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From the President's Platen

by Tony Podraza

I don't mean to bore you with one particular fact, month after month, but it HAS been ten years since I acquired my first CoCo. Christmas of 1982 found me sitting cross-legged on the floor in front of my television trying to gain some sort of noise from my 16K non-Extended BASIC CoCo I.

The past two years had seen me in various Radio Shacks in the area, stealing some time on the keyboards of Model 1's and 2's, running "Dancing Demon", or some space war game. It was pretty neat, actually. Then one of the salesmen set a small amplifier down beside the keyboard and VOILA! I could hear some sounds that sounded like musical notes (sort of) being picked up by the amplifier!!!! WOWSERS!

But now, I had my very own computer to learn on and didn't need the amplifier because it was already built in. Now what? Familiar scenario? In a lot of cases, probably so. ENTER.... the user's Group, where one learned and taught. ENTER.... newsletters, where one saw articles and short programs to type in. ENTER.... national publications, where one saw many, many articles and LARGER (read: longer) programs to type in. ENTER.... regional gatherings, where hundreds (and sometimes, hundreds of hundreds) of fellow "CoCo-ists" gathered for seminars, new product demonstrations, "bargain deals" in Radio Shack hardware and software, second party support in better hardware and software than Radio Shack had available at the time, and, of course, the renewing of friendships that had been forged over time because of Radio Shack and Motorola's little 6809 microprocessor.

Now, after ten years of involvement with this fun-loving powerhouse, seven of

which has seen me as an elected official of some sort in either of two user groups, and having been involved in the workings of 8 Rainbowfests (7 in Chicago and one in Princeton, thank you very much for the opportunity, Ed and Dave), 2 Atlanta CoCoFESTs, and one Chicago CoCoFEST, either as spectator, vendor personnel, Seminar speaker introducer (now I know how the 'opening act' groups for the superstars feel), Seminar speaker/round table moderator, host club president, or announcer, I am about to make the BIGGEST decision regarding this CoCo that I have ever made in my life.

Are you ready for this? In June 1993, Glenside Color Computer Club will sponsor the Second Annual Last Chicago CoCoFEST! The dates are not yet cast in concrete, but are tentatively the 5th and 6th. Final arrangements are being made this week, and I hope to get the February newsletter out early so you can properly plan ahead. We sincerely hope that you all will be able to support the Fest by your attendance.

Verbal intentions of participation from vendors include, but are not limited to: BARSoft, Frank Hogg Laboratories, Kala Software, Farna Systems, Hawksoft, ColorSystems and Sub-Etha. Consideration of attending is being given by STG, Sirius Software, and T & D Software. More contacts are being made on a weekly basis, and I expect to be able to give you a more complete list of vendors next month. This is real exciting for me, as I hope it is for you. This may, indeed, be the LAST Chicago CoCoFEST, due primarily to the rising costs and the declining number of vendors who are willing to put forth time and effort to

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Glenside Color Computer Club

CoCo-1,2,3 Information

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Here is the list of 1992 Executive Officers and how to contact them. The club has four strong SIGS, Tandy Color Computer 1, 2, 3 and OS-9. If you have questions concerning these computers or OS-9 call one of the officers. Area code C=312, S=708, F=815.

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If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, upload a file to the Glenside CoCoRama BBS with an extension of 'NEWS'. If you have an AD for the newsletter UPLOAD a file with the extension of 'ADS'. If you have NEWS to POST about your group, please use the message base. These files are gathered by the BBS computer and downloaded to the Editor. If you need help contact the SYSOP by E-MAIL, mail, in person, or by phone:

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GLENSIDE CLUB MEETINGS

The Glenside Color Computer Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, at the Glendale Heights Public Library. Further info can be obtained from Tony Podraza: at home 708-428-3576.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

