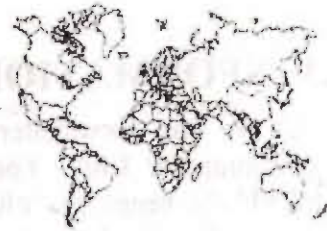


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G.S.B.A.A. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2004 club officers and how to contact them. If you have questions about the association call one of the officers for the answers.

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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

If you are unsure of when you last paid dues, look at the address label. The numbers to the right of your name indicate the last year you paid your dues.

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 a nearby Restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

Bakers Dozen CoCo FEST!

WOW For what may have been the smallest crowd for any CoCo FEST!, it was still a great show. (I've since learned that the numbers were about the same as last year.)

Something different this year from the past several CoCoFEST!s was five seminars, three on Saturday, two on Sunday.

The first one on Saturday was by Brian Goers. His topic was the possibility of some kind of relationship between our club and users of Linux. The possible attraction for both CoCo users and Linux users is the similarity between OS-9 and Linux. Most of us listening thought it was an okay idea. However, one person expressed a concern about the possibility of CoCo users being overwhelmed by a large number of Linux users. The next step would be to get more information: Do Linux user groups exist? Do a survey of CoCo members for input about the worthiness of doing this.

The second one was given by Boisy and Mark about the work they are doing with Cloud-9 with all of the enhancements. They took turns displaying and describing the various projects. I didn't take notes and I don't remember all the things they were talking about. I think it would be nice if one or both would submit an article for our news letter.

I did, however, decide to keep my CoCo 3 that I had on the market. I also bought a package of stuff from Cloud-9 to run on it. Unfortunately, just before the Fest! I had sold my monitor so now I have to get another one if I'm going to use the stuff I bought.

Following the Cloud-9 seminar, Frank Davis of FWD Computing gave us his seminar on his new company: Good Life Productions, L.L.C. The company is engaged in the high quality production as well as post production work on audio and video. They have taken a lot of old radio shows and movies and greatly cleaned them up with a proprietary process which is owned by their new company. They take old audio and video, remove any old background unwanted noise, hiss or pops and enhance volume levels. They then convert it to multi-channel audio that sounds as real as has been achieved for the best recorded audio and video.

Frank gave us a demo of the results of the process for us and all agreed the results were phenomenal.

That evening just about everybody at the FEST! dined at the restaurant which made a nice social gathering. During the meal Brother Jeremy mentioned that 2005 would be the 25th anniversary of the CoCo and that might make a good theme for next year's FEST!. The idea is that such a theme might attract a lot of CoConuts for a celebration. When Brother Jeremy mentioned it at Sunday's show, I suggested it might be a good idea to contact Radio Shack for them to participate. What the company would do I don't know. It might be a good idea to push this theme starting now.

The next day, Sunday, we had two more presentations. One was by Justin about creating a firewall, and the other was by David Keil demo-ing his CoCo emulator.

Justin did a demo about setting up a firewall appliance using a program called Smooth Wall. With this program you can take an old computer install the program and have not just a firewall but a firewall appliance. Smooth Wall is based on Line, and Justin went through the process of installing the program and setting up the parameters for the firewall to work. This program is available at <http://smoothwall.org> and I think it is free.

David did a demo of his CoCo emulator that he has been working on for long time. His emulator uses the PC hardware and has virtual disk drives and a tape player. Quiet a few games come with his program. David offers the emulator on a disk for \$5.00 and he gives all of the proceeds to our club. Thanks David.

I enjoyed myself and I hope more of you will be able to attend the 2005 LAST!. I thank everyone who made the effort to organize and carry out the FEST!.

The Annual Picnic

On September 12th we held our annual picnic. Again Bob Swoger and his wife invited us to hold the activity at their home. Later in this

newsletter you can read and see a full report on the picnic. One of the nicest things about the picnic is the chance to visit with members and others who haven't been to meetings.

