

CoCo~123



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Upcoming Events:

- The GCCC Archive Depository Inventory **October 4th, 2003**
- The President Howard Luckey Open House **October 18th, 2003**
- The 12th+1 Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! **May 15-16 2004**

G.S.B.A.A. 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.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>PRIMARY FUNCTION</u>
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Vice-President	Scott Montgomery	773-282-6044	Navigation
Vice-President	Brian Goers	708-754-4921	Special Events
Secretary	Tony Podraza	847-428-3576	Records and Reporting
Treasurer	George Schneeweiss	815-832-6995	Dues and Purchasing

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Justin Wagner



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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:

George L Schneeweiss
13450 N 2700 E Road
Forrest IL 61741-9629

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

CoCo~123 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or would like to submit an article, please contact the CoCo ~123 Newsletter editor:

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G. C. 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 Sante Restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

On to "The Glenside Annual Picnic". This year we combined our annual picnic with our September club meeting. Justin Wagner made the motion at the August meeting and it passed.

Bob Swoger again invited the club to have the picnic at his place in Streamwood, Illinois on Sunday September 7, 2003. I was late getting there because of my having to return from a visit to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and because I missed a turn off on my way to Bob's house.

I finally made my way to Bob's home and found that there was a very fine turnout of 18 members, some with wives and children. Also included were three members of the Chicago Area Times/Sinclair Users Group. I was able to see people that I hadn't seen since the last fest and some that I hadn't seen for a few years.

The club provided food and soft drinks and Bob did some fine cooking of hamburgers and tubular meats. Bob's wife Annette saw to the care and placement of all the food brought by those attending. Since this was combined with a club meeting we held a formal meeting of the club.

I appreciate and enjoy the picnics a lot. Thanks again, Bob and Annette, for offering your place.

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.

TREASURY NOTES

As of September 7, 2003, the balance in our checking account is \$5694.34.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

June 12, 2003

Scott Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:45 PM in the absence of Howard Luckey, Brian Goers, Carl Boll, George Schneeweiss, Brother Jeremy, Justin Wagner, John Chasteen, Rich Bair, Brian Schubring, Tony Podraza and our regular meeting room at the Schaumburg Township District Library. Scott noted that the weather was beautiful and there were plenty of available parking places in front of the library. Bob reported that Linda Podraza phoned to let us know that Tony would not be present at this evenings meeting.

Bob Swoger read the minutes of last months meeting. Scott found an error and motioned to amend the minutes. Seconded by Bob Swoger and passed.

George Schneeweiss was not present to give the treasurer's report.

Bob Swoger noted that the list of club members is in the possession of only one member, Tony Podraza. Bob motioned that the member database be made available to all the club's V.P.s. In discussion, Scott Montgomery pointed out that when the membership list of the now defunct OS-9 Users Group was requested by both the OS-9 officers as well as the President of the Glenside club for the purpose of sending newsletters and taking into the fold all those members, it was unavailable because the list had been lost due to a hard drive crash. Bob

explained that as the communications officer of his alumni association, he regularly sends the updated membership database to all of the club officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott reminded the group that Tony stated at the fest that we would indeed have another CoCoFEST as we finished once again in the black. Scott made a motion to send a certificate of appreciation or at least a Thank You card to Steve Noskowitz for once again presenting his CoCo Laser Graphics show at our last two CoCoFESTs. Seconded and passed.

Scott then pointed out that our club's next event would be our annual picnic. Bob Swoger once again offered his place to hold the picnic. A tentative date of September 6, 2003 was then set for the picnic.

At the fest Tony informed Bob that the paper part of the Motorola MicroComputer Club Library is beginning to deteriorate due to being stored in a damp location. It is recommended that Bob and Brother Jeremy visit Tony in the near future and rescue this library. Remember - CoCos cease to function without software and Bob noted that over 90% of all CoCo users can't program!

Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. and we all went home early.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

July 10, 2003

Howard Luckey, called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM at the Schaumburg Township District Library. Present also were Brian Goers, Tony Podraza Justin Wagner and George Schneeweiss.

George Schneeweiss gave the Treasurer's report of \$5694.34

Old Business

Tony informed the group of the numbers present at our last fest both attendees and exhibitors reporting also that we had once again just come out in the black.

Brian Goers will contact individuals that have requested IDE boards. He will collect all IDE boards and software together.

