

Jan. 9th '01 Minutes by *Sandy Kandl*

President Glenn Roark welcomed 113 members, of which 13 were new attendees, to the first meeting of the new millennium. We were, once again, reminded to visit the shareware table and the Cue Card table, the proceeds of which benefit our Club since no dues are charged.

We are looking for someone to take over the Cue Card table for Art True, who deserves a break. Anyone interested, please contact Glenn. There are some openings in some of the classes so if anyone is interested, they may be able to join a class in progress. Contact Ed Freeman. New classes will begin in about 8 weeks.

A correction was made to the hours of the ribbon cutting at our new computer lab at the Kay Cenicerros Center. It will be held on January 22, from 12:30PM to 2:00PM. Grant told us about the CES Electronic Show he attended in Las Vegas over the weekend. There were many new gadgets, including mobile audio. We then had a mini presentation by Ed on enabling Quick View for different file types.

After the break, we broke into two groups for Q&A, which is always interesting and informative. Be sure to support our local computer store at 27168 Sun City Blvd. Grant is the proprietor and also Vice President of our computer club.

Feb. 13th Meeting Notes

By Sandy Kandl

Rain and nasty weather did not deter 98 club members from attending the meeting. We even had 15 new attendees eager to buy shareware and to hear the always informative info on computers. Ed Freeman alerted us about Juno's free internet plan to use our computers for their own purposes. If it works for Juno, the other free plans will probably follow suite. Read the agreement material carefully before accepting it. Glenn alerted us about the new viruses with the suffix .KAK and .HTA. Good idea to check your computer for these and always keep your virus protector up-to-date.

We are looking for someone to take over the Cue Card table and also to assist Lon with the shareware table. Glenn told us to check this web site if you're having problems with sticky web pages or annoying music: www.cnet.com/internet/0-3805-8-4591040-1.html.

After the break, Grant presented a short program on how to open and use WinZip, PKZip, and other zip programs when receiving and sending compressed files. Grant has arranged to have Randy Whittle at the February 27th meeting. He will talk on CD-R's and CD-RW's. We then broke into two groups for Q&A.

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Meeting Notes – April

Grant Hanson conducted the April 10th meeting in the absence of Glenn Roark. After welcoming the new members, he reminded us that Louise Schultz plans to give a presentation at the next meeting on April 24th, on “Anti-Social Software”. Don’t miss it.

Bill Davis is looking for a volunteer or two to serve as back up for him in producing our newsletter. He offered to teach the program he uses, Page Maker. This is a great opportunity to learn some new skills.

Sign up sheets were available for the various classes taught in the Computer Lab at Kay Ceniceros. \$30.00 for 12 full hours of instruction is a real bargain, and those who have completed the classes found them well worthwhile. Teachers and aides are always in demand, so why not consider helping out.

Grant gave a great demonstration of how to send attachments over our e-mail. This is a very popular activity so the audience was very attentive and many questions were asked and answered. After opening your e-mail program and preparing to send a message, you go to Insert, and click on file attachment. When the dialog box for INSERT ATTACHMENT comes up, locate the file you want to send and click on ATTACH. Your message should then show an icon for the attached file with the file name and the size of the file. Complete your message, click on SEND, and you are finished. We were told how to change the font on our e-mail messages, as well as the color.

Ed Freeman gave specific instruction to the AOL users on attaching files to messages. He said that when sending several attachments at once AOL zips them, combines them and uses the name of the first file. Look for those in your download file. We got a very good demonstration of how to open an attachment and how to save it to disk. Ed used ChristmasCard.exe and everyone enjoyed that.

After the break we divided into the two groups, and the regulars had a productive Q & A session. Scan Disk and Defrag should be done at least once a month. Doing this in Safe Mode is a good option, or you can use END IT ALL, one of the great programs available at our shareware table. Power Desk, a shareware program, was discussed and recommended by its users.

We learned that when you are making choices in your dialog boxes using the ENTER key is the same as clicking on APPLY. The advisability of leaving your computer on was discussed again, and there were various opinions. Just remember that the monitor uses the most power, so you might want to turn it off when not in use. WINZIP, SPLITS, and SHREDDER are programs used to compress files, and they were discussed at length. Aladdin has a new program easier to use than WINZIP, and it can be downloaded from Aladdin.com.

Aug. 14, 2001 Meeting Notes

By Sandy Kandl

President Glenn Roark opened today's meeting with two new attendees and 78 members. Glenn welcomed back Dee Morris, the Metcalfs and Sandy Kandl.

We were alerted to a worm/virus that used Bill Davis' address to send to all in his address book. Be sure to use a virus checker and keep it up-to-date.