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREASURY NOTES

As of November 11, 2004, the balance in our checking account is \$5607.62.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

April 8, 2004

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.. Present also were Howard Luckey, Brian Goers, Tony Podraza, Scott Montgomery and Bob Swoger.

The Secretary's report and Treasurer's report was read. George Schneeweiss was phoned to report we have \$4323.56. Tony Podraza reported that so far we have the following vendors acknowledging that they will be present at this years CoCoFEST!: **Cloud 9, FWD, Dave & Susan Poitras -- CoCo Gear, Malcolm Cleveland, Luckey Corner, Chasteen, Bargeman, Tuxdriver, Griff Art, Brian Goers IDE, Ken Baker, Chris Hawks, & Brian Schubring's Music Man.**

Brian Goers will be selling IDE interface boards at the FEST and will also be giving an IDE SEMINAR at 11 a.m. Saturday morning. Brian will also be gathering information on all interesting CoCo related subjects.

Seminars: Justin Wagner on Firewall's, Goers CoCo on Linux, Cloud 9 on new products for the CoCo, FWD Computing on news sound and video business producing quality CDs.

Bob read an E-mailed letter from FWD that he will add to the next newsletter. Bob will put out the first CoCo~123 for 2004 to be mailed by April 17, 2004.

Brian Goers was contacted by Jean Yves of France indicating he wants an IDE interface. Brian will do all he can to oblige.

FEST prices are to be the same as last year, \$40 for a table and 2 day ticket. Rooms at Best Western to be \$62 with no additional charge for each additional occupant.

The shirt Logo for our upcoming CoCoFEST! is being developed by Jim Johnson, an artist for the G.A.R.B.C. (General Association of Regular Baptists) magazine. Jim did a shirt for us several years ago. Being a professional graphic artist, he has the ability to do the kind of graphic for us. FWD Computing will again print and sell our t-shirts.

Bob reported that the latest newsletter is on the web site and that our mailing to 130 members had gone out three weeks earlier. Of those 8 were returned with bad or changed addresses. The changed addresses were re-sent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.. We then headed over to Portillo's for the meeting after.

May 14, 2004

This meeting was for the express purpose of setting up the exhibition room. The meeting adjourned after we setup the exhibition room. We had 42 paid attendees. This number included 9 ladies and 11 vendors

June 10, 2004

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 7:49 p.m. because the meeting room was tied up by a group ahead of us. Present also were Brian Goers, Tony Podraza and Bob Swoger.

The Treasurer's report was read by George over the phone informing us that our present balance was \$4605.28.

Tony reported that the CoCoFEST! receipts were \$29.90 greater than our debits.

Annual Report was filled out and Howard consented to forward it to Jesse White along with the required \$8. He also will deposit the checks from the fest.

We next filled out the forms for the meeting room reservation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.. We then headed over to Portillo's for the meeting after.

July 8, 2004

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.. Also present were Brother Jeremy, Tony Podraza, Justin Wagner, George Schneeweiss and Bob Swoger.

Bob Swoger read the Secretary's report, George Schneeweiss informing us that our present balance was \$5517.03.

Howard Luckey reported that the Corporation papers had been sent in to the Secretary of State of Illinois.

President Howard Luckey directed that the newsletter be put out by the end of August with the deadline for material to Bob Swoger be in by August 1. A dues notice appeal is to be included in the newsletter. Also, the announcement for our Annual Glenside picnic on Sunday September 12th should be included.

Howard asked Tony Podraza to announce the Silver Anniversary Glenside CoCoFEST! be e-mailed to all CoCo users informing them of the May 14-15 2005 date.

We welcomed new member **Thomas W. Harron** of Holman Wisconsin to our group.

Brother Jeremy requests all readers to send Glenside a letter telling us why they think their lives behind the computer is better because of CoCo.

David Kiel contacted Tony Podraza to inform us that he will be present at our August 12, 2004 meeting with updated copies of his CoCo emulator.

Justin Wagner says he now has a web site and will email the URL to Secretary Bob Swoger that a link might be added to the Glenside web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.. We then headed over to Portillo's for the meeting after.

