

From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

Now that March is passing, April is around the corner..But you knew that. However, what you didn't know is that Carl Boll, Joel Hegberg, Paul Jerkatis and myself have checked out the CoCoFest '92 after-Fest-hours headquarters. That is to say, that we all enjoyed the hospitality of The Clubhouse Inn in Westmont during an all-night computer programming/hacking/setup session.

"What could prompt something like that?", you may well ask. Be sure to visit the club booth and hospitality room at 'Fest and see the results of the labors and you will receive an answer to that very question. Admittedly, while it was primarily Joel and Paul who were doing the program-

ming, Carl was throwing his ideas into the pot and I was along for the ride, but it was an interesting over-nighter, none-the-less.

I never took a formal class in typing, but I do not believe that I am a slouch when it comes to pounding the keys. On the other hand (she wore a glove) I was almost ready to go get the fire extinguisher from the hall after I saw Joel tackle the keyboard. That guy was really smoking...not to mention the keys, themselves! In the time that it has taken me to get this far typing in this article, Joel would've had you turning to the third page!!! Absolutely amazing! Not only that, but what he was typing didn't need corrections, AND WORKED as a program. Wish I had that type of knowledge, at times.

Anyway, for those of you who are coming to the 'Fest from out of town, you will not be disappointed in the motel accommodations if you stay at The Clubhouse Inn. Not only are the rooms comfortable, the pool is heated and if the weather is good, the pool room will be opened to the outside atrium. There are two gas fueled grills in the atrium for those of you who want to cook your own din-din, and there is a complimentary hot/cold breakfast served in the morning.

The morning after the over-nighter, there were scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, two or three types of juices, individual boxed servings of cold cereals, coffee, tea, milk (Joel's choice of beverage), and home fries. I'm sure that I've

left something out....I always do....but you see that you get your \$53.00 a night's worth. AH YES. I understand that, for those who imbibe, there is a complimentary drink or two during the evening happy hour. I may be wrong on that (I don't drink, so I didn't pay a lot of attention about that) so don't quote me, but check into it. If you call for your reservation directly to the motel...be sure to tell them that you are attending the 'Fest.

There is a block of rooms set aside for us and that way, you'll be sure to be included in them. Also, there will be a shuttle service to and from the 'Fest provided by the motel and by telling them that you are in for the 'Fest, they will have an idea on the frequency of shuttle runs to make. Need to get between the motel and the 'Fest and there isn't a scheduled shuttle? Well, it's only 3-5 city blocks walking distance. AH YES!!! You can also take care of your reservations through DNM Enterprises. See their ad elsewhere in this issue.

Last month, one of our members-at-large, Willard Lorenz came down from Oconomowoc, WI to pay us a visit. I first met Willard at Rainbowfest '91. It was good to meet with him again. Hope you enjoyed the meeting and the cookies and milk session afterwards, Willard.

In the coming months, we will be having some more interesting demos at the meeting. Sketched out but not cast in stone are amateur radio & the CoCo, an introduction to

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Glenside Color Computer Club

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Here is the list of 1992 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.

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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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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:

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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:

April 9
May 14

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

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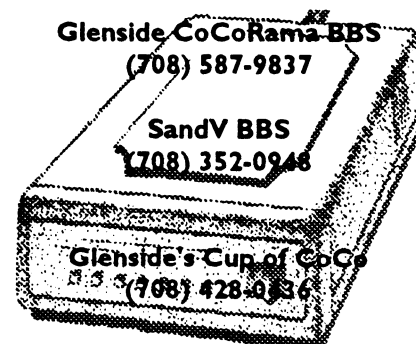
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Sundog's Photon game, Burke & Burke's World Class Chess, and whatever your inquiries and offerings will bring. New member Harold Dickerson has presented some interesting programs and we will be going over them in the next few months, as well. (Thanks, Howard!) Bob Bruhl has placed in my hands a selection of files for review, and Jim Peulecke has a REAL interesting database that he wrote that keeps track ofI don't know how many... entries. AND, we have just a whole slew of newsletters on disks from the EUROS9 group based in the Netherlands. (When will we ever find all the time for all this GOOD STUFF!!!

