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Upcoming Events:
The 25th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! April 23-24, 2016
Regular meetings every 2nd Thursday @ Schaumburg Library

G.C.C.C. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2015 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	Tony Podraza	847-428-3576	The buck stops here…
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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
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Forrest IL 61741-9629

Our treasury provides newsletters and good times with fellow CoCo users at our Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! and Annual Glenside Picnic.

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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://glensideccc.com/splmap.html

A social get-together always follows the meeting at a nearby restaurant, lovingly called, "The Meeting After".

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PLATEN

T minus five weeks and counting. Yes, only five weeks until CoCoFEST! 25. This is the latest that we have ever had only 7 registered exhibitors. That is probably my fault. I haven't forced the issue, but it is getting close.

We will be having a well-known CoCoist delivering a keynote address. A long-time attendee of the FEST!s and well known to the Linux world, Ladies and Gentlemen, our keynote speaker is our own TUXDRIVER, Mr. John Linville. While I neglected to take legible notes, I believe that John related that his address would explore "the state of the CoCo Community in this Day and Age." Now, if that isn't it, then I promise that it will be just as interesting.

Now, due to an informational and editing error, the cost of a booth at this CoCoFEST! have been published at a ridiculously low price of only $10 for the show. Exhibitor's passes for the event are only $5 so there should not be a financial reason for not being an exhibitor. Why, you could just come, set up your system and do whatever you want…meet new people…put a face to a name…whatever. Please consider a road trip to Chicago. We are waiting to meet you. Visit our Website for more information.

http://glensideccc.com

I started this way too late, again, and the word processer is down to 10 % battery, too. Plus, 4:30 AM comes early, so, until next time

I bid you "Peace".

Tony Podraza, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREA$URY NOTE$

We have $5761.34 in checking. We have 67 paid members in 2015, down from 136 in 2011, and a total of 290 members to whom we send newsletters.

George Schneeweiss, Trea$urer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE EDITOR'S CLIPBOARD

This is the 25th anniversary of the CoCoFEST! The first CoCoFEST! was titled "The Last Chicago Fest" in 1991. The second CoCoFEST! was titled "The First Annual 'Last' Chicago CoCoFEST!" in 1992. So this year's CoCoFEST! will be the Silver Anniversary.

We have put together a press release about the CoCoFEST! http://tinyurl.com/ztauw3r Read it, buy your airplane tickets, make your hotel reservations, and come to the CoCoFEST! This being the Silver Anniversary, we expect a larger turnout. So make your reservations early! If the hotel fills up, then you can find another hotel down the street. See the last page of this newsletter for information to make hotel reservations.

if you wish to host a booth at the FEST! obtain a copy of the Contract .doc file at http://tinyurl.com/zu5sur3 Fill it out and email it to rswoger@aol.com. (Bring your power strips and extension cords, with some tape to tape the wires down to the carpet.) Contact Brian Goers if you would like to give a seminar presentation. Plan to stay an extra day so you can see the sights of Chicago.

If you play a musical instrument, bring it and join us on the Saturday Night Sing-Along. We will also have items for sale at the booths and at the auction (you can bring items to donate to the auction if you wish). Podcasters and YouTube personalities will be present. So it should be an interesting time.

John Mark Mobley, Editor
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

This is an email I received from Steve Strowbridge of Port Saint Lucie, Florida recently.

Original Gamer Stevie Strow: Thanks to over-whelming promotion from the community, I have not only become aware of CoCoFEST!, but I'm booked for attending, and hopefully having a table (sent my form in yesterday).

I would like to be a member of the club, if that's possible, I'll ignore Mark Twain's remark about not wanting to be part of any organization that would have me as a member :)

I hung out at my local Radio Shack as a kid, grew up around the Model 1/3 machines, and desperately wanted a CoCo when it came out, I had to wait until I was 14, could get a part time job, put one on lay-away and finally owned one.

In 1981, at 14 years young, I got my 16K silver CoCo 1, and started to teach myself how to program in standard BASIC and eventually graduated all the way up to the CoCo 3.

