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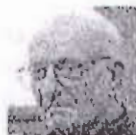
Upcoming Events:
The 17th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! April 12 -13, 2008
Regular meetings every 2nd Thursday @ Schaumburg Public Library

G.S.B.A.A. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2008 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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CoCo~123 INFORMATION

CoCo~123 is the newsletter of the Glenside Color Computer Club. Your annual contribution of \$15.00 helps to keep 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 and good times with fellow CoCo users at our Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! and annual picnic.

If you are unsure of when you last paid dues, look at the address label on this newsletter envelope. The numbers to the right of your name indicates the last year you made your annual contribution.

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 7:00 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.

TREASURY NOTES

We have \$1771.97 in checking, \$5000.00 in a CD.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

As we did in the last newsletter, we will once again give a condensed version of our monthly minutes. These minutes include April of 2007 to February 2008.

Those that regularly attend our regular meetings through out the year are President Howard Luckey, Vice Presidents Chris Hawks and Tony Podraza, Treasurer George Schneeweiss, Secretary Bob Swoger, Brian Goers, Justin Wagner, Frank Pittel and Brian Schubring.

In 2007 a total of \$1415 was collected from 99 of our 138 total members for our newsletter and other operating costs. We also collected \$180 in designated additional donations.

27 of our members are from the now dissolved OS-9 Users Group, 99 are Glenside IDE interface owners and 36 are owners of Dave Kiel's CoCo Emulator owners.

Bob Swoger and Brian Goers noted the following submission on coco@maltedmedia.com 4-Nov-2007.

Randy Just wrote: "I recently pulled out my Glenside IDE controller that I purchased a number of years ago. Just a few days ago I tried to get it up and running for the first time.

While there is included documentation and I did read it, there are some items that I will plead ignorance about that the documentation doesn't seem to cover. In particular, just the basics to get set-up to use the thing. Lots of technical information, but photos are very dark and items such as my questions below don't seem to be covered.

For you CoCo pros, I suspect these will seem like dumb questions, but here I go. Can a kind someone help out this poor soul?"

I contacted Randy and told him I would do everything possible to update our manual and firmware for the IDE interface. I called Brian Goers who has become our Glenside IDE interface representative and informed him that it had come to our attention that the documentation and software for Glenside IDE interfaces needed to be updated.

Brian and I noted that three people were trying to help Randy get the interface going, two of them never owned the interface! One always finishes his email this way: "Isaiah 50:4 The sovereign Lord has given me the capacity to be his spokesman, so that I know how to help the weary." Unfortunately, he was not a Glenside spokesman and only added to Randy's confusion. Before our November 8 meeting, Randy emailed me to say he had become so frustrated and wasted so much time that he was selling ALL his CoCo gear on eBay. Never the less, we all felt the need to look into this problem as we are still selling these interfaces.

Chris Hawks was asked to bring the club computer to our next meeting, Brian Goers was asked to bring in the interface, docs and disks. Chris set up the club computer, it worked perfectly. Brian then added the Glenside IDE interface to the set up. He could not get it to work. All of what Randy Just said was true. It seems that the computer disk provided with the interface does not contain all the required software required to make the interface operational. We found that a key piece of software is missing because it is proprietary and we can't distribute it! A guy like

Randy never had a chance to get the interface to work. We wonder how the other 99 owners made out! If you are having problems, we sure would like to hear about it.

We shall see what it takes to fix all our problems with this Glenside product.

Sometime ago our representative lost the database that contained the names of all the purchasers of the Glenside IDE interface. We have been working to rebuild the list. Randy's name was missing from that list, but he refused to give his mailing information to Glenside. Purchasers of our IDE interface will be receiving our CoCo~123 newsletter until further notice with IDE interface updates as they come.

Among the other users that suffered from a lost list were the members of the OS-9 users group as well as the group of users that purchased Dave Keil's CoCo emulator. We are trying to rebuild those lists also. All on those lists receive our newsletter.

Leonard Miller writes: I currently own the B&B HD Controller which is hooked up to (2) 30 Meg MFM drives. The problem is the software. I'm pretty sure that most of my software is still good, but just in case it doesn't work I've been told that you guys have purchased the rights to distribute it. Is that true, and how much would it cost?

The problems I'm having is trying to load some of the software off the 5 1/4" disks. I did manage to cobble a system disk together and I can boot up into nitros9 so all is not lost, but I do know that some of the programs won't run off the disks anymore. The one disk I'm having trouble with is called XT-ROM Version 2.3. That disk is completely mangled. I'll keep looking around. I'm sure someone will have working copies of these disks somewhere. I'll post something up on the newsgroups and see what I can come up with. I thought I saw it somewhere where the B&B stuff was released as shareware, but I wasn't sure.

Thanks for the help, Leonard leonard23@verizon.net

Tony Podraza replied: "GCCCI does have permission to distribute the B&B stuff, indeed anyone with a legitimate copy can do so, as Chris Burke released it as Shareware. . .so long as the copyright notice and shareware message was also distributed with the software. I'll try to get the system set back up when I get home so we can make some copies. I have the majority of the B&B OS-9 stuff copied onto the HDs."

