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### Upcoming Events:

Regular meetings every 2nd Thursday @ Schaumburg Library. The 28th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! May 4-5, 2019

### G.C.C.C. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2018 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	John W. Linville	919-744-8139	The buck stops here
Vice-President	Tony Podraza	847-340-1801	Meeting planning, etc.
Treasurer	Brian Goers	708-805-1888	Dues and Purchasing
Secretary	Rich Bair	847-835-1309	Records and Reporting
Director	Tony Podraza	847-340-1801	CoCoFEST! Organizer
Librarian	Brian Goers	708-805-1888	Club Software Keeper
Editor	John Mark Mobley	847-409-8604	Newsletter Production

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Tony Podraza

Rich Bair

**Brian Goers** 

John Mark Mobley

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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 CoCoFEST! 2019 to keep our club going. Send your check to:

Brian Goers, Glenside Treasurer 3312 Miller Avenue South Chicago Heights, IL 60411 briang0671@sbcglobal.net

Our treasury provides newsletters and good times with fellow CoCo users at our Annual "Last" Chicago I am still amazed at the new ideas the dreamers are CoCoFEST! and our Annual Glenside Picnic.

If you attend the Annual CoCoFEST! your annual LONG LIVE THE CoCo! contribution is covered for that year.

### 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 the setup. I would drop by his room from time to time to following link:

### http://ncmedals.com/glenside/splmap.html

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

Visit our website at:

http://ncmedals.com/glenside/index.htm

### FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT'S PLATEN

Technically, this is a false article. As of our November meeting, I ceased to be the President of Glenside. John Linville has received the mantle of that office and will carry on. Send him your ideas, suggestions and support.

### TANDIANS, ASSEMBLE!

I had the opportunity to attend this year's Tandy I enjoyed PennFest more than I expected, so much so Assembly. I would say there was about 25 percent participation by CoCo-ists, and the rest, multiple versions of Tandy machine people... not one red herring noted. Miscellaneous systems, and pieces were available, including, keyboards from David Ladd. Not knowing the origin until after it was in my possession, I returned to the CoCoFEST! became a major part of my life and a focal Chicago area with a keyboard that came from his stash, point that I have come to anticipate with glee every year. IN THE CHICAGO AREA! But it is a USB keyboard with a

USB port, and I thought that that was a useful option,

The registration forms are complete and should be available for downloading from the website.

http://www.glensideccc.com/cocofest/index.shtml

If you do not see it, contact me directly at:

tonypodraza@gmail.com

coming up with for our machine of choice.

I bid you peace.

Tony Podraza, now Vice-President Glenside Color Computer Club

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PLATEN **Receiving The Torch**

Like many of us, I grew-up with the CoCo as my first computer. I turned nine the year the CoCo was released, twelve as the CoCo2 made its first appearance, and fifteen as the CoCo3 took the stage. I turned nineteen the year that Tandy finally dropped the Color Computer from its roster, and months later I moved into college with an "IBM compatible" PC in tow. While in college I learned plenty of cool and amazing things about modern computers, operating systems, and other software. Even though I thought that I had left the CoCo behind by then, I still knew that the CoCo had given me the foundation for what would become my career.

Even in college, I had a neighbor that maintained a CoCo inquire about his CoCo, but it was mostly a way for me to poke a little fun at him. I heard about the end of Falsoft's Rainbowfest and the birth of Glenside's CoCoFEST! Of course, I scoffed! Why would anyone still care about the CoCo in the Clinton years? Are these people crazy?

Eventually, I graduated and got a job. Out of school and flush with cash, I began to remember certain good times from my youth. I found the CoCo mailing list (then hosted at Princeton) and I reached out, acquiring a CoCo2 and a CoCo3 and various accoutrements. I followed the mailing list and had a great time hearing each year about CoCoFEST!, but I would never attend such a silly event! Years later I found myself in the Pittsburgh area in time for PennFest -- what the heck? So. I went...

that I convinced my wife to go with me in 2001 to CoCoFEST! -- this sort of event wasn't going to continue forever!! Three kids, three CoCoFEST! locations, and seventeen years later. I've only missed one CoCoFEST! since then... and they ARE STILL HAPPENING!

