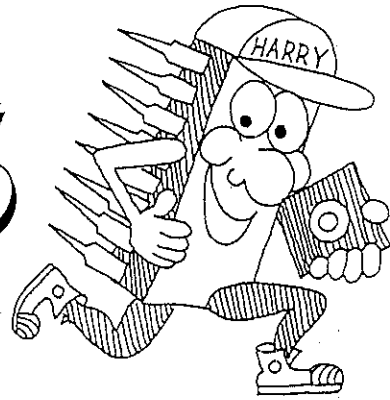


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DEAR MEMBERS:

Did you all have a good summer?

Are your sunburns healed and your tan lines even? (some people don't have tan lines, Penguin is a nudist and he doesn't have any)

It's been a rather eventful summer for me. I have changed jobs. I am now applying my technical expertise to my new position as Garage Manager for the Niagara Transit Commission.

Talk about a change!

First bus joke I hear will be dealt with severely.

Don't talk to me about late buses and lost umbrellas, we are perfect and it's probably all your fault what ever it is you're complaining about.

I get to ride buses free now.

I get to play with the buses too.

No computers though.

YET!

They don't know how badly they need computers at Niagara Transit. I can't begin to tell you how desperately they are yearning for the sound of printing printers, driving disks, and computing computers. (they just don't know it yet)

I'M SO EXCITED, I COULD JUST.....

Most of you have probably heard of the much announced, much rumoured, sickeningly described and overly debated COCOIII.

What all the whup-de-doo boils down to is a new COCO coming out in the end of Sept. with a 128K expandable to 512K ram running OS9 level 2, 16 colors, resolution up to 640 X 192, RGB monitor output available, software compatible with CoCoII, new extended basic with enhanced graphic commands, built in computer programmer and repair man, sexy keyboard, you touch it and it touches you back (bite your tongue, Dirty), and blah,blah,blah.

Catalogue number 26-3334 and cost is \$329.00

Personally, I don't think it will make much of a show. Anybody looking for a serious business machine nowadays, is looking for something that will run MS DOS (that's IBM compatible) By the time you stick a monitor and disk drive on the COCOIII, you have almost reached the cost of an MS DOS clone kit.

This thing won't have much if any, new entertainment software, which is what the other group of user/buyers are looking for, so just what is going to attract sales? Surprise me Radio Shack, and come out with a pile of new software to support the Johnny-come-lately!

THIS GUY NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME!!

Knitter is living proof that man descended from the apes.

This fine example of evolution went to Ottawa on vacation and managed to get caught going the wrong way on a BUS road.

Everyone knows how important it is to give the BUSES respect and admiration and to stay off the BUS roads.

Everyone except Knitter, that is.

Now, I have always had great feelings of humiliation and degradation towards buses, and this has nothing whatsoever to do with my new job. (I just want you to know that)

So, now, what does Knitter do? He tells the BUS cop that his WIFE made him turn on the BUS road.

Give me a break!!

I suppose this delicate little lady forcibly wrested the wheel from your hands and mashed the gas pedal down without you even noticing!!!

Maybe some good will come out of this little fiasco. Perhaps Knitter will remember to be a little more attentive and respectful of the rights of BUSES.

Have you hugged a bus driver today?

A LITTLE ADDENDUM FOR A LITTLE WHILE

Addendum number 5 to our library listing will be available at the September 14 meeting. The whole library has been updated and reprinted, and the Penguin should have copies available at the Sept. meeting.

FINALLY I CAN FIND DUNNVILLE!!

The Hick and Lori Wiseman have a map of Dunnville.

I don't know where they got it from or who made it since everyone in Dunnville is illiterate.

Anyway, this map shows all the high spots from Minnies Dance Parlour to Toms Tattoo Shed.

If you decide to haul a load of hay to Dunnville, this map is a must because it shows the shortest route to Barneys Big Barn where everyone in Dunnville keeps their hay.

Someday I'm going to send a BUS to Dunnville.

Trouble is you have to ease the natives very gently into modern technology because you could damage their sensitive ecological balance with the shock of seeing these monsters of mechanization invading the quiet dirt roads and frightening their horses into stampedes.

JERRY FALWELL WOULD NOT APPROVE

I'm ashamed to have to report that Knitter has not been attending church lately. After that little episode in Ottawa, one would assume that he would be spending a lot more time on his knees. Well he may be spending more time on his knees, but it is probably on the golf course picking dew worms. I have it on good authority that Knitter has been spending Sunday mornings at the bowling alley. That den of iniquity full of sinners and Philestines. You can probably take a BUS to church, Knitter.

Speaking of worms:

Scruffy has been busy with the EARS hardware. In between stuffing OREOS with double creme and then working at breaks and at noon as a septic tank cleaner, Scruff has been trying to do something constructive with the clap-trap. We are waiting with baited breath. (and with held breath) What's this grungy stuff in my OREO?

TIME TO OPEN UP YOUR WALLETS AND GIVE, GIVE, GIVE

Give till it hurts!
You will feel better.
Your wallet will be lighter!
You will be thrice blessed and once removed.
How much should you give?
You should give \$35.00.
To whom should you give?
You should give to our treasurer.
When should you give?
You should give before the expiry date on the front of your copy of this newsletter.
Why should you give?
You should give to keep this rag coming to your door.
You should give to keep your membership privileges.
You should give for the sake of giving.
Give, and maybe I will let you see a BUS up close.
I may even let you hug a BUS DRIVER.
Or kick a tire.

Wormpickers' war

Niagara-on-the-Lake has been the setting for many battles but perhaps none more uncomfortable than the mini-war of the worm-pickers Sunday night. Niagara Regional police said two groups of worm pickers converged on the golf course after 10 p.m. and "an altercation ensued." Nine pickers from Grimsby arrived to find a group from Niagara Falls already on the greens. Police were told that boxes of worms were thrown around, people exchanged heated words and rude gestures. A group of Niagara Falls pickers wound up wet and wormless. Police said no charges were laid and each group will sort out worm-picking privileges with the golf club officials.

It's no my job!!

So Ivan will tell you all about the "ONE MORE POKE AT ROB" contest that we had last meeting. We got some entries, nothing to stand up and cheer about, that's fer shur.

Probably cause the thing was too late in the year, and most people just don't give a Pigeon dropping about these contests. I have a feeling that we will be ending the season a little earlier next year, to avoid the

stampede to the beaches when the weather warms up in June.

We did get enough participation to give away the prizes.

Everybody won.

That tells you something right there doesn't it?

That's it for the Windbag:

I will see some of you in September.

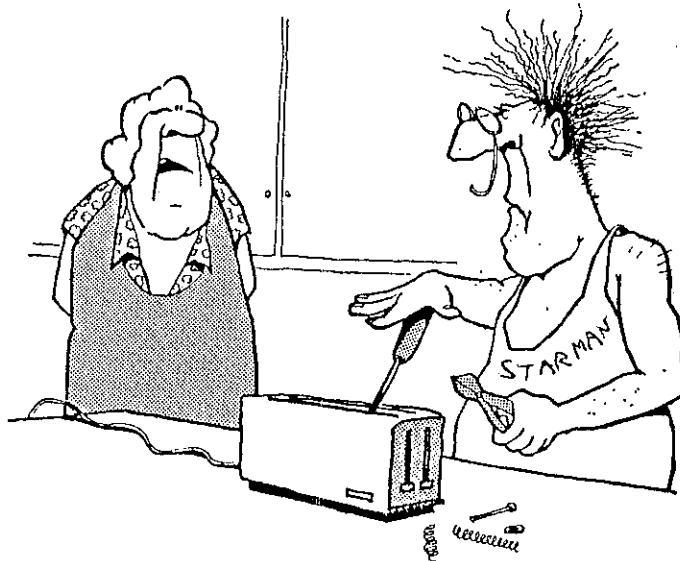
Some of you will figure it's not worth the trouble, you have enough stuff, and you won't return.

Some of you won't return because Knitter is waiting for you with a baseball bat because you didn't return library materials.

Those of you that still want to learn about computers, want to just enjoy an afternoon out with fellow key stokers, have a desire to see some new programs and hardware, have some problems to discuss with others, and perhaps consider upgrading to MS DOS or other machines, we are going to concentrate on those areas and start small groups of special interest areas.

To those people, I look forward to seeing you all again on Sept. 14 at our first meeting of our 5th. year of operation.

Have fun,
Pres.



"I plugged it in to see if you'd fixed it."

Well I hope we aren't all too sunburned from this summer. It's been quite a summer for some of us I'm sure.

Harry got himself a new job here in Niagara Falls. First he got to play with trucks and now he's playing with buses. Naturally we are going to have the most computerized transit commission in Canada. Congratulations Harry on your new job.

He needed the new job to pay for the smoke damage to the house when the dishwasher caught on fire (Harry kept telling Karen that he was going to fix the dishwasher but he couldn't find the RAM chips so he gave up). I've never seen that many fire trucks come to a dishwasher fire. It sure was neat and naturally Harry was out of town at the time.

He figured he couldn't be blamed that way.

Nice going Harry (Mr. Fix-it).

I had a fun job this summer

I got to supervise 75 foot long green buses that drove through Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls all summer long. When they were really desperate they let me drive them too. (Mainly because they were worth \$455,000.00 a piece). Believe it or not I do have a licence to drive these things (I got it in a Cracker Jack box).

It was just sooooo muccchhhhhh fun!!!!!!!!!! And I only had one accident (I only drove twice). Now you can see why I said that they WERE worth 455,000. There is one that is only worth \$442,500.00

Now I'm unemployed again (not because of the of the accident—because of the end of the season). Does anybody have a job for me????????? Maybe someday I'll get a real job. I'll keep trying.

Oh well back to the good stuff.

THE WINNERS OF OUR CONTEST

I case you forgot we had a contest in our last newsletter. The first thing you had to figure out was what the hidden message was in the newsletter and then you had to find how many instances this message was printed throughout the newsletter.

Well there was a possible 31 choices in the newsletter and the most anyone found was 19.

Congratulations to Ken "the Hick" and his wife Lori Wiseman for coming in first place. Then again they had an unfair advantage over the rest of us.

What else is there to do in that thriving metropolis of Dunnville ???

Second place went to Dirty Gerry Chamberland with 16. Gerry just gave the newsletter to Pat (that's his wife in case any of you may have forgotten over the summer) and she just treated this like an adventure.

Nice going Pat.

Gerry you low-life. Trying to take all the glory away from your poor wife. You've got a lot of nerve....

Third place went to the main character in this contest. Way to go Rob (and no you didn't find 19 of them—only 14). Rob, without you we wouldn't have had a contest. Thanks for being such a good sport about it.

Fourth place went to Robin and Jackie Zufelt with 11 choices. I'm sure that they may have had a little help from their little girl. Just remember to take her with for dinner.

