

CCMV MEETING

January 13, 2004

Seventy-eight members attended the first CCMV meeting of the New Year. President Ed Freeman welcomed newcomers and gave them information about materials to be found at the back tables—computer business cards, library materials, free magazines, software, etc.

Members were reminded to bring in old magazines as they finish them so others may share. They were also reminded of the offer from Smart Computing. If current subscribers call to add subscription ID Number SC11878 CPU 523 the Club will get credit.

The Cue Card table has very helpful tips on basic procedures. Either individual cards or sets of cards may be purchased. The Shareware table has the CD on Learning Windows XP that was demonstrated at the December meeting. Lon keeps the table well stocked and gives members regular reports on what is available.

The January Newsletter is the first issue to be presented on the Web Site. The newsletter's future will be determined dependent on interest and contributions of articles.

President Ed reported that a settlement had been reached on compensation for losses suffered when equipment was stolen from the computer lab. He thanked members who had suggested contacting Supervisor Venable and who helped with the contact. Ed has already bought new equipment and is working on setting it up in readiness for classes to begin the first Monday in February. At this point 6 computers and the instructor's set-up are ready for assignment.

Two introductory classes in XP will be given Monday mornings and afternoons. Assistants are needed for these classes. Two introductory 98 classes will begin the first Friday in February, and an intermediate class in 98 will be offered if needed. A Basic Word class will be offered from 2 to 4 beginning the first Wednesday in February. Evelyn Rahn is working on class sign-up sheets and last class rosters.

Ed reported important news! Microsoft has extended support for Windows 98 and 98SE until June 30, 04 and support for ME to December 30, 06.

After some great door prizes were awarded members met in the interest groups of their choices for question and answer sessions. Because of the numerous items, which had to be covered at this meeting a demonstration on computer maintenance tasks was shortened and more will be presented later.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
January 27, 2004

Seventy-nine members of the CCMV attended the January 27th meeting; among them were 6 new members and one “retunee”.

President Ed announced that classes will start next week. There are seats open in the XP classes, which will meet Monday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. See Ed at the break if you are interested. Class lists are finally down now that classes have been offered steadily and the computer lab enlarged. Since the insurance settlement the lab has 12 computers with XP and 98. Members are invited to visit the lab when classes are in session at the Ceniceros Center.

Offered currently are classes in XP Monday mornings and afternoons, a Word class at 2:00-4:00 Wednesdays, and two Introduction to Windows classes on Fridays.

Ed reminded members that the newsletter is now on the club’s web site. He took a quick survey of the group to see who had visited the site, read the newsletter, and printed it.

President Ed reminded those attending of all the good stuff to be found at tables around the meeting room—cue cards on the different operating systems, free ware for solving problems, business cards relating to computer services, and a library of DVDs and tapes for self-teaching.

A conversation on “Infone” telephone service informed people of the advantages of the service. Members of the Club use the service; others may get information at infone.com.

The president discussed Ebooks which he had accessed through google and which provides books which can be downloaded quickly and which solve the problem of storing large libraries of traditional books.

After a demo tip on making programs start automatically, door prizes were awarded. Following a break Dwight Jenkins presented a program on PDF-- Portable Document Format.

Programs for February will be Q and A on the tenth and a program on the 24th by Lee “the digital camera guy” who has presented a program at a previous meeting. Lee O. was an excellent speaker with a great sense of humor.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

February 24, 2004

Ninety-one members—two new to the club--attended the February 24th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Ed Freeman presided.

The president took a count of how many members had accessed the club's Website to read the newsletter, and print it. He also checked on the current poll on the Website and said that a new poll is planned to survey security used by members.

Classes at the Ceniceros Center are in their third week. Joannie Lenz will offer classes in Intermediate Word on March 9th and 11th. Sign up sheets for classes are at the back table.

President Ed told the members about the Microsoft Web Site which offers a free update CD for Windows 98, 98SE, Win ME, Win 2000, and Win XP. He posted the Website—http://snipurl.com/MS_order—so club members may take advantage of the offer and have the CD on hand if they need to reinstall.

The CD Microsoft is offering is not general updates to the various operating systems except as regards critical security patches. They are having to make so many patches their phone lines are tied up with people needing to download them so they decided it was cheaper to send out a free CD.