Remembering that Mother's Day is on the weekend of May 8 & 9, the group selected the following 2004 CoCoFEST dates:

1st Choice May 15&16

2nd Choice May 1&2

3rd Choice May 22&23

New Business

The club determined the 2004 meeting dates and filled out and turned in the necessary library meeting date forms to secure our meeting room.

John Chasteen will give a Multipak PAL Chip replacement Demo. Brian Goers will bring in his oscilloscope and look at various signals generated by the CoCo.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. We then proceeded to Sante's Restaurant for the second half of our meeting where Bob Swoger joined us.

Brian Goers, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

August 14, 2003

Howard Luckey called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. Also present were Brian Goers, George Schneeweiss, Justin Wagner, Scott Montgomery, Tony Podraza (by phone) and Bob Swoger.

Brian Goers read the minutes of last months meeting.

George Schneeweiss presented the Treasurer's report reporting \$5751.13.

Old Business

The membership confirmed with Tony that the next Glenside CoCoFEST would be the weekend of May 15&16 and also voted to have our next annual GCCC Picnic on September 7 and forgo the September 11 meeting. Meeting to be held instead at the picnic.

Bob Swoger noted that Tony Podraza still has a need to have members over to organize the Glenside inventory.

New Business

We need to put out a newsletter. Justin Wagner will get together with Bob Swoger at the picnic to peruse Motorola MicroComputer Club DATABUS newsletters to find articles of interest for future newsletters.

Bob was asked to confirm that our 2004 meeting room had been reserved for us.

Howard adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. We then proceeded to Sante's Restaurant for the second half of our meeting.

Brian Goers, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

September 7, 2003

Howard Luckey called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM at our annual picnic meeting. Also present were Brian Goers, Carl Boll, George Schneeweiss, Brother Jeremy, John Chasteen, Eddie Kuns, Dave Barns, Mike Warns, Tony Podraza and Bob Swoger. Visitors Larry and Genevieve Sauter, Donna and Jennifer Barnes noted to hostess Annette Swoger that the weather was beautiful yet a little warm (83 degrees) for our 18 attendees but that there was plenty of available shaded area to sit under. There were thick burgers carefully cooked, bratwurst and hotdogs to satisfy everyone's request. A special mild salsa provided by the Sauters, Potato Salad provided by the Barnes family, salads and all sorts of deserts, including ice cream provided by Brother Jeremy, rounded out the day's list of good things to eat.



George Schneeweiss gave the Treasurer's report of \$5694.34

Brian Goers read the minutes of last months meeting. Scott found an error and motioned to amend the minutes. Seconded by Bob Swoger and passed.

Old Business

Tony informed the group that we have permission to scan all eleven issues of Under Color magazine.

Bob Swoger cited that Tony Podraza informed us at the June meeting that there was a need to concentrate on the Motorola MicroComputer Club's donation of software documentation. It was starting to give off the all too familiar odor of paper deterioration due to being stored in area not environmentally controlled. This documentation had been stored in steel filing cabinets at Motorola but now was stored in corrugated paper boxes.

A motion was made to devote Saturday October 4 beginning at 12 noon to sort through the documentation to save that which is of importance and discard that which is of no interest. As time permits, the rest of the club inventory will be cataloged as to final destination whether for Club Library or Computer Fest. Our Librarian, Brother Jeremy, will be present to oversee that things be put in order.

New Business

Tony Podraza has confirmed the date of the next "Last" Annual Chicago CoCoFEST! of May 15 and 16, 2004. Motion was made and passed to OK the deposit on the fest room for that weekend.

President Howard Luckey designated October 15 as the deadline for the next CoCo~123 newsletter. He furthermore decreed that the

newsletters be sent to all paid members back to the year 2001. Also to be included in the next newsletter will be a list of members from 2000 to present along with their dues status.

As the last newsletter was published in November of 2002, Tony made motion that the dues status of all paid members be extended one full year. The motion carried and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. We did not go to Sante's Restaurant.

Brian Goers, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.

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



Bob, Had a great time at the picnic. Sorry I had to leave so early . Glad you called and reminded me of the meeting. We had a great motor trip to Bradenton, Fl. The permanent e-mail is:

JohnChasteen.2@Juno.com

What is the club web site? [See above Ed.] Is there a CoCo preservation web site? [There is a link to it on our web page. Ed.]