Fifth place went to Blair Leduc with an award-winning 4 choices.

We did have another 2 entries but they had to be disqualified. One was from Greg Boichuk and the other was from Walter Oleksiuk. Walter, you were supposed to circle the hidden messages. We can't award you a prize if you just hand in your newsletter with nothing circled. You really had Harry and myself confused for quite a while.

Then again it doesn't take much to confuse us.

Unfortunately Greg had the wrong message circled. That was part of the contest—to find the hidden message. Maybe next time Greg.

Well I would like to thank everyone who entered for at least trying. At least there are some people out there that are interested in these contests. Tightwad would never think of trying one of these things.

What happened to you Penguin Jr. I know that you enjoy food. The prize was dinner for two to Mothers Pizza. You could have taken you and yourself out for dinner.

Dinner for two may have just covered your appetite.

Usually he has at least three donuts at the executive meetings. Lori also brings him his own stash of banana bread that he hides in his room (mind you he only hides it for about 5 minutes before it gets

devoured).

OOPS, I forgot to tell you the hidden message.

We were looking for the line June 8 Rob or any combination of those words. Not bad Eh!!!

Well I think I've run out of things to say for now so I guess I'll end it here.

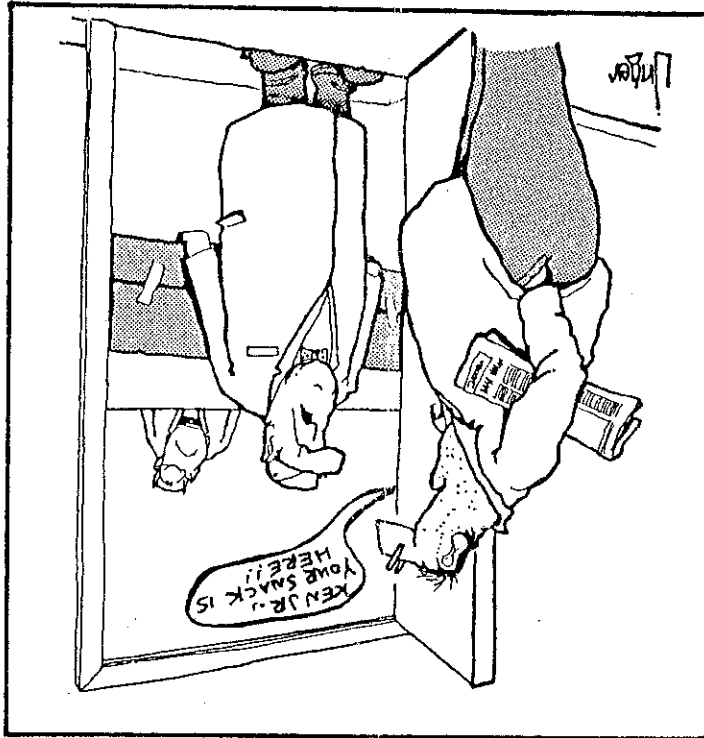
See you all on September 14 for our first meeting of the new year. Also there are many of you out there

that will have expiring memberships next month so don't forget the foot. Garry Clark's palm has been

itchy for a month now and Penguin Sr. has been practicing up on his typing skills over the summer (Dr's

been practicing up on other skills but I'm not allowed to mention those).

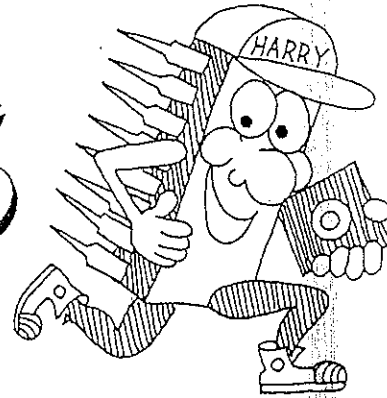
See you on the 14th.



"You the guy who ordered the 'Grand Slam' pizza?"

P.S. Rob you are cordially invited to our first meeting of the new season of the Niagara Regional Club on Sunday September 14, 1986 A.D. at 1:00 PM. in Welland, Ontario, Canada. If you need directions to get there you can phone Harry at any time day or night (I think I may end up regretting this).

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DEAR MEMBERS:

Rather "spirited" start to the new season wasn't it?

I didn't realize I had ruffled so many feathers with my comments about the COCOIII. I should have had more sense than to make derogatory remarks about something that obviously has a very loyal (and loud) following.

Well excuse me!!!

You should have heard the lynch mob at what was supposed to be our first meeting of the year.

I heard shouts of "hang him high!" and "show him no mercy!" from the crowd of ex-friends that were there.

Let me try to explain what I was trying to say.....(sweat,sweat)

Computer users seem to fall into two distinct groups. One group being the entertainment addicts and the other the utility or "business" addicts.

Those in the entertainment section want a computer at reasonable cost to provide games, adventures, and fun programs, with the aim of sneaking computer literacy into the kids without them knowing it. (there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, I support it wholeheartedly) The CoCo provides exactly what they are looking for, no question about it, and because it is expandable and powerful, can be used to a certain extent for utility and business purposes.

Which brings me to the next group. These people started with games and adventures and found that they wanted more. They wanted to be able to use the computer for word processing, spread sheet accounting, data base use, etc. These people try to learn as much as they can about the computer and what it will do, and will spend a lot more money expanding the systems by adding up to 4 disk drives, printers, modems, graphics boards, speech and music synthesizers, hi-res monitors etc.

These people will be the most likely beneficiaries of the expanded capabilities of the COCOIII.

The COCOIII probably won't have much if any, better entertainment software. The returns just won't be there for a software author to come up with a "great 128K game" considering the time and effort that will be required to write these monster games.

HOWEVER.....(and I should have mentioned this before), those that have a pile of hardware such as disk drives, monitors, etc. will be able to connect all their clap trap to the COCOIII and have a very capable machine for a reasonable cost. Under OS9 level 2 they will now be able to use the expanded memory and run some decent OS9 software, something they could not do with the COCOI or COCOII because of memory constraints.

Also, the fact that Radio Shack dropped the price of the COCOII from \$329.00 to \$199.00 even before it hit the shelves, also makes it look better.

But, I still feel that the thing is too late to attract a lot of NEW buyers. (which is the point I was trying to make in the last newsletter)

Why? Because when you add the price of the COCOIII, MONITOR, and DISK DRIVE up, you are somewhere around \$700 which is not far from the price of an MS DOS clone, which is, for better or worse, becoming the industry standard.

A fair number of people in our club have MS DOS machines at work. It is inevitable that they will be moving up to MS DOS computers at home. So...we will be forming a special interest group for those people. There is no reason that both groups can't co-exist. After all we are all there for fellowship, education, fun and to further the use and knowledge of computers. Besides, there is no doubt in my mind that most if not all, of the MS DOS'ers will keep their COCOs for entertainment and the occasional return to the great computer that got them started. I, for one will certainly keep my COCO warm.

I hope that someone will take the initiative to start a COCOIII group. There is lots of room and lots of interest. If you are considering it, let myself or one of the Activity Committee know and we will help as much as we can. Or just bring your stuff to the meetings, people will find you and things will start rolling all by themselves.

The above comments are strictly those of the editor. (Harry) I could be completely wrong about my predictions. I'm sure many of you will let me know if I am. You can bet that I will let you know if I was right. Let's see what happens.

Shall we try again??

Penguin lost addendum #5 to the library listing. He will probably dispute that accusation, but it's true.

To make up for his lack of responsibility in getting the addendum out on time, he will be sent in exile to Dunnville for a week.

After a week of shovelling manure, slopping the hogs, neutering pigs, and chasing the sheep, he will be sent down to the copy machine, and will make a fresh batch of addendum #5s to bring to the next meeting.

Sorry Peter

Peter Grant gave me a note to read at the last meeting and I forgot. Probably because I was preoccupied with defending myself against the barbs being hurled at me from all sides. What Peter wanted me to say was that he has programs and newsletters from the user group, for the TP10. If you are interested, give him a call at 735-8267.

There will be no KNITTER jokes.....this time

Knitter took offense to the BUS story in the last newsletter. Actually, Mrs. Knitter didn't like the story much either. So in respect to the KNITTERS, there will be no mention of the other things that I could have told you about.

Maybe next month....

Touchy, touchy.

Bring your hammers and torches!!!

Bring them to the next meeting because I have it on good authority that Rob Zufelt is going to have a workshop on building GRAPHICS CARDS for the COCD. If you want more information or need to know what is required, call Rob at 357-3280. He is easy to find on the membership list. With a last name like Zufelt, you know which end of the list to find him. When Rob joined, Ray Zason felt great. He was no longer the last on the list.

New listings

The new library listings which include all the addendums up to and including addendum #5, can be obtained from QC John. at the meetings for the paltry, subsidized fee of \$5.00.

Q.C. is enrolled in a Quality Control course, I understand.

That makes me wonder what he was doing all these years when he claimed to be controlling quality at Unit-Rig.

Perhaps all those parts that he rejected were allright after all.

I should go to the scrap yard and dig up all those parts. I can make a fortune selling them as brand new, top quality parts.

Of course Tightwad will probably rush off to sign up for this course also. Tightwad is a Q.C. inspector at Harrison at Lockport N.Y.

That's where all the leaky radiators come from. The leaky ones come off Tightwad's line. Because he hasn't had the Q.C. course yet.

BRING YOUR OWN OREOS

Scruffy Woodward, the OREO King is planning on carrying on with the Word Processing Seminars. That's great isn't it??

Seriously, (this isn't easy for me) Scruff is performing a very valuable service to those of us that are interested in learning Word Processing. I have heard a lot of good remarks about his efforts and presentations and can sincerely and heartily recommend his seminars to anyone interested.

It is not easy to give up your time to plan and present these seminars and on behalf of all of us in the club I would like to give Tim Woodward a standing ovation. Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap, clap. You should be able to find Scruffy set up in one of the classrooms out through the rear cafeteria doors, at the end of the hall. You won't find anyone more eager to help newcomers and oldtimers alike.

What about OS9?

Now that COCOIII is coming, it would be nice to have someone set up some seminars on the OS9 system.

There is another classroom we can use and I'm sure there would be a lot of interest, particularly at this time.

If anyone would be interested in hosting an OS9 special interest group, please let me know and I will spread the word, and get you set up.

Chips and stuff

Now that we have some money in the club account, we will proceed with putting it to good use.

Use no.1 will be to make a bulk purchase of 64K memory chips and eproms. Q.C. John will hopefully have some available by the next meeting.

If you need help installing the chips, Walter Jutting or any of a number of other people will be happy to help.

Use no.2 will be to continue buying programs, both for COCOI/II and for COCOIII. The Hick is even now as I speak, looking for new software for sale. These programs will be available through your Group Leaders. Everyone will be assigned to a Group Leader, who will be a wise person that knows everything about computers and how to run that software.

