

Notes For SLCC Zoom Meeting 12-30-24

Hosted by Kevin

In Attendance:Kevin,Richard,Mariano,Don,Scott and Bob

Meeting summary for SLCC-Atari Zoom Meeting 12/30/24 7pm (12/31/2024)

- **Quick recap**

- The team discussed various topics including vintage computer components, personal experiences with technology, and holiday activities. They also shared their experiences with computer hardware issues and solutions, and discussed their plans for upcoming events and projects. Additionally, they shared their experiences with old computer boards and the potential for acquiring new Spectrum computers.

- **Next steps**

- Next steps were not generated due to insufficient transcript.

- **Summary**

- **Vintage Apple Computer Discussion**

- Richard has been working on his resume and doing house chores since being laid off. He shows a vintage Apple computer, a 2.5i model with a working profile drive and mouse, advertised for \$35, which he considers a decent price. Kevin remarks it's a good deal, especially with the parallel card and CF card adapter included, making it capable of running as a Lisa or Mac with the right ROMs. The group discusses the rarity and value of the vintage components.

- **Digital Transitions and Marketplace Leases**

- Richard, Kevin, Mariano, and Don discussed various topics including leases on Facebook marketplace, the transition from physical to digital operating systems, and personal experiences with technology. Richard and Kevin shared their experiences with leasing items on Facebook marketplace and the challenges of adapting to new operating systems. Don shared his recent experiences with a new computer and his attempts to load files from backup DVDs. Kevin also shared his new camera and some gifts he received for Christmas. The team also discussed issues with DVD drives and the need for drivers or software for certain devices.

- **Star Wars, Leather Jacket, Atari VCS**

- The meeting involved a discussion about various topics, including a Star Wars movie edition, a leather jacket, and an Atari VCS. Mariano shared his experience of watching the original Star Wars movie, and Kevin mentioned downloading the same version. Richard and Mariano discussed the different versions of Star Wars available, with Richard mentioning a 19 GB version. The group also discussed a leather jacket that Kevin received as a gift, which he showed off during the meeting. Lastly, Bob shared his miniature Atari game, which he received as a Christmas gift. The conversation ended with Scott wishing everyone a Happy New Year and mentioning that he had to leave soon.

- **Atari Upgrades and Restoration Discussion**

- The team discussed various Atari-related items, including a miniature arcade machine, an Atari 1200 XL extender, and a Uav signal cleaner. KLund1100 shared details about the Atari 1200 XL extender, which provides bug fixes, high-speed Sio control, and other improvements. The team also

discussed the installation of a Sophia two in a 65XE computer and the restoration of a 130 computer. Mariano65XE mentioned that he has a pristine 65XE that he plans to upgrade to Sophia. The team also discussed the quality of different keyboards and the potential for using third-party components.

- **Computer Hardware Issues and Solutions**

- The meeting revolved around a discussion about various computer hardware issues and solutions. Kevin shared his struggles with repairing a drive and swapping chips, which resulted in one of the working drives not working anymore. He also mentioned issues with erasing and programming E prompts. Mariano and Richard provided insights and suggestions, including the possibility of the hardware being for a Sinclair or Spectrum computer. The group also discussed the potential of acquiring a new Spectrum computer, which Kevin was considering due to its improved features and compatibility with the RAM expansion discussed.

- **Christmas Experiences and Movie Preferences**

- The team discussed their Christmas experiences. Bob shared that he had a great Christmas with his family, including his dogs. Kevin mentioned a fun trip to his wife's sister's place, where they enjoyed a big meal and watched Christmas movies. Mariano and Richard also shared their Christmas movie preferences, with Mariano expressing his dislike for some scenes in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and Richard mentioning his enjoyment of "Die Hard." The team also discussed a unique Advent calendar Kevin received as a gift, which featured props from the movie "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." Don shared an interesting fact about the making of the movie, revealing that the actor who fell off the building actually fell a few stories to achieve the shocked expression.

- **Star Trek Convention and Projects**

- Kevin shared his plans for the upcoming Star Trek convention in San Francisco, including wearing Captain Kirk's yellow shoes. He also mentioned his past experience at a convention where some attendees wore revealing costumes. Mariano shared his work on the Atari bot and his collaboration with Kevin Savitz on a social network project. The group also discussed their holiday activities and progress on various projects.

- **Reset Issue and Chip Replacement**

- Bob discussed a reset problem he encountered with 50 machines, where most failed the reset test after hitting the reset button a few times. He explained that the issue could be fixed by changing the chip or reducing the size of the timing capacitor. Kevin agreed that the fix was easier and cheaper, involving less soldering. Bob also mentioned that the reset issue was more pervasive than he initially thought, affecting almost every board. The team also shared a light-hearted moment when Richard's dog was mentioned to be watching them.

- **Old Computer Boards and Capacitors**

- Bob discussed his experience with old computer boards that he had been pulling out of stock for years. He found that many of these boards, which hadn't been powered on for years, would not work initially but would function properly after a period of time, suggesting that the capacitors needed to reform. Bob also mentioned that he had seen many people unnecessarily change capacitors on these boards, which could be a costly and time-consuming process. Don and Kevin agreed with Bob's observations and shared their own experiences with similar issues. The conversation ended with Kevin mentioning a new camera he had acquired and a party he was hosting the following day.