January 14
February 11

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

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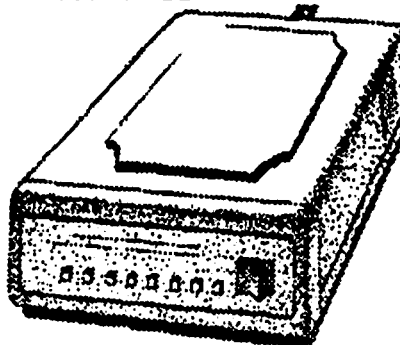
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Make the gathering AN EVENT! Future gatherings could end up Dayton, mixed up in a mass gathering of a multitude of orphaned computers. BUT, IN 1993, WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!!! Come join us for a real celebration! By the way, nobody sent in any guesses about the October newsletter contest. Maybe the timing was bad in reference to when the newsletters were sent out. Anyway, the contest is still open, and the award is waiting for the winner. Anyone interested?

December Meeting Review

By Howard Luckey

There was a general discussion about computing and the CoCo. Someone mentioned that the CoCo has been a jumping off place for many people to get into some part of the computing business such as software or hardware vending. Carl mentioned that ColorWare was getting out of the CoCo business and someone wondered if the CoCo community could, somehow, get access to their products for continued use.

It was announced that there would not be a disk of the month at this meeting because Scott Montgomery was absent. He has the October issue in his possession. Someone suggest that he be called to see if he is okay.

Tony mentioned that company called Arrow Electronic will fill single orders for chips with a minimum order of \$25.00. Many other companies require a person to buy a large number of chips.

THE DEMO

This is the demo of Simply Better (SB) carried over from last month. Simply Better is a very fine word processor that works under RS basic. First I ran the config program which allows you to set up screen size, text width, wrap on or off, etc., the printer codes for different fonts, and formatting parameters such as margins, justification, line spacing, in all thirty one different parameters. Once this is done it can be saved to a file for loading when you boot SB. Incidentally most if not all of the parameters can be changed from within the program.

Once SB is up and running you are in the command mode. This is where you can change screen size, toggle beep on or off, load and save files or tasks, and a lot of other stuff. When you are ready to type in text you hit the break key and now you are in the text mode. In this mode you have all of the usual features of any word processor such as cursor commands, find text, find and replace, deleting, block commands, etc. SB has a information line at the top of the screen which lets you know that you are using SB, the word "Normal-O" which lets you know what font you are using in this case the normal one, and to the left of the screen are the letters NTMVL. N stands for normal text but that letter will change when you hit one of the control keys such as Ctrl, Alt, or F1 on the

Co keyboard. Once you hit one of the keys N will change to a blinking C, or A or I to let you know that those keys are ready for another input to carry out some processing command. The next letter indicates either the overstrike or insert mode which can be

toggled. Then M stands for mask on or off, if the M is absent, and if it is on and you use the find command. Case will make no difference. The V stands for verify, that is asking you if you want certain commands carried out, and it can be toggled. Lastly the L stands for lower case that can be toggled to upper case with shift-0.

There is a lot to SB and if your computer is the CoCo 3 and you need a word processor I highly recommend it. Other features include but are not limited to: a view mode to see what your document will look like in print, an eyes mode for hearing impaired i.e. the boarder flashes to indicate error messages, line numbering ability, macros, called tasks, that can store a bunch of commands and key strokes into one or two of them and these tasks can be saved to disk and loaded when needed, a calculator, a sorting ability, etc.

History Of The CoCo

By Alfredo Santos

This is the fourth in the series of articles presented by Alfredo Santos. These files were originally downloaded from Delphi and are reprinted with the author's permission.

THE FOURTH YEAR (July 83 - June 84)

Does it seem like I'm being too hard on CCN? Well in July, there was a full-cover photo of the DRAGON/32 but, nothing on the inside about the computer.

RAINBOW magazine, now supporting the MC-10, celebrated its second anniversary with a 308 page issue containing a two year index, a record with some BASIC programs, a look at the "new" MC-10, and a review of April's RAINBOWFEST.

