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Some web sites that involve Kaypros that I have found so far:

SOME OF BEST SITES –

www.vintage-computer.com – is one of the best for old computers in general – they have some valuable links. They also have some good information about some of the copyright issues under vcforum & cider press. Erik their web master has been very helpful. He even links to his own personal website of old computers.

www.digibarn.com – has a lot on Kaypros – pictures, descriptions, etc. - has a Kaypro “T” shirt picture to download even!

www.wikipedia.org – even has a lot of good information.

www.selectric.org – originally for Selectric typewriters, but includes a lot of Kaypro stuff, probably since the Kaypro had a selectric style keyboard. Jim is very helpful, but he is busy with many projects.

www.classiccmp.org has Dave’s Old Computer section which is very interesting – he is very busy, but does answer emails.

www.bitsavers.org – has some of the latest technical manuals for the Kaypro for free download – they are great, but for me the downloads took several hours since we still do not have DSL, as noted above.

www.rlfox.com – is an odd site, but it has a lot of Kaypro stuff!

www.obsoletecomputermuseum.org – as you would expect

KAYPRO SOFTWARE / BOOT DISKS, ETC.

Some sites also have a lot of the software [e.g. www.vetusware.com] and documentation for the Kaypro, including boot disks which seem to be an important issue for many.

Just a tip from my experience - but which boot disk you need depends on the specific Kaypro you have and that may not be as obvious as you might expect. You need to do some research on this concerning just what Kaypro you really

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have – not just what the the information on the outside case says. You need to investigate the the main board – version, chips on it, any modifications, etc.

There is other more detailed information on my website on this topic.

SUMMARY

So that should get you started. When I get a better list together, I will try to publish it on various websites and, of course, email it to those who have contacted me.

Naturally, you can do your own Google search and come up with a lot of these sites and probably some that I missed.

Several years ago I did some Kaypro searches and did not find very much. Now there seems to be a whole revolution of interest in the older computers, including the Kaypro.

Please let me know what other sites you find and we can add them to this list for the benefit of all.

The Kaypros were certainly very significant in their era and started a lot of the very innovative and creative designs / packages / etc. that we have for both laptops and even desktops.

Also, it is a lot of fun keeping them running and playing with them, rather than having them just go to the landfill or recycling.

If you have one, you own a part of the history of computing like in so many other areas – antiques, old cars, etc.

All the best in your Kaypro endeavours!