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Here is the list of 2000 club officers and how to contact them. If you have questions about our club, call one of the officers for the answers. Area Code 708>754, 847>428, 603>837, 815>832

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"Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Virtue is doing it."

CoCo ~ 123 INFORMATION

The CoCo ~123 is the newsletter of the Glenside Color Computer Club. Your annual contribution of $15.00 keeps our club going. Send your check to Glenside Treasurer:

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Our treasury provides newsletters, local meeting room and good times with fellow CoCo users at our annual Chicago CoCoFEST.

CoCo ~123 CONTRIBUTIONS

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G. C. C. MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Schaumburg Heights Public Library at 7:30 PM. See our WWW Glenside Homepage at:
http://users.aol.com/clubbbs/glenside
if you need a map. A social get-together always occurs at the nearby Sante Restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

Well, it's close to PennFest time and I can't make it this year, sorry, I have some commitments that I could not change.

I hope many people turn out for the event. From the events described on Ron's home page, it looks like good seminars are planned. So I hope someone is reporting to us what is going on. It is not the same as being there but it good reading. Someone have a piece of cake for me would you?

For those of you that already have the IDE boards, how about comments sent to us at Glenside? Things like what type of hard drive did you use? Did you have problems is making everything run? Do you like the color of the board? What else would you like? etc. etc. You get the idea.

The last time I talked to Carl he is planning to be at the PennFest, so you can talk to him about it.

Brian Goers, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREASURY NOTES

As of July 12, 2000, the balance in our checking account is $2809.18.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

March 9, 2000

Present were Brian Goers, Brian Schubring, Bob Swoger, John Chasteen, Scott Montgomery, Richard Bair, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Howard Luckey, Tony Podraza and Brother Jeremy.

Brian called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. George reported $75 was returned from the Library for the loss of the meeting room after the August meeting. The treasury stands at $2616.51.

George reported that he was visited by GCCC member Chuck Hanson and his friend Barry with a load of CoCo Computer Items for the fest. George

asked that someone come out to his home to pick them up some weekend soon and carry north for storage.

Brother Jeremy reported that he received SCSI drives through the mail to add to his needed collection.

Brian Schubring reported that we have asked Sub-Etha to provide shirts for the upcoming CoCoFEST.[Sub-Etha has informed us that he will be too busy to provide shirts.] He also showed us the finished fest tickets. He was asked to add an input line for e-mail addresses.

Brian Schubring was also asked to provide a button picture to John Chasteen. Brian will contact Nickolas Marentes, the Fest Logo designer, for help in this request.

The club recognized Howard Luckey for spearheading the effort to get out our last newsletter. Howard compiled, Tony Podraza edited, and John Chasteen folded, stamped and delivered the finished newsletters to the snail-mail office. A GREAT JOB and THANKS to all three!

Brian Schubring asked Brian Goers where the latest IDE HD Interface drivers could be located. "On the distribution disk", said Goers. President Brian just happened to bring one with him this evening. Also, stg.ide.net is the location for the IDE project web page.

Under new business, John Chasteen needs our corporation number to receive permission to use the Schaumburg Public Library for our September and after club meetings.

Rumors of those venders that will be present at the upcoming CoCoFEST are; Munkoware Bargeman Research Labs, Luckey Corner, JWD Computing, Music Men, Cloud 9, Sub-Etha, and Jim Davis

No word yet from: Frank Davis, Kenneth Baker, Ron Bull, Hawksoft, or Kala.

Girs.org Ritzy.com

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

April 13, 2000

Present were Howard Luckey, Justin Wagner, Rich Bair, Tony Podraza, George Schneeweiss, Brother Jeremy, Dave Gacke, John Chasteen and Brian Goers. There was no official meeting. Instead, we had:

FUN NIGHT!

Fun Night is a night where we have no official business but rather just play with the computer equipment present at the meeting. Fun Night was over at 9:55 PM and we moved to the Springdale Restaurant with 10 members attending, Bob Swoger joined us late.

May 11, 2000

Present were Brian Goers, Greg Gates, Bob Swoger, Scott Montgomery, Richard and Elethia Bair, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Howard Luckey, Tony Podraza and Brother Jeremy.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. George reported the treasury stands at $2536. Bob read the minutes of the April meeting - there was no meeting - the whole time was play time - Tony bringing in a TC70 and trying to boot it up. By evening end, he was successful.

