

## **CCMV MEETING**

**January 25, 2005**

**Eighty-four people attended the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz presided.**

**Because the speakers had other commitments later in the day, the usual order of the meeting was reversed with the business meeting following the speakers. Leslie Covey, Director of the Kay Cenicerros Community Center, gave an update on the status of the Computer Lab. She informed the members of her efforts to work out the difficulties of finding space for the lab at the Center after the remodeling. There was input from the club members and appropriate responses from Ms Covey. President Joannie encouraged the group to think positively about finding a new location for the lab, and asked everyone to be aware of the space needed.**

**Vice President Gary Skill introduced Lee Otsubo, “the digital photo guy” who was enthusiastically received because of his well-presented talks at the club and at a workshop which club members attended. Lee gave an organized and lively talk with illustrations of equipment and their use. His appearance inspired interest in the special digital camera group which has begun meeting at the Q&A sessions held at alternate meetings.**

**After the break the regular business meeting was held. Especially for the seven new members who were welcomed by President Joannie (and to thank and to give credit to the volunteers who keep the club going) the president showed the various helps the CCMV gives. Because of the illness of several of the people who give their help at each meeting George Metcalf filled in at many of the jobs ordinarily done by several people.**

**Jim Richardson, the Club’s technical wizard gave the group input on the website for Grisoft and the exact web address he had promised at the last meeting. It is [www.grisoft.com/us/us\\_dwnl\\_free.php](http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php) with an underline between us and dwnl and dwnl and free. Jim has been using their free AVG antivirus successfully.**

**Because of the time used for the speakers the business meeting was shortened.**

**The next meeting is to be February 8<sup>th</sup> for Q&A. At the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting Gary Skill will speak on E-mail, creating, attaching, and sending.**

**Georgiana Dols**

**CCMV MEETING**  
**February 8, 2005**

Seventy-four people attended the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz conducted the meeting. She welcomed four new members to the group.

President Lenz reported on the status of the computer lab. She had been able to talk to Jeff Stone, newly elected county supervisor, and his legislative assistants. Julie Johnson, E-mail address [jjohnson@rcbos.org](mailto:jjohnson@rcbos.org) , is the assistant directly involved in our problem. Joannie asked club members to e-mail Ms Johnson to emphasize the seriousness of our plight.

President Joannie has already e-mailed Tommy Tunson, legislative assistant, outlining what is needed to continue classes. We already have sixty prospective students who have indicated need for classes.

Jim Richardson, our technical wizard did a presentation illustrating how to back up documents to a CD-R. There was an animated interchange between the speaker and the members to clarify procedures.

President Joannie Lenz did a demonstration of the use of the CCMV website. She showed the group how to register to be able to take advantage of responding to the polls and using other of the amenities of [ccmv.net](http://ccmv.net)

After pointing out the services available at each meeting and making a plea for volunteers Joannie announced the arrangements for different SIGs for meeting after the break.

President Joannie and Vice President Gary Skill monitored the novices group for Q&A. They especially dealt with questions about e-mail which was an excellent preview for Gary's presentation on February 22<sup>nd</sup> on "E-Mail, Creating, Attaching, and Sending".

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

February 22, 2005

Eighty-three members attended the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz greeted two new members and welcomed them to the club.

President Joannie gave the group the news about the Computer Lab. The club will again be able to conduct classes! Due to Joannie's networking skills we are able to relocate to a very nice room at the Sun City Gardens. Dwight Jenkins has done a diagram of how the computers will fit into the room. Members of the group asked questions about parking, security, and insurance matters which were considered at the meeting of the Board the previous Friday. Our president had taken up those matters with the director of Sun City Gardens and her staff, and had that information ready. People were encouraged to sign up for classes, and volunteers were asked to sign up for helping with the move of all the equipment.