Marketing began for UN-DISK from DR. PREBLE, ELITE CALC from ELITE SOFTWARE, and PBJ's 80 COLUMN CARD.

If 64K wasn't enough for your CoCo, you could always try DENNIS KITSZ's 128K bubble memory upgrade which appeared in July's TCCM.

A new CoCo magazine, 68 COLOR MICRO JOURNAL, was announced in August, which brought to 5, the number of dedicated magazines for the CoCo.

Just about all magazines carried articles on the MC-10. My personal favorite is the one in CCN!

New product announcements in August include a new CoCo keyboard from HJL, the MULTI-PAK INTERFACE from Radio Shack, PIRATECTOR from Sugar Software, and Chromasette goes to disk.

SOFT SECTOR MARKETING stops marketing CoCo software.

Always on the leading edge, Star-Kits starts its software AMNESTY program. Who but Peter Stark would be bold enough to give software pirates a chance to cleanse their soul? Star-Kits also markets the first MC-10 software. HUMBUG.

If you missed the first RAINBOWFEST, take heart, there is a very strong possibility of three more.

If you needed a new computer to take back to school with you in September, you might try the newly released CoCo II but, don't bother subscribing to CCN because, unknown to its subscribers, the September issue, is its last.

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Reports circulate that THE COLOR COMPUTER MAGAZINE will hold COLOR EXPO '83 in Pasadena, CA. November 4-6.

New product released include COLOR MICRO JOURNALS 32 page debut issue, POOYAN from Datasoft, a keyboard from KEYTRONICS, PRO-COLOR FORMS from DERRINGER SOFTWARE, and the DRAGON/64 from TANO.

The following was to have appeared in CCN but.....

"Enter The DRAGON/64"

by: Alfredo(!) September 30, 1983

The DRAGON/64 computer, which is enjoying great success in England, is now available in America. What makes the DRAGON worthy of mention in this magazine is the fact that it uses a 6809E microprocessor and MICROSOFT BASIC just like our friend the TRS-80 Color Computer.

When I first heard about the DRAGON/64 (and little brother DRAGON/32) my first question was: "Will Color Computer programs run on the DRAGON?". The answer is YES..... and NO!

The incompatibility of "BASIC WORD TOKENS" between the 2 machines prevent CoCo programs from working on the DRAGON/64 but, not to worry!

If you save a CoCo program using the ASCII format (i.e.: CSAVE"filename",A) it will CLOAD and RUN on the DRAGON/64 with little or no problem. Problems may occur if any memory locations in LOW RAM are PEEKed or POKed and problems will occur for sure if any CoCo ROM routines are called. Here's why:

DRAGON's COLOR BASIC and EXTENDED COLOR BASIC are identical to CoCo's in many ways with one major exception: They are both on A SINGLE HN4827128G-30 28 pin EPROM. While DRAGON's BASIC chip (IC 18) occupies memory locations \$8000-\$BFFF (like the CoCo), ROM entry points are not the same. CoCo's POLL CAT routine, for instance, is at \$A1C1 while on the DRAGON it's at \$BBE5. This fact prevents Color Computer machine language programs from running on the DRAGON.

The table below contains DRAGON/64 ROM entry points and CoCo 1.1 BASIC and the 1.0 EXTENDED BASIC equivalents.

CoCo/Dragon ROM Conversion Table (Color Basic ROM 1.1)

CoCo Addr	DRAG Addr	Comment
(A000) A1C1	(A000) 8006	POLL KEY
(A002) A282	(A002) B54A	CHAR OUT(cass)
(A004) A77C	(A004) 8021	CASS READ
(A006) A70B	(A006) B93E	BLOCK IN
(A008) A7F4	(A008) B999	BLOCK OUT
(A00A) A9DE	(A00A) 8012	READ IN JOYSTK VAL
(A00C) A7D8	(A00C) 801B	HEADER OUT

Both the CoCo and Dragon/64 have indirect addresses at \$A000-\$A00C. Dragon's bid at CoCo compatability.