August 12, 2004

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 7:21 p.m.. Also present were Richard Bair, David

Keil, Tony Podraza, Justin Wagner, George Schneeweiss, John Chasteen, and Bob Swoger.

Bob Swoger read the Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report was read by George Schneeweiss informing us that our present balance was \$5575.03. This number was from further income that had come from Howard Luckey, \$18, and Wally Grossman for an IDE HD Interface, \$40.

Howard Luckey reported that he still held \$18 from the CoCoFEST! that he gave George this evening.

President Howard Luckey had directed that the newsletter be put out by the end of August with the deadline for material to Bob Swoger to be in by August 1. To this point in time, no material had come into Bob. Bob requested that a post card mailing be put out by the end of August to announce our Annual Glenside picnic on Sunday September 12th. All agreed.

Howard once again asked Tony Podraza to announce the Silver Anniversary Glenside CoCoFEST! be e-mailed to all CoCo users informing them of the CoCoFEST! date, Brother Jeremy's request for CoCo testimony and also adding a request for Logo and theme ideas to be in by the end of October.

Bob requested that our September meeting be conducted at the Annual picnic. All agreed.

Barbara Morris sends in her salutations (A big hug and HELLO) to all our members.

David Keil asked if anyone had a 6309 processor that he might borrow for the further development of his CoCo emulator. No one present had one to loan.

John Chasteen gave us his library card number and 6 filled out forms that we might get our room for the next six months.

Justin is still to educate us of what is new in the PC peripheral and interconnection worked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.. Dave Keil then gave a demo of his latest CoCo3 emulator. We then headed over to Portillo's for the meeting after.

September 12, 2004 GCCC Picnic

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Bob and Annette Swoger.



Justin Wagner & George Schneeweiss

Also present were Eddie Kuns, Chris, Sam and Tony Podraza, Scott Montgomery, Marge and John Chasteen, Justin Wagner, Bob and Annette Swoger, Chris and Nancy Hawks, Brian Goers, Richard Bair and his fiancée Sandy and George Schneeweiss. Missing were Brother Jeremy, Larry Sauter, Dave Barnes, Brian Schubring, Cy Herre, Mike Warns and Carl Boll.



Bob Swoger led by introducing himself to **Rich Bair's** fiancée **Sandy** with his life story.



Each member present introduced themselves to Sandy in a similar manner. We all got to know each other better than we had known each other before.

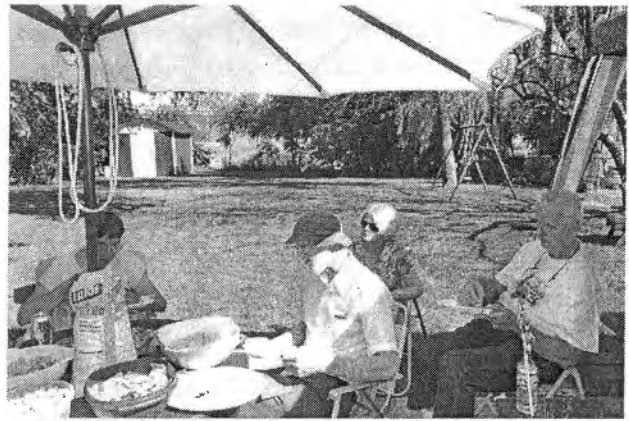


Chris and Nancy told us of their harrowing move of all their plants, pets and other possessions from their Indiana home to their new residence in Harvard, IL.



George, Justin, Chris and Nancy

Howard once again asked Tony Podraza to announce the Silver Anniversary Glenside CoCoFEST! be e-mailed to all CoCo users informing them of the CoCoFEST! date.



Nancy, Richard, Sandy and John.

Brother Jeremy's request for CoCo testimony and also adding a request for Logo and theme ideas to be in by the end of October.

Bob read the themes so far submitted and showed the Logo ideas.

