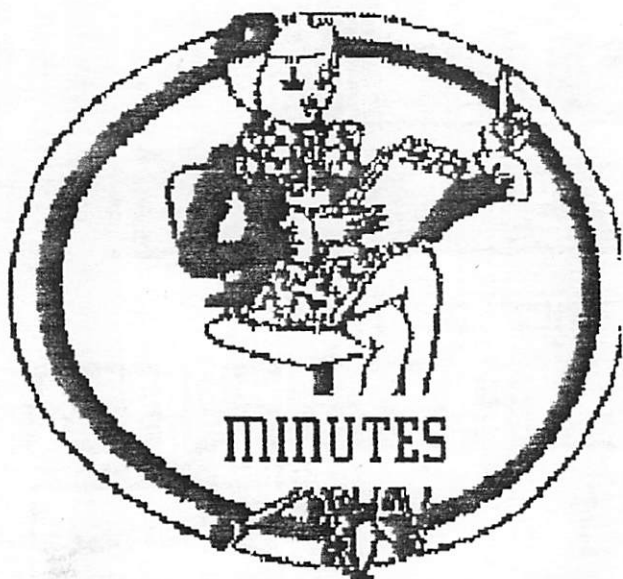For those members of the PJCCC who have a modem, the PJCCC has installed a BBS system for its members.

The BBS has been dubbed the **Maverick BBS**. Maverick, since that's just what we are in many respects. Let's face it, it's an IBM world out there and we've chosen to go another route. **The Maverick** will cater, of course to Coco users. However we have opened the system to all users.

For those that were not at either the Feb. meeting or the club board meeting, let me explain the reasons for the BBS.

First we have a lot of equipment that only gets used once a month at our regular meeting. The BBS will put the equipment to use 7 days a week. Second we have lost the services of **Jim Mangan's** BBS which served as the club BBS for many years. We also see the BBS as a means of advertising the PJCCC. Text files about the club and directions to the meeting are online. Last but not least, the Maverick BBS will link together members to provide club services such as our newsletter. So I suggest our modem owning members make frequent use of **The Maverick**. Due to a few initial bugs we are running at 300 or 1200 baud with 2400 coming soon. Online games and multiple message bases are in the works! So give it a try!

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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 29 AT 7PM. THE SUBJECT WILL BE WORD PROCESSORS !

MINUTES

The February meeting of the Penn Jersey Color Computer Club was called to order at 7:43 PM by president **Rick Hengeveld** on February 22, 1991.

The January minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The librarian reports that the organization of the library is in process.

Old Business
The Executive Board met February 2. The following topics were discussed.

Membership forms are needed to be filled out for 1991 even though dues are suspended for all 1990 members in good standing.

The club will start and run a club BBS which requires an investment of $150 for 2400 baud modem, new phone drop. We will use the club equipment. The BBS will be used to compose the club newsletter with reports from all the officers. **Pete Unks** made a motion and **Al** seconded it to go ahead with the BBS. The motion carried.

The Grocery BBS, 866-9541, has E-mail to the Persian Gulf. The address for **Eric Rhyder** is Pt. Eric Rhyder 183566675, 529 Ordnance Company, 2nd Cosom, APO NY, NY 09848-0006. Eric is 10 miles from front and is a munitions handler.

The Trenton computer show is April 20. Rick will use his van to transport all interested club members.
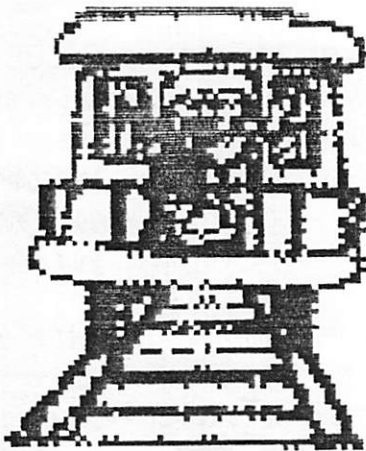
New Business

Clyde stated the ribbons came and were distributed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. Presentation by **Rick Hengeveld** on telecommunications and BBS upload and download.

