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From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

The Friday night after the August meeting, I received a phone call from Mr. Alan Sheltra of ANIMAJIK. I'm not ashamed to tell you that I didn't know from Adam just who Alan was, and if you don't recognize the name, you shouldn't be either, but you will know who he is in the future. Alan is the Sysop of ZOG's CAVERN BBS (818-761-4135) a very interesting BBS, if I say so myself (If you have the inclination, call and find out) and a VERY active figure in the STGNET systems (an understatement, I believe). The purpose of the call that Alan made to me was to inform us, at Glenside, that he was in the process of continuing the publication of the OSKER and that he would like to know if GLENSIDE would like to submit an article (a letter of introduction, if you will) to the publication. WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! National exposure...possibly international...over 500 readers who would learn of our organization, and who would possibly want to join us in our efforts to support each other in the ongoing process of self-education in the world of computing.

We ended up having almost a two hour conversation regarding various phases of the computer world. And as the result of the conversation, the following article was submitted. Since this month's newsletter will be distributed at the Atlanta CoCoFest rather heavily, I thought that the article would be a fitting introduction of GLENSIDE to those recipients, as well. SO.....

THIS IS GLENSIDE

About 6 weeks ago, a caller to the club BBS wanted to know what went on at the Glenside Color Computer Club meetings, how many are in attendance, what the meeting times were, etc. I was tempted to respond then and there, but I let the message stand for a few days to see if anyone else would answer. The following is the response from Mr. Mike Warns who has been an avid supporter of the club for as long as I have known him, always ready to assist in any way he can. I might add, I didn't solicit his response, and at this time, he is unaware that his words are going further than he ever expected. But.....I digress.

Mr. Warns.....

To: EDWARD STROH
From: MIKE WARNS
Subject: Club Meetings

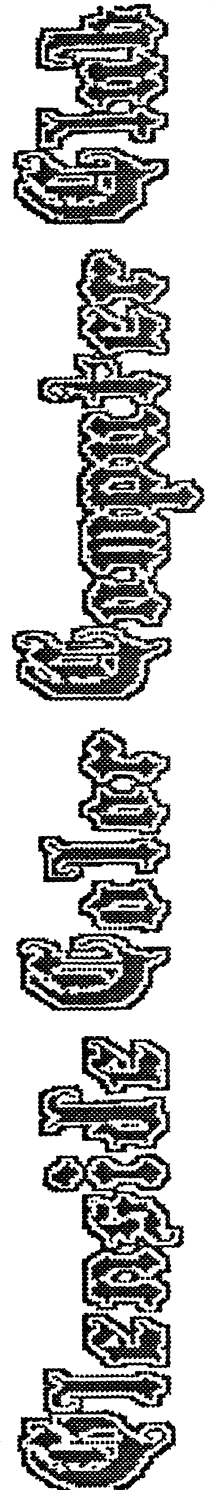
The Glenside meetings can be very helpful and interesting, and the new administration is working hard to make them even more so. Because little changes are coming fairly often (at least, by the standards of a guy who manages to go to one meeting in three!) it's hard to precisely describe the "typical" meeting. However, this is a run-down of the last one (last Thursday):

The meeting was going by the time I got there (7:45). This is a big, new change because they didn't used to start anywhere close to on time. Tony Podraza (Senor el Presidente) was having everybody introduce themselves. This was followed by real, live Club Business (Tony seems to have found a copy of Robert's Rules of order--things were looser under Ed. It make things more businesslike with more discipline and I have confidence in the future of the club.)

The next part was the most fun for me -- RUMORS! Not just rumors and innuendo, but useful information, club & CoCo

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CoCo-1,2,3 Information

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We are committed to publishing a minimum of four issues and a maximum of twelve issues per calendar year. For an annual fee of \$12.00 you can become a GCCC member with full membership privileges. Persons wishing to receive the CoCo-1,2,3 newsletter without full membership privileges may receive this newsletter for an annual fee of \$14.00. Send your dues to:

**GEORGE SCHNEEWEISS
2801 S KILBOURN AVE
CHICAGO IL 60623-4213**

Here is the list of 1991 Executive Officers and how to contact them. The club has four strong SIGS, Tandy Color Computer 1, 2, 3 and OS-9. If you have questions concerning these computers or OS-9 call one of the officers. Area code C=312, S=708.