Another highlight of the meeting was Joannie's announcement that our CCMV has been nominated as the 2004 Non-profit Organization of the year. People were asked to sign up for information about the awards luncheon which will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Lon Whistler described his freeware of the month, CCleaner, which removes useless files from several programs. The freeware is featured in the February Newsletter.

Gary Skill, Vice President, described his efforts in trying to get a representative from the Bank of America to do a presentation on using the internet for banking procedures.

Chet Hartley will do a program on PDF files--Tech Support—as part of the arrangement in which the presenter is able to keep the program if he writes a critique of the software.

Technical Wizard Jim Richardson did a presentation on the Microsoft Configuration Utility Windows Manager. A question from a member on restore points triggered a demonstration on those procedures.

After the break Gary Skill, the Computer Guy, presented his program “All that is email. . .” He offered to E-Mail members materials on Outlook Express if requested. Gary has more material for the group which he was unable to present for lack of time.

The next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

March 8, 2005

President Joannie Lenz conducted the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. She welcomed three new members to the group.

President Joannie was pleased to present an update on the new computer lab which will be located at the Sun City Gardens in a very nice room. She asked for volunteers to assist in moving equipment today from storage to the new location. Jim Richardson is in charge and people were asked to check with him after this meeting.

Another announcement of special interest was that Joannie had arranged with Mediacom to provide internet access so internet classes can be given. People were asked to continue signing up for classes such as Basic 98 and XP, Word—Basic and Intermediate, Internet, PowerPoint, and Excel. Registrar John Cope is working on class lists and needs information on what classes people want so they may be called when total class schedules are ready.

In answer to a question about parking at Sun City Gardens Joannie explained the location to the right or the south side of the building where the parking is available. It is parking used for the café. She reminded the people who will be coming to classes that the Sun City Gardens is the private home of many people, and we will need to treat their residence as proper guests would.

President Joannie reminded people that the Menifee Valley Chamber's Awards Luncheon plans have not yet been completed, and anyone wanting more information about the luncheon should sign a list on the back table. The CCMV is being considered for the award for 2004 Non-profit Organization of the year for its many years of service in teaching area residents computer skills.

Lon Whistler's choice of Shareware/Freeware of the month is "Hidedesk". He has described it in the current (March) newsletter.

Gary Skill, Vice President, is working on plans with Toni Parker from the Bank of America for a program about paying bills on the internet.

Chet Hartley did a product review of PdfFactory. Both his presentation to the members and his review in the current newsletter were well prepared and neatly given.

Jim Richardson, the CCMV's technical wizard, gave a "mini-presentation" and suggested helpful websites "answers that work.com" and their "Ultimate Troubleshooter". Tell your fellow members and possible new members about these informative discussions which Jim gives at our meetings.

After the break the Q&A groups separated into two divisions—the novices and the digital camera people.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

March 22, 2005

Seventy people attended the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz welcomed four people who attended for the first time.

The order of the meeting was reversed with the business meeting following the speaker. CCMV Vice President Gary Skill had been successful in scheduling Raul Espindola, Assistant Vice President at the Bank of America, to discuss online banking. Mr. Espindola distributed information sheets which covered Accounts Information, Bill Payment on Line, Transfer of Funds, and Customer Service. His discussion and his interaction with the group's questions were well-organized and well presented.

After a short break President Joannie conducted the business meeting. She reported that three classes were currently running at the new lab: Bill Oberg is doing two XP classes on Mondays and John Guardiano is doing Win 98 on Thursday mornings. The internet classes are dependent on when the connection is made. Mediacom will be providing internet access FREE!

Joannie encouraged members to keep signing up for classes hoping to start another one in by May. John Cope, the Club's registrar, is dealing with class lists—no small job because of many calls and failures to call back when contacted.

President Joannie thanked everyone who helped move and set up the new lab. She especially thanked Jim Richardson who has worked constantly on the technical aspects of readying all the equipment for the new site. Joannie had pictures of the new location which showed a neat arrangement of equipment enhanced by the large window.