Tony Podraza was an organizer and the auctioneer at my At the December 13th meeting I proposed an amendment first CoCoFEST! back in 2001. Over the years he to the current GCCC Constitution. became the face of the Glenside Color Computer Club in my mind and probably in the minds of others as well. Tony eventually became the President of Glenside, where he has formed a lasting legacy of responsibility, creativity, and leadership. Keeping CoCoFEST! going for nearly three decades beyond the corporate death of the CoCo is an amazing and astounding feat of hope and will. Tony has carried the ball with strength and grace, and he has gotten us to where we are today.

A few years ago I became concerned that CoCoFEST! and the CoCo hobby in general may be naturally losing some steam, and I just wasn't ready to let things go. I became a promoter both of the hobby and of the event of itself, culminating in the creation of The CoCo Crew Podcast. At about that time. I became involved with the Glenside club at the level of helping to plan each CoCoFEST!, accepting duties as seemed appropriate to my skill and availability. Now this year, Tony announced that he would step down from the position of President of Glenside, and he nominated me as a candidate to The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of replace him. The Glenside membership voted, and I was chosen.

Tony has passed on the torch, and I have taken the joyful Vice burden. CoCoFEST! is both a time for fellowship among those of us who share this quirky hobby, and a historical marker paying tribute to a time when our present day was still the future being made. It is also an annual event that has marked the progress of my career, the growth of my children, and the progress of my hobby achievements. If you have read this far, then I am asking you to do whatever is needed to help me to keep this crazy thing going for so long as anyone wants to attend.

With that in mind, please join me, Tony, and the rest of Convention Center in Lombard, Illinois for the 28th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! Remember, these things might not continue forever...

John Linville, President Glenside Color Computer Club

### Trea\$ury Note\$

Our checking account balance as of November 8, 2018 is \$8.758.91.

Brian Goers, Trea\$urer Glenside Color Computer Club

### The Secretary's Notebook

Rich Bair here. **Elections are over!** The Glenside Color Computer Club held elections for officers at our October The needs for various appointed Directors have changed 18 meeting. The election results were:

President: John Linville Vice-president: Tony Podraza Treasurer: Brian Goers

### The Present Version reads:

Article VIII - Officers

The officers of the corporation shall consist of the elected officers and the Directors of the Board.

Section 1 – The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as may be authorized in the Bylaws. Such officers may be elected or appointed as set forth in the Bylaws; their terms and duties shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The President shall chair all meetings of the Board

Section 2 – The Directors of the Board shall consist of the Director of Demos and Reviews, Director of Special Events, Director of Communications, Disk of the Month Director, Software Librarian, Sergeant at Arms, and Club Newsletter Editor. The Directors of the Board shall be appointed as provided in the Bylaws.

### **Proposed Version**

Article VIII -Board of Directors

the elected officers and the appointed Directors.

Section 1 – The elected officers shall be the President. President. Treasurer and Secretary. qualifications, method of election, terms of office, and duties of these officers shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 2 – The appointed Directorships shall consist of such positions as the current president deems necessary and vital for the successful functioning of the corporation. Examples might be Director of Demos and Reviews, Director of Special Events, Director of Membership, Director of Communications, Software Librarian, and Club Newsletter Editor. There must be a minimum of two appointed Directors. The qualifications, appointment Glenside on 4-5 May, 2019 at the Heron Point process, terms of office, and duties of these appointed Directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

### **Reasons for Changes**

The present Bylaws give many powers to the Board of Directors; one would assume that the elected officers are on that Board, but the present Constitution implies that they are not. They should be.

The statement "The President shall chair all meetings of the Board ..." does not cover cases when the president may be unavailable. The subject is covered in detail in the Bylaws under the heading "Conduct of General Meetings", so its presence in the Constitution is unnecessary. (But a similar paragraph is needed in the Bylaws regarding the chair for meetings of the Board of Directors.)

greatly over time and will continue to change. We have not issued a disk-of-the-month for twenty years; we have not had a sergeant-at-arms in my memory. Rather than having specific posts enshrined in the Constitution we

should leave such details to the Bylaws, which are easier able to walk let alone drive. In my youth I helped write 4 to update.

need for at least two appointed Directors.