Meeting adjourned at Dusk

October 14, 2004

Justin Wagner opened the meeting at 8:06 p.m. at Schaumburg Public Library. Also present were Tony Podraza, Bob Swoger, George Schneeweiss and Chris Hawks.

Bob Swoger read the September 12 minutes, George Schneeweiss read the Treasurers report. Our current balance is \$5587.62.

Tony reported that the Best Western where we conducted our previous year's CoCoFEST!s has been sold to a Baptist Seminary. Tony checked out the Holiday Inn just north of the intersection of I-90, the Northwest Tollway, and found that we could have our fest there for nearly the same price. However, the room rates would be \$79 instead of the \$62 we had last year. Justin stated he would check into the rates at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Chris said he would check out the prices at Harvard, Illinois.

Brian Goers will check out the Ramada Inn in Homewood. The Ramada is just South of I-80 on Halsted. Room rates about \$85.00. The other is the Holiday Inn north I-80 in the area of the Tweeter Center in Tinley Park. Room rates are about \$104.00. He will recheck that price. Brian stated he knew the area better for

the Ramada on Halsted, its restaurants, shopping, stores, etc..

We next discussed possible dates for the CoCoFEST! We felt that May 21 & 22 would be our first choice and April 16 & 17 would be our second choice.

Bob reported that so far the themes for the next CoCoFEST! are:

A Silver Silicon Sellastration!

Color Me Silver -- I'm 25!

**One Score And Five I Came Alive And Yet
Still Survive**

**I Celebrate My Jubilee -- Won't You Come
And Be With Me?**

**I Am Twenty-Five And Still Alive! Please Be
With Me On (Fest Date)**

8 Bit CoCo Celebrates 2 Bit Anniversary

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m..

November 11, 2004

Howard Luckey opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. at Schaumburg Public Library. Also present were Tony Podraza, Bob Sturnfield, Justin Wagner, Bob Swoger, George Schneeweiss and Chris Hawks.

Bob Swoger read the October 14 meeting minutes, George Schneeweiss read the Treasurers report. Our current balance is \$5607.62.

Justin gave a report of the possible fest location at Geneva, Wisconsin. Room rates would be \$65 to \$75 per night and the exhibition room would be about \$50 to \$100 per hour. We would be limited to the date of March 12 & 13, 2005

Chris Hawks found no good fest location at Harvard, Illinois.

Brian Goers reported that the Ramada Inn in Homewood just South of I-80 on Halsted had room rates starting at \$85.00. The other site he checked out was the Holiday Inn north I-80 in the area of the Tweeter Center in Tinley Park. Room rates there are about \$104.00. Brian stated he knew the area better for the Ramada on Halsted, its restaurants, shopping, stores, etc..

Tony reported that the Holiday Inn just north of the intersection of I-90, the Northwest Tollway, had nearly the same price for the exhibition room as we got last year from the Ramada Inn. However, the room rates would be \$79 instead of the \$62 we had last year. Our only date would be **April 16 & 17, 2005.**

We decided that of all the possibilities we now had information on, we would pursue the Elgin Holiday Inn in Elgin.

We next picked a slogan and Logo for the CoCoFEST!. We picked Color me silver to be used with a logo of a morph of the CoCo 1 and the CoCo3 along with a spray can of silver paint causing the morph.

Tony made a proposal that we send \$50 to Dennis Bathory-Kitsz in token recognition of his support of the COCo community by hosting the CoCoLIST.

Bob asked President Howard when he wanted the next newsletter out. He responded that it should be in time for the December 9th meeting that we might fold and stuff and label at that meeting.

Bob then checked on the date we needed to get our room requests in. That date turned out to be TODAY. We all grabbed pens and filled out the forms. Bob handed them in to the person at the information desk on the second floor. (Glad we asked!)

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.. We then headed over to Portillo's for the meeting after.