Hopefully Clem Faucher will have the list up to date and a copy will be in with this newsletter. Clem has a lot of work to do to get the list in order. He is trying to match people up in geographical areas and that is not easy.

If for some reason, you did not get on the list, or want to change, please let Clem know. If you just tell me, I will probably forget and you will get mad at me. I have a lot of data being input into my brain at the meetings and sometimes I get an I.O. error.

MS DOS GROUP

Garry Clark, who is our resident expert on the MS DOS machines, has offered to spend some time showing us some of the popular programs for these computers, such as LOTUS, DBASE, etc.

I, and several others will be spending a lot of time with Garry to help us get acquainted with these machines and the programs. Hopefully Garry will be able to bring a computer to the next meeting and we will be able to start in earnest.

Tightwad and myself have vowed to have "AT" compatibles by Christmas. (hear that Karen?)

We will let you know how we make out. It appears that by Christmas the "AT" compatible will be down below \$1000.00 U.S., which was the milestone that we were waiting for. If Karen hasn't threatend to divorce me, I will bring the computer to a meeting for your perusal.

You're on, IVAN.

A very interesting meeting last month.
I was busy with Penguin Senior signing up old and new members.

An even more interesting executive meeting. Penguin Junior and myself discussed his adventures in Niagara Falls this summer. Gee I sure wish I was sixteen again. I'm not really sure what happened at the last executive meeting.

A GAMES CONTEST???????

I think there is supposed to be a games contest this month but Dependable was supposed to write something up in this newsletter.

Well so much for that !!!!!

Maybe he can tell us about it at the next meeting and then we can have it in November (You better start thinking Jerry).

A NEW BBS IN THE AREA

I have been informed that there is a new BBS in service in the Niagara Falls area.

It's called Compu-ad and it's FREE.

It is similar to an Electronic Shopper's News. It is full of ads for meetings, flea markets, computers for sale and all that kind of stuff. It runs twenty-four hours a day so if any of you can't sleep at night, you can play with Compu-ad at three O'clock in the morning. It works on either 300 or 1200 baud modems and it is very easy to log-on. It is menu oriented so any moron can use it (even you Ken Junior!!). I almost forgot to tell you that it also has a section that lists all the user groups in the area and our club will have our own special little section on the BBS.

The number is 354-6614.

I hope some of you try it.

WHEN IS THE NEXT MEETING???

Does everyone realize that the second Sunday of October falls on Thanksgiving Weekend. Well I don't know about you but I'm not going to be in any mood to go to a Computer Club meeting. My plans are made for the weekend and they don't include anyone from the club. I have already made plans to go away on Saturday because I heard that Harry was going to try and cook a turkey dinner that day.

If he cooks anything like his wife Karen washes dishes, the whole neighbourhood should go up in flames.

The meeting is going to be the third Sunday of the month (OCTOBER 19, 1986).

I hope that no one decides to show up on the twelfth because they are going to be very lonely (Les, you can come on the twelfth of October and demonstrate your Atari to anyone that might be there-What is an Atari-YEEEECCCCCHHHHHH!!!!!!).

A FRIENDLY WARNING FROM THE PENGUIN AND HIS THUGS

We signed up a lot of people at the last meeting but there were a lot of people that had memberships that

expired as of the last meeting.

For those of you that expired last month, this will be your last newsletter until you pay again. If you can't make it to the next meeting you could always send a check to Ken. His address will follow.

If you do send him a check make it payable to Garry Clark (two R's in Garry and no E in Clark). We are only doing this for the September expiry dates so those of you that have memberships expiring in October, this will be your last newsletter if you don't pay up at the next meeting (Sorry Folks!!!!).

Here is Ken's Home Address:

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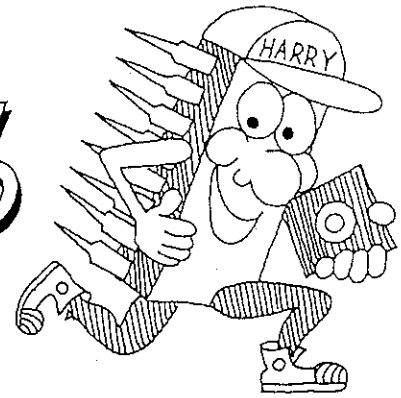
Well that's about it for this month. Hopefully Clem Faucher will have an updated version of the group leader list for this newsletter. If not then you will be getting it next month. Time for me to sign off for now. See you all at the meeting October 19th.

Ivan



"I can't explain now, but don't take your jacket off at work."

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DEAR MEMBERS:

I never thought it would happen!

I have always vowed that a complainer would never upset me.

Yet it happened. Several drum-beaters managed to get under my hide at the last meeting. It's said that every club has people that do nothing but moan and groan about how things are run, what is happening, how the MONEY is spent. You know what I mean. These are the people that like to sit in the background and judge how the slaves are doing. They sit way up high, looking down.

Maybe that's why they can't hear when you ask for volunteers to help write newsletters, copy and distribute newsletters, plan meetings and activities, find new software, organize groups, look after the finances, maintain the membership roster, maintain the group leader list, run the refreshment corner, sell tickets, repair computers, maintain the reading table, buy and sell chips and disks, and other store items, plan and organize contests. I could go on and on. This is just a small sample of what the VOLUNTEERS on the executive do. All for the joy of helping out.

If we were high paid executives of a multi-million dollar group, then I would agree that we owe our members a full disclosure and reporting of all finances, a smooth, well run, meeting, a completely stocked library and stores, ETC,ETC.

BUT WE ARE NOT!!!

We are a Mickey-Mouse operation, with not a lot of money to spend after newsletter and contest costs. We don't have a full time accountant that can issue a full statement at request. We don't have a full time librarian that is willing to sacrifice his soul for the whim of a few. When you join the club it is with the understanding (whether you understand or not) that what you see is what you get. You get a newsletter, you get an entertaining afternoon with fellow computerists, you get a chance discuss your problems with others that can help, you get a place to have your computer repaired or upgraded, you can buy cut-rate hardware and so on.

YOU DO NOT GET A CHANCE TO FLING MANURE AT THOSE THAT WORK SO HARD TO MAKE THE CLUB AN ENJOYABLE PLACE. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE ON THE BIG HIGH PEDESTALS.

There is lots of criticism, discussions, and hollering at the executive meetings. That is just fine. Why? Because the people at the executive meetings are the ones that do all the work. Nobody minds criticism if it comes from someone that is right there with you, working hard to achieve the common goal.

So.....if you have a valid problem, and would like an immediate resolution, come to the executive meetings at Ken Halbert's place, first wed. after the general meeting. Then, you can take over the particular job that you don't think is being done properly and other people will get a chance to take pot shots at you.

It was interesting also, to see a group of these dissidents standing around with their arms crossed, watching us hustling around at the end of the meeting, cleaning up and putting all the chairs and tables back in order. It's a good thing that the pedestal is big enough to hold them all, otherwise they might have fallen and got swept up.

Having gotten all that off my chest, I can now proceed to the more pleasant part of this newsletter.

Kid's Korner

It was nice to see the Kid's Korner back again. There was a lot of colouring books and stuff to play with for the youngsters that are a bit to young to get interested in computers. That makes it a lot easier for mom or dad to roam around and see what's going on at the meetings. At least the kids were happy with the meeting.

Our Seminarian was back

The OREGO King, Scuffy, was back in his lecture room delving into the mysteries of word processing.

He had a pretty good turnout this time, which is very gratifying when you are putting so much effort into setting up the course.

Scuff says that he will be presenting the VIP Writer Seminar one more time at the Dec. meeting and then he will get into the VIP Database at the Jan. meeting.

COCO III section

The Hick was back in his stall with his COCO III. I believe he was running some new software. A new game called MILK JESSIE ON TIME.

This game gives you two minutes to milk Jessie the cow. If you don't finish in two minutes, guess what you get covered with?

We expect to see some other new software in soon. There are a lot of eagle eyes out looking for COCO III stuff. Let the Hick know if you see any.

We will be spending some of the CLUB MONEY to buy some programs as soon as possible.

SPEAKING OF CLUB MONEY

The Knitter has found an excellent Insurance program for the MS DOS group.

This program normally sells for \$1400.00.

We are going to be able to buy this same program for \$750.00.

Isn't that great? I can't wait till it comes in. You are going to be amazed.

I'm glad we have lots of MONEY to spend.

Some people don't think we should spend any money on the MS DOS group. Maybe they think that the MS DOS group are too far below their pedestals and shouldn't have the same membership privileges that they do.

Let them try to figure out if I'm kidding or not.

Have you MS DOS people looked in the mirror lately? Maybe you have something contagious.

I am an MS DOS people.

But I don't plan on leaving the country because of it.

As a matter of fact, I would like to keep my involvement with the club exactly as it is. I enjoy these little rivalrys believe it or not.

However, if anyone should feel that they can do a better job of presidenting....and I really mean this....come to the executive meeting and I will gladly turn over the microphone. (if Rob remembers to bring it)

We do call for nominations for executive every year, and somehow end up with the same people year after year.

I guess most people must be happy with the way things are going.

That's the one saving grace in all of this. The fact that I do get a lot of positive comments from people that appreciate our efforts. You are the ones that make it worthwhile.

WAS IS DOS?

Dapper Dan brought in a COMPAQ II running MS DOS.

We had a small group of interested people playing with it. This is the start of the MS DOS group.

About 6 of us have ordered the SAM 3001 which is an IBM AT compatible, from Hi-Tech International in California.

These machines, as Ivan the terrible, reported in the last newsletter, are highly rated and are about the best priced AT compatible complete and ready to run for \$995.00 U.S.

Hopefully we will have one to show you at the Dec. meeting, more likely it will be the Jan. meeting. By virtue of being the first sucker to bring in an MS DOS machine, Dapper Dan is now appointed the group leader of the MS DOS group.

So if you want to cast stones, and are without sin, you know who to throw at.

Rapid Rob Zufelt

And his motley crew were back at the graphics boards again.

I was tempted to call the fire department several times, to quell the flames as they soldered and hacked and wired and hammered and nailed on their little graphics boards.

Roy Fischer kept pulling handfuls of wire off his board.

Did you notice that there was a girl working on a board? She was no coward! Here a gob of solder, there a gob, here a chip, there a chip. She was having a ball!! Kinda smarts when you pick up the soldering iron on the wrong end doesn't it?

At last, a winner!

We did have a winner of the scary story contest for Halloween.

Dependable, presented the prize, a fine pen set, to Diane Handley who wrote a great scary story. It frightens me just to think about it.

I know some people that I would like to frighten.

Congratulations, Diane.

Hidden Talent

The club has some hidden talent.

His name is Mitch Smith.

