

# M.O.T.D.

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# About the MOTD

## MOTD Information

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Here is a list of the current OS-9 Users Group officers:

Position	Name
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Librarian	Dave Kelly
MOTD Editor	Joel Mathew Hegberg

## MOTD Contributions

Articles, editorials, "letters to the Editor/Board of Directors", personal ads, graphics, or columns may be submitted by using the following means:

E-mail to JoelHegberg@delphi.com, E-mail to 'Sysop' of SandV BBS [(708) 352-0948], E-mail to the OS-9 Users Group at os9ug@sandv.chi.il.us or by mail to *The OS-9 Users Group* address in Chicago. All submissions should be in pure ASCII format.

The submission of material does not guarantee publication. All publication of material is subject to review by the Board of Directors and the **MOTD** Editor, and must not be in conflict with the stated purposes of the Users Group as defined by the constitution and bylaws of the Users Group. The Board of Directors may also establish additional guidelines for acceptance to publication. Submission deadlines are four weeks before actual printing of the **MOTD** issue. *All printed material is subject to nominal editing by the MOTD Editor for clarity.*

Suggestions for making **MOTD** a better publication are welcome. Letters may be addressed to the **MOTD** Editor and mailed to the Users Group address or sent directly to JoelHegberg@delphi.com. E-Mail can also be sent to the following Delphi members: NIMITZ, MITHELEN, LUCKYONE, BRIANGOERS, EDDIEKUNS, EDELMAR, MROWEN, REVWCP, and KSCALES. You may also sent E-mail to os9ug@sandv.chi.il.us.

## MOTD Advertising

Commercial advertising is available in **MOTD**. Please send a SASE for current rates. All ads should be submitted as a camera-ready copy. We reserve the right to limit the size and quantity of ads.

## SandV BBS (708) 352-0948

The SandV BBS is a BBS being maintained by Paul Jerkatis to provide Internet access.

## From the President

First, thanks to all of you for the feedback about the 9503 issue. A few delays in getting it out, but I think that the end results were worthwhile. This issue gets us almost back on schedule for the year, and the next two issues will follow in October (with an Atlanta Fest report), and in early December. Everybody liked the new format, though there were a few problems with photocopying dark areas which we hope to improve upon. That issue was mailed from Canada, but now that Joel has completed his move mailing from the US (cheaper postage) has resumed.

### Atlanta Fest

As mentioned in the last issue, the Atlanta Fest is approaching quickly, 30 September to 1 October! See the ad below for more details. Should be lots of interesting stuff to see there, along with the laser light show at Stone Mountain, and a chance to meet fellow OS-9 enthusiasts.

### UG Library

The OS-9 Community Network should have the complete UG library by the time you read this. The files will be reorganized in accordance with OCN's filing system. See the OCN article in the 9503 issue for details. Once things get organized, we will begin publishing the complete OCN library listing in the MOTD over a period of several months.

### MIT Sea Grant College Program

In the September 1995 issue of Popular Science, on page 26, is an article about a Robot Lobster which is used to follow chemical plumes. Those of you who follow the SFTHM column may recall that the lobster was mentioned in the May/June 1994 issue of the MOTD, in the SFTHM column about the Sea Grant Program's Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, which was controlled using OS-9.

### Programming with Solder

This new column will appear from time to time as material is available. Primarily, I expect, it will consist of hardware projects for the Color Computer, though submissions for other hardware that uses OS-9 are very welcome. Skill level required for assembling these projects will vary with the project.

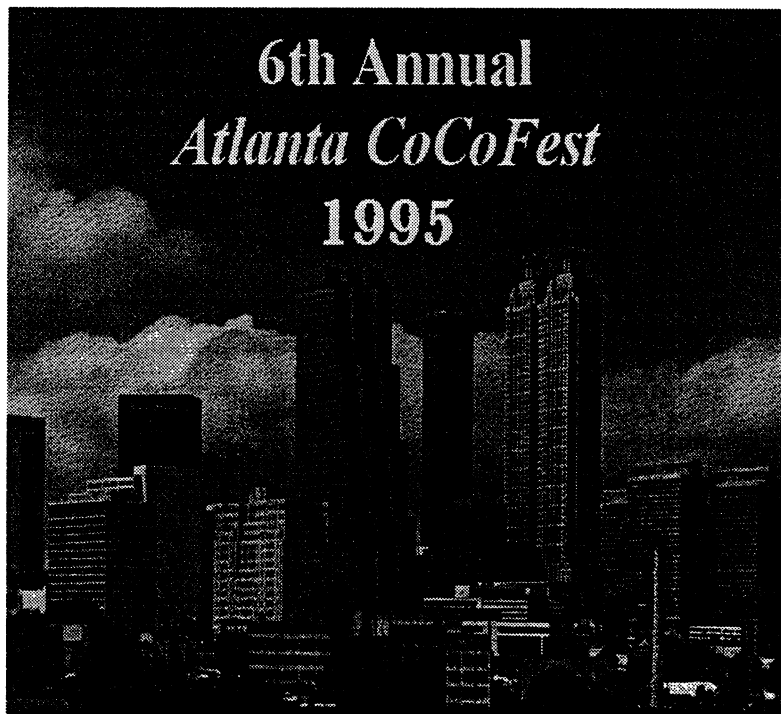
### Submissions and Upcoming Articles

Submissions, as always, are welcome. Just send it by email or snail mail to the MOTD Editor at any of the Users Group addresses.