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CoCo/Dragon ROM Conversion Table (Color Basic ROM 1.1)

CoCr Addr	DRAG Addr	Comment
894C	9D3D	
95CF	A95D	
A00E	B39BS	ECONDARY RESET
A027	B3B4	MAIN RESET
A02A	B3B7	
A06E		HARD START
A0E8	B44F	SOFT START
A176	B50A	CHAR IN
A186	B51A	
A1B1	B538	
A1C1	BBE5	CHECK KEYBRD
A282	B54A	CHAR OUT(cass)
A290	B560	
A2A8	B578	
A2BF	BD1A	
A30A	BCAB	CHAR OUT(scm)
A34B	BCE2	SCROLL UP ONE LINE
A390	B5C6	INPUT FROM KEYBRD
A393	B5C9	
A398	B5CE	
A42D	B663	
A444	B67A	
A46C	B6A8	
A491	B6CD	
A502	A095	
A59A	B7CC	Data mover routine

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CoCo/Dragon ROM Conversion Table (Color Basic ROM 1.1)

Co Addr	DRAG Addr	Comment
A5EE	B820	
A619	B84B	
A629	B85B	
A635	B867	
A65C	B88E	
A65F	B891	
A663	B895	
A701	B933	
A70B	B93E	BLOCK IN
A77C	BDE7	Cass. READ out
A7E9	BDDC	
A7D1	B480	
A7D3	B482	
A7D8	BE68	
A7F4	B999	BLOCK OUT
A928	BA77	Clear Screen
A951	BAA0	
A956	BAA5	
A974	BAC3	
A976	BAC5	sound routine
A9DE	BD52	
AD19	8417	Clear mem (NEW+3)
77	89B4	get operand
9C	90E5	PRINT text string

Another area of major incompatibility is the keyboard (HITEK 107044 H). Although the DRAGON has a full stroke keyboard, its matrix is not wired the same way as the CoCo keyboard. For example, a CoCo machine language program (which you've modified, of course) will produce unexpected keyboard input. Typing the following: "DRAGON COLOR COMPUTER" will put this on the screen: "4B17/. 3/./B 3/-@ED5B". Indications supporting the keyboard matrix incompatibility is the fact that if the DRAGON keyboard is installed in the CoCo, or vice versa, the wierd output continues. This condition does not effect any CoCo BASIC programs running on the DRAGON (unless you are PEEKing the keyboard rollover table to check keys pressed).

A couple more items on keyboard related matters: DRAGON BASIC's routine to poll for entry from the keyboard is somewhat less efficient then CoCo's. I'm not a speed typist but, in the two years I've been computing, I've gotten pretty proficient at typing the word "LIST". The word is typed so fast that before the "L" key is released, the "I" key is being preszed then "S" and "T". The DRAGON turns my lightning "LIST" into "LST". This occurs because DRAGON's keyboard polling routine will not recognize the "I" key stroke until the "L" key is released because they are apparently on the same row of the keyboard matrix. This also effects the method used to pause scrolling during a LIST with SHIFT @'. The inability to accept a double keystroke happens only while DRAGON is in the 32K mode (on powerup). While in the 64K mode, not only is the "problem" eliminated but, if a key

is held down for more than a few 10ths of a second, it starts repeating.

By the way, You'll know at a glance whether you're in the 32K or 64K mode simply by the cursor color. While in the 32K mode, the cursor will be a blinking solid black graphics character while a blinking solid blue cursor indicates 64K mode.

