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Upcoming Events:
The 12th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! **May 17 & 18**
The Glenside Annual Picnic **Sunday September 7th, 2003**

G.C.C.C. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2003 club officers and how to contact them.
If you have questions about the association call one of the
officers for the answers.

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	PRIMARY FUNCTION
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Vice-President	Scott Montgomery	773-282-6044	Navigation
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Secretary	Tony Podraza	847-428-3576	Records and Reporting
Treasurer	George Schneeweiss	815-832-6995	Dues and Purchasing

Howard Luckey   Justin Wagner   Scott Montgomery   George Schneeweiss   Brian Goers   Tony Podraza

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 Township District Library at 7:30 PM. See our WWW Glenside Homepage at:

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

if you need a map. A social get-together always occurs at the nearby Santé Restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

The Fest! Wow!, we had another successful Fest! Our success being defined as the Glenside Color Computer Club (GCCC) would make enough money to cover our costs. It helped that we had a fine array of vendors, 16 in all.
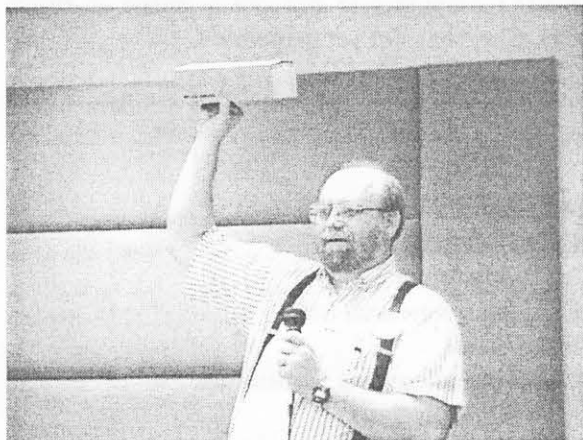

Bargeman Research Labs

I was unable to see all the kinds of items and how much of these items were sold by our vendors as I had to stand by my own table. I was able to sell a few items myself.

This CoCoFEST! was our twelfth, which makes the next one the **thirteenth**. Ooooo so scary and at our last club meeting the discussion was about what we should name the up coming Fest! For example, one suggestion was to call it "The Last Baker's Dozen Fest!" Some other names were suggested to avoid using the number thirteen but at the moment I am not remembering the other ones.

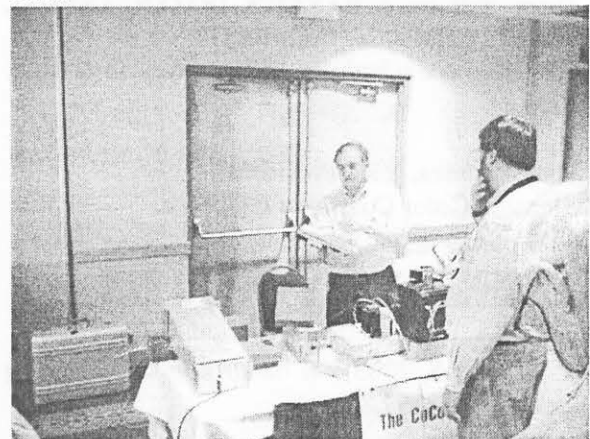Frank and Carol Davis of FWD computing once again provided our shirts and mouse pads as well as many-many CDs.

To me one of the most successful activities at our Fests is the no minimum bid auction.
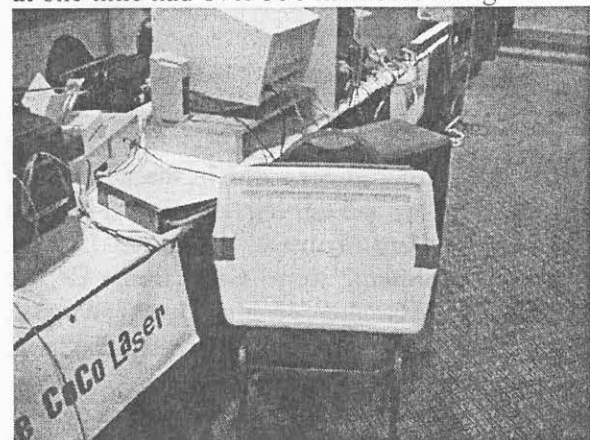

Again this year we were able to sell a lot CoCo and other good stuff.