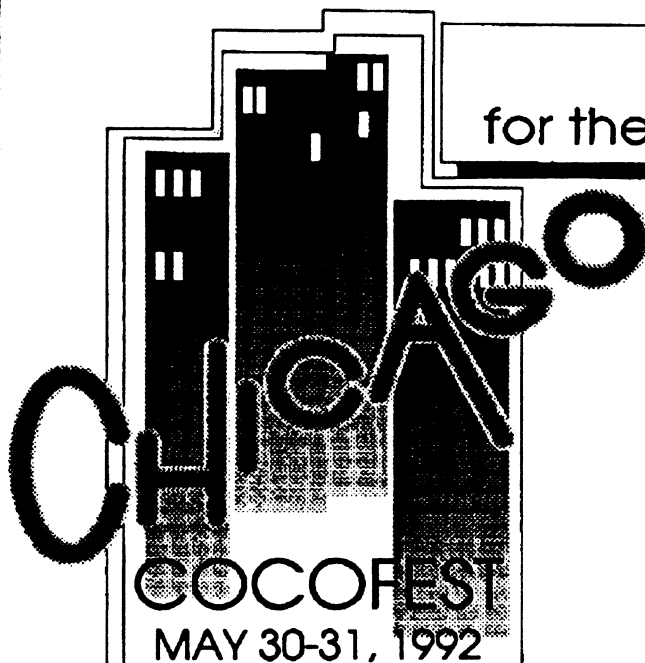
With all of this interest and activity going on, the Color Computer will be just like the little pink battery bunny and will keep going...and going....and going....and...

At this time, I'd like to welcome Clyde S. Gano and the Penn-Jersey Color Computer Club from Bethlehem, PA. to the ranks of Glenside. (This is not very far from where I spent my pre-teen years, that is to say, Reading. On Locust St, Clyde...700 block, climbed Mt. Penn to the fire tower and the Pagoda on separate occasions, too.) Clyde writes in his letter, "What you (Glenside) are doing has been a dream of our club for a long time but, "the laborers are few". I believe what he is referring to is Glenside's dedication to the concept of survival through contact. If we, the users of the CoCo, are to continue to grow and thrive on our systems, then we need to maintain contact with each other for the

purposes of self-education, training, and fellowship.... or just plain fun. Due to this machine, I have met hundreds of people... from whom I have learned at least one more piece of information either about the CoCo, or about life in general. This newsletter has become the main focal point for the survival concept, whether intentional or not. And as Clyde correctly quotes a speaker from almost 2000 years ago, "the laborers", indeed, "are few."

We invite your comments, letters, BBS messages, short programs, items for sale, want ads, criticisms (constructive ones, please), whatever you have to say to promote the continuing process of intercommunication and education. High-faluten words, eh? All they mean is that you've used your machine and have found out something that you can tell others. Never assume that everybody else already knows what you've found out or have done...it just isn't so. There are new users in this CoCo world everyday. YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE! I know of a person who just can't see his way through certain programs. I don't know why...they seem easy to me...but HE can fix just about anything that can break on a computer or printer...you should see just how small a package he has made out of a CoCo, a Multi-Pak and Disk drives and controller. It's ingenious!!! (Be at the 'Fest and I can guarantee you'll see it.) He tells me that he can't write articles, ok, I can understand that...but he has still taken an active spot in the club and has taught me to think in different ways about how to reconfigure my hardware for minimum space.

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INLAND MEETING CENTER, WESTMONT, IL

Join us... for the 1st Annual "last CoCofest"!

