



Merry Christmas

VP Says

Hello all, I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with good food, good news, good times and good company. I, however, do have some bad news for the club membership. Our president, Joannie Lenz, has decided that her overwhelming work schedule will preclude her from continuing as our club president. The good news is; Joannie will continue supporting the CCMV as a most valued instructor and active club member. We should all be extremely grateful for her tireless efforts and outstanding contributions to the club while serving as president. Additionally, we are thankful to have continued access to her many talents as an instructor and supportive member at large. Your club's board membership has met and decided to finish out the year prior to actively seeking a new club president.

New Topic: With the help of Jim Semanek, we are in the process of re-designing the CCMV web site with a view toward providing an informative, instructional, and easy to use CCMV web site. It has been recommended that the club recruit volunteers from our membership to help with this effort. Serving on our web site development panel will be highly educational and provide the opportunity, under Jim Semanek's guidance, for volunteers to receive valuable insight into web site development. If you are considering the creation of your own family web page or are just curious about how a web site is developed, this is your opportunity to gain first hand experience in the creation and posting of a web site. No previous experience is required! Your willingness to discuss the desires of the club membership and evaluate the result is all that is necessary.

Jim Richardson,
CCMV VP

ONLY ONE MEETING IN DECEMBER



SPYWARE

Cyberthieves Want Your Identity

Found in AARP and submitted by Fran

Thieves you can't see may be snooping through your personal information with one goal in mind: to steal your identity through your Internet use.

Every time you download free computer programs, games, music or screen savers on the Internet, or visit certain websites, there's the risk of spyware coming along for the ride and infecting your computer.

Spyware is any program that monitors your activity on the Internet without your knowledge and transmits that information to someone else. According to an AARP Public Policy Institute report that was released in May, cyberthieves are using spyware more and more to steal identities.

"We can expect spyware to continue proliferating because it is so lucrative" for criminals, says AARP's Neal Walters, "You have to be careful."

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*Take a look , there is
a lot of good information
on the Web Site*

Meeting Time and Place
2nd and 4th Tuesday
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Seventh-day Adventist
Church
29885 Bradley Road
Sun City, CA

REVISED WEB SITE

Jim Semanek

The next time you visit <http://www.ccmv.net>, you'll notice that it has a different look.

First, I'd like to thank Joannie Lenz for her years of maintaining our site. As she mentioned in last month's "The Prez Says" column, extensive commitments have caused her to relinquish some of her club duties, including maintenance of the website. I had expressed an interest in web design/maintenance, and agreed to try to follow in her footsteps.

Much of the content is from Joannie's pages, but it is presented in a different way. Some content is new. Many of the pages are a bit anemic at this point, but they should improve with time.

As before, the initial screen is a *Welcome* page that gives visitors a clue to what we are, what we do, and where we meet. Other major topics are listed on a main menu along the left side. As you click on them, the name and content will appear in the main part of the screen. If the topic offers additional menu choices, they appear under the topic name.

The current and past newsletters will always be available in the *Newsletters* section.

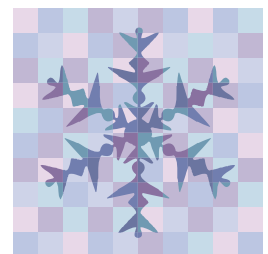
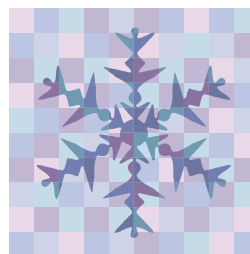
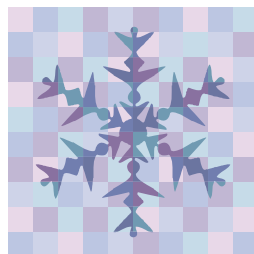
If you'd like to share some information with the club members, please consider adding content to the *Personal Pages* area. Tell us about yourself, provide favorite links, or mention whatever you like.

We want the site to be useful to the members. Please feel free to suggest changes that improve the appearance and/or content.