I started a YouTube gaming channel with my kids about a year ago, and I knew, in the back of my mind, that I wanted to feature CoCo games on that channel.

Once I started doing that, I became aware of the community, the groups, the mailing list, the podcasts, etc., and I'm overwhelmed with the amount of passionate people who are still active CoConuts.

I'm proud to say, at this point, I have over 100 CoCo games featured, and 4 live "marathon" episodes where various members of the community were along for the ride, joined chats and Skype calls, and not only helped request games to play, but filled in invaluable history on these games, their authors, and the companies that sold them.

I hope I am able to use my small sphere of influence to bring more people's attention to the CoCo and it's community, and I would love to be able to be part of your meetings, and even be a sponsor of the club, the website, CoCoFEST!, etc. I have a CoCo 2 64K and a CoCo 3 with 512K and the Hitachi CPU, I use a CoCo SDC so far and nothing else. I don't have Drive wire, and I'm waiting on a multi-pack from eBay.

Most of my videos I record using emulators because the picture quality is better.

Steve Strowbridge, aka
The Original Gamer Stevie Strow
ogsteviestrow@gmail.com

Be sure to visit Steve's web site

http://ogsteviestrow.com

Steve will present a seminar at the upcoming fest.

LogiCall Space Saving Ideas
by Bob Swoger

A new utility was recently added to the LogiCall ensemble called GDOCS.BAS. Eventually it may contain all the documentation contained in the Glenside Library. LogiCall provided utilities to keep track of all your disks (DISKS.BAS) and Tapes (TAPES.BAS). The new utility keeps track of your documentation.

Because the utility takes up so much disk space, a link is created on one disk to call the utility on yet another disk.

As you may already know, LogiCall spawns an AUTOEXEC.BAS file used to auto-run a start-up file to run LogiCall upon booting your computer. This same feature works perfectly to make a link. Pressing "A" at the Program? Prompt will begin the process of creating a file called AUTOEXEC.BAS on your current drive. The program looks like this:

```
420 SAVE"AUTOEXEC.BAS"
430 DRIVE OFF 3
440 POKE 65497,0'FAST
450 POKE &H7C0,0:POKE &HD816,20
460 DRIVE 3
470 RUN"L
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LogiCall provides a break point in the AUTOEXEC sequence to modify this short file. Let us say we are on DRIVE 3 and there was no room for the GDOCS utility that requires 9 disk granules. Let us also consider that the GDOCS.BAS file exists on DRIVE 1. Edit the above program in lines 420, 460 and 470 to read as follows:

