OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The month of October has never been one of my favorite times of the year (For that matter, November through March are not to great either!). You see, October spells the end of the Baseball season, short sleeve living, golf balls souring through the sun drenched sky and the sweet smell of freshly cut grass. Oh yes, October truly is a month of despair. Hay, don't get me wrong, the gods really tried to spice things up with a silly game played with a pig skin. I mean come on, a game where one week grown men run around in sub-zeor temperatures barking like dogs and the next week sweating in near tropical conditions! Give me a break, what this, someones idea of WestleMinia II at the Horizon? I say, give me Baseball year round, give me the sight and sound of a double header, the youthful feeling of spring training and the veteran guts of a pennant race. All of this has to be spoiled by a month called October! However, I'm ready this year. I have on video tape ALL the highlights of the 1986 Chicago Cubs. All the great moments that made this year a special one. I figure when it's cold and dark outside I'll just put in this tape and watch Harry Carey sing 'Take me out to the ball game' eighty two times. After that I'll be really ready to bark like a dog and enjoy WrestleMinia, NFL style!

Now, lets talk shop. Since we last got together, the phone and mail box has been busy. We have received more inquires about Glenside than any other time in the Club's history. I have to think that all this activity is a direct results of all the great press we have received of late. It started with the October issue of The Rainbow Magazine and carried through to the cal press coverage of our September meeting. I have to also believe that the news about the CoCo III is helping to create this interest. Glenside is on the move and with some of our short and long range goals, we will be traveling at twice the speed poke going into 1987.

During our September meeting and as of this mailing, five (count'em 5) new members have joined the Glenside family. Yes this is a reprint of last months statement, but with all NEW members! Since the start of this year, 24 new members have joined Glenside and if these past two month are any indication of whats to come, look out! Thanks to everyone for keeping Glenside on a growing positive roll and a special thanks to The Rainbow Magazine and Press Publications for your kind words.

See you all in October.

OCTOBER MEETING REVIEW

For the October meeting we might be caught between the old eight ball. The Color Computer III should be out by then (sure you have heard this line before...or did you know that the one of the three biggest lies was replaced with, 'THE CoCo III IS DUE OUT ANY DAY!') but we still need to set up a presentation. Well, I'm here to tell ya that we have set up a great presentation. Randy Spector a Vice President with Speech Systems will be demonstrating all of their new music software. He will also have a keyboard synthesizer plugged into the color computer turning the Library into our very own Carnegie Hall. This will be a must see and hear meeting and in addition, the timing is just right for all of you wondering what to buy your CoCo for Christmas! See you on October 9th.

COMPUTER WORLD
By: Joe Register

While reading my August 25th issue of InfoWorld, I found an interesting article explaining Tandy's most recent computer marketing strategy. Having acquired six examples of Tandy's past strategies, I was obviously curious as to what the future might hold. I was surprised.

Fort Worth must have been in a talkative mood because Ed Juge wasn't by his lonesome on this interview. This time we heard from Ron Segall, senior vice president. It was his comment that disturbed me. According to InfoWorld, Ron said that "IBM is ... setting the standards now. Until this changes, Tandy will not introduce a computer and ask software developers to write programs for a new type of machine". Ed's comments supported this position of 100 percent IBM compatibility or bust!

What the heck is going on with these people? Are they really serious or just trying to give the new clone purchasers a real warm feeling about their new line-up? I really hope it's the latter. Tandy started out as a home computer manufacturer that understood the needs of that market segment. Sure they've made mistakes, but the Model 2000 they referred to in this interview was a business machine. I trust these people understand the difference but does the buying public? If they continue to stress IBM compatibility, even in a home computer, what happens to all their other fine products that aren't MSDOS machines? After all, you don't have to run the mainstream business DOS for every application. OS9 is more powerful than MSDOS but who will know or care if this mandate for compatibility continues.

Tandy didn't enjoy the success it achieved from the Model 100 with this wait and see attitude. They found a need and built the right machine. This same opportunity presents itself again with the new COCO III. I can't believe the people who built this new machine don't realize that what they have in this computer is ten times more exiting in the home market than another IBM clone. Come on Tandy, take the lead again. Our hard earned bucks are waiting!

