

Notes For SLCC In-Person and Zoom Meeting 4-7-2026

Hosted by Kevin

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

In Attendance For The Zoom Meeting, Kevin, Robbie, Ron, Harry, Don, Scott, Chris, Bob, Richard Diaz, and Richard Chennault

Meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting focused on retro computing hardware and gaming, with participants sharing and demonstrating various vintage items including Commodore drives, Atari emulators, and gaming controllers. Harry showed off a new Zoom Floppy device that can read and write Commodore 64 floppy disks through a PC emulator, while Richard D. demonstrated a Game Station Go console that he purchased for \$99 and can connect to modern displays. The group also discussed chip testing equipment, with Kevin sharing his new BackBit chip tester that can test various vintage chips including 6502 processors and RAM modules. Additionally, Harry presented an Intellivision touch controller from Brazil that features 190 overlays and a touchscreen interface, which he purchased with friends to split the cost. The conversation concluded with participants sharing travel plans, including Kevin's upcoming trip to Oaxaca, Mexico to inspect property.

Next steps

- [Richard Diaz: Try to 3D print a case for the Zoom floppy and show it at the next meeting; offer to make and mail one to others if interested](#)
- [Richard : Look into using PayPal's shipping service to get a better rate for shipping the XE 80-column device](#)
- [Kevin: Coordinate with Richard to potentially generate and send a shipping label via PayPal for the XE 80-column device](#)
- [Kevin: Connect with Richard C. to arrange a visit to his house at a later date](#)

Summary

Technical and Rocket Launch Discussion

Chris shared his experience seeing a rocket launch from Mexico, describing the visual effects of the booster rockets. The conversation then shifted to discussing rocket launches in general, with participants sharing their experiences of seeing rockets from different locations in Mexico. The conversation ended with a demonstration of a Commodore games drive that can also function as a full usable drive when connected to a Vice emulator.

Retro Computing Equipment Discussion

The group discussed various Commodore and retro computing equipment, including a 1571 floppy drive and a Game Station Go emulator. Richard Diaz shared his recent purchase of a CBM 2040 drive for \$100, which he demonstrated using with NIB tools to write and read data. The discussion included details about the Game Station Go's features, including its large screen, trackball, and ability to run Atari games, with Richard noting he purchased it from Woot for \$99.

Retro Gaming Hardware Discussion

The group discussed retro gaming hardware, focusing on a Zoom Floppy device that can connect a real Commodore C64 floppy to a PC emulator. Kevin demonstrated how the device allows direct access to copy-protected games, noting its limitations compared to Atari systems. The conversation also touched on pricing trends for gaming consoles and Richard Diaz shared his plans to 3D print a custom case for the Zoom Floppy device, though he needed to verify if he had the correct shade of green filament available.

New Chip Tester Demonstration

Kevin demonstrated a new chip tester he purchased, highlighting its capabilities for testing various chips including Atari, Commodore, and Intel components. The device is described as standalone and significantly more affordable than alternatives, with features including cart ripping functionality and comprehensive chip identification through a menu system. The discussion included details about assembly requirements, with Kevin noting that while some assembly is needed for components like the 30-PIN SIM tester, the process takes only about 5 minutes per component.

Electronic Testing Equipment Discussion

The group discussed electronic testing equipment, focusing on RAM testers and chip testing capabilities. Kevin shared their experience with a new RAM tester from Brazil that works well for testing 4416 chips needed for a 5200 system, despite some initial assembly required. The discussion included pricing comparisons between assembled and kit versions of various testers, with Richard Diaz mentioning a Retro Chip Tester Professional kit that costs around \$500 including shipping. The conversation concluded with an observation about a unique Brazilian television controller with a 16-position joystick similar to the Intellivision.

Intellivision Touch Controller Discussion

The group discussed a new Intellivision touch controller with 190 overlays that Harry had purchased for \$75 plus \$80 shipping, which was split with two friends. They explored the controller's features, including its touchscreen capabilities and ability to select different

game overlays. The conversation also covered shipping costs for an XP80 device, with Kevin suggesting using PayPal's shipping service for discounts. The conversation ended with casual conversation about travel plans, including Kevin's upcoming trip to Oaxaca, Mexico to inspect property.