```
420 SAVE"GDOCS.LNK"
430 DRIVE OFF 3
440 POKE 65497,0'FAST
450 POKE &H7C0,0:POKE &HD816,20
460 DRIVE 1
470 RUN"GDOCS
```

Next type "RUN" and the link will be written to Drive 3. Now when you select "GDOCS.LNK" at the Program? Prompt while on DRIVE 3, you will open the GDOCS.BAS program on DRIVE 1. AUTOEXECs and Links made in this manner only use 1 granule.

Here is another way to use this space saving trick. LogiCall on Vcc has only 1 granule available on DRIVES 32 and 57. To add LogiCall would require 3 granules of space.

To overcome this problem using the above trick, simply change line 420 as below:

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420 SAVE"L.BAS"
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Again type "RUN". Now when a program on either of these DRIVES calls L.BAS (LogiCall) the pointer will move to DRIVE 3 and you can keep going.

Bob Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club

Chicago Area Attractions
by John Mark Mobley

If you are coming to the CoCoFEST! from out of town on an extended stay you may be interested in other things to see while you are here. The ladies may enjoy a trip to the mall or antiquing and shopping in Long Grove, IL or Geneva IL.

Adler Planetarium
1300 S Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605
http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/
($12.00/person)

Brookfield Zoo
8400 W 31st Street
Brookfield, IL 60513
http://www.brookfieldzoo.org
($17/person – kids $12)

Chicago Chinatown
W Cermak Road and S Wentworth Avenue
Chicago, IL
http://chicagochinatown.org/

Field Museum of Natural History
1400 S Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605
http://fieldmuseum.org/
($18.00/person)

Geneva
3rd Street and State Street
Geneva, IL
http://www.geneva.il.us/
http://www.genevachamber.com/shopping.html
(Antiquing and shopping)

Illinois Railway Museum
7000 Olson Road,
Union, IL 60180
http://www.irm.org/
($10.00/person)

Leaning Tower YMCA
6300 W Touhy Avenue
Niles, IL 60714
(It is a replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa)

Level 257
2 Woodfield Mall, Unit A
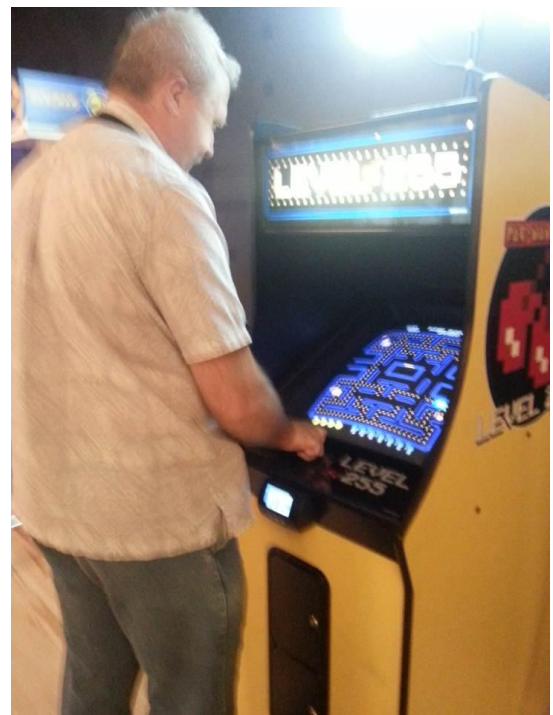Schaumburg, Il 60173
http://www.level257.com/
This is a Pac-Man themed establishment.
The original Pac-Man crashes on level 256.
(Restaurant, Bar, Bowling and Arcade)

The Level 257 Restaurant at Woodfield Mall.

This Pac-Man game starts at Level 255. If you eat all the dots you will go to the screen for Level 256, where the game crashes (only shows half the screen).

John Mark playing Level 255.

Long Grove
307 Old McHenry Road
Long Grove, IL 60047
http://www.visitlonggrove.com/
(Antiquing and shopping)

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
2001 N Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60195
http://www.medievaltimes.com/
($60.95/person)

Museum of Broadcast Communications
360 N State Street
Chicago, IL 60654
http://www.museum.tv/index.htm
($12.00/person)

Museum of Science and Industry
5700 S Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60637
http://www.msichicago.org/
($18.00/person)

Navy Pier
600 E Grand Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611
http://www.navypier.com/
(Amusement rides, boat rides, IMAX Theater,
restaurants and ship cruises)

The Oriental Institute
1155 E 58th Street
Chicago, IL 60637
https://oi.uchicago.edu/
(A museum about ancient Middle Eastern cultures)
(Free)

Six Flags Great America
1 Great America Parkway
Gurnee, IL 60031
https://www.sixflags.com/greatamerica
($65.00/person)

Shedd Aquarium
1200 S Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605
http://www.sheddaquarium.org/