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	PRIMARY FUNCTION
President	Tony Podraza	S428-3576	The buck stops here...
Vice-President	Len Zielinski	S967-8791	Meeting Planning, etc.
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CoCo-1,2,3 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, upload a file to the Glenside CoCoRama BBS with an extension of '.NEWS'. If you have an AD for the newsletter UPLOAD a file with the extension of '.ADS'. If you have NEWS to POST about your group, please use the message base. These files are gathered by the BBS computer and downloaded to the Editor. If you need help contact the SYSOP by E-MAIL, mail, in person, or by phone:

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On DELPHI - DAVIDBARNES On CIS - 73357,1324

Articles for the CoCo-1,2,3 will also be accepted on diskette in ASCII form and UNFORMATTED only in the following formats:

RS-DOS 5 1/4"-35 SSDD/DSDD 5 1/4"-40 SSDD/DSDD
OS-9 5 1/4"-35 SSDD/DSDD 5 1/4"-40 SSDD/DSDD 3.5"-SSDD/DSDD
MS-DOS 5 1/4"-40 SSDD/DSDD 3.5"-SSDD/DSDD 5 1/4"-1.2 Meg

Submission deadlines for the CoCo-1,2,3 are two weeks prior to each monthly meeting. Articles submitted after the deadline will appear in the next issue.

CoCo-1,2,3 NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE

The Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois is pleased to exchange newsletters with other Color Computer user groups at no charge. Send your newsletter to:

**DENNIS DEVITT
21W144 CANARY ROAD
LOMBARD, IL 60145**

If you desire to reprint any articles that appear here, please provide credit to the author and this newsletter.

We encourage your user group to copy this newsletter and distribute it at your regular meetings to your members free of any charge as we believe that this will encourage better meeting attendance. If you are a user group that feels as we do, please let us know in your newsletter so that we might do this for our members and keep our attendance up.

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:

**October 10, 1991
November 14, 1991**

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

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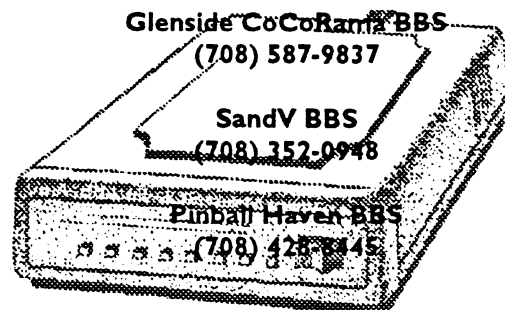
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news, stuff like that. There was a discussion of plans for the club to have a booth at the Atlanta CoCofest. There was then a vote whether the club members thought we should spend the money to do so.

We then had a bull session where anybody who had a question or problem could bring it up. This is where the club really shows its power--we have some of the leading lights of CoCo-dom in this club. For instance, Eddie Kuns is a columnist for Rainbow as well as the CoCo SIGOP on Delphi; Mike Knudsen wrote that really excellent MIDI program (UltiMusE 3) whose name has escaped me at 11:30 PM (although perhaps it has been demonstrated too often for the tastes of some members--our own fault is nobody else has volunteered to do a demo.)

There was also a demo of a new-ish word processor, a real MM/1 in a real MM/1 case. Roughly 2 dozen people were there.

The meetings break up 9:30, 9:45ish and are followed by a social meeting at a local restaurant.

All in all, Glenside's meetings can usually hold my interest, and I'm just some MS-DOS user who got caught up in it when I had a TRS-80 Model One and I needed help using it. I do have a CoCo 2, though, so the information can be useful.

Mike Warns...

ATTENTION GLENSIDE CLUB MEMBERS

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In a very brief nutshell, that's our second Thursday night of the month. We try to get a lot of stuff into what seems to be a VERY brief period of time. While I don't feel that I've been very successful at it, I've tried to keep in mind that there are still RS-DOS users in the club and I would like to be able to balance the table on their side as far as the demonstrations go; the first part of the year of 1991 has been pretty heavily loaded toward OS-9 related items. Anyway, that is the goal of September-December, more RS-DOS support.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND Glenside has been around since 1981-1982, meeting in various homes at first; not much different from any other CoCo user group. Few people remember the names of the charter members, the pioneers who spent \$400 and \$500 for the first 4K CoCo's here at Glenside. I, myself, didn't know about the club until April 1984, and am not sure that I could faithfully name them. My involvement with Glenside began after the first club president, Keith Geru, had served out his term and had been succeeded by Ed Hathaway. By that time, Glenside had found it's current home at the Glenside Public Library. In March 1985, the club published it's first newsletter, at that time, yet unnamed. For over a year, it retained the identity of "GLENSIDE COLOR COMPUTER CLUB Newsletter XX" where XX was the year of publication. With the advent of the CoCo3..Newsletter XX became known as the CoCo~123, and has remained so until this day.

Largely the brainchild of Ed Hathaway, the newsletter has had several "faces" over the years. About eighteen months ago, the second editor of CoCo~123, Mr. Bob Swoger, gave us yet another interesting newsletter format and direction of efforts, that of inter-club communications via newsletter exchanges. We are currently involved in that program to the tune of 18 clubs to whom we mail complementary copies of THE CoCo~123. Our third editor, Mr. David Barnes, has given the CoCo~123, yet again, another new 'face'; one that has been well-received by its readers with compliments given on a publication in which to take continuing pride.

