

● Notes For SLCC Zoom Meeting 5-27-2025

● Hosted by Kevin

● In Attendance, Kevin, Robbie, Bob, Mariano, Don, Scott, and Richard

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● Quick recap

- The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including personal experiences with technology, upcoming events, and vintage computer hardware. Participants discussed their ongoing projects, shared technical knowledge, and made plans for future collaborations and displays at computer festivals. The group also touched on various other subjects, such as weather forecasts, gaming consoles, and humorous AI-related anecdotes.

● Next steps

- [Kevin: Send Bob the meeting location address for tomorrow's 1 PM box pickup in Lodi](#)
- [Kevin: Meet with Bob tomorrow at 1 PM to pick up boxes](#)
- [Kevin: Sign up for 2 tables at Vintage Computer Festival West](#)
- [Kevin: Create inventory list of available computers, monitors, and accessories for the festival display](#)
- [Kevin: Organize and set up two tables at the Vintage Computer Festival West to display the Excel line from 600 to 1450](#)
- [Kevin: Arrange exhibition badges for volunteers at the Vintage Computer Festival West](#)
- [Kevin: Locate and prepare the plexiglass stands with machine descriptions for the festival display](#)
- [Bob: Check for availability of CRT monitor stands with fabric skirts for the festival](#)
- [Bob: Look for more XL keyboard components as discussed](#)
- [Bob: Bring Commodore monitor to the festival for display](#)
- [Robbie: Bring 800 XL computer to the festival](#)
- [Robbie: Attend the Computer History Museum event for both days in August](#)
- [Richard: Help cover bathroom and lunch breaks during the festival](#)
- [Kevin: Find plexiglass stands in the garage for machine descriptions at the Computer History Museum event](#)
- [Kevin: Prepare two tables worth of Atari equipment for the Computer History Museum event in August](#)
- [Kevin: Send follow-up email to Bob](#)
- [Ron: Check calendar and confirm attendance for at least one day at the Computer History Museum event in August](#)

● Summary

● AI Tools and Job Search

- Mariano discussed his job search, including upcoming interviews with AI companies. He demonstrated an AI-generated animation of his daughter's drawing, showcasing his experimentation with AI tools. The group also discussed humorous AI failures in running a vending machine business and Mariano's interest in exploring more efficient ways to work with AI models.

● Atari Hardware and Hurricane Discussion

- Don shared details about his Atari ST hardware, including a third-party floppy drive that still works after 20 years of storage. The group discussed the upcoming hurricane season in Florida, with Don noting potential storms from the Pacific and Africa. Mariano and Kevin commented on the technical specifications of the Jaguar console, noting its 64-bit marketing claim despite having 4 8-bit processors.

● TRS-80 Raffle Surprise Event

- Robbie announced plans for a surprise event next week involving a giveaway or raffle, including a 40-pound zenith portable and a TRS-80. Don showed off his original, unopened TRS-80 box from 30 years ago, which the group estimated could be worth around \$150. Ron explained he missed the last meeting due to a business trip in Texas for management training.

● 2600 Video Circuitry and Soldering

- Ron discussed his plans to work on adding video circuitry to his 2600 XL but hasn't had time yet. He found another track drive, bringing his total to three, with one in poor condition that he plans to use for practice. The group shared experiences with soldering, including challenges with small components and the limitations of USB-powered soldering pencils for certain tasks. Ron mentioned having directions from a previous project and would use a damaged unit for practice to avoid risking a nice one.

● Atari Console Connection Discussion

- The group discussed vintage Atari gaming setups, with several members sharing their experiences of using RF connections to connect 8-bit consoles to TVs rather than monitors. Richard shared a deal on the new Atari 7800+ console and wireless controller, which is currently on sale for \$64.99, and mentioned he had purchased one at full price and another at a discounted rate of \$78. The console can play both 2600 and 7800 games, and includes built-in titles like Crystal Castles and Bentley Bear.

● Home Networking Setup Discussion

- Richard and Scott discussed their home networking projects, with Richard describing his setup of cables and equipment in his pantry and basement, including the use of cable grooming tools to organize wires neatly. Scott shared details about running an Ethernet cable from his garage to a studio using Cat 5e cable, which he installed within poly pipe and secured with watertight connections. The conversation concluded with an appreciation of their technical work and the importance of weatherproofing cable installations.

● Electrical Trench Digging Experience

- Scott described his experience of manually digging a trench for electrical wiring, transitioning from PEX to PVC due to UV resistance concerns, and noted improved Wi-Fi signal in his metal shop after the installation. He also shared his consideration of bidding on a vintage Centipede coin-operated machine at an estate auction but decided against it due to the high bid and uncertainty about its working condition.

● **VCF West Planning and Logistics**

- The group discussed several topics, including a humorous YouTube video of an AI interacting with a vending machine company. They agreed to meet the next day at 1 PM in Lodi to exchange boxes, with Kevin offering to take some boxes off Bob's hands. The conversation then shifted to planning for the Vintage Computer Festival West in August, where Kevin proposed setting up a display of XL computers from 600 to 1450. While Robbie offered to contribute his 800 XL, Mariano expressed interest in helping with the festival, offering to carry boxes and assist with setup.

● **Vintage terminal and Show Planning**

- The group discussed an auction item, a vintage computer terminal, which Mariano and others examined. They noted its condition, discussing potential repairs and parts replacement. Scott mentioned not bidding on it due to concerns about the tube. The conversation then shifted to an upcoming show, where Kevin requested the loan of CRT stands and Commodore monitors from Bob and Robbie for display purposes. They agreed to inventory available equipment to plan the setup.

● **Event Attendance and Break Coverage**

- The team discussed attendance for an upcoming event on Saturday and Sunday, with Kevin requesting that Richard and Mariano cover bathroom and lunch breaks. The group also briefly discussed video game consoles.

● **Vintage Excel Computer Show Planning**

- The group discussed preparations for an upcoming computer show at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View in August. Kevin shared his plans to display several vintage XL computers, including models 600, 800, 1400, and 1450, along with related accessories and documentation. He also demonstrated a new conductive pen he purchased to repair keyboard traces. The team discussed the logistics of setting up the display, including the need for tables and plexiglass stands for descriptions. Robbie confirmed he would attend both days of the show, while Ronald expressed interest in stopping by for at least one day.