Respectfully submitted by **Roni DeGarmo**, Secretary

Let your fingers do the talking!

THE MAVERICK BBS
215-760-0456

THE LIBRARY CAR

By Al Wagner

Welcome to the PJCCC 6809 Express library car. Please pardon the piles of software, hardware, and documents. This place is a bit of a mess, but I've been working on it. Just pull up a crate have a seat and we'll chat awhile. As the topic of last meeting was telecommunications and with the club's bulletin board now being on line, some of you may be thinking of getting some terminal software, a modem and getting on line. I have added three terminal programs for the COCO 3 to the club library. One is RSDOS, the other two being in OS9.

The RSDOS program is DELPHITERM. This is a shareware program acquired from the COCO SIG database on DELPHI. As shareware, there is a small fee ($10.00 for this particular software) requested by the author should you use the software and like it enough that you wish to continue using it. **Rick Adams**, the author of DELPHITERM, is not overly concerned about

getting the fee, but it would be nice to send it if you intend to continue using the software. He mentions something about taking his wife out to dinner if enough of us send him money. For your money, Rick will send you a disk with the latest version of DELPHITERM on it and a printed copy of the documentation.

On the club's disk you'll find three files, DTERM.DOC, DTERM.BAS, and DTERM.BIN. The DOC file prints out a sixteen page instruction manual. The manual covers all of the options at your disposal, some with examples of a typical use of the option. DTERM.BAS is a basic loader for the actual binary program (DTERM.BIN). In addition to loading the binary file, the loader also presets columns of display (40 or 80), color sets, baud rate for an rs232 pak and/or the bit banger port, disk step rate and several other parameters. Many of these can be changed again once the software is running. A help page is available even while on line. This is helpful as we all occasionally forget commands. DELPHITERM can upload or download in either X or Y modem protocol directly from/to disk, as well as ASCII buffer capture methods. If you have a 512k machine, DELPHITERM will automatically create 2 RAM drives.

In addition to the above options and some I will not take the time to mention, DELPHITERM can send an almost unlimited number of MACROs. A MACRO can be anything from your password or user name to a full page of "typewriter graphics". In addition, MACROs can be used to exercise a modem with dialing capabilities. DELPHITERM MACROs even have the

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abllity to wait for a particular response from the target of your dialing and then give a response. This can be used to setup a completely automatic log on to a BBS from dialing to password transmission. MACROs are stored in a separate ASCII file called MACRO.TXT, which can be created with any RSDOS editor one would happen to have lying around.

For those of you that run OS9, I have aquired SUPERCOMM and TELSTAR. Both came from the database of the OS9 SIG on DELPHI. SUPERCOMM documentation says it can be run on LVL 1 or 2. I have only tried it on Lvl 2. TELSTAR requires LVL 2. Before running either of these programs, it is necessary to have the ACIAPAK device driver and the T2 device descriptor in memory. If you elect not to put these in your telecommunications bootfile, at least merge them so as not to take up more memory than necessary. Both are quite colorful and allow you to setup the foreground and background colors of the main screen, as well as the colors of windows that pop up with messages or options. Both allow access to OS9 through a gateway to a shell. But, if you are in Lvl 2 OS9, you might prefer to set up a second window before going on line and popping over to the other window to do your OS9 chores. I feel its quicker and it is totally transparent to anyone on the other end, i.e. it allows transfers of data to continue while I do something else. Both have auto dialers as well as MACRO transmission capabilities. All of the features mentioned for DELPHITERM are available except the automatic response feature of DELPHITERM's MACROs and a somewhat limited quantity of MACROs.

Whether you are running RSDOS or OS9, whether you choose Supercomm or Telstar, or if you have fallen in love with another terminal software, try telecommunicating. There's a whole other world waiting to be explored. Maybe I'll meet you on line.

Speaking of lines. I see the Express is reaching the end of this trip. I gotta go for now, but if any of you need software from the club's library during the month either call me or leave a note.