The president reviewed the various amenities the club offers—earlier (printed) newsletters, business cards of computer-related services, instruction CDs and videos, Que cards, and Freeware and Shareware. He especially emphasized the importance of “recycling” magazines so members may share.

Ed gave a mini presentation before the scheduled speaker was introduced. He showed how to resize windows so they can be viewed side by side. This is especially useful when following Help instructions.

After the break Lee Otsubo, “The Digital Camera Guy” was introduced. His program “Digital Camera Knobs, Dials and Switches, What Do They All Do?” was presented with the same excellent organization and the spontaneous humor and interaction with the group of his last appearance. Mr. Otsubo's talent as a presenter can inspire people who don't even do “aim and shoot photography” with an ordinary camera.

After door prizes were given the meeting adjourned.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
March 9, 2004

President Ed Freeman welcomed four new members to the CCMV. For the benefit of new members and to remind all of those attending, Ed reviewed materials available at the tables around the room—Cue Cards, Shareware, business cards for computer-related services, free materials (especially magazines), self-instruction library materials, and sign-up sheets for classes.

Lon Whistler has two new items at the Shareware table. These two, Highjackthis and Winpatrol, missed the newsletter but can be explained by Lon.

John Van Olden spoke to the group about Bill McKim's DVD copy service. He recommended it to the members and gave an account of his favorable personal experience with the service.

President Ed reviewed Art True's information about a possible workshop conducted by Lee Otsubo who has twice done presentations at CCMV meetings. The workshop topic would be digital cameras and everyone participating would need to bring a camera. The meeting would be two and a half hours long with an additional 30 minutes devoted to specific questions. The workshop would be expected to be held at the Computer Lab at the Cenicerros Center and would probably cost \$30.00 per person. A minimum of ten students would be needed and a maximum of 12 could be accommodated. As a show of hands indicated considerable interest arrangements will be made for the workshop.

The president did a survey of how many members have visited the CCMV site for the March Newsletter and how many had printed it. The number had increased since February's 160. A new poll—a survey of security measures such as firewalls and virus protection—is current.

A warning from Fred Langa on new worm and virus attacks reminds club members not to open attachments to E-mails if there is any question of the content; (jpeg files are okay).

President Ed gave news from two former members of the club who have moved away. Kathy Togie sent her E-mail address kathyseal@verizon.net. Sandy Kandl sent an E-mail with information about a web site which she thought would be helpful to club members. The web address is www.belarc.com. They have a free download which gives you a look at your computer system and all the software. Ed showed the information about his system, which he obtained when he downloaded and ran the program. He considered this a very impressive program and recommended that everyone download and use it.

The president gave an outline of a tip on solving requests for your XP CD:

1. Insert XP in CD-ROM drive.
2. Select Perform Additional Tasks.
3. Select Browse This CD.
4. Right click on the i386 folder and select Copy
5. Go to your Desktop and open My Computer.
6. Right click on your C Drive and select Paste.

Vice-President Art True announced that at the next meeting there will be a presentation of a "Program in a Box". Materials are sent from the presenting company, but a member of the club does the actual presentation. This will be on "Software Cinema".

After door prizes were awarded the members divided into special interest groups for the remainder of the meeting.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
March 23, 2004

Seventy-two members attended the March 23rd meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Ed Freeman, who reviewed with the group the various services the Club provides, welcomed one new member.

The president discussed with the group the organization of the Club's special interest groups. It was agreed that the present loose-knit structure of the SIGs was working well.

President Ed asked for a show of hands to indicate who had visited the Club's website, who had read the newsletter, and who had printed it. He announced that John van Olden needs articles for the April newsletter. His E-mail address is dutch@intergate.com.

Ed emphasized that the club does not endorse any ISP but simply lets the members know about them.

New classes beginning the week of March 29th will include: XP on Monday a.m. and p.m., Intermediate Word taught by Joannie Lenz on Wednesday p.m., and Intermediate Win 98 on Thursday mornings. Seats are open in each of these and sign-up sheets are on the back table.

The planned workshop to be given by Lee Otsubo on digital photography is scheduled for April 14th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ceniseros Center computer lab. Participants must bring a digital camera, its manual, a blank memory card, a new or charged battery, and the \$25.00 fee. A sign-up sheet is on the Cue-card table.

