

## **Notes For SLCC-Atari Zoom Meeting 5/26/26.**

**In Attendance, Kevin, Robbie, Scott, Don, Harry, Bob**

### **Meeting summary**

#### **Quick recap**

The group discussed the successful SpaceX launch with some technical issues. They shared updates on various technology projects including computer hardware upgrades, Atari systems modifications, and file storage solutions. Harry announced a promotion at work that increased his management responsibilities from 12 to 94 people, while Don shared updates about his retirement activities. The conversation included extensive discussions about vintage computer hardware, specifically focusing on Atari systems, FujiNet servers, and storage solutions, with Harry revealing he had accumulated over 131,000 Atari files across his network storage.

#### **Next steps**

##### **Harry**

- [Continue waitlist for ST Mini](#)

##### **Kevin**

- [Assemble and work on STF remake board project with donor machine](#)

##### **Robbie**

- [Respond to the Atari 8-bit Facebook group about the San Leandro Computer Club meeting information](#)

##### **Bob**

- [Send the Dell computer selection link and address to brother for ordering](#)

#### **Summary**

##### **Rocket Launch Technical Issues Discussion**

The group discussed a recent rocket launch, with Scott providing details about technical issues including booster engine problems and an RVAC failure that prevented the in-orbit relight test. They also talked about the video footage from satellites and drones that inspected the heat shield tiles after landing. The conversation then shifted to discussing TV shows, particularly focusing on The Orville, Battlestar Galactica, and the potential for a reboot of the 2009 Battlestar Galactica series.

##### **Star Wars Movie Discussion**

The group discussed various Star Wars movies, with Kevin recommending only the original trilogy (1977, 1981, 1983) and the prequel series Andor and Rogue One. Harry shared his

positive experience watching The Mandalorian movie with his wife, while the others discussed their limited exposure to Star Wars films. Don mentioned an older sci-fi movie called GOG from 1954, which the others were unfamiliar with, leading to a brief discussion about classic film history and early cinema.

### **Computer Hardware Discussion Meeting**

Kevin discussed computer options with Bob, specifically recommending Dell XPS laptops, though Bob indicated he needed to share the information with his brother for ordering. The conversation then shifted to a discussion about RAM requirements, where Harry and Kevin agreed that 16GB is sufficient for most users, except for specialized tasks like video editing or running multiple virtual machines.

### **Computer Hardware and Retro Discussion**

The group discussed various computer-related topics, including retro computing clubs, hardware upgrades, and repair experiences. Kevin shared details about an STF remake board upgrade project, which includes features like SIM memory and various upgrade options. Harry described fixing a PS2 by replacing a blown fuse and received an Atari-themed care package from a friend in Connecticut. The conversation also touched on historical topics like IBM mainframes, Costco's payment processing systems, and retail branding from the past, including Fry's Electronics' house brand products.

### **Vintage Computer Hardware Discussion**

The group discussed various vintage computer hardware, including word processors and floppy disk drives. Kevin and Scott compared different systems, noting technical details about character storage, control characters, and cursor implementation. Harry shared his experience with an Atari S Drive Max and asked questions about formatting and track specifications. The conversation concluded with Scott describing his custom-built SD Max drive with LED indicators and power management features.

### **Team Updates and Product Demonstrations**

Don shared updates about recent weather and upcoming company visits. Harry discussed receiving a promotion that increased his team size from 12 to 94 people and his new responsibility to integrate products and transform the company into a more unified platform. Scott demonstrated a custom SIO-to-SD device he built and discussed Atari hardware, including recent updates to the FujiNet server and TNFS protocol differences between UDP and TCP.

### **Atari Collection Storage Discussion**

Harry discussed his extensive personal collection of Atari files, which totals 131,000 files across 4,700 folders and spans 61 gigabytes on a 160-terabyte NAS system in his garage. The collection includes multiple versions and variants of the same games, with Harry explaining that he runs a TNFS server at home to store and access this extensive library rather than using online servers. The group discussed how the collection has grown significantly from earlier times when storage was much more limited, with participants comparing their own smaller collections from the past .