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Upcoming Events:

The 21st Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! **May 19-20, 2012**
 Regular meetings every 2nd Thursday @ Schaumburg Library

G.C.C.C. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2012 club officers and how to contact them.
 If you have questions about the association call one of the officers for the answers.

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	PRIMARY FUNCTION

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CoCo~123 INFORMATION

CoCo~123 is the newsletter of the Glenside Color Computer Club. Your annual contribution of \$15.00 helps to keep our club going. Send your check to Glenside Treasurer:

George L Schneeweiss
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Our treasury provides newsletters and good times with fellow CoCo users at our Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! and annual Glenside picnic.

CoCo~123 CONTRIBUTIONS

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If you are unsure of when you last paid dues, look at the address label on this newsletter envelope. The numbers to the right of your name indicates the last year you made your annual contribution.

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G. C. C. MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 7:00 pm. If you need a map, see our Glenside Homepage at: <http://glensideccc.com>

A social get-together we call 'The Meeting After' always follows our regular meeting at a nearby restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

Hello CoCoNuts. This year's Fest time is Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, 20th. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Inn Elgin, Illinois. We have arranged for a special Club discount (\$83.00 plus 10% tax (\$91.30 total) when you mention you are attending the CoCoFEST! Be sure and call early to reserve your room.

Check out the Club website <http://glensideccc.com/> for the latest information.

Be sure to visit our website addition provided by Steve Bjork at <http://glensideccc.com/cocofest/index.shtml> where you can find additional information about the fest such as those who are planning to attend, our list of seminars and a list of vendors who plan to attend.

We shall have free WiFi at the CoCoFEST! so bring your other computers. Be sure to let Brian Goers or Bob Swoger know if you want to make a presentation so they can adjust the Fest schedule.

Be sure and bring any computer equipment or other goodies you wish to donate for the auction.

Let Bob Swoger know that you plan to attend this year's Fest. Remember also that we are planning to have dinner Saturday evening at Alexander's Restaurant and come back afterward for Brother Jeremy's Song Fest.

See U at the Fest,

John Chasteen, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREASURY NOTES

We have \$1,069.93 in checking, \$7000 in a CD. We had 136 paid members in 2011 of the total of 298 members to whom we send newsletters.

George Schneeweiss, Treas\$urer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

At the suggestion of member Frank Pittel after last year's fest celebration we have spent less time worrying about future fests and more time enjoying computing. I was able to spend time at the keyboard of my favorite TIMEX/SINCLAIR TS2068 due to John Mark Mobley becoming the owner of a complete system with five drives and a LogiCall Operating System.

At our Annual Glenside Picnic I thought that LogiCall should be tried on the CoCo, mind you, this is 20 years after it was written for the Sinclair. Each meeting since last September LogiCall was presented to the membership present. They got to see LogiCall evolve on both the CoCo3 using DriveWire and the Virtual CoCo (VCC) emulator.

The LogiCall Operating System provides disk management by providing single keystrokes for Format/Backup, Move/Copy, Erase and Rename as well as calling the Word Processor and Terminal application. After selecting the drive number you wish to see, each disk's CATalog (directory) is displayed in either a brief or verbose form. Entering the program name will load and run it. A scan feature is provided for easy entry. Text and picture files go right to the screen without first calling in the application that created them. If you forget the key that initiates a task, pressing F1 displays a help file with 22 reminders.

Two library applications are also provided to keep track of where your program disks and tapes are stored.

It was my goal to make LogiCall on the CoCo keystroke for keystroke – screen for screen the same as the Sinclair. Indeed, I can hardly see any difference. For me, the CoCo is more fun to operate now than in the past.

Rather than a single programmer as with the Sinclair, the CoCo version took three programmers to get the job done and the help of some others as well. My thanks to John Mark Mobley who championed this effort and Chris Hawks for code support when we ran into a wall.

It is my personal hope that every CoCo user will purchase LogiCall at the fest and enjoy the LogiCall experience. After the fest LogiCall can be purchased by mail.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
Glenside Color Computer Club

REPORT: CoCoFEST! 2011

Each year Glenside's greatest concern is staying out of red ink while having an outrageously good time. With only \$122 we feel we once again reached our goal with the help and generosity of ALL those present. 21 of those folks upgraded their memberships. Our two auctions totaled \$1044. 15 exhibitors gave us \$860. Our total attendance was 51 people including children.

