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The President's /term

by Brian Schubring

Glenside Color Computer Club

Salutations To ALL !!!! This year is to be the turning point of my career as a CoCo user/hacker to a large extent. I must now not think only of myself, but the CoCo community as a whole. That in itself is not hard, but what needs to be done is a review of the club's key officers and what their duties entail so everyone has the knowledge of who does what and when. I, being new to this office and to this level of responsibility feel overwhelmed by the sheer status of being President.

But with a guiding hand from Tony Podraza, and the other officers of the club, and club members, I feel we can give you, our supporters and club members, a club that will stand out in the CoCo world.

How will we do that? Well... With the cooperative efforts of advertising other clubs, vendors, and information sources, we here can keep you all informed of what's out there. One thing that was brought to my attention is that Glenside is a meeting place of the minds and talents for furthering the CoCo, and that we're alive and well.

To further this cause I had a talk with one of the members by the name of, Bob Swoger. Bob is a great admirer of the CoCo and it's power and flexibility. He owns several CoCo's, has used them somewhat, but his main system is the 'Sinclair 2068/ Spectrum' made by

Timex. Bob has a keen insight of systems that are no longer Manufacturer supported, and has a great interest in helping this club getting past the hurdles that may lay before us.

Bob showed me his system and although it may not have all the bells and whistles that the CoCo has, he has a machine that works extremely well to do the things he needs. In his words he has, 'Turned his machine into an appliance'. To some of us we want something more than an appliance, (including myself when I first talked to Bob). But as I listened and watched his machine in action, Bob showed me what he really meant. He wrote, as one of the other members called it, a Human Interface System through which he ran all his programs. It would be akin to a menuing system, only more simple but smart. Bob's thoughts were that everyone who has a CoCo should have a system that would work the same from one to the other. And the way to do that is to have a front-end interface to do the mundane things for us in a uniformed and proper way. Bob has given me an idea that this could be done for the CoCo as well, and he encourages the same. So. For a club project I

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Here is the list of 1994 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, F=815.

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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

March 10
April 14

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

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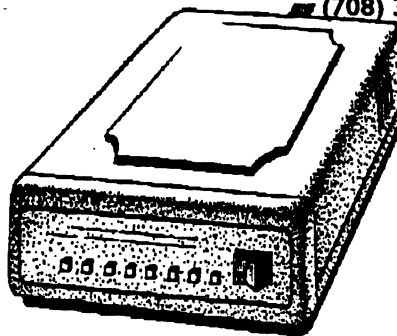
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The President's /term

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would like to propose that maybe we could do the same and create a package that would be available to all CoCo user's. Bob will be demonstrating his system to illustrate his ' Human Interface System ', at the next meeting so a more and complete explanation can be given. This project is for the sole purpose of giving this club and it's members a goal, while giving us useful tools.

Next on the agenda is to make sure you have updated your club membership if you haven't done so already. And for all vendors, remember the CoCoFest coming up in May. Please return the reservations regardless if you'll be attending the fest or not. The sooner the better since there is an early-bird special as noted in the package. For any further information...

BEEP. BEEP. BEEP.....

Now for a special report. Just tonight I got word that there will be Hitachi 63B09 Processor chips becoming available soon. Please standby for further information by Tony.... And now back to our program already in progress.... ... remember May 21st & 22nd. Let's all see if we can have the best year yet at the CoCoFest.

Anyone having any problems? Solved any situations with your CoCo? **PLEASE!!!** Let us know!! Share your thoughts and ideas about your systems or any other info you might have or need. I'm sure someone will have answers for your Q's.

Remember... Those who ask will get answers. Those with answers will be appreciated and thought of.

Til next time. Same CoCo Time. Same CoCo channel. So long.

Kudos to Glenside

Just thought I'd drop in on some great people and say hello. I don't have much time these days cause I'm (making it while I can !!!) sort of speak, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Podraza and the rest of you for all the technical support I've received during my membership. I will pop up on the board from time to time to catch up on all the great things you're doing with the CoCos and MM/1s. I must say that what this club has accomplished thus far is quite impressive and I'm sure that there will be much more in the future cause of your knowledgeable staff and your determination to succeed. Keep up the good work !!!

Thanks Again, Joe Coughlin
your sideline encore !!!!!

P.S. Say hello to Mr. Alias "BUCK STOPS HERE" Sir
Hathaway

NEWS RELEASE

Here are the 5 "W's"

WHO?

1) The Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois presents

WHAT?

2) The Third Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!

WHEN?

3) May 21st & 22nd, 1994

WHERE?