SEPTEMBER MEETING REVIEW

Even though the Color Computer III was not available for our September meeting, Bob Flory of Tandy still braved his way to the meeting. Bob brought with him a FULL complement of Tandy MS-DOS systems to demonstrate and talk about. In the back of the room I had a small bet going as to how long Bob would get into his presentation before a CoCo question would come up! I believe as soon as Bob mentioned the great graphics and memory available on the Tandy MS-DOS systems, someone asked him to compare them to the new CoCo...And the beat goes on...This was the first time in the history of Glenside that a Tandy Being gave us a presentation and Bob left us uttering, "WHY DID WE WAIT SO LONG!!!" Bob was up to any and all questions and the systems were quite

impressive. On behalf of the Glenside Color Computer Club we say to Bob Flory and the Tandy Computer Center of Yorktown, THANKS for taking the time and showing interest in Glenside. There is also a big thanks out for club member Bruce Gilmore. Bob had real problems with his car on route to our meeting (thats why he was late) and Bruce followed him home to ensure a save landing. Thanks again Bruce, your good deed did not go un-noticed...

In addition, John Hilborn of National Computer Supply was offering major league discounts on Disk Storage Box, Printer Stands, Surge Suppressors and a computer mini-vac. As Crazy Eddie says on TV, 'THE PRICES WERE INSANE!' Thanks John

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome with me five (count'em 5) new members to the growing family of Glenside.

* Elaine Dieterle of Glen Ellyn has a 64K CoCo disk drive system and printer. Elaine es our way through our Club listing in Rainbow Magazine and is the First Lady to join Glenside.

* Len Zielinski of Niles has a 64K CoCo disk drive system with a modem & printer. Len comes our way via Howard Medical BBS and David Barnes.

* David Lucas of Chicago has a 64K CoCo disk drive system with a modem & printer. David comes to us through his friendship with Club SysOp, Paul Covello.

* Elmer Williams of Elmhurst has a 64K CoCo disk drive system. He also owns a Model I, Model IV & Model 4P. Elmer will be an added help to all of our TRSDOS members.

* Ray Grundy of Glendale Heights has a 16K non-Extended CoCo (does this sound familiar guys?). Ray comes our way through our Club listing in Rainbow. Also, Ray is a real HAM RADIO nut and an old Army buddy of my baseball manager.

On behalf of Glenside, WELCOME! I know your association with the Glenside Computer Network will give you that much needed shot in the Chips!

OVER THE RAINBOW
By Floyd

When going over the October issue of the Rainbow Magazine, just a few things caught my fancy. Unlike last months program, WRITER-ZAP, I did not see or find in the October issue any one outstanding program listing that the world could not live with out. Thats not to say there was nothing of interest. October is the annual graphics issue and there were two basic graphic display programs for the CoCo 3. For all of you basic hackers, give these programs a look see. They do use some of the new basic statements and ROM calls we will be enjoying with the new CoCo. Also, there was a graphic utility that allowed you to stretch, reduce & enlarge your graphic pictures. Software programs like Graphicom II and CoCo Max allow you these features, but cost far more then the $3.95 cover price of Rainbow. However, none of these programs blew my SAM chip away. The highlights of the October Rainbow (in my estimation) could be found in three, no four places. The first being the article on page 94 called 'Dissecting the CoCo 3' by Cray Augsburg. This was a real nuts and bolts look at the guts of the CoCo 3. It is this kind of detail that Tandy would never venture to show or talk about. I for one know that there are state and federal laws that make it illegal for people like me to even think about picking up a screw driver, let alone opening up the case of the new CoCo! This article just might have saved me from doing 3 to 5 years hard time with Joliet Jake!!! THANKS GUYS! The other areas of interest could be found in Lonnie Falk's article, 'PRINT#-2'. It was here that Mr. Falk mentioned and gave credit to Glenside regarding Joe Register's article in your July/August Newsletter about the new CoCo 3. Glenside was also mentioned in the bi-monthly Club listing on page 189 and your own club president, Ed Hathaway (we on the Newsletter staff call him Editor Ed) had yet another award winning graphic picture in the CoCo Gallery on page 122. With all this positive feedback coming from a national publication like Rainbow, I know in the months to come I will be saying, "I knew Glenside when they were just 16K of memory!" Good show Glenside...

