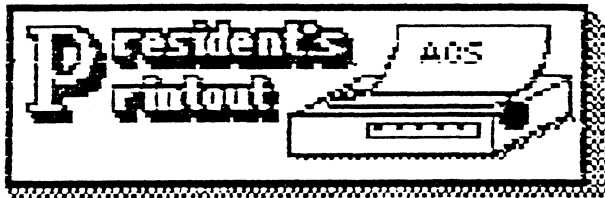

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It was September 26th and deadline time, the meeting was called to order and all committees were asked to report. All reports were positive and the show guide was finished and ready for printing. All work schedules were confirmed.

Boy that sounds pretty dramatic, I was feeling pretty excited when it all happened. It looks like the rest of the members of ACS were pretty excited too since we had a record turnout for the last meeting before the FEST!

For that I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in organizing and running the 6th Annual Atlanta CoCoFest!

It takes a lot of time and energy to get everything to gel and together you all did it. The fest was going to be ready right on schedule.

When the Fest actually happened, it happened smoothly, because all of you worked together to make it happen. If there were any glitches I'm sure none of the general public knew about it, which goes to show how professionally you all acted. With a group such as ours, how could it go wrong?

It's all past us now, time to compose ourselves and start over again for a new fest next year. Remember how much fun it was and not how much work it entailed. Remember all the friends we met again and those who didn't make it this year. Remember too that next year can be even better if we try harder!

Hey friends! Remember what I said at the last meeting? We needed to give our newsletter editor some more time in order to make the newsletter even better than it has been. In order to do this I announced that we would all have to turn in our

articles a week earlier than usual.

The new timetable for the newsletter was to have all articles on the BBS by midnight on the thursday before the second Tuesday of each month.

I set up the rules, and then promptly forgot that the month started on a sunday and that there was precious little time to get my article in. In fact I forgot to get my article in on time. If you are reading this, please thank Dan Maguire for putting up with my lateness.



Where was everybody? The 'Fest was great; I thoroughly enjoyed myself. But I kept wondering where everybody was.

I realize that the number of CoCo users has declined in the past few years, but there are still LOTS of us still around.

I believe that the real problem is a lack of communication. Though there are still several quality publications available for our favorite machine, there doesn't seem to be any one that has a universal following. It seems that the CoCo users have all specialized. Some of us are die-hard RS-Dos users, while others have moved exclusively to OS-9. And still others have moved on to OSK or other "UNIX-like" operating systems. Because the CoCo users have specialized, the CoCo

publications have specialized. In many ways, that is a good thing; but in other ways, it's not. If you are using RS-Dos or OS-9 exclusively and subscribe to a magazine that only supports that operating system, you miss out on the advances and new software and hardware available for the other operating system. Also, the specialized publications are much smaller than a general CoCo magazine would be.

Smaller magazines carry less advertising. Less advertising forces subscription rates to be higher. If the publication is so small that the subscriber doesn't feel he is getting value for his dollar, the publication ceases to exist.

What can we do to rebuild our CoCo community? Maybe we could convince some of the current publications to combine to form a larger publication that would encourage universal acceptance. Or maybe we should start a new publication that would embrace all the aspects of this marvelous little computer. I also wonder if it might be possible to create a "cyber-space" magazine that could be distributed by modem over the network of BBSs.

If we can get the word out and we can re-ignite the interest in the Color Computer, then we can have a 'Fest in '96, and that 'Fest could be every bit as big and exciting as the First Atlanta CoCoFest!



Wow! It's finally over. The fest preparations, and now the '95 fest are a memory.

It was fun, but we had less vendors this year than last. Only 15 compared to 24 for last year. Our attendance was down too, with a real poor showing from the ACS membership. But on the bright side we had people like Brother Jeremy (who I personally had never met before) there. And we had new vendors there also (like my own booth and Krash Zone). And all in all it was still fun.

Now on to the secretary report....

The day of the general meeting for Sept. was a hectic one for me. I picked up Allen Huffman (formerly Sub Etha) at his hotel at about 5:30. I had left my house at 4:00 but due to confusion over which Sheraton hotel he was at, was running late. I personally didn't know that there were 3 Sheratons by the airport! We arrived at the Shoney's at Jimmy Carter at about 20 'til 7:00. It was fun having Allen attend his first ACS club meeting. For those of you who didn't know, Allen used to live in Texas and since has moved to Iowa, so it was a little hard for him to make meetings!