R.C. Smith sent in a letter inquiring about the 2 IDE drives he ordered. Brian said he would contact him. Brian had 45 boards with him this evening. These boards are only half finished. These boards all had a bad problem. The holes were too small to insert the sockets. This seems to be because there was too much solder re-flowed into the plated through holes. Bob knew how to fix this being knowledgeable because of boards received this way at Motorola in the past. We shall take the bull

by the horns and fix these boards using a dental pick.

Bob Swoger reported that Frank and Carol Davis of FWD Computing will provide the shirts for our CoCoFEST.

Tony gave us the list of venders that have responded that they will be at our fest this year. They will be **Hawksoft, Ken Baker, Bargeman Research Labs, FWD Computing, Munkoware, Cloud 9, Luckey Corner, CBJ Enterprises - the IDE Project, CoCo Friends Disk Magazine and Glenside Color Computer Club.**

Tony told of a layout plan for the fest. We will have an "L" layout of the vendor area. We will then provide tables for what we term the CoCoFEST Play Ground. People with CoCo problems can set up their equipment and others can come by to solve these problems. This worked out when done several years ago when Jim Peulecke of Romeoville brought in his faulty system and returned home with everything working. Also, in the playground area, the Curtis Boyle IDE Drivers can be tested and demonstrated. Richard Bair Y2K upgrades and Munkoware upgrades can be played with.

Tony brought in his TC70 to have some more fun with it - he forgot the keyboard!

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

June 8, 2000

This was our first meeting away from the Glenside Public Library as we met at the Wood Dale Public Library, a meeting place given us through the hard work of John Chasteen. Present were Brian Goers, Brian Schubring, Bob Swoger, Scott Montgomery, Richard Bair, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Howard Luckey, Tony Podraza and Brother Jeremy.
The first item of business was the CoCoFEST report given by Tony Podraza. As we always need

to close in the black rather than red, Tony said it was more like we closed in a gray area. We had more than 60 people attending the fest. The receipts verses debits left us just in the black. However, each year the club pays for Tony's room so that he might be close to our meeting room for reasons of the room's security, proper room setup and room takedown at the end of the last day. It was the club decision that we would have it no other way and that we would consider ourselves in the black and therefore have another fest next year!

We next discussed next years fest. We considered moving the fest to the south side of Chicago to cut our costs nearly in half. After weighing the pros and cons of this idea, the club voted to have the fest stay right where it is, in Elgin.

Finally, we discussed the IDE Project. The project has our name tied to it though we as a club have no control over it. Our treasurer has never received or controlled any of the money for the project, nor has it ever received a list of those who have requested and paid for an IDE Interface board. It was decided that we would try to change this in some manor. We have a second person who has completed IDE Interface boards. We do not know if there are enough to complete the orders as we don't have any names of those that are still waiting. The club has directed Secretary Bob Swoger to try to obtain a list of those that ordered and either received or not received their paid for units. President Brian Goers will also try to obtain these names from Vice President Carl Boll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM to get on with the demo provided by Brian Schubring.

July 13, 2000

This was our second meeting away from the Glenside Public Library as we met at the Schaumburg District Public Library, another meeting place given us through the hard work of John Chasteen and the residency of member Greg Napier. The meeting commenced at 8:04 PM.

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Present were Brian Goers, Jim French, Bob Swoger, Richard Bair, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Howard Luckey, Tony Podraza with his new Sony digital camera, Brother Jeremy and John Chasteen.

Under old business, the IDE Drive Interface Project seems to be moving again. We have not yet received the names of those who have received or are waiting for IDE Drive Interfaces from Carl Boll. Bob Swoger tried to get the addresses of those still waiting from the internet, but has met nothing but resistance. Seems those waiting refuse to give him the needed information. He has abandoned this pursuit. He did report, however, that at least one person waiting did receive his interface.

Those attending the PennFEST from our group so far are Brother Jeremy, Carl Boll and Tony Podraza.

Under new business, Secretary Bob Swoger was instructed to release the next newsletter.

The Annual Picnic date was set. It will be held on Saturday, September 9th, in Forrest, Illinois, at the home of George Schneeweiss.