President Ed discussed updating drivers. He explained that drivers are software programs that tell Windows how to interact with hardware. Your computer may have come with a disc that includes drivers, but the drivers probably are intended for the version installed on your computer. Adding new equipment or upgrading your OS can leave you with less than adequate drivers. If the manufacturers of the peripherals cannot help there are other sites available. Ed posted a list of sites—video and networking drivers on www.driversguide.com and printer drivers on Hewlett-Packard's site www.hp.com. Other sites included were www.windrivers.com, www.drivershq.com and www.perfectdrivers.com.

Ed quoted, from Secure Computing, a warning about a new Trojan horse called Phatbot. The program uses peer to peer processes to link infected computers, which then can be used to attack websites or spread massive amounts of spam. Phatbot attacks Windows computers, which have not been updated. Microsoft has issued patches for the flaws, but many computers have not been updated. If you normally

have an anti-virus icon in your notification area and it has disappeared, you may have Phatbot. F-Secure, an anti-virus company has a program, which will delete Phatbot. It's available at www.f-secure.com/v-deses/agobot_fo.shtml

Also from Secure Computing was information about variants of Bagel Worm, which can be launched if e-mail is simply opened. They do not need attachments. These variants take advantage of a flaw in Internet Explorer. Microsoft has issued a patch for that flaw which can be downloaded by opening Internet Explorer. Click Tools>Windows Update. Let Microsoft scan your computer and install any security updates.

After the break Vice-President Art True presented a "Program in a Box" from Software Cinema. Photo buffs were especially interested, and the CDs from the presentation can be found in the club's library. Participants filled out evaluation sheets.

Door prizes were awarded before the meeting adjourned.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

April 27, 2004

Sixty members attended the April 27th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. No new members were enrolled.

President Ed Freeman reviewed the various materials and services available to club members in attendance at meetings. He took a count of those who had visited the Club's website, read, and/or printed the Newsletter, and had taken the current poll. A new poll was to begin that day. Adding a new section to the club's website is being considered. It would advertise computer materials for sale by club members. For example the computer which John Obey has for sale, and the Visioneer One-touch 7600 scanner and Sharp fax machine which Ed is offering.

Current computer classes at Ceniceros Center are finishing. New classes will be held in the fall, but Ed Freeman may do summer classes in XP depending on interest. Joannie Lenz will have an Accelerated Excel class this evening and Thursday, 5:00 to 8:30. Sign-up sheets for classes are on the back table.

Lee Otsubo's digital camera workshop was well received. Favorable comments from those who attended included "well worth the \$25.00". There is a possibility Lee might do another workshop.

President Ed Freeman presented websites and information on three useful freeware programs: Abiword at www.abiword.com, Magnifier at magnifier.sourceforge.net and Ifanview at <http://www.ifanview.com>.

Ty Yrizarry spoke about a plan to attend a Computer Fair at the Orange Counter Fair Grounds. It would be an all-day affair. Participants would go by bus from Sun City. He is taking a survey by E-mail to determine interest. His E-mail address is tbyy@cwnet.com.

After the break Chet Hartley did a program on Intel Centrino Mobile Technology—one of the "Seminar in a Box" presentations. He began by setting the parameters, which might govern the interest of the individual members of the group. It was a well-done presentation. You can learn more at www.intel.com/go/pcug. Anyone who turned in an evaluation form was given a gift, a date and time recorder with compass.

Door prizes were awarded.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
May 25, 2004

Sixty members attended the May 25th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Ed Freeman welcomed one new member and one "returnee" to the Club. He reminded those present of the various materials offered to the members including the cue cards and freeware/software. Art True explained that after three months work the cue card table has a set of 30 cards on Photo Shop Tools available. Lon Whistler gave the name of his newest offering at the shareware table WebWasherClassic.

After a survey of the numbers of people accessing the Club's website, Ed explained that there had been no May newsletter because the editor has been ill. The June Newsletter will probably take its place.

President Ed gave some of the highlights of the May 11th Officers' Meeting which included the status of the computer lab and classes, the necessity of keeping a reserve in the Club's account, and the need to generate more interest in the Club. The full report of the actions of that meeting will be on the Website.

Ed Freeman is offering to do classes in XP this summer if interest justifies. Other classes will be scheduled for September. Sign-up sheets for classes offered are on the back table.

Vice President Art True announced the programs for the June and July meetings: June 8th Q&A, June 22nd Ty Yrizarry on Photo Editing, July 13th Q&A, and July 27th Dwight Jenkins on Eudora E-mail.

