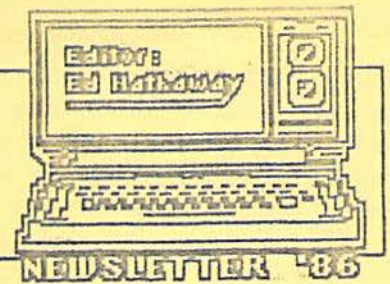


Glenside Color Computer Club



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

***** WAS AUGUST A CO-CO MONTH OR WHAT *****

As we say goodbye to August for another year, it was really not just another August! With the release of the CoCo-III, Tandy made sure that August 1986 will live in our minds for years to come. Because we were under the publishing gun to get last months Newsletter to you in a timely manner, a few thanks were missing. Joe Register & David Barnes helped in gathering information about the CoCo-III as it was happening. Everything you read about the CoCo-III (minus the Tandy flyer) was a direct result of their efforts. THANKS GUYS! Bruce Gilmore took on the task to resurrect the Club computer. We know have a WORKING 64K CoCo-I that can be used by club members if their system is under repair. THANKS BRUCE! Lastly, THANKS to Ken Johnson for donating this CoCo-I to the club. Because of both Bruce & Ken, no one in the club should experience 'downtime' due to computer failure.

The Glenside Color Computer has one very special THANKS to pass along to David Sullivan. David has allowed Glenside to use his personal photo coping machine to produce this Newsletter. David and his wife are members and officers of the Illinois Color Computer Club of Elgin and very good friends of Glenside. Thanks again David...

During our August meeting and as of this mailing, five (count'em 5) new members have joined the Glenside Color Computer Club. It is also my understanding that there might be two or three more new members joining on or before our September meeting. Let me tell you guys, this is really a great way to kick off the 'fall season'. A big THANKS to all who have helped Glenside grow and become THE user group for the Color Computer and other TPS-80 systems.

I regret to report that there is sad news within the Glenside family. Art Flory, who was one of the founding fathers of Glenside passed away a few weeks ago. In last months Newsletter there was an article about the History of G.C.C.C. In that article it was mentioned that the club held it's first meetings in a basement. Well it was at Art's house where we would gather and talk about tomorrow and play with the toys of today. To this day and for days to come, I will always believe that the heartbeat of Glenside was Art Flory. Our sympathy goes out to the Flory family as we grieve in the loss of Art...With love and forever remembering, your friends of The Glenside Color Computer Club.

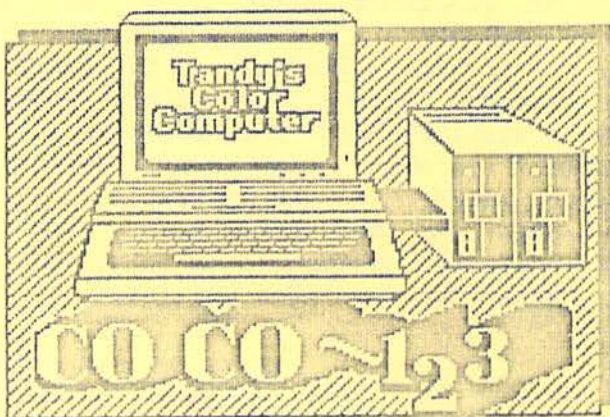
Ed Hathaway

AUGUST MEETING REVIEW

Our record for Hardware projects and presentations is still in tack. I'm fast becoming a believer that Murphy's law was cloned after Glenside. Our intent for this meeting was to show off the new CoCo-III, but this was not to be. The new systems were not available by meeting time so it was time to pull off the old 'tap dance routine'. Since Joe Register was apart of the Delphi network the day the CoCo-III was announced, he passed along to the membership that information he received. There were allot of questions being asked by the members and Joe did his very best to answer every one of them. The bulk of the question were centered around the extra memory, screen display and the OS-9 Level II operating system. With Joe's extensive computer background, he was able to field these questions and draw comparisons to other computer systems. On behalf of the Club, thanks Joe for a job well done.

