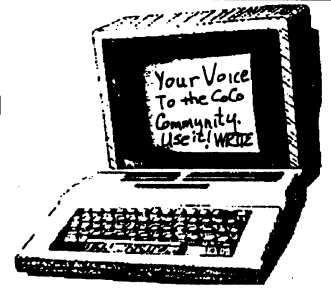


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## The President's /term

by Brian Schubring

*Glenside Color Computer Club*

**S**alutations and Happy Easter to all !  
Have you ever thought that there could be a CoCo day, and you could say.... Happy CoCo ! Would be strange but possible. All we'd have to do is get enough people to agree to have that day set aside for us.

The same thing goes for the 'Last Chicago CoCoFest' coming up in May. If we get enough people interested, including Vendors, we can have blast of a time. To the vendors, please send in those registration forms and plan to show your wares. Without you we can't have a fest that BLOWS the DOORS off all previous fests.

Presently we have ~~22~~<sup>23</sup> Vendors (not including Glenside), who have registered. Tony will have that info in his article.

One thing that has recently been brought to my attention is that membership renewals have been a bit slow in showing up at George's mailbox. I hope this won't be the start of a trend. There are a lot of people out there who have the talent to pave the way for an interesting year but we all need to stay in contact to make it so. Your Glenside membership is one way of keeping the channel open.

Well off the soapbox and onto new things. Let's see. April is here, (all too soon), and my project is starting to take shape. What Project you ask? Well how about a repacking kit for the CoCo to install it into a PC case without using a multi-pak interface.

The boards will let you install both the disk drive and a hard drive above the coco, and have a parallel printer port, with a satellite board with 4 RS-232 ports.

This project I hope will be ready for the May 21 & 22 Last Annual Chicago CoCoFest held in Elgin, for display and possible orders, (if all works all right).

Speaking of the Fest, lets all get our tickets early and make it the best one yet! For further info call Tony Podraza or myself.

And here is something entirely different. A contest for everyone to enter!!! What's the prize you ask? How about a FREE 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO the Glenside Color Computer Club!!!

Here's how it works. Write a short essay (yes, a term paper of sorts), to this question. "Why do we support the CoCo." That's all there is to it.

The contest will run through July 4th, and any entries received may be printed in the 'CoCo 123' newsletter. Please keep the entries to 2 pages. Let's see, any other news? Oh ya, Please have a good and safe Easter. I want to see you all at the CoCoFEST!

Until next Time..... I salute.

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

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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

May 12  
June 9

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

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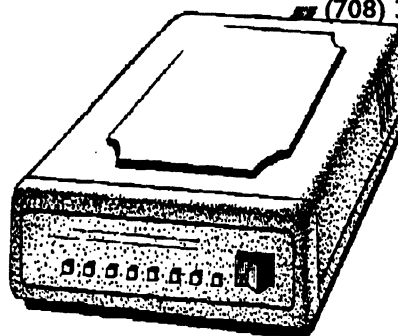
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## March Meeting Review

By Howard Luckey

I came late to the meeting because the task of composing and printing 128 postcards took longer than expected. The postcards were notices and reminders to potential vendors of the upcoming Fest.

When I started taking notes the President was describing a project he is working on. I am not sure of the details but it appears to be a slot pak board that will be an bus extender with an on board parallel port. Apparently Brian is in the process of repackaging the CoCo. I hope he will provide more information about this and maybe write an article for the newsletter.

The president expressed some concern over the fact that the roster is getting smaller, meaning, also, that we are not getting dues in. (Note: A notice has been sent out to members who have not paid their 94 dues.)

The club announced that it has 25 6309 chips for purchase at \$8.00 per chip. A nice price for anyone considering upgrading their CoCo from the 6809.

Another member who wants to do a 2 meg upgrade asked about a good source for the 2 meg simms. It was suggested that he look on page four of the latest CoCo-123 for a place selling the chips at a good price.

At 8:15 the business part of the meeting adjourned.

### THE DEMO

Rob Gibbons demoed a program that does a lot a lot of the same stuff for the CoCo that Bob Swoger's program, called Logically, does for the Sinclair computer. Bob had demoed his program last month and that reminded Rob of a similar program he had written for his sister to use on his CoCo. Rob showed a menu that allows the user to select various functions such as copying a file from one disk to another, format a disk, view a file, etc. If you wanted to view or run a file the list of files are presented on the screen and you can use the arrow keys to select it. Rob mentioned that if you do run a program and you exit it you will not go back to his program. To do that, he said, you would have to modify each program you run.

Bob Swoger had high praise for the program and wondered if it wouldn't be a nice program for the club to take over and offer as a service to its members. Rob mentioned that he would have no problem giving it to the club, and that if anyone wanted to, the program could easily be modified to add enhancements since it is written in Basic.

Thank you, Rob, for a nice demo and the offer of your program to the club.

## CoCoFest Update

by Tony Podraza

As of this writing, there are twenty-three official exhibitors. They are:

- 1) BARSoft, Dave Barnes
- 2) ColorSystems, Zack Sessions
- 3) DELMAR, Ed Gressick
- 4) Hawksoft, Chris Hawks
- 5) Farna Systems, Frank Swygert
- 6) Crystal Palace BBS, Nelson Howard et al
- 7) DISTO, Tony Distefano
- 8) Budgetware, Brian Kitt
- 9) JWT Enterprises, Jordan Tsvetkoff
- 10) Adventure Survivors, L. E. & Nan Padgett
- 11) The Chicago OS9 User's Group
- 12) The National OS9 User's Group
- 13) StrongWare, John Strong et al
- 14) SBUG, Andre Levalle
- 15) Blackhawk Enterprises, David Graham
- 16) Northern Xposure, Colin McKay et al
- 17) Dirt Cheap Computer Stuff Co., Mark Griffith
- 18) Glenside Color Computer Club of Illinois
- 19) JoTA Productions, Timothy Johns
- 20) Frank Hogg Laboratories, Frank Hogg
- 21) Digigrade Productions, Dave Pellerito
- 22) Ken-Ton Electronics Inc, Joe Scinta
- 23) Sub-Etha Software, Allen Huffman et al.

~~24) CoNect, Rick Uland~~  
In addition, there have been verbal intentions of attendance by Kala Software, ██████████, Animajik Productions, DALTRUG, TC^3 Twin Cities Color Computer Club, and one or two others whose names escape me at this time.

And the list continues to grow. Time is getting short! Be sure that you are going to be represented at the greatest CoCo/OS9 event of Spring 1994!

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

Children 5 and under FREE

Ages 6 - 16 \$5.00 Discount when accompanied

by an adult

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