I've been secretary for well over a year, but only recently found out that our Bylaws specify that the minutes of our monthly meetings are supposed to be published in our quarterly newsletters. Up until now I have not been doing this, but have instead emailed minutes to all meeting From my Glenwood Alumni Associate secretary Jim attendees, and also to others who have either attended in Peulecke, a Glenside member, wrote a program on his the recent past or generally shown strong interest in CoCo 2 using two dual TEAC drives to maintain both the Glenside's affairs. What should my procedure be from secretary report and the treasurer's report for over 5000 now on? I could:

- a) Continue emailing as I have been doing
- b) Only publish them in the newsletter
- c) Do both a) and b).

Option b) has the disadvantage that it puts a month or more of delay between the meeting date and the publicizing of the minutes, so I suspect it is the least desirable option. Also, I don't want to clutter each newsletter with three months' worth of minutes if only a few people are interested in reading them. In that case option a) would be best. (Of course, if you wish to be added to my current distribution list, just tell me at mgdoc1@sbcglobal.net. Or if you wish to be removed from my list, ditto.) But if you are a member who would like to see the minutes also in the newsletters, tell me. If it seems to be a majority, I will begin doing that.

Happy CoCoing!

Rich Bair, Secretary Glenside Color Computer Club

### THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Our secretary, Rich Bair, said he recently read our constitution only to discover that he was supposed to supply information about our meetings in the newsletter. After checking I discovered that he did not do this for our last three newsletters. Instead he was emailing meeting minutes shortly after each meeting. This provided Rich with feedback about errors and modifications that needed to be made before the next meeting for approval of those minutes. When it comes time for his newsletter submission he need only highlight what went on in the last three meetings as well as supplying comments on more issues that came up but not put in print. This is what the previous secretary had done for years.

So who am I? Bob Swoger who showed up to a Glenside meeting in 1986, liked it and kept coming back. My original reason for coming was as a reporter for the Motorola Computer Club that was at the time 350 members strong most using the CoCo 2. I was 45 years old at the time and now I'm 75 and an invalid no longer

constitutions and edited 5 newsletters for 5 clubs.

Illinois requires that corporations such as ours have a My PC of choice was the UK's Sinclair computer minimum of six on their Board of Directors, hence the available in 1983, a more sophisticated machine than the CoCo 3 but also almost twice the price. Because I was able to observe the Sinclair User Groups grow, evolve and die, I felt I could help the Glenside group evolve into what we now are. Maybe I can explain it in a podcast sometime

members in the Association.

Up until 1987 our Glenside database was maintained on a CoCo 2 using the OS9 Profile application. It was decided that we would use Jim Peulecke's program, which looked at the output of the CoCo OS9 Profile database and convert it to Jim Peulecke's database format. In this manner we could convert it back to the OS9 Profile format.

It was proposed at the November meeting that the club should have a standard, synchronized mailing list for dissemination of club communications. Rich didn't inform us who made that proposal but stated, "Currently John Mark Mobley has a list for mailing the quarterly newsletters to paid members and Rich Bair has a different list for mailing meeting minutes." This statement is not exactly correct as John Mark only uses the present Jim Peulecke program, which contains the names of both contributing and non-contributing members over 360 in all. Rich, I believe, uses our current database to get the email addresses he needs. What Rich is doing is just fine with the Board of directors. Keep up the good work.

Now let's discuss our CoCoFEST! Space problem. Up until this year we had only two kinds of attendees to plan for. Those two were the Vendors/Exhibitors and the folks that came to see their wares. We watched the total numbers through the years drop to below 80. We found a much less expensive place to hold our show, Heron Point. The lower prices brought us greater numbers, last vear being 120 attendees. The increase was mainly due to the work of Randy Kindig, Steve Strowbridge and John Linville getting out the word using podcasts.

