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Upcoming Events:
  The Annual Glenside CCC Club Picnic   September 11, 2005
  The 15"" Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! April 29-30, 2006
  Regular meetings every 2ᴺᴰ Thursday @ Schaumburg Library

G.S.B.A.A. OFFICERS

Here is the list of 2005 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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Vice-President	Brian Goers	708-754-4921	Special Events
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Howard Luckey   Justin Wagner   Robert Swoger   George Schneeweiss   Brian Goers   Tony Podraza

CoCo~123 INFORMATION

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

George L Schneeweiss
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If you are unsure of when you last paid dues, look at the address label. The numbers to the right of your name indicate the last year you paid your dues.

Our treasury provides newsletters, local meeting room and good times with fellow CoCo users at our annual Chicago CoCoFEST!.

CoCo~123 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or would like to submit an article, please contact the CoCo~123 Newsletter editor:

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2005 CoCoFEST! Attendees
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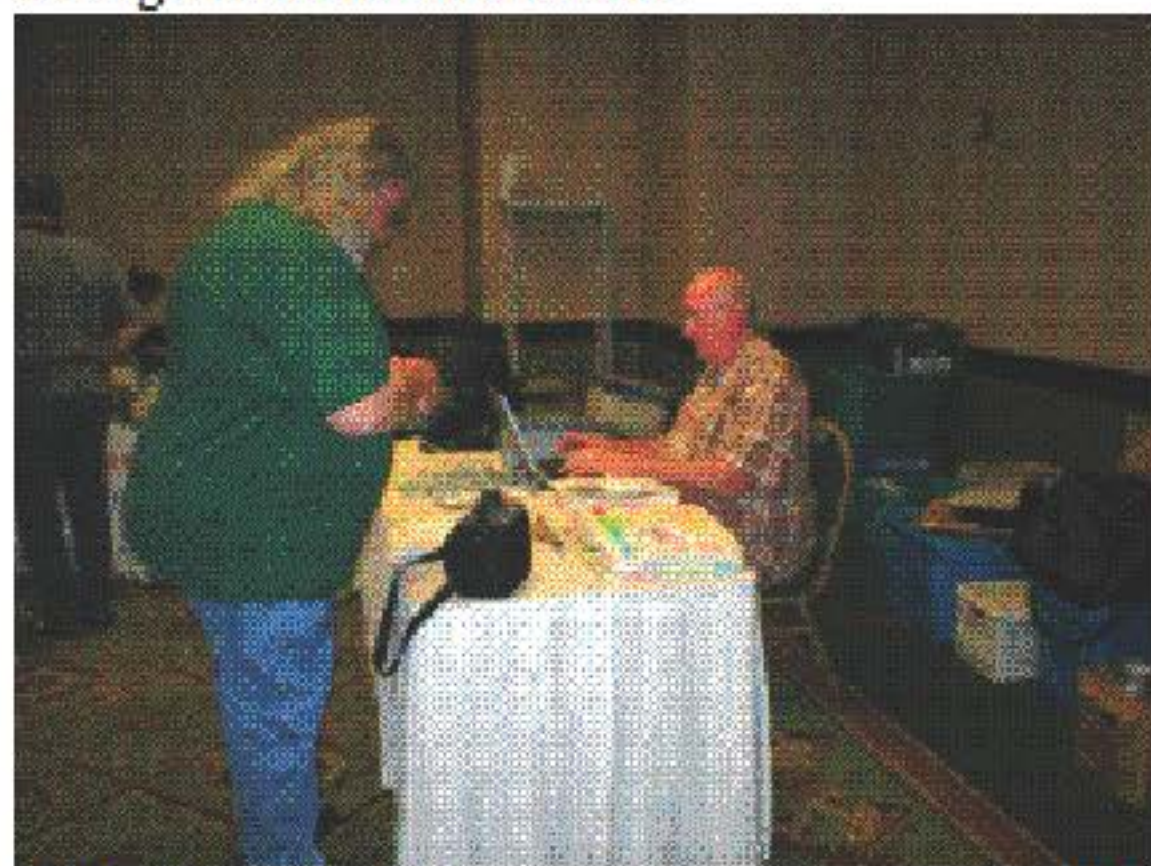**George Schneeweiss**
Robert Swoger