The Chamber Awards Luncheon is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Menifee Lakes Country Club. Those who signed up as interested in further information will be contacted. The Computer Club of Menifee Valley has been nominated as the non-profit organization of the year!

In responding to a question from one of the members Jim Richardson, the Club's technical advisor, gave information on a free virus protection system AVG which can be reached through [Grisoft.com](http://Grisoft.com) or on Jim's website [www.janos.net/seniorsource](http://www.janos.net/seniorsource) where he has a section on freeware. He suggested that members check with Lon Whistler on Adaware and Spybot.

Gary Skill, vice president and program chairman announced a plan to have Dixie Warwick and Jim Richardson, the Club's technical advisors, present a program or programs at future meetings

The next meeting will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

April 12, 2005

President Joannie Lenz conducted the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. She welcomed seven new members to the club.

President Joannie reported that three classes are running at the new lab in the Sun City Gardens. Bill Oberg is teaching two XP classes on Mondays and John Guardiano is doing Win 98 on Thursday mornings. Joannie asked that people keep signing up for classes. It is hoped another class can be added in May.

Bill Oberg is working on a course of study for Intermediate XP. Internet classes are dependent upon when Mediacom provides internet access.

Lon Whistler's Freeware of the Month is described in the April newsletter.

Vice President Gary Skill is on vacation so he was not available to report on upcoming programs. The April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, however, is already scheduled and will be presented by Jim Richardson and Dixie Warwick, the Club's technical consultants. The topic will be Buying a New Computer.

President Joannie Lenz showed the results of the meeting location poll which had been sent to the membership because of the change in meeting room costs. Members participated in a thoughtful discussion of possibilities for a new location for the club's twice-monthly meetings. One of the possibilities which Joannie will pursue is to send a letter of negotiation to the church board. CCMV has one meeting on April 26th before the new rate of \$100 per meeting would take effect.

Jim Richardson, the club's technical wizard, did a mini-presentation on Spyware. He reminded people that Lon Whistler has Adaware and Spybot at his freeware table. He suggested they check the April issue of PC World for further information on security. He also gave the website <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security> as a source of information on spyware.

After a break the Q&A sessions met.

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

April 26, 2005

Seventy-one people attended the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz welcomed four new members to the group.

Three classes are currently running at the computer lab in Sun City Gardens. Bill Oberg is teaching two XP class on Mondays and John Guardiano is doing Win 98 on Thursday mornings. Bill Oberg is working on curricula for an Intermediate XP class to be held next session. Internet classes are dependent on Mediacom's setting up access.

President Joannie asked people to continue signing up for classes so they may be scheduled. There is a possibility of adding an extra class in May if enough people can be added to current lists.

The Chamber of Commerce mixer is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at Sun City Gardens from 5:30 to 7:00. The CCMV is being considered for an award as Non-profit Organization of the Year.

Joannie announced that APCUG posts offers on the Club's website with notices on our message board.

Lon Whistler's Shareware/Freeware offerings include some repeats of previously-prepared disks which club members requested.

Gary Skill, Vice President, announced that the second meeting in May will have Carl Jamisch presenting some surprise hints and things to do with your computers that are fun!

President Joannie asked for contributions to the monthly newsletter. Members who can share information about their PC experiences are invited to send brief articles to the newsletter editor, Frank Porter [fbporter@yahoo.com](mailto:fbporter@yahoo.com)

Our president, Joannie Lenz has been very actively involved in the community's Safety Day and Mobility Fair. She invited club members to attend and outlined the activities of the day.

An important announcement from the Club President was the decision to stay on at our present meeting site and to depend on donations at each meeting to make up the difference in increased rent of the hall.

After the break Dixie Warwick and Jim Richardson, the CCMV's technical advisors, discussed "How to Buy a Computer". There was excellent interaction with the club members and helpful printed materials were distributed which included a chart from PC World's "Readers Rate the Manufacturers".

