

Jan. 8, 2002 Minutes

By Sandy Kandl

President Glenn Roark welcomed 89 members and three new attendees to the first computer meeting of 2002. We were all glad to be back in the swing of things after the Holidays. Our esteemed Glenn had a mishap and broke his arm. Our sincere well wishes are with him and Verdell. However, he was in good voice so the meeting went on.

Ed Freeman reported that classes begin the week of January 14th and the teachers should receive the class rosters this week. Ed had a mini-presentation on using AOL and Outlook Express to return to a web site that interests you. You can either make it a Favorite or Save it in My Documents as a text file to be read at a later time. He also told us to use www.grc.com to check the vulnerability of our computers against hackers. Since the new XP, ME and even Windows can have similar problems, we all should check Microsoft Product Updates or go to www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=technet and click on security bulletin/MS01-059.asp. Ed also mentioned a very good search engine, www.google.com.

Vice President Ron Spath told us that Mike Loring is scheduled to speak at the January 22nd meeting, and Randy Williams from Gateway Computers will speak at the February 26th meeting. Ron requested that we submit questions for Mike and send them to Ron at MAXXYZ@aol.com.

Kathy Togie, who has done such a good job taking minutes at the meetings, is taking a long deserved rest. Sandy Kandl and Georgiana Dols will be sharing the job now. Glenn again reminded us to visit the shareware, the Cue Card and the back tables.

After the break, we had Q&A with the newbies in the fellowship hall with Ed presiding and the Techies in another room with Chet Hartley overseeing that group. Chet reported that many problems were discussed such as Power Management, adding a second hard drive and getting Windows to recognize it, and subscriptions to the Langa List newsletter, that contains very useful tips.

Jan. 22, '02 Minutes

By Sandy Kandl

Today, ninety-five members were welcomed by President Glenn Roark, including 9 new attendees. We were reminded again to visit the shareware table, the Cue Card Table and, of course, the back tables for the freebies. Bill Davis is asking for biographies from the club members. Think about your interesting lives and write it down. I'm sure Bill will assist if needed. Mini-presentations and presenters are still needed, so if you have any ideas contact Ron at MAXXYZ@aol.com.

Mediacom's high-speed cable is going to use AT&T's system and @home will become @mchsi.com. Bill McKim told us about a web site at www.eboard.com where you can go, click on [ccmv](#), to ask questions and give answers. To read, the password is [Louise](#).

Grant Hanson reported on the new computer toys he acquired at the Computer Show in Las Vegas. You can check them out at his store at 28230 Bradley Road in Sun City, CA 92586. His phone number is 679-4686.

After the break, we once again welcomed the ever-entertaining Mike Loring. He talked about many things and answered many questions from the members. He recommended going to http://housecall.antivirus.com/pc_housecall to check for viruses that your regular virus protector might miss. He said it works and it's free. Also text files, gif, jpg and other graphic attachment files are safe to open. Do not open htm, html or exe files that can contain viruses. Mike also recommended cyberguys.com for inexpensive computer parts. He also told us to check out hoaxes before making changes to your computer.

See you all on February 12.

Feb. 12, 2002 Minutes

By Sandy Kandi

President Glenn Roark welcomed 91 attendees and seven new members. Again, we were reminded of the shareware and cue card table. Make sure the club has your correct email address so you will receive notices of the meetings.

Joan Lenz gave a mini-presentation of an Event Calendar for the Inland Empire. It is an on-line Community Calendar for events, fund-raisers, garage sales, etc. There is a chat link, trivia, holidays and celebrations and many other helpful links. Check it out at www.MyDailyPlan-It.com. Don't forget to check on our Web Site at www.ccmv.net.

Our next classes will be about March 25, but that date is not definite yet. Mediacom has provided cable service to our computer lab. Hopefully, the Internet Classes will be available.

Midway through the meeting, we broke into four groups; Techies, Newbies and two SIG's, Quicken and Genealogy.

We plan to have a speaker from Gateway at our next meeting, and a "Microsoftie" speak about Windows XP at our March meeting.

February 26, 2002 Minutes

By Sandy Kandl

As usual, President Glenn Roark welcomed a lively group of 95 members, including three new attendees.

We discussed the new items at Lon's shareware table and Art's Cue Card table. We were reminded to update our email address if we have not received the notice of the meeting. All @home addresses are now @mchsi.com. Joan Lenz reported that www.MyDailyPlan-It.com now has a link to place items to sell.

