

● Notes For SLCC Zoom Meeting 7-8-2025

- Hosted by Kevin
- In Attendance, Kevin, Robbie, Bob, Michael, Scott, Ron

● Quick recap

- The group discussed various technical challenges and solutions related to computer hardware, including mounting drives, repairing computers, and matching paint colors for vintage machines. They planned for an upcoming computer show and exhibition, coordinating logistics for equipment setup, accommodations, and display items. The conversation ended with updates on personal vehicles and technology, including new car features and experiences with solar panels and battery technology.

● Next steps

- Bob: Find and book suitable hotel accommodation in Mountain View for Thursday and Friday nights during VCF
- Kevin: Guard Lenore's prototype 1250 and 1450 boards during VCF display and take photos
- Robbie: Bring 800 XL computer, Commodore monitor, power supplies and San Leandro Computer Club banner to VCF
- Kevin: Meet with Garrett at his office during lunch to pick up the clear acrylic cover for the 1400 and view his Atari museum collection
- Kevin: Check the second 1450 setup for next week's meeting
- Kevin: Double check PayPal account to ensure no duplicate charges for Bob's solar panel order
- Bob: Follow up on the second solar panel order status and transaction issues
- Robbie: Send any corrections needed for meeting notes to Kevin and Bill regarding technical details
- Kevin: Send an email to Bob regarding any additional requirements or suggestions needed after returning home

● Summary

● Team Updates and Tech Discussions

- Robbie and Kevin discussed the challenges of in-person meetings, including the difficulty of remembering attendees and the lack of recording. Robbie mentioned the Club to a friend named Chris, and shared details about acquiring new phones and watches, including a deal on a \$10 phone. They briefly touched on Kevin's new car purchase and discussed their experiences with old computers.

● Drive Mounting Challenges and Solutions

- Kevin discussed his challenges in finding the correct size standoffs for mounting drives in a 1450 computer case, noting that the measurements did not match standard screw sizes. He explained his process of trial and error in ordering different sizes, with the next set arriving the following day. Scott suggested alternative solutions, including using long bolts or 3D printing custom parts. Kevin also described his plan to use

masonite to create a sturdy mounting system for the drives.

● **Computer Repair and Festival Updates**

- Kevin discussed his successful repair of a computer with XLD drives, explaining how he found a matching drive on eBay and installed it with a masonite cage. He noted that the Tom Board recognized both drives when using DOS 3, and that the computer was now fully functional. The group also briefly discussed Kevin's current location, which he revealed to be his parents' home in Pismo Beach, California, with a view of the Pacific Ocean. The conversation concluded with Kevin mentioning that he had some news about items they would be showing at an upcoming festival.

● **Atari Prototype Show Planning Meeting**

- The group discussed plans for an upcoming computer show, where Kevin will display several prototype Atari boards including a 1450 board, a 1250 XL board, and a 1200 prototype board loaned by his friend Chris. They confirmed the show hours will be 10-6 on Friday and 9-5 on Saturday, with setup on Thursday afternoon and tear-down on Saturday evening. Bob inquired about accommodations in Mountain View, and Kevin agreed to research and email recommendations for hotels in the area, noting that while some older motels have been converted to homeless shelters, the overall area remains nice due to Google's development.

● **Exhibition Logistics and Equipment Setup**

- The group discussed logistics for an upcoming exhibition, with Kevin providing detailed instructions on accessing the venue through the loading dock and navigating to the second floor. They confirmed that exhibitors can enter at 8 AM and should walk around first before carrying equipment up. Kevin mentioned bringing multiple monitors, cables, and power supplies, while Robbie will bring an 800 XL and Commodore Monitor. The discussion concluded with a note about a friend who will have a table nearby with a wire-wrapped Amiga machine prototype.

● **Computer Festival and Member Updates**

- The group discussed an upcoming computer festival and a potential new member named Chris who collects rare Atari hardware. Kevin mentioned he would have a second 1450 buttoned up for the meeting next week. Scott showed magazine release parts he was working on. The group also talked about a new retro computer magazine called Compute Gazette that will be released next month. Kevin shared that a member with a 2600 collection had passed away, which meant they wouldn't be getting that collection anytime soon.

● **Vintage Computer Painting Experiences**

- Kevin discussed his experiences with painting vintage computers, successfully matching the paint for IBM PC cases. He shared challenges in finding the correct colors, particularly for Atari computers, and mentioned waiting for a specific sharpie color to match the trim on his machines. The conversation concluded with a lighthearted exchange about Robbie's homemade telescope base and Bob mentioning his childhood erector set, with Scott suggesting it could be used for building drives.

● **Solar Panel Payment Issues**

- Bob discussed issues with a solar panel order and payment transaction not being recorded, which Kevin suggested checking the credit card statement or PayPal account to verify. Scott shared an experience with a scam website and the challenges of finding refrigerants, while Kevin shared his recent purchase of a new BMW 540i after a long wait due to supply chain issues. The group also discussed the challenges of battery technology in electric vehicles and the current state of lawn equipment in California.

● **New Car Features and Experience**

- Kevin shared his experience with a new car, detailing its advanced features including a large touchscreen, multiple cameras, voice and gesture control, and a high-quality stereo system. He noted that the car's performance felt smoother than expected and mentioned leasing it due to its complex electronic components. The group discussed the car's hybrid technology and Kevin's plans to email Bob for any additional suggestions.