

CoCo~123



The Glenside Color Computer Club

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Your Voice in the CoCo Community**

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Welcome to the 1997 Fest!

The President's /term

by: Mike Knudsen

I'm writing this just a few days before what has become our Club's major project -- the Sixth Annual "Last" CoCoFest. As usual, your officers and volunteers have outdone themselves and we've got a good lineup of vendors, speakers, and events.

Each of us knows a "lapsed" member of the CoCo community -- someone who used to come to our meetings, or at least enjoy their Coco. Why not call that person and remind him or her that we've still got a Club going with regular meetings and social events? Invite them to a meeting and the restaurant afterwards.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the tireless officers for all the work they've been doing to make this another successful Fest. I won't name any names for fear of leaving someone out, but we know who they are.

And special thanks to Carl Boll, Gene Brooks, and others for their hard work in developing the IDE Hard Disk Interface. Here's your chance to put many Megs of storage on your Coco at the dirt-cheap prices available with "that other PC." There's still time to get your order in, but just barely!

Finally, thanks to the entire membership for making 1997 another Year of the CoCo.

--Your President, *Mike Knudsen*

The IDE Interface

There is still time to send in a deposit on an IDE interface, but not much! We will accept deposits from members up through May 7, 1997. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

If you use OS-9 you need a modern interface for a hard drive. There are no longer any new hard drive

CoCo~123 Information

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We are committed to publishing a minimum of four issues and a maximum of 12 issues per calendar year. For a fee of \$15.00, for January through December, you may become a GCCC member with full membership privileges. Send your dues to:

George Schneeweiss
RR #2 Box 67
Forrest, IL 61741-9629

CoCo~123 Contributions

If you would like to submit an article for publication in the CoCo~123 you may upload it to one of the Club BBS's or send it directly on a disk to:

Carl Boll
6242 S. Menard Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638

The following formats are acceptable:

RS-DOS - 5 1/4" disk
OS-9 - 5 1/4" disk
MS-DOS - 5 1/4" or 3 1/2" disk

All articles should be in straight ASCII format, not specialized word processing formats to facilitate importation into the newsletter.

Advertising is also accepted. If you are a vendor you may send an ad to the previous address. All ads should be "camera ready"* art. Please limit the size of your ad to 1/4 page. If you wish you may submit your ad on a disk in the following graphical formats:

JPEG, GIF, BMP, WPG

*camera ready art means printed out on paper ready to be photocopied or scanned. Artwork that has been folded is not considered to be camera ready.

Reprint Policy

If you or your club / user group desire to reprint any articles in part or in whole that appear in the CoCo~123 you may do so under the following guidelines:

1. Provide credit to the Author of said article
2. Provide credit to the CoCo~123

We encourage others to copy these articles and the newsletter and distribute it at your regular meetings.

Glenside Club Meetings

The GCCC meets every second Thursday of the month from 7:00PM to 10:00PM at the Glendale Heights Library. A social get-together always occurs after the meeting at a local restaurant.

Newsletter Exchange

The GCCC is happy to exchange newsletters with other clubs / user groups at no charge. Please send your newsletters to:

Dennis Devitt
21 W 144 Canary Rd
Lombard, IL 60148

These are your BBS's. Please support them.

Glenside CoCoRama BBS
847-587-9837
=/>9600 baud

Glenside's Cup of CoCo
847-428-0436
9600 baud

Glenside East
847-632-5558
9600 baud

The ChiCoCo BBS
773-735-3355
14,400 baud

The list of officers will appear in the next issue along with their phone numbers, etc.

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interfaces for the CoCo being sold. All you can hope for is to find somebody else's old interface to purchase if you pass up this opportunity.

The IDE interface allows you to use up to two IDE hard drives >OR< ATAPI devices with the CoCo. At the present time there are no drivers to support ATAPI devices but they could be written (the GCCC is not going to undertake that chore, it is just like the SCSI adapters sold for the CoCo, tape and CD-ROM drivers could be written for these devices).

If you want one of these interfaces send a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit to:

IDE Interface
C/O Carl Boll
6242 S. Menard Ave.
Chicago, IL 60638

Make the check or Money Order (no postal orders) payable to The Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

The exceptions to the non-refundable part are as follows:

1. If we do not produce and ship interfaces by May 31, 1997.
2. If the cost of the interface is more than \$50.00 US without shipping and handling.

If there are any questions you can contact me via Postal Mail at the above address or via Email as root@chicoco.chi.il.us.

Make sure you don't miss out on this deal. It is unlikely we will make a second run of boards. When they are gone they are gone and if you didn't get one it will be too late.

The design features were discussed in the previous issue of the CoCo~123. This is just a quick description:

The card has two sets of jumper pads that can accept 40 position PC mount card edge connectors or a set of header pins and a card edge connector. This allows elimination of the multipak or Y-cable. This is the recommended setup.

The card does not come with a case but a project box can be purchased to house the card from Jameco or JDR Microdevices. Info should be included in the documentation.

That's it. A fairly simple device.