Ed Freeman gave a mini-presentation on Clipmate, a versatile program for saving various types of text files. We also discussed a free program that will resize graphics, called irfan. It can be downloaded from the Internet or can be obtained from Lon's shareware table.

Randy Williams of Gateway Computers was unable to speak at this meeting, so we had an impromptu Q&A. Many of the questions were challenging and all were interesting.

Our wishes go to Vice-president Ron Spath for a speedy recovery.

COMPUTER CLUB OF MENIFEE VALLEY

Minutes of the March 12th Meeting

In Glenn Roark's absence Vice President Ron Spath conducted the March 12th meeting. Eighty-nine members were present including one new member or "returnee".

Ron reminded people that the newsletter for March was available at the back table. There are also the free computer magazines and other good things ready to be taken home by you rather than the people who man the back table.

Both Ron and Art reminded people to update their E-mail addresses. Dee has correction sheets at the back table. If you are not getting the announcements of current meetings you may not have your current address on file.

Lon suggested XNVIEW, a shareware disk for sale which deals with graphics and which he is exploring for all the wonderful things it can do. Art's cue card library has added 5 cards on Quicken and a set on the F Keys. He reminded people that those who had "Home" as their provider are now "mchsi".

Ron reported that the club's web page is still up and running and that there were 1075 hits. Try it at ccmv.net. He also reminded members that the club is always looking for ideas for mini-presentations. He or Ed Freeman will welcome any suggestions you can give them.

Ed Freeman announced that the next classes will begin on March 25th. He asked for volunteers to assist the instructors of the classes. See him, please, if you can help. Assistants as well as instructors learn a lot in the process of teaching the classes.

Next meeting will bring Dana Berkowski from Microsoft. Rumor tells us she will defend XP.

Raffle tickets were sold after the business portion of the meeting. The donated items netted \$159.00, funds raised to help pay the club expenses since there are no dues.

After the break the group broke into groups, Newbies in the regular meeting room, Techies down the hall on the left, Genealogy in the library, Quicken in the primary room. At the request of one of the club's members a SIG was instantly formed and a room found for people interested in digital photography.

Georgiana Dols

Addendum:

From: Chet Hartley
Subject: Techie Meeting Notes

We discussed CDROM speed and the meaning of 12x, 20x, 40x on drives. We discussed why it is important to use the correct media for cd burning.

We discussed the fact that some peripheral vendors are not providing new drivers for Windows XP to handle older devices. General consensus is that HP is the best at providing upgrades when possible but some devices won't work with the all-32-bit setup of XP.

We had some discussion comparing various merits of pin printers, inkjet printers and laser printers. Each has advantages, depending on the intended use.

We had a discussion about credit cards for on-line use, both for purchases and for paying ISPs. Some suggestions were offered but it is clear that the customer still needs to be very careful about giving out credit card info.

Minutes 3/26/02

Ninety-seven members attended the March 26th meeting of the CCMV. Four of those present were new attendees. Members were again reminded to update their E-mail addresses so they will be able to get messages about meetings.

In Lon's absence Glenn Roark spoke about freeware, and a member of the group gave a testimonial for "Enditall". Art True reminded people that they have Quicken 5, 2000, and 2002 at the Q-Card (Cue-Card) table; other cards are the same.

The club web page at ccmv.net has had 1125 hits. Joanie Lenz will update the page. The club is always looking for ideas for mini-presentations as well as for presenters.

Ed Freeman reported that classes began Monday, March 25th and that there were one or two places still available in the introduction class.

It was suggested that during the break those present update E-mail addresses with Dee at the back table, check out the Cue card and shareware tables and collect some of the free computer magazines and other goodies at the table in the back.

After the business meeting, Dana Berkowski for Microsoft gave a very well accepted discussion of Windows XP. In addition she conducted a raffle of three items won by very lucky members of the club. Members of the group were heard to say how well done was the presentation!

Georgiana Dols

The change to daylight savings time may have had a bearing on some of the members but there were 82 enthusiastic members present including two new members. We discussed the new items at Lon's shareware table and Art's cue card table.

Ron Spath told of upcoming events such as a Gateway representative who will speak in May and the possibility of having someone discuss digital cameras at the second March meeting.