The club has been supported by as few as one and as many as four BBS' at one time with the current number standing at three. They are as follows:

GLENSIDE COCORAMA BBS
708-587-9837
PinBall Haven BBS
708-428-8445
SandV BBS
708-352-0948

From time to time, various new ideas are spawned in order to meet the ever-changing needs of the members. At one time, Glenside had a series of SIGs for people with special interests, and those ran from digitizers to telecommunications to alternate operating systems and other computer systems. BUT, we were all still linked by the common bond of the CoCo in one form or another. As Mike Warns' message above indicates, even Model 1 and MS-DOS users can get something out of Glenside. Just what, I'm not sure...but I'm glad that Mike said it.

Glenside has been blessed with some very interesting people. Before the rest of the CoCo community ever heard of it, Glenside was treated to UltiMusE. KBCOM made its debut here.

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Hard drive interfacing with the Burke & Burke hard- and soft-ware saw early development in the Glenside area and Chris Burke has been a featured speaker at one of our meetings. The IBM compatible monochrome monitor adapter was conceived at one of our "meetings-after-the-meeting" get-togethers at the restaurant. Hawksoft graces Glenside frequently with their product demonstrations and new ideas. PegaSystems has recently shown us their new version of Xpres. Last but certainly not least, Second City Software (now Kala Software) was born from two highly-valued Glenside Club members, David Barnes and Ed Hathaway.

I'm afraid to stop for fear of leaving someone out, but this is getting lengthy. The bottom line is this; the organization, ANY organization, is only as interesting as the MEMBERSHIP makes it. The key to the success that Glenside has enjoyed over the past nine to ten years has been INVOLVEMENT! Our membership has been constantly involved in the self-help process. Indeed, that is the goal of Glenside as stated in our Bylaws.

Bylaws for the Glenside Color Computer Club

Objective: The Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois is a not-for-profit computer club established to assist its members in the learning and the better understanding of Tandy's Color Computer.

I. Meetings:

A. Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday ".....and so forth.

I would encourage any member, of any group to make themselves available to those who are looking for help in planning and executing the functions of the group. Otherwise, it becomes a one-man-show and the one man will get tired out pretty quickly. In the ten months that I've held the reins of Glenside, I've had lots of help from many, many people, and that's as it should be, because it is not Tony's Color Computer Club, but GLENSIDE'S.

We are looking forward to a very interesting future. What with the advent of the CoCo IV's from the non-Tandy manufacturers, the new users of the second-hand CoCo's as well the continued involvement by the "old timers", Glenside is a pretty exciting user group to be a member of. As Mike Warns has already stated, Glenside will continue to "hold my interest."

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE
GLENSIDE COLOR COMPUTER CLUB, PLEASE
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Carpentersville, IL 60110-1101**

(or leave E-mail on any of the BBS' listed above)

The Treasurer's Report

by George Schneeweiss

As of August 8, 1991, the coffers of the Glenside Color Computer Club contain \$247.87.

Respectfully submitted,
George Schneeweiss

AUGUST MEETING (8/8/91)

by Howard Luckey

The meeting started at 7:40 and the first activity was to announce the newsletter was available and to acknowledge the contributors. Contributors earning free disks for their articles were Jeff Chapin, Greg Cramsey, Tom Kowalski, and Tom Stessl. Thanks guys for your contributions. Lets keep the contributions coming!

The date, time, and place of the third annual picnic was announced: Saturday September 14 1:00 PM (RAIN DATE, Sunday September 15 2:00 PM) at Bob Swoger's home 613 Parkside Circle in Streamwood. Please plan to come.

Bob Swoger suggested the club have someone become a newsletter librarian not only to collate our newsletter, but maintain other club's newsletters in an orderly manner. Rich Polk volunteered to do this. Thank you Rich.

There was a discussion about the Atlanta CoCofest. The club is going to have a booth there. The club is paying for a half booth and others have contributed enough to make it a full booth. The purpose is to get new members and to make enough money to cover expenses. At this point the floor was opened for suggestions. Some new suggestions were to take some CoCo 3's on consignment, if that could be arranged with the Radio Shack Outlet Store, and the resale of used equipment.

Tony advised the club of the purchase of a computer system for club use. With our own computer, no one will have to dismantle their system for the meeting. Tony obtained a complete system for \$250.00 including a ton of software, but not a monitor. The monitor was an additional \$90.00. Scott Montgomery made a very good suggestion, to inventory each item and record serial numbers. I will do this at the next meeting.

The meeting ended with two demos. One was by Mark Farrell who demoed his program called Xpres (v2.2). This is a program under OS-9 Level II which can change windows on the fly. Mark is the author and put Xpres through a series of commands to show how it works. The program is available on local BBS's.

The other demo was by Doug Pokorny. He demoed a 386 MS-DOS machine. This was sort of a return demo. In the past Ed Hathaway and David Barnes from the club had demoed the CoCo 3 at a local PC club. They showed how the CoCo could do things the PC just couldn't do. Doug wanted to show how in some ways the MS-DOS world had caught up. It can do some impressive things.
