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Upcoming Events:
The 16th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! **March 30 - April 29 2007**
Regular meetings every 2nd Thursday @ Schaumburg Public Library

G.S.B.A.A. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2007 club officers and how to contact them.
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CoCo~123 INFORMATION

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
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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 "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!.

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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 7:00 pm. If you need a map, see our Glenside Homepage at:

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

A social get-together always follows at a nearby restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

———————————————————Hello my fellow, important, CoCo persons.

Hey! It is almost the time again for another Annual "LAST" Chicago CoCoFEST! Are you planning on attending? I certainly wish you would do so. Please contact us early so we can put YOUR name on our web site as 2007 attendees.

Our CoCoFEST! is at the same location as last year and we need to have an increase in the number of users attending. As far as I know many of us "usual suspects" will be present. Won't you come too, please?

I recently discovered my CD-I (Compact Disk-Interactive) gaming equipment. CD-I is an OS-9 based gaming system that never made it big and had nothing to do with a CoCo. I am going to bring everything I can find to the fest and see if I can get it to work. Maybe some others have some CD-I stuff and we can have some fun playing with the system.

So long now until I see you at the FEST!

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

CoCoFEST! – 2007

This year marks the sixteenth anniversary of the Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! Glenside has sponsored all but the first.

We have seen this event swing from an event that CoCo users attended mainly to buy or sell various CoCo related hardware, firmware and software with little or no regard on socializing - - to an event where CoCo users come together first to renew old friendships, and second, with expectations to purchase newly designed peripherals that will bring their CoCo systems into the 21st Century. Of course, there has always been the ever popular swap fest segment.

Seminars were occurring in side rooms where a third of the visitors were unable to attend because they were busy manning vendor tables in the showroom. Seminars are now conducted IN the showroom allowing ALL to attend.

Saturday night would find the visitors dividing into small groups and going their different ways to various area restaurants, leaving some attendees alone on their own sometimes going without dinner. Now on Saturday evening ALL come together in the Joseph Room of the Inn to enjoy the company of ALL the other attendees -- meeting or becoming more familiar with other CoCo users and enjoying a dinner from Bennigans menu.

Some feel we need a fresh new team working for the CoCoFEST!. (It has been noted they've never visited here.) We believe that those who make our CoCoFEST! work are right here among us. Those working the hardest bring all sorts of new products to our fest year after year. Many more make our CoCoFEST! a success by just attending.

Cloud-9 has become the leading vendor of peripherals to provide state of the art bulk storage and other peripherals for the CoCo. Both Roy Justus and Chris Hawks developed interfaces to connect State-Of-The-Art monitors to our CoCos. Carl Boll, Eddie Kuns, Brian Goers and others of the Glenside CCC created IDE Hard Drive interfaces for the CoCo3 of which more than 150 where sold over the last several years ago. Brian tells us there will be nearly 50 more brand new units available at this 16th CoCoFEST!.

Watch our web site to see what other offerings will be at our fest.

TREA$URY NOTE$

As of February 8, 2007, we have $702.27 in checking and $5018 in savings.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

January 11, 2007

Howard Luckey called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm at the Library. Also present were Chris Hawks, Tony Podraza, Dave Kelly, Bob Swoger, Frank Pittel, Justin Wagner, George Schneeweiss and Brian Goers.

Old Business:
Bob secured the Joseph Room for Saturday evening for the CoCoFEST! dinner, mailed out the vendor contracts and the Winter Newsletters.

Frank Davis emailed this idea: "Got the newsletter yesterday and was reading about logo design. If no luck on that one or still open to suggestions, how about this: 50s style sock hop of couple dancing to rock and roll. Him wearing the old Cords Senior pants popular at that time (the guy we used to put pictures of significance and people sign from our school) and her wearing the wide cord skirts of that time period with the same. Sweet 16 words above, CoCoFEST and date below. Mixed with the music symbols would be Coco pictures, and possibly some small pictures of CoCos on the pants and skirt. Just a suggestion."

Bob contacted Jim Johnson in Kokomo with the first CoCoFEST! logo idea and also updated our web site with a list of vendors and committed attendees.