Mitch really can't hide very well though. He has this pipe that smokes like a rubber factory. And smells like one.

Mitch has been an enormous help in modifying a lot of M.L. programs to work better for us and in organizing the programs that the club gets. Unfortunately Mitch works on Sundays, so he can't come to the meetings, (you can see him at the flea market in St.Catharines) but he does come to the executive meetings and doesn't criticize us.

We all like Mitch.

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE.....

There is Walter.

Behind the thick cloud of smoke at the front of the meeting, there was Walter with his arms deeply buried in the guts of a COCO.

"Hand me the pliers nurse", he urgently calls out as he prepares to close up another patient.

"Plug it in and turn it on", as the crowd breathlessly looks on to see if the patient will reawaken from the deep coma that had the family so concerned.

"SUCCESS"!!! he shouts, as the reassuring numbers flash across the screen, telling us all, that there is life once more.

What a feeling it must be, to be able to breathe life back into the carcass of such a hopelessly lost, deeply damaged, horribly disfigured and maimed, patient.

We are proud of you Walter!!

We are proud of Dunnville too

Because they really do have a Radio Shack store, and they really did get a CoCoIII before a lot of the other Radio Shacks did.

Just to prove it, below is a picture of the staff of the Dunnville Radio Shack and a copy of their ad.



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As you may notice, the Dunnville Radio Shack also cleans sewers and septic beds. AND they clean cisterns. You know,,,those water holes that people DRINK out of. I wonder if they use the same truck for both.

See you at the Dec.14 meeting, (if I'm still alive)

Why not have fun?



"I know you're in bed with the flu, but I need the keys to the filing cabinet."

Dwarf-throwing contest criticized

DUNNVILLE, ONTARIO
BRISBANE, Australia (Reuter) — Organizers of a dwarf-throwing contest between Britain and Australia dismissed a public outcry against the event today, saying the little people are "professional projectiles" who do not feel degraded.

The two teams, each with a dwarf and a thrower, will be vying for The Ashes — an incinerated copy of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs — named after the top cricket trophy contested by the two countries.

The British team members are thrower Roy Merrin and dwarf Lenny the Giant. The Australian side has thrower David Berry and dwarf Wee Robbie. No team member has made any public comment on the contest.

Matches begin next Tuesday and will be held in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne with the proceeds donated to charity.

The series has sparked widespread criticism from the public, politicians and the Little People's Association, but Queensland Police Minister Bill Gunn said today there was no law to stop it.

"It is degrading and sorrowful that promoters have to stoop to this sort of entertainment, but we have no scope to act on it," he told reporters.

The Little People's Association said it had written to all state health ministers protesting against the competition.

David Naylor, editor of People magazine which is sponsoring the contest, rejected the criticism today. "They (dwarfs) don't feel degraded," he said. "They are professional projectiles."

Each team will hurl its dwarf several times and the side with the longest throw will win the first stage of the contest.

In the second stage, a dwarf will be strapped to a skateboard, with roller skates attached to his hands, and bowled down an aisle several times. The team which knocks down most pins or skittles will be the winner.

Well,

we certainly had an interesting meeting this last month.

We had a number of criticisms of our club but very few volunteers to offer help in fixing things up. What I think many of these critics seem to forget is that we (all of those on the executive committee) pay our \$35.00 a year just like everyone else in the club and we do not get any special benefits for all our work.

We pay for all our disks just like everyone else in the club.

I would also like to point out that there is a lot of work involved in organizing this club. It wasn't so bad when there was 20 or 30 people in the club but now we are up to approximately 160 members. The job of just keeping all the membership list organized is a task in itself. Not to blow my own horn but this newsletter is no easy task. I am sure that between Harry and myself we invest close to 15 to 20 hours between the two of us and then there is photocopying that is involved on top of this.

As a result of the last meeting we did get one new volunteer to the executive committee.

I would like to welcome George Dean as our new Treasurer. Generous Garry Clark as many of you know has been extremely busy these last few months with his job and as a result of Harry's plea for more volunteers George came forward and offered his services to us. At the time of writing this newsletter George and Garry are in the process of changing accounts over.

According to George we have approximately \$2000.00 in our account but there are a few outstanding debts that must still be paid up (costs of last month's newsletter, costs of library listings).

George will do his best to have us an exact account balance at the next meeting.

MORE EL CHEAPO DISKS

Dirty Jerry found another source for cheap disks and we have a thousand on order. We'll definitely have them for the next meeting. They will still be at the bargain basement price of 80 cents a piece or \$8.00/ box of 10.

The ones we had at the last meeting went like crazy so we'll see how quick these go before we order any more.

A GAMES CONTEST FINALLY!!!!!!

We finally are going to have a games contest in the club. After much discussion we have finally decided on which games we will have for our games contest. Everyone is now eligible because the programs are on both tape and disk.

I have to thank Rob Lawson (you like that Rob-for once I didn't call you Forgetful!) for his input in this contest since he was the person who chose the games.

I had to phone him back though to get the names of the games because I misplaced the piece of paper I wrote the names down on the first time. You are probably wondering why I told you this. This error on my part is going to make a number of people happy especially since it is in type.

IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU ROB?????????????

Now that my confession is over with here are the age categories and the games :

under 12 years old	Shark Treasure
12-15 years old	Canyon Climber
Over 15 years old	Galagon

There will be a first, second and third prize awarded in each age group. The prizes will be as follows:

first prize	\$20.00 cash
second prize	\$10.00 cash
third prize	\$5.00 cash

So now everyone can limber up their joystick fingers and get ready for the contest next month. The prizes will not be awarded until the January meeting so that we have time to tally up the scores for everyone and figure out the winners.

MORE DUNNVILLE ROOTS!!!!

Guess who else has DUNNVILLE roots?

Ken and Lori are not alone anymore. Our new treasurer George Dean has some of his roots in DUNNVILLE. George you had better be prepared for the wrath of Harry now that he knows you are a refugee from DUNNVILLE.

TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO REALLY MESS UP, YOUR FIRST NAME HAS TO BE HARRY

Speaking of Harry our fearless leader. He took quite a beating at the last executive meeting about his supposedly Fool-proof H-DOS.

I'm glad that it's called H-DOS and not I-DOS.

I wouldn't want my first name associated with that DOS. Another problem with H-DOS has been uncovered. Some programs don't load correctly with H-DOS and the reset switch has to be hit during the loading of the program.

Even quiet Walter says that he wouldn't dare use that H-DOS on his machine.

Well Harry definitely was miserable after he heard about another problem with his DOS. I've never seen a human so miserable with another human as Harry was with the poor Knitter. Sarcasm was Harry's middle name at the meeting. Just because the Knitter pointed out this flaw with H-DOS, Harry went for the throat and tried to destroy the Knitter but the Knitter held his own.

It's about time someone stood up against our Pres. Way to go Knitter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A SUGGESTION

A suggestion was made at the last executive meeting and we felt it might be something to consider. Last year, our club had a minor surplus of funds which we carried over to this year. It was suggested by the activity that we might possibly donate some computer equipment to a charitable organization with our surplus funds from this year (if there are any).

If anyone should have any suggestions for an organization please let us know either before or during the next meeting.

We will vote on this proposal before we go ahead with this suggestion so that everyone will be able to voice their opinion on this idea. We would not be making any donation until sometime later on in the New Year because we must first make sure we have the funds to cover the rest of our operating year. This is only a suggestion at this point that we might discuss at next month's meeting and we may put it up to a vote at the next meeting.

AND FINALLY

This could very well be the last newsletter done on a COCO.

You say to yourself what is he talking about?

Well, myself as well as Harry (the editor) are two of the six members in the club which have the contagious disease that some members of this club think MS-DOS members have.

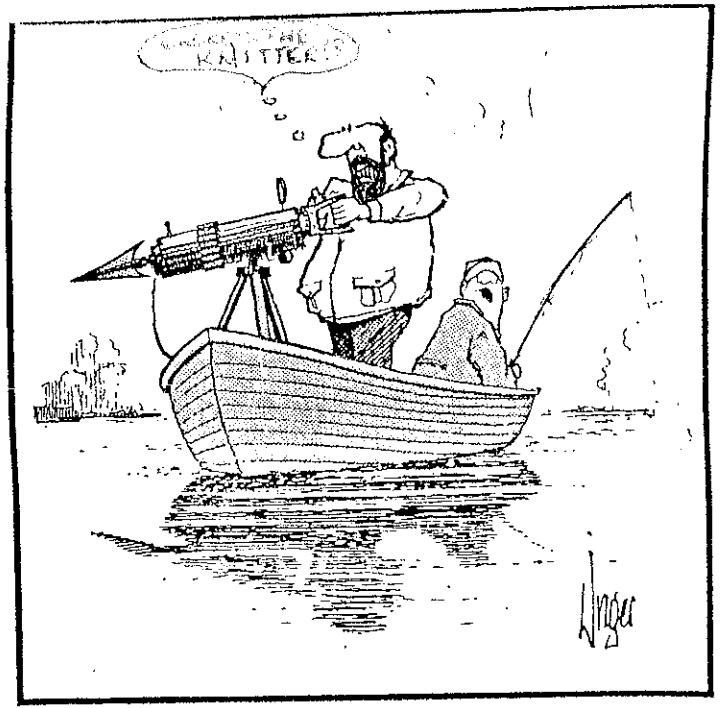
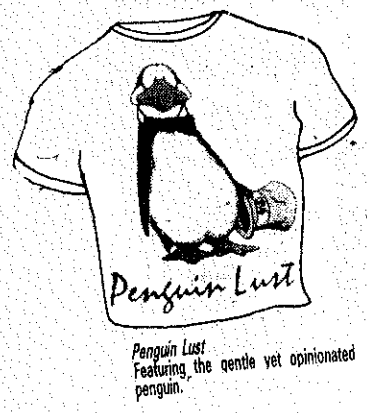
If you disagree with us using MS-DOS machines to do the COCOCLUB newsletter I'm sure that we would both gladly hand the job of making up the monthly newsletter over to anyone who might volunteer to do it on their COCO.

After the exhibition that went on at last month's meeting, we may very well might start to consider the idea of possibly having elections for executive positions but I have a good idea what the outcome would be. At least one club member did show up to the last executive meeting and I thank him for that. I

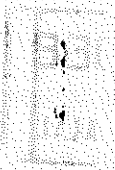
won't mention his name because he knows who he is and maybe now he understands our positions a little better now.
Well that's it for this month. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on December 14.

Sincerely

Juan

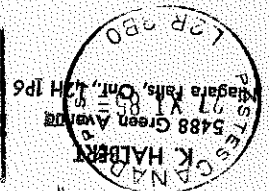
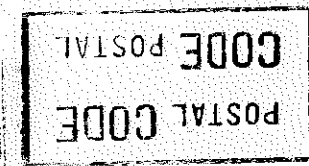
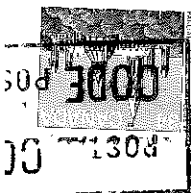


"HARRY, your Doctor told you to get away and RELAX."
"DON'T WORRY... ABOUT H-DOS."