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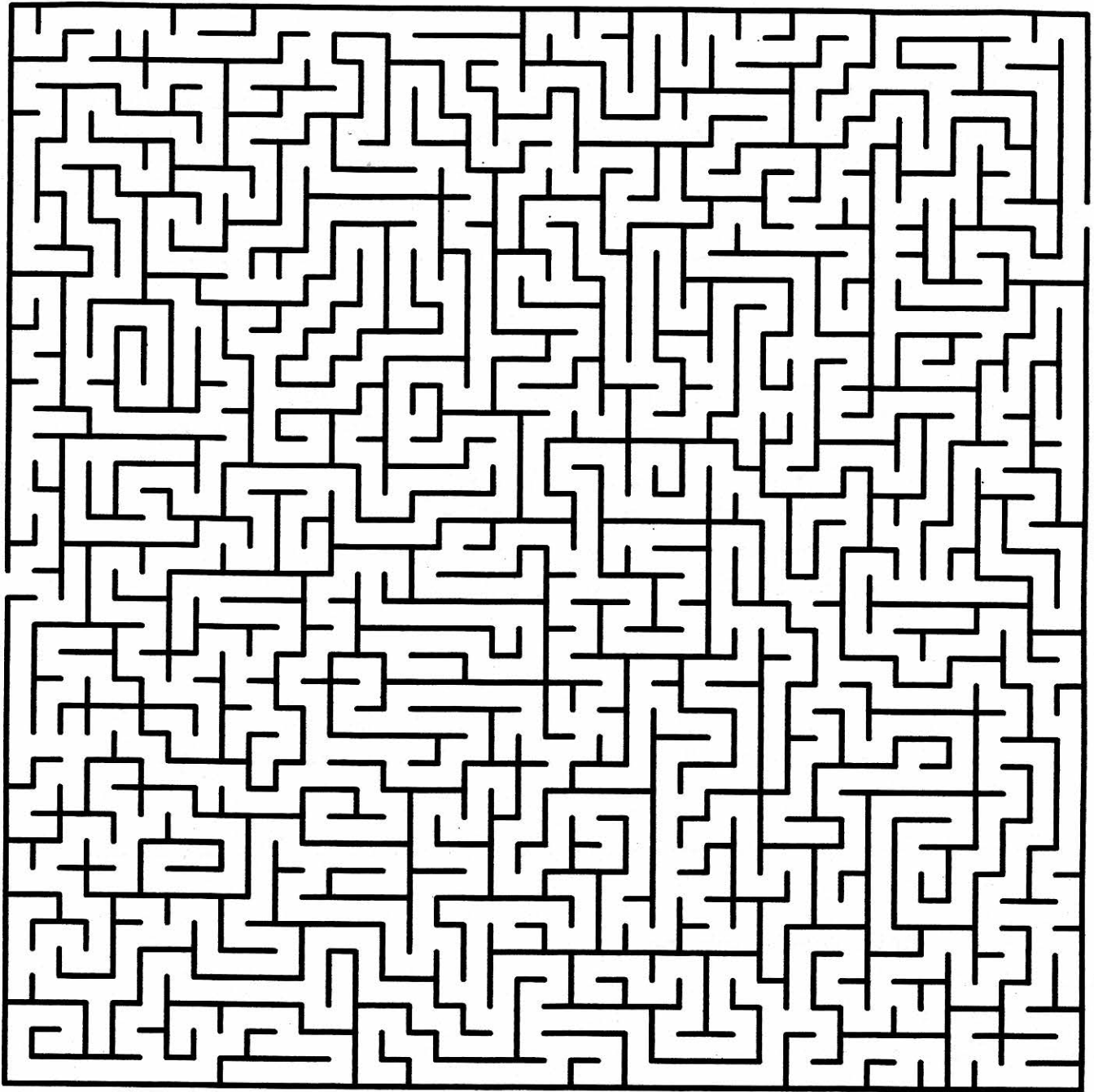
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Send your ads in to the CoCo~123 in camera ready form to us and we'll put them in (space permitting) the next issue. This is a good way to get the word out about new products, old products that are still available or about get togethers that are coming up.

See the inside front cover for details on where to send the ad and for details of exactly what camera ready means. The CoCo~123 exists to help support the whole CoCo community. Take advantage of it.

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***It and others will contain a report of the Fest in
the newsletters we mail out to our members as
well as other articles and ads we get at the Fest.***



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Meeting Location:

**Glenside Public Library
25 West Fullerton Avenue
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60172**

Directions:

The Library is located on Fullerton, about one-half mile west of Bloomingdale Road. Fullerton is about one mile South of Army Trail Road and about one mile North of North Avenue (Route 64). Bloomingdale Road is about two miles West of 53 / I-355 / the North-South Tollway.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

MAY 8, 1997

JUNE 12, 1997

JULY 10, 1997

AUGUST 14, 1997

SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

OCTOBER 9, 1997

NOVEMBER 13, 1997

DECEMBER 11, 1997

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