DRAGON's 64K mode is entered by typing "EXEC" and pressing <ENTER>. Easy hey?? When the machine is turned on, part of its initialization process includes moving data into LOW RAM (\$0000-\$03FF) for the BASIC interpreters to use. For instance, the system uses location \$009D to hold the EXEC address of the last machine langue which was loaded into the computer. This eliminates having to specify an EXECution address after you CLOADM a program. Power-up initialization puts the value BF49 at \$009D. DRAGON's 64K mode ROM entry point is SBF49.

If, however, you wish to enter the 64K mode AFTER having loaded in a machine language program, \$009D will then contain then EXEC address of that program so typing EXEC &HBF49 will be required to access the 64K. Another nice thing about the DRAGON's use of it's 64K is that it frees user RAM from \$0600-\$BFFF's by MOVING the ROMS up to \$C000-\$FFF0. Radio Shack's doesn't move its ROMs so you end up with 2 blocks of RAM: \$0600-\$7FFF and \$C000-\$FFF0, with memory locations \$A000-\$BFFF (\$8000-\$BFFF for EXTENDED BASIC CoCos) off limits because CoCo's ROMS are there.

Beside its 64K of RAM and full stroke keyboard, the parallel printer port and monitor output should make this computer a very serious consideration to anyone in the market for an inexpensive yet powerful computer with high resolution graphics capabilities.

In addition to the above mentioned ports, the DRAGON/64 has connectors for 2 joysticks, a cassette recorder, 40 ROM cartridge/disk interface, TV hook up and external power transformer.

The DRAGON/64 gives you all the power and versatility of the very popular TRS-80 Color Computer plus features which make the DRAGON/64 a much more professional machine with far greater capabilities. If you've held off buying the TRS-80 Color Computer because of some above mentioned limitation then now is the time to stop DRAGON your feet and check out this very GREAT BRITON. (You liked the BEATLES didn't you?)

Nelson Software, in September, announced that their Super "Color" Writer had become the official word processor for the DRAGON.

The highlight of the second RAINBOWFEST (held in Ft. Worth on October 14-16) was a walking tour of Tandy's new CoCo Plant. The same month Radio Shack releases the WALT DISNEY and SESAME STREET educational software, MULTI-PAK interface, the MOUSE, the KRAFT joystick, and the OS-9 operating system.

DENNIS KITSZ says "I'm gonna teach you a lesson" when he releases his 6809E instructional kit.

In November, at COLOR EXPO '83, MARTY GOODMAN debut his state of the art graphics program GRAPHICOM. Thanks Marty!

Other releases came from ELITE WORD from Elite Software, SUPER SCREEN from Mark Data, PASCAL from DEFT SOFTWARE, the BASIC UNRAVELLED books from Spectral

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RAINBOWFEST #3 is held in Long Beach, CA. February 17-19.

Radio station KGON, its reported, has its own bulletin board running on a CoCo.

TANO drops its DRAGON/64 ads in RAINBOW and rumors start circulating that the computer is about to breath its last flame.

The first east coast RAINBOWFEST is held March 30 - April 1 and features the first CoCo HARD DISK from SOFTWARE SUPPORT. In an attempt to clear its stock, TANO reduces the price of the DRAGON/64 to \$149.00.

Bob Rosen, in May, moved Spectrum Projects to San Jose, CA., word's out about the future release of the C-COMPILER from Radio Shack, and VIP CALC from VIP Software. New product releases came from Prickly-Pear Software with their DISK TRIVIA software, and the Tom Mix milestone, WORLDS OF FLIGHT.

By the time the June 22-24 RAINBOWFEST touches down in Chicago, DRAGON/64 ads have vanished from all CoCo magazines as DRAGON DATA Ltd. (British parent company) is under receivership.

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Associates, and Computerware's first BASIC COMPILER.

Nelson Software changed its name in November to VIP SOFTWARE. (A rose by any other name?)

With Christmas only days away, TANO started including 8 FREE programs with its DRAGON/64. Things are not looking good for this CoCo clone.