($8.00 general admission)

Twin Lakes Golf Course & Recreation Area
1200 E Twin Lakes Drive
Palatine, IL 60074
http://saltcreek.multisportsystems.com/page/show/6812
(Golf and paddleboats)

Underground Retrocade
121 W Main Street
West Dundee, IL
331-642-8274
Hours: Mon-Thurs 5PM-11PM,
Fri 5PM-1PM, Sat 11PM-1AM, Sun 11AM-11PM
info@undergroundretrocade.com
http://www.undergroundretrocade.com/
(A vintage arcade)

Woodfield Mall
5 Woodfield Mall
Schaumburg, IL 60173
http://www.simon.com/mall/woodfield-mall
(Shopping)

Lombard Area Restaurants
by John Mark Mobley

Jimmy John's
1000 N Rohlwing Road
Lombard, IL 60148
http://www.jimmyjohns.com/
(sub sandwiches and lettuce wraps)
(Just walk across the street)
0.22 miles from the CoCoFEST!

Brauer House
1000 N Rohlwing Road
Lombard, IL 60148
http://www.brauerhouse.com/
(hamburgers just across the street from the
CoCoFEST!)

Portillo's Hot Dogs
635 W North Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181
http://www.portillos.com/portillos/
(Chicago-style hotdogs, Italian beef sandwiches,
hamburgers, chicken sandwiches)
2.07 miles from the CoCoFEST!

Schnitzel Platz
729 North Avenue
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
(630) 942-9900
http://www.schnitzelplatz.com/
($35 a person)
You need to make reservations!
1.13 miles from the CoCoFEST!

Ki's Steak and Seafood Restaurant and Bar
705 North Avenue
Glendale Heights, IL 60139
(630) 469-4757
www.kissteakandseafood.com
($28 a person for lunch and $47 a person for supper)
1.52 miles from the CoCoFEST!

Mack's Golden Pheasant

668 W. North Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 279-8544
http://www.macksgoldenpheasant.com/
($28 a person)
4.13 miles from the CoCoFEST!

More Information
Restaurant Matrix and Directions (PDF)
http://tinyurl.com/j9phqyc

2015 CoCoFEST! Memories
by John Mark Mobley

What follows are pictures from 2015 CoCoFEST!

These pictures tell a story of what a great time we had, and how fun 2016 will be.

Next year is our 25th Anniversary of the CoCoFEST!

What transistor has that kind of capability?

John Linville's *Fahrfall* with Neil Blanchard's joystick

Neil Blanchard (co-host of the CoCo Crew podcast)

What's that on your lap, Brian?

Super Board Mockup (memory expansion and more)

Plan 9 from Outer Space! Well, almost!

That was a hit! Come on! Work already!

Check this out!

I'm starting a podcast. Have you played *FAHRFALL* yet?

John will be our keynote seminar speaker, Steve Strawbridge promises to also have a seminar. Both are gamers.

Neil Blanchard tries to explain.

Glenside gets a block of 22 overnight rooms for the Fest at our advertised price of $89. So far 11 of those rooms have already been booked.

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We love the CoCoFEST!

Brett Gordon & William Astle

They don't make 'em like this anymore.

Karl explains his setup.

Karl Sefcik – Charter Member of our CoCoFEST!

Now there's a REAL game!

How did you do that? That's really good!

Rich Bair checks in a guest

Male bonding

Welcome to my table!

Kip Koon at his first CoCoFEST!

Brian Schubring, The Music Man

Tony can't read his phone!

Might want to watch where you're going, Karl.

Christopher needs more buttons… his arms are bare.

Jim Okeefe and Neil Blanchard

Kip and John Mark are having too much fun!

Jim, somebody is spying on you.

Evan Wright and Bob Swoger compare versions of the old word game Hunt The Wumpus!

Brett Gordon and Jim Okeefe

George Schneeweis and his pal Justin Wagner

The next generation of CoCo enthusiasts!

What are you auctioning, Tony?
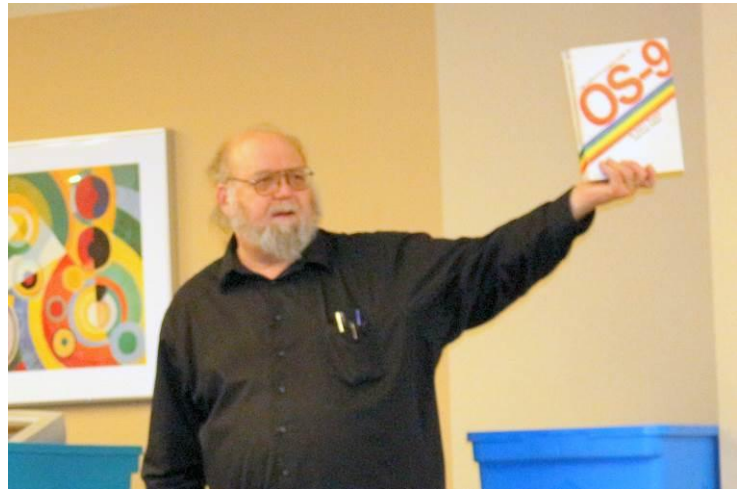

Jim Brain and Boisy Pitre