We also noted that as the booth prices got lower some folks were buying booths just to store their STUFF. The vendors then asked that they be separate from those that only wanted to store their STUFF so that the real vendors could be all in one room. We now will try to accommodate these three kinds of folks, the third being those that want space to store their STUFF or exhibit STUFF but not sell anything. This third group will have their space in the check in room where Rich Bair hangs out. These folks

will use the Vendor contract for preregistration and to state their intensions. (Hangout or Exhibit w/o sales.)

http://www.glensideccc.com/data/library/cocofest\_exhibit/contract-2019.doc

xtra table: (Lin	nit, ONE.)	\$30.00 \$25.00
Extra Vendor Passe	100	\$ 5.00
A Place to call Home	(1/2 depth table; NO sales) & Pass	\$20.00
(Located in the re	gistration room)	
Dinner(s) @	\$20.00 per Adult	
Dinners(s)@ N/C	Children 12 and under	
	SUBTOTAL	
	DEPOSIT	
	BALANCE DUE	

As you can see this "A Place to call Home" table is just \$5 more than without a table.

In the next line you can sign up for our catered dinner which includes Pulled Pork, Shredded Chicken, Beef Brisket, Pig Wings, Au Gratin Potatoes & Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Garden Salad, Fresh Rolls & BBQ sauce, and a Gluten-free Cheese only Lasagna for folks with restrictions, Lemonade, Tea and Soft Drinks for \$20 per person, kids 12 and under free. Of our 120 guests this year at least 78 enjoyed our catered dinner. It is a great time for all the attendees to socialize!

Robert Swoger, Communications Director Glenside Color Computer Club

### THE EDITOR'S CLIPBOARD

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

We rely on people just like you to help write articles for the newsletter.

John Mark Mobley, Editor Glenside Color Computer Club

### Tandy Assembly! by John Mark Mobley

Tandy Assembly is a vintage computer festival for Tandy/Radio Shack computers and compatibles. This year Tandy Assembly was held November 10 & 11, 2018 in Springfield, Ohio. About 92 people attended Tandy Assembly. Tandy Assembly is almost like having another CoCoFEST! Who would have thought the community could support two such events per year. Attendance is up at both events. So this is proof that the community can support both events.

Link: http://www.tandyassembly.com/index.html

Josh Malone josh.malone@gmail.com was there. was repairing Tandy 100-family computers. He repaired my Model 102. I mailed it off to him and he repaired it.

Stewart Cheifet was the keynote speaker. recorded and placed on YouTube.

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilf6leAPaEM

Link: YouTube - Tandy Assembly

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPyGtUzQU0Vf7CiSiJLySUg



Stewart Cheifet Host of "Computer Chronicles"



TRS-80 Model I



Printer for use with tractor feed paper



TRS-80 Model II (2)



TRS-80 Model III (3)





TRS-80 Model 4



TRS-80 Model 4



TRS-80 Model I



Tandy Color Computer 3



RDS III (3) microcomputer system



Tandy TRS-80 Personal Computer



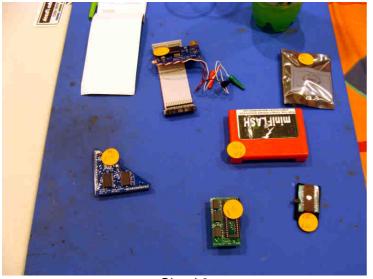
Tandy Color Computer 3 with RGB to SCART to HDMI



Tandy



TRS-80 Model 4P











Dino Wars Tandy 200





Tandy 2000 Tandy 102



Raco

Tandy Assembly

Jim Brain



Tandy Assembly



Jason Reighard and Grant Leighty



Tandy Assembly



Sandy Wiemer and Tony Podraza



Ian Mavric



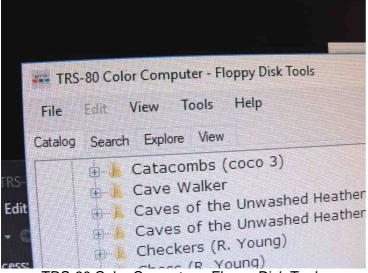
Brian Goers and Peter Bartlett



Ron Klein and Brett Gordon



Ladder Logic Circuit each toggle switch has 5 normally open and 5 normally closed contacts. Uses incandescent lamps for output.