John French brought a list of CoCo items that he wishes to see find a good home and not wind up in a land fill. Secretary Bob Swoger expounded on the beginning of a national CoCo Store House. Scott Griepentrog has taken up the challenge of creating such a store. Items from our last fest were given to Scott Griepentrog to be added to those items saved from a land fill. Folks that have CoCo items can mail/ship these items to Scott Griepentrog. Scott then stores these items and adds them to his list of available items. Those wishing to give those items a home need only to contact Scott and sent only a fee for shipping and packaging. This manner of dispersing classic computer items has proven successful for the Sinclair Computer community for the past several years. They have two stores set up in just this fashion.

John French will check out the availability of a library in Forest Park for meeting to be held after the first of year 2001.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM and we retired to the Sante Restaurant just west of Roselle Road on Higgins Road to finish one really good meeting.

August 10, 2000

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM at the Schaumburg Township District Library. Present were Brian Goers, Bob Swoger, Richard Bair, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Howard Luckey and Tony Podraza.

The picnic was the first order of business. George is ready to have the picnic on September 9 at his home in Forrest, Illinois. He plans on having grilled chicken. Bob Swoger will be unable to attend as he has another picnic to attend on that date in
Sycamore. Justin, Tony, Rich and Brother Jeremy plan to be there. We hope that after reading this newsletter that more will make the trip.

Carl Boll will be at PennFEST with Scott Griepentrog, they will pay for a booth. Carl reports that he now has enough finished IDE Interface boards to fulfil all paid customers. Brian reported that he now has 21 boards to analyze and 25 more to finish building.

Brian was asked to bring in for the next meeting the QUIET DRIVES set that he bought at the CoCoFEST. It is hoped that he can demo them after the meeting.

We all welcome our latest new member, Leon Howell of Oregon.

I lieu of our October meeting, we plan to have a meeting at the home of Tony Podraza for the purpose of cataloging the items stored there for the

club. We will also better organize the items for easy recovery using our newly created catalog.

George reported the treasury stands at $15 higher than last month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM and we retired to the Santé Restaurant just west of Roselle Road on Higgins Road..

Robert Swoger, Secretary,
Glenside Color Computer Club

We Have A Web Page!

The Glenside Color Computer Club now has a web site. Look for us at:
http://members.aol.com/clubbbs/glenside/

Bob Swoger, Webmaster
Glenside Color Computer Club

Web Communications

Jim Cox wrote: "Who is C Boyle and Gator?"

Tony Podraza responded: Jim, I don't think that there are any problems telling you that "Gator" is Bob Swoger, Our Secretary. He has been a strong proponent in keeping the club in existence for the archiving of the hardware and software that was manufactured and written for the CoCo. The Email address came from my records (I keep the Club membership under OS9Profile) and it may have been out-of-date, of the only one that I had room for in the database (It is somewhat rigidly structured and I haven't bothered to modify it for some years.) C Boyle, as you may already know, is Curtis Boyle, one of our Canadian members, who is just a joy to be around at the few times we have enjoyed his presence. Plays great guitar, too. Me? I'm just a schnook who has rankled over the time that has gone by between the inception of the project, and the long-looked for completion, as much as you have.

If you look at it from my perspective, you've looked for an IDE board for two years, but your name is not tied to the organization who sponsored this thing. $60 is no small amount to try to gather together for some people; I'm one of them. And that is one reason, least among others, that I'm not on the list for a board.

If you are seriously tired of the wait, sent me mail, I will CC Brian Goers, The current president, and we will determine if your board has been sent out....If not, I will propose that your name be dropped from the list, your funds returned directly from our treasurer, bypassing Carl, who has handled the entire operation, including the finances, or have the funds forwarded to Mark Marlette for the purchase of a SCSI board, your choice. Let me know.

PS: GATOR is the website's author at the club's location listed below. and, yes, there are 3 b's in the address. Don't ask why...it still confuses me.

[There is an important reason for the 3 b's in the address, our BBS was originally called The Club BBS, hence 3 b's in a row. With only 2 b's as some mistakenly think, we would have had "The Club BS", something we didn't want. I hope this will end the confusion. Ed.]

Tony Podraza, VP, Special Events
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

TESTING
Subj: Re: home page test
Date: 07/02/2000 9:07:03 AM EST
From: bathory@MALTEDMEDIA.COM (Dennis Bathory-Kitsz)

To: COCO@PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU

At 08:45 AM 7/2/00 -0500, Roger wrote:
>My text appears small on my screen but still very readable so I was not aware of this problem. It is easy to fix but I need to know if it is a problem

with this person's browser or not. My browser allows me to set text size as Small, Medium, or Large. I have it at small. My HTML size also ranges from -2 and up. Maybe -2 is too small for his browser? Roger

Hi Roger,

Your correspondent is correct.

