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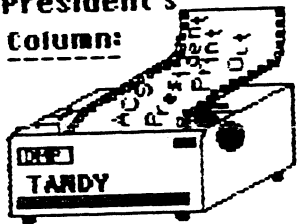
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President's
Column:



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PRESIDENT'S PRINTOUT
By Ken Fish

This is Atlanta Control, we have a go. I repeat, we have a go!

The negotiations and discussions are finished (mostly) and we have scheduled the 6th annual Atlanta CoCofest for the weekend of Sept.30 and Oct.1 at the Northlake Holiday Inn. Now most of you are going to say "we knew that", but I want to clarify what has had to be done to make this a reality. In some ways my opening line was about true! At times I thought that we would have an easier time launching a space flight than getting all the details worked out by the limited number of people working on them!!

We had Newton White doing the negotiations with the Holiday Inn. As

things were brought up about pricing and rooms, Newton would do the negotiating in good faith for the club. This was a drawn out process and I know from personal experience, it can be very frustrating. Newton, I want to thank you for your efforts, GOOD JOB!

We had made decisions concerning pricing of the tickets and discounts which we would offer for early purchase. The officers agreed that in an effort to keep everything from hitting us all at once, we would offer discounts for both vendors who reserve tables early as well as members who purchased their tickets ahead of time. That left producing the tickets in time to take them to the Chicago 'fest for early sale. Tom Kocourek was gracious enough to offer to do them, but Wynn Daughters (who has produced them in the past) felt that it would be easier to do them himself than teach someone the program he used in the past. Wynn produced the tickets WAY ahead of time and then when the dates were changed at the last minute, he completely redid the tickets with the new dates! That kind of effort should NOT go un-noticed. Thanks go to Wynn more than I can express!

We also want well produced flyers

announcing the fest and for that we give a tip of the hat to Chris Bergerson. Chris has in the past done beautiful work on the 'fest program and volunteered to help us with the flyers too. I've heard (but haven't had a chance to see) Chris did a real nice flyer using a GIF picture of the Atlanta Skyline with white type over it. The contrast between the dark skyline and the white printing make a real eye-catching flyer, which is sure to draw attention to it. Chris, thanks so much !

These, I'm sure, are re-caps of information we've given you in the past, just filling out details a little. Some may ask why I'm repeating myself. There are a few who are busting their butts to do the work which is to benefit us all. We NEED help. Some of the things are on the order of being able to be done with an expenditure of a few minutes a day. The hardest jobs are being done by the officers, but there are other things you the members can help with. If the fest is to be the success we hope, then you must get involved or take what comes! There are other things, not fest related, which your help with would take the burden off us to be able to work more on the fest. I'm sure most of you were disappointed with not having a club picnic last year. We could use help planning the picnic for this year to free our time somewhat. Elections are coming up and nominations have to be made for that. Our group is SUPPOSED to have a nominating committee, not leave it up to the Vice-President or other officers. You who are out of state members can vote in the elections or send us nominees by writing to the club or the newsletter. Although this hasn't been done previously, it is a GOOD idea. You ARE members too and the decision of who is to be an officer affects you also!

Well enough soapbox prattle! Back to what I was doing.

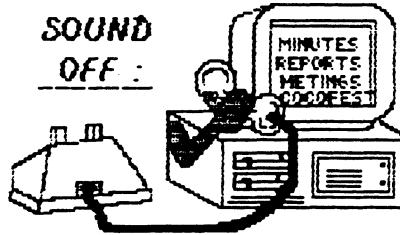
Atlanta, this is control, you're looking good!

'Til Later!

SECRETARY'S

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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

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 project 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 April and you got over the IRS SHOCK. We are experementing with the newsletter this month and wonder how you like it.

Terry uploaded some pictures that are being used. I may go to school to learn C-programing as I run into too many problems using the library files.

The next meeting I'll get straitened out. I may end up merging all of the graphic files into one to

make it work. If you can be in class one can ask the teacher where the files are and what to do to access them

REMEMBER 'THE 6TH. Anual CoCo FEST in OCTOBER. Read the Secretary's column this month for infomation.



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LIBRARIAN'S COLUMN
By Terry Dodson

Hello....Hello....Hello....
Well fellow CoCoNuTs, I finally got the time to do a column this month for OUR newsletter. I need to appologize to all of you in the club for being so absent these past few months. I have some interesting items this month, a few articles from the defunct "RAINBOW MAGAZINE".....a "Blast From The Past you might say. I also have been busy creating some new individual column, graphic headers to liven up our newsletter. They are as follows.....

