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LETTER FROM ERIC RHYDER

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PJCCC,

Hi! What's up? Not much here. Right now I'm just waiting to come home on leave. There's a "rumor" floating around my company right now saying attached personnel like myself will be leaving on April 17. But you know what they say about rumors!! I'm hoping that I'll be out of here by November. This desert gets very boring. Our Battalion Commander, Col. Link, won't even allow us to go into town and interact with the Saudi people. Thank God I'm not assigned to this company! A couple of days ago they started making us do PT. IN THE DESERT!! There is nothing we can really do for PT out here. A couple of push-ups, a couple of sit-ups and maybe a two mile run. About the only interesting things out here are the camels, goats, wild dogs and our ammunition. Right now we're working with PATRIOTS, STINGERS, HELLFIRE, TOW, CHAPARAL, HEAT-SEAKERS, and other missiles, grenades, bullets, projectiles and other goodies! We have about a billion dollars worth of ammo. We're sending most of it back to the U.S. and Germany and we are selling some of it to the Saudis. We have some ammo from 1939! Gee, it's only about 35 years older than I am!

Yeh, well that's about all I can think of to write so I better get going. Feel free to write, I'll still be here!!

W/B Eric

PS. Oh yeh, I got promoted to PV2,(an extra \$50 a month)
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PJCCC Meeting Minutes- March 29 1991

The March PJCCC meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. By the club president. The February Minutes were approved as printed in the 6809 Express Newsletter. Treasurer **Clyde Gano** gave his report, There were no questions and the treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Old Business

Modifications and bugs in the club BBS were discussed, The BBS sysop reported progress in working out the kinks.

The Trenton computer show is coming up on April 20-21, Rick Hengeveld plans to drive down in his van, Those wishing to hitch a ride are asked to contact Rick, There is still some room left. This will be an all day trip starting around 7:30 AM. and finishing up about 5 PM.

Hearty compliments were given to Newsletter Editor Peter Unks for the fine

work done on the 6809 Express.

New Business

New Memberships and attracting Other Coco users to the PJCCC was discussed and that matter has been tabled for the time being. If anyone has any ideas on the subject please make them known at the next meeting. The next PJCCC meeting is scheduled for April 26 1991. The planned presentation will be by Bruce Navarre and representatives of The Computer Factory. A variety of MS-DOS and Apple products will be shown.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM. Since the holiday cut into attendance the planned presentation was withdrawn and a extended random access period was held.

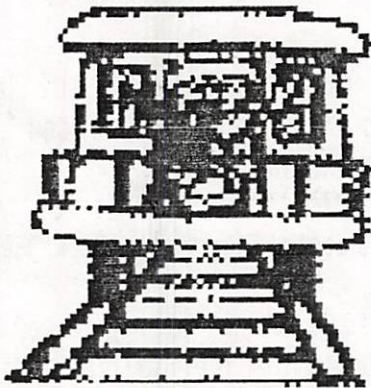
Rick Hengeveld, Acting Secretary

P.J.C.C.C. TREASURER'S REPORT

By Clyde Gano

Statement Date 3/29/91

Bal.on hand 1/25/91	\$510.18
Receipts-	
Mary Brown, ribbons, etc.	<u>27.41</u>
Total Receipts	\$537.59
Disbursements-	
Owl Serv.modem ck#236	\$116.60
Bell PA,phone inst.ck#237	41.89
Bell PA,March chg. ck#237	8.51
C. Gano,Feb Stmps ck#238	3.04
A. Wagner labels ck#239	<u>3.13</u>
Total Disbursed	\$173.17
Bal. on hand 3/29/91	\$364.42



THE LIBRARY CAR

Al Wagner

Welcome to the Library Car on the April 1991 run of the 6809 Express. You may notice I've picked up some of the mess you had to walk around last month. Still, be careful you don't trip over the piles of stuff I've yet to finish sorting.

I went through the library looking for anything that might have to do with word processing and found a few interesting files. Most of the club's disks I found with word processors are from the early to mid 1980's. One was from 1986. This means most were written for the COCO 1 and 2. The last one was for the COCO 3. I've tried running several of the older ones on my COCO 3 and found only one that didn't immediately hangup the system. This was a program called Word-Master. Word-Master is from 1983 and was distributed by Pyramid Distributors. This is one of those gems for which I've been able to find a manual.

This is NOT a what-you-see-is-what-get word processor, so the formatting of the

text is not easy. It does have most everything else a small word processor would be expected to have. The buffer size is automatically adjusted for the amount of memory it finds. As this is for a COCO 2, the manual refers to a 16K, 32K and 64K machine. It does not specify how large a buffer can be expected in a given size machine, but in a 64K machine it does use the upper 32K. This would mean a buffer over 32k in size as some of the buffer would still reside in the lower 32K. Because of the lack of easy text formatting, I would recommend this word processor only for program editing. One could use it for letter writing, but it would take considerable experience and educated judgement to get the letter to print out correctly the first time. However, if you don't have a word processor of your own, this one will get you going.

In going through the manuals to find the one for the above word processor, I found a copy of a manual for Computerware's Color Scribe III. I'd previously missed the disk. This is the program from 1986 for the COCO 3. This one does it all. I won't go into all the commands for the manual is some 45 pages long! This one allows editing files larger than the buffer. For those of you who tend to be long winded (like me), this can be a real benefit. The choice of screen size are 40x24, 64x24, and 80x24. In the 80x24 one can almost get a wysiwyg screen. (W-hat Y-ou S-ee I-s W-hat Y-ou G-et) If you really want a preview, you can call up the FORMatter and "print" the document to the screen. Imbedded printer codes are possible and are not predefined by the software, so one can create documents for what ever printer one happens to have

6809 Hints

Got a program that's forever looking to the drive for data?

Here's a simple one line program that runs your drive step rates 5 times faster than normal!

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10 POKE &HD7C0,&H00:POKE &HD816,&H14
'6 MS STEP RATE
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This poke will work with nearly all Coco 3 disk systems. When used with last months Hint you can also increase your storage space.

Of course if you want the ultimate in drive speed you'll need a Ramdrive. Coco 3 users with 512K can find one on the Maverick. Just Download RAMDRIVE.BIN This will install 2 ramdrives as drives 4 and 5.

WHAT WILL YOU SEE AT THE
PJCC MEETING IN MAY ?

WILL IT BE THE
FABULOUS MM1 ?

WILL IT BE ON VIDEO OR IN THE
FLESH (OR HARDWARE)?

DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!
SEE THE FANTASTIC MM1!
TOUCH IT WITH YOUR OWN
FINGERS!

SEE PETE HAVE A FIT IF IT
DOESN'T SHOW UP!



The Maverick Report
by Rick Hengeveld-S

As of this moment the Maverick has logged 50 calls since it's first day On-Line! Many of the initial bugs have been corrected and the system is slowly becoming more bullet proof. The Maverick started proving it's worth last month, as it played a big part in getting out the 6809 Newsletter.

Currently there are about 50 files available for download. The system also holds 25 messages as of right now, that could change when YOU sign on.

2400 hundred baud operation has been impossible with our current software and I'm looking into an alternative software system. The Maverick would also like to thank Jason Walters for the loan of a multipac and RS 232 pac for the BBS's use.

Get on line with
THE MAVERICK BBS
215-760-0456

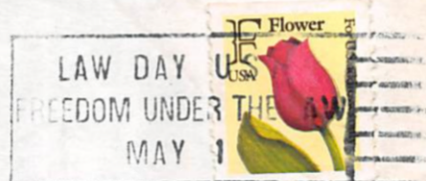
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