Joannie Lenz is going to give our web page a new look. Be sure to visit it at www.ccmv.net. It's always interesting and will help the Computer Club. Current classes are in their third week. New classes will probably begin in September.

President Glenn Roark announced that there is a need for teachers to instruct parents in beginning computers. The elementary students get excited about computers only to go home and are unable to explain their excitement to their parents who may not know about computers. We need volunteer instructors and they will have young students as assistants. Sounds like fun. Let Glenn or Ed Freeman know if you are interested.

Ed Freeman gave a wonderful mini-presentation on a free program called Easy Office. Go to www.e-press.com to see what they offer. If you wish to purchase the fuller version, it cost \$40 for the CD-ROM and Book. Otherwise the free version is fully functional and is very similar to the Microsoft Office Suite, and can even be set up to read text to you.

After the break, the members joined five different groups, Quicken, Genealogy, Digital Cameras, Techies and Newbies for questions and discussions.

The Techies group reported a dialogue on the concerns and experiences regarding electronic filing of taxes, general aspects about Windows, and some who are looking for anyone using Flight Simulator 2000. If someone wishes to speak on these issues, contact Chet Hartley.

Today we had 99 members attending the meeting including three new members. Glenn took care of some business like asking us to update our email addresses, making sure they are correct and that we have not exceeded our allowable space, visit the shareware table, cue card table and the free magazine table. If the members are not interested in the magazines, they will be removed after a few weeks.

We took an early break and hurried back to hear Peter Rothermel from the Temecula Valley Computer Club speak about Digital Photography. It was most interesting to hear about scanning and changing pixels using graphic programs. In particular, Paint Shop Pro 7.04, which he highly recommends. You must have patience, and a little talent wouldn't hurt, to achieve the results that Peter has.

President Glenn Roark welcomed nine new members for a total of 80 attendees. Lon told us what's new at the Shareware table and Art went over what's new at the Cue Card table. Newsletters are available at the back table on the first meeting of the month, thanks to Bill Davis.

Our Club web page is still up and running. Information about our Club can be seen at www.ccmv.net and on the Mediacom Cable Home Page. Look for a face-lift on our site shortly.

New classes will begin in September. We need instructors and assistants. Assisting is a great way to learn. Let Ed Freeman know if you're interested.

Next meeting, on May 28th, we hope to have a speaker from Gateway. We will have a speaker in June on scanners.

After the break, the members joined several Special Interest Groups (SIGs); Genealogy, Digital Photography and the usual Techies and Newbies for discussions and questions.

Chet Hartley reported that the Techies discussed setting the home page in the internet browser, the difference between surge protectors and UPS (uninterruptible power source or battery backup), Internet Explorer version 5.5 vs. 6, and the concept of "never off line" with a program that is supposed to reduce disconnects. Other problems were discussed and suggestions made.

May 28, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

Vice-President, Ron Spath, opened the meeting by introducing four new members for a total of 89 attendees. We were reminded to pick up newsletters, free computer magazines, and to visit the Cue Card and Shareware tables.

Our Web Page now has a new look thanks to Joannie Lenz of RainbowFlair.com. Check it out at www.ccmv.net and let her know how you like it.

Let Dee Morris know if you are not receiving notices of the meetings. You may have the wrong address listed in the roster.

We are looking for new mini-presentations for future meetings, or ideas for them. Today, several members suggested CD Burners, WinZip, and free software like www.stripmail.com and www.diskspan.com, both excellent programs that can be downloaded from the Internet. For more free downloads, see www.pcdon.com and consider subscribing to his free newsletter which is always chock full of information.

After the break, Anne Cameron, General Manager and Randy J. Williams, Business Solutions Advisor, of Gateway's Temecula Computer Store, spoke to us about their products. Gateway computers are built to your specifications and they have special training courses available on many subjects for ease of use. For a complete list, go to www.gateway.com and check it out. Ms. Cameron and Mr. Williams answered many questions from the floor.

In June, we hope to have a speaker on scanners and in July, a speaker on Banking on the Internet. Be sure to mark your calendars and come to the meetings.

June 11, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

President Glenn Roark opened today's meeting by welcoming 77 members including four new attendees.

We were reminded about the disks of Shareware for sale (50¢), Cue Card table and the free computer magazines along with other goodies on the back table. Again, see Dee if you didn't get an announcement about today's meeting. We are always looking for ideas for mini-presentations as well as presenters. See Ron Spath, Ed Freeman or Glenn Roark.