New Business:.
We need to do all we can to make up the $500 extra charge for the showroom. Tony and Howard will do a malted media announcement. Glenside will sell a 2 DVD set of the MI&CC 1993 Middle America Fest, a 3 DVD set of the 1992 Pacific Northwest CoCoFest, and a 3 DVD set of Dave Pellerito's "The Compiler Video Magazine".

Richard emailed from the U.K.: "I noticed there are both Color Computer and Timex Sinclair clubs hosted at the same site, which intrigued me!

I am thinking of coming over to the US in time for the Glenside CoCoFEST! and was wondering if you knew whether the Timex Sinclair group would be active around the same

sort of time. I am a 29 year old 8 bit computer enthusiast from England and I have an interest in many 8 bit computer formats, particularly Sinclair (since they were very popular here), Commodore (also popular), Tandy (quite rare here but very interesting experimenters' machines) and MSX (also rare here but popular in Continental Europe and Japan). Hope to hear from you, Richard"

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

February 8, 2007

Chris Hawks called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm at the Library. Also present were Tony Podraza, George Dorner and Bob Swoger.

Old Business:

Bob Swoger updated our web site with a list of vendors and committed attendees. Chris Hawks commented that color of the text on our web site in now readable against the very Colorful background.

Bob Swoger confirmed that he received from Boisy Pitre DVD's of the Pacific Northwest 1992 CoCoFest, the MI&CC 1993 Middle America Fest and the Dave Pellerito's "The Compiler Video Magazine" to sell at this years fest at the Glenside booth, a donation to help finance this year's fest. Unfortunately, the jewel case of the third Pacific Northwest 1992 CoCoFest disk opened during shipment and damaged the disc rendering it impossible to copy.

New Business:.

George Dorner attended our meeting this evening. George was a member of the OS-9 User Group and lives in Kildeer, IL. George is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, W9ZSJ and may have been pleased to find he was in good company this evening with Tony, N9YWH and Bob, K9WVY. George found us on the web.

Friday **George** emailed us: "I enjoyed meeting you folks last night and especially enjoyed some reminiscences from 20 years and more back.

I pulled a couple of boxes out of the basement and found a CoCo 2, a CoCo 3, and several interfaces, multi-packs, unassembled kits, and literature. There are many 5 1/4 diskettes. There are a couple of drives, too. I will likely have to call on Chris or others to get stuff up and running. I didn't plug anything in yet, but I will set up the main CoCo w/o OS-9 tomorrow.

You may find this list of the group which met at Wood Dale to be of interest. David Bethe is the musician who was such a whiz on the CoCo. He used to give talks about his software in which he quoted the hex address of routines in the machine, while assuming that we all knew what their function was when he quoted the "name." Carlo Segre is still a professor at I.I.T. and is involved as a Debian programmer, I think. He used OS-9 on a CoCo and his own software for X-Ray crystallography at Argonne. Larry Larsen used OS-9 commercially and did the Brunswick bowling lanes A/V and control systems. I have in my basement a Fujitsu OS-9 machine which he bought in Japan and which never received type acceptance from the FCC. It had better hi-res graphics than almost anything of its time. It also would operate on a Z-80 board or a 6502 board. Norb Orzula is a ham whom I have seen at fests over the years. And, there are several of your own here. I'll see you again, probably asking for help. 8-)   George Dorner"

Tony Podraza reported that only four vendors had sent in their contracts so far. Bob Swoger reported 34 attendees have responded so far. We feel we need 50 or more to break even.