Ed posted user group offers from various companies. Addresses, web sites, software titles, functions, and codes to get discounts will be in the newsletter.

After a break during which members could check the cue card and shareware offerings, sign up for classes, and discuss problems, the group reassembled for a program by Marcy Gunn from Smart Computing Magazine. She and her assistant presented an interesting and well-organized explanation of the benefits of subscribing to the magazine and its Website. Materials from her company provided the door prizes. That the program was well received was evident from questions from the group and the new subscriptions generated.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV Meeting

June 8, 2004

Sixty-one members attended the June 8th meeting of the Computer Club of Meniffee Valley. President Ed Freeman welcomed two new members and one who had returned after an absence of a year.

The president took a survey of those who had visited the Club's Web site, read the June newsletter, printed the newsletter, and/or read the Board Meeting minutes. He reported fifty-seven hits on the web site, down from previous months. Joannie Lenz's offerings of classes are to be found in the newsletter on page 2--Evening Classes by Joannie.

For the benefit of new members and to remind regulars President Ed reviewed the club's "Back Table" offerings. Lon Whistler's current new offering at the Shareware Table is Web Washer Classic, which is described in the June Newsletter. Art True reminded people that he has cards on E-mail editing.

President Ed Freeman updated the group on Grant Hanson's condition. He reviewed Grant's wife's E-mail, which had been sent to club members, and which announced that Grant's business would close the end of June. There will be a closeout sale of the shop's inventory with some excellent bargains offered.

Ed announced he had received a notice that Verison has expanded its DSL service, but he had not checked its possibilities.

Ed Freeman did a demo on eliminating all the excess material before forwarding e-mails. He showed how to highlight, copy and paste the text of the message to the new recipient's E-mail to eliminate all the unnecessary "stuff". He also did a demonstration of the magnifier and the Belarc system's analysis, which had been discussed at previous meetings. One of the club's members reminded the group that the Belarc analysis gives the product key.

President Ed Freeman announced that he will be moving at the end of the month and must resign his office. There will be a board meeting next week to make arrangements for the many services Ed has provided as dean of the Computer Lab and to try to fill his many-faceted role as a valued club officer and member.

After the awarding of door prizes and a break, club members divided into various SIGs.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

June 22, 2004

Vice President Art True conducted the June 22nd meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. Sixty members attended, and Art welcomed 2 new members and one “returnee”.

Art True announced the resignation of Ed Freeman, President—the bad news --, and the appointment by the officers of Joannie Lenz as interim president. She has consented to serve until the new board is elected in October—the good news. Luckily, too, Jim Richardson is willing to work on tech problems in the computer lab, and Evelyn Rahn will stay on as registrar of classes in spite of having been injured in an accident.

V. P. Art reviewed information about the various helps available to members. Lon Whistler mentioned he has copies of Belarc Advisor and Magnifier at the Shareware/Freeware table.

After a survey of the number of people who have accessed the Club’s Website, Art said that the editor, John Van Olden, needs materials for the monthly letter, which is published on the site. John's E-address is dutch@intergate.com.

Chet Hartley set up and ran a tape on new products, security updates, Microsoft new tools, digital imaging, etc. etc. The Club has other tapes like this and members were asked if they be interested in having them shown. They were.

Vice President Art True showed mini demos on how to arrange program listings to suit individual tastes and on how to change a double click on shortcuts to a single one.

Door prizes were awarded with a special item donated by Gary Skill being first. His gift to the club was a wireless mouse called “Open Mouse”. He had brought others for sale for those interested. Ed Freeman donated other prizes, which he has collected and has now left with Art True.

After a break Ty Yrizarry did a well-planned and well-received presentation on Universal Serial Bus 1 and 2 and their many advantages and uses.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
July 27, 2004

Sixty-three members attended the July 27th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. The Interim Exalted Leader Joannie Lenz conducted the meeting. She welcomed three new members.

I.E.L. Joannie conferred the Attaboy award on the volunteers who help to keep the Club meetings operating: Membership, Dee Morris; Materials Distributions, George and Dorothy Metcalf; Cue Cards, Art True and Shirley Fryrear; Shareware/Freeware, Lon Whistler.