John

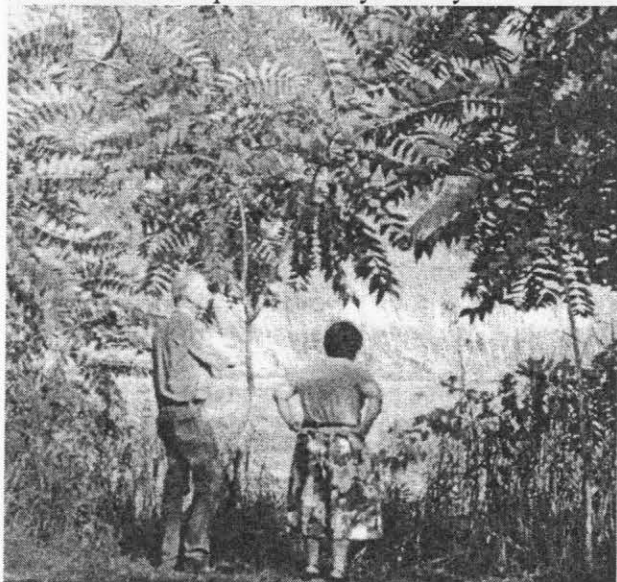
ARTICLE

PUTTING TOGETHER ANOTHER ANNUAL GLENSIDE PICNIC

by
Bob Swoger

A very important part of the Glenside Color Computer Club is its social events. When I first visited the club, I noted that there was a "Meeting After", a gathering of the members from the meeting at a nearby restaurant after the regular meeting. Also, as years passed, it was noted that the annual CoCoFEST was turning into a more social event, people gathering once a year from all over the country to see each other again. The result of that was that the Glenside Club spent more time planning the social side of the CoCoFEST! by planing the Saturday evening dinner time to get all the Fest attendees together to talk over old times and new events in their lives. We do this because of what we learned from our Canadian member

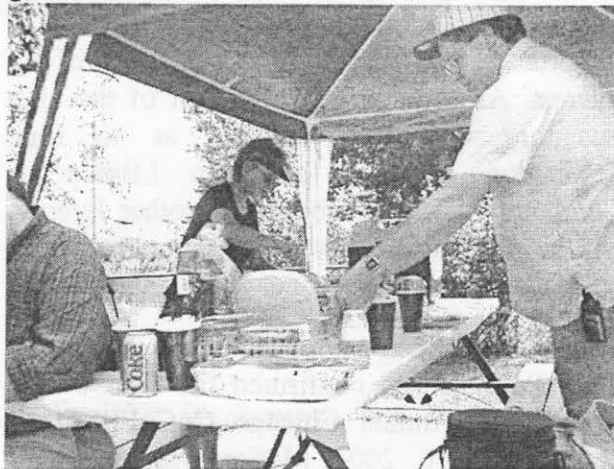
Another favorite activity was the once a year Glenside Picnic. Now as the meeting attendance got smaller, I felt it was necessary to make the picnic a stronger event. There is the preparation for the big day. This year the plan was to have the picnic in my back yard.



I have a 1/3 acre lot backed up against the a 35 acre park giving the allusion of a much larger, quieter and relaxing place to have a restful picnic atmosphere. (I really get off on allusions.)

Preparation this year meant putting new 2X6 planks on my old picnic table's wrought iron frame (3rd time in 25 years) and painting that table as well as a comfortable old redwood chair and side table. Next, my wife and I had to put together the old swing and the gazebo that would cover the picnic table to keep old Sol from burning our visitors. Finally came the general cleanup of the back yard and patio. Plenty of lawn watering and hosing off the patio's concrete made the place look neat and ready to go. As you may guess, it takes something like this event to get me to polish up the back yard for the arrival of guests.

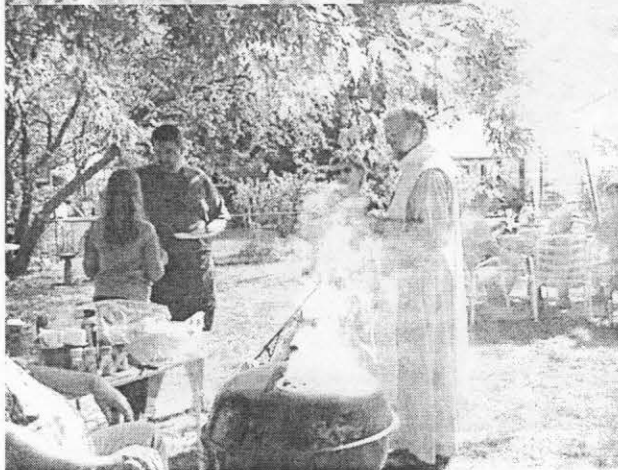
In years past Tony Podraza provided the meat and buns for the picnic but this year, being retired, I took that task away from him as he is plenty busy these days with new work responsibilities as well as taking care of the fest each year. The club reimbursed us for the cost. We provided the drinks, ice, corn, chips and condiments that included fresh out-of-our garden tomatoes.