G. C. C. MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Schaumburg Township District Library at 7:30 PM. If you need a map, see our Glenside Homepage at:

http://members.aol.com/clubbbs/glenside/

A social get-together always follows at a nearby restaurant.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DISK

Hello again folks. We've just finished another fine CoCoFEST! I think the new location was extra fine. I especially liked having the free wireless access to the internet. We owe a great deal of thanks to Tony for making the arrangements for the FEST!.
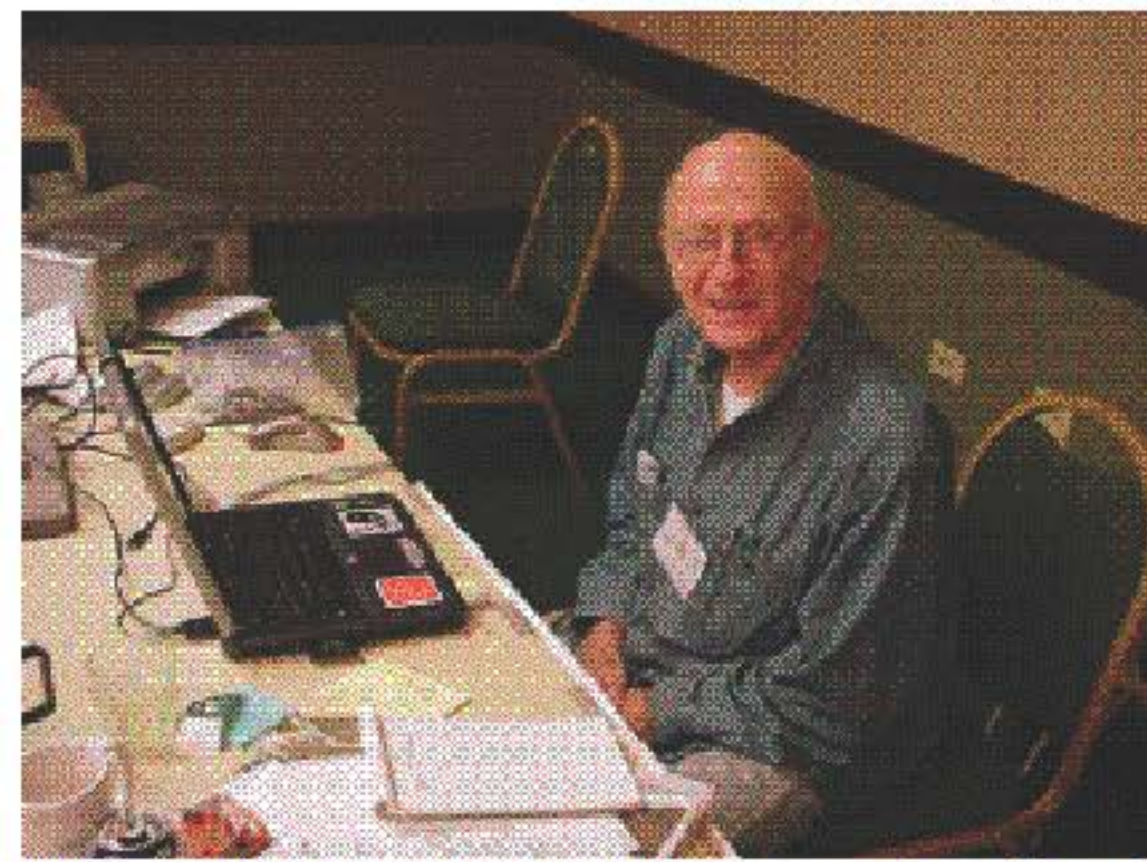

While I am thanking Tony I want to thank Bob Swoger for his effort in manning the Glenside desk and taking care of the money and memberships.

One of the benefits of the wireless service was that Dave Kelly set up a video camera so that the activities of the FEST! could be put on the Internet so that other CoCo-Nuts could keep track of the going-ons.