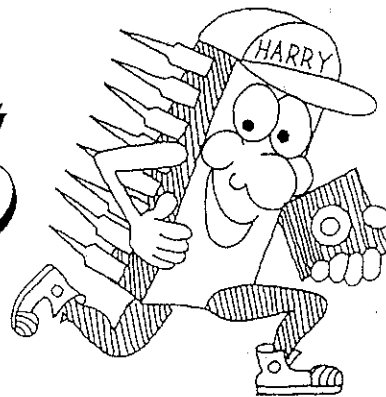


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"Check your label for membership expiry date"

DEAR MEMBERS:

DEJA VUE!!!!!!!

That pretty well describes the president's address to the club, minus the P.A. system that someone who is very "FORGETFUL"....forgot.

As a matter of fact, this "FORGETFUL" person didn't even remember to bring himself.

I sprayed the whole front row of the cafeteria trying to make myself heard.

The last meeting was Oct. 19..... ROB.

The P.A. system should last forever. It gets very little wear.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON NOV. 9, ROB

AT LEAST SCRUFFY CARES!

Scruff showed up with his stuff and did a VIP WRITER seminar in the class room down the hall.

It sure is nice to see someone that remembers his promises.

Scruff even gave me a big bag of OREDS.(single layer)

He didn't have to make such a big deal about it in front of everybody there, though. I guess he figured that if I had something solid in my mouth, it would cut down on the showers in the front row.

IT HAD TO BE A WRONG TURN

Radio Shack delivered some COCO III'S to DUNNVILLE

Can you believe it? That delivery truck driver is going to be in big trouble when the bosses find out that he brought one to DUNNVILLE before NIAGARA SQUARE.

He must be a hick too. They stick together you know.

He probably got a free pass to Minnies Dance Palace and a full load of cow dung.

Maybe that's why the COCO III that Ken the Hick brought to the meeting, a had a ripe odour to it.

Actually I was quite impressed by the demos that Ken and a few of the resident "genious" kids gave us. The colors and action are very good. I distinctly saw the monitor bouncing due to the energy being given off by the bouncing ball demo. If more software is forthcoming, I may have to do some word-eating.

Ken has offered to host a COCO III group at the meetings. He will be looking for software and things of interest to those of you that care. Look for him to be set up at his usual corner.

Maybe he will give Ivan or myself some items for the newsletter.

FOR SALE.....

Garry bought 1500 disks for resale to club members at \$8.00 a box.

Would you believe they didn't even last one meeting? People grabbed them like they were made of gold. Sorry if you missed out. We wanted 2000 but could only get 1500, which cleaned our vendor right out.

As soon as we can get more, we will let you know.

Ken the hick has a green hi-res monitor for sale. Offer him \$50.00 or 50 bales of hay and you can have it.

NOT FOR SALE.....YET

The Eproms are not in yet. Hopefully by the next meeting, we will have an adequate supply.

64K chips are in, for the newer (2 chip) computers but for the older style (8 chip) you will have to wait a bit longer.

BARGAIN XT's

Ivan will tell you about a real good buy on IBM XT compatibles in Toronto at Computer Clearance 736-8696.

How does \$599.00 for an XT with one drive, 5150 keyboard, etc. sound?

GAMES CONTEST

Ivan will also tell you about a games contest that Dependable mentioned at the last meeting.

TRY AGAIN.....

Garry Clark had to work, on the meeting date, so he didn't make it. Since he is right now the only one that was going to bring an MS DOS machine in, we didn't have much activity at the MS DOS group.

If anyone else can get their hands on an MS DOS machine, and is willing to, please bring it to the next meeting and we will get the group going. I expect that it will be after Christmas, when more of us get the goodies, before we can get off to a proper start.

FOR ROB -----

Here is a list of all the meeting dates for the year. This way, no matter how FORGETFUL you are, you can mark the dates on a calendar or have them tattooed to your forehead.

NOV. 9, DEC. 14, JAN. 11, FEB. 8, MAR. 8, APR. 12, MAY 17, JUNE 14.

MAXimum effort!!

Rob Zufelt had a group hacking away at the graphics boards. Eyes were bulging from concentration.

The smell of solder and burnt flesh filled the air!!

Expletives were muttered aplenty.

Did anyone get their boards working yet?
Bring them to the next meeting, if you did. We would love to see the results of so much pain and suffering.

THERE GOES THE DIET AGAIN

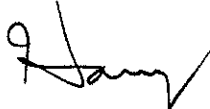
Dependable was back with his calorie corner. Actually Debbie did most of the work, with Dependable taking credit. Those donuts and coffee were very tasty to my languishing body, after all that talking with no P.A. system to help. I was pretty dehydrated after all that crowd spraying.

They made \$55.00 for the club too, from the calorie corner and the 50/50 draw, which I of course didn't win again.

I'm not sure who won. I hope Ivan will tell us later on. I was too busy jamming a donut in my face, to pay attention to the draw.

That's it from me. There is a very interesting article following that you should read. It gives you a pretty good idea of what this MSDOS business that I keep yapping about.....is all about.

See you at the Nov. 9 meeting.



Where Is The Mainstream Going?

The other evening we were sitting around playing "The PC Game" this is not a program but a sort of role playing game where you invent some fantastic feature for any personal computer, or a totally new personal computer. Given the great features of this new product, you try to determine how well it would do on the market.

After a while someone postulated the theory that given the current state of the personal computer market, nothing would do well if it upset the status quo. After talking about this depressing idea for a while, we all became convinced that it was indeed true.

The mainstream is MSDOS, IBM-compatible computers. Its headwater flows from 8088-powered, MSDOS computers downstream toward 80386 AT type computers running some type of MSDOS-compatible Unix system. Possibly at the mouth of this mainstream there will be a wide delta with many varying streams emerging into the wide sea, but no one can see that far ahead.

There are some other streams flowing into the sea, mainly the M68000 with tributaries called Macintosh, Atari and Amiga and many other small brooklets, but the important system draining the computer watershed is obviously the IBM/intel System.

The current in the mainstream is so strongly IBM that any attempt to diverge results in disaster. If you doubt this look at companies like DEC, Epson, Heath, Sanyo, TI, Tandy and Victor all of whom built non-IBM PC compatible MSDOS computers. They found out very quickly that you either joined the mainstream or went out of business. The DEC Rainbow, TI PRO, Victor 9000, the Epson QX-16, the Heath 1000, Sanyo 555 and Tandy 2000 were all machines that had excellent features and who's owners liked them for those features. A few of them are still being sold but they are really not factors in the business anymore. Hardly any software is being written for them and software is the engine that drives the market. The minute the software publishers decide that there are not enough of any "special version" computers to make it worth while to maintain that version, they

dump it and reduce their expenses.

That is the law of the marketplace and although some small software publishers may make a living supporting obsolete computers, or small population computers, very few new programs are written to support old machines.

The mainstream is so strong that even IBM itself can not buck it. If IBM came out with a PC that used a proprietary operating system, it would fail because it could not use all the software that has already been created. The mere name IBM is no longer enough to assure the success of a computer. Big Blue learned that expensive lesson with the PCjr. Whereas IBM originally supplied 80% of the PCs, they are down to about 40%, with clones making up the vast majority.

"Clones," that is a misleading name if ever there was one. Is a Compaq, or a Tandy, or any other PC/XT/AT type MSDOS computer a clone any longer? Perhaps they are generic computers each of which may have some unique feature. There are now a lot of large business and governmental purchasing departments who no longer buy this type of computer by brand names. If the user says the machine is compatible with the software to be used and the price is the low bid, they buy the computer regardless of the logo on the front panel.

In spite of this willingness to try any compatible MSDOS computer that carries FCC and UL approval, just try to introduce a non-compatible system into the company, lab, or factory. You will find yourself fighting purchasing, data processing, standards department and management on all levels. Personal computers have been around long enough so that everyone knows the real cost of introducing a new system into the corporate environment. It is sad but true that anyone who introduced a better mouse trap today would have to do a lot more than proving it caught more mice, before the world made a beaten path to its door! How cost effective is the new trap with regard to education, maintenance, spares provisioning, replacement and so on?

Up to this point, I have been talking about hardware clones, computers and plug-in boards, but did you realize that the

production of Software Clones has reached an all time high? We receive a constant flow of press releases and review copies of software just issued that turns out to be another, Sidekick, Lotus, Wordstar, dBase, SuperCalc, etc. Each of these programs has one claim to fame, they sell for a fraction of the cost of the original and are usually not copy-protected. Now these are not pirated copies, or stolen software, they are software clones which may be defined as a program that does the same thing as another program but is not identical in structure. What the legal implications of software clones are, is a can of worms I do not propose to get involved in. We have all known since the start of programming, that once the destination is known there are countless roads to get there. That is why the Patent Office refused to grant patents on software in the first place. A

Lotus Corporation can keep a clone maker tied up in the courts until they go out of business, but even they can not go after countless clones. We do not quite take the same attitude toward software clones as we do towards pirated software, yet it may be said that, "he who steals my code is a pirate and may be stopped according to law, but he who steals my ideas is a competitor and there isn't anything I can do about it."

When Adam Osborne announced his company, Paperback Software, he made one of his industry pronouncements, that software was priced too high and there was room for reasonably priced software clones to find a place in the market. He was right and today these programs exist and are a factor that must be considered. The big software publishers are now willing to sell company multi-use licenses

for their software, or at least to give multi piece discounts that amount to the same thing. This would never have happened if the software clones did not exist.

We have only one other comment on the direction of the mainstream and that is an observation on what is in the sea toward which the stream flows. There are those who will tell you that the name of the sea is Unix, and perhaps they are right for multi-user systems and LANS. I for one do not think so, I predict that MSDOS has a life of its own and will develop into a far more complex structure than we can visualize today. It will be a system for all users and will allow both simple and complex applications. It will support all types of graphics, communications and mass storage devices including semi-conductor cache memory and optical CDS.

Well what did we all think of the last meeting????

Poor "Forgetful" really got it good from Harry at the executive meeting the following Wednesday night. Don't be surprised if you see Rob at the next meeting with a sign on his back reading, "I didn't forget!!!!". He says he didn't forget the last meeting. He was unavoidably detained (HMMMM sounds kind of mysterious).

Oh well Rob, prepare yourself for another year of reminders (November 9th is the next meeting Rob).

GAMES CONTEST CANCELLED

We were supposed to have a games contest at the next meeting (November 9th) but it was discussed at the executive meeting and it was decided that it was a bit unfair. Dependable blurted out the names of the games to be used for the contest but there was one slight problem with those games Dependable.