Reviews for the DRAGON/32 and DRAGON/64 appear in a couple of publications along with the announcement of TIME BANDIT from the COMPUTER SHACK, MAGIGRAPH from The Micro Works, and POKES, PEEKS & EXEC FILE from MICROCOM SOFTWARE.

In January, a BARCODE READER called OSCAR is advertised in several computer magazines for several machines, including the CoCo. This \$178 ill-fated project ended up being liquidated for \$54.00.

WAYNE TECHNOLOGY marketed its CPM for the CoCo, and DYNAMIC ELECTRONICS marketed the first ever 128K upgrade.

February marked the debut of GRAPHICOM from

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Disk Utilities

By Robert Bruhl

Here are a couple of small programs that might be of interest to others. The first program, called DISKNAME, allows you to store up to a 20 character name in sector 1 of the directory track. The second program, called PRINTDIR, will print out a listing of the directory several different ways. It first asks you what drive, then if the ID is stored in or written on the disk. It will then print the listing in 1, 2, 3, or 4 columns based on the number of files saved in the disk. It used 10 CPI (characters per inch) for 1 column, 12 CPI for 2 columns, or 16 CPI for 3 or 4 columns. The print codes are set for a DMP130 type printer. The listing will print on half a page (33 lines) at 2400 baud.

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0 'DISKNAME.BAS IS PROGRAM NAME
1 '
2 'PUT DISKETTE NAME INTO TRACK 17
  SECTOR 1
3 'COPYRIGHT (C) 07/21/87
4 '   By: Robert E. Bruhl
5 '   841 N. Mapleton Ave.
6 '   Oak Park, IL, 60302
7 '
8 '   Last Modified: 7/30/91
9 '
10 CLEAR 1000:VERIFY ON
11 CLS:FOR X = 1125 TO 1146:GOSUB
  220:NEXT
12 FOR X = 1223 TO 1240:GOSUB
  220:NEXT
13 FOR X = 1324 TO 1331:GOSUB
  220:NEXT
14 PRINT@387,"PRESS ANY KEY TO
  CONTINUE":GOSUB 250
15 CLS:PRINT@0,"DRIVE 0-3?"
16 AN$ = INKEY$:IF AN$ < "0" OR
  AN$ > "3" THEN 70 ELSE DR =
  VAL(AN$)
17 CLS:DSKIDR,17,1,A$,B$:N$ =
  LEFT$(A$,20)
18 PRINT@193,N$:PRINT@289,"THIS IS
  CURRENT DISKETTE NAME":GOSUB 240
19 ON INSTR("YyNn",I$)GOTO
  180,180,110,110
20 A$ = STRING$(128,CHR$(255))
21 CLS:PRINT@102,"ENTER DISKETTE
  NAME"
22 30 PRINT@ 213,"]":PRINT@
  92,"[":LINEINPUTN$
23 140 IF LEN(N$)>20 THEN GOSUB
  260:GOTO 120
  
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Middle America CoCo Fest '93

Presented by "Mid Iowa & Country CoCo"

Saturday Breakfast 8:30 AM W/ Speakers (optional) \$7.00 RSVP

Saturday March 27, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday March 28, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Place: Ramada Inn. (formerly Travel Lodge)

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With a "limited number" of rooms reserved at Fest rates. \$35.00
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Several Color Computer Fests were successfully done in 92. Port Orchard, WA had an very successful Fest in June. Atlanta had an attendance of 200, plus vendors. This prompted my attention to the fact that a Fest could be held here in Des Moines, IA.

Well... not just another Fest.

Our national reach out and central location should assure full attendance with an attractive and fun filled Fest!

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Middle America Fest

Terry Simons/ Treas.

