

Notes For SLCC-In Person & Zoom Meeting 7/7/26

Hosted by Kevin

In Attendance at The San Leandro Library, Kevin, Robbie, and Ron

In Attendance For The Zoom Meeting, Kevin, Robbie, Ron, Don, Scott, Richard Chennault, and Michael S.

Meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting was a gathering of the SLCC (San Leandro Computer Club) where members discussed various topics related to vintage computers and technology. The group shared experiences with computer hardware, including discussions about Atari ST computers, printers (particularly the Alps 1020 and Centronics printers), and modern emulators. Members discussed technical issues like restoring old equipment, with Kevin providing advice on cleaning rubber components using WD-40 and rubbing alcohol. The club received approval to have tables at the upcoming Vintage Computer Festival West, and Kevin mentioned he would need to fill out a form for free entry. Scott shared his recent beekeeping activities and mentioned reassembling an 800XL computer, while Michael discussed helping his wife at her hair salon business called "Cookies Cut" in Scotts Valley. The group also discussed programming techniques for Atari 8-bit computers, including optimization strategies and the use of assembly language for maximum performance.

Next steps

Kevin

- [Fill out the form for Vintage Computer Festival West to get free entry for SLCC members.](#)
- [Ask Bob to bring his 16 MHz accelerator system \(specifically the 800XL with the accelerator\) to a future meeting.](#)
- [Arrange to pick up the two 1400XL computers from the person in San Rafael, fix their keyboards using the provided replacement membranes, and return the computers after the show.](#)

Richard D.

- [Attempt to get ink for the 1020 plotter printer working by soaking the ink pens in hot water as suggested by Scott.](#)

Summary

Computer Hardware and Atari Discussion

The group discussed various topics including computer hardware issues, with Kevin experiencing problems with menu functionality on a device. They examined different computer components including an Atari ST system and discussed Pico cards for Raspberry Pi devices. The conversation also covered an Atari magazine that was created entirely on an Atari Falcon using Cumulus desktop publishing software, with detailed articles about different computer carts. Harry was noted as absent due to work and family commitments, and the group briefly discussed recycling options for electronic equipment.

Vintage Computer Hardware Discussion

Don and Kevin discussed computer hardware, including new Commodore models and RGB cases, with Kevin expressing a preference for restoring original cases rather than using transparent or black alternatives. They also talked about modern upgrades for vintage computers and mentioned the high cost of some retro computing equipment. The conversation briefly touched on Star Trek games for PCs and licensing issues with recent releases.

Star Trek Game History Discussion

The group discussed historical aspects of Star Trek games, including early mainframe versions from college hobbyists. The conversation included a discussion about an Atari ST solitaire game from 1990 that claimed to "run great on laptops," though this was noted as being premature given the era. Michael briefly joined the meeting at the end.

Vintage Technology Discussion Meeting

The group discussed various vintage technology items including printers, cameras, and computers. Michael mentioned having an Atari 825 printer in storage that he hasn't opened, while Richard D. demonstrated an ALPS printer he had purchased and showed how to test its ink cartridges. The discussion covered technical details about different printer types, including the distinction between single-direction and bi-

directional printing, and the historical context of how Atari printers were rebadged Centronics models requiring special interfaces.

Vintage Computer Festival Planning

The group discussed their approval to have tables at the Vintage Computer Festival West, with Kevin noting they would need to fill out a form for free entry and requesting to avoid being placed behind walls or beams. Scott shared updates on his beekeeping activities and successfully reassembling an 800XL computer, while the group discussed programming techniques for Atari 8-bit computers and modern demos. Kevin announced that a San Rafael resident will loan two 1400XL computers for the show, with the condition that he fix the keyboards with replacement membranes.