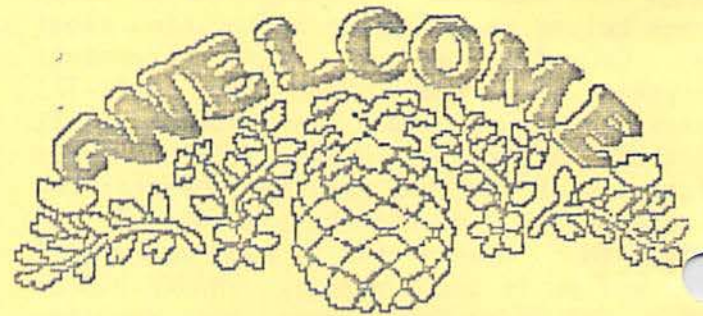
ONE TANDY CENTER

I have seen on local BBS Boards where people are complaining about the CoCo-III and what Tandy will or will not support with this new system. Please allow an outsider to explain some of these reasons and statements. First of all, I do not work for Tandy and my only investment with Tandy is as an end user of their Color Computer. The bulk of the complaining is centered around memory and graphics availability in the CoCo-III. Tandy has said that there is only so much memory and only so much graphics space on the CoCo-III that they will support. When in fact there is much more available space with in these locations. What Tandy really means is that they will only support these requirements and nothing else. Let's be honest guys, what Tandy supports and what Tandy built are for the most part two different systems. Tandy MUST maintain system standards and the applications that are designed around that system. With out this STANDARD of system support there would be little or no software or hardware consistency. With out this little control of consistency, chaos would reign supreme! Let's go back not to long ago when the CoCo I & II were all we had. Tandy set standards for these systems and any deviation from these standards would not be supported as future hardware up grades came available. Thus the reason for CoCo Max, Micky Term or ADOS not being able to work with the CoCo-III. These companies wrote software that ventured into the land of no return. Their designs called for ROM calls that were not ment to be used in the manner in which they were used. This did not mean that what they designed would not work it just ment that Tandy would not support them at retail or in future up grades. That's the real bottom line!



All of this is not to suggest that this editor has gone soft to Tandy. Nor is it to suggest that this Newsletter will not tackle and take on the wrongs or mistakes we find in future Tandy hardware or software. It is to suggest that what we know the ne CoCo-III is capable of doing, will be done. If it stays with in the constraints Tandy set, 'ok! If it does not then we also know the consequence.

Putting it in layman terms, Detroit builds cars that go much faster then 55 mph, however 55 mph is the limit and Law. Going beyond that limit is easy for the car to do because it was designed so. Yet, there are standards set by law that say, go beyond our limits and you will pay for you actions! Gentlemen, the CoCo-III is no different except for the going to jail trip you might take for exceeding 55 mph. I do not know of to many people who have been put into jail for shooting up funky ROM calls...



NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome with me FIVE new members to the growing family of Glenside.

* RICHARD SKRYDLAK of Downers Grove has a CoCo and comes to us through our Club listing in Rainbow.

* MARK J. BLACKMAN of Wheaton has a CoCo, TRS-80 PC1, 100, Model I & II. Mark also uses the 6000(Unix) system. In addition, Mark has a working knowledge of OS-9 & Assembly Language. Mark and I met at the Tandy Computer Center in Yorktown and his membership followed

* Jim Stiff of Glen Ellyn has a CoCo and is a friend and neighbor of Rob Mroch.

* Charles Julian of Chicago has a CoCo and joined us through his friendship with Club SysOp, Paul Covello.

* James Mackay of Wheaton is a new Model III owner. James joined Glenside because of the Clubs future plans and to network with other computer users and owners.

On behalf of Glenside, welcome gentlemen! I know your association with Glenside will give you that much needed shot in the chips!

PROGRAM HINTS

The following is Part 3 and final clues in the series to solve, Sam Diamond P.I. - THE CASE OF THE SWITCHBLADE SLASHER. Thanks to Orville Prehn for providing these clues.

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| 59) Down | 60) North |
| 61) Feed Rats | 62) North |
| 63) North | 64) Unlight Flash-light |
| 65) East | 66) Get Ladder |
| 67) West | 68) Light Flash-light |
| 69) South | 70) Place Ladder |
| 71) Up | 72) North |
| 73) East | 74) Get Handcuffs |
| 75) West | 76) West |
| 77) Go Partition | 78) Handcuff Killer |
| 79) North | 80) Show Photo |

*** ATTENTION ***

For all who own Radio Shacks CGP-220 Color Printer please read the following. It has come to our attention that there are TWO versions of this printer out there. One that can do 'Bold Type Printing' and one that can not. When you power up, do the SELF TEST. After the color test if you see V-006E, you can do Bold Type Printing. However, if you see V-004E after the color test, you do not have Bold Type Printing available. Have no fear, we have a patch that will give you the Bold Type Printing feature. The patch will require an EPROM chip replacement. Its no big deal and does not take a master electrician to repair. If you have a CGP-220 with the V-004E, we can burn you a EPROM at a reasonable price. For further information, call either Ed Hathaway at 462-0694 or Keith Koenning at 258-3741. This news comes our way via Keith Koenning and he can do the work for you. Thanks Keith!

