

Notes For SLCC In-Person and Zoom Meeting 9-3-2024

Hosted by Kevin

In Attendance at The San Leandro Library, Kevin and Robbie

In Attendance For the Zoom Meeting, Kevin, Robbie, Don, Bob, Rodrigo, Michael S., Scott, Mariano

- Robbie mentioned Michael's email about his NUC and the data.
- Michael answered that he hasn't spent much time on data sheets or manuals, so he thought he would give it a try.
- Robbie mentioned to Scott that it was nighttime in Chile when Rodrigo was Zooming, and we got into a conversation about Spain, Portugal, and Dutch colonization. Scott mentioned the Dutch had a monopoly on Quinine for treating Malaria. Seeds of the cinchona(quina-quina) tree were smuggled out of South America, where it was referred to as, "Jesuit's bark", in the 1600's. Germany then came up with another cure.
- Bob has finished loading a 6 yard dumpster with yard waste. Michael waits until the first rain to safely burn his. We discussed burning pinecones and brush.

- Michael mentioned that Lithium batteries get more dangerous as you charge them, causing fires and explosions.
- Mariano showed "Dragon" and a better display with an upscaler, and said the screen is more readable. Michael noticed there was a lot of "noise". Mariano contacted the SD card supplier and moved a jumper and the screen was better...there was a problem with the LCD screen and the sync signal. He showed some sync problems on an illustration of a band.
- Michael showed Retro Scaler 2X to convert S Video to HDMI, although he had to customize the case to accept his cable. Kevin mentioned he had to widen the hole in his case to accept a high quality cable.
- Kevin showed off an HP Stream laptop that Robbie gave him and it was compared to a Chromebook. It was asked, "what kind of connections does it have?" He said it has 3 USB, HDMI, and an SD Card slot. It has a special barcode that Kevin scanned, but went nowhere.
- We talked about helping people with their computers, and Michael said if you know anything about computers, people think you know a lot! Kevin also helps relatives of his wife with their computers, but he assumed one person clicked on everything that popped up and the computer

had 6000 viruses! Another computer was next to the cat's bed(it was said that " the cat ate the mouse!"). The power supply was caked with dirt, and the computer got too hot and shut off-full of cat hair.

- Michael mentioned he opened a Radio Shack computer once and lots of cockroaches swarmed out! It was mentioned, "it had lots of bugs!"
- Rod is playing with his Atari Game Station Pro. When he was in college he liked a flight simulator for the F16 and he found a joystick with a DA 15 connection and he got a wireless joystick and swapped parts and it worked well. He has a friend with a 2600 joystick adaptation. Kevin mentioned they have kits to convert Atari CX40 joysticks to wireless.