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About the MOTD

MOTD Information

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Vice Pres. (OS-9/6809)	Mike Rowen
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Librarian	Dave Kelly
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MOTD Contributions

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From the President

Time flies when you're having fun! This was going to be a Christmas issue, but, well, Happy 1996!

Atlanta Fest is over. Despite the overall low attendance, much of the regular crowd was there. I think by expanding the show with a lot more OS-9/68000 and perhaps industrial material, the Atlanta and Chicago shows should be able to continue to provide a home for both OS-9/6809 and Color Computer personal users, as well as providing support for other OS-9 users.

Some of the news I usually try to relate here has been moved to /DD/MISC/NEWS, a new column. Also new in this issue is Mike Smith's support column for CDL Basic users.

Chicago Fest

The Fifth Annual Last Chicago CoCoFest will be held the weekend of 13-14 April 1996. See their announcement on page 15.

AGM and Elections

Once again our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Chicago Fest on Saturday, 13 April. Exact timing has yet to be determined.

Among other business at the meeting, election of one Director position, currently held by Ken Scales, will take place. Nominations, signed by the nominee and two other

members for the position should be submitted in writing to the Users Group address given on page 2. Please mark the envelope "Nomination". See Page 19.

Some concern has been expressed about members only being able to vote at the AGM. I am planning to ask the BOD to revise the voting procedure to allow a vote by mail (and possibly email) next year.

Mail

We had a major problem with handling some mail that came in last year to our Chicago address. This mail was recently found, passed on to the Secretary, and has been actioned.

OS-9 Internet Sites

There has been quite a bit of activity online recently. A list of sites that may be of interest to OS-9 Users is listed below. These also contain pointers to other sites of interest.

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

OS-9 Internet Sites

Site / URL	Description
http://os9archive.rtsi.com/os9ugfaq.html	OS-9 Users Group FAQ
http://os9archive.rtsi.com/os9faq.html	OS-9 FAQ
http://os9archive.rtsi.com/os9companies.html	OS-9 Companies
http://iccu6.ipswich.gil.com.au/~bdevries/OCN.html	OS-9 Community Network
http://www.val.net/~fatcat/os9vendors.html	Zog's OS-9 Vendor Index
http://members.aol.com/os9under	The OS9 Underground Ezine
Lucy.ifi.unibas.ch	Anonymous FTP Site
OS9archive.rtsi.com	Anonymous FTP Site
http://www.microware.com	Microware Systems Corporation
http://www.mwsc.edu/~nesslafr/wcp/	Wittman Computer Products
http://www.acs.brockport.edu/mm1	MM/1 FAQ
http://www.physics.carleton.ca/~aland/interests/	Alan DeKok's Home Page

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting September 6, 1995

A regular meeting of the OS-9 Users Group Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order at 7:12 PM CT on September 6, 1995 on Delphi. Present: Colin McKay, president and chairman of the Board, David Graham, executive vice president and member of the Board, and directors-at-large Ed Gresick, Ken Scales, and Eddie Kuns.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the last regular meeting of the BOD held on July 05, 1995. Minutes approved.

The second order of business was the treasurer's report. No report being available the Board passed on to the next item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Vendor's package:

Colin has sent to Ed Gresick a copy of an informational flyer that has been going to vendors. Colin ask Ed to look it over and email any comments he might have. There were no other comments.

Item 2. Joel's clipboard:

Brian Goers wasn't present to report so this was tabled.

Item 3. Presidential spending:

After a brief discussion the Board decided that no action

was necessary. The consensus about presidential spending of UG funds is that there are sufficient safe guards. Item concluded.

Item 4. MOTD #4 1995:

The Board discussed and reviewed the final preparations to get this issue out before the Atlanta CoCo Fest.

Item 5. Library Status:

The UG library has been passed on to Howard Luckey, and since he wasn't present there was nothing to report.

Item 6. OS-9 Scholarship:

This is still in process. The Board discussed the necessity of getting Federal tax status so that charitable contributions can be made and counted as deductible donations. Colin and Boisy are working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOD Minutes in the MOTD:

The Board accepted the idea for the minutes of its meetings to be published in the MOTD.

Meeting adjourned.

Howard Luckey, Secretary

Sunday October 01, 1995

These minutes were approved as read at the November 22, 1995 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting November 22, 1995

A regular meeting of the OS-9 Users Group Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order on November 22, 1995 on Delphi. Present: Colin McKay, president and chairman of the Board, and directors-at-large Ed Gresick, Ken Scales, and Eddie Kuns. Present as invited guest: Paul Jerkatis VP of Communications

Item 1. Approval of the minutes:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the September 6, 1995 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Item 2. Financial report:

No report was available. The Board expressed a concern about having financial reports in a timely fashion. The treasurer doesn't need to be present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3. Vendor's package:

A sheet for corporate membership has been created with an abbreviated FAQ on the back for vendors to include in their shipments. This has been accepted for now.

Item 4. Joel's clipboard:

No report was available, and this item has been dropped.

Item 5. UG's library:

The library has been sent to Dave Kelly.

Item 6. UG's scholarship program:

The Board needs information about the UG's non-profit

Minutes for BOD Meeting November 22, 1995 (Cont'd)

status including financial reports for the past three years. No action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 7. MOTD 9505:

This issue is in process. The Board discussed a concern about the MOTD printing articles that might compete with other OS9 magazines. Its probably not much of a problem since there is not that many publications. Presently Colin and Ken Scales are doing a lot of the work to help Joel Hegberg to get the MOTD out and they have received nothing but positive feedback. Any suggestions for making the MOTD better are welcome as long as the person making the suggestion is willing help produce the MOTD.