Bob Swoger, Acting 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:

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Bob Swoger, Webmaster
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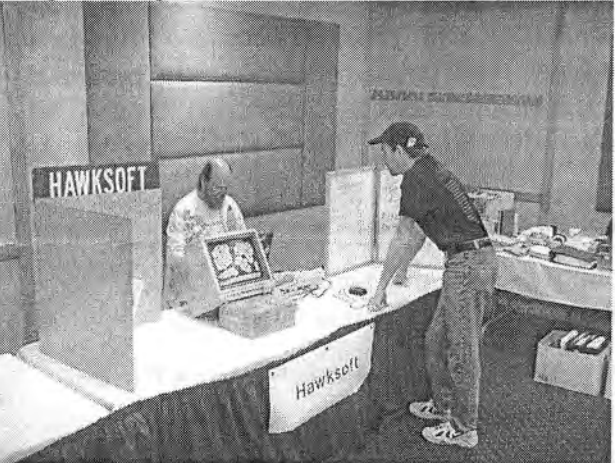
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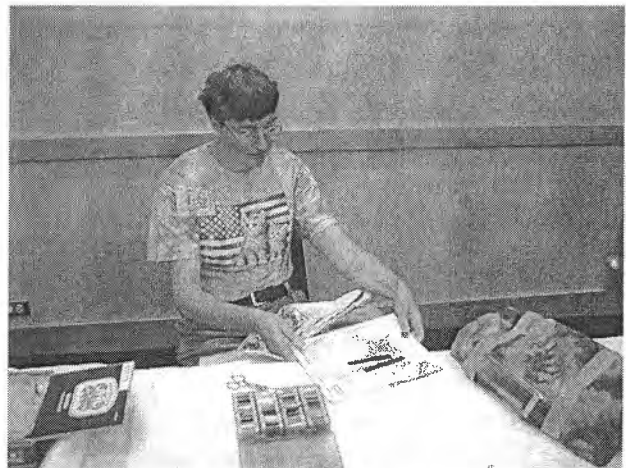
Dave Keil of Wisconsin & George Bethea of New York



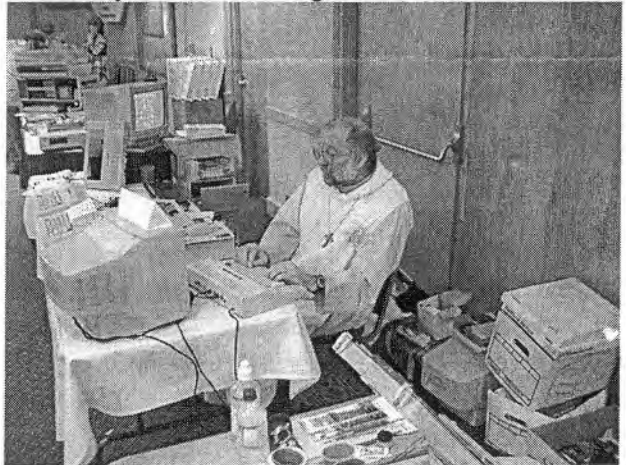
Greg Gates opens his fest donation to Tony Podraza



Chris Hawks shows his wares. I was hoping he would demo his CoCo controlled X-10 software, but maybe next year. This software along with a Tandy interface provides control of household lights and appliances.



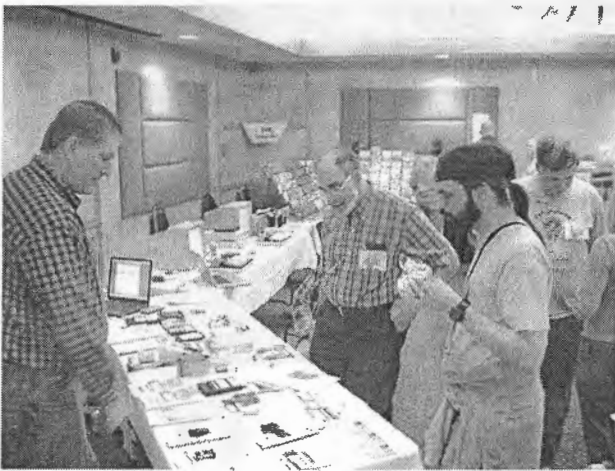
Nancy Hawks showing her fine needle work