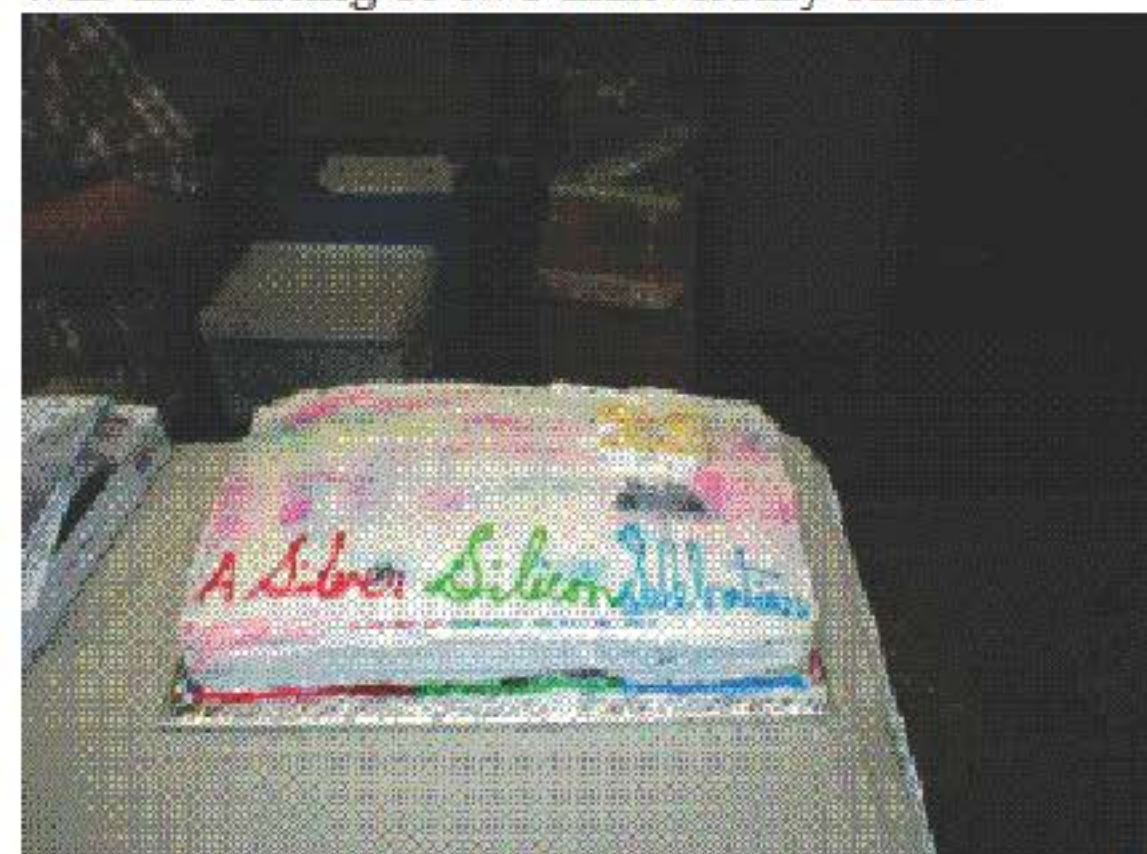Maybe Dave can write an article in the future as to how to do this?

I know that I enjoyed sitting at my booth and having access to the internet.

On Saturday we held a general meeting of the club. Please read the minutes offered in another part of this newsletter.

One of the nicest events of the whole FEST! was the cutting of two anniversary cakes.

One cake was baked by Brian Goers' sister and the other on by his mother. The cakes were big hits, thank you Brian's sister and mother.

On Sunday most of us gathered in front of the video camera and Tony held up the cake so that the folks on the internet could join in the celebration.

For the evening we had a room reserved for dinner where people could order from the menu.

A goodly bunch attended, a 100% turnout!