As for the rest of the food, each attendee brings something (not a requirement) and there is always plenty of great food to go around. There are always salads, cakes, brownies, veggies and dips, cookies and special drinks. These goodies are placed on the previously mentioned

sheltered picnic table that can seat 8 to 12 people around comfortably. The result is plenty of great tasting goodies in reach of everybody. **Leave your diets at home!**

Now the most important part. One of the hosts (me) must call all local members, present and past, to gather them together for the event. Note: This is not just an event for members in good standing or members that only come to meetings - this is a chance for old friends that have known each other for 23 years to get together for a real social event. Also, I contacted all those that we had not seen for a real long time so that there would be a real surprise for friends getting together with other friends that liked to share all those teary eyed stories of times past CoCo related events.

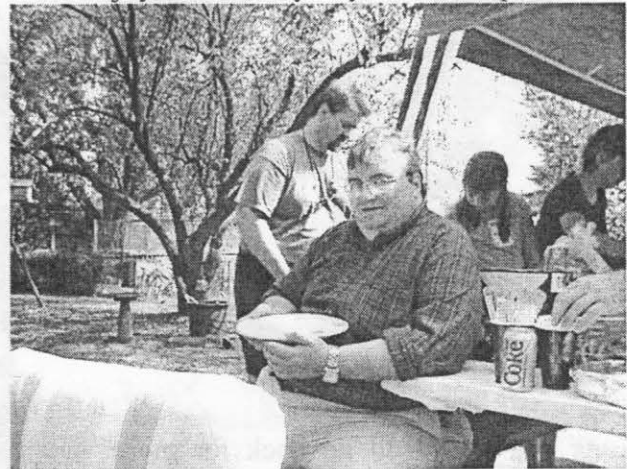


Such was the case with our dear friend Dave Barnes and his family visiting this year and, I believe, a first time visit to my back yard from Brother Jeremy who brought Ice Cream for all.

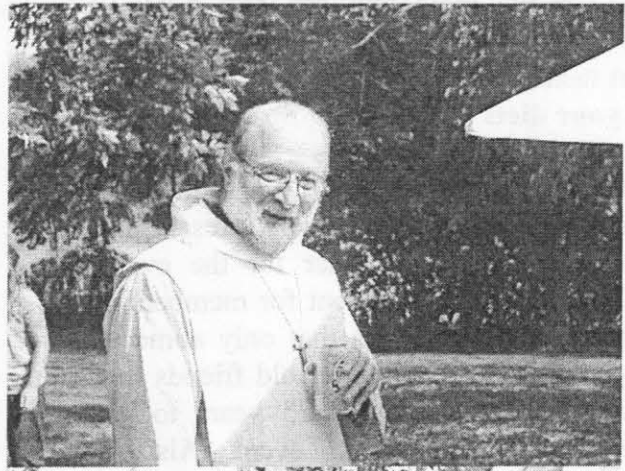
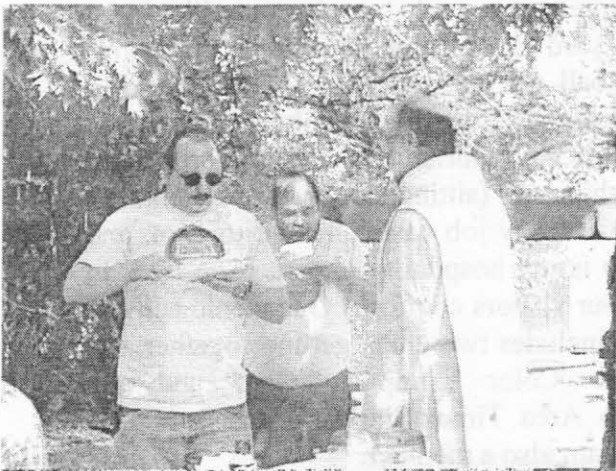
In past years I provided yard games like horse shoes, yard darts (now banned from stores) volley ball net and other games for the kids. What I found is that our members prefer great food in comfortable surroundings and fellowship (sitting around and talking.) This makes my job easier. I love to cook and Annette is my hospitality expert. (She likes to see to our visitors comfort.) Our picnic activity always includes two clubs getting together, the Glenside Color Computer Club and the Chicago Area Timex/Sinclair Users group of which I am also a member.