4) HOLIDAY INN ELGIN (A Holidome Indoor Recreation Center) 345 W. River Road (A city block from I-90 & IL-31S) Elgin, Illinois (Same great location as last year!)

Overnight room rate: \$52.00 (plus 10% tax)

Call 1-708-695-5000 for reservations.

Be sure to ask for the "Glenside" or "CoCoFEST!" rate.

YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER COCOFEST TO GET THIS RATE!!!

WHY?

- 5) A. To provide vendor support to the CoCo Community
- B. To provide Community support to the CoCo Vendors
- C. To provide educational support to new users.
- D. TO HAVE AN OUTRAGEOUSLY GOOD TIME!!!!

And now, the "H" word.

HOW MUCH?

Admission: \$15.00 at the door 2-day pass only; sorry, no 1-day passes

Advance ticket sales: \$10.00 + SASE or \$10.00 + \$.50 postage & handling

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Chips Ahoy!..... Again!

Just in case you missed it last year, Glenside would like to repeat it's Chips Ahoy! offer AGAIN!!!! "What was it?", you ask? Read on, Pilgrim...

Dateline:11.22.92 for the December 1992 issue of the CoCo~123

Just a short note for those of you who are Glenside Members... Most of you have heard that the Hitachi 63B09E is a pin-for-pin replacement for the 68B09E supplied as the original CPU for your CoCo. You have also heard of pricing in the 12-15 dollar range. "Well lookey here what I brought you!" The Club has been able to procure Hitachi 63B09E CPU's at what I think is a fairly reasonable price (though I've been wrong before) and would like to pass that price on to you. Member cost is \$8.05 plus shipping (about a buck and a half). Get George Schneeweiss' new address from page two and contact him if you want any. For multiple chips, add about 35 cents per chip for additional postage. The chips will be sent in protective tubes, and they DO RUN COOLER!!!! Not to mention the added advantages of the "native mode" type patches to OS-9 I trust that you will be able to take advantage of this, another way in which we're trying to pass on POWER BUYING!!! After all, if we have the POWER!!!, we ought to spread it around, right?

NOTICE!!!! NEW PRICING!!!!

Well, now! How about that! The only difference is that the cost to Glenside members is REDUCED! Okay, so it's only reduced by five cents, but it IS a reduction. And \$9.50 (delivered) for a NEW Hitachi HD63B09EP is still a bargain in my book. Try getting that price anywhere else. Remember...that is a DELIVERED PRICE! Write George directly! Get his address from page two.

And speaking of necessary things like memory, don't forget our source for SIMMs for the Disto two meg upgrade.

"Looking for those 2 chip 1M x 8-80ns CMOS SIMMS for the Disto 2-meg upgrade? Call Ace Software & Computers. Mention Dave Barnes or Tony Podraza and CoCo. It may not get anybody a better deal, but it sure let's John know where you got their number. Latest price was \$27.00 plus sales tax and shipping. I'm told that this is not a bad price, at all. OH, hehe, might help if you had the phone number, eh? 708-255-5565 or (FAX) 708-255-0002." (reprinted from June 1993)

And what about conventional 41256's? Call Fox Electronics at 408-437-1577. They've got socket pulls for as low as \$.50/ chip, if you catch them at just the right time. By the way, Manufacturer's numbers vary all over the place for those; e.i. Hitachi's number = HM50256P-12 for a 120 nanosecond, 16 DIP, 256x1 Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) chip. BE SURE TO ASK FOR TIM!...and mention Glenside Color Computer Club..Or Marty Goodman, to whom we owe this information regarding FOX Electronics, to begin with.

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From "Mid Iowa & Country CoCo". Now in it's eight year! Three years as a national Disk magazine. With the UPGRADE National Disk-magazine, we've grown to be one of the largest CoCo outreaches"! I can say that firmly by the response from 240 members in over 40 states and 5 provinces of Canada; with others in Australia & England, we expect to be around for a long, long time. The "UPGRADE" Disk Magazine: Does not support OSK, or Computers not compatible to Coco. That we leave to those more qualified. Is not hard copy though it can dump to your printer. Displays first rate 16 color H2 graphics, with articles. Does keep you informed with news from around the country. Including ads and recommendations of better dealers. Does have OS-9 articles concerning the CoCo. We've just started an excellent level II tutorial series. Does have Basic program technique Article & tutorials. Does carry a full variety of in-depth articles and reviews. Recently adding "Marty's Memos" column by Marty Goodman! We carry tips on where to buy printers, drives & hardware.

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