Georgiana Dols

## CCMV MEETING

May 10, 2005

Sixty-two people attended the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. President Joannie Lenz welcomed two newcomers to the group.

President Joannie gave a Computer Lab update. The new lab has successfully completed its first series of classes which were taught by Bill Oberg and John Guardiano. Plans are for new classes to begin in June. John Cope, registrar, is working on scheduling classes in XP, Word, and Excel.

Joannie's classes for the staff at Sun City Gardens, which she offered as a part of our thanks for the use of the lab at the Sun City Gardens began last week.

The Chamber of Commerce Mixer is to be held at the Sun City Gardens on May 11th beginning at 5:30. President Joannie plans to show off the Computer Lab that evening.

APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups) of which the CCMV is a member posts offers on our website. The notices are on our message board

Lon Whistler's freeware/shareware of the month is detailed in the May newsletter. It is 3D Canvas which is a real-time modeling and animation tool. Because many of the newer computers do not have floppy disk players Lon has offered to prepare CD'S instead for any of the offerings he reviews.

Vice President Gary Skill has arranged for Cal Jaenisch to show some "fun" things to do with your computer. This will be at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Gary also told the group about the Privacy Protector he has on sale for \$25.00 to members of user groups. It gives information on how to avoid identity theft!

A member of the club gave the suggestion that the CCMV meet just once during the months of June, July, and August when many people are away and attendance is low. Joannie asked for E-mails to be sent to her to give her input on how members feel about the one-meeting plan for those months.

One of the CCMV's members gave information on the SW User Group Conference which is to be held at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found on line at [swgconf@usa.net](mailto:swgconf@usa.net) or through <http://www.apcug.net/Events>. President Joannie said that the club will pay the registration fee for a member who will attend and report back to the CCMV. Registration by July 15 would be \$40.00 with fees increasing at later dates. See [swugconf@usa.org](mailto:swugconf@usa.org) for what the fee would include.

Responding to a plea from our president Pauline Hall offered to become the club's publicity person. We are grateful!

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After the break the group divided for special interest groups.

The next meeting is on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Georgiana Dols

**CCMV MEETING**  
**May 24, 2005**

Fifty-eight members of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley attended the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vice President Gary Skill conducted the meeting because President Joannie Lenz was away.

V. P. Gary informed the group that no decision had been made about meeting only once in June, July, and August when attendance is low because people are away. One other reason for having fewer meetings is the lack of volunteers to help set up and maintain the Club's activities when the present volunteers are away.

President Joannie had been unable to assess the members' opinions by E-mail before she had to leave. Opinions will be tallied before the next meeting date.

V. P. Gary showed the group an external enclosure for saving an old hard drive. He called the members' attention to the computer John Van Olden had brought. John called it a "dinosaur". It was a 1986 which had been refurbished to a pristine state. Members were invited to look at it during the break.

Vice President Gary Skill introduced the speaker, Cal Jaenisch, who showed some especially interesting things he does with pictures through various websites. Among the items Cal showed were websites to help resize pictures and a way to make jigsaw puzzles of pictures. He offered his help and asked members to mention the computer club if they E-mailed him asking for assistance at [caljhmt@earthlink.net](mailto:caljhmt@earthlink.net). Although the group was smaller than usual the enthusiasm level was high and Cal's efforts were well received.

A member of the club suggested that we have name tags so people could learn members' names more readily. There was also discussion of a closer relationship with other near-by clubs such as the Hemet and San Jacinto groups.

The next meeting will be announced. The date is dependent on the result of the vote on the summer meetings. E-mails will be sent to the membership.

Georgiana Dols

**CCMV MEETING**  
**June 14, 2005**

President Joannie Lenz conducted the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley. Fifty-four people attended.

The promised internet access for the Computer Lab is delayed because of the need for rewiring at Sun City Gardens. Access is anticipated by August.

The Chamber of Commerce Mixer held at