TREASURER'S REPORT
by Clyde Gano

Statement Date 1/25/91

Balance on hand 12/28/90	$ 575.67
Receipts	000.00
Subtotal Receipts	000.00
Total Receipts	$ 575.67

Disbursements:

Postage CK#235	$ 2.35
R. DeGarmo PO Box #233	19.50
A. Wagner Library boxes#232	21.18
V-Tech Ribbons #234	22.41
Total Disbursed	$ 65.49

Balance on hand 1/25/91 $ 510.18

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Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club!
Active Support for The CoCo User!

The Maverick BBS

Here's the first state of the BBS address!

As many of you know the PJCCC has set up its own BBS, Called **The Maverick**, this BBS is dedicated to the Coco community. However we have encouraged users of all systems to make use of our BBS.

Currently The Maverick is operating at either 300 or 1200 baud. 2400 baud operation has been a problem, but I'm working on it! Besides message posting The Maverick also features many other services, such as Files. As of right now there are over forty programs available for download.

The board has 624K of upload and download space. Programs of all types are there for your use. In the market for a free word processor? Try downloading WRITER.BAS, A public Domain text editor for the Coco 3. Games, Utilities and Text files also can be found in the Files section of YOUR BBS.

Accessing The Maverick

First software. For Coco 3 users there are several good terminal programs. Ultimaterm, Delphiterm are two that come to mind. Ultimaterm will allow you to see the Ansi colored sign-on screens and menus. Coco 2 users will find that Greggie term does a fine job and of course there's always Mikeyterm.

All these programs are in the club library

Let your fingers do the talking!

THE MAVERICK
BBS
215-760-0456

The settings to contact the BBS are as follows;

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Baud 300 or 1200
Word length  8
Parity       None
Stop Bits    1
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Once connected The BBS will ask if you can view Ansi graphics. Only those running an Ansi compatible terminal such as Ultimaterm should answer Yes. Users will then be asked their names. All New users will then be asked a series of questions and have their names added to the users list. One of these questions will be to select a password for the BBS. Be sure to make a note of your password as you will not be allowed back into the system without that password. After a few BBS announcements the you'll find yourself at the main menu. From there you can explore all the systems features, Including the file system. Sub boards are available for Commodore users, Coco users and a For Sale sub for advertising items. The Maverick also has an On-line Games section. Currently two games are available.
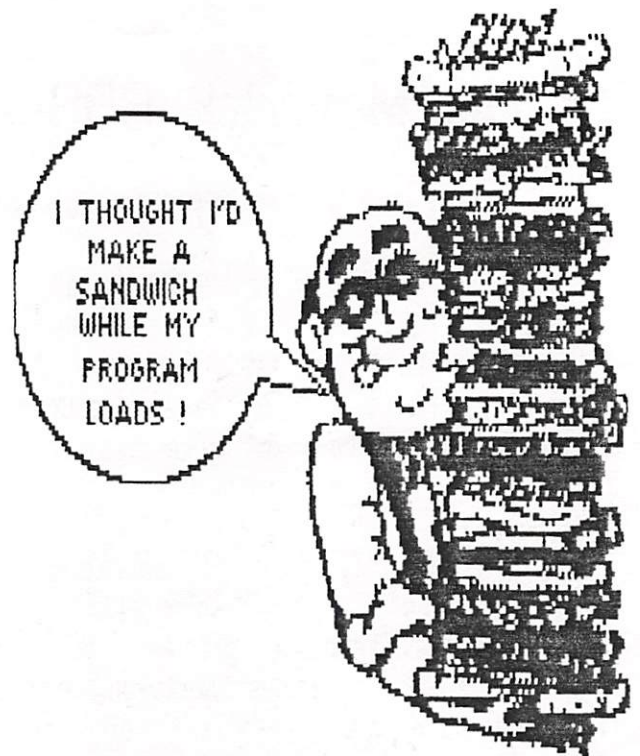
First the classic space battle game, Galactic Conflict. Over forty players can enter this game. Instructions can be found in the files section or by typing RUL during game play. The other game now on-line is the Coco Quiz, Test your knowledge with a series of Coco questions.