TRS-80 Color Computer – Floppy Disk Tools by Paul Fiscarelli



Eric Canales

# Retrostore Search Retrostore Configure WiFi Help floout:

Retro Store

This desk is a recreation of an ad for the Model II (2)
The desk holds three 8" floppy disk drives
http://oldcomputers.net/pics/TRS-80-II\_table.JPG



http://www.trs-80.org/images/model2-ad.jpg

# **CoCo Happenings**By Salvador Garcia

2018-10-04 Pierre Sarrazin announced the release of CMOC version 0.1.54, the 6809 C cross compiler.

### http://perso.b2b2c.ca/~sarrazip/dev/cmoc.html

2018-10-08 Walter Zambotti announced progress on his OVVC project. This is an Open Source implementation of the VCC emulator that will be compatible with Windows and Linux.

2018-10-14 Pierre Sarrazin announced another release of CMOC, this time version 0.1.55, the 6809 C cross compiler. This fixes a few minor bugs.

### http://perso.b2b2c.ca/~sarrazip/dev/cmoc.html

2018-11-03 D. Bruce Moore announced the availability of all 10 episodes of CoCo Forever.

### http://cocoforever.gracenote.ca/

2018-11-06 Walter Zambotti announced more progress on his OVCC project. He successfully converted VCC to native Linux using SDL2/AGAR and is able to start an emulation of the Color Computer 3.

2018-11-12 Rietveld published a video showing how to connect a wireless PS2 keyboard to a CoCo using a Cloud 9 PS2 Keyboard adapter

### https://youtu.be/28ZelB4xmgo

2018-11-12 Walter Zambotti announced more progress on his OVCC project. He is now working on FD-502 support.

2018-11-21 Walter Zambotti announced even more progress on his OVCC project. He now has working the basic VCC CoCo core, MPI, Hard Drive and FD-502 support.

2018-11-21 Carlos Camacho announced the availability of his 2MB RAM CoCo badges. They will be available at his website, http://colorcomputerstore.com/

2018-11-23 Walter Zambotti announced even more progress on his OVCC project. The Orch 90 and RAMDisk modules are now complete! Way to go!

2018-11-25 Pierre Sarrazin announced the release of CMOC, version 0.1.56, the 6809 C cross compiler. Now directly supports the generation of Dragon executables, among other improvements.

http://perso.b2b2c.ca/~sarrazip/dev/cmoc.html

### **Calendar of Events**

by John Mark Mobley and Salvador Garcia

See our website's Calendar of Events:

http://www.glensideccc.com/calendar/index.shtml

### Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc. Business Meetings

January 10, February 21, March 14, 2019 Thursdays, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Central Time Schaumburg Public Library 130 South Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL, USA

Blue Jeans teleconferencing access is available via John Mark Mobley or John Linville. You can call in.

### **Vintage Computer Festival Pacific Northwest (PNW)**

March 23 & 24, 2019 Vintage Computer Festival

Living Computers: Museum + Labs

Seattle, WA, USA

Link: http://vcfed.org/wp/

### **Midwest Gaming Classic**

April 12-14, 2019

Home video game consoles, pinball, arcade, computers, tabletop gaming, crane games, collectible card games and air hockey, and that's just the start!

Wisconsin Center Milwaukee, WI, USA

Link: https://www.midwestgamingclassic.com/



## The 28th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!

May 4 & 5, 2019 Tandy Color Computer Festival Heron Point Building Lombard, IL, USA

Link: https://tinyurl.com/y8zrdyw4

### **KansasFest**

July 15 - 21, 2019 Apple II Computer Festival Rockhurst University Kansas City, MO, USA

Link: https://www.kansasfest.org/

### The 28th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!



### маке The Trek!

Here are the 5 "W's"

WHO? 1) Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc. **PRESENTS** 

WHAT? 2) The 28th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! WHEN? 3) May 4 & 5, 2019

(Sat. 9 am 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 2018!)

Overnight room rate:

\$94.00 plus 11% tax (\$104.34 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: \$15.00 1st - \$10.00 2nd & more Sunday Only: \$10.00 1st - \$5.00 2nd & more \*\*\*\*\*\* Children 12 and under - FREE \*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* Students 21 and under with valid Student ID - FREE \*\*\*

For further information, general or exhibitor, contact: Tony Podraza, GCCCI Robert Swoger, GCCCI 847-428-3576, VOICE 630-589-4692, VOICE tonypodraza@gmail.com rswoger@aol.com

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