Colin McKay  
President

## 6th Annual Atlanta CoCoFest 1995

Holiday Inn, Northlake  
Tucker, GA (Atlanta area)



### Show Hours:

Sat. Sep 30 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Sun. Oct 1 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### Vendor Setup:

Fri. Sep 29 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Sat. Sep 30 8:00 - 8:45 AM

### Admission:

\$10.00 (Whole show)

### Reservations:

Holiday Inn, Northlake  
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# Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting July 5, 1995

A regular meeting of the OS-9 Users Group Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order at 7:51 PM CT on July 05, 1995 on Delphi. Present: Colin McKay, president and chairman of the Board, directors-at-large Ed Gresick, and Eddie Kuns. Present as invited guests: Howard Luckey, secretary, Mike Rowen, VP-6809, Joel Hegberg, editor of MOTD, and Boisy Pitre, member.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the BOD held on 03 May 1995. Minutes approved as presented.

The second order of business was the treasurer's report. A report by Brother Jeremy showing deposits and withdrawals for the month of May was accepted and approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Item 1. Vendor's package:

Colin has a form he is using and will send a copy to Ed for his comments.

### Item 2. Joel Hegberg's proposed OS-9 Clipboard Standard:

Skipped for later discussion during the meeting.

### Item 3. Letter of appreciation:

The President reported that a letter of appreciation had been sent to Kurt Johnson of KD Consulting for his seminar on Sculptor presented at the last Chicago Fest.

### Item 4. Presidential spending:

This is a proposal to establish a Board policy that would limit the amount the president can spend without Board approval to \$100.00. Presently are there no limits on spending other than the discretion of the President and the Treasurer.

Resolution postponed.

### Item 5. MOTD:

Latest issue should be in the mail soon.

### Item 6. Library status:

Dave Kelly from OCN has agreed to serve as UG librarian. Arrangements were made to mail our library to him.

### Item 7. Atlanta Fest:

The President reported that the Atlanta Computer Society has agreed to swap booth space for ads in the MOTD.

The BOD returned to the discussion of item 2 of old business, Joel's clipboard. One question is whether the UG through the BOD should endorse things or just announce that things are available. The issue is not the Clipboard itself but the related issue of standards and how much the UG should or should not set them. The BOD has asked Brian Goers, VP-OSK, to chair a committee to get things started.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Item 1. OS-9 Scholarship:

Boisy Pitre has suggested that the UG offer a scholarship. After some discussion a committee made up of Boisy, chair, Ed Gresick, and Joel Hegberg was formed to work out final details for the scholarship. Some of the details include: tax status of the UG so that contributions can be tax deductible, qualifications to receive the scholarship, publicizing the program, etc. No formal Board action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55PM.

Howard Luckey, Secretary  
Tuesday July 25, 1995

These minutes were approved as read at the September 6, 1995 meeting of the Board of Directors.

### OS-9 WWW Home Page

<http://www.wisc.edu/~pruyne/os9faq.html>

### Users Group WWW Home Page

<http://www.wisc.edu/~pruyne/os9ugfaq.html>

# OS-9 Online Conference Schedules

## DELPHI OS-9 Late Night Conferences with Chris Perrault

Monday, 18 Sep 95 - 10PM ET - Upcoming Atlanta Fest

Monday, 25 Sep 95 - 10PM ET - KD Consulting discusses Sculptor database

## GENIE CoCo Real Time Conferences

Every Sunday - Open discussion forum 9-10PM ET

## OS-9 IRC Conferences

Sunday, 10 Sep 95 - 10PM ET (GMT - 4) : OS-9 Users Group projects

Sunday, 24 Sep 95 - 10PM ET (GMT - 4) : Open Forum

Conferences are held every second Sunday at this same time.

Type /join #os9 once inside IRC.

Are there any other on-line conferences happening out there? If you know of other conferences or events that are taking place on other on-line services (AOL, Genie, CIS, etc.) please send mail to me at either address listed below. I will post any information I receive:

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## OS-9 Periodical List

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the world of 68' micros	Frank Swygert	\$25.00 USA \$32.00 Canada (8 issues; one year)	Farna Systems PO Box 321 Warner Robins, GA 31099-0321 (912)328-7859 (voice)
MicroDisk	Farna Systems	\$40.00 USA \$44.00 Canada	(See 68' Micros above)
OS-9 International	European Forum for OS-9	Swiss Francs for one year (three issues): Switzerland: 25.00 Europe: 30.00 Overseas: 35.00	EFFO, PO Box CH-8606 Greifensee, Switzerland (os9int@effo.ch)
Nine Times	JWT Enterprises	\$34.95 USA \$35.95 Canada (6 issues; one year)	JWT Enterprises 5755 Lockwood Blvd. Youngstown, OH, 44512 (216)758-7694 (voice)
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