A highlight of this FEST! was having four, count them four, presentations, three on Saturday and one on Sunday.
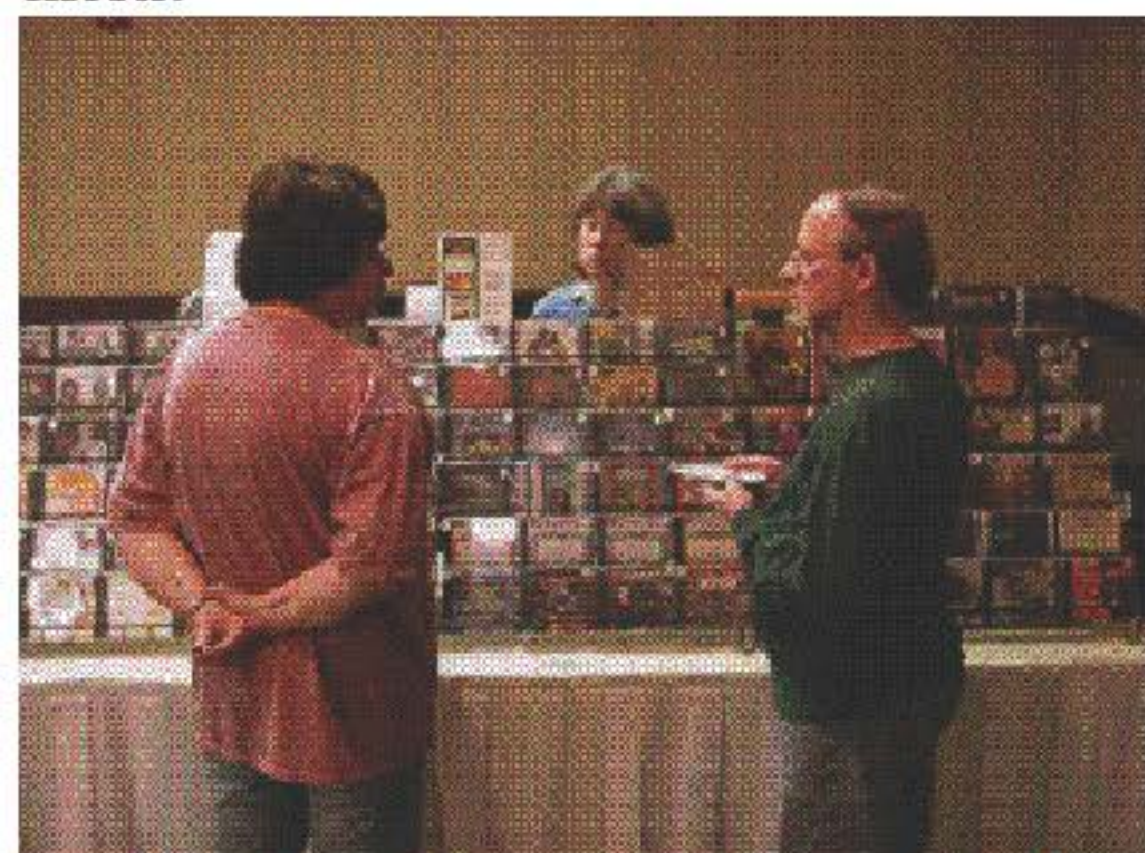
FWD Computing:

Frank Davis gave a review and demo of products. One was the E-Bay tool kit. Another was a product that would allow a small business or a family to offer a wireless service just like they do a Starbucks. Next was PC On Steroids, with this program you can defrag 3 times faster than the usual defragging program, you get an improved Hard Drive search, and furthermore, your computer can be setup so that if it is stolen and the thief starts the computer, the police and you will be notified. Pretty neat. Then there was X-video that gives you the ability to make conversions between many kinds of video formats. Next was something called Particle Illusion SE which offers a whole array of special effects.

Then Frank Davis went on to talk and demo some of the many other products FWD has to offer, including enhanced music CD's of artists from the early 1900's. Also, they have DVD's of old movies and CD's of old radio shows.

Cloud-9:

Mark and Boisy gave a report on the process they are making on the Super Board which should be out soon.

It will include: SCSI and IDE on the board, 2 meg of RAM, 2 serial ports, 1 parallel port, PS2 keyboard, PS2 mouse, V-ROM and maybe VGA.

They mentioned a super-bus and a drive-wire device that allows you to use a PC as a slave and gives access to the PC's hard drive.

David Kiel:

David has done some fantastic work on his CoCo emulator. He has been working on it over the years and keeps on making better and better.

For the FEST! he brought some old PCs that he had rigged up to boot to the CoCo screen, and sold them for a very reasonable price.

He has fixed the emulator so that the user can use real joysticks, and use a full keyboard.