I'm still waiting 2 minutes for a complete page at 56K. Here's why: Never use the browser to re-scale the images. For example, the "coke break" image is 608x464, and you are asking the browser to resize it to 127x96. The whole picture still has to be downloaded to accomplish this. That pix is 51K and if that's representative of all the image file sizes on the left of the page, then you're asking roughly 13x51K=663K of pix downloads alone. Adding in the icons and text, the homepage is probably around 800K of data. Also, your page tries to launch an embedded document of some kind, for which I have a warning, I automatically reject it. I don't know what it is, so I don't let it run. If it's a sound file or some such, you should be aware that embedded sound is unacceptable to users with speech readers, interrupting or overlaying the text reading.

As for the text, my display is 19-inch 1280x1024, and the page is nearly unreadable. If it were anything but dark on light text, it would be totally impossible. -2 is never recommended as a size, except for very occasional footnote- or credit-style material and legal jargon. The bottom end for accessibility is -1.

There was a thread some months ago on bit.listserv.coco about this issue, and everyone got cranky about it, but there are folks out there who have issues with font sizes, download speeds, and media interruptions. You might also check http://orbitaccess.com/ and http://www.w3.org/WAI/ for further accessibility information. Best to you, Dennis

Subj: RE: IDE
Date: 07/02/2000 04:12:33 PM EST

From: Jim Cox
To: Carl Boll

Carl: Received the IDE board yesterday (July 1) Thanks for your efforts. Sorry I became impatient.

Now that I have the board, I need to find our what drives I can use with it. I'll read the manual, but if anyone has any suggestions, please let me know.

Jim Cox

Subj: RE: IDE
Date: 07/02/2000 11:27:02 PM EST
From: Curtis Boyle
To: Jim Cox

If you are running my edition of the drivers, just about any ATA hard drive will do (-1, -2, -3) except for removable platter ones. Also, any ATAPI stuff won't work (other than the GetStat to find out what kind of drive it is).

If you are running the original driver, it should work on most ATA-2 and above drives. I will only work on the original ATA-1 drives if that drive actually uses and accepts the "reprogram drive geometry" command, but will not work if the drive does not support it.

Curtis Boyle

Subj: RE: IDE
Date: 07/03/2000 11:19:02 AM EST
From: SPDCommish
To: miba51@NWLINK.COM
CC: Clubbbs

Jim, good to hear you finally got your IDE and that Carl is again filling those orders. As secretary of the Glenside Color Computer Club, we in the club were concerned that after all our efforts that there were still customers out there that had still not received their orders.
I trust that you have never been to a Chicago CoCoFEST as I cannot remember ever meeting you. At our fest there have been many fine IDE DRIVES available for sale that work with your interface. I would try to find a drive that was until

recently used in an IBM platform machine where the user changed out the drive for a 2 to 13+ gig drive. These older drives would be in the 250 to 900 Meg size. They should go for less than $20 - $30. There are older IDE drives, some used by Commodore, that will not work. Carl can tell you why.

The drives I mention will hold so mush stuff - it will knock your socks off, maybe every program you have in your present library! This is because the CoCo is an 8 bit machine and the programs are written well and compact for such a machine.

Bob Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club
--==GATOR==--

PS, If you have been to a fest and don't remember me, my picture is at **http://members.aol.com/clubbbs**

SPELL CHECQUER

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

New Internet Terms

These are from a Richard Roeper article in the Monday, July 10, 2000 Chicago Sun-Times. He is quoting some of his favorite entrants from the Internet Glossary of Terms, 2000 Edition. (H Luckey)

ADMINISPHERE: The rarefied organizational layers of upper management . As in: "We have to do it; the orders came from the adminisphere."

ALPHA GEEK: The person in your group who knows the most about computers.

BATTLE FAXES: Flurry of hostile faxes between warring lawyers.

BEEPILEPSY: That quick body jolt you see when someone's beeper goes off.

BLAMESTORMING: Getting together with co-workers to talk about why a deadline was missed or a proposal rejected.

BODY NAZIS: Workout nuts who drive everybody else crazy with their constant talk of exercise and incessant nagging of those who don't work out.

CLM (CAREER LIMITING MOVE): Discussing your boss while she's within earshot or mistakenly sending a nasty interoffice message to the wrong person is a CLM.