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Please note all the smiling faces in the pictures below, especially of those present at dinner in Alexander's restaurant Saturday evening.



The HAWKsoft exhibit with three CoCo Home Control units and Chris's controller Software. For those of you not familiar with this device, it contains a microprocessor and real time clock. It is plugged into the CoCo on the Tape Port. The CoCo then programs the device using HAWKsoft written software to control 16 or more lights and appliances 24/7. Once programmed, the CoCo is disconnected and the unit continues to function on its own.



...and Aaron Wolfe of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, seeing to it that only one unit is left for 2012. This is a great security device when you are away from home.



Lori and Steve Bjork of Whittier, CA, representing SRB software. Steve has taken on the responsibility of getting the word out about our CoCoFEST! on the west coast using pod casts and Internet.



Tom Schaeffges comes down from Madison, WI each year just to feel the CoCo keyboard under his fingertips again and to see what new software he can try out. I think he spent some time playing Sock Master's Donkey Kong. This year we hope he spends some time tying out Glenside's LogiCall and John Linville's FAHRFALL. His T-Shirt looks good as new – This one is from the 15th Annual 'Last' Chicago CoCoFEST!



Chris Hawks at John Mark's table pointing out the seldom seen fourth and last computer introduced into the U.S by Sinclair of the U.K. from Timex of Glasgow Scotland. It was called the TS1500. It worked with 16K, 32K and 64K RAM Packs.



Be sure to visit with Malcolm Cleveland of Lansing, MI, and see all of memorabilia from fests in the past. You will leave his exhibit with a warm feeling.



Some years ago Barb Morris OUT BID another member to obtain the wooden peanut dispenser you see here being examined by Tony Podraza. The story is, to say the least, fabulous! – Barb brought it with her this time for all that had heard this marvelous story to see.



Did we mention Brian Goer's mom is a great baker? Please look for Brian at the fest near the Glenside table and consider purchasing a Glenside IDE Interface system. The system comes with an updated Manual and Floppy disk containing all the software required to get your system running out of the box and you get to pick out an IDE Hard Drive to take home with your system.



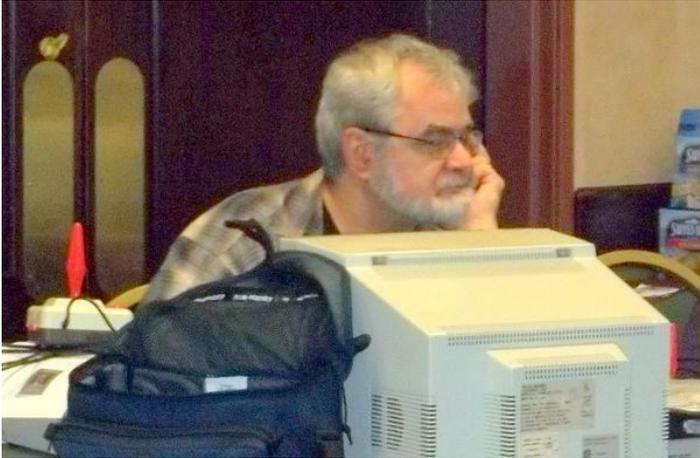
Justin Wagner here doing what he does best, helping others – here helping George Bethea from Elmsford, NY.



John Mark displaying the Ghostbusters Logo, a short program from a Motorola DATABUS Newsletter that he scanned and OCR'd into a text file and loaded into VCC.



Linda's table always has something to attract the ladies.



Rich Crislip of Norton, Oh



Nancy and Chris Hawks. This year Chris was able to help us program LogiCall code for the product we will be selling at this year's CoCoFEST!



Brian posting the time of the next Seminar. By the way, in past years we have sold t-shirts. For the past two years we have sold jackets. Brian will again this year be taking orders for jackets with the club logo embroidered on them.