He demonstrated some other features of the emulator including key combinations, changing options on the fly except for memory, and flipping between virtual and real floppies. Good work, David.

Sunday's Session:
Justin Wagner:

Justin presented an excellent discussion of internet security. He mentioned that any computer is vulnerable and went on to present the kinds of threats and possible solutions and their trade-offs. Part one dealt with firewalls and to begin Justin told how the baddies out there might find anyone of us. Some of them might find us by looking randomly or with a more opportunistic broad search or they my employ a coordinated approach by attacking a specific computer. A firewall can block access to a computer by setting up user defined rules about whom or what has access. A firewall can be the first line of defense. One kind of firewall is NAT, network address translation which hides your computer from the internet. Some routers come with built in hardware firewalls. Either kind of firewall might be the best depending on the needs of the user.

Another kind of attack is viruses. There are several software packages such as Zone Alarm, Norton Antivirus, MacAfee, AVG and probably shareware and freeware.

Justin mentioned an anti-virus called AVG at www.grisoft.com. At that site they say "Tough of viruses, easy on users". Another program mentioned was from Avast, www.avast.com. I went to these sites and they appear to be commercial products. The important thing with any package is to keep it up to date with the latest versions and with the latest protections against the newest viruses.

Justin mentioned some signs of problems, including spontaneous rebooting, failed services, sluggish GUI behavior, excessive disk or network activities, low disk space, etc.

Two newer kinds of computer problems are spyware and malware. Spyware is information stored on our computers that can pass information on to venders about who you are. A source to help with this problem is www.lavasoftus.com . I went to that site and they do have a free version at download.com.

For malware Justin mentioned Spybot S&D at www.safer_networking.org . I just went to that site and they also have a free version.

Justin suggested that both of the free versions would be adequate for home owners.

On both days we had a no-minimum bid auction. There was plenty of contributed items to go home with the lucky bidders.

Seems that more contributors donated items for the auction than ever before. The auction is often the difference between being in the black or red at the end of each fest. This year we did well as usual.

Well, that is some of the events from this year's FEST!, I hope everyone and more of you can come next year. I want to thank everyone who contributed to and was active in making the FEST! a success.

Howard Luckey, President
Glenside Color Computer Club

TREASURY NOTES

As of May 4, 2006, we have $5914.66 in the bank.

George Schneeweiss, Treasurer
Glenside Color Computer Club

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

April 16, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am Saturday morning at the 14th Annual "Last" Chicago CoCoFEST! at the Holiday Inn, Elgin, IL, by President Howard Luckey. Present were Bill Astle of Calgary, Alberta, Richard Bair, George Bethea of Elmsford, NY, Joe Beucher of Boca Raton, Fl, Carl Boll, Jerry Cantrell of Glen Allen, VA, Malcolm & Kathryn Cleveland of Lansing MI, Richard and Brenda Crislip of Norton, OH, Carol & Frank Davis of Mexico, IN, Carl & Donna England of Calhoun, GA, Rob Gibons of Seminole, FL, Brian Goers, Wally Grossman of Cleveland, OH, Nancy & Chris Hawks, Allen Huffman of Des Moines, IA, Brother Jeremy of Racine, WI, Billie & James Jones of Clive, IA, Roy Justus of Radford, VA, Dave Kiel of Alma Center, WI, Dave Kelly of Plantersville, TX, Keith Kounovsky of Bethpage, NY, Eddie Kuns, Todd Last, Grant Leighty of Kansas City, MO, John & Kris Linville of Mebane, NC, Howard Luckey, Mark Marlette & Sandy of Delano, MN, Boisy Pitre of Opelousas, LA, Frank Pittel, Linda & Tony Podraza, Susan & Dave Poitras of Pembrook, NH, George Schneeweiss, Brian Schubring, Karl Sefcik of Redford, MI, Annette & Bob Swoger, Phil Tollefson of Pewaukee, WI, Justin Wagner, and Mike Warns.