CHIPS AND SALSA: Another computer term, signifying hardware (chips) and software (salsa).

EGO SURFING: Typing in your own name on Internet search engines.

404: Someone who's a dim bulb. The term comes from the Internet error message, "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested document is unavailable.

FLIGHT RISK: Employee who seems destined to leave the company soon.

GENERICA: Look-like stretches of fast-food joints, strip malls, etc., found all over suburbia. As in: "We drove through 600 miles of Generica, man."

IDEA HAMSTERS: Energetic workers who always come up with fresh concepts.

IRRITAINTMENT: News events that become cable-channel staples: e.g. Elian Gonzalez, the O. J. Simpson trial, Monica Lewinsky, Princess Di's crash.

MOUSE POTATO: The cyber-generation's answer to the Couch Potato. Someone who sits at the home computer for hours at a time.

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: Attacking a technical problem by whacking the offending machine several times

SEAGULL MANAGER: Mid-level executive who has a propensity for showing up at your desk, making a lot of noise, leaving its mess over everything, then flying off.

SITCOMS: (Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Marriage.) What yuppie families turn into when one spouse stops working to care for the kids.

STARTER MARRIAGE: A brief first marriage of twentysomething that produces no children, no property purchase, no lasting commitment and no hard feelings.

SWIPED OUT: What happens when an ATM card's magnetic strip has been worn out due to constant use.

UNINSTALLED: Fired from the job: e.g., "They uninstalled Freddie today!"

UMFRIEND: Term used when introducing a secret or new lover, as in: "This is Winona, my ... um, friend."

"**And now for something completely different**"

Roger Taylor CoCoTower@WEBTV.NET writes:

A simple FAT backup program looks something like this:

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10 'backup
15 dr=0  drive number
20 clear 500
30 dski$ dr,17,2,a$,b$
40 dsko$ dr,17,1,a$,b$
50 print "FAT saved"
60 end
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```
10 'restore
15 dr=0  drive number
20 clear 500
30 dski$ dr,17,1,a$,b$
40 dsko$ dr,17,2,a$,b$
50 print "FAT restored"
60 end
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It's that simple. Now, in a RARE case you might have a program disk that already uses sector 1 of track 17 for configuration, etc. In that case you can probably get away with using sector 18 instead of 1.

But if your directory entries get junked, that is another story... :-)

HELPDESK 911

From: John Kowalski <sock@AXESS.COM>
Mark Marlette wrote:

I would like to make a disk SSDD 35 track that would have a RSDOS and OS-9 partitions on the disk. My distributions are starting to have both and I don't want to supply two disks. Disto use to do it with his stuff. Is there a utility available that will do this? If not, can someone explain what needs to be done for this? Heck maybe I could.

First, I'm not that familiar with OS-9 so don't shoot me if I get the OS-9 side of this wrong :)

What you can try is:
-Format a 35 track disk in RSDOS.
-Use a sector editor to edit the second sector of track 17. Fill the first 34 bytes of the sector with filler bytes, lets say decimal 88.
-Boot OS-9 and then reformat the same disk, but specify that the disk is only 17 tracks in size (tracks 0 to 16)

The filler bytes lock out the first 17 (0-16) tracks of the disk from use by RSDOS, leaving tracks (17-34) free for RSDOS, and then OS-9 only uses the first 17 tracks itself. Not being familiar with OS-9, I'm not sure what you have to do to format a disk that's only 17 tracks, but I'm pretty sure it's as simple as specifying the number of tracks to format.

RSDOS puts the directory on track 17, and I think OS-9 puts it on track 0. That's why that split-up point was chosen. If you want to reserve more space for the OS-9 side of the disk, that's possible too, but it becomes more complicated. The OS-9 disk would have to leave track 17 untouched even if it does use tracks beyond that. On the RSDOS side of things, it's just a matter of filling the disks GAT table so it won't write over the OS-9 portion of the disk.

John Kowalski (Sock Master)
http://www.axess.com/twilight/sock/

Such A DEAL! 2 "flippie" disks full:

- The Projector 2.0 and 2.1 multi-viewer, does over 11 formats
- Super-MAC picture viewer - high detail
- Pelieti game - maze race with your CoCo
- Spider Hype game - trap the spiders in the other chamber
- Plunk game - like The Price is Right game
- Wake-Up utility - refresh aging floppy disks
- Auto-DOS utility
- 5 HPRINT fonts
- Wild-Copy utility - DECB patch EPROMable
- The CoCo Dancer - boogies down to cassette music
- and more surprises

Just reply with the same subject, give me your name and mailing address
and I will rush you these programs immediately with a little bill for only $3.00. That's three dollars, I ship tomorrow, you pay later. Sound
good?