Joannie introduced the Board of Directors: Art True, Vice President; Chet Hartley, Treasurer; Georgiana Dols, Secretary; Dee Morris, Member at Large. She reminded the members that according to the by-laws a nominating committee of three members is needed and should be appointed by the end of August. Their job is to prepare a list of nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member at Large. Any member interested in serving on the nominating committee or in running for a position on the board is to contact Joannie.

Art True reported he had no new Cue Cards to offer, but that he is willing to duplicate any that members may create. He announced that the next meeting would include the Q. and A. session.

Lon Whistler gave as his freeware/shareware of the month "A2free" and told the group that any items of 2 disks or more would now be on CDs instead of floppies.

Joannie polled those in attendance on how many had visited CCMV's website (CCMV.net), the newsletter, poll question . . .

Computer classes may be delayed because of renovations to be made at the Cenicerros Center and the uncertainty of the work schedules. Volunteers are needed to teach classes and to assist teachers. Interested volunteers are asked to check with Joannie. She announced her current classes at the lab: Basic Word 8/10 and 8/11, Excel 8:24 and 8/25, and Intermediate Microsoft Word 9/14 and 9/16. The classes meet from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Joannie asked for the donation of a four-drawer filing cabinet if anyone in the group has one available. It is badly needed for the computer lab.

Interim Exalted Leader Joannie Lenz gave a mini presentation on an E-Mail editing program, Note Tab. After she awarded door prizes there was a break before her presentation of a Power Point program. The business meeting, the mini presentation, and the PowerPoint demonstration were greatly enhanced by their precise organization and the use of graphics.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

August 10, 2004

Fifty-five members of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley attended the August 10th meeting. Joannie Lenz conducted the meeting. She welcomed three new members to the group.

Members were reminded of the various helps the club offers, and our interim president introduced the volunteers who serve in the creating and dispensing of Cue cards, software/freeware, free materials, magazine exchanges, library tapes . . .

Lon Whistler's Freeware/Shareware offering of the month is a2 (a-squared). It is described in the July newsletter and Lon says, "The program seems to do very well at finding and eradicating known problems." The problems being trojans, worms, etc. in their many manifestations.

Joannie read an E-letter from former President Ed Freeman. It contained a humorous episode from his local paper, and some enviable temperatures.

Our Fearless Leader took a survey of members who had visited the Club's website including: Who visited, Accessed the Poll question, Who read and/or downloaded the newsletter. Dutch (John Van Olden) is the editor, and he is looking for reporters. Small articles on subjects in which members are interested need not be in deathless prose. Share your discoveries.

Class List sheets are at the back table. Those interested should sign up now so that classes can be scheduled.

Volunteers are needed to help in club activities. A small amount of time would be involved. Please see Joannie.

Joannie announced that a nominating committee is needed to prepare a list of nominees for Club offices. Positions open are Pres., VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. Anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee or in running for any of the positions on the board, please see Joannie.

Club members were informed that Ron Spath is in the hospital and may have surgery. Grant Hanson had been at home briefly, but was back in the hospital.

Larry Nelson gave a report on his attendance at the San Diego Computer Conference. Included in the vendors were Microsoft, and Adobe. The Photo Guy who has done presentations on digital cameras for the Club and also a workshop at the Cenicerros Center did a demonstration. Smart Computing was also represented.

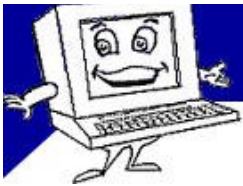
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Joe Daugherty of Tax & Financial Services spoke on behalf of the Menifee School District to encourage people to vote to pass a bond issue. A meeting was scheduled at Boston Billy's at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10th. 2004. The issue will be on the November ballot.

Vice President Art True announced that next meeting's program will be presented by Gary Skill, a Club member, who will speak on Spyware.

Joannie did a mini presentation on creating sub folders, door prizes were awarded, and after the break Q and A sessions were held for techies and newbies.

Georgiana Dols



Computer Club of Menifee Valley Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2004 Regular Meeting

President and Interim Exhaled Leader, Joannie Lenz **welcomed 55 members and guests** to the meeting, wishing all a Happy National Waffle Day. Joannie briefly **reminded members of the information at the back table**, and that cue cards and shareware/freeware was also available

Lon Whistler mentioned **ScrubXP, his choice for freeware of the month**. Joannie asked who had visited the website, and the need for a new poll question. It was announced that **John VanOlden resigned as Newsletter Editor** due to family obligations, and a request for a volunteer was placed. There was no newsletter in August. In September we will once again be **printing copies of our newsletter**. They will be available at the first meeting of each month on the back table, and also on the website.

