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## From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

**H**e was minding his own business, placidly watching the screen update the information at regular time intervals when the following message appeared:

SOFTWARE FAILURE!!!!  
PRESS LEFT MOUSE BUTTON TO CONTINUE.

Error: 8222: 8223  
Task : 0028RE44

Then the screen went blank.

About ten seconds went by, a virtual eternity in CPU time-slicing; He was then greeted by:

DOS VERSION 4.66.6  
Copyright 1985-91  
Memory location \$F80000 is bad  
Clearing memory  
Memory not atted...A23121  
System initializing....  
Caching file....

Now, the really strange thing is, the system did all this without his pressing the left mouse button. He couldn't, you see, for he didn't have a mouse plugged in.....to his TV set!!! Seems that the local cable company's Commodore Amiga (for I left out those two words which appeared before "DOS") experienced a bit of a crash while displaying the viewing selections of

other channels through its video output and into the cable signal. I guess that our workhorse isn't alone when it comes to hard and software failures, eh? It happens to everyone.

Oh, and the above incident happened on Feb. 23, 1993, at 10:02 AM. TRUE STORY!!!!!!

Under the heading of old business.....

Please check your mailing label, now. I'll wait.....

Are you back? OK, with what you saw still fresh in your mind, what was the number in the top right-hand corner of the label? If you did not see "93", or in a few cases, a "94", then one of two things are possible...one is that I need to double check my records, the other is that you haven't paid your 1993 dues yet. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER** until I receive word from George Schneeweiss that you are a "member in good standing" again. It is only through the dues that Glenside can operate and be of service to you, through the newsletter, and in sponsoring The Second Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!. Without your membership, this event could never have been envisioned. Please take the time, now, to renew your membership.

(So I can cease to sound like a PBS station during "pledge week")

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### GLENSIDE CLUB MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the Glendale Heights Public Library. Further info can be obtained from Tony Podraza at home 708-428-3576.

### FUTURE MEETING DATES:

March 11  
April 8

A social get-together always occurs afterward at the Springdale Restaurant.

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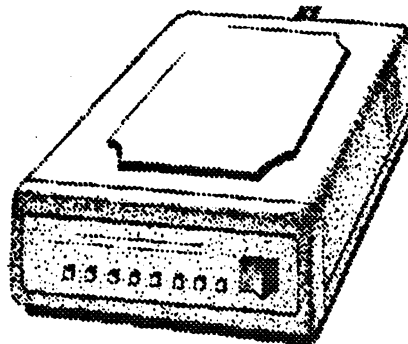
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By the way, see page 2 for George's address. Thanks.

With the major portion of the vendor mailings out of the way for the FEST!, I can now concentrate on the Members Utility Disks the we are going to try to get out by the end of April. If you haven't received any of the disks at the 'FESTs of '91 or '92, and you wish to receive them (there are three) please drop me a note as soon as possible. It would greatly speed up the process. I'm not sure who has gotten them and who has not.

### Under the heading of FEST! update....

Looks like all the preliminary actions for the FEST! are finally out of the way. Over a hundred prospective exhibitors should have received their "packet" by now, with less than 10 "returned to sender" (funny, I don't remember sending any to The "King"). Seems that the mailing list needs a little updating. Some interesting news from Europe...Peter Tutelaers is DEFINITELY coming to Chicago, and EUROS9 is setting up in THREE BOOTHS!!!! Sounds like it's going to be an INTERNATIONAL FEST! Read on.

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## OS9-Usergroups

Although we currently live in the 'communication-age' with all kinds of services through which you can get in touch with other people all over the world, there was so far no (or very little) communication between OS9 usergroups all over..

However, if it's up to us, that's going to change. During the last couple of weeks, we've been busy getting in touch with some of the better known OS9 usergroups to see if they'd be interested in starting some kind of cooperation among the groups. And all of them were, so I'm pleased to be able to announce that such a cooperation will be started soon.

Although there are no concrete plans on what to do yet, it's not that difficult to come up with some ideas:

- exchange of information (newsletters & others)
- exchange of PD-software (one place where all should be collected)
- build a list of commercially available hard- and software
- establishment of a world-wide network of OS9 BBSs.

Any OS9 usergroup can take part in this cooperation, and by means of such a usergroup, any OS9 user can get access to the services we will provide in the future. Note that this will not be a replacement of current groups, it's more of a 'layer' on top of the current usergroups. So far the following usergroups have shown interest in this cooperation:

"OS9 Usergroup" (US)

"EFO (European Forum For OS9)" (Switzerland)

"EUROPEAN OS9 Usergroup" (UK)

"EUROS9" (Netherlands)

"FOS9" (Japan)

"OS9 usergroup of Japan" (Japan)

"Australian National OS9 Usergroup" (Australia)

If you know of other OS9 usergroup which would like to take part in this cooperation, then please do drop us a note.

So where to go from now??