1328 48th

Des Moines, IA 50311

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150 LE = LEN(N$):IF LE < 20 THEN N$
  = N$ + " ":GOTO 150
160 CLS:PRINT@320,"-N$-":GOSUB
  230:ON INSTR("YyNn",I$)GOTO
  170,170,120,120
170 A$ = N$ + STRING$
  (108,CHR$(255)):DSKIDR,17,1,A$,B$
180 CLS:PRINT@98,"ANOTHER DISKETTE?
  (Y/N)":GOSUB 250
190 ON INSTR("YyNn",I$)GOTO 200,
  200,270,270
  
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200 PRINT@162, "INSERT NEW
DISKETTE":PRINT@226, "THEN PRESS
<ENTER>":GOSUB 250
210 GOTO 80
220 READ A:POKE X,A:RETURN
230 PRINT@290, "YOU ENTERED"
240 PRINT@386, "IS THIS CORRECT? (Y/
N)"
250 I$ = INKEY$:IF I$ = "" THEN
250 ELSE RETURN
260 CLS:PRINT@170, "LINE TOO
LONG":FOR T = 1 TO 500:NEXT
T:RETURN
270 CLS:END
280 DATA 80, 85, 84, 96, 78, 65, 77,
69,96,73,78,84,79,96,68,73,83,75,69,84,84,69
290 DATA 66, 89, 96, 82, 79, 66, 69,
82,84,96,69,110,96,66,82,85,72,76
300 DATA 104, 67, 105, 96, 113,
121, 120,119

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0 'PRINTDIR.BAS IS PROGRAM NAME
1 '
2 'COCO MULTI-COLUMN DIRECTORY LISTING
3 'COPYRIGHT (C) 1986
4 ' By: Robert E. Bruhl
5 ' 841 N. Mapleton Ave.
6 ' Oak Park, Il. 60302
7 '
8 ' Last Modified 1/19/92
9 '
10 CLEAR 2000:C$ = ""':DIM I$(78)
20 IF PEEK(65314) AND 1 THEN 20
30 POKE 150,18 '2400 BAUD
40 PRINT#2,CHR$(27);CHR$(52);CHR$(33);'33
LINES PER FORM
50 PRINT#-2,CHR$(27);CHR$(18);
'10 CHARACTERS PER INCH
60 N = 0
'FILENAME COUNTER
70 CLS:PRINT@0, "DRIVE 0-3?"
80 AN$ = INKEY$:IF AN$ < "0" OR AN$ >
'3' THEN 80 ELSE DR = VAL(AN$)
90 FG = FREE(DR)
100 PRINT@64, "LOCATION OF DISK ID"
110 PRINT@100, "(O)n DISKETTE?"
120 PRINT@132, "(I)n DISKETTE?"
130 AN$ = INKEY$:IF AN$ <> "0" AND AN$ <>
'I' THEN 100
140 IF AN$ = "0" THEN 170
150 DSKI$DR,17,1,A$,B$:DI$ = LEFT$(A$,20)
160 PRINT "ID: ";DI$:GOTO 180
170 LINEINPUT "ID: ";DI$
180 DSKI$DR,17,2,A$,B$
190 FOR S = 3 TO 11
'SECTOR NUMBERS
200 DSKI$DR,17,S,X$(1),X$(2)
210 FOR GR = 1 TO 2
'2 GRANULES PER SECTOR
220 FOR J = 1 TO 97 STEP 32
'4 ITEMS PER X$(GR)
230 IF MID$(X$(GR),J,1) = CHR$(255) THEN
380 'NO MORE ENTRIES
240 IF MID$(X$(GR),J,1) = CHR$(0) THEN 370
'DELETED ENTRY
250 N$ = MID$(X$(GR),J,8)
'FILENAME
260 E$ = MID$(X$(GR),J + 8,3)
'EXTENSION
270 Y$ = MID$(X$(GR),J + 11,1)
'TEMPORARY STORAGE
280 Y = ASC(Y$):T$ = STR$(Y)
'FILE TYPE
290 Y$ = MID$(X$(GR),J + 12,1):Y = ASC(Y$)
300 IF Y = 255 THEN F$ = "A" ELSE IF Y =
0 THEN F$ = "B" 'FILE FORMAT
310 G = 0
'GRANULE COUNTER
320 Z$ = MID$(X$(GR),J + 13,2):Z = ASC(Z$)
+ 1