Item 8. UG mailbox:

The Board would like our mailbox checked for mail on a more timely basis. This would help the UG respond to membership application, membership renewals, and other queries in a more professional way. Director Kuns volunteered to contact Carl Boll and Howard Luckey to find a way to improve the service.

Item 9. UG email:

The president recommends that anyone on the Board or any officer of the club who can answer an email query should do so and send a copy to the UG address so that we know it has been answered. The Board recommends that the secretary find ways to take on more of this responsibility.

Item 10. Open forum:

Colin is planning to ask Mike Rowen to set aside a Monday in January so he can offer an open forum on the UG. It could be his State of the Union address.

Item 11. Chicago Fest:

Eddie Kuns, president of the Glenside CoCo Club, reported on the progress of the Chicago Fest on April 13 & 14, 1996. The club is slowly making all the preparations. The Board discussed when to have the annual meeting, some time during show hours or after them.

The meeting adjourned.

Howard Luckey

Saturday December 30, 1995

These minutes were approved as read at the January 3, 1996 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting January 3, 1996

A regular meeting of the OS-9 Users Group Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order on January 3, 1996 on Delphi. Present: Colin McKay, president and chairman of the Board, and directors-at-large Ed Gresick, Ken Scales, and Eddie Kuns.

The meeting began with an informal discussion, and commenced formally at 20:27 once a quorum was established.

From the agenda:

Item 1. Approval of the minutes:

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the November 22, 1995 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Item 2. Financial report:

No report was available. (Note: A financial statement was presented at the March 6, 1996 meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS: (From the agenda)

Item 3. UG mailbox:

In summary, the results were:

1. We want Carl to check weekly and forward all mail to the secretary.
2. We want a NULL report from Carl when there is no mail when he checks.
3. We need a record of past costs, mail forwarding and PO box costs.
4. We will provide a \$50 petty cash for future expenses
5. We want to reimburse Carl for PO box expenses, and will do so upon receipt of past cost records by Br. Jeremy.

Item 4. Chicago Fest:

Colin to forward ad copy to Glenside. Glenside to send ad copy to Joel. Eddie to confirm a meeting space will be available, preferably on the Saturday.

The meeting adjourned.

Colin McKay

Wednesday March 6, 1996

These minutes were approved as read at the March 6, 1996 meeting of the Board of Directors.

OS-9 Community Network

From Dave Kelly:

We need some help. We are looking for some workers to help with making a catalog of the OS9UG/OCN/OSK software.

This project would entail opening the files, getting the author (if known) and a description of what the application does. Then putting this information into a format that can be printed.

This catalog will be printed in the MOTD, and will be made available for a small printing charge and postage to anyone who wants it.

If you can help please call me voice at (713)894-7444. Leave a message on the machine and I will get back with you if I'm not home.

Thanks.

Also thought you might be interested in the following message received on Fidonet:

From: John Reece
To: Dave Kelly
Subject: Roll call
Conference: 5 -- Os9net

DK> How about a roll call. Sure would like to know who is still around

I am still here in San Diego. I haven't been on the line much, however the Ribbs BBS is still active. Our local OS9 Users Group just finished participating in the California Computer Expo here in San Diego. They had to use the convention center this year as it has grown quite large.

We had over 34,000 people attend this year. We did have OS9000 up with G-Windows with some support from Microware. We also had a Philips CD-i with a Coco terminal interface to it. Our drawing card was an 8 foot long trolley layout, using CoCo3, OS-9 Level 2, and Basic09 running 2 trolleys completely computer controlled with graphic displays.

We are already planning for next year. Our club has purchased a CD-i and we also purchased an MM1B, that arrived in the middle of the show. Therefore we should have a lot more to display next year.

<< John >>

* Origin: Coco Exchange, San Diego, Ca 619 272-3643 (1:202/744)

Microware News

The following items are excerpts taken from Microware Systems press releases. The complete text is available from the Microware home page <http://www.microware.com>, or by contacting Steve Simpson as steves@microware.com or at (515) 224-1929.

Microware Licenses Java and HotJava for Intelligent Consumer Products

Des Moines, IA - February 12, 1996

Microware Systems Corporation today announced that it has licensed from Sun Microsystems, Inc. their Java programming environment and HotJava dynamic World Wide Web browser. Microware will port Java and HotJava to the company's OS-9 Real-Time Operating System, as well as its MAUI graphics API. The combination of Java, OS-9 and MAUI will enable access to the Internet from a broad range of intelligent consumer products including wireless handheld devices, TV set-top boxes and other devices - beyond the constraints of a personal computer.

Java will be part of Microware's Real-Time Internet package due out during the second quarter of 1996. Real-Time Internet provides a comprehensive Internet solution for consumer devices, including Java, networking protocols and a graphics API. The Java port will include all Java 1.0 components and the HotJava browser.

OS-9 for PowerPC Version 2.0

Des Moines, Iowa. February 19, 1996

Microware Systems Corporation today announced Version 2.0 of OS-9 for PowerPC. OS-9 is a highly configurable, high performance real-time operating system specifically targeting the PowerPC platform. OS-9's scalable architecture means it can be scaled to fit the needs of a particular design from small embedded devices to large networked systems. Additionally, OS-9's unique modularity allows system and application modules to be dynamically loaded while the system is up and running. This allows both the operating system and applications to be updated or extended, even when software resides in ROM. Dynamic loading is particularly important for consumer devices where transparent software updates are needed.

Microware Announces FasTrak V2.0

Des Moines, Iowa. February 19, 1996

Microware Systems Corporation today announced FasTrak V2.0, a comprehensive software programming and management environment designed to increase the efficiency of application development for the OS-9 Real-Time Operating System. FasTrak's V2.0 newly expanded functionality for Windows and UNIX platforms addresses all phases of software development from initial code creation

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