Okay...it comes as no big secret that there are fewer folks in the CoCo Community than there used to be. There are fewer active vendors. There is less magazine coverage. But, in spite of the fact that the "big guys" wrote us off to history years ago, we're still here. And we will be for as long as we choose to be, for the CoCo Community is a rare and special breed indeed! In celebration of the unique sense of kinship that CoCo/OSA/OSk users share, we invite you to join us for what we'll affectionally call "the 1st Annual Last CoCoFest". If enough of us continue to enjoy the fun and fellowship that sets us apart from many other computer users, there will be a 2nd (and 3rd, and 4th...) annual "last CoCoFest". Only time will tell. But, just in case, we're pulling every possible effort into making sure that this show is more than just a show...that it is indeed a celebration of the Community.

We won't ask you to come just out of a sense of loyalty to the Community (although, if that's what will motivate you to join us, consider yourself asked!). We'd prefer for you to come prepared to join in the fun, as we plan a non-stop CoCo party! Join us, and meet the "faces behind the names", such as Marty Goodman, Kevin Darling, and more. Meet fellow CoCoists that you've corresponded with over time, but never met face-to-face. Enjoy the hospitality of the Glenside CoCo Club. Share and learn at informative seminars, hosted by the best names in the biz. Get a chance to win one of dozens of door prizes, valued at over \$1000. Take in exhibits of all your favorite soft- and hardware, with live "hands-on" demos and great show specials from leading vendors. And, to get things off to a roaring start, join us for the pre-fest "Party with Marty" on Friday nite (separate admission required).

There's something to be said for saving the best for last...and that's what we plan to do with "the 1st Annual Last CoCoFest"! So join us in a show of support for the Community, enjoy a weekend of fun, frolic, and fellowship, and make us start worrying about how we can possibly top this show next year...

Tickets for the Chicago CoCoFest are available now at a special presale price of \$14 for a one-day pass, or \$17 for a two-day pass (prices at door \$3 higher). Add \$1 handling per order. For ticket ordering using VISA or MC, or for information on hotel accommodations (\$52.95+tax per nite incl. full breakfast and cocktail hour), call (313) 482-8128, or write CoCoFest, PO Box 763, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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March Meeting Review

By Howard Luckey

Tony started the meeting a 7:40 and we were glad to be back to our regular day of the month. He announced that **BDS Software** had joined the club, and we went around the room introducing ourselves.

There wasn't any old business so we went right into new business and that was mostly dealing with "the 1st Annual Last CoCoFest" (The official name of the Fest. If this one is successful then we can have the "the 2nd Annual Last CoCoFest", etc). Tony went over the ticket prices that are in the last newsletter. For paid up members the pre-fest price for a two-day pass is \$12.00, at the door the price will be \$15.00. Both of these are club prices which are lower than the regular pre-Fest price. One proof of membership will be your membership card, make sure you have one. The full price will be \$17.00 for a one-day pass and \$21.00 for a two-day pass. The deadline for club ticket purchase is around May first.

Tony mentioned the cost of the Fest to the club for a booth and the hospitality room, and we decided to send the money as soon as possible. There was a call to all members we need your help. We need people to man the doors, people to man the booth, and a few of us to contribute to the Friday night's pizza Party with Marty.

The idea behind the party is to have an activity for fest vendors and visitors who are at the site on Friday waiting for the fest to start the next day. It would also honor Marty. Tony suggested that a few of us could offer to provide snack food such as chips and dips and soft drinks and for doing that we would get a free pass to the party. The price of the party has not been set yet. I think the party is a good idea and I am looking forward to being there.

THE DEMOS

There were two demos at the meeting, two OS-9 programs that do pretty much the same thing. First Gene Brooks demoed a program called TV. It is a program that you can use to look at text files. It allows you to scroll up and down line by line or page by page. It is a replacement for the list command that comes with OS-9. Gene likes it because he can scroll through a file and it doesn't zip off the screen when you get to the end of the file like list does. The program is sold by MV Systems, P.O. Box 818, Arvada, CO 80001 (303-420-7777) for \$8.95 plus \$2.50 shipping. Thank you Gene.