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330 Y$ = MID$(A$, 2, 1) : Y = ASC(Y$) + 1 : G = G + 1
340 IF Y < 192 THEN Z = Y : GOTO 330
350 N = N + 1
360 I$(N) = N$ + C$ + E$ + C$ + T$ + C$ + F$ + C$ + STR$(G)
'STORE FILENAME INFO
370 NEXT J, GR, S
380 IF N < 17 THEN 550
390 PRINT#-2, DI$ : PRINT#-2, TAB(27); FG; ' ' FREE
GRANULES' '
400 IF N < 37 THEN 510
410 PRINT#-2, CHR$(27); CHR$(20)
'16 CHARACTERS PER INCH
420 IF N < 55 THEN 480
430 N = INT((N + 3)/4) : FOR I = 1 TO N
'4 FILENAMES PER LINE
440 PRINT#-2, LEFT$(I$(I), 12) : PRINT#-
2, TAB(22); LEFT$(I$(I + N), 12);
450 PRINT#-2, TAB(43); LEFT$(I$(I + N + N), 12);
460 PRINT#-2, TAB(64); LEFT$(I$(I + N + N +
N), 12)
470 I$(I + N + N + N) = ' ' : NEXT : GOTO 580
480 N = INT((N + 2)/3) : FOR I = 1 TO N
'3 FILENAMES PER LINE
490 PRINT#-2, I$(I) : PRINT#-2, TAB(27); I$(I +
N) : PRINT#-2, TAB(54); I$(I + N + N)
500 I$(I + N + N) = ' ' : NEXT : GOTO 580
510 PRINT#-2, CHR$(27); CHR$(29)
'12 CHARACTERS PER INCH
520 N = INT((N + 1)/2) : FOR I = 1 TO N
'2 FILENAMES PER LINE
530 PRINT#-2, I$(I) : PRINT#-2, TAB(31); I$(I + N)
540 I$(I + N) = ' ' : NEXT : GOTO 580
550 PRINT#-2, DI$ : PRINT#-2
560 FOR I = 1 TO N : PRINT#-2, I$(I) : NEXT
570 PRINT#-2 : PRINT#-2, TAB(1); FG; ' ' FREE GRAN-
ULES' '
580 LINEINPUT ' ' ANOTHER DISK? ' ' : AN$ : IF AN$ =
'Y' THEN PRINT#-2, CHR$(12) : GOTO 50
590 LINEINPUT ' ' SKIP TO PERFORATION? ' ' : AN$ : IF
AN$ <> 'Y' THEN 610
600 PRINT#-2, CHR$(12) : GOTO 590
610 PRINT#-2, CHR$(27); CHR$(52); CHR$(66) : END
'66 LINES PER FORM
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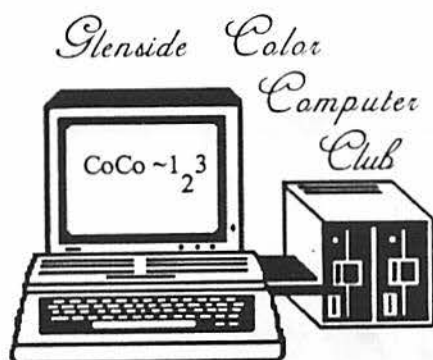
Location:

Glenside Public Library
25 W. Fullerton Avenue
Glendale Heights, IL. 60172

Directions:

Fullerton avenue is about 1 mile North of North Avenue (Route 64). The library is located West of Bloomindale Road in Glendale Heights. Bloomingdale Road is aproximately 2 miles West of Route 53 (or I-355).

Glenside Color Computer Club **Next Meeting Date...** **January 14**



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