Last call for people to **sign up for the fall session of computer classes**. Final schedules will be made the first few weeks of September.

Volunteers were solicited for various jobs. Anyone who can help please contact Joannie at joannie@RainbowFlair.com.

President Joannie **thanked Mediacom** for agreeing to donate **free internet service** to our computer lab. She will be working with our tech team getting the service running in our lab.

Joannie **thanked our lab team**, headed up by Jim Richardson and assisted by Dixie Warwick and Les Widd. They will be keeping our lab in tip-top shape.

Jim Richardson gave a **short presentation on WindowsXP Service Pack 2**. It was very informative and helpful to our members running XP. A Q&A session answered a lot of concerns.

Joannie announced that the **Valley News** was offering any members of our club the opportunity to subscribe to their paper for \$20 for the year that would include the Los Angeles Times Weekend Edition. **\$5 of every subscription would come back to the club**. Special subscription forms with our name on in were handed out to members.

A **Nominating Committee** is needed – According to bylaws, a nominating committee of 3 members should be appointed by the end of August. Their job is to prepare a list of nominees for the slate of Officers at the October membership meeting. The positions to be filled are: Pres, VP, Treasurer & Secretary. By the end of the meeting, Joannie was pleased to announce we had our committee. The are:

John Cope - copepiano@earthlink.net

John Guardiano - jguardia7@wmconnect.com

Fran Nakayama - fnaka5@intergate.com

If you would like to run for a position, please see one of them.

After the break... **Gary Skill**, The Computer Guy gave a great **presentation on Spyware**, and offered members the opportunity to purchase Spyware X-terminator at a discounted price. Gary can be contacted by emailing gary@GarySkill.com.

After the presentation, a drawing was held for some great door prizes.

Our next meeting will be September 14th.

Joannie Lenz

Acting Secretary

CCMV MEETING
September 14, 2004

Forty-nine people attended the September 14th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. Art True, Vice President, conducted the meeting. He welcomed two new members to the group.

Until the meeting began Art showed a PowerPoint presentation of forty photos, and he later announced that Joannie Lenz has a class for those interested in learning PowerPoint. It is scheduled for the evenings of October 26th and 28th at the Cenicerros Center.

Art informed the group that through the efforts of Joannie Lenz we again have a printed newsletter to be found at the back table. Free materials are also found at that table at which Dorothy, Dee, and George officiate. Business cards for computer services and donated issues of computer magazines are also to be found there.

Shirley Frygear who is usually at the cue card table is away, so people who buy cue cards today are on the honor system. The money earned from sale of cue cards supports activities of the club, as do Lon Whistler's Shareware/Freeware sales. Lon's Shareware of the month "Web Washer Classic" is described in the newsletter for September.

To keep our newsletter interesting input from Club members is needed. Joannie is asking for any of the members' experiences, good or bad, comment on programs, on the Website, any problems, solutions to problems, anything of interest to the group. Her E-mail address is in the newsletter.

Some computer classes will begin the week of September 20th. Bill Oberg will be teaching "Beginning XP" on Monday, September 20th from 9 to 11 a.m. and "Beginning Windows 98" in the afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Art True will teach "Beginning Windows 98" on Thursday, September 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. These classes are to be held at the Cenicerros Center.

Art gave a presentation—a review of material from the magazine Smart Computing—on the four technologies available in monitors today. The advantages and disadvantages of the Cathode Ray Tube, the Liquid Crystal Display, the Plasma, and the Liquid Crystal on Silicon were displayed in an interesting and concise way.

After a break Question and Answer sessions were held.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
September 28, 2004

Fifty-two members attended the September 28th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. Interim President Joannie Lenz conducted the meeting. She welcomed three new members to the group. She reviewed the services available to members of the club and introduced the volunteers who keep those services and materials ready for use.

Members were reminded to keep their E-mail addresses up to date so that they will receive meeting notices and other information. Dee Morris has forms at the back table for E-mail corrections and updates.