As far as costs go -- either minimal or free. As you can see, the only problem is to find it and get it out to the public.

As for the B&B HD Controller, I am not familiar with it. I have only recently come in contact with the Glenside IDE controller. Tony Podraza

Frank Pittel registered his intent to donate \$100 as prize money for next year's Asimov award in the name of Glenside for Diego Barizo. The Asimov award is a programming contest for the CoCo. The hope is to have it every year. Frank felt we should be working to encourage people to develop software for the CoCo! The money will remain in our treasury until the winner is announced. A check will then be sent to Mary Kramer for distribution. Mary shall contact Diego about this matter.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club

2007 Glenside Picnic

This year seventeen people convened at the home of Chris and Nancy Hawks in Harvard, Illinois, for our annual picnic. Each year families bring pass arounds while the club provides meat, buns and drinks.

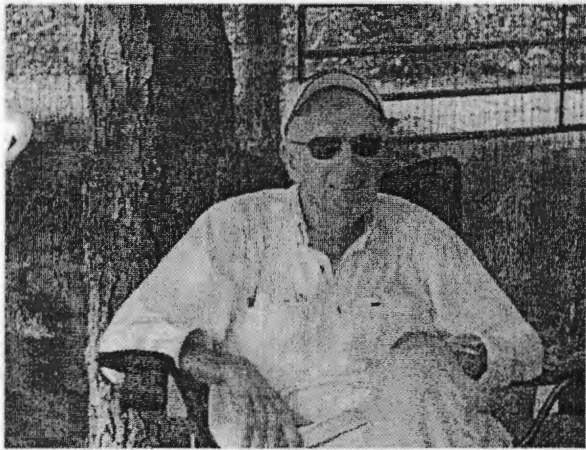
The total present were seventeen which included four young ladies enjoying their visit to the farm.



Grace Wagner, Alyssa Schubring and friend Emily



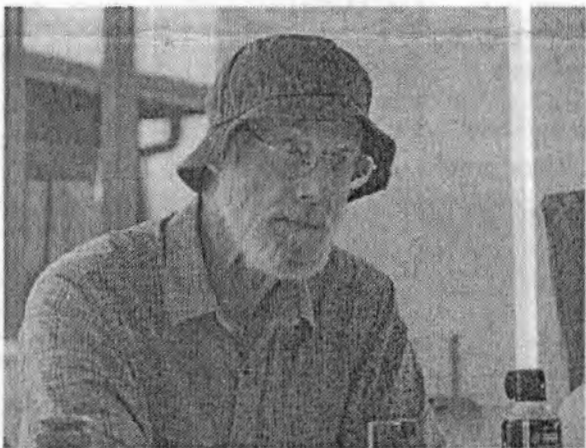
Grace Wagner



President Howard Luckey



Treasurer George Schneeweiss



OS-9 2K updater Richard Bair



CoCoFEST! VP Tony Podraza



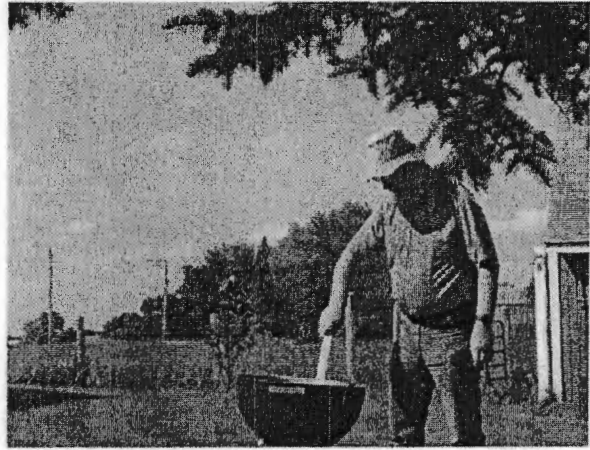
Goats for sale? -



Hmmmm .. you decide.



Flowers for the table ..



Tube Steaks from the grill ...



Plenty of great weather ...



Plenty of hungry people ...



Plenty of helpers ...



Plenty of Sweet corn just hours from the field ...



Emily and Alyssa



Kim Schubring



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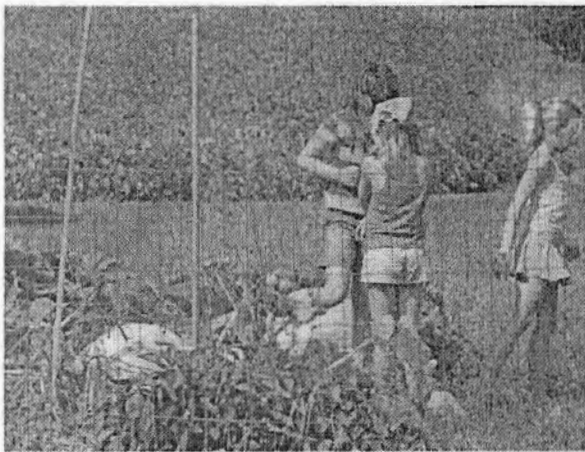
Annette Swoger . . .