Then Tony did a demo of a program called VU. It also is a replacement for the list command. It is available on some of the bulletin boards and I have never heard if it is share-ware or public domain. Tony put it through its paces, and with it you can scroll up and down line by line or page by page or left and right. As you scroll up and down it gives you a percentage of the file that you have gone through. With it you can also print the screen, send the screen to a file, find a string, open a file and so forth. The program is written by **Vaughn Cato the author of Osterm**. Thank you Tony. Hope to see you at the meeting in April.

Engineers Dictionary

By The Mad BBS'er

Here is yet another list of popular phrases along the "Alfa-Bytes" line of thought...

Major Technological Breakthrough. (Back to the drawing board)

Developed after Years of intensive research. (It was discovered by accident)

Project slightly behind original schedule due to unforeseen difficulties. (We are working on something else)

The designs are well withing allowable limits. (We just made it streching a point or two)

Customer satifaction is believed assured. (We are so far behind schedule that the customer was happy to get anthing at all from us)

Close project coordination. (We should have asked someone else; or, let's spread the responsibility for this)

The design will be finalized in the next reporting period. (we haven't started this job yet, but we've got to say something)

A number of different approaches are being tried. (We don't know where we're going, but we're moving)

Test results were extreamly gratifing. (It works, and we're suprised!)

Extensive effort is being applied on a fresh approach to the problem. (We just hired three new guys; we'll let them kick it around for awhile)

Preliminary operational tests are inconclusive. (The darn thing blew up when we threw the switch)

The entire concept will have to be abandoned. (The only guy who understood the thing quit)

Modifications are under way to correct certain minor difficulties. (We threw the whole thing out and are starting from scratch)

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SO! Contribute as you are able. Don't sit around and just absorb. I promise you that you'll get as much out, if not more, if you'll put in. It doesn't have to be earth-shattering, even little quivers get attention. The important thing is that you'll be sharing your knowledge, and helping the rest of us increase ours. And THAT, my friends, is the purpose of Glenside. Till next month, I bid you Peace.

Top This...

By Tony Podraza

I have been working hard to try to find both a reason and a way to run another system-based PC at my home. The desirability for this is so that I can be compatible with the file structure and operating systems at work. For the past 3 years I have tried to match a V-20 IC with my 1-meg system and 512K rampak in order to accomplish this. Last night I succeeded!!! Now, when I boot up the machine, I get a menu that asks me not only whether I want RS-DOS or OS-9, but also will give me the option of emulating an 8088 or a '286 machine as well as inquiring if I want to use A__leW__ks at this time. Now for the next four to five weeks, I'll be transferring all my files under those two systems over to my two 20 meg HD's so I'll be able to access a virtual MOUNTAIN of information in the future. However I have a little problem. I have a little brain memory problem. I keep forgetting which directory contains what files. Under os9, I just 'hot key' to another window and go looking for the file....but under the other two systems.....oh well. Even when you have the perfect machine, something always knocks your pins out from under you.

SysOp's Twisted Pair

The 30 Commandments of BBSing

A very intelligent SysOp gave a great of thought as to how his BBS should be operated and came up with these 30 BBS Commandments.

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2. Thou shalt remember thy name and thy password.
3. Thou shalt speaketh to the SysOp with thy real name.
4. Thou shalt not POST IN ALL CAPS!
5. Thou shalt Honor thy SysOp.
6. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's password, nor thy neighbor's real name, computer, software, nor any other thing of thy neighbor's.
7. Thou shalt only call a BBS two times a day.
8. Thou shalt not post messages that are stupid, worthless, or have no meaning, lest thee be deemed a fop.
9. Thou shalt use the English language properly so that thee may be deemed wise.
10. Thou shalt spell thy words correctly. Amen.
11. Thou shalt delete thine own mail.
12. Thou shalt delete thine ancient mail.
13. Thou shalt help other users so that thee may be deemed a friend.

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