They are all on disk.

Not everyone has a disk drive so it isn't fair for everyone in the club. We decided that we would hold off for another month so we can choose some new games that are on both disk and tape (we like to be fair).

We will have a games contest in December (we swear on Harry's future MS-DOS machine).

HARRY MADE A MISTAKE - NEVER

That's right folks. Harry the President of our club made a slight Faux Pas (How's that for French vocabulary!!).

For those of you that are running H-DOS on your disk systems please check the following addresses:

Printpeek (54139) = 137

AND

Printpeek (55163) = 255

According to one of the executive members, (whose name shall remain anonymous because we all know how old Silver tongue Harry gets even) there is the possibility that some people running H-DOS will not get the correct numbers when those addresses are peeked. Everyone running H-DOS should check these numbers and if they don't get these numbers they should bring their controller with them to the November 9th (that's for Rob in case he forgot) meeting and I have already spoken to Rob Patty about bringing the EPROM programmer to the next meeting. I was also asked to make sure that we really rub it in about this error on Harry's part. Well we all thought that H-DOS was so wonderful and now we find out that many of us have been running an operating system with a bug (ONLY ONE SO FAR) in it. All I can say is:

WAY TO GO HARRY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See, he can't get even with me because he always writes the first part of the newsletter and gives it to me to read over and then I do the second half. He can't try and blow up my house either because he lives too close by and the explosion might send his disk drives out of alignment.

THE COCO III SECTION

Ken "the Hick" Wiseman as you already know brought in one of the new COCO III's to the last meeting. It was quite impressive. I think the graphics on the COCO III were even better than that "other" computer

(if that's what you want to call it) that some non-member (His membership ran out in September) brings into our meetings. We decided to have Ken in charge of the COCO III group so if anyone has any requests for programs for the COCO III please let Ken or Lori (that's the Hick's wife in case you didn't know) know and they will bring it up for suggestion at the meeting.

MS-DOS PRICES

The week after our last meeting, I went on a little excursion to Toronto to check out the prices on some MS-DOS machines that were advertised in the Toronto Star. It was a store that had just opened up the week before.

What I found was what looked like a battle zone.

The salesman that served me said that this was the first day that there wasn't a 20 minute lineup at the cash register. There wasn't much left on the shelves either (I think that explains the short lineup that day). The salesman said that they were expecting a new shipment in at any time. They had been pretty well cleaned out.

I did get prices on some of their systems. They seemed to be fairly reasonable considering the price of a comparable IBM machine.

Here's what we (Penguin Jr. and myself) found:

Base XT- Compatible system

1-360K DS/DD floppy drive
 256K on a 640K motherboard
 Phoenix Bios (an IBM-compatible operating system)
 150 Watt power supply
 6 month warranty
 Price: \$599.00

This system is still missing a few things to run the computer. Unfortunately these computers are not like the old reliable COCO where you buy the computer and just hook it up to your T.V. set and away you go.

This Base system still needs a graphics board for you to hook up a monitor to. If you have a printer you also need either a parallel or serial port. All of these little extras begin to add up to quite a bit. One must beware when buying a MS-DOS machine to make sure what comes with the machine. There was also an upgraded model to the above machine

System 2 - XT-compatible system

1-360K DS/DD floppy drive
 640K on the motherboard
 Hercules-compatible monochrome graphics display card
 parallel printer port
 Phoenix Bios
 4.77 MHz and 8 MHz speeds
 150 Watt power supply
 6 month warranty
 Price: \$795.99

OR

System 3 - XT-compatible system

same as above with 2-360K DS/DD floppy drives
 Price: \$895.00

Both of these systems are ready to go. All you need is a monitor for the computer and a couple of cables for the monitor and the printer (if you have one).

They also sold monitors with prices ranging from \$144.00 for an amber monitor to \$750.00 for an enhanced graphics color display. The enhanced color display was being demonstrated in the store on an AT-Compatible machine and the pictures on the screen were life-like.

This was not strictly the monitor that produced the pictures but also the enhanced graphics board that was installed in the machine. When you look at this kind of equipment you are looking at a lot of money (definitely a lot for me anyways).

Now we work our way into the big times. I also got a price on one of the AT-compatibles that was on display. I also got a price of a machine from a company in California. First the Toronto store:

Packard Bell AT-compatible

Self-testing diagnostic diskette
 640K on 1MB motherboard
 6 or 8 MHz CPU
 parallel, serial and clock ports
 1-1.2 MB Disk drive
 MS-DOS 3.1
 200 Watt power supply
 Phoenix Bios
 Hard disk controller card
 1 year warranty
 Price: \$2978.55 (YYYYEEEEEECCCCHHH!!!!)

Definitely not a Christmas gift for the kids unless your last name is Onassis or Getty. There is also a California firm which offers what appears to be a better product for about half the price. Here it goes:

SAM3001

1 MB on an American-made motherboard
 6 or 10 MHz CPU
 2 serial and 1 parallel port
 1-1.2 MB disk drive
 Hercules-compatible mono/graphics or RGB/graphics card
 192 Watt power supply
 Hard disk controller Card
 Handles 2 hard and 2 floppy drives
 90 day parts and labour warranty
 Price: approx. \$1500.00 Canadian

This computer offers more memory as well as being faster than the machine from the Toronto store. This machine is ready to go, where the Canadian machine still needs a graphics card for a monitor. It certainly helps to shop around.

The American machine was reviewed in the October 28 issue of PC Magazine along with 7 other machines. Of the 8 machines tested this one came out on top. The editor's summary said that "HiTech International's SAM3001 stands out for several reasons. It's components, especially the maxi-switch keyboard, are of high quality. It's clock runs at 6 and 10 MHz, giving it a speed advantage. And the backing of the Korean company Samsung makes it a fairly low-risk purchase."

You may have seen that company name in the Computer Shopper. They also produce monitors. I am going to try and write to the company in California and try and get more information on these machines before the next meeting. You can be sure that if we do get some information Harry will be discussing this at the next meeting. If any of you might be interested in this machine, let Harry, Bill White or myself know as we are seriously considering purchasing these California machines.

We are planning on sending an order on or about November 15th.

For comparison purposes an actual IBM XT machine with less memory than the machines quoted earlier would be approximately \$2200.00 U.S. and an AT machine would be approximately \$3200.00 U.S.. These machines are naturally "bare-bones" versions which would bring the price up even higher for upgrades. Obviously clones are the only way to go for the "everyday" person.

Now that we have got some of you completely confused over these machines, it time to move on.

VIP WRITER

Scruffy has started his VIP Writer seminars again but there was only two people there last month. Maybe we'll get more people next month. Tim will keep putting these seminars on as long as there is interest in the seminars. If any of you have been wondering about VIP Writer, Tim is the man to see. Harry and myself use VIP Writer to do the club newsletter (and doesn't it look impressive!!!!). It certainly is a lot easier to type something on a screen and correct it before it gets printed out. This program was used once by myself to type a Master's thesis (100 typed pages). Definitely a feat! VIP Writer is probably the best word-processing program for the COCO. I hope more of you take advantage of these seminars that we offer. This is one way of learning more about what your COCO can do for YOU.

P.S. I sure do love OREOS Tim

50/50 DRAW

We had a 50/50 draw at the last meeting and somebody did win but we don't know the winner's name (Dependable forgot to get the winner's name, but we do know that Rob didn't win because he wasn't at the last meeting-but he didn't forget about the last meeting). We do know that the winner won \$15.25. Congratulations to the winner whoever you are.

Well so much for this month. I hope we haven't bored you all into oblivion. We try to keep the interest going, but at times it is very difficult. We would hope that more people would give us more input on the newsletter. We have just started another new year and we are constantly trying to make our club more enjoyable and interesting. We would really appreciate more input from not only our members but also from the other clubs that we trade newsletters with. I wonder if other people ever see our newsletters after they get sent out.

I can handle criticism but I don't know if my co-editor can (Just Joking Harry). At times we may go a little overboard with our comments about certain members in the club but they all know that we are joking.

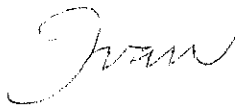
Many of you are probably thinking now that because some of us are going to buy MS-DOS machines we are going to give up on the COCO,- that is not the case. Those of us that do purchase an MS-DOS machine will definitely be a minority group but that will not prevent us from still working towards improving the club. All we are doing is broadening our computer horizons in the club.

Well that's it for now. I hope that this will be the first newsletter of an interesting and enjoyable year in our club.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting on November 9th.

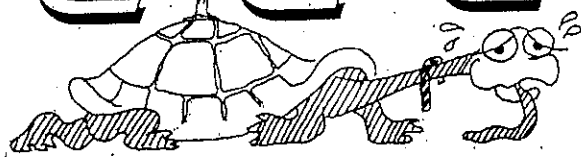
DID YOU GET THAT ROB. IT'S NOVEMBER 9TH. HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT THIS TIME.

SINCERELY





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ACTIVITIES: "Dependable" Jerry Secord..358-9996

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OS9 GROUP: Steve " Philip.....?????????

REFRESHMENTS: Debbie "50cents" Secord..358-9996

" M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S E V E R Y O N E "

DEAR MEMBERS:

What a nice meeting we had! Not one heckler or complainer. Too bad I had to lose my equilibrium for a while there. It felt good to get that off my chest though.

We had an excellent turnout for the games contest. Forgetful, even remembered to bring the PA. He was probably afraid of what I would do if he didn't bring it. Did you notice the great job he did of organizing the contest? He had things running as smoothly as a well greased chain gang.

We had some real close scores I would like you to know.

Forgetful came out ahead too. He came out ahead by one watch. Some sucker made the mistake of lending Forgetful his watch so that he could time the games. KISS THE WATCH GOODBYE!!

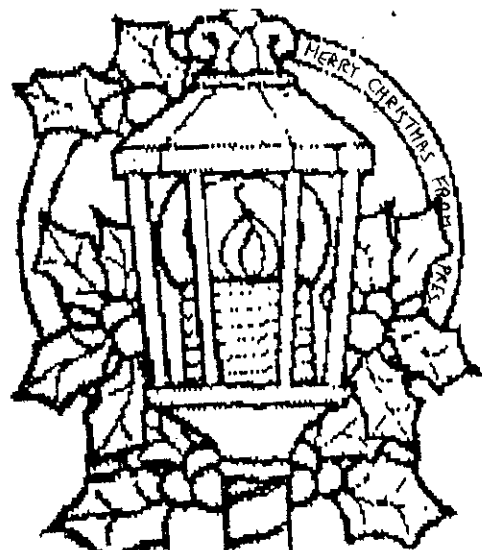
Forgetful still has it and says "I FORGOT WHO LOANED IT TO ME!!"

