



Glenside Color Computer Club

From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

Concrete is a crystalline-lattice composite. I was reminded of this fact, once learned in high school chemistry class so many years ago, when I decided to finish up some work that a friend started for me in my garage. He enclosed an open area, adding to the usable secured storage space under the pre-existing roof by first walling up the "patio" and then framing in a doorway area that needed to have part of the concrete "footer" removed to allow unfettered passage from the auto storage area to the new "workbench/bicycle/Glenside stuff" storage area. Wayne hacked out most of the footer with a sledgehammer, but he left the trimming of the corners to me. The project has sat idle for a year. Now I want the double door hung and I have to finish the job. I cleared out one corner tonight and is my "hammer arm" sore from gripping that hammer!

In order to get a straight edge at the corner, I had to use a chisel and "score" the line before I could attempt to apply any real force so I wouldn't get a chunk out of the footer that would be too big. I had to take little bytes at a time. I had to create a weak point in the structure of the crystalline-lattice.

Once created, then the additional force would break open the strong bonds of the concrete and the result would be a fracture along the lines that I wanted. Hmmmm. Looks very much like a plan to splinter off and "break the bonds"

of a dedicated group of people. All it would take would be one dissenter who is easily inflamed through miss-information, miss-understanding, miss-guided motives, miss-appropriation of funds, and a miss-antropic attitude. Missing from this list is the mistake of mentioning that the Color Computer is just over "twelve years old" and that it's initial "mentality" is obsolete by the standards of the today's commercial market. The 6809 (an external 8-bit/dual internal register=16-bit processing potential, sort-of) was definitely ahead of it's time, so much so, that we users are, maybe, only two or three years bypassed by technology, in some areas. Particularly in CPU speed. That and the fact that there are now true 16-bit and 32-bit CPU's available in the marketplace. As I have seen it said elsewhere before, when I have outgrown my machine's capability, I will have to find something else. But until then, as I have seen on the Tee-shirts in Atlanta, recently, at the FEST!, I WON'T GIVE UP THE GHOST!!!!

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### CoCo-1,2,3 Information

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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:

**December 9**  
**January 13**

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

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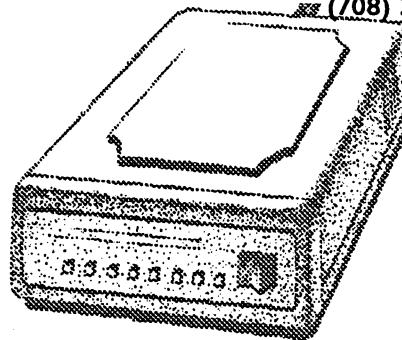
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## From The President's Platen

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Oh, the dissenter?.....I won't miss him. He's purchased a '986, or something and moved on in a huff and a snit. Too bad that the association ended like a bad divorce. Didn't have to.

### ATLANTA FEST! GLENSIDE REPORT

In a nutshell.....no, I don't mean that we were in a nutshell, though some of the attendees could be called CoConuts, I mean in briefs....er..brief.

Eight people became new members of GLENSIDE, and a number of current members renewed their memberships for '94.

Membership currently stands at 216 members in good standing, or sitting as the case may be. Which brings me to good standing...meaning dues. Remember, all memberships end on Dec. 31, 1993. You can renew yours by finding the Treasurer's address on page two, (that would be George Schneeweiss) and sending him your \$15.00 for 1994. Check your mailing label; if there is a '93' after your name, you need to renew. Back to the FEST!

After a horrendously long but enjoyable trip to Atlanta, I thought that I was going to be disappointed by the two days. The vehicle swallowed enough fuel on the trip down to get me to work for seven weeks, and I have to drive 31 miles, one way! BUT, and this is a big but, within the first 45 minutes of the show, all that had transpired to that point, and all that took place afterwards, both the good and the "interesting" (read Brian Schubring's travel report) became minor players to this one incident. As I was checking over the "stuff" on the tables, and hoping that I wouldn't pull the plug on the "Glenside Point of Sale" program, crashing the computer in the process, I happened to notice the person on the other side of the table from me, who was looking over the "stuff" on the table. The first thing that pricked my attention was the profile of the face, then the tint and thickness of the glasses worn by that individual. "I know that tint", I thought, "...I haven't seen those glasses for twenty-one years, let alone the person wearing them." As I saw the last name on the FEST! admission badge (yes, there will be name-badges at Chicago in '94), I couldn't truly believe my eyes...so I checked out the first name...it began with the letter "K". "There can't be TWO Kraig Scotts in this world", I thought. Sure enough, there aren't. The last time I saw my old roommate was in Greenville, SC, as we were all leaving campus for the summer of '73. I didn't return to college the following September. Kraig did, and graduated in '76. But we had some fun times in

'72-'73, along with our other roommates. It took 20 years and the involvement with the 6809-based machine to bring us in contact, again, and catch up on each other. For that experience, I am truly thankful. It was like a cool breeze on a hot day.

For more information about what went on at the fest and who was there with what, be sure to read Alan Huffman's FEST report. Seems that Alan has become the self-appointed FEST reporter, in the good Doctor's absence. And a good job he does, too. I hope to have some space in future issues of the CoCo~123 dedicated to some of the stuff that I picked up at the FEST!, but this isn't Tony's~123... it's GLENSIDE's...and YOU are GLENSIDE!!! What did YOU pick up there, and what did you find out about it? Tell us what you think about it...is it easy to use..does it have all the bells and whistles? Did you have to take a sledge hammer to it to make it work? Inquiring minds want to know.

There were some special people that weren't able to make Atlanta. I hope that you will be able to make Chicago. I was saddened by your absences, even though I understand the very valid reasons for them. Ed, Dave, Br. Jeremy, Chris & Trish, Dave & Nancy, Cray; I truly hope that schedules work out for your attendance in Chicago. Each of these gatherings is a reunion of "family", as Trish told me in '92. And some family members you just feel closer to.

*Till next time, I bid you Peace.*

## From the President's Platen Again

By Tony Podraza

November was election month. You can read elsewhere as to the results.

Nineteen-ninety four will be as busy a year for your club president as any of the previous years have been. There are at least two FEST!s to plan for, perhaps three... maybe four, if Pacific Northwest is possible to attend. There will be new glimpses of hardware to report on, new software to demo, new system configurations to try out, BBS's to call and files to transfer. Members at home and abroad to confer with, cajole for newsletter articles like the one on... well, what was the topic he promised to write on?... and meetings to plan for. So, when Brian Schubring asks you for your help, stand... and deliver!

There has been a lot of interesting information appearing in these pages, some not so interesting, and some for just plain fun, that I feel that the many faces of GLENSIDE present just the right face at the right time. If that feeling is not shared, well, that's why there is chocolate and vanilla! Do something about it! Send in your side of the story.