We'll talk again next month
Floyd

RUMOR MILL

We have received word from a reliable source that the reason for the CoCo III not being available at the time of this publication is due to the CoCo II. Word has it that Tandy would like to get rid of some CoCo II inventory. Their thinking could be, who would buy a II when there is the III! We can only hope that the consumer has been advised by the Radio Shack sales people of the soon to come CoCo III and that the purchase was from need, not a sales persons commission! A rumor that first came up regarding the delay was that the CoCo III was held up waiting FCC approval. Well I'm not sure who to believe or who to turn to. In the AUGUST '86 issue of the Tandy User Group Newsletter, Ed Juge stated the following in a 'Conclusion' article, "Demonstration units will be in stores hopefully by the time you read this. All of these products (talking about all the new Tandy computers announced on July 30th) will be available in the month of August....cont..." Then in the SEPTEMBER '86 issue of the Tandy User Group Newsletter, Ed Juge stated the following in the 'Tandy New Product Status' article, "My understanding is that the CoCo 3 was submitted slightly before that decision was reached (talking about obtaining FCC testing approval for RF emission levels), so its certification is in hand. The computer is being built in Tandy's Korean plant, and the first units were shipped around July 30. They should be showing up in stores within a very few weeks, or even days." At the close of this article Ed states, "We hope approvals will come through (speaking again about the FCC approvals) very soon on the Tandy 1000 EX and SX, since they were submitted at the same time as the 3000 HL. As of this writing, though, there has been no word." There was also mention that the new DeskMate 3 would be coming September 30. Well it's October 3rd and still no sign of either the CoCo 3 or DeskMate 3. If I'm not mistaken, did we not see and touch the 1000 EX & SX at our September meeting? In reading the above, you would think that we all were dreaming! Go ahead guys, pinch yourself, are you still dreaming? I can't wait to read the October issue of the Tandy User Group Newsletter to see what the latest statement Tandy comes up with...and the saga continues... Stay tuned for next months Newsletter for RUMOR MILL PART II!

Statements in quotes were sourced from Tandy User Group Newsletter - Tandy Corporation / Radio Shack

ONE TANDY CENTER

It's quite early this Saturday morning as thunder and lighting rattle the homes of Mid-West, USA. As I look out my office window, I notice that a mushroom farm is growing where grass once was. The sound hammer and saw ring through the early morning typhoon as someone is putting the finishing touches on the Village Ark! Only the sound of Saturday morning cartoons break the repetitious drone of hammer and nail. My attention is directed to the TV as a Public Service announcement interrupts He-Man from saving the universe. It reads; "It's very late September and do you know where the Color Computer 3 is?"