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Some tips to protect yourself:

- Do not download programs you're not familiar with.
- Do not open e-mail or attachments if you don't know the sender.
- The Consumers Union suggests placing a security freeze on your credit report and credit score, information businesses seek before the will issue new credit. A freeze prevents identity thief by blocking access to the reports —but you are able to open your report with a PIN number or a password. One caveat: Only 23 states currently allow consumers to put freezes on their reports.



AVG STATUS

Submitted by Jim Richardson

Grisoft has announced that they will cease support for AVG Free edition version 7.1 on January 15 2007. Therefore, it is time to upgrade to their new and improved FREE version "7.5"

1. Visit the AVG Free Edition Web site: <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/Get+AVG+FREE/Ing/us/tpl/v5>
2. Click on the Download Free Version button
3. Scroll down to the "AVG Free for Windows Installation Files" section.
4. Click on AVGfree75_430a838.exe
5. Click the "Save" option and save to a folder on your "C: " drive. (i.e. My Downloads)
6. Once Download is complete, Close all windows and return to your Desktop.
7. Go to "Add and Remove Programs" (in Control Panel). Click on "AVG Free Edition" and select Remove.
8. Right Click on Start.
9. Left Click on Explore.
10. Double click on the folder chosen to receive the AVGfree75 download.
Double click on the AVGfree75_430a838.exe file and follow installation instructions.

Note: Use default settings during installation i.e. "Standard Installation." Select the "check for Updates" option during the final phase of the installation and continue through the installation by selecting next until the installation is complete. It is not necessary to register the software in order to activate it. I see no reason to supply email or user addresses if they are not required for the software to function.

Roxio has just released an update for their driver that fixes a problem when running the Roxio CD drivers together with AVG Free for Windows Edition. The update is available for download at the Rixio web site: http://www.roxio.com/enu/support/mserr/cdr4_7.html

New Newsletter Editor

I have been the editor of the CCMV Newsletter for a little over two years now and thought some one else in the Club might like to do the task. I have so much activity going on in my life that I find it difficult to find time to do the Newsletter. I would provide training, if needed, and assist on the first two Newsletter issues. If you are interested, give me a call (301-4436) or send me an e-mail. The e-mail address is in the Newsletter. Frank



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Cherry Hills Blvd**

PIN NUMBER REVERSAL

Submitted by Gary Skill, former club member

I don't know if this is true, but try it if you have occasion to need it!!

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your Pin # in reverse. For example if your pin number is 1234, then you should put in 4321. The ATM recognizes that your pin number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to help you.

This information was recently broadcasted on TV and it states that it is seldom used because people don't know it exists.



Treasurer's Report October
By Chet Hartley
Monthly Income and Expenses
11/1/2006 through 11/30/2006

INCOME:

Contributions	\$44.00
Bank Interest	\$2.02
Textbook Sales	\$175.00
Tuition	\$270.00

Total Income \$491.02

EXPENSES

Church Usage	\$100.00
Meeting Expense	\$32.05
Newsletter Expense	\$24.01
Lab Expenses	\$511.27
Textbook Purchase	\$377.69

Total Expenses \$460.21

Income less expenses -\$544.00

APCUG

We are a member of the APCUG (see top right corner of front page of this Newsletter) and are welcomed to attend their conferences. Their next conference will be January 4 to 7, 2007 in Las Vegas. The Riveria Hotel is offering rooms at \$74 per night. For complete information about the affair at web site: <http://apcug.net/events/conference07>

A Sticky Pad On Your Screen

StickyPad is an invaluable, easy-to-use tool that lets you place sticky notes on your computer desktop. You can type notes to yourself, set meeting and appointment reminders, keep track of a to-do list, and anything else you would do with paper notes. Your notes can be printed, pasted into other applications, or emailed to others. You can even make notes translucent and have them float above your other windows, so you can see both your note and what you are working on. When you log off, StickyPad remembers all of your notes, and when you log back on, your notes are still there. Once you try it, you won't want to work without StickyPad again. The new version of StickyPad adds some great new features, such as shortcut keys, so you can write sticky notes from any Windows application without using the mouse, a great time-saver for keyboard jockeys. The latest version also sports a help system in case you get lost, an updated appearance, and shadows, a great new visual effect. <http://www.greenclipsesoftware.com/stickypad.html>

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