Ed Freeman told us about the new classes beginning September 17th through October 19th. Classes will be Introduction to Computing, Intermediate classes, Intro to Word, Intermediate Word and the Internet. If enough people show an interest in Excel, it may be added. Ed had a mini-presentation of creating new folders to manage your files. Files are saved in My Documents by default but you can save them anywhere as long as you can find them again. File Management is very important. He also showed us how to create a Start Up Disk for Windows 98, 98SE and ME. This is very important in the event your system will not boot up.

We were reminded to visit the Cue Card and the shareware table. We were also reminded to visit our club web page at <http://www.ccmv.net> for Glenn's Gems, Genealogy and other helpful links. Vice-President Grant is looking for ideas for our mini-presentations.

A nominating committee is in place consisting of Darlene Coltrain, Chet Hartley, George Metcalf, Dee Morris and Bud Smith. Let them know if you have any suggestions for the October election.

After the mid-morning break, we broke into two groups, Techies and Newbies for our usual lively Q&A.

Sept. 11, 2001 Minutes

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Today was a sad day for the world and an especially sad one for the United States. President Glenn Roark opened the meeting with a moment of silence and prayer for the victims in the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Glenn introduced seven new attendees making 70 members in attendance. We were reminded to pick up the newsletter and computer magazines, plus many freebies at the rear tables. He also reminded us to visit the shareware table that always has new disks thanks to Lon Whistler, and the Cue Card table manned by Art True and Shirley Fryrear. Art informed us that his table is a great moneymaker for the Club, which helps us defray our expenses. We owe a lot of gratitude to these volunteers who give their time and energy to the Club. Glenn further reminded us to visit our web page at www.ccmv.net, and Glenn's Gems that now has its own page.

We had two mini-presentations given by Glenn and Ed Freeman. Glenn spoke about spyware, the latest threat to our computers and which can be protected by Ad-Aware that Lon has on his shareware table. Ed showed us how to use Quick Launch and Quick View. Both were very informative.

Ed reminded us that there are some openings in the Introduction to Windows 95/98, Beginning Word and Intermediate Word Classes and to sign up if interested.

After our usual break we returned for Q&A with the Techies in one room and the Newbies in another. This is very lively and informative.

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Sept. 25, 2001

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Even though our temperatures have been in the 100's, summer is officially over and our attendance is rising. Today, President Glenn Roark welcomed 94 members, including seven new attendees.

We were reminded to visit the Shareware table, the Cue Card table, and the back table that has free computer magazines and other free goodies supplied by some of the members. Visit our Web site at www.ccmv.net for information pertaining to our club. Be sure to check out Glenn's Gems. We were also told about another site, www.mydailyplan-it.com, that lists activities in our area.

The nominating chairperson, Darlene Coltrain, will report on a new slate of officers next meeting. Also, at our next meeting, we shall have a Swap meet. Bring in your old computer related items that you no longer want, and get some new items that you probably don't need! Larry Nelson will demonstrate how to use a special scanner for slides and color negatives.

Our classes are in their second week, and going well. The next classes will be in January after the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Sign up if you're interested in any of the classes.

After our break, we had time for a few Questions and Answers while waiting for our speaker, Mounir Ibrahim, from Ez2 Network, Inc. based in Moorpark, CA. Several of our members use ex2.net as their ISP. For more information, you may email him at mibtahim@ez2.net, or his web site at <http://www.ez2.net>. He explained his operation and took question from the audience. He was very interesting and seemed interested in our problems, so if you are contemplating a change, this may be worthwhile looking into.

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Oct. 23, 2001

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Eighty-Six members, including four new attendees, were welcomed by President Glenn Roark. He reminded us to pick up newsletters, computer magazines, shareware and Cue Cards. Art True has a real bargain for ME users, 72 cards for \$5. He also reminded us to visit our Web Page at www.ccmv.com that has previous newsletters, general information about the Club and Glenn's Gems and interesting links.

Before the break, Jack McKay, Marketing manager for Mediacom talked to us about the changes that have occurred to their cable modem. It started as ispchannel, was taken over by @Home and now maybe taken over by AT&T. The cost is reasonable at \$29.95 plus \$10.00 a month for the rental of the modem, when you consider that only one phone line is needed for the always on Internet. As a special promotion, Mediacom is offering the service at 10¢ a day for 3 months.

Glenn had a mini-presentation on HD Valet, which is available at the shareware table. It's a wonderful small program that cleans out files you don't need, freeing up valuable space. Glenn also told us that our own Grant Hanson is moving his USA Wholesale Computers to a new location at 28230 Bradley Road. His phone number remains the same 679-4686. Remember to support our local computer expert!

After the break, Harry Clingempeel gave a very interesting and informative talk using Power Point. He told us step-by-step how to change analog records to digital CD format. It takes much patience but the results are worth it. Just think, no more scratchy records. Thirty printed copies were handed out but more people were interested so perhaps, Harry will accommodate us by printing more.

As a final reminder, there will be only one meeting in November and December because of the Holidays. It will be on the second Tuesday of each month.