Really?

Linda & Tony Podraza

This is a joystick.

Brett Gordon and Jim Okeefe

OS-9 anyone else? Going once…

Enjoying dinner at Casey's Restaurant

Casey's Restaurant & Bar
415 E North Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148
http://www.caseysrestaurant.com/
(American food)
1.46 miles from the CoCoFEST!

Games (and TRIX) are for kids!
Reagan and Grandpa playing Winnie The Pooh In The Hundred Acre Wood using Vcc with LogiCall. (Thanks Rich Bair for repairing my Discs, Reagan)

See you April 23 & 24, 2016
HERON POINT CONVENTION CENTER
645 West North Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148
645 Building on the lower level
Saturday Setup Time is 7 am.
Saturday FEST Time 9 am to 5 pm,
Saturday Supper Time 5 pm to 7 pm,
Saturday Evening Social Time 7 pm to 11:30 pm,
Sunday Worship Service Time is 8 am,
Sunday FEST Time 9 am to 3 pm,
Sunday Close-Up Time 3 pm to 5 pm

Calendar of Events
by
John Mark Mobley and Salvador Garcia

Saturday, & Sunday April 2-3, 2016
Vintage Computer Festival Southeast 4.0 (VCFSE)
Roswell, GA, USA
Link: http://vcfed.org/wp/festivals/

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday April 8-10, 2016
Midwest Gaming Classic
Brookfield, Wisconsin, USA
Link: http://www.midwestgamingclassic.com/

Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc. Business Meetings
Thursday, April 14, 2016
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM CDST
Schaumburg Public Library
130 South Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL, USA
Google Hangouts access is available via John Mark Mobley.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday April 15-17, 2016
Vintage Computer Festival East (VCF East)
Wall, New Jersey, USA
Link: http://www.midatlanticretro.org/

Saturday and Sunday April 23-24, 2016
The 25th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
Lombard, Illinois, USA
Link: http://www.glensideccc.com/cocofest/index.shtml

Tuesday, July 14, through Sunday July 19, 2016
KansasFest
Kansas City, Missouri, USA
Link: https://www.kansasfest.org/

Saturday and Sunday August 6-7, 2016
Vintage Computer Festival West (VCF West)
Mountain View, California, USA
Link: http://vcfed.org/wp/festivals/

Be sure to visit our Website to see up to date information on upcoming events. http://glensideccc.com

The 25th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!

2016 CoCoFEST!
Proudly Presented By
The Glenside Color Computer Club
Fairfield Inn, Lombard, Illinois

Here are the 5 "W's"
WHO?   1) Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.
PRESENTS
WHAT? 2) The 25th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!
WHEN? 3) April 23 & 24, 2016
(Sat. 9 am-5 pm; 8 pm to midnight - Sun. 9 am-3 pm)
WHERE? 4) Fairfield Inn & Suites Lombard
645 West North Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148
(Near the intersection of IL-355 and North Avenue)
(Same location as 2015!)
Overnight room rate:
$89.00 plus 11% tax ($98.79 Total)
Call 1-630-629-1500 for reservations.
You must 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 for our CoCo Vendors
C. To provide educational support to new users.
D. TO HAVE AN OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD TIME!!!

And now, the "H" word.
HOW MUCH? All Attendees - General Admission
Both days: $10.00 1st - $5.00 2nd & more
Sunday Only: $5.00 1st - $5.00 2nd & more
********* Children 12 and under - FREE *********

For further information, general or exhibitor, contact:
Tony Podraza, GCCCI   Robert Swoger, GCCCI
847-428-3576, VOICE   224-236-5194, VOICE
tonypodraza@gmail.com   rswoger@aol.com

Please note the new starting times, 9 AM, not 10 AM.