Malcolm Cleveland and Barbara Morris



Brother Jeremy and Rev Keith Kounovsky



Music Man Brian Schubring and Aaron Wolfe



Linda and Tony Podraza



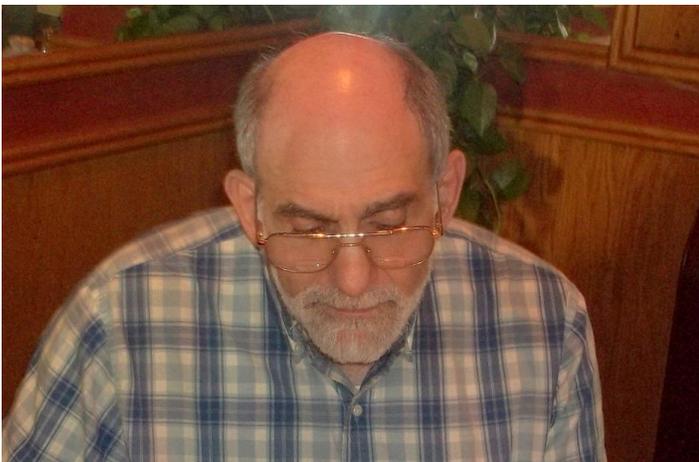
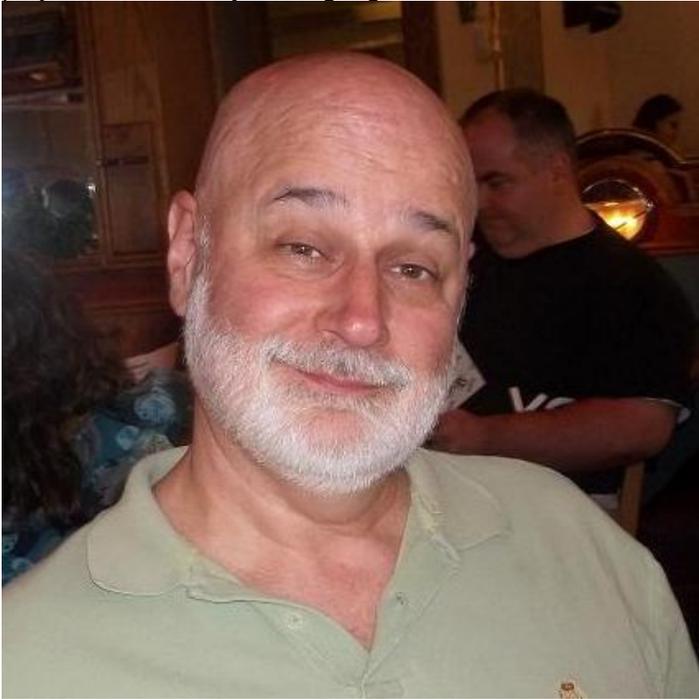
Rich and Brenda Crislip from Norton Ohio



SRB Software's Steve Bjork of Whittier, CA



Brian Goers has always seen to it that the show goes smoothly by scheduling the events and seeing to it that projectors, electricity and signage is there on time.



CoCoFEST! charter member Wally Grossman of Cleveland.



John Linville of Mebane, NC

From: <http://fahrfall.blogspot.com/2012/02/retrochallenge-winner.html>

February 2, 2012

RetroChallenge Winner!

Well, the results are in... Fahrfall is a RetroChallenge Winter Warmup winner for 2012!

That officially makes Fahrfall an "award-winning" game! :-)

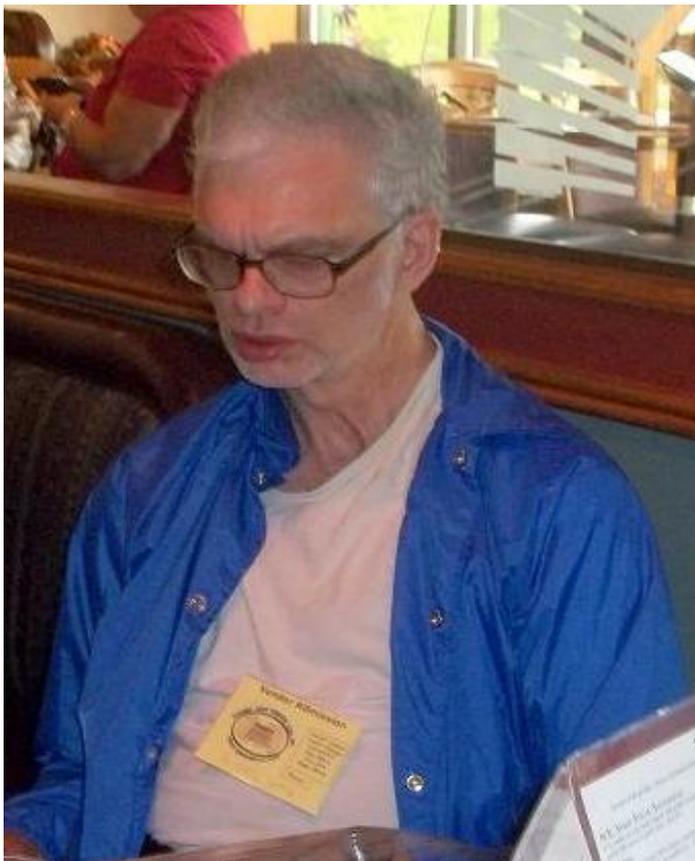
I know, I know -- many of you will compare this to winning an argument on the Internet... ;-) But, I am really excited about this little honor. The other RetroChallenge competitors had some cool projects, and it would have been perfectly reasonable to pick a different winner. I really appreciate this little bit of recognition...I am proud of Fahrfall!!