Old Business:

Bob Swoger apologized for the absence of Barbara Morris at this year's CoCoFEST! Because of the club's inability to send out 4 newsletters each year, Tony Podraza suggested back in 2003 that we extend the dues of members an extra year. At that time Bob was asked to modify the club database to reflect this change for our members. With over 650 names
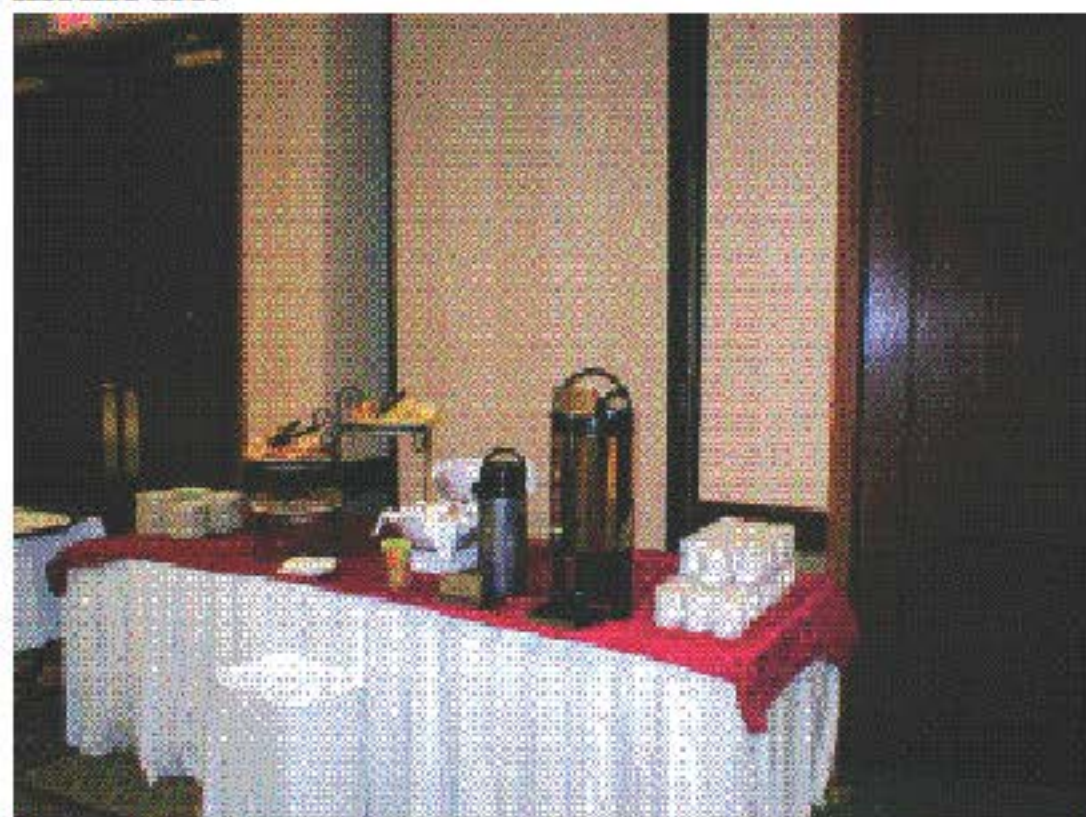
in our database, the 'Replace' command seemed to be the easiest way to accomplish the database update. 2004 replaced 2003, 2003 replaced 2002 and 2002 replaced 2001.

Unfortunately, Barb's address included the figures 2002, which were now changed to 2003. The US Postal Service continued to deliver our newsletters to her until our Winter 2004 issue, which was returned to us. By the time we resent our newsletter with the correct address, Barb had already made other plans for our 2005 CoCoFEST! date.

George Schneeweiss read the treasurer's report. Tony Podraza encouraged those present that were first time attendees to become Glenside members. Bob Swoger encouraged all those present to take up the club offer on its special fest offer of $5 off to re-up their memberships. He noted that at the end of 2003 we lost 36 paid members and at the end of 2004 we lost another 37 paid members. It is paid memberships that pay for the printing and mailing of our newsletters and help pay for Glenside CoCoFEST!s each year.

When asked why we mail newsletters instead of just posting them on our web site, Tony Podraza pointed out that only 60% of our paid members don't have internet access. By fest end we have 128 paid members and we mail to 178 members.

Tony Podraza informed us that the coffee and rolls provided at the fest this year were from the sale of fest tickets rather than the club treasury.

Howard publicly thanked Tony for this provision.

