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Upcoming Events:
The 18th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!   March 28-29, 2009
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
President	Howard Luckey	708-747-1735	The buck stops here...
Vice-President	Chris Hawks	815-943-4690	Meeting planning, etc.
Vice-President	Tony Podraza	847-428-3576	CoCoFEST! Organizer
Vice-President	Brian Goers	708-754-4921	Special Events
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Howard Luckey   Chris Hawks   Brian Goers   Tony Podraza   Robert Swoger   George Schneeweiss

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
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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. MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Schaumburg Township District Library 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, fellow CoCo'ers. We've had another successful FEST. Success meaning we not only had an outrageously good time; we also fulfilled our rule about what we need to hold a FEST next year. Remember the rule? We need to cover our FEST expenses, and we did just that.

I thank all of you who attended and helped to make the FEST a worthy event. One of the neat things about the FEST is getting an opportunity to see everyone again. Let's keep this up. I regret that others who had planned to attend and had made travel plans didn't make it because of airline problems. We missed you.

A large part of making the FEST so successful is the people who do a lot of the work organizing it. For example, Bob Swoger now makes the arraignments for the show room and for reserving a block of rooms for attendees who desire to stay at the Inn. Also, he arraigned for us to have our dinner at Alexander's Restaurant. Good work, Oops, one more thing, during the FEST Bob helps Tony with checking in guests and working the cash drawer.

Another person who contributes is Tony Podraza. He has a lot to do with our auction where valuable coco stuff is passed on to other people for a price. Others are Brian Goers who set up the seminars and Brian Schubring who contributed the music.

Thanks to you and all others who help to make our FEST a success.

Let's go for next year, 2009!

About two weeks after our fest, the Vintage Computer group held a fest at Purdue University. It was for two days April 26 and 27 (It was in its fourth year.) and Brian and I decided to attend the Sunday session. Folks had tables or booths set and some of them have an amazing amount of computer stuff. One of the biggest, three tables, was The Geek Museum from Schaumburg. I am unsure if it is a real museum because when I went on line I didn't see any hours of operation.

There was a room to the side of the show room for lectures. The main lecture for me was a hookup to California, to a man who was one of the founders of the Vintage Computer group. He has amassed a huge collection of computer stuff and when asked how he uses his collection he told about how movie directors have used some of his stuff and how he has been called to testify in court cases.

I hope more of you can attend our meetings or join us using Gizmo on a conference call. If you install Gizmo the conference call I am suggesting is 1-222-222-2626 for 1-222-ccc-coco.

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREA$URY NOTE$

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

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN'S DESK

I am working on scanning docs today. so far I have scanned Zenix booklet and am working on the Microscopic Mission. I will give a more updated list this weekend. Just wanted to let you know that I am back on track and I am still working on it. If anyone wants the real life copy of these documents, please let me know so I can save them for them. I need to buy one of those USB flash drives to put all these docs on. They are taking up a lot of room on my hard drive causing programs such as my scanning program to be a bit slow and misbehave. I would burn them to disk but I am afraid of the fragility of disks. if one were to get scratched or damaged I would lose all the info on them. I saw that my mom had this little hard drive stick looking thingie she plugs into her computer for her files. I thought this would be an excellent idea for the library until I make up master disks etc. Now here is what I need from Glenside. I have not yet checked into the price of these items but I know I cannot afford one. I could put 10 or 15 dollars towards the purchase of one if Glenside can help to pay for the rest of it. I would use it just for the files that I am scanning. Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Mary Kramer
Glenside Color Computer Club Librarian

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.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club

Glenside IDE Interface & SuperDriver

Gentlemen,
I received the latest issue of Glenside's CoCo~123 in the mail last week, and read the article detailing the issues that people are having getting working drivers for the Glenside IDE board. This is similar to the discussions that have been going on the MaltedMedia CoCo list.

Some of you may not be aware that Cloud-9's SuperDriver software supports the Glenside IDE board. I spent quite a bit of time writing and refining this product so that people could have easy access to their IDE and SCSI devices with minimal fuss and configuration steps. It is superior to the free driver in many ways.

SuperDriver comes on a bootable 5.25" 40 track double-sided floppy. All that the user has to do is type DOS. NitrOS-9/6809 Level 2 comes up with the drivers already loaded and ready to go.

SuperDriver is fast. It uses a caching method similar to Matt Thompson's SCSISYS but with a few more advantages. SuperDriver accommodates devices with 256, 512, 1024 and 2048 byte sectors. It supports write verification and partitioning. You can even access your HDB-DOS partition from within NitrOS-9 using SuperDriver.

SuperDriver autosenses the size of a hard drive when it is formatting; there is no need to mess around with cylinder/head/sector values in the device descriptor. This is a huge benefit for people who aren't familiar with the intricacies of RBF and how it works.

Additionally, SuperDriver supports ATAPI devices such as ZIP drives, LS-120's and CD-ROMs (CDF is required to access ISO 9660 CD-ROM discs, and Chris Hawks can tell you more about that).

SuperDriver is not free, but given that the current free drivers have some issues, I think SuperDriver is an excellent alternative. Not only is SuperDriver better architected than the current IDE drivers; it also works, and has more features.

I think you would do your members a service by mentioning this product as an alternative. I am confident it will save them time and frustration, and is certainly worth the money.

Regards,
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Dear Friends:
Just a quick note to let all of you know that I safely arrived back here in the States this past weekend. I'm still sort of de-compressing as it were. (I'm told thank I've picked up a bit of a British Accent. Of course I remember going to my friends little boys school. Michael is five years old. He introduced me to his class and one little girl said, "Your friend talks funny". Michael got very defensive and said, "Its not his fault, he can't help it. He's from American you know."

