- **Notes For SLCC Zoom Meeting 6-10-2025**
- Hosted by Kevin
- In Attendance, Kevin, Robbie, Bob, Don, Lenore, Rod, Ron and Scott

- **Quick recap**

- The group discussed repairs to a TRS-80 power supply and plans for displaying vintage computers at an upcoming event, including the Atari XL line and various accessories. Several members shared personal updates, including experiences with tornado damage and recent visits to computer stores, while also discussing technical projects like 3D scanning and FPGA-based miniaturized computers. The conversation ended with plans for future events, including a computer festival in October and a discussion about setting up an Atari-focused exhibit area with appropriate power and equipment requirements.

- **Next steps**
- Kevin: Submit VCF West application with power requirements and co-exhibitors' names
- Bob: Search for display stands in office and barn
- Kevin: Order display stands from Amazon if Bob cannot find existing ones
- Ron: Complete and bring modified Atari 600 XL with video monitor output to July 1st meeting
- Robbie: Bring CRT monitor, 800 XL, and SLCC Club banner to VCF West
- Kevin: Bring 1010 tape drive and 1020 printer for the 600 XL display
- Lenore: Wait for desoldering gun delivery on Thursday to continue work on 1250 XL
- Robbie: Bring Atari joysticks for the festival display
- Kevin: Email Garrett about potentially attending and bringing his Atari 1400
- Kevin: Create banner featuring Excel line catalog content
- Kevin/Robbie: Coordinate Friday setup schedule for festival
- Kevin: Contact show organizers to ensure Atari-related exhibits are placed together
- Kevin: Prepare and pack equipment
- Kevin: Test printers before show
- Team: Provide feedback and ideas about show for next week's meeting

- **Summary**

- **TRS-80 Computer Repair Update**

- Kevin discusses repairing a TRS-80 power supply that had a capacitor failure during a previous meeting, causing smoke. He has replaced one capacitor and plans to replace two more once he receives additional parts. Robbie explains the incident to those who weren't present, mentioning how they managed to contain the situation without setting off alarms in the library. Kevin notes that the computer was in excellent condition before the failure, with minimal use. Robbie announces a raffle for another vintage computer at the next meeting on July 1st. Kevin and Ronald briefly discuss plans to examine an Atari ST case at a future meeting.

- **Lenore's Tornado and 3D Projects**

● Lenore shares that she recently experienced a close call with a tornado passing over her area, causing minor damage to her property and more significant damage on the east side of town. She also provides an update on her work with the 1250 XL computer, mentioning a setback due to soldering the wrong regulator and needing to order a new desoldering gun. Lenore discusses her ongoing projects, including learning to use a 3D scanner and experimenting with a new 3D printer, with the goal of eventually creating 3D-printable models of Atari computer cases.

● **Revisiting Atari and Nostalgia**

● Rod shares a nostalgic story about reconnecting with an old friend over Atari games. He recounts how they met in 1983 through exchanging 2600 cartridges and recently spent an evening playing classic Atari games, including Space Invaders on a 2600 and games on an 800 XL. Rod also mentions that a two-day computer festival similar to last year's successful event is likely to occur in October, though details haven't been published yet.

● **VCF West Attendance Planning**

● Kevin is filling out the application for the Vintage Computer Festival West and asks about attendance. He confirms that he, Bob, Richard, and Ron will be attending as co-exhibitors. Ron mentions he will be there for at least one day. Kevin encourages others to confirm their attendance plans for the event.

● **Atari XL Display Event Planning**

● Kevin plans to display the complete Atari XL line at the upcoming event, including models from the 600 XL to the 1450 XLD. He requests Robbie's CRT monitor and SLCC banner, and asks Ronald to prepare a 600 XL with video output. The group discusses booth setup, equipment placement, and security measures for rare items. Kevin reads a draft of the event description for approval, which the group finds satisfactory. They also touch on the need for joysticks and cartridges for the display.

● **Event Power Requirements Planning**

● The group discusses power requirements for their setup at an event, likely a computer exhibition. They decide to request 12 to 20 amps at 120 volts, considering the power needs of multiple CRT monitors, computers, disk drives, and accessories. They estimate this should be sufficient based on the power consumption of individual components and past experiences. The group also discusses strategies for managing power distribution and potential issues that may arise at the event.

● **Atari Display Equipment Planning Meeting**

● Kevin discusses display stands and paper holders for the upcoming event, mentioning that he may have borrowed some from Bob or his wife's work. Bob agrees to look for the missing stands. Kevin also mentions finding smaller business card-sized holders, which are deemed too small. They plan to bring printers, including Excel printers, a 1010 tape drive, and a 1020 plotter for display purposes. Kevin expresses his intention to coordinate with other Atari exhibitors to create an Atari-focused area at the event. They discuss the need for power supplies, SIO cables, and video cables for all the equipment.

● **Event Planning and Micro Center Visit**

● Kevin plans to email Garrett about attending the event and possibly bringing his 1,400 equipment. The group discusses the noise level of their exhibit, with Kevin indicating it won't be too loud. Kevin will list everyone as co-exhibitors and include his phone number as the main contact. Robbie offers to help with setup on Friday, but details are yet to be finalized. Kevin then describes his visit to the new Micro Center store in Santa Clara, highlighting its unique features such as the automated filament wall, build-your-own computer area, and real-time CPU pricing display.

● **Store Opening and Atari Discussion**

● The group discusses the recent opening of a store, with Kevin explaining that setting up such a store typically takes about two weeks. Lenore suggests that permit issues in Cupertino might have caused delays. The conversation then shifts to a recent article about a miniaturized Atari 8-bit computer built on a single FPGA chip, with Scott and Kevin discussing its technical aspects and potential applications. Don mentions he might not attend next week's meeting, and the group briefly speculates about the possibility of Atari releasing miniature versions of their classic consoles in the future.

● **Atari Museum Google Office Visit**

● Rod shares information about a Google office in California that pays tribute to Atari, including an Atari museum inside. The group discusses the historical significance of the location and expresses interest in visiting. Kevin mentions the possibility of future visits, and the meeting concludes with a reminder for attendees to provide feedback and ideas for the next meeting.

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