SURE.....

WHERE THE HECK ARE WE?

Some people asked that question.

Seems that the Hick put the club sign in the window UPSIDE DOWN.



Maybe in Dunnville, that's the way they learned to read. Can you picture all those little Dunnville munchkins in school, sitting on their heads at their desks, trying to read the teacher's upside down writing on the boards?

That explains why the Hick has his monitor upside down.

WE HAVE A NEW TREASURERERERER

George "Dizzy" Dean.

George is even more generous than Garry Clark was. He says we have somewhere around \$2258.00 to spend and the sooner the better because he doesn't like to carry large amounts.

We are very grateful to Garry for his help in the past. Garry has been very busy at work and home so he hasn't been able to devote as much time to the treasuring job as he would like to. When Dizzy offered to help out, Garry happily turned over the job with the blessing of the executives. Thanks again for all your help Garry.

Anyone writing cheques for stores purchases or dues should make the cheques payable to the NIAGARA REGIONAL COCO CLUB (make the real big ones out to Harry Van Dyke)

SPEAKING OF STORES.....

Q.C. John has still got lots of the \$ 8.00/box diskettes, addendums, library lists, and 64K chips.

The older style (8 chip sets) are on order by our Starman, Walter and hopefully will be in by next meeting.

For the MS DOS renegades, we have ordered some High Density diskettes that are required by the "AT"s 1.2 MB floppy drives. They will sell for around \$ 1.80 each.

Q.C. is back in school, did you know? He is learning how to be more of a pain in the neck. That's what Quality Control inspectors are. They spend all day practicing different ways to hold up production, aggravate engineers, how to reject perfectly good parts and how to sneak out the back door at quitting time.

Q.C. really doesn't need the practice. I can tell you from personal experience that no one is more diligent than he is.

I'm glad that he has a good sense of humour too. (he is just liable to show up at the transit and reject a bus or two)

DO THEY MAKE CHRISTMAS OREOS???

I looked in the stores to see if Scruffy had decorated the Oreos for Christmas, but alas he had not.

Just think how nice it would be Scruff, if you had given each Oreo a little sprig of holly right after you gave it the shot of creme. Everytime we bit into one, we would get a little reminder of your Christmas spirit.

Scruffy was back in the lecture room doing his word processing seminars. He says that there was very active participation at the last meeting. (I don't WHAT they were participating IN) Scruffy also says that he is going to have a "free for all" at the Jan. meeting.(figure that one out yourself)

Do we bring our own weapons Scruffy?

I think he means that he is going to open the floor to general questions, and various subjects, as a means of ending the word processing seminars.

The Oreo King also says that in Feb., he will begin a Database seminar. Maybe he will create a Database to keep track of all the Oreos that he cremes.

ONE THING ABOUT STEVE PHILIP

He in not a quitter.

Steve has had a lot of trouble with his BBS, mostly hardware related. In fact had I been in his shoes (or boots), I would have bounced the disk drives off the walls by now.

Not Steve though! He simply moves on to bigger and better things. Like OS9. Steve is going to restart the OS9 group. A couple of kick starts should get it going eh Steve?

From the show of hands at the last meeting, he has a very large group interested.

OK Steve you got the ball, and the use of a lecture room, so have at it son!!

If you are interested in OS9, check with Steve at the Jan. meeting. Way to go STEVE!!

We also need a nickname for Steve. Let me know. A guy like him should be easy to tag. He does have a good sense of humour (I think) so give him dandy.

MONEYBAGS....

That's Russ Hall.

Here is a guy that's just barely over the hill (past 40) and he is RETIRED.

Not that he HAS to retire, he just has made so much money that he has to retire now in order to be able to spend it all before he gets planted.

Here is someone that's really on an even keel. He is going to enjoy life while he can. I envy and respect him for that.

Now lets see what we can squeeze out of him before he gets too old and useless.

How about looking after the archives? (documentation)

We needed someone in the Welland area. Great, now we have Russ. He has agreed to look after the Welland folks for both documentation or any other assistance that may be required by members in that area.

Russ is listed at the top of the newsletter. I get first grabs at him though, I want to find out what he did to make all that money.

The Knitter will still look after St.Catharines and The Penguin will look after the Falls area.

AN ADDED ADDENDUM

The latest addendum (#7) will be available at the Jan. meeting. Q.C. will have them free of charge to paid up members.

Mitch Smith is getting red-eyed making the addendums up.

He was already red-eyed before he started, so you can imagine what his eyeballs look like now. Maybe if he doused that stovepipe that's stuck in his mouth all the time

AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

The highly successful games contest had about 50 entries. Not bad considering a lot of people were probably wondering if we were really going to have it, with Forgetful organizing it.

As a matter of fact, there were well over 300 people at the meeting. They were probably all there to see if I was going to get into a brawl.

The winners in group 1 (Shark Treasure) were:

- First - Mike Lawson 26000 points.
- Second - Steve Van Dyk 25000 points.
- Third - Gord Pyle 22000 points.

Scorekeeper was Ken the Hick Wiseman.

The winners in group 2 (Canyon Climber) were:

- First - Greg Boichuk 68200 points.
- Second - Darren Mills 60400 points.
- Third - Jim Nayler 44200 points.

Scorekeeper was Mike Lawson.

The winners in group 3 (Galagon) were:

- First - Brian Wood 44330 points.
- Second - Geoff Lee Ott 32140 points.
- Third - Tim Woodward Jr. 29350 points.

Scorekeeper was Jason Smith.



"If you let it go maybe it'll stop screaming."

Prizes of \$20.00 for first, \$10.00 for second and \$5.00 for third will be given at the Jan. meeting.

Another contest is in the works for Feb.

MONEY MAKERS

The ever popular 50/50 draw was won by Greg Teal. He gets \$22.75 to buy Christmas Cheer with. Lori "Hickett" Wiseman can still be seen bobbing around with her little bucket and roll of tickets. When you feel that little tap on your shoulder, and that little tug on your wallet, you know that Lori is there with here little hand out.

The calorie corner with Debbie Secord and assistants was back in action and raked in \$48.00. A lot of people enjoyed the coffee, pop and donuts and the club made a good profit. How come everything is 50 cents Debbie? No matter what you buy...50 cents. If you want to really confuse Debbie, give her a \$20.00 U.S. bill and buy one donut. She won't know whether she owes you or you owe her. She will probably have a computer at the next meeting.

I think a lot of people buy a coffee just to stand around and talk to Debbie. You may have noticed that Dependable never strayed too far away.

At LAST!!!

Some software is starting to show up for the CoCo III.

The Hick is ordering Junior's Revenge and Wrestle Mania.

The club is also going to buy a CoCo III to bring to meetings and do demos and seminars on.

We haven't spent ANY money on the MS Dos group yet.
But I'm thinking though!!

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE....

I know there are still some people that feel we should be strictly a CoCo club.

This thought was kicked around at the last operating committee meeting and the unanimous feeling was that the more variety we have at the meetings, the more interesting they are. I think that it's fun to see the other equipment and couldn't care less if someone shows up with a Sinclair, Commodore, Vax, or a SEWING MACHINE. Those of you that are too snobish to tolerate the MS DOS group, or the other varieties that show up from time to time.....tough.

There is one way you can get rid of us though. If you think that you have a big enough majority to support your misguided ideals, you will have an opportunity at the Jan. meeting as we will be once again calling for nominations to the club executive.

Ken Wiseman is bringing a nomination box. You can nominate someone to President, Vice President or Secretary. Since George Dean just took over as treasurer, we felt he should be left in that position for this term. Put the position nominated for, the name of the nominee and your name, on a slip of paper.

Your nomination must be signed. Just get the agreement of the nominee to run. Elections will be held at the Feb. meeting.

A LITTLE DITTY OF INFO

From my helpful little hints file:

If you want to convert a Graphicom picture disk to CoCoMax format, you simply run the program on disk 36-1 called GC>BIN. It will prompt you what to do. Once the changes are made, you then go through the disk and rename all the file extentions from .BIN to .MAX.

You can also change all the CoCoMax pictures to run on Graphicom by running the program on disk 36-1 called BIN>GC after renaming all the file extentions from .MAX to .BIN.

"DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS"

But you may want to fling a morsel at the Hick as you drive by his picket line.

You see, the Hick is on strike.

Probably against Minnies Dance Palace.

Lori had to go out to work to support the bum. Maybe you should fling something else at him as you drive by.

I really feel sorry for Lori because now she has to eat his cooking. Can you picture the Hick in the kitchen with cow manure stuck to his boots, arms and face, pieces falling into the soup. Yummy.

MS DOS STUFF

Some of you (probably most) will want to skip this section. But I may just slip in a comment or two about you, so perhaps you should read this just in case.

Those of you waiting for the SAM computers, we received some good news. Tightwad called the manufacturer and was told that the computers shipped on the 16th of Dec. Hopefully by the time you get this letter, you will have the computers.

The high density diskettes that I ordered probably won't be in till early Jan. so you may have to use the double density jobs for the time being. Just remember to specify 48 TPI when you format, else the DOS thinks you are running high density.

We have a pile of P.D. software already, thanks to our Lockport friends and some other sources. As soon as I get a machine, I will start compiling a library.

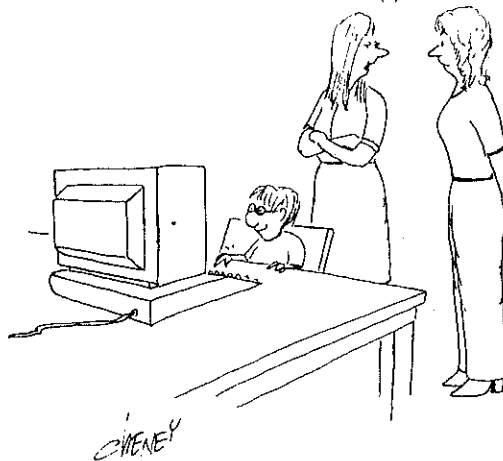
Dapper Dan has been bringing his Compaq to the meetings and has been very helpful in getting us started on the DOS.

Hopefully we will have one of the SAM's at the Jan. meeting.

See you at the Jan. 11 meeting.

Have a safe and fun holiday.

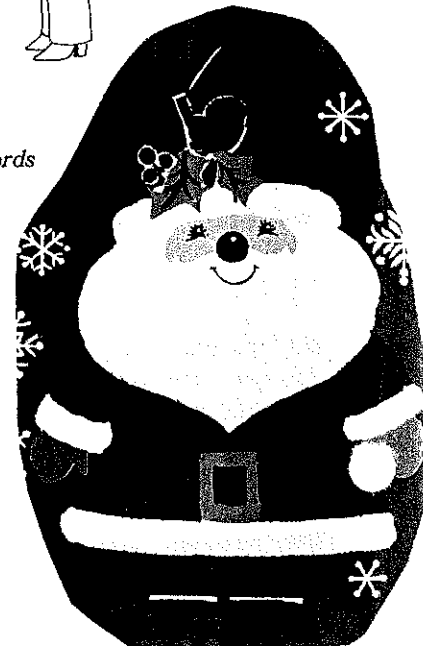
Harry



"When he was a baby, his first words were 'momma' and 'data.'"