New Business:

Bob Swoger told the membership of the details on the making of this years collectable tee-shirts. Tony's CoCo 1, present at the fest, was used for the photograph. Jim Johnson, a graphic artist for The Baptist Bulletin, a G.A.R.B.C. publication, cleaned up the picture and added the artwork around it to become this years Logo. Frank Davis made not only the shirts, but also the Mouse Pads and Coasters. Most all the shirts and all the coasters were sold out by the end of the show.

Next, Tony Podraza announced that Allen Huffman had entered the building!

President Howard acknowledged the donations of Todd Last, Roy Justus and R.C. Smith of both cash & equipment for our fest.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

May 12, 2005

Howard Luckey called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Also present were Bruce Gilmore, Tony Podraza, Brian Goers and Bob Swoger. Tony fell off his chair when he saw Bruce as Bruce had not been to a meeting for over 5 years and had not been seen by Tony in almost two years. Bruce is one of Glenside's Charter members.

Tony Podraza gave us a report of the April CoCoFEST! We had 17 exhibitors including Dave Keil at the Glenside table pitching his

CoCo Emulator. In all $785 was collected from our exhibitors. After all the bills were paid, Glenside was $192.34 in the black ink.

New Business: Frank Hogg alive and well. He has been found in NY at a summer retreat using a web page search.

The next Glenside Picnic will be September 11 at the Harvard home of Chris and Nancy Hawks. Chris was contacted by Brian Goers on cell phone to confirm the date and time of not before 1:00 pm. Chris will provide a map to get there.