I miss my lads, but I spoke to them briefly, courtesy of SKYPE on Monday. They patched the phone call through the Schools PA system. First, the Headmaster came on and told them he had an important announcement. He told them that I had safely arrived

back at St. Josephs, and then he paused and said, "I'll let him tell you," and I came on. All the children started cheering and yelling Hello, we miss you and so forth. It was quite touching to say the least.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fest.

With all best wishes,
Brother Jeremy, CSJW

Responses to Our 1st Emailing of COCO~123 PDF

From Nat'l City Smith
Good to hear from you Bob. I have printed out the newsletter. Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. Please tell everyone I wish them the best.
Thanks for the response, Nat - will do on the "tell everyone I wish them the best."

Hello - thanks for the newsletter. Do not send a printed copy to me, the email version is perfect! I would be interested in giving away and exchanging most of my coco stuff - is there a way to give you my inventory and see if it is of interest to somebody? On my side, I am looking for the "music" cartridge, or the disk copy, and other music devices or related software - particularly a MIDI device if available. Hoping to meet you in Chicago at the next coco fest. Have a great day
Eddy Szczerbinski
L,vis, Quebec, Canada

Thanks for the e-version of the GCCC Newsletter. (Save your postage, the e-version is plenty for me.) It's good to see you guys are still carrying the CoCo banner. As much as I'd love to make it to the fest, I won't making the over 2,000 mile trip to my home in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico to Chicago. Just to let everyone there know, gray CoCo Ser. #000001 is still safe with me. I took it out of its box a while back, hooked it up to a TV and fired it up. Still works fine. The Color Basic banner appeared instantly, so, I coded a simple BASIC program and left it running for a hour or so without a glitch, a hitch or a hiccup. It's Rev. C board and its 4K RAM worked just fine. What an auspicious birth of a great family of computers. I'm retired, I've nothing that I have to do, and all day to get it done. Soy jubilado, no tengo nada para hacer, y todo el d¡a para hacerlo. Lee Veal

The PDFs look great! Congratulations. You do not need to mail me a printed copy. I've just mailed out payment of dues, I think I am behind, but a three year renewal should put me back in the green. In the future, the newsletter emails should have some way of telling us if our membership is up to date.
Cheers, Michael Shell

From Glenside: Michael, OK, to confirm an old rumor: All the old Burke & Burke software has been released as shareware, anyone who has a copy is free to distribute it, with an added shareware notice.

Glenside, however, doesn't have any of it in easily distributable form. You all know the story, "I've got it, but it's buried on a hard drive that hasn't been spun up in a decade...."

So, http://www.sdc.org/~goosey/os9/burke720.dsk.gz and burke720.dsk.zip is a virtual disk of a 720K disk with FSR, XT-ROM, XT-HD, and EZGEN. This is what a kind soul on the net recently sent *me*, unaltered. I haven't actually tried any of it, YMMV. I'll also be uploading this to MaltedMedia and/or rtsi. And if someone has a copy of RSB, please upload it! Or, I will gladly pay media & shipping... Willard

Ed Orbea wrote: In response to questions raised by Mike Pepe in Redmond. I am using new cables created by Mark at Cloud-9. The cable I am trying first, has a 5.25 connector at the end and a 3.5 connector in the middle. No pins are missing or swapped. I am testing with the 5.25" as /d0 (using /dd40 and /d040) and the 3.25 as /d1 (using /d180) The 3.25 drive has a terminating resistor pak installed. It is my understanding that DS0 and DS1 are selected by the controller and not the "wire swapping" like is done on MS-DOS. When I use my 5.25 configurations, the cables are "straight thru" and the actual drives are jumpered as DS0 and DS1, so I assumed that the same configuration would work on the 3.25 drives. Ed

Gator! I had a really good time this past weekend. Thank you (and the group) for all you do! And, check YouTube.com later tonight for a video of the announcement about the 2009 event ;-) I'll start posting a bunch of CoCoFEST! video snippets in the coming weeks so we may attract some new eyes.
Over 98,000 digital pics from Disney, Theme Parks, and Ren Fests! Visit http://www.AtTheFaire.com or http://www.DisneyFans.com (1980's Retro Computing: I want my CoCo 4! www.coco4.com)
Orlando (and other places) cheap luxury vacation offers - and I get credit!
http://www.WestgateResorts.com/or/index.cfm?acct=9009895609&sales=8664429956&language=en

2008 Glenside Picnic

This year the picnic was held at the home of Bob and Annette Swoger in Streamwood, Illinois.

President John & Marge Chasteen.

John Mark and Melanie Mobley

Trea$urer George Schneeweiss

Marge Chasteen

President John Chasteen

CoCoFEST! Vice-President Tony Podraza

Vice President Brian Goers

Always a good time for old friend to come to a meeting.

Vice President Justin Wagner

Justin Wagner

Picnic Hostess Annette Swoger

Tony Podraza & Brian Goers

Host Bob Swoger starts the Barbeque with his favorite tool, Annette's old hair dryer.

Now begins the wait for the meat to cook to perfection.

Always a pleasure to have Brother Jeremy at our picnic.

A time of fellowship.

Brian Schubring

Tony filling his plate.

The crew is waiting for food!

The grill filled with brats, hotdogs and burgers soon to be on the guests' plates.

Bob "Cookie" Swoger

The 17th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
They keep going and going and going. . .
Glenside Color Computer Club
April 12th & 13th, 2008
Elgin, Illinois

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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