- (1) HDL04951.CM3
- (2) PRINTOUT.CM3
- (3) MAILNEWS.CM3
- (4) EDITOR2.CM3
- (5) SECBANR2.CM3
- (6) TSHIRT1.CM3

These individual headers will preclude each article for which it was created. The headline banner is HDL04951.CM3 and will be a permanent banner for the year or until the new president changes as he deems

appropriate. However it's been fun creating banners all year just to see them be used in print. We'll see what the new year, "95' A Banner Year", will hold for ACS. Now for a reflection on the past:..... If you are using OS-9, there's some hints in OCTOBER 1988 Rainbow on using script files to obtain 32-40-80 column screens. pages--83 If you're interested in RS-DOS, "Slow Directory Scrolling" might be your cup of tea. page--134 Or how about "Hints & Tips for screen dumping ...page-6 You might find it titilating to read over "Reviews" on "Word Power 3.1" a good RS-DOS word processor on pages--120-125. Or "Reviews" on "NewsPaper Plus---" (RS-DOS), pages--161.

On to AUG. 1986 for "The Old Switcheroo", pages--108-112 for a great article on building a peripheral device switcher. Or maybe you're interested in drawing with "Etch-A-Scetch" pages--75-77. Another "Graphics Dump" on pages--76-77. Or a swift game of "Tic-Tac-To" to warm you up. Possibly a disk utility or two for you on pages--151

Finally, in "Feb. 1989 Rainbow Magazine" you'll find on pages--110.....a print out utility titled "Search For The Right Home" for doing a drive-by analysis of prospective homes you're interested in. And along with this great program is it's partner program "Loan Data.Bas" which will calculate your loan payments and print out a complete ammortization schedule for you. That's a pretty good job if you ask me.

Well I gues that's all for now, but I suppose that'll keep you busy until next month. So if you want try any of these items I've listed this month feel free to contact me, Terry Dodson, either on the ACS Bulletin board 636-2991, or call me at 463-1803, leave a message and I'll get back to you.

Thanx for your time TTFN CIAO.
*8-D+ Terry Dodson
Acs Librarian

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GUEST EDITORIAL
OUR CLUB by Thomas Kocourek

Let's talk about our club... When was the last time that you dialed into the ACS BBS? When was the last time that you attended a meeting? Folks, let's face it, most of the members act as if they were a line on a list rather than a real breathing participating member.

Can you read my mind? NO? Funny thing is that I can't read your's either, nor can the executive staff of the club. Hey, how about dropping in for a meeting (4th tuesday of the month) or posting a message on the BBS. You don't like how the club BBS looks... Tell the SYSOP what you'd like to see. Don't like how the club is being ran... get yourself elected as the president and run it as you see fit.

Don't like the tone of this article, write one yourself and submit it for publication. Tell us about your experiences with your computer, how about some of the troubles that you've encountered and how you solved them, tell us about tricks used to dial into a BBS, etc. The club newspaper needs your help and no writing experience is needed.

If you don't take interest in your club, your club will disappear because of APATHY and NEGLECT. Think about it!

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GUEST EDITORIAL
INTERNET by Thomas Kocourek

Let's talk about INTERNET... What is this thing called INTERNET? The official definition of INTERNET is the network of networks. For us, the "users", INTERNET is cyberspace, an information highway, a linking of people from around the world to a common topic, access to the largest

collection of programs anywhere for
any computer.

A common misconception is that INTERNET is for high speed MSdos machines. Nothing could be further from the truth. I ran a COCO3 based UUCP node for 3 years with a 2400 bps modem. As a matter of history, INTERNET is based on UNIX, a close relative of OS9 and cousin to LINUX/FreeBSD. By the way, LINUX/FreeBSD comes with all the necessary software to become part of INTERNET.

What can you do on INTERNET? Keep in contact with other COCOists, do geneology research, do group projects (UUCPbb was developed using INTERNET as the highway), fetch _free_ software, talk to folks in other countries (Australia is isolated and the only way COCOers can keep in touch is through INTERNET), etc.

What does it take to partake in INTERNET? A "feed", a modem, a phone, a computer system, and software. Let's go down this list and comment on each item.

"feed" - a "feed" is a computer system which has a modem connected (like our club's BBS) and a connection into INTERNET. When your computer dials into the "feed", your computer then does handshaking, sends your Email to the "feed", then picks up Email which is waiting on you.

modem - any external modem will do

phone - Ma Bell's children supply this

computer system - a COCO3 will do just fine

software - UUCPbb and OS9

If you'd like more information on the details of INTERNET, leave us a message on the BBS. Or drop us a note via US mail.

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VIRUS!