Robert Swoger, Secretary
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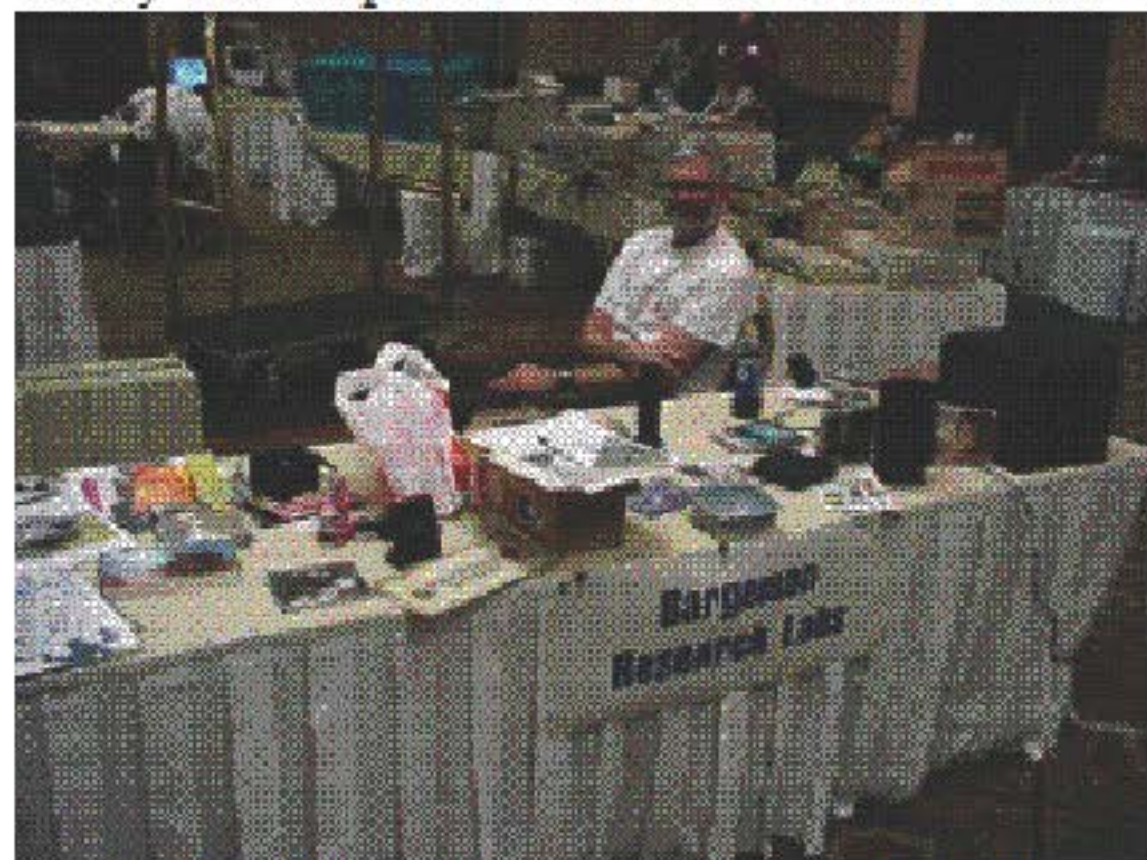
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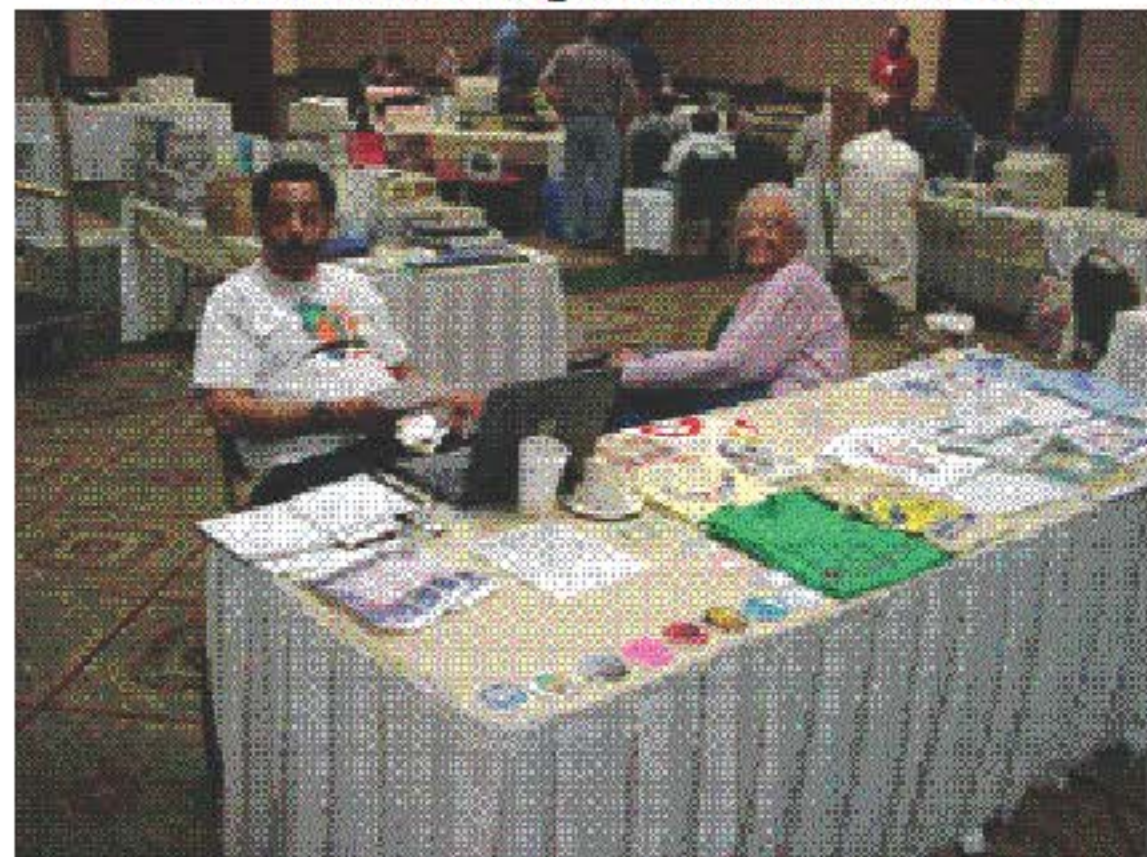Tux Driver's John Linville came with his family

Monk-O-Ware's Brother Jeremy

Chris Hawks of Hawksoft was accompanied by Nancy who helped Linda Podraza at her table.

Karl Sefcik of Bargeman Research Labs

Malcolm Cleveland & Mom, Kathryn from Lansing, MI, provided "Blast from the Past" items. Hmmm... sure were lots of laptops at this CoCoFEST!