Glenn reminded us once more of the importance of having a virus protector and keeping it up to date. A firewall is very important also, and a good free one is Zone Alarm. There are others like Black Ice, Norton, etc. that you can purchase, but the free ones are just as good and are usually at Lon's shareware table or you can download them yourself.

On a less happy note, Bill Davis is no longer going to edit our newsletter due to health problems. He has done it magnificently for many years and a big thanks goes to him along with our very best wishes. Happily, Verdell Roark will be taking over the task and will do a very good job as she does in all her endeavors.

Mr. Chris A. Willoughby spoke about his book, "Gerotechie.com" which is a practical and humorous guide on how to encourage seniors to use and enjoy the Internet. We all have someone who is reluctant to use a computer and this book will give us ideas that may help. For those who didn't purchase Mr. Willoughby's book and would like to, he can be reached at ChrisAWilloughby@aol.com, or www.gerotechie.com.

Grant Hanson of USA Computers told us of a special deal from Dish Network that includes free installation and the first 3 months free. See him at 28230 Bradley Road in Sun City, or call him for further information at 679-4686 or 961-3648.

Next meeting, we will have Gary Skill who will speak on scanners. In July, we will have a representative from Union Bank to discuss banking online and the security involved.

After the break, we joined different groups, Genealogy, Quicken, Digital Photography, Techies and Newbies for discussion and questions. In the Newbie room, Ed Freeman demonstrated how to change Display Properties to make it uniquely your own.

Chet Hartley reported that the Techies group discussed a member installing Norton System Works of a different version than his Norton anti-virus and wondered whether there would be problems. It was suggested that he run System Works from the CD and not install it permanently. They discussed the meaning of a Stack Overflow error. It was suggested that the person probably was running too many programs at once. We went over how to change MSCONFIG and Startup to reduce the number of programs that start automatically.

Glenn brought up the subject of newsgroups and suggested that members become familiar with using them. There is a lot of good information if you take the trouble to search. Glenn suggested especially the group "alt.computer" as a place to go for help with problems.



June 25, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

President Glenn Roark welcomed eighty-four members, including two new members to the meeting today. He made the usual announcements about the shareware table, cue cards, and the free magazines available. He reminded us to visit our new web page at www.ccmv.net.

Ed Freeman gave a mini-presentation on using Device Manager to check on problems and fix them. He showed us a solution if we get a Script Error Message while on the Internet.

After the break, Mr. Gary Skill spoke to us about scanners, printers and computers in general. He went into detail on digital pictures, downloading and sending them by email or to the printer. You can check out his website at www.handtech.com/gary_skill or reach him at gskill@aol.com.

Next month we will have a representative from Union Bank to discuss banking on line.

July 9, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

The weather is warming up and our members are slowing down. President Glenn Roark welcomed six new attendees for a total of 74 members. Newsletters were available at the back table. Shareware and Cue Cards were also available.

We discussed a possible name change for our club, and Glenn asked us to think about names so we can go into it further at our next meeting. We are also considering incorporating and filing for tax exempt status which will be of benefit to the club.

Several web sites were discussed. To get rid of unwanted ads, www.lavasoft.usa.com To stop spam, columnist Jeff Levy recommended www.sunbelt-software.com/product.cfm?id=930, or go to www.ihatespam.us.

Next meeting, Mike Masterson is scheduled to speak on Internet banking and security. We are looking for a laptop computer with an external CD Burner so that Glenn can demonstrate the burning process.

After the break, we again separated into SIGs; Digital Photography, Quicken, Genealogy, Techies and Newbies.

The Techies reported discussing experiences using on-board Internet terminals on cruise ships. Chet Hartley was on the Holland America Line that had 10 Internet terminals available for 75¢ a minute after a \$3.95 setup charge. Packages are available that reduce the per-minute charge. A member had installed a new 40gb disk drive and was having some trouble re-installing Windows 98SE. He got several suggestions for addressing the problem. They discussed the System Resources report and what affects the numbers. They talked about what background programs are necessary and how to get rid of the others. They mentioned on-line sources for help, Microsoft's "Mindshare" knowledge base, available from their website and other useful websites for addressing specific problems. Perhaps the club website could have a separate page of links to helpful fix-it sites. They also had some discussion about virus checking and firewall programs.