Having these no minimum bid auctions is an activity that helps us to be able to offer the next Fest.

Again we were fortunate to have another CoCo Laser Show given by Steve Noskowicz, a long time engineer from Motorola and past member of the Motorola MicroComputer Club of which at one time had over 350 members using CoCos.

The picture above is the Motorola Logo but the camera that took this picture didn't have the persistence to capture the image that our eyes see.

Thanks so much again, Steve, for the encore performance.

I enjoy the CoCoFESTs very much and am looking forward to the next one on May 15 and 16, 2004 and I hope many of you can make it to our 12th-^-14th.

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

The V-P's Platen

There will be a **BAKER'S DOZEN ANNUAL "LAST" CHICAGO CoCoFEST!**
The dates are scheduled to be May 15th & 16th, 2004.

Tony Podraza, Vice-President
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

TREA$URY NOTE$

As of May 8, 2003, the balance in our checking account is $4753.81.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

March 13, 2003

At Sante's Restaurant, Tony Podraza called the meeting to order at 8:44 PM in the absence of Howard Luckey and our regular meeting room at the Schaumburg Township District Library. Also not present were Carl Boll, George Schneeweiss, Brother Jeremy, Justin Wagner, John Chasteen, Rich Bair, Brian Schubring, Mike Warns and Brian Goers.

Tony forgot to read his notes regarding last months meeting and George was not present to read the Treasurer's report.

Bob Swoger reported that Frank Davis of RMG Computing had ordered the shirts to apply the 2003 CoCoFEST logo and that Frank and Carol will definitely attend the fest with more new CD's and other CoCo related items.

Scott Montgomery reminded everyone that May 17 & 18 2003 is the date of our next fest. Steve Noskowicz will again be the featured event this year putting on his CoCo Laser Graphics show. He will require from us a 10' by 10' screen to project on.

Burke & Burke was invited to come by Tony in a contact by e-mail. Tony was to ask if Burke & Burke can get together with Frank Davis of FWD Computing to put out a Burke & Burke CD. Chris has not yet responded.

Tony reported that the following venders would be present at this year's Fest:

Arcadian Embedded Systems
Luckey Corner
Mark Marlette's Cloud 9
Bargeman Research Labs
Roy Justice
CJB Technologics & Consulting
Malcolm Cleveland

Also:
Music Man
FWD Computing
The Steve Noskowicz Laser Show
Monk-O-Ware

Tony reported that Osama and Lonnie would not attend. Brian Schubring is to flier certain Linux groups to see if they are interested in coming to our fest.

As all our readers know, Glenside has been working to reduce the overnight costs of hotel rooms. Two years ago, the overnight rate was $79 at the RAMADA Inn. Last year we obtained a rate of $65 at the Elgin Plaza Motel. This year we have obtained a rate of $65 at the Best Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center.

All the above was done to lower your cost of attending our annual CoCoFEST! And, in addition, our CoCoFEST has remained at the same real-estate location all these years just for your convenience! Can you ask for more?

Tony adjourned the meeting at 9:31 p.m. after packing the remainder of his salad in a Santes provided Styrofoam container. Justin promised to bring back his phone over IP demo for our next meeting.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

April 10, 2003

Tony Podraza called the meeting to order at 9:17 PM in the absence of Howard Luckey at Sante's Restaurant. Also present were Bob Swoger, Scott Montgomery and Justin Wagner.

Tony presented a list of the 11 know venders for this year's show. Tony then showed us the tickets that Brian Schubring made up for this year's fest.

A motion was made to made Scott Montgomery the head security officer for this year's fest. Motion passed. Scott will enlist the help of Bob Swoger and Brian Schubring.

Tony reported that Howard Lucky or one of our VPs needs to write the President's report for the next newsletter. We will need 100 newsletters printed up this time.