Captains Of Industry

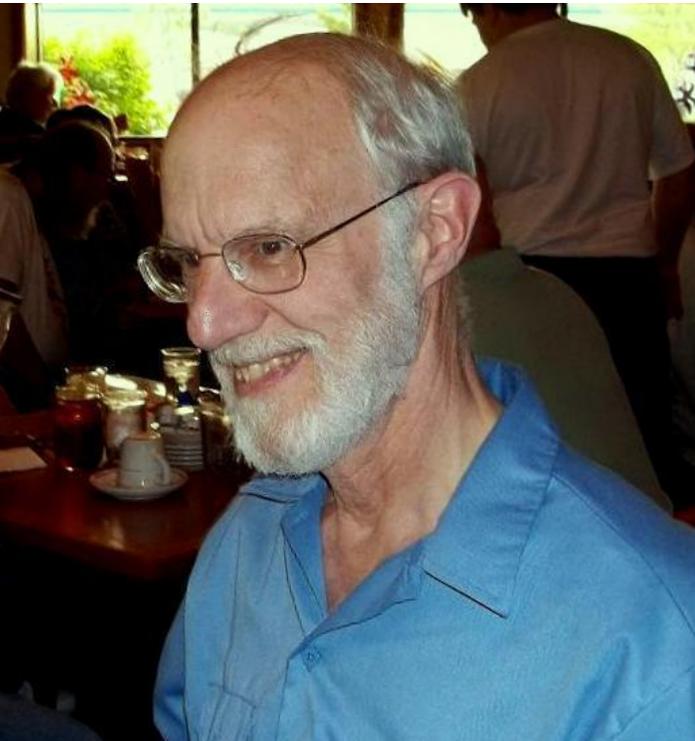
I know that you must be dying to get a Fahrfall t-shirt!! Still unable to shake the Fahrfall bug, I took a little time to actually setup a CafePress storefront. There are several options to accommodate a modest range of tastes and budgets. Feel free to deck-out yourself in some Fahrfall gear, then come to CoCoFEST! or Maker Faire: NC and say "hello"!

I hope to get back to some Fahrfall development soon. It might not be this weekend -- I need to dig out of the hole I made over the past month while focusing on Fahrfall. But, I'll be back soon with some more updates -- stay tuned!

If Fahrfall keeps a few more CoCo systems on people's desks (or at least out of the landfills) then it will definitely have been a big win!



Karl Sefcik of Frisco, TX has been to every fest since we started. His preferred mode of transportation is a hybrid vehicle. Talk to him if you wish to find out what hybrids are all about. Karl is a CoCoFEST! charter member.



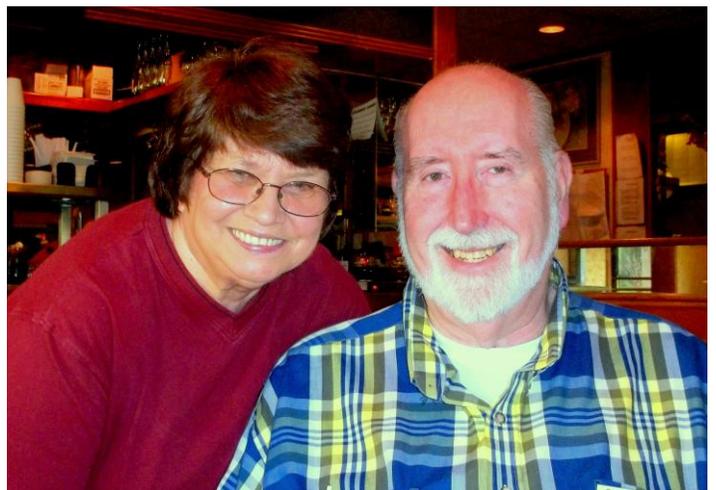
Rich Bair enjoying the fine food at Alexander's. Rich will be manning the Glenside Booth checking people in and handing out badges. He will be sure your information is up to date in our database so that you will be sure to get our newsletter and any other communication. Rich is also the person to ask for OS-9 2K upgrade patches.