Troubles!

If you encounter any trouble while using the BBS, feel free to contact me! This is the clubs BBS and I'll be more than happy to help you with any problems you may have with either the BBS itself or with your terminal software. Call me at (215)-767-9344. For beginners, once you get the hang of it, telecommunications becomes very easy and quite useful. For those calling from outside the local calling area of the BBS, consider this. A user may call and download a program, such as WRITE.BAS in as little as five minutes! That five minute call nets you a fine word processor for your Coco. Any W/P would cost at least $20.00, Your cost for the call might be 50 cents!

So give it a try!!

The Maverick BBS
(215)-760-0456
Slatington PA
Rick Hengeveld, Sysop

Rick Hengeveld circa 2011

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HOW TO ACCESS DOUBLE SIDED DRIVES UNDER RSDOS

Save this simple program to disk and run it at the start of each session with your CoCo, and following a reset. It will enable you use both sides of your disks.

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10 POKE&HD89F,&H41
20 POKE&HD8A0,&H42
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This little gem was shared with the Editor by Rick Hengeveld.

If you have goodies to share, send them to me at my home address or post them on The Maverick.

Reports of our Death have been greatly exaggerated

If you have read this issue this far, you will realize that the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club is alive and well. We hope our future will include you.

Now there is another way to participate in club activities beside that of attending meetings. Very likely it has not escaped your notice, but in case it has, let me point out that we have a club BBS called THE MAVERICK. Use it. It is great fun!
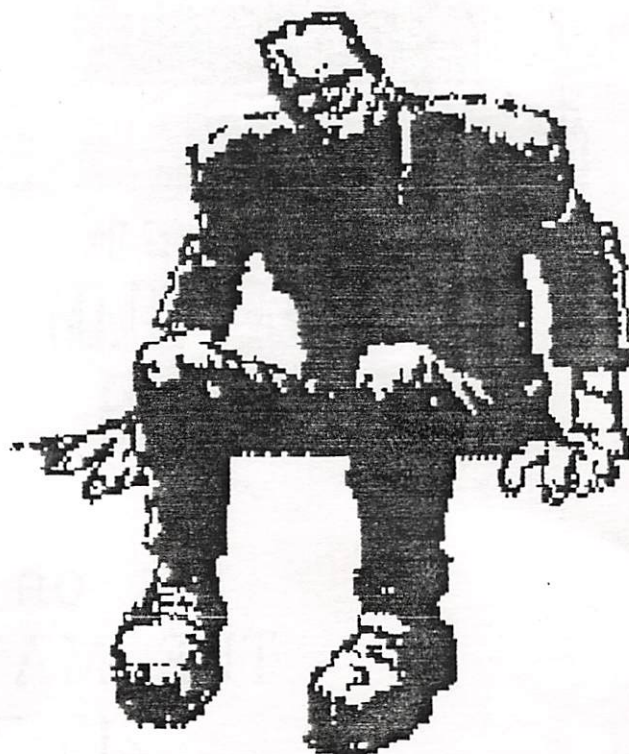
There are just as many CoCos out there as there were when Tandy decided to get out of the CoCo business. Most of the really great third party software is still available and new things are being developed. Who would have wanted a CoCo in the first place if one had to depend solely on Tandy for support? Not I. So the support is still there even though no CoCo is to be found in the 1991 Radio Shack catalog.

PJCCC is planning lots of interesting and informative meetings. At least three of these will look beyond the CoCo. Our future as a club is not chiseled in granite. Join us. Unless you plan to smash your Color Computer into pieces or sell it to somebody else, you need us and we need you. By the way, if you do sell your CoCo why not tell the purchaser about PJCCC?

We can be found, as usual, on the last Friday of each month at 7PM at Northampton County Community College. This month the subject will be word processors.

H. Peter Unks, Editor

Frank, PJCCC's New Membership Chairman