Once you have Bold Type Printing, here are the codes for on & off;

- * PRINT #-2, CHR\$(27):CHR\$(31) To turn on
- * PRINT #-2, CHR\$(27):CHR\$(32) To turn off

ATTENTION

For all who have the new CoCo-II with true lower case, here is a patch that will give you true lower case in OS-9. Put your OS-9 system disk in drive zero. Get into the SHELL of OS-9 and type the following;

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XMODE /TERM TYPE=1 -UPC <ENTER>
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Once you have completed this, type in COBBLER /DO. This will save this patch onto your system disk and everytime you BOOT up OS-9, you will be in true upper & lower case. This information comes via Paul Covello and Keith Koenning. Thanks guys! NOTE: Keith Koenning is a fellow HACKER and member of the Cook County Color Computer Club.

MONITORS



This 12" green screen high resolution monitor offers 80 column capability, Zenith quality and a 30 day warranty valid at any of Zenith's 1200 locations.

Retail \$149 **\$6750**
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\$217
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131 Zenith 13" Color Monitor has medium resolution with speaker and RGB jack.

\$168
(S14 shipping)

All monitors require an amplifier circuit to drive the monitor and are mounted inside the color computer. They attach with spring connectors, with two wires extending out of the computer, one for audio and one for video.

VA-1 for monochrome monitors only, fits all color computers

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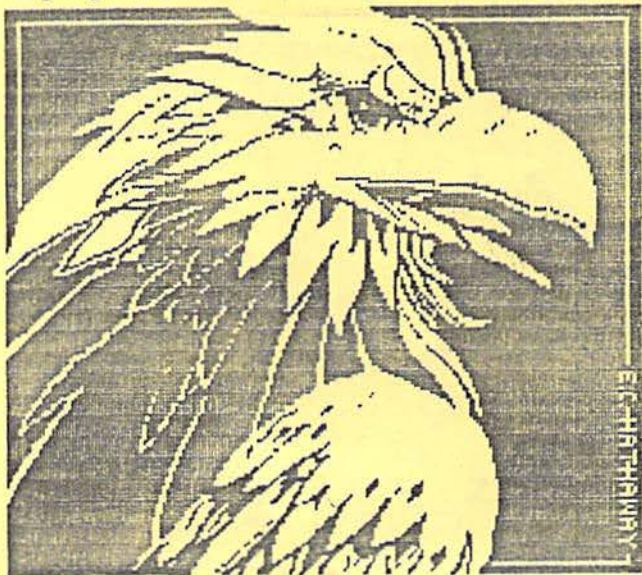


by Floyd

It's time to sing praise where praise is due. For all of you VIP Writer or VIP Desktop users help was found in the September '86 Rainbow magazine. A basic program on page 117 called WRITRZAP by Duck Productions was published to bring comfort and aid to us VIP users. As a free lance writer in Chicago, I spend a large part of my time banging on my old CoCo to make deadlines. It was always a source of aggravation having to set and re-set all the different parameters I need based on what paper I am writing for. With WRITRZAP this aggravation will no longer destroy my always pleasant disposition. Not to mention saving wear and tear on my printers as they flew across the room because I forgot to set the proper baud rate! Really, I am just a mild and understanding fellow with mild and understanding needs. Yet using VIP Writer before WRITRZAP was putting a major toll on all connected this and thats. It was not fair that a Poltergeist would enter our body and system because of a missed parameter change. I was always envious that Telewriter 64 allowed you these simple luxuries with a guarantee that all flying demands had been eradicated from their program. The people using Telewriter 64 couldn't comprehend the torture us VIP victims were undergoing. Alas, through the smell of stale smoke and knee deep pea soup came a savior in the name of Duck Productions and The Rainbow Magazine. With these two next to godly companies, VIP users are safe to return to our once humble desktop computer without fear of a gremlin attacking our senses!