Fourteen members were in attendance at the Digital Photography SIG (special interest group). They talked about taking pictures, sharpening images, and the contrast of colors. Various picture programs were discussed, Paint, Adobe, Photo Shop, etc. Each had a favorite and stated why they liked that program. Scanners were also discussed and what to look for if you're purchasing a new one.

Special Thanks to Chet Hartley and Jackie Osterheldt for their help with the SIG reports. Perhaps we can get some input from the other SIGs.

July 23, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

Today, President Glenn Roark welcomed 74 members including four new members. We were reminded about the shareware and cue card tables, keeping our email addresses up-to-date, and picking up the free magazines on the back table.

Ed Freeman is looking for anyone who wishes to teach or assist in the new classes beginning September 16th. Please contact him.

We discussed our possible name change before we incorporate. Several suggestions were made and they will be posted on our web site, www.ccmv.net. We can then vote on the name we prefer. Some of the suggestions were the current name, Computer Club of Menifee Valley; Menifee Valley Computer Users Association; Menifee Valley PC User Group; Computer Users of Menifee Valley; Computer Users of Sun City; and Computer Connections of Menifee Valley. Please visit our web site and make your feelings known.

Ms. Opal Hellweg, Manager of the Kay Cenicerros Community Center, spoke to us about the need for help with prescription drugs for seniors. There are many seniors on limited or fixed incomes who are faced with a choice of prescriptions or food. Bring your empty prescription bottles or bottle caps with the price paid, along with a note showing your age, how many medications you take, and the amount you spend each month. These are to be brought to the Cenicerros Community Center and they will be hand-delivered to Congress along with thousands of others. The form letters were available at the Club but you may write your own simply stating:

To Congress and President Bush:

I am a Senior Citizen living on a limited, fixed income. The high cost of prescription drugs forces me to frequently choose between getting my pills or food. PLEASE enact immediate legislation to have Medicare cover prescription drugs.

My age _____ I take _____ prescription drugs

Each month for drugs I spend \$ _____

After the break, Mr. Mike Masterson, Privacy Manager of Union Bank, spoke to us about on-line banking. Many members asked questions on how to bank safely, how to avoid scams, and identity theft. There are several websites that can help: www.staysafeonline.info, www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html, and www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html.

August 13, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

President Glenn Roark welcomed 80 members including five new members. A motion was made and seconded to retain our current name, **Computer Club of Menifee Valley**.

Norm Spiere from the Hemet Computer Club invited us to attend a picnic on Monday, September 30, between 10 AM and 3 PM, which will be held at Gibbel Park at Florida and Kirby, on the north side of Florida and just west of the Mall. Food will be provided at no cost. Bring folding chairs and a dish of your choice.

Dwight Jenkins presented a software program called Cute Site Builder, which helps you create your own web site. You may access the program by going to www.rainbowflair.com/cutesite/globalscape. There is a 20% discount for Club members if you wish to purchase the program. Dwight is Managing Director at Rainbow Flair Web Design.

Classes are due to begin September 23 and we are still looking for teachers and assistants. See Ed Freeman if you are interested.

Next month we will have a raffle. Glenn Roark will have a demo of CD Burners. Joannie Lenz of Rainbow Flair Web Design will give a presentation on Power Point.

After the break, we broke into separate groups Newbies, Techies, Digital Photography, Genealogy and Quicken.

Fifteen members joined the Digital Photography group. Most of the discussion centered on the enhancement of pictures taken with digital and 35mm cameras. They discussed resolution and saturation of pictures. Bill McKim brought in several pictures. He explained what he had done to each one in regards to the color, clarity, etc. His pictures were excellent and praised by all present. Julie Farren from the Sun City News conducted a mini-interview with some of the members.

August 27, 2002 Minutes

By *Sandy Kandl*

Today President Glenn Roark greeted 99 attendees and three new members. A nominating committee is being formed to elect a new slate of officers for the coming year. Anyone interested please contact Ron Spath at 679-1958.

We were reminded once again about the shareware, cue cards, newsletters and freebies that are available to the members. If you aren't getting notices of the meetings, check with Dee and give her your correct email address.

Classes will start on September 23rd and Evelyn Rahn will begin calling and scheduling them very soon. If you are interested in a class, please sign up as soon as possible. If you missed a meeting you can borrow a videotape and see what just what you've missed.

