

## Notes For SLCC In-Person and Zoom Meeting 3-4-2025

Hosted by Kevin

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

In Attendance For The Zoom Meeting, Scott, Bob, and Don

- **Quick recap**

- The team discussed various topics including weather conditions, Atari game reviews, home audio systems, and experiences with purchasing large TVs. They also discussed the Starship launch, the Outer Space Treaty, government programs, and Scott's beekeeping activities. Additionally, they shared updates on their computer projects, Scott's camping plans, and Bob's struggles with a diskette.

- **Next steps**

- • Scott to feed his bees with sugar water before going camping for the next week and a half.

- • Bob to try using a joystick in port 1 to select and launch ATR files on his internal SD card interface.

- • Bob to review Lotharek's website and YouTube videos for instructions on using the SD card interface.

- • Bob to check Michael's notes on the non-standard configuration of his computer with the SD card interface.

- • Scott to review the manual for using keyboard controls with the SD card interface when he returns from camping.

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- **Summary**

- **Video and Home Audio Issues**

- The group discusses audio and video quality issues at the start of the meeting. They then chat about various topics, including weather conditions, Atari game reviews, and home audio systems. Scott mentions plans to convert part of his garage into a media room. The conversation shifts to experiences with purchasing and transporting large TVs. Bob joins the call, and the group briefly discusses the weather in Placerville and working in cold conditions. The meeting ends with a brief exchange about Atari computers and their availability for future use.

- **Starship Launch, Reuse, and Outer Space**

- Scott and Kevin discussed the Starship launch and its implications. They also talked about the possibility of reusing booster 14. Additionally, they discussed the Outer Space Treaty and its relevance to private rocket launches. Finally, they touched on the topic of government programs, jobs, and layoffs, expressing concerns about the efficiency of certain programs.

- **Kevin's Twisted Ankle and Hard Drive Interface**

- In the meeting, Kevin discussed their recent experience with a twisted ankle and the subsequent recovery. They also shared their excitement about a new hard drive interface they found on eBay, which they plan to modify to work with their existing drives. The group also reminisced about the challenges of sourcing parts for their vintage computers in the past, with Scott recalling using a rubber band as a drive belt for his 1050. The conversation concluded

with Kevin expressing optimism about the new hard drive interface and promising to keep the group updated on its progress.

- **Scott's Beekeeping and Hive Maintenance**

- Scott provides an update on his beekeeping activities. He has ordered new bees expected in late April and is preparing to feed his current bees before going camping. Scott explains the hive structure and his recent maintenance tasks, including cleaning the hive and preparing for potential swarming. He also mentions developing sensitivity to bee stings and now wears a full bee suit for protection. The group briefly discusses honey usage in various foods and drinks.

- **Atari SD Card Adapter Setup**

- Bob discusses his experience with an SD card adapter for his Atari computer. He found a box with 10 keypads and is trying to get the Serial I/O to SD card working. Scott and Kevin offer advice on how to use the device, mentioning that it requires specific files on the SD card and can be controlled with buttons or a joystick. Bob reveals that his device is internal without buttons or display, which complicates the setup. They discuss various methods to select and boot disk images, with Scott demonstrating the process using a joystick. Bob plans to try using a joystick to navigate the menu and mentions the need for additional ports for a printer and real disk drives.

- **Bob's Diskette Struggles and Computer Case**

- In the meeting, Bob discussed his struggles with a diskette and his plans to consult Michael for assistance. Kevin mentioned Lotharek's website as a valuable resource and suggested YouTube videos for more information. They also discussed the potential of customizing a computer case with an S Drive. The team decided to wrap up the meeting early, acknowledging the need to handle other tasks. Don and Kevin expressed their farewells, and Scott, preparing for a camping trip the following week, wished everyone a good time.

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