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>From toad.com!owner-cypherpunks Thu, 9 Mar 95 20:43:09 -0500
Message-Id:
<9503091932.AA15382@anon.penet.fi>
To: cypherpunks@toad.com
From: anon.penet.fi!an158409 (beacher)
X-Anonymously-To: cypherpunks@toad.com
Organization: Anonymous contact service
Reply-To: anon.penet.fi!an158409
Date: Thu, 9 Mar 1995 19:32:36 UTC
Subject: virus alert!!!
Sender: toad.com!owner-cypherpunks
Precedence: bulk

People - please note! The following new computer viruses have been detected in or around the Colorado Springs area. Please be alert for them when you scan your computers -- which you ARE doing, I trust.

OPRAH WINFREY VIRUS: Your 200MB hard drive suddenly shrinks to 80MB, and then slowly expands back to 200MB.

AT&T VIRUS: Every three minutes it tells you what great service you are getting.

MCI VIRUS: Every three minutes it reminds you that you're paying too much for the AT&T virus.

PAUL REVERE VIRUS: This revolutionary virus does not horse around. It warns you of impending hard disk attack--- once if by LAN, twice if by C:>.

POLITICALLY CORRECT VIRUS: Never calls itself a "virus", but instead refers to itself as an "electronic microorganism."

RIGHT TO LIFE VIRUS: Won't allow you to delete a file, regardless of how old it is. If you attempt to erase a file, it requires you to first see a counsellor about possible alternatives.

MARIO CUOMO VIRUS: It would be a great virus, but it refuses to run.

TED TURNER VIRUS: Colorizes your monochrome monitor.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER VIRUS: Terminates and stays resident. It'll be back.

DAN QUAYLE VIRUS: Prevents your system from spawning any child process without joining into a binary network.

DAN QUAYLE VIRUS #2: There is something wrong with your computer, we just can't figure out what!

GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST VIRUS: Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

NEW WORLD ORDER VIRUS: Probably harmless, but it makes a lot of people really mad just thinking about it.

FEDERAL BUREAUCRAT VIRUS: Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which does practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of your computer.

GALLUP VIRUS: Sixty percent of the PCs infected will lose 38 percent of their data 14 percent of the time. (plus or minus a 3.5 percent margin of error.)

TERRY RANDLE VIRUS: Prints "Oh no you don't" whenever you choose "Abort" from the "Abort" "Retry" "Fail" message.

TEXAS VIRUS: Makes sure that it's bigger than any other file.

ADAM AND EVE VIRUS: Takes a couple of bytes out of your Apple.

CONGRESSIONAL VIRUS: The computer locks up, screen splits erratically with a message appearing on each half blaming the other side for the

problem.

AIRLINE VIRUS: You're in Dallas, but your data is in Singapore.

FREUDIAN VIRUS: Your computer becomes obsessed with marrying its own motherboard.

PBS VIRUS: Your programs stop every few minutes to ask for money.

ELVIS VIRUS: Your computer gets fat, slow and lazy, then self destructs; only to resurface at shopping malls and service stations across rural America.

OLLIE NORTH VIRUS: Causes your printer to become a paper shredder.

NIKE VIRUS: Just does it.

SEARS VIRUS: Your data won't appear unless you buy new cables, power supply and a set of shocks.

JIMMY HOFFA VIRUS: Your programs can never be found again.

CONGRESSIONAL VIRUS #2: Runs every program on the hard drive simultaneously, but doesn't allow the user to accomplish anything.

KEVORKIAN VIRUS: Helps your computer shut down as an act of mercy.

IMELDA MARCOS VIRUS: Sings you a song (slightly off key) on boot up, then subtracts money from your Quicken account and spends it all on expensive shoes it purchases through Prodigy.

STAR TREK VIRUS: Invades your system in places where no virus has gone before.

HEALTH CARE VIRUS: Tests your system for a day, finds nothing wrong, and sends you a bill for \$4,500.

GEORGE BUSH VIRUS: It starts by boldly

stating, "Read my docs....No new files!" on the screen. It proceeds to fill up all the free space on your hard drive with new files, then blames it on the Congressional Virus.

CLEVELAND INDIANS VIRUS: Makes your 486/50 machine perform like a 286/AT.

LAPD VIRUS: It claims it feels threatened by the other files on your PC and erases them in "self defense".

CHICAGO CUBS VIRUS: Your PC makes frequent mistakes and comes in last in the reviews, but you still love it.

ORAL ROBERTS VIRUS - Claims that if you don't send it a million dollars, it's programmer will take it back.

Use your virus scan, don't let any of these viruses happen to your PC!

To find out more about the anon service, send mail to help@anon.penet.fi. Due to the double-blind, any mail replies to this message will be anonymized, and an anonymous id will be allocated automatically. You have been warned. Please report any problems, inappropriate use etc. to admin@anon.penet.fi.

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