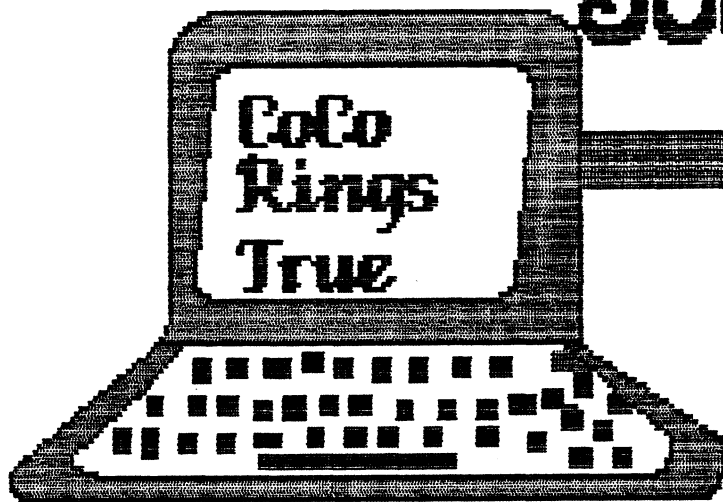


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PRESIDENT'S PRINTOUT
By Ken Fish

I think one of the hardest parts about being an officer of the ACS would be writing a article for our newsletter on a monthly basis. Last month I told you about the changes we have planned for the 6TH ANNUAL ATLANTA COCOFEST. I believe Al Dages (our esteemed club secretary) has more on that subject for this month in his column, so I don't need to use that for a topic... I'm not going to berate you members about needing to do your share by submitting articles...

Gee, if you all smell smoke when you get this newsletter, it's because of trying to come up with a topic!

Well, lets talk about our BBS. Our ACS BBS is a great place

for you to get information, talk to people from all over the country or all over the world, and in general have fun. I'm suprised to find out how many of you the members DON'T use the board. We have just about everything that you could be interested in there for the taking. Let's take a look...

If you are like me and have an interest in photography you should check out the Photography Echo under the Hobby section. This echo gets you in touch with everything from pros to beginners all over the world. There are regular postings from people in Australia and Canada as well as from many states here in the country.

We have a Geneology Echo.

We have a Midi Sig (short for special interest group) with musical scores submitted from various people, with everything

from rock to classics, country to gospel, and everything in between!

For those of you who have a MS-DOS machine (boo-hiss), try the Free BSD section that Tom Kocourek has been busy putting up for us. This section has everything you need to get that messy dog machine running an OS9-like kernal environment.

Do you like pictures? Try the graphics areas.

Do you enjoy games? We have a whole bunch of games ready to download and run for your enjoyment.

There all also all of the echos and sigs to keep you up with what is happening throughout the country with our respective CoCo and OS9 communities. These are a great way to talk to people in another state and be able to find answers to almost any question you may have from hardware to software.

We also have the Atlanta 4 Sale echo were you can see ads for everything from cars to hard drives for sale.

Why am I going on about all this? Well the big catchword of this time is "The Information Highway". It seems every time I turn around I hear about Internet and the information highway. Well folks we have a little side road of that highway right here. Information is power is the old saying and the information is there for the taking. I myself have been a glutton, scarfing up anything and everything that I think I need (or may need). I believe that the way I can keep my beloved CoCo going is to get all the programs that I want NOW while they are available. You should do the same.

And if you have all the programs you want... call anyways and leave me a message to "talk"

or get in on the "never-ending" Star Trek story....

or ask for that hardware advise....

or find out what a f/stop is....

or.....

'til later

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SECRETARIES COLUMN
By Al Dages

Minutes of the February main meeting of the Atlanta Computer Society, Inc. held on February 28, 1995 at 7:20 PM. Meeting called to order by President Ken Fish.

The meeting was opened with the presentation of a contract proposal from the Holiday Inn Northlake, regarding the 1995 Atlanta CoCoFest.

A motion was made to accept the terms of the proposal and to proceed with a contract based on the terms of the proposal.

The motion passed unanimously.

There was some discussion on the price of booth/table and admission pricing.

A motion was made and seconded to retain the \$35.00 Booth/Table price from last year and the \$10.00 admission price.

The motion was approved unanimously.

There was discussion about giving an incentive to vendor in order to get them to sign up early.

A motion was made and seconded to give vendors a \$5.00 discount per table if they pay for booth/table space(s) before August 15, 1995.

The motion was passed unanimously.

There was discussion about selling general admission tickets

for the 1995 fest, at a discount price, to attendees of the Chicago CoCoFest.

A motion was made and seconded that a \$2.00 discount would be offered, on general admission tickets, to attendees of the Chicago CoCoFest and to all members of ACS. The offer for members is extended to August 15th.

The motion was passed unanimously.

There was discussion on offering incentives in order to attract people to give seminars.

A motion was made and seconded to offer a \$5.00 discount to vendors who will host a seminar.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Tickets will be printed by Thomas Kocourek and vendor sign-up forms will be printed by Alan Dages. These projects are to be completed in time to offer them at the Chicago CoCoFest.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted:
Alan Dages, Secretary

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EDITOR'S ECHO
By Russ Keller

This is March and I am thinking very seriously about building a 486 computer for the express purpose of running the new Unix-type DOS on the board.

It will take me some time to get all parts to build up what I want. My idea thus far is to buy a 486 mother-board 60 Mc. osc and a tower case, put in a 3.5" drive, a 5.25" drive, a CD drive, and a 1 G-byte hard drive.

I checked out buying a used 386 machine and found out people want too much for them. If you build it as you want, it is ready to do your bidding and memory can be expanded to the size you wish. By next year memory may be down to a reasonable price. Computer prices are coming down fast and new mother boards are cheaper.

I want to be able to design PC boards and drill them (prototypeing) and sell them.

Till next month.

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NEXT MEETING

MARCH 21, 1995 Shoney's South Cobb Dr., Smyrna
MARCH 28, 1995 Shoney's Jimmy Carter Blvd. Norcross
APRIL 11, 1995 Executive meeting Shoney's Jimmy Carter Blvd. Norcross