Sandy and Mark found something funny on their menu!



Though John Mark and Melanie Mobley have been in our club since about 2008, both have contributed a great deal to the success of Glenside, great picture here. John Mark wrote five modules for LogiCall and worked out problems we were having inside the main module. What I like about John is watching him having fun with his hobby and still getting things done around the house for Melanie.



Finally, someone took a good picture of Annette and Roger. Roger? Well my name is Bob but for some reason, some of those that know me from the fest keep calling me Roger, especially those that e-mail me. You tell me why.



It is always a pleasure to have Rich Bair and his trumpet at our late night Jam sessions.



Tony also doubles as a crooner.



This year Dave Barnes showed up with his guitar – I didn't remember that he could play like that. Here Dave is with Music Man Brian Schubring on his 12 stringer.



Our Song Leader from Exeter England, Brother Jeremy – who has to be up early to lead our morning worship service.

After seeing all these happy people, we at Glenside hope you will make the Trek and visit CoCoFEST! Saturday May 19th and Sunday May 20th this year. Be sure to bring home John Linville's award winning game FAHRFALL and Glenside's new operating system for the CoCo3 – LogiCall. For those of you that put your CoCo in the closet some time ago, you can easily install VCC and Toolshed on your laptop or desktop and using LogiCall experience CoCo3 like you never experienced it before.

For those of you with a real CoCo3 setup and DriveWire, you will also enjoy using LogiCall to run your CoCo3 as never before. I personally have been using my 'LAPTOP' CoCo3 more lately than I remember using it in the past.

Any updates will be available for free from the Internet.

Pick up your copy of FAHRFALL and LogiCall from this year's CoCoFEST!



What would a Jam session be without a back up trio?

Lowering the Cost & Keeping the Dream Alive!

In recent years, the rising cost of renting the ballroom at the Holiday Inn - Elgin for the CoCoFEST! has become a concern. We would like to know what your thoughts are for relocating the 2013 CoCoFEST! to a new location. We are considering the Heron Point Building in Lombard, IL, next to Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott, located at the southeast corner of I-355 and North Avenue.



The Fairfield Inn Lombard hotel is on the left and the Heron Point Building is on the right. The rooms at Fairfield Inn are \$79 plus 11% tax versus \$94 plus 10% tax at the Holiday Inn. The meeting rooms are in the basement of the Heron Point Building.



Meeting Space

There are elevators. No coffee, just a pop machine. No food, just a vending machine. There are microwaves. The new location is not as grand as the ballroom we are used to, but the cost of the space is less, \$480 for the two days at the Heron Point Building versus \$1800 for the Holiday Inn.

We may also be able to lower the cost of tables at Heron Point. The tables are of a different size and are not covered with a tablecloth.

We would be less dependent on the auction to raise the money needed to have another fest.

Fairfield Inn Lombard is closer to O'Hare Airport than the Holiday Inn Elgin location. Elgin is 27 miles away. Lombard is 16 miles away.

We would need to find a new restaurant. Jimmy John's is across the street if we want a close place to get lunch. Or, the hotel has a lounge (pictured below).



The Village of Lombard has a website and they may list the CoCoFEST! as an event on their calendar. We could plan for a large group of us to go to Fry's Electronics, which is about 6 ½ miles south of the hotel (down I-355).