THANKS

P.S. Not to sound greedy, but who about slinging bits and bytes towards VIP Calc?

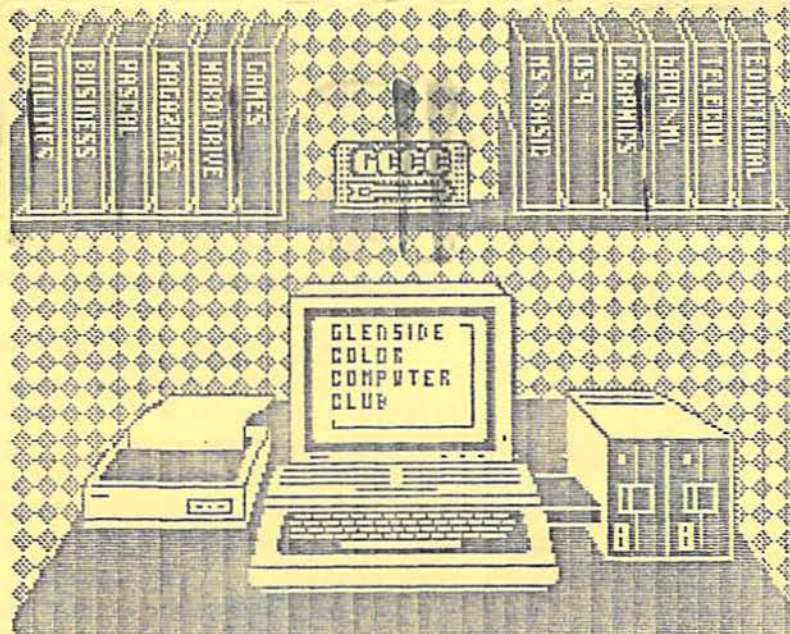
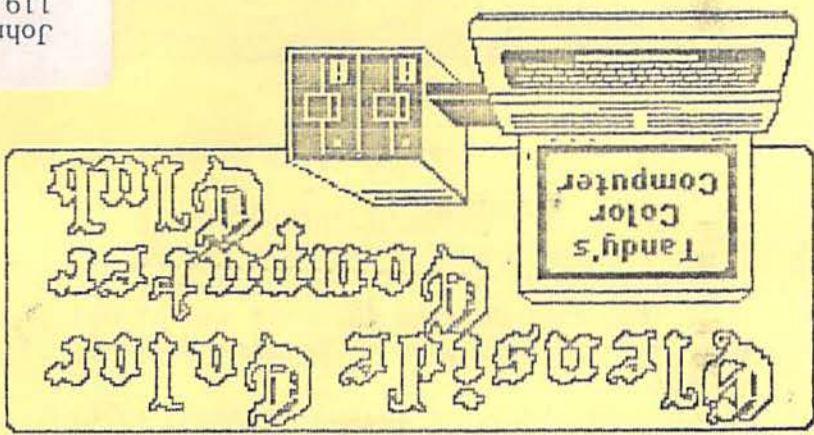


For the September meeting we have invited Robert Flory of the Computer Center in Yorktown to demonstrate the new Tandy computers. Robert will be showing off the new 1000-EX, 1000-SX, 3000 and 2000. In addition (with a little luck) he will also have the new CoCo as part of his presentation. In addition, Robert will have with him the NEW, CM-8 RGB Color Monitor. This is the first time in Glenside's history that we have had a Tandy representative at our meeting and/or giving a presentation. Guys, we are breaking new ground here to bring to you the very best product presentations money can't buy! It is important to remember that Robert is an expert MS-DOS person. His knowledge of the inner workings of the Color Computer is limited, so be kind... His job will be to show us Tandy's MS-DOS systems and hardware, our job will be to teach him 'da CoCo!

** FOR SALE **

- * RADIO SHACK MODEM II. Excellent condition complete w/box & manual. This is an Auto Answer/Auto Dial 300 baud unit. Asking \$80 or best offer.
 - * BUSH COMPUTER DESK. Excellent condition, originally paid \$69.95 and will sell for \$45 or best offer. See the cover of September '85 Rainbow for a look at this unit. Will deliver within Chicagoland area. CALL DAVID BARNES AT 469-2045 FOR ALL ABOVE ITEMS.
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