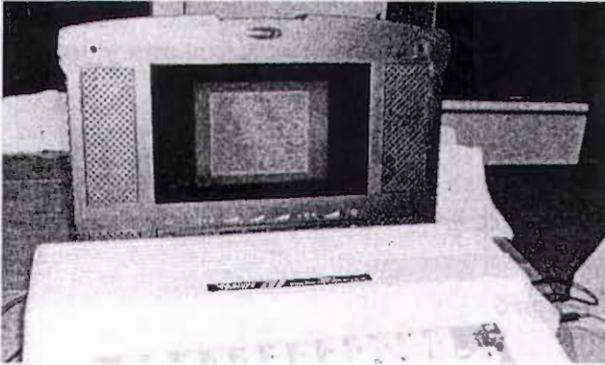Chris Hawks brought in examples of DVD labels for the Boisy Collection.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club

ARTICLE

CoCo III Laptop

How refreshing, I showed up to the February meeting and was delighted to see Chris Hawks with his CoCo III Laptop! Normally, most members show up with their MSDOS laptops

because that is the only machine that can connect to the Library's wireless system to conduct business, view the web site and bring aboard members from other states to the meeting using Gizmo, members Dave Kelly and Boisy Pitre for example. I asked Chris to tell you how he did it.

Portable Coco3 LCD
by Chris Hawks

Here's a picture of one of my Coco 3's with the new 5.6" LCD screen. I've been keeping an eye out for a long time, trying to find a small, inexpensive LCD to use for a portable Coco 3. I found the Intec G8270 at two surplus places for about $50 plus shipping. I already have a 15" LCD TV that I use with my Coco 3 at home. It has an S-Video input, so I can get a great picture using my 'HAWKSoft RGB to S-Video Adapter'. The G8270 also has an S-Video input, so I get a pretty good picture with the Adapter. You can see part of the 2"x2" gray box on the right side of the picture.

Most of my Coco3s have a 5 volt power jack (using an internal regulator) for powering various accessories like a 5 volt floppy disk, IDE to CF adapter (for Super IDE), or RGB to S-Video Adapter. The display on the G8270 is very good on the 32 column screen and quite adequate on the 40 and 80 column screens. And graphics look very nice.

The Intec G8270 is made to snap to the top of an original XBox. It has 2 safety snaps, and the LCD swings up for viewing. I removed the safety snaps and simply swing up the LCD and set the Coco3 on the base. (The part that snaps on to the XBox.) When I get a chance, I'll cover

the ventilation openings in the base so the Coco3 sits more solid. Plug the power adapter (included) into the G8270 and wall, plug an S-Video cable into the LCD and RGB to S-Video Adapter, plug the S-Video Adapter into the Coco3s RGB and power ports, plug the Coco3's power cord into the wall and you are ready to compute! You can also plug the Coco3's audio output into the G8270's audio inputs for nice sound. (I prefer my computers to be silent, obedient servants.)

Here are the 5 "W's"

WHO?   1) Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.
PRESENTS
WHAT?   2) The "Sweet Sixteen" Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
WHEN?   3) March 31 & April 1st, 2007
(Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. 10am-3:00pm or whenever)
WHERE? 4) HOLIDAY INN & SUITES ELGIN
495 Airport Rd
Elgin Illinois 60123
(A city block North of I-90 & IL-31)
(Same great location as last year!)
Overnight single occupancy room rate:
$79.00 plus 10% tax   (possibly less)
Call 1-847-488-9000 for reservations.
Please ask for the Glenside "CoCoFEST!" rate.
>>> YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER "COCOFEST!"<<<
>>>>> TO GET THIS 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 15, 2007 AND WILL NOT, ! NOT ! BE AVAILABLE TO THE FEST ATTENDEES.

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!!!

And now, the "H" word.
HOW MUCH? 1) All Attendees - General Admission
Saturday & Sunday: $15.00 1st - $10 2nd & more
Sunday Only: $10.00 1st - $5 2nd & more
******* Children 10 and under - FREE *******

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The "Sweet Sixteen" Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
March 31 & April 1st, 2007
Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4:30pm

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES ELGIN rates are $79.00 plus 10% tax. YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER "COCOFEST!" to get this rate, so be sure to ask for the Glenside "CoCoFEST!" rate.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY as there is a limited block of rooms held until March 17th 2007. These rooms will be released to the general public and will not be available for the fest attendees. Call the Elgin HOLIDAY INN & SUITES at 1-847-488-9000 for reservations.

General admission-all attendees: Saturday & Sunday: $15.00   1st   - $10   2nd & more.
Sunday Only: $10.00   1st   - $5   2nd & more.
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