For video captures from some of the above programs, please visit my
CoCoTower web page @ http://www.geocities.com/cocodir/rts.html

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Also Reply to me about:
- Projector-3 picture/graphics system
- Disk Full of CoCo software for only $3.00
- EPROM Programming Service
- Get listed on The CoCoNut Directory web page @
http://www.geocities.com/cocodir

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Here are the 5 "W's"

WHO?   1) The Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

WHAT?   2) The TENTH Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!

WHEN?   3) May 5th & 6st, 2001
                (Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-3:30pm)

WHERE? 4) RAMADA INN of ELGIN
                (formerly the ELGIN PLAZA HOTEL)
            345 W. River Road (A city block from I-90 & IL-31)
            Elgin, Illinois   (Same great location as last year!)
            Overnight room rate: To be announced
            Call 1-847-695-5000 for reservations.
            Be sure to ask for the "Glenside" or "CoCoFEST!" rate.

THERE IS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF ROOMS BLOCKED OUT FOR THE FEST
RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY -- THESE ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED FOR
REGULAR RESERVATIONS ON Aptil 15, 2001, AND WILL NOT, !NOT BE
AVAILABLE TO THE FEST ATTENDEES
>>>> YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER "COCOFEST!" TO GET THIS RATE <<<<

WHY?   5) A. To provide vendor support to the CoCo Community

             B. To provide Community support to the CoCo
                 Vendors

             C. To provide educational support to new users.

             D. TO HAVE AN OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD TIME !!
                 (More about this at a later date)

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Be sure to visit GLENSIDE"S Website @

"http://members.aol.com/clubbbs/glenside/"

Midnight in the Ocean
By Tony Podraza

This has absolutely nothing to do with computing, Color or otherwise. It does, however have to do with family, which we all are; and humor, which we all need. The "family" hook in this is that my grandfather, on a Boy Scout campout with his son, my uncle, suddenly broke out in verse just as the troop was about to turn in one night, and left them all in stitches with the following:

'Twas Midnight in the Ocean.
Not a trolley car in sight..
The Sun was shining brightly
As it rained all day that night.

'Twas a Summer day in Winter
And the snow was raining fast.
The Barefoot Boy with shoes on
Stood a'sitting in the grass.

In the evening as the rising sun
Was setting in the west,
The little fishes in the trees
Were curled up in their nests.

The organ peeled potatoes.
Lard was rendered by the choir.
The Sexton rang the dishrag.
Someone set the church on fire.

"Holy Smokes" the Parson shouted.
In a rage he tore his hair.
Now that spot resembles Heaven
For there is no parting there.

I never heard this from my grandfather, I was only five when…BUT, my uncle recently made the opportunity to visit with my family & me and passed it on to us. (Thanks, Jim)

When a lot of little things seem to be making your walls cave in around you; when you can't seem to see the end of the tunnel for all the Tribbles and you need some little bit of nonsense to put things back in perspective, remember "Midnight in the Ocean". You might be surprised how much better things seem to be after a smile, chuckle, or out and out guffaw.

Wrapping it up
By Tony Podraza

Today's date is August 15, 2000. This Saturday is the first day of the Last PennFEST. Friends that I have made in years past will be there. Circumstances prevent me from attending. I will miss you all, be assured of that. There are questions that I will not be able to ask, or answer, for that matter. There will be cake that I won't be able to eat, not that I need to eat cake, I'm trying to LOSE cake that I've eaten these last years. And I will miss the opportunity to ask other attendees to feed this publication, personally. The CoCo~123 has been slow to fill up it's pages with good, sound material. So, tell me, what have you been doing with YOUR CoCo? Send me your poor, your sick, your needy…oops, wrong subject…story about your CoCo. We'll put it right in here (see arrow) =>

Send it anyway you can, printed via snail mail' attached via email; ASCII text, CoCo format, OS9 format, Other operating systems format…visit the website and click on the picture that sends emails…hand written, if you have to. We'll type it in. Just get it to us. And thanks.

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