Monk-O-Ware champion Brother Jeremy



Mark explains the SuperIDE Interface capabilities. It supports hard drives and up to 1 gig of CompactFlash devices with its On-board CompactFlash socket. It has a 40 pin IDE connector and 64K of user programmable FLASH. It supports NitroS-9 and Disk BASIC (using HDB-DOS) and comes with FLASH programming software and test utilities under Disk BASIC . It also can have an optional real-time clock



Allen and Wally looking over the Cloud 9 products



Mark Marlette & Boisy Pitre gave their seminar on all available Cloud 9 products. Since we did this in the meeting room, all those present had a chance to participate.



Mark Marlette & Boisy Pitre explain the newest solid state storage devices now available for the CoCo...



... making high capacity store w/o crashes possible



The crowd had only turn slightly in their chairs to hear the next seminar. Frank Davis of FWD Computing told us of his new business venture that provides superior audio and video to purchasers of his CD ROMs. His seminar included letting us hear the results of cleaning up old sound sources -- the results showed us how 1940 lacquer disks could sound like today's digitally recorded CDs.



Frank Davis's seminar & sound Demo caused many to ask more questions afterward.



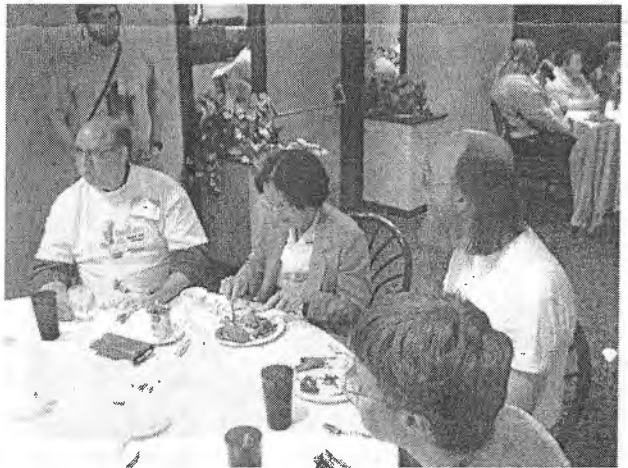
Tony once again this year conducted one of our several no-minimum bid auctions.



We all had a chance to socialize with all those we had not seen since the last CoCoFEST!



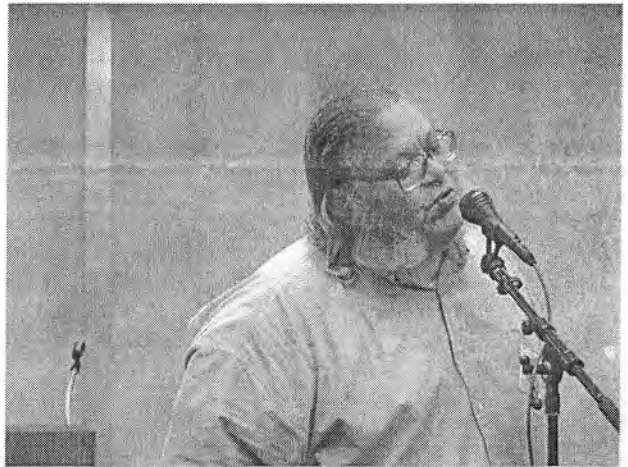
All the participants came into the dining room to enjoy a great meal from the Best Western buffet.



Chris & Nancy Hawks recently relocated back to Illinois from their beautiful home in Indiana.



Brian Goers and Howard Lucky get to know the day's big bidder, Fred Provoncha of Salt Lake City



James Jones of Clive, Iowa leads off the sing along.



Billy Jones sings here with Brother Jeremy and later joins James as both play the recorder.



Bob Swoger a strumin' and a pickin' along as Brother Jeremy leads.