Frank Pittel . . .



Genevieve and Justin Wagner



Emily, Grace Wagner, Alyssa Schubring examining VARY LARGE PUMPKINS

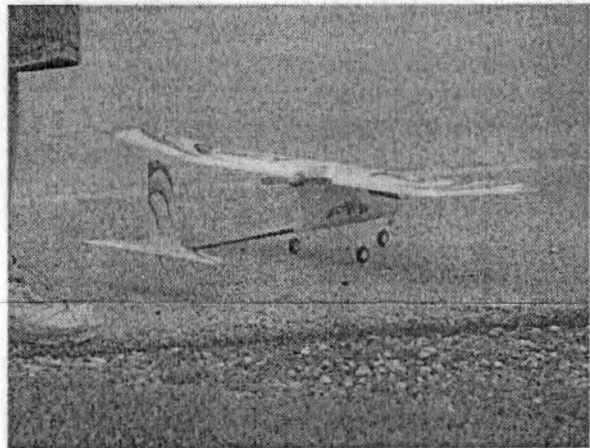


Richard Bair and our host, Chris Hawks



Brian Schubring, the Music Man . . . with R/C plane

The bonus of this year's picnic was Brian Schubring aeronautics show. Brian demonstrated for us all his Radio Controlled single engine plane. Brian demonstrated electric motor flying two years ago however, this time he brought 2 sets of batteries and flew the plane for perhaps over half an hour. He made it look so easy.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

Hello everyone! Look what's coming up again, Our 17th Annual "LAST" Chicago CoCoFEST!

Things are shaping up well thanks to the work Bob Swoger has done to make the arrangements with both Alexander's Restaurant and the hotel. (I sure hope you have made your reservations at the Holiday Inn.)

Some tables or booths have been reserved, mostly, so far, by the usual suspects. I hope you will be sure to get your reservation in.

As usual we plan to have the no minimum bid auctions. Last year I had my CD-I disk player at the FEST and decided that I wouldn't put it up for sale because, I told myself, I would set it up at home and use it. You don't have to guess what happened. I have just now checked to see what I have in the box, and haven't used it at all. Thus, I don't care what I say about keeping the system it will be up for sale. Feel free to make contributions for this activity because the funds go toward supporting the next club fest.

This year we shall have our Saturday evening social dinner gathering at Alexander's Restaurant, very near the hotel. About 10 of our group that went there last year recommended it. We have been assured that the service will be better than we received at Bennigan's last year.

It is still too early to announce all of the seminars we will provide but it is pretty sure that we will hear from Cloud-9 and FWD computing as we have in years past. Justin Wagner has consented to inform us about home computer security this year as it affects Windows 2K, XP and Vista. Also he has some information on today's hard drives.

We hope that Chris Hawks will give us a seminar on his programmable Tandy BSR/X10 controller that controls your lights and appliances around the house for both comfort and security. We believe he will have more CoCo3 to S-Video adaptors to sell - he sold out last year.



It has been reported that Roger Taylor made large 15 oz ceramic Smiling CoCo coffee mugs. Brian Goers & Chris Hawks hope to acquire some to sell at their fest booths.

Last year we sold CDs and DVDs. The first set contained movies of the 1992 Pacific Northwest CoCoFest, the MI&CC 1993 Middle America Fest and 3 issues of The Compiler Video Magazine by Dave Pellerito - all in one package. We still have 3 packages left to sell this year for those interested in this nostalgia.

This year, thanks to Don Leiber, we have a 5 disk set of the CoCo/OS-9 Archive - Release 4.0 to offer. Last year we sold out our 5 copies, this year we will provide at least 5 more. The purpose is to have enough copies out in the CoCo community that this archive will not become extinct. Besides all kinds of information on our CoCos, 80 microcomputing/80 micro magazines from 1980 through 1988 and Dragon computer information are included.

We will have a special dues offer at the fest that is better than years past. As in previous years - \$10 gets you paid through 2008. For \$10 you can extend your membership another year from wherever you are at now.

I am thinking this could be one of our best FEST ever.

Please do your best to attend.

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club



Here are the 5 "W's"

- WHO?** 1) Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc. PRESENTS
- WHAT?** 2) The 17th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
- WHEN?** 3) April 12 & 13, 2008
(Sat. 10 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 3 pm 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:
\$80.00 plus 10% tax (\$88.00 Total)
Call 1-847-488-9000 for reservations.
Please ask for the Glenside "CoCoFEST!" rate.
>>>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!!!

And now, the "H" word.

HOW MUCH? 1) All Attendees - General Admission
Saturday & both days: \$15.00 1st - \$10 2nd & more
Sunday Only: \$10.00 1st - \$5 2nd & more
***** Children 12 and under - FREE *****

Advance ticket sales available between 1/15/2008 and 3/28/2008 from:

George Schneeweiss
13450 N 2700 E Road
Forrest, IL 61741

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

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