Tony asked Bob to phone Steve Noskowicz to confirm his presence at our fest. Bob is also to contact Dave Keil about his attendance to again sell his CoCo emulator Software. Bob will also contact John Chasteen about Fest buttons.

Tony will contact the Best Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center to make arrangements for lunch and dinner.

Tony informed the membership that this year we will have a $50 door prize donated by member Roy R. Justice.

Tony told us of the need for signage for the new venders attending this year's fest.

Tony adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m. after packing the remainder of his salad in a Styrofoam box. Justin Wagner promised to bring back his phone over IP demo for our next meeting.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

May 8, 2003

Justin Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM in the absence of Howard Luckey at the Schaumburg Township District Library. Also present were John Chasteen, Tony Podraza, Bob Swoger, Scott Montgomery and George Schneeweiss.

Tony presented a list of the 13 known venders for this year's show.

George read the treasurers report. We presently have $4753.81 in our treasury.

John Chasten asked for the button logo from Bob Swoger stating the size needed for the button. Bob will e-mail John the LOGO in .BMP format.

Tony asked Bob to phone Steve Noskowicz to confirm his presence at our fest. Bob is also to contact Keil about his attendance to again sell his CoCo emulator Software. Bob will also contact John Chasteen about Fest buttons.

Tony contacted the Best Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center to make arrangements for lunch and dinner. Dinner will be held in the lower portion of the restaurant area for all the members of the fest from 5 to 9:30 p.m.

Tony reminded the membership that this year we will have a $50 door prize donated by member Roy R. Justice.

Tony told us of the need for signage for the new venders attending this year's fest.

Tony asked for all to help get the fest room ready Friday evening by showing up as early as possible.

Tony reported that the following venders would be present at this year's Fest:

Cloud 9 (Boisy Pitre & Mark Marlette)
Griff Art
Hawksoft   (Chris & Carol Hawks)
Music Man   (Brian Schubring)
Tux Driver
Rich Ekstrom
Roy R. Justice
Monk-O-Ware   (Brother Jeremy)
Luckey Corner   (Howard Luckey)
Steve Noskowicz Laser Show
FWD Computing   (Frank W & Carol Davis)
Malcolm Cleveland
Bargeman Research Labs
John & Margaret Chasteen
Acadian Embedded Solutions
CJB Technologies and Consulting

Justin adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Justin Wagner promised to bring back his phone over IP demo for our next meeting.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

Glenside Color Computer Club Has A Web Page!

The Glenside Color Computer Club has a web site. Look for us at:

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

Bob Swoger, Webmaster
Glenside Color Computer Club

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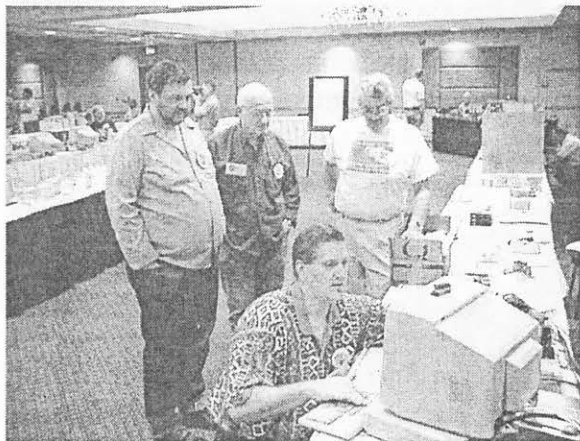
The Cup of CoCo BBS needs your vote!
By
Tony Podraza

With the advent and the proliferation of Web-based archives and services, is there still a need in the community for dial-up computer Bulletin Boards? These information resources and leisure time kleptomaniacs once spanned the globe with intercommunication networks like FIDONET. Almost any, now classic, computer could be configured to run a Bulletin Board System, although, with many of those early computers, that's all that could be done; one user, one program, period. The Color Computer operating in the Disk Extended Color Basic mode was one of these. There were many DECB BBSs to be picked from, each with their own areas of specialty. There were message bases, file storage areas, gaming sections and combinations of the three and many other options that were added. ANSI color codes were added to enhance the caller's screen. There was even a system that could accept a caller's mouse-driven screen positioning. All in all, not too shabby for our Little Wonder.