As mentioned, we currently have no plans, just some thoughts. We'd therefore like to hear from anyone who has some good ideas on what such a cooperation could do. There are basically numerous things. What about a world-wide network of OS9-BBSs?? What about 'inter-usergroup' meetings?? to name just two. If you do have a thought, drop us a note.

I guess the only way we'd be able to set for some goals to achieve would be to select them by means of a discussion among people

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from the various usergroups and YOU, the OS9 user. We've therefore thought about the following:

We'd like to organize a meeting (discussion) of representatives of the various usergroups in Chicago this year. This discussion will also be open to the public so anyone could join. If you do not have the chance to come to Chicago, there's still a way you could participate. We will look into setting up 'on-line' discussions at the same time (Delphi, Compuserve, FOS9, IRC). It's our intention to involve anyone in the future of this 'venture'.

We think it should be possible to finance the new 'group' by means of donations from people (after all it'll be you who'll benefit). Therefore, we'd like to make a call on you to donate a small amount (\$5-\$15) to the 'group' in order to pay for the costs of the discussion as well as other things we'll want to achieve. We'd like to make a special appeal to businesses to donate some (more) money as they will have financial benefit from this cooperation as well.

Benefits for users:

- The usergroup you're a member of will have more information available.
- There'll be more PD-software available.
- Your usergroup will be able to tell you if a certain program you're looking for exists.
- You could find out if there are more OS9 users in your area (in order to set up a local group, or to organize local meetings).
- There'd be an OS9 BBS in your area with connections to all other systems around the world, giving you the possibility to discuss things with other users. Special interest groups could be formed this way (on porting UNIX software, writing system-related modules etc.).
- If you write shareware-software, you now can be sure as many people as possible receive a copy.

Benefits for companies:

- A list of available hard- and software would be maintained. This way many users would be able to find solutions to questions like "is a product which does this and that available?". You'd be able to send in product announcements to be included for free.
- You'd know yourself what is already available. This might save you a lot of time and efforts writing some program which is already available.
- Customers would be able to reach you over the BBS-network. It'd even be possible to discuss possibilities/solutions among customers in a special forum.

We think this might become a big step forward for all OS9 users

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around and are therefore looking forward for your support. Do note that this meeting (discussion) can only be held if enough money has been donated (the representatives from the "EFFO", "OS9 UG of Japan" and "Australian Nat. OS9 UG" will get their trip (mostly) paid for), which would also give us an indication of how much interest there'd be among OS9 users for this 'venture'. In order to make it some easier to send in money, we have 'officers' in a number of countries. There'd be one in your own country as well (if not use either one close to your country or Peter Tutelaers). Some of these list a bank-account to make it even more easy. If no bank-account is mentioned, cash is preferred. Any currency is welcomed. Do not use international bank-cheques as these carry high cost, especially with smaller amounts. When making a bank-transfer you should use "Donation OS9-group" as a description. Companies (and others) willing to donate more money (\$50-\$100) can get in touch with me (Peter Tutelaers).

We will inform you on a weekly basis on the status as well as new groups showing interest or other information you'd need to know. This information will be sent to 'comp.os.os9', 'cocolist' and the 'OS9 FIDO echo' (if you're willing to post it to other 'networks' or BBSs, please go ahead but do let us know).

'Regional Officers':

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### Meeting/Discussion:

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The meeting/discussion will be held May 1st in Chicago. This is at the same time the 'CocoFest' is being held. This 'Fest' is a two-

day meeting of (originally Coco) OS9 users from all over the US and Canada. The discussion will be held in the evening starting around 19:00. As mentioned, we'll look into ways to get people not being able to come to Chicago to join the discussion as well using electronic discussion forums. More on that will be announced later.

If you would want to attend the meeting, then here's the needed data for it:

Meetingplace: Holiday Inn Elgin

We hope to be able to keep the discussion free of charge. However, if necessary to cover the costs there might be a \$5.00 attendance-fee.

More information:  
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Hope we (all other OS9 users) can count on you..... ---eof---

Well...how do you like them apples? (Um....how about forgetting I said apples? Replace it with CaCao pods, instead ;-)

One more thing, I'd like to personally thank Donald Hicks for the article about adding color to "MAZE" that appeared in the Dec. '92 issue. The program certainly does look more interesting with the color added. Don will be receiving a packet of the newsletters for the first quarter of '93 for his article, since he isn't currently a member, but we relish his contribution.

And so...let's put this issue to bed. Have to upload it to Dave Barnes so he can build the rest of the newsletter around it. By the way...YOU, too, can contribute to the CoCo~123. Just type anything up, humor, frustration, anger, jubilation, anything that you have experienced regarding your computer and send it to Dave. His number is on page 2, along with instructions for transmittal. I GUARANTEE that anything that you submit, that is printable, that is, will be published; kudos and criticisms, alike.

Till next time, I bid you Peace.