After the break, Glenn demonstrated the burning of CDs using Roxio Easy CD Creator, and explained the difference between Audio and Data, copying CD to CD, and backing up your system. He used an external CD-R Drive, courtesy of Louise Schultz, attached to his laptop.

Next meeting should prove very exciting and interesting. We will have a raffle (bring money). We will have lots of Macintosh software so tell your friends who have Apple computers. On September 24th, Joannie Lenz will give a presentation on Power Point.

September 10, 2002

By *Sandy Kandl*

Today, Vice-President Ron Spath welcomed 78 members including four new attendees. An announcement was made that our illustrious President, Glenn Roark was in the hospital. Glenn, Verdell and his entire family are in need of all our prayers.

Classes will begin September 23rd and there are some spaces open for the Tuesday Intro Class, 2PM-4PM, the Wednesday Word Class 2PM-4PM, the Thursday Intermediate Class 9AM-11AM, and the Friday Intermediate Class 2PM-4PM. If anyone is interested in joining any of these classes, please call Evelyn Rahn 679-8977.

Ron conducted a raffle in which many wonderful prizes were won. It was a lot of fun. Several members won several times and there was good-natured jeering.

We were reminded about the shareware, cue cards and newsletters that were available.

Joannie Lenz will give a talk on Power Point at our next meeting, September 24th so be sure to come and bring a friend. We welcome all to visit our web site at www.ccmv.net for all the latest news and information.

September 24, 2002

By *Sandy Kandl*

Vice-President Ron Spath welcomed 70 attendees, including seven new members. He announced that our beloved President, Glenn Roark, had passed away. He also stressed that now, more than ever, we must all work together to make the club successful.

Ron reported that the nominating committee consisting of Ron Spath, Art True, Lon Whistler, Sandy Kandl, and Frank Verano came up with a slate of officers for the coming year. There were no nominations from the floor and so the slate of officers was approved and they are:

President:	Ed Freeman
Vice President:	Art True
Treasurer:	Chet Hartley
Secretary:	Georgiana Dols
Member at Large:	Sandy Kandl

Russell Ellis agreed to send out the notices of the meetings twice a month and Louise Schultz agreed to turn out a newsletter with the help of Joannie Lenz and Evelyn Rahn. We are looking for another volunteer to help with the newsletter. If you are interested please call Louise at 679-9261. It's a great opportunity to learn how to do this.

Verdell Roark came to the meeting for a few minutes. She thanked everyone for going to the memorial service for Glenn and she told us that she is leaving for Denver next week where she has lots of family. Both she and Glenn have made wonderful contributions to this club and many others. They will both be missed.

Art True reported that Cue Cards on XP is forthcoming so be sure to look for them as they can help those who have XP. Lon did not have anything new at the shareware table but expects to have some great programs next time. Norm Spiere reminded us of the picnic in Hemet on September 30th. Hot-dogs and soft drinks will be served and games will be played. Sounds like fun! It was mentioned that if you go to www.windowupdate.microsoft.com you can get patches and updates for your computer. Another helpful site is www.refdesk.com. We had a lively discussion, with questions and some answers about security with on-line banking. Bob Fay will discuss Web Site development at our October 22 meeting.

The classes started Monday but there are still some openings, so if you are interested call either Ed Freeman at 301-4152 or Evelyn Rahn at 679-8977.

After the break, Joannie Lenz presented a program on rainbows using PowerPoint. Many of us have the program in the Office Suite or Corel but few know how to use it. Joannie made it seem so easy and so many were interested that there's a possibility it will be on the curriculum in the future. In addition, congratulations to Joannie on becoming the new president of The Menifee Valley Women's Club. Joannie's Web Sites are www.RainbowFlair.com, and www.MyDailyPlan-It.com. You can contact her by sending e-Mail to: joannie@RainbowFlair.com.

October 8, 2002

By *Sandy Kandl*

CORRECTION: There was an error in the last report. The members of the nominating committee consisted of Ron Spath, Art True, George (Woody) Metcalf, Lon Whistler, Sandy Kandl, and Frank Verano.

Our new President, Ed Freeman, opened today's meeting. He welcomed 80 members including 8 new attendees. For the benefit of the new members, and to refresh the memory of all of us, Ed talked about the back table that has free magazines, videos, business cards, and sign-up sheets for the classes to be given at Kay Cenicerros Center, and current and past newsletters. He also mentioned the Cue Cards, which can be a tremendous help and also can serve as stocking stuffers for the coming Christmas season. Ed also mentioned the freeware/shareware table that has many good and useful programs. Adaware and Enditall were two that were discussed at length.