With this message, I am reminded of the News Release Tandy put out on July 30, 1986 regarding the CoCo 3. In the second paragraph of this release it states, THE COLOR COMPUTER 3, AVAILABLE AT MORE THAN 7,000 RADIO SHACK STORES, COMPUTER CENTERS AND PARTICIPATING DEALERS NATIONWIDE....The key word here must be 'available' because the same statement shows up on Tandy's Color Computer 3 Fact Sheet. I'm certain that Illinois and for that matter, the Mid-West is still part of the nationwide as described by Tandy. I do not believe that this vast geographic area has seceded from the nationwide as we know it, I heard of revolution! Maybe that was what He-Man was trying to save this Saturday morning! Or are those 7,000 Radio Shack Stores, Computer Centers and participating dealers they spoke of located in Prospect, KY? Questions no mortal should be asked to ponder, this is truly a job for 60 Minutes to go after... Nay I say, lets bring in the Smurfs, these little blue buggers can accomplish anything!
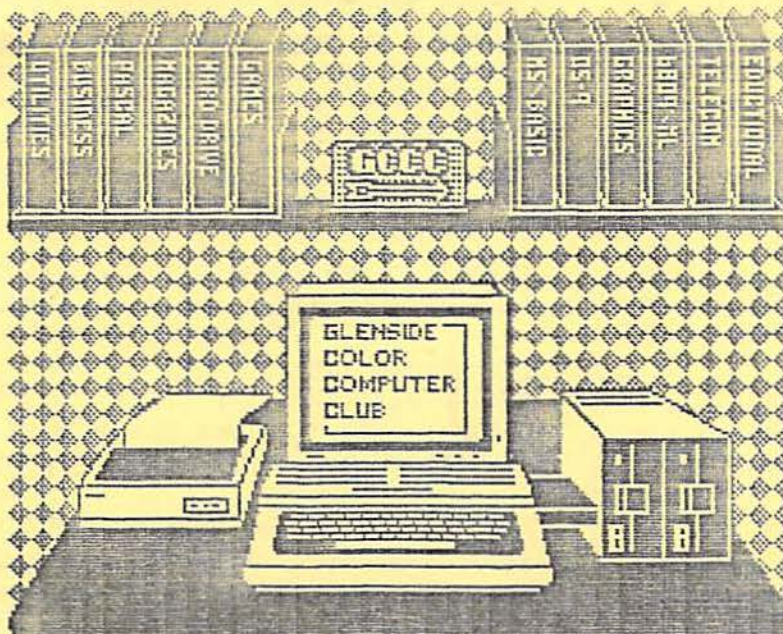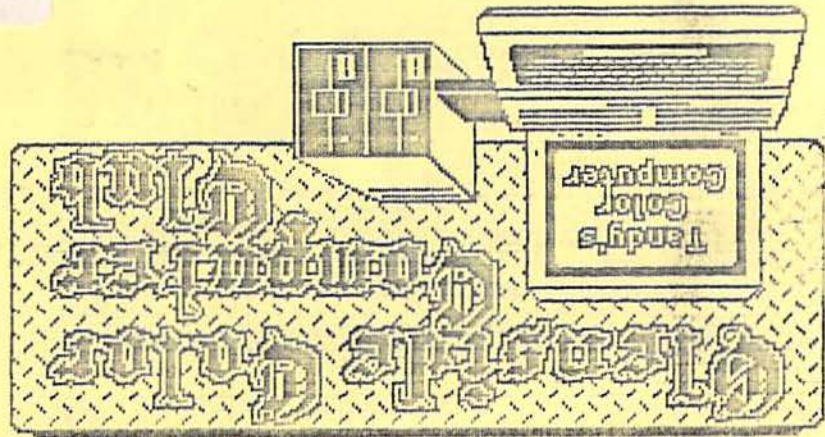
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But, Mr. SHACKman promised..........

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* AVATEX 300 BAUD MODEM. This is a direct connect modem compatible with the Color Computer. There are a few left at $28 so place your order today. CALL JOHN CHASTEEN AT 860-2580
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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

As a reminder, our next club meeting will be on October 9th. For visitors, we meet at the Glenside Public Library in Glendale Heights. The Library is located on W. Fullerton Ave. and we start our meetings at 7:30pm. Our meetings are open to all TRS-80 computer owners and users. For further information call either Ron Steinberg at 307-0466 or Ed Hathaway at 462-0694. See you in October.

CLOSING NOTES

* With the month of October here, some members need to catch up on their past dues or you just came due;

Louis Liao   Edward Moskowitz
Art Carvajal   John Chaplin
Bob Lorenz   Fred Rekich

Those members listed above, if you will see me during the October meeting we can get our books up to date. If you are unable to make the October meeting, you can send a check to my address listed below. Thanks.

* In the months up coming, this publication will be including Personal Profile and Club Activity questionnaires. Your response will be needed as we start to plan out the goals and objectives for Glenside Color Computer Club and Glenside U.' for 1987.

See you all on October 9th

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