Tony Podraza entertains us with songs of the 60's

WEB COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Harron wrote: "George, I'd like to join the GCCC. Enclosed please find my \$15 for membership. I bought my first CoCo in 1982 while I was in the 10th grade. I still think it was the most fun computer I ever bought." Thanks, Tom Harron

Willard Goosey wrote: "George, please sign me up as a member of the Glenside Color computer Club. Included find my check for this year's dues. Keep up the good work.." Thank you, Willard.

Tony Cappellini wrote: "Tony, I can't believe I never paid for any past membership in the club, yet, I still receive newsletters. I am enclosing a check for \$30 to cover the previous mailings. Also note my address change. Thanks for continuing to send the CoCo~123 newsletters." Tony Cappellini.

Ernie Hedberg wrote: "The CoCo was my first computer. I am looking for a good home for my CoCo and associated equipment. If you know someone who will give it a good home, my CoCo and associated equipment is free. I learned a lot with it and would not feel right selling it. Nowadays it is just taking up room and I doubt if I will ever get back to it. I have a Color Computer 2, 64 MB, JDOS with a dual 5 1/4 floppy drive. 1 or so years of Rainbow magazine. Wico Command Control, cassette tape player, a Tandy DMP-130 dot matrix printer, and misc. cables & books. It all worked when I put it away. Please let me know if you are interested in it." Thank you, Ernie Hedberg.

Dick Crislip wrote: "Hello, Howard. I mentioned a while back that I have a couple boxes of CoCo stuff I'd love to donate to the club for your next CoCoFEST! auction if only I had an address to send it to. I'll even pay the shipping. Dick Crislip" [*Send to Treasurer George Schneeweiss - address on page 2. Ed.*]

The Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc. presents The 14th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!

"The Silver Silicon Sellastration"

April 16th & 17th, 2005

(Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-4:30pm)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Elgin

495 Airport Road

Elgin, Illinois 60123

(A city block from I-90 & IL-31 - JUST NORTH OF THE LOCATION OF LAST 11 YEARS!)

Overnight single occupancy room rate: \$79.00 (plus 10% tax). We have been told there is no surcharge for multiple occupancy. Call 1-847-488-9000 for reservations. Be sure to ask for the "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 March 31, 2005 and WILL NOT, !NOT!;!NOT! BE AVAILABLE to FEST! attendees. YOU MUST REGISTER under "CoCoFEST!" to GET THIS RATE.

WHY? WHY? OH WHHYYYYYY? DO WE DO THIS?

- 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!!!!

HOW MUCH? General Admission, ALL ATTENDEES: \$5.00/day, \$7.00 whole show - Children 10 and under - FREE

Advance ticket sales available between 1/15/2005 and 3/30/2005 from:

George Schneeweiss
13450 N 2700 E Road
Forrest, IL 61741

Include a Self-Addressed-STAMPED-Envelope (SASE)

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Be sure to visit GLENSIDE's web site ~ "<http://members.aol.com/clubbbs/glenside/>"

Here's a **SuperIDE** for your CoCo...



Want The Ultimate In CoCo Storage?

Look no further than the SuperIDE Interface from Cloud-9. This innovative product utilizes the latest in electronic design technology to bring you an interface that rocks your CoCo!

Blazing Fast CompactFlash On-Board

Use popular, widely available CompactFlash modules to access up to 1 gigabyte of solid-state, super fast storage. No hard drive crashes to worry about, and fast, reliable data storage that lasts for years.

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If you prefer rotating cylinders, no problem! The SuperIDE Interface sports a standard 40-pin IDE connector that gives you access to hard drives.

Boot In A Flash!

With 64K of flash memory, you can house up to four 16K ROMs. Choose from HDB-DOS, Radio Shack Disk BASIC, your favorite DOS, or even a ROM Pak! Easy to use software allows you to program your ROM in-circuit. No more hard-to-find obsolete EPROMs or cumbersome burners needed!

Need Time?

Choose the optional real-time clock for up to the second time on your CoCo. Never wonder again what time it *really* is.

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