Ed told us about a site, www.komando.com/bestshareware.asp that we should look at for interesting and helpful programs. Another would be www.pcpitstop.com that would examine our computers and make suggestions.

Louise Schultz is asking for members who would like to learn how to compose a newsletter. She would give lessons using Microsoft Publisher 2000. It's a wonderful opportunity for those willing to lend a hand. Russell Ellis, who volunteered to send out notices of the meetings, ran into a problem because he has a dial-up connection. We are looking for someone who has a Cable or DSL connection to take over this job. If someone is interested, please notify Ed Freeman.

Ron Spath reminded us that Bob Fay would be our speaker at the October 22nd meeting. His topic will be Web Site Development. Please attend and bring a friend.

After the break, we broke into Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Newbies, Techies, and Digital Photography. Chet Hartley reported that there was a discussion of the differences between Windows XP and previous versions, such as the format of the desktop and system tray. They discussed the various anti-virus services and programs and the importance of keeping the virus definitions current. Firewalls, networking two computers to a single DSL line, and the pros and cons of partitioning large hard drives were also discussed.

The Digital Photography SIG met on October 10, 2002. Louise Schultz discussed using Picture Publisher to bring out the detail of a very dark dog being held by a woman, when the woman was exposed perfectly, but the dog had been merely a black blob. Clara Johnson shared her newly purchased Sony digital camera with 3.2 Megapixels and a 6:1 zoom lens. She also showed stunning pictures she had taken with it, and there was discussion of how digital editing techniques could be used to correct for problems caused by uneven lighting when the picture was taken. Members are urged to bring photos that they are proud of, or would like to improve, to the November meeting.

Information was given by the president on a scam originating in the Dominican Republic which can cost the victim large amounts. The basic bottom line is not to dial an 809 area code number no matter what message is given.

In a brief session of concerns from the group, issues discussed were publication of new and interesting web sites in the monthly newsletter—it is planned by Louise for the newsletter and the club's web site; a presentation on dealing with pictures on CD's was asked for, and an update on civic issues was requested.

After the break member Bob Fay presented a very well organized and interesting program on "Web Site Development". Bob, who is also a vice president of the Sun City Civic Association, did an excellent job of appealing to all levels of ability in the club with his development of his subject matter and the graphics that accompanied his presentation.

Georgiana Dols for Sandy Kandl

CCMV MEETING 10/22/02

President Ed Freeman presided over the meeting of the CCMV on 10/22/02. Fifty-three members attended indicating the need for notices of up-coming meetings to be sent since 53 was far below usual attendance.

Members were encouraged to bring items for distribution at the back table, such as computer magazines, books, etc. On the back table are business cards of computer businesses and sign-up sheets for prospective classes to be offered by the computer club.

Louise Schultz who is doing the newsletter, which is distributed once a month, is interested in items for the publication. She is also interested in forming a class in producing newsletters, depending on interest in the subject.

Art True announced that he has not yet been able to produce cards for the XP system, but has a good collection of how-to helps on the basic subjects, such as Excel, Quicken, and Word. Lon who finds freeware and shareware, which are sold for fifty cents, reminded purchasers who bought only one of a two-disk set that he has the missing items for them.

Members were reminded that there would be only one meeting in November and in December because of the holidays. Those meetings will be November 11th, and December 10th.

President Ed reported on the meeting of the officers of CCMV on October 15th, which will be recorded in the next newsletter. He gave a summary of the financial report and explained APCUG and the importance of maintaining membership in that organization. He explained the board's reasons for not pursuing incorporation or 501-3 tax exemption at this point.

The teaching lab is in the fifth week of classes except for the class on Word, which will make up time lost when the instructor was away.

In impressing on the members the importance of virus protection and the regular updating of virus protection, Ed gave an interesting presentation on the types of viruses that can invade a system. These "malwear" included duplication, Trojan horses, and virus hoaxes, which control minds and sometimes lead to deletion of useful utilities. The president's message, "Be a smart user. Keep anti-virus programs activated and updated!"

then you go to Add/Remove and uninstall it from there, being careful to read any message that pops up on your screen so you don't uninstall any part that is needed by another other program.

Chet Hartley reported that the Techies group discussed several topics that could be of interest to all members of the Club. It was recommended that you not buy a new DVD writer in the next few months since new standards for DVDs are expected.

A user who had previously reported a condition of the system clock changing year without warning reported that re-installing Internet Explorer corrected the problem.

They discussed the new versions of MSN and AOL vs. independent ISPs. General conclusion is that experienced users are often happier with independent ISPs. A local ISP that received high recommendation is "Spectrum".

Also discussed was the difference between USB1 and USB2 and whether upgrading to USB2 made sense and adding USB to a computer that doesn't have it.

Our next meeting will be December 10th, as there is only one meeting in November and one in December. Our regular two meetings a month will resume in January.

Hi Sandy,

I changed the address for the Hemet Computer Club. it is

<http://www.hemetseniorcomputerclub.com>

November 12, 2002

By *Sandy Kandl*

Today, we were happy to welcome 91 members and nine new attendees. President Ed Freeman talked on many subjects and gave us Web sites he thought would be of interest. They are:

www.dviews.com on Digital Cameras

<http://www.californiacoastline.org> This site shows pictures of our coastline as it is today. This will help to show how man and nature are changing it.

<http://contacts.gsa.gov/listgov.nsf/FirstGovEmailListDistribution> This site gives access to most government publications.

<http://www.internic.net/whois.html> This site deals with Internet domain name registration services.

<http://www.cia.gov> This site connects to the CIA

We were also told to visit <http://www.hemetseniorcomputerclub.com> to see what they are doing, and, of course, don't forget to visit our own site at www.ccmv.net.

Ed mentioned that there is a new virus that attacks Internet Explorer 5.01 or 5.5. You can download a patch from <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>. Ed also reminded us of the shareware table, cue card table and the back tables offering magazines, videotapes, etc. He also requested that we recycle our old computer magazines for those who have not read them. Classes will start about the 2nd week in January. Sign up if you are interested. These sign-up sheets are also at the back table.

Another very interesting site for the Club to visit was provided to me by one of Glenn Roark's many friends, John Obey. The site is www.ashonline.org/roark.htm. There is a memorial to Glenn and his picture. Their Home Page should also be of interest to all those living in senior developments

Verdell's new address is: 6637-C South Reed Way, Littleton, CO 80123 (303) 933-8695. Her new e-mail address: verdellroark@aol.com She will continue to get mail on yahoo for a while.

Ed will be attending the Comdex and the APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups to which we belong) in Las Vegas. He will report on both conventions. Thanks were given to unknown "Joe" who sent out notices of this meeting. After the break, we broke up into various SIGs. In the new users group (newbies), questions come from the members and are usually answered by the members, and Ed Freeman moderates the discussion. The question of uninstalling programs was raised and the suggestion was that you try to uninstall from the program itself. If it has no Uninstall,

December 10, 2002

By *Sandy Kandl*

Today, our last meeting of the year, President Ed Freeman welcomed 83 members that included 6 new members. A *thank you* went to Georgiana Dols for sending out notices of today's meeting. Evelyn Rahn has added a column to our newsletter interviewing the new members and writing a short bio on each. It is very interesting and we thank her for that. Evelyn also sets up the classes so if you are interested in taking any of them, be sure to sign up at the Club or Cenicerros Center. Classes are due to begin the middle of January.

Ed gave a demonstration on how to send attachments both on AOL and Outlook Express, using two free programs, sold by Lonny, apropos of the Christmas Season. Ed also explained how to open a file from the A drive and how to move it to the desktop or wherever you may want to put it.

Ed explained that belonging to APCUG benefits our Club greatly. Through them we are able to purchase some software at user group prices.

We were very fortunate today as free raffle tickets were given to the members at sign-in and there were many prizes awarded. The three big prize winners were: John Barbee who won a Lexmark Printer, Dorothy Metcalf who won Picture It Digital Image, and Sandy Kandl who won a full version of Microsoft Windows XP Professional. Santa Claus came early for the winners.

After the break the Techies, Digital Camera users, and Newbies met in separate rooms. It was reported that the Techies discussed several ISPs and services, including but not limited to AOL, EZ2, MSN and ESL Extreme. They also discussed setting rules or filters for reducing unwanted mail.



A very happy Holiday Season is wished and a Happy New Year to all.