"Got any books on dog training?"



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

I know that some of us did. Just when we thought that there was no hope of getting our new computers before Christmas, we got a phone call on the Tuesday before Christmas from Mike Salisbury from the Lockport Computer Club telling us that our MS-DOS machines were in. Well let me tell you, I don't think I have ever seen as many excited men as I saw at Harry's house that Tuesday night at 6:45. Harry phoned me and told me to be there at 7:00 but I got another call at 6:45 saying that they were all waiting for me. So much for 7:00 pm. We were out of the house in a flash and on the road.

Our destination - Newfane, New York.

Bill White was the lead car with Harry trying his best to keep up with him. We kept close watch out for those State Troopers that were just waiting for some of those "Canadian Boys" to come racing through their area. 50 minutes later we were in Newfane and breaking out in a sweat. There they were all sitting nicely in the middle of the living room of someone's house. I'm sorry but I don't even know his name but thank you anyways for letting us get them delivered at your store.

15 minutes later the machines were loaded into the cars and we were on our way back to Canada. For some reason the trip back to the border only took 38 minutes this time. I wonder how we managed that one (When did they change the speed limit in New York state to 70+ miles per hour?)

To make a long story short, we were home by 9:00 at which point I had to go out (now you know where my priorities are). I didn't start to play until the next day at which point Harry got a phone call at 10:00 in the morning asking him how to plug in the monitor. Well the machines are up and running (as far as I know) but this isn't being done on the machine.

I haven't quite mastered Wordperfect yet so I am doing it on the old reliable COCO (YEAHHHH!!!!). Next month will probably be done on the MS-DOS machine but then again one never knows.

I don't have all that much to write about in this month's letter because I missed the executive meeting due to a prior commitment. All I really have this month are a few tidbits of information and some anonymous letters to the editor that I found in an envelope after the meeting. Maybe I'll give you all the letters first. Two letters concern the same subject - yes it's that dreaded H-DOS again. The first letter is from a concerned parent who writes:

When my son told me there might be a bug in his computer called H-DOS I sprayed it with RAID. Can you please tell me how to get the keys unstuck.

Harry, I hope you have an answer for that one. You created it you fix it.

Our next letter is signed a mother of five and she writes:

Is the bug in H-DOS harmful to small children?

Harry, you're on your own with this one too!

The third letter comes from a rather irate MRS DOS who writes:

You should be ashamed of yourself. My daughter came home from the last computer club meeting all upset. She said that you were going to set up a corner to examine MS DOS. You leave her alone or I'll call the police.

Harry, I guess you have to be careful how you say things at the meeting. On behalf of the editor, I would like to apologize to both MRS and MS DOS for any undue stress that may have occurred due to this comment. The editor/president has been under a lot of strain this last little while due to the negative comments being made about his H-DOS. Sometimes he engages his mouth before he engages his brain. Sorry

folks!

This next item is from John "the Knitter" Felker.

The library has decided to let you people participate in the correction of the new library disks.

MITCH SMITH has been kind enough to give us good orientation on the disks he has designated to the library, but there are among these programs, duplications or some that do not run.

Please be kind enough to advise the library of any abnormality, and we will do the necessary corrections. That's your job - play editor just like Harry.

But yours is more important because the whole club is depending on you to give them the best.

Thanks for your Help
John "Knitter" Felker

Well that's about it for me for this month. I hope that I see all of you at the next meeting on January 11, 1987

Ivan



HOLY COW! THERE REALY IS A BUG IN HDOS.

WHAT ABOUT THE 512K UPGRADE?

I haven't heard anything from Radio Shack yet! But in December's issue of Rainbow on page 105 SPECTRUM PROJECTS had advertised that the CoCo 3 512K upgrade would be coming soon along with an enhanced CoCo 3 DOS and they also have a new drawing program for the CoCo 3 called C-III GRAPHICS that uses the new enhanced graphic features ... use 320 *192 graphics, 16 of any 64 colors, save and load 32K screens and dual joystick button.

Kelly Software had the 512K Ram boards on sale for the Holidays for \$179.95 + \$6.00 Shipping and the memory boards with 0K RAM for \$89.95 + \$6.00 Shipping (BARE BOARDS).

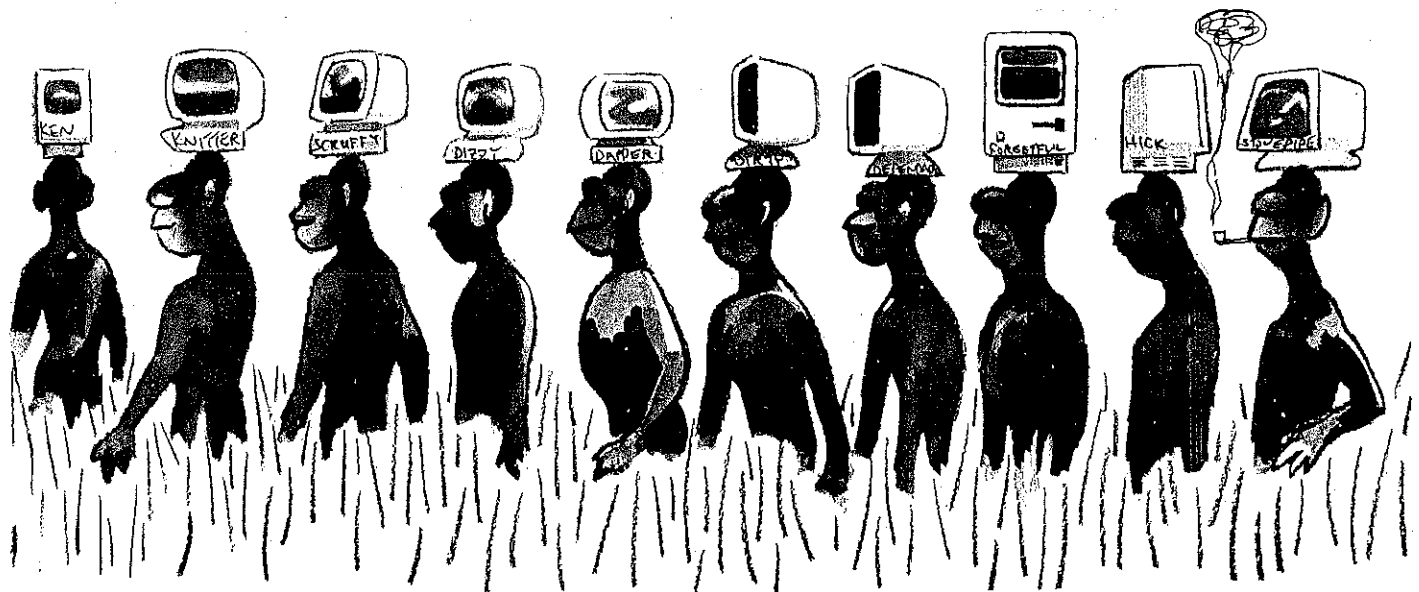
So as you can see CoCo 3 is not going to be cheap, but then neither was the CoCo 2 when it first came out! So hang in there gang and we'll see what else we can dig up between now and the next newsletter. OH!! by the way if anybody has any information about new programs, upgrades, or just something they discovered in a magazine or while they were playing with their new CoCo 3 get in touch with myself (thats Hick with a capital H). You can get in touch with the CoCo 3 GROUP at the next meeting or drop me a line by PONY EXPRESS or CARRIER PIGEON thats if you know where DUNNVILLE is and IF you don't it'll be your loss.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE NEXT JAWIN SESSION!!!!

YOURS TRULY

Ken Wiseman

The "Hick".



To CoCo 3 Or Not To CoCo 3 ??????????

Hello People !

Welcome to the Wonderful World of CoCo 3 ... or is it?

I'm not going to try and tell you to rush out and buy a new CoCo 3 but rather I would like to keep you informed about it, give you some facts and what ever else I can dig up and let you make up your own mind!

First of all, yes it is true that most of the CoCo 2's software will run on the CoCo 3, but not all of it, and I do not expect to see a lot of current software upgraded to run on the CoCo 3. The trend seems to be a whole new generation of software geared to use the special features of the CoCo 3.

NEW CoCo 3 PRODUCTS !!!

Kelly Software Distributors Limited of Calgary, Alberta have just announced 4 new programs for the CoCo 3. They are Color Scribe II ... a new CoCo 3 word processor for 80 column displays. Headers, footers justification, pagination, and over 20 line editing commands. A special option allows you to disengage the formatter, allowing more free memory for program editing in BASIC, PASCAL, C, and Assembly language.

Color Connection IV ... This is the most comprehensive modem package for the CoCo 3. Supports 80 columns, higher baud rates, Compuserve's Protocol B, and XON/XOFF. Auto answer/auto dial for Hayes compatible and some RS modems. Single key macro's allow easy entry of often-used passwords and ID's with a single key stroke.

The Magic of Zanth ... Magic, Dragons, Griffins, Centars, and Demons! This intriguing adventure features over 2 dozen hi-res 16 color animated graphic screens, 4 voice music and sound effects, and speech (Tandy SSC pak). The 16 color, 320 * 192 graphics look great on TV, Composite color or analog RGB monitor.

Return of Junior's Revenge ... This is the same Junior you've seen in the Kong arcade series, but with the new CoCo 3 Graphics. This tireless little monkey must overcome all sorts of obstacles (4 screens worth) to rescue his father, The King, from the mean Zookeeper. He must traverse the Jungle and swamp, climb vines, avoid chompers and birds, open locks and more before he finally meets with his daddy. The 16 color, 320 * 192 graphics are superb on either a composite color monitor, an analog RGB monitor, or a television.

All the above programs are as they appeared in Kelly's Winter 1986 Flyer and require 128K, CoCo 3, and Disk Drive.

THE GAMES CONTEST WAS GREAT! EVERYBODY HAD FUN. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER GAMES CONTEST FOR ALL YOU SPACE CADETS IN TWO MONTHS. NEXT TIME WE WILL HAVE FOUR GROUPS. THE LITTLE KIDS NEED A CHANCE ALL BY THEMSELVES. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR GAMES, BRING IT UP AT THE NEXT MEETING. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

HERE'S A TRICK. TRY TO FIND THE EXECUTIVES IN THIS WORD SCRAMBLE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. SOMETIMES I THINK THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE. BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING. YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.

X FIND THE EXECUTIVES

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