Genevieve and Larry Sauter of CATUG enjoy picnic goodies with GCCC's VP Tony Podraza. Genevieve brought a very SPECIAL mild Salsa that I enjoyed for many days after the picnic.



Mike Warns - he came alone this year - in past years his daughters would accompany him but being older now they had other plans. We missed them this year but we were all happy Mike could make it again this year.



We buy freshly picked corn from a nearby farm stand and boil it in a propane turkey cooker. You can't get it any fresher or sweeter!

George Schneeweiss, our Treasurer, had hosted the picnic two years in a row down in Forrest, Illinois, about 100 miles south of me. This year he came up north to be with us.



Eddie Kuns and Carl Boll go back for more corn, a great testimony to the fact that the hosts made the right choice.

I will just let the pictures speak for themselves as to how much our attendees enjoyed all the great food.

After everyone has eaten their fill, someone usually puts on a show of some new computer related items. In past years we had MM-1 demos that had the interest of many attendees. One year some members from out of state (Sorry, I can't remember who) came by one year and showed us a new tiny computer with a touch pad type screen. Yet another year we had a computer swap fest out of the trunk of an attendee's vehicles.



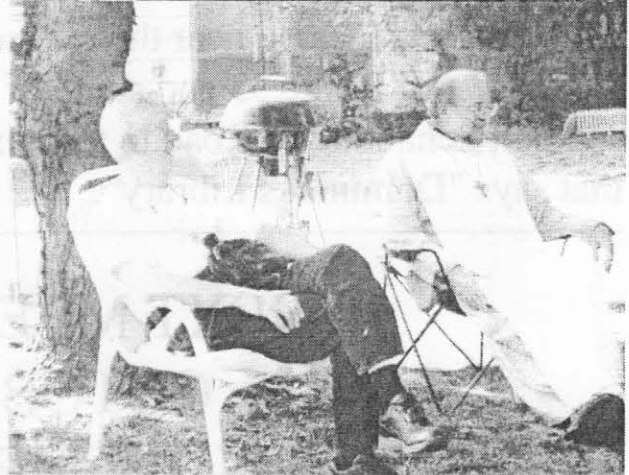
This year Carl Boll brought the neatest tiny picture printer that provided some of the pictures for this article from his laptop computer.

This year we combined our picnic with our monthly meeting and therefore got a real good meeting turnout.



Brian Goers takes the minutes as George Schneeweiss gives the Treasurer's report.

Following the meeting, some left for home and others, many others, stayed around for a couple of hours doing what has become our favorite activity rather than the games we played in times past, FELLOWSHIPPING, the fine art of just sitting around and talking.



All the work was well worth the effort as all those present seemed to have a great time, nonstop conversations and no one left hungry. Many stay behind just to help Annette and I in the clean up. All this lightens the work load. Won't you consider joining us next year?

---GATOR---

NOTICE: All GLENSIDE Member-ships have been extended one full year by unanimous vote by the Executive Board. Check your mailing label's top right-hand corner for your new expiration date.

Meeting Location:

**Schaumburg Township District Library
130 South Roselle Road
Schaumburg, Illinois 60193**

Directions:

The library is located near the intersection of Schaumburg Road and Roselle Road west of Route 53 and south of Route 72. From the intersection, proceed west on Schaumburg Road to the next intersection marked by a large sign that says "Dominicks Library".

NEXT MEETING DATES:

OCTOBER 9, 2003

NOVEMBER 13, 2003

DECEMBER 11, 2003

JANUARY 8, 2004

FEBRUARY 12, 2004

MARCH 11, 2004

APRIL 8, 2004

MAY 13, 2004

JUNE 10, 2004

The Glenside Color Computer Club Presents...

The "Baker's Dozen" Annual "Last"

Chicago CoCoFEST!

MAY 15 & 16, 2004

Same great location as before,

Best Western Plaza Hotel & Convention Center,

Elgin, Illinois

(www.bestwestern.com)

General Admission - all attendees: **\$10.00** - Whole Show - Children 10 and under - **FREE**