

## Notes for SLCC-Atari Zoom Meeting 6/16/26

Hosted by Kevin

In Attendance, Kevin, Robbie, Ron, Scott, Richard C., and Don

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### Meeting summary

#### Quick recap

This was a casual monthly meeting of Atari computer enthusiasts where participants discussed various topics including weather conditions, personal projects, and upcoming events. The group discussed recent weather patterns, with participants sharing experiences about heat waves and tornado activity. Scott shared a personal story about a tornado that passed near his home, causing damage to local businesses. The conversation then shifted to technology topics, including Kevin's new 32-inch 4K monitor and discussions about LEGO sets and Star Wars 4K releases. Richard showed off a new Atari computer board he had received and discussed his ongoing AI projects for the Atari. The group also talked about an upcoming in-person meeting in San Leandro where Robbie planned to bring an Atari for a raffle, and they discussed ways for remote participants like Scott to potentially participate. Don joined the meeting briefly from Florida and mentioned he was working on revising a railroad signaling project. The conversation ended with participants confirming the next in-person meeting would be held in three weeks.

#### Next steps

##### Harry

- [Investigate and implement a way for remote members to participate in the raffle at the in-person meeting.](#)

##### Kevin

- [Put out a call on forums for people to bring their 1400/1450 machines to the Vintage Computer Festival West in early August.](#)
- [Organize and set up a table \(possibly two\) for the Vintage Computer Festival West, focusing on displaying 1400 and 1450 machines.](#)

## **Richard**

- [Look into the Linux port of the Altirra emulator for testing Atari projects.](#)
- [Schedule time to install and test the new VME card on the Atari TT at Kevin's house.](#)

## **Robbie**

- [Bring an Atari for the raffle at the next in-person meeting.](#)

## **Summary**

### **Informal Team Check-in Meeting**

The conversation included casual discussion about weather conditions in different regions, with Kevin mentioning extreme heat in the Bay Area and Scott reporting recent rain in his area with more expected throughout the week.

### **Tornado Damage and Recovery**

Scott described experiencing a tornado that passed close to his home, causing damage to local businesses and homes in the area. He detailed specific examples of property damage, including a mobile home that was severely impacted while an adjacent frame house remained mostly intact, and mentioned ongoing reconstruction efforts in the community. The discussion concluded with Scott describing the history of Leary's Barbecue restaurant, which had previously operated out of a travel trailer before building a permanent structure.

### **Rising Food Prices Discussion**

The group discussed rising prices at local food establishments, with Scott noting that a baked potato po' boy increased from \$10 to \$15-16 over six years. Kevin shared similar experiences at their local farmer's market, where produce prices have doubled or tripled, with a small basket of strawberries now costing \$12-15. The conversation then shifted to a discussion about an unusual radio telephone device that Kevin had found on eBay.

### **Computer Display at Computer Festival**

Kevin proposed organizing a table display of 1400 and 1450 series computers at the Vintage Computer Festival West in early August, with less setup required than the

previous year. He estimated about three people in the Bay Area who own these machines and noted his previous Facebook posts about the machines received significant engagement. Ron and Robbie agreed to participate in the simplified setup, which would involve just two tables with the computers and basic documentation rather than extensive equipment.

### **LEGO Collections and Technology Discussion**

The group discussed LEGO collections, with Richard sharing details about his son's extensive LEGO purchases totaling around \$3,000-4,000 over several months through buying and selling sets. They discussed the new Star Trek Enterprise D set and pricing structure of LEGO sets, noting that bricks cost approximately 10 cents each. The conversation then shifted to technology topics, including Richard's new Atari computer setup and Kevin's new 32-inch 4K monitor. The discussion concluded with an in-depth conversation about 4K Star Wars releases, particularly the Project 4K77 initiative which restores the original cuts of the trilogy without later additions or CGI enhancements.

### **Fence Rebuild and Installation Discussion**

Kevin discussed rebuilding his fence around air conditioning units after it was damaged in February windstorms, noting he had made construction mistakes 13 years ago that he corrected during the rebuild.

### **Raffle Plans**

Robbie announced plans to bring an Atari for the upcoming in-person meeting raffle in San Leandro, and Kevin mentioned that Harry is working on finding a way for remote participants to participate in the raffle.

### **Railroad Project and C++ Discussion**

Don discussed his work on a railroad project, mentioning he discovered missing signals and needs to rewrite the entire thing as version 2.0. The group then discussed Don's email about using C++ on Atari, with Richard questioning the choice of language due to memory constraints, though Kevin clarified it compiles to 6502 assembler. The conversation ended with Richard mentioning finding an alternative that only runs on Windows.

### **AI Testing Platform Migration Plans**

Richard discussed challenges with testing AI code on Atari systems using Windows emulators and proposed switching to a Linux port of Altirra to improve testing capabilities. He mentioned his AI project has experienced feature creep but is nearing completion, with plans to demo it in a few months. Richard also discussed his plans to install a new VME card on an Atari TT system and explore using Linux distributions on it.

### **Puzzles, Games, and Planning**

The group discussed puzzles and Lego building, with Richard sharing his experience assembling a 3D duck puzzle and Kevin describing his ongoing challenges with several difficult puzzles he's been working on for years. The conversation then shifted to video games, particularly Minecraft's popularity and Grand Theft Auto 5's enduring success. The conversation ended with confirmation that the next in-person meeting would be held in three weeks on the first Tuesday of the month, with an invitation for Richard to attend and see Kevin's new car.