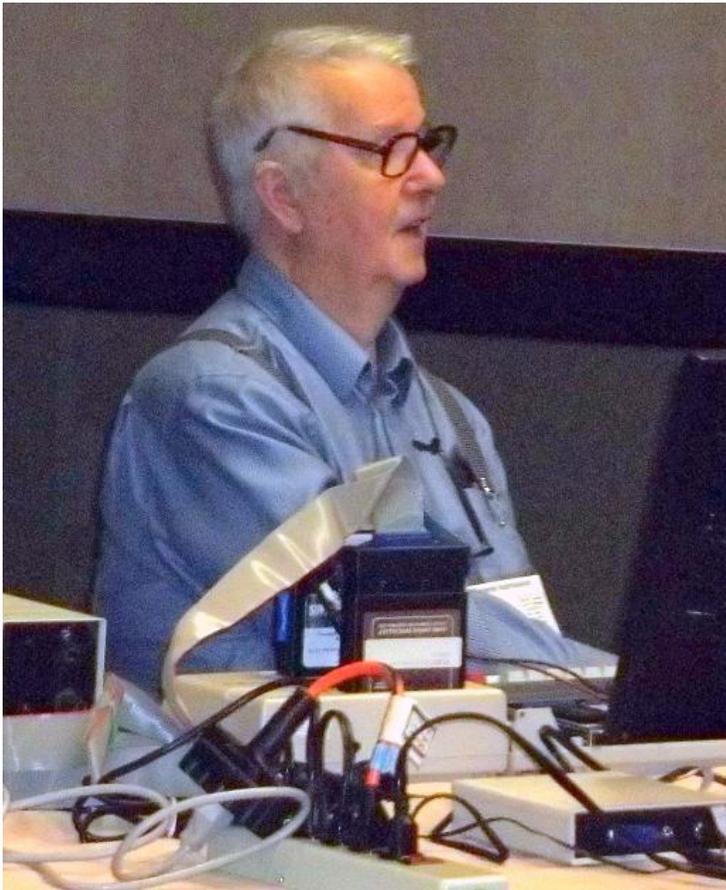
On the side of continuing our CoCoFEST!s at the Holiday Inn Elgin is that they have lowered the cost of the Ball Room for 2013 by \$600 provided we pick a weekend in March or April. This is equivalent to our income from the Saturday auction in 2011 and the preference for the time of the fest to be the last two weekends in April.

Bennigan's provides a lunch menu both days and brings the food to us. The INN provides Coffee and Danish Saturday morning. We also have access to the Ball Room after dinner Saturday evening for our annual musical session social and afterward, jump on the elevator and go to our rooms for the night.

We may wish to have Dinner at Bennigans in 2013, as it will have been renovated. As some of our group have been present at the fest for 20 years, **human comfort** has become more important. Going from the Ball Room to your room simply by using the elevator can be a big plus for many of us.

The club will take up this issue at our next meeting Tuesday May 8 at the Schaumburg Township District Library.

If you have inputs for us regarding your thoughts on this article, please email Secretary Bob Swoger at rswoger@aol.com



Our President – John Chasteen. John has a Florida retreat for the winter and comes up north to manage meetings and build vintage hardware to run with his CoCo. He is also our button provider at the fest.



Our Trea\$urer George Schneeweiss. George has also hosted our picnic at his home in Forrest, IL for the past two years and wants to host it again in 2012.

The 21st Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST!



Proudly Presented By The
Glenside Color Computer Club
Holiday Inn, Elgin, Illinois
May 19th & May 20th, 2012

Here are the 5 "W's"

WHO? 1) Glenside Color Computer Club, Inc.
PRESENTS

WHAT? 2) The 21st Annual "Last" Chicago
CoCoFEST!

WHEN? 3) May 19 & 20, 2012

(Sat. 10 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 3 pm or whenever)

WHERE? 4) HOLIDAY INN & SUITES ELGIN
495 Airport Road
Elgin Illinois 60123

(A city block North of I-90 & IL-31)

(Same great location as last year!)

Overnight single occupancy room rate:

\$83.00 plus 10% tax (\$91.30 Total)

Call 1-847-488-9000 for reservations.

Please ask for the Glenside "CoCoFEST!" rate.

>>> YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER "CoCoFEST!" <<<
>>> TO GET THIS RATE <<<

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

And now, the "H" word.

HOW MUCH? All Attendees - General Admission

Saturday & both days: \$15.00 1st - \$10 2nd & more

Sunday Only: \$10.00 1st - \$5 2nd & more

***** Children 12 and under - FREE *****

Advance ticket sales available between 1/15/2012 and
4/23/2012 from:

Bob Swoger
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Streamwood IL 60107

Include a Self-Addressed-STAMPED-Envelope (SASE)

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