The meeting was called to order by Al Dages at 7:06 as he called for any New business. I presented the finished version of the fest program

cover and also explained that we had gotten 750 covers when all we ordered were 150. R.C. Smith discussed the work schedule for the fest and said that anyone wishing to make changes to their schedule should see him at the meeting. Chris Bergerson was brought up to date on the inside page layout for the program, which he then volunteered to do on his computer with a laser printer. One last vendor (Krash Zone) was added to the list before the pages were printed. Al Dages accepted donations from Allen Huffman and from Truman Little for fest prizes.

At 7:30 Al turned the meeting over to the vice-president Carl England for the night's program. Carl started out by saying that he needed members input on what topics they would like to hear about and inviting anyone who would give a program to contact him. He then turned the program over to Tom Kocourek who gave an informative talk about the LINUX operating system for the clone machines. His talk and question and answer session was ended by 7:57.

Allen Huffman purchased his fest T-Shirt and then motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and the meeting ended at 8:02.

A little side note, that wasn't the end of my day yet. As I was driving Allen back to his hotel, I thought he would like a small sight seeing tour of downtown Atlanta. I drove by the fabulous Fox theatre and the site of the Mitchell house. We stopped at the Planet Hollywood for a drink and so he could purchase a souvenir and

then walked across the street to the Hard Rock Cafe so he could get a souvenir there too. We couldn't get into the Hard Rock, they had a private party going on that night with Joe Piscapo as the entertainment! We also drove down to Underground. Then returned to his hotel where we discussed programming for about a half hour. A good time. Hope you enjoyed it Allen!

Well, that is about all I can think of for now so....

'Til Later



Back from the yearly pilgrimage to Atlanta. As always, the 'Fest was great!

As an OOSM (out of state member) it is always a fantastic time getting together with others who share the same intrest in such a fun machine!

Coco Onward!



Good Friends and Good Times !!

By Terry Dodson:

There are many ways I can choose to enjoy myself these days, but do you know what I REALLY prefer, it's my CoCo. I also like sharing times and experiences with the rest of all of you, my CoCo Friends. It's been my pleasure to have shared the last three years with the Atlanta Computer Society, and it's many associated members, truly a bunch of wonderfully crazy and zany, GOOD people. I look forward to more years of my association with them and all of you other CoCo-Rute wherever you are.

Why not call into the ACS BBS and and say hello, or browse around, or just leave a message and let us know who you are and how you're doing. Those of you who are in Rick Cooper's "REGISTRY" should contact the ACS and leave messages to any of the officers of the ACS Club and we'll get back to you soon. It was the pleasure of all of the ACS to have you visit the Annual Atlanta "CoCoFesT" this year, we're so glad you kept the CoCo "Alive in '95", now let's pull our CoCo's into '96, '97, '98, '99, ????

Thanks for your kind and generous donations of Rainbow disks and magazines.

I'm busy sorting them out now, and you'll be pleased to know that the ACS has one of the most complete collections of disks and magazines of Rainbow anywhere today, and it's all due to you. Thanks again and give yourselves a big pat on the back.

Here's a list of the vendors that were at this year's 'Fest, in case you missed 'em .

Adventure Survivors

24 Perthshire Dr., Peachtree City, GA 30269
(404) 487-8461

OS-9 Users Group

6153 W. 63rd St., Suite 109, Chicago, IL 60638
(312) 735-6087

Sub-Etha Software

P.O. Box 152442, Lufkin, TX 75915
(409) 637-7087

Hawksoft

28456 SE 2, New Carlisle, IN 46552
(219) 654-7080

Rick's Computer Enterprise

P.O. Box 276, Liberty, KY 42539
(606) 787-5783

Wittman Computer Products

7376 North Bergen Rd., Bergen NY 14416
(716) 494-1506

Glenside Coco Club

119 Adobe Circle, Carpentersville, IL 60110
(708) 428-3576

Krash Zone

1741 Michigan Ave., St. Cloud, FL 34769
(407) 892-9588

Farna Systems

Box 321, Warner Robins, GA 31099
(912) 328-7859

Perfect Images Photography

4589 Kathy Circle, Powder Springs, GA 30073
(770) 349-5117

And of course our very own Gene Adams, R.C. Smith and Al Dages.

Support them, they are an indispensable part of our community.