And then came OS9 and a new batch of BBS programs, but with the much-desired capability to run the BBS AND still be able to use the computer for other things while the BBS was in operation. Personally, I have written many articles for The CoCo~123 in years past while a caller was online and accessing the BBS for messages, file transfers or gaming. I, typically, would have the Cup of CoCo BBS running in "Window 7" with windows 5 & 6 dedicated to BBS maintenance of some sort or another. Regular computer usage took place in Term,

W1, W2 and W3. A bit taxing for the memory resources, you might think, and I would agree. But I had installed Disto's 1 Meg upgrade early on and then the 2 Meg memory board. An average of 1 Meg of memory had been set aside as a RAM disk for the BBS Menus and commands directory, after the 2 meg upgrade. Running OS9 at the CoCo's original speed (in spite of the fact that the 68B09E has been replaced with a 6309), the time necessary from boot-up to RAM disk load to BBS execution ended up taking no longer than 3 minutes and 30 seconds. This includes the formatting of the RAM drive and loading 1 meg of data from the hard drive to the RAM drive, again, not too shabby.

Anyway, the system, after 10 years of running practically 24/7/52, decided that it wanted a rest,...just before the 12th Annual "Last" CoCoFEST! The HD that I had been running, and the floppy drive EPROM, it turns out, went south. The red because only the controller board went bad...the media was untouched. Since I had lost and identical HD (ironically, just before the 11th Annual "Last" CoCoFEST!) due to a head crash but kept the unit, I was able to swap the boards and get the system back online. I have since installed another identical HD (MAXTOR LS340SYs are getting hard to find) and am doing "ghosting", as I call it. I back up the first HD to the second on a regular basis (can YOU say backup?) thanks to the Disto 4-in-1 and SCSISYS2.2.
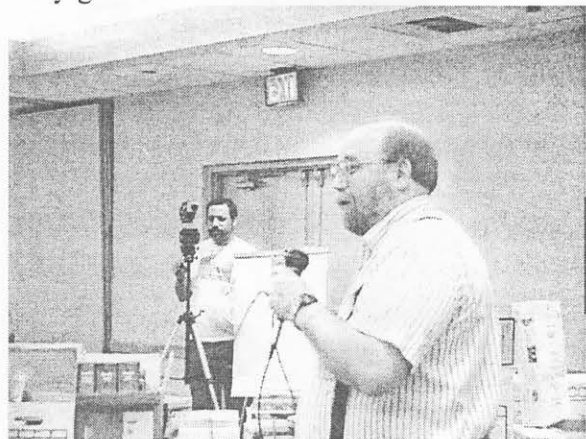

ALSO, a HUGE thank you is due to **Mark Marlette**, who took the time at this year's 'FEST to check out the hard drives for me.

The upshot of the hardware story is this. **The Cup of CoCo could go back online @ 847-428-0436. The choice is yours.** With only an average of 3 calls a month logged over the last 4 months of actual operation, I am undecided as to whether I should take the time (menu and files maintenance) and resources (the extra phone line runs about $20-$25 a month plus whatever power the system uses) to operate a system that will be used but by a very few people. So, again, I repeat, **is there still a need in the community for dial-up computer Bulletin Boards?** You can send your answers to the CoCo~123 address that appears on the cover, or to coco-123@juno.com
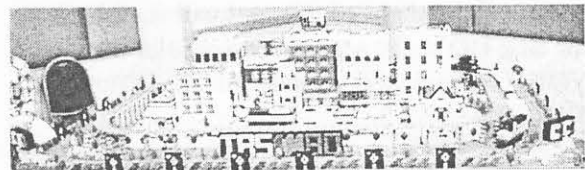
MORE CoCoFEST! PICTURES

Scott Montgomery was our head security officer this year. The place looks so neat and clean while fest attendees are out to dinner that President Howard notices that he has dirty glasses.

Barbara's favorite event, (don't mess with her during bidding!)

This splash of color present at the 2002 CoCoFEST! was missing from this years event.

Tony announces to the folks still remaining Sunday afternoon that due to another good turn out we are a GO for a 2004 CoCoFEST!