President Joannie asked for and received information on progress from the instructors of on-going classes. Sign-up sheets are on the back table for classes, which will begin in January. She was pleased to announce that John Guardiano has volunteered to serve as the registrar for Computer Club classes. Joannie asked for other volunteers to see her if they can give a small amount of time each month to benefit the club.

John Cope, Chairman of the nominating committee reported on the progress of the committee, which includes John Guardiano and Fran Nakayama. The slate of officers will be presented at the next meeting and nominations taken from the floor.

President Joannie reported on the funds raised to date by subscriptions to the Valley News. Each subscription earns \$5.00 for the CCMV!

Jim Richardson spoke to the group on the importance of installing security updates to Microsoft Windows-based PCs and the procedures in doing so.

Joannie gave the web address of Spam Arrest—www.spamarrest.com. The web site has an animated demo of how the program works.

Joannie's classes for the fall are: Outlook on October 12th, PowerPoint on October 26th and 28th, Basic Word November 9th and 11th, Basic Excel December 14th.

After the break Art True gave a presentation on the use of Photo Shop tools.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

October 12, 2004

Fifty-seven people attended the Tuesday, October 12th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. Joannie Lenz presided. She welcomed six new members to the group.

After calling attention to the special helps the club provides for its members and highlighting them with graphics President Joannie presented Jim Richardson who gave the group information on the security packs needed to update XP. He answered questions from the group and later in the meeting gave information about his services to seniors through Senior Source. He also gave information on materials he has available for seniors. He has business cards with his telephone and website information for interested CCMV members.

John Cope speaking for the nominating committee presented names of members who have consented to run for office:

Joannie Lenz, President
Gary Skill, Vice President
Chet Hartley, Treasurer
Georgiana Dols, Secretary

Since there were no nominations from the floor a motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. The motion passed.

President Joannie announced the need for a committee to serve to update the bylaws of the CCMV to clarify some parts of the document. She asked that volunteers contact her.

The president reminded the group that there will be one meeting only in November and December because of the holidays. At the second meeting in October—October 26th—Jim Richardson will speak on “Computer Security”.

President Joannie surveyed the use of CCMV.net to find how many people had visited the site, responded to the poll question, or read the newsletter on line. There had been 90 hits since the last meeting. The current poll question, “Do you receive e-mail reminders of our computer club meetings?” had 52 positive responses.

The president also checked with the instructors of the current classes to find how classes are going, and reminded members to sign up for classes beginning in

January. She listed classes she is teaching currently, They are also listed in the current newsletter.

The newsletter has an order form and information about the Valley News offering to earn \$5.00 for every \$20.00 one-year subscription. The club profits and each subscriber receives a new source of local news and the weekend edition of the Los Angeles Times in the bargain! Check Page 3 of the October Newsletter.

The newsletter has information about the Annual Aging With Dignity Symposium to be held October 16th at 2004 Chancellor Place in Murrieta. See their website www.AgingWithDignity.com.

After the break the Q and A session was held. After a slow start more questions and more helps from various members livened the session.

Next meeting October 26th.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
October 26, 2004

Sixty-one people attended the October 26th Meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz presided. She welcomed four new members. Among them was Elaine Bryskar who recently returned to Sun City. Elaine invited members of the CCMV to visit a newly-formed Temecula Valley Users' Group at their meetings at the Temecula library.

President Joannie reviewed the helps available to members of the club. She accompanied her reminders with attention-getting graphics.

Lon Whistler who volunteers his time and expertise in producing shareware/freeware floppies and CDs informed the members that he has more copies of Belarc and SP 1 available for sale.

Joannie asked for volunteers to help clarify the bylaws of the CCMV. Rose Oberg gave members the information that Louise Schultz, founder of the Club had written the first draft of the bylaws. Art True updated those present on Louise's health problems. Joannie repeated her request for volunteers to review the bylaws so that members who joined more recently can understand procedures that long-time members have evolved.

The president surveyed the use of the Club's website, and explained the new Message Board. She was pleased to announce that Frank Porter has volunteered to be our new editor of the monthly newsletter. She asked that computer-related articles be sent to Frank. His E-mail address fbporter@yahoo.com will be listed in the newsletter.

President Joannie asked for input on current classes at the Cenicerros Center. Teachers reported that classes are finishing. It is hoped that new classes will be able to be held in January dependent on the progress of the remodeling being done at the Center. Joannie's evening classes are in Basic Word on November 9th and 11th and Basic Excel on

December 14th and 16th. People interested were asked to see her at the break.

Interest was shown in beginning a SIG in Music Files. People are invited to form a group at next meeting's Q&A sessions.

The speaker at this meeting was Jim Richardson who gave a well-organized and neatly-illustrated discussion on Computer Safety---security updates, fire walls, virus protection, spy ware, and information on E-mail safe usage. He gave information on products he has found to be useful and inexpensive as well as free.

The next meeting will be November 9th. There will be only one meeting in November.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING

November 9, 2004

Sixty-nine people attended the November 9th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz presided and welcomed three new members to the club.

After reminding the group of the helps available to club members Joannie asked for input from Lon Whistler on the special shareware/freeware for the month. Lon's choice of the month is "a2 free" a program such as Spybot, Search& Destroy, and AdAware, which is explained in detail in the November Newsletter.

Jim Richardson, technical advisor to the CCMV's computer lab, spoke on computer security and explained the advantages of using Belarc Advisor, an audit system. Security updates can be checked and useful information on model numbers, software, etc. is available in the Belarc audit.

Gary Skill reminded the group there would be one meeting only in November and December. The December meeting will be a Q&A one unless plans change, but the second January meeting's presenter will be Lee Otsubo. "The Digital Photo Guy" who has spoken to the Club in the past and has conducted a workshop at the Computer Lab. His appearances here and at computer conferences have been well-received.

President Joannie surveyed current use of the club's website and reviewed how to register on the new message board. She introduced the new editor of the monthly newsletter, Frank Porter, and reminded members that the newsletter can be read on line and downloaded. The November printed newsletter was available at the back table.

The current computer classes have finished and sign-up sheets for January classes are at the back table. John Cope is the new registrar who will keep prospective class members aware of when classes begin.

The president announced that software testers are needed to evaluate materials. They must write an evaluation for the newsletter as part of the plan.

After the break Elaine Bryskar, a new member who is also a member of the Temecula Valley computer group and a teacher at San Jacinto presented "What does the Internet know about you?"—a most interesting revelation of what various search engines could bring up. The material shown was based on an assignment to see what the internet could find on the student who was searching.

Door prizes were awarded. Lucky winners won subscriptions to Smart Computing magazine, T shirts and caps.

The next meeting is to be December 14th.

Georgiana Dols

CCMV MEETING
December 14, 2004

Fifty-seven people attended the December 14th meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz presided and welcomed four new members to the Club.

The president reminded members attending of the helps available. She used photos and animation to enhance the review of the amenities. Board members' pictures were embellished with Santa hats as an amusing holiday touch.

The December newsletter was available at the back table. In it was Lon Whistler's choice of freeware of the month emphasizing seasonal cards and a Santa's workshop screen saver.

Gary Skill, Vice President, announced that Lee Otsubo, the Digital Photo Guy would be the speaker in January. He had not yet been able to arrange for further speakers because of the difficulties of matching their schedules and our meeting dates, but he continues to pursue possible leads. There is no second meeting in December.

After taking a survey of those present and their use of the Club's web site, President Joannie reported on hits since last meeting, total visitors, and results of the current poll question.

The president thanked Jim Richardson, Russell Ellis, Pn'nah Stone-Kurtz, Bill Oberg, Ben Guaydacan, Malcolm Lowes, and Ken who helped inventory, move, and store all of the equipment from the computer lab at the Cenicerros Center. It was suddenly deemed necessary to evacuate the lab so renovations might be done there. It is hoped that the work will be finished in January so everything may be returned to the Lab and classes may again be held there. People who are interested in specific classes are asked to sign up so Joannie and the registrar, John Cope, may plan for teachers and times.

Volunteers are needed for carrying on the work of the Club and the lab, especially teachers, assistant teachers, and group leaders.

President Lenz announced that the Valley News fund-raiser had given the Club a total of \$55. She also explained a promo by CompUSA and asked Dee Morris to send details to the membership. The information will include the location of CompUSA stores. A member of the group said CompUSA store would be opening in Murrieta soon.

Door prizes were awarded, and after a break the group separated into various SIGs. People new to computering remained in the meeting room and were given help by President Joannie Lenz and Vice President Gary Skill who clarified their explanations by giving several mini-demonstrations.

The next meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley will be January 11, 2005.

Georgiana Dols