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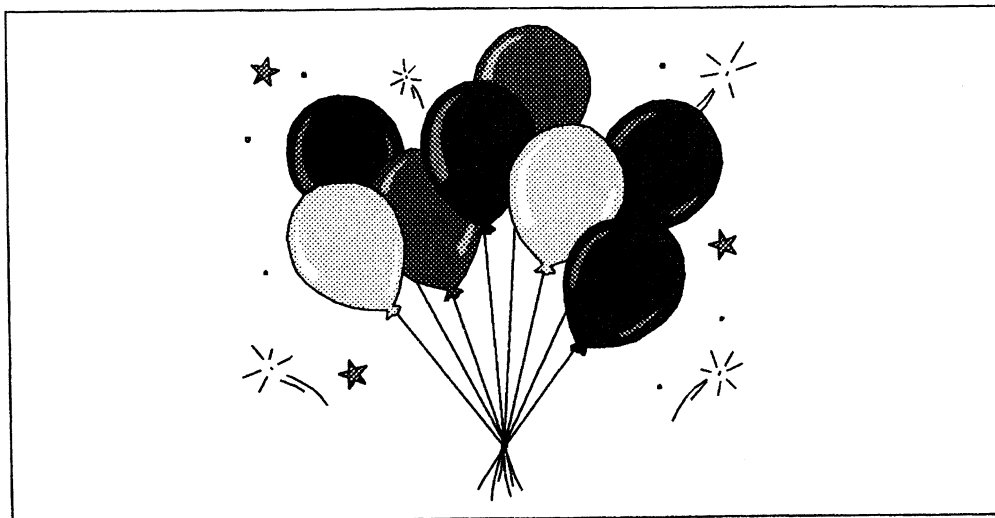
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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings! May and June have passed by in a flurry of activity. Preparing for the Fest and recovering from it, talking with advertisers and well-wishers, updating the mailing list, have all kept Mark and I very busy. In addition, we have been trying out several different desktop publishing packages on different platforms, trying to find one that we can use without having to spend too much money. We've also been experimenting with different layouts trying to find one that suits us. This issue is just the latest attempt.

Numerous entries for the "Name That Magazine" contest have been coming in, and this month we have them all listed. Please take the time to make your choice and send it in. We want everyone to be involved. Remember, if your entry is chosen, you will receive a free Labtec Stereo Speaker System, valued at \$24.95. Our second place winner will receive a free one-year subscription to our new magazine.

I would like to query our reading audience for responses to the following. Mark and I recently went to a movie. It was one of those walk-in cinemas where they show eight movies at once. After a long drive to the theatre, I decided a stop in the lady's room before the movie got started would probably be a wise thing to do. While standing in line, I noticed an aluminum

frame on the wall. It contained several ads from local and national merchants. One particular ad said "Don't just stand there" and showed a picture of a portable phone and gave the company's name and phone number. I didn't think much about the ad until I noticed the inside of the stall doors also had these same aluminum frames and contained the same ads. There was a difference, however. The portable telephone ad inside the stall read "Don't just sit there." Again, there was a picture of a portable telephone and the company's name and phone number. The thought that went through my head as "Pa-leze! Do they really think anyone would actually take a portable telephone in the restroom with them and use it?"

I thought about this ad off and on all evening. I would like to know how other people feel about this. In our rushed, gotta-get-ahead, and not-waste-one-minute world of high technology, have we gone too far? Are we now to feel guilty because we might happen to waste a few minutes answering nature's call? Write and let me know what you think. Would you carry a telephone into a public restroom and make a call while you were, um, otherwise engaged? Your responses will be published in the following issues.

We're looking forward to our next issues. With the kind of response we have been getting from the community, this should become a really great magazine. Thanks!

Barb

Mail Call

I received the first issue. I'm delighted to see that a new magazine may be possible. I hope that by addressing three different communities that a large number of users will support your efforts.

I would like to see some general articles to familiarize myself with your intended audience. I would also like to know what kind of machines are running OS9 and OSK. I am a Coco3 OS9 user, and I would also be interested in what the MM1 and FHL machines are up to these days. Perhaps interviews with BBS Sysops would prove beneficial. In many ways I'm a new comer to OS9 so I'm interested in how OS9 operates internally. Articles teaching C programming would be well received by both OS9 and OSK users.

*Mike Rowen
Huntington, Indiana*

You'll get your wish Mike. We are constantly receiving article submissions from the readers. More programming articles are also in the works. Thanks for your support! Barb

Got my copy of your first issue of the NoName Magazine. Looks promising...keep up the good work, and I am looking forward to the second issue.

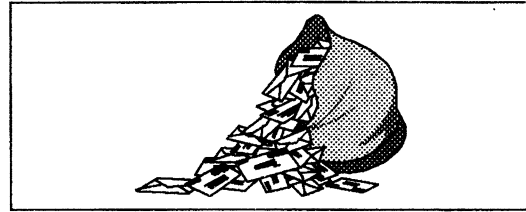
Alain Pilon

Thank you also Alain! We'll do our best to give you what you want! Barb

Saw your ad (?) in the MI&CC Upgrade disk magazine #19. I am looking for some publications to replace *The Rainbow*. I wish you and the Mrs. the best of luck in your venture. Please send "the freebies".

*Pete Blackwell
Paris, Tenn.*

Thanks for your support Pete! Your free issues will be sent as you requested. (And thanks for the stamps!) Barb



Thanks for attempting a new CoCo newsletter. I don't use my CoCo much anymore for programming, etc., but my kids are still looking for fun things to do on it, so I want to keep current on CoCo happenings and new software for sale. Please make sure my name is on your list of subscribers. I will be happy to send you a check as soon as your trial period is over and you feel it's a go!

*Steve and Paula Ostrom
Minnetonka, MN*

A check writer! Just my kind of person! We hope to make this magazine well worth your money Steve. Thanks for your support. Barb

Announcing

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The next programming language for OS-9!

Icon Basic09 is a graphical user interface (GUI) to Basic09, which will make programming easier than ever! Icon Basic09 takes an innovative approach by using graphic representations, or icons, to represent statements and keywords for writing Basic09 programs and procedures. Instead of constantly typing while writing a program, the user can simply **point & click** to choose the desired statement!

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Chicago CoCo Fest

The **Second Annual Last CoCo Fest** was held near Chicago on May 1st and 2nd. Overall, the show was a success. A large number of vendors showed up, including *Microware* and the major OSK computer manufacturers of *IMS*, *FHL*, and *Delmar*. As usual, it was a fun filled weekend where many old friends were revisited and new faces were placed with well known names.

Tony Prodraza and **Carl Boll** of the *Glenside CoCo Club* did a wonderful job getting it all setup and ready. The room was large and the hotel staff very accommodating. Both these guys went to great lengths to make the show a success. Late (very late) on Friday night, they were still in the Fest room making signs for each vendor booth--one of the many little things they did to make the show a success.

Saturday's show started at 10 am and was fairly crowded for most of the day. Tony started to perform a Lonnie Falk imitation on his portable microphone connected to the PA system. His frequent loud announcements brought back haunting memories of CoCoFests gone by until someone pointed this out to him and he turned the volume down. Tony and the rest of the Glenside CoCo Club were busy answering questions and selling their special Fest T-shirts. Carl Boll ran around all weekend with a T-shirt on that said "I'm Carl." I never did get the chance to ask him why, except that everyone was always looking for him.

The announcement in May that Microware was attending piqued the interest of everyone. They brought along boxes and boxes of copies of OS-9000, which were being sold for the special price of \$350 (compared to the normal price of over \$900) for those who could show membership in a recognized OS-9 organization. Since the *OS-9 Users Group* booth was located right next to Microware's, they had a lot of new members to enroll. By the end of the Fest, their booth, which originally looked like a mini-Fort Knox with all the boxes piled up, was significantly reduced.

Microware's booth was continually crowded as people strained to see the CD-I disk player they were demoing and some pretty slick full motion video off a SCSI hard drive running under OS-9000. The CD-I player was a new portable one from Phillips which looked like a Discman with a flip-top lid with a color LCD display. Verry interesting!

Also for sale was the 2nd edition of **Peter Dibble's** book, *OS-9 Insights*. Every copy was snatched up before the Fest was over. This book, while not for the novice, contains a wealth of information, mostly dealing with OSK. A must have for the serious OS-9 users library.

When asked to comment on the success of the show, the official Microware response was, "We really appreciate the hospitality and were happy to see the user groups cooperate. We're looking forward

to working with them in the future." **James Jones** said it better, "I spent too much money--let's do it again!"

IMS made a pretty weak showing. **Paul Ward** didn't come, but **Bill Whitman**, an IMS regional rep, was there to answer questions and provide information on some new manufacturing and distribution ideas IMS has. Frankly, IMS is not boosting user confidence by continuing to remain incognito. I really wish them all the best and hope they can pull themselves up by the bootstraps soon. The MM/1 is a good machine and can flourish if given more support.

Carl Kreider and his wife **Debbie** showed up Saturday afternoon along with **Kevin Pease** (designer of the MM/1). They brought along a couple of the rumored speedup boards for the MM/1 and soon had one running. The results were impressive. A "stock" MM/1 runs about 900 drystones in testing. With the speedup board, it runs over 2800 drystones. That's a threefold increase in speed! The board is a small unit that plugs directly into the 68070 socket after that chip is removed. The replacement CPU is a Motorola 68340 which is essentially the same as a 68020. Plans are in the works to start shipping boards in June. The price is not yet firm, but will probably be around \$325.00 and will be sold through the IMS representatives.

Carl said, "Had a wonderful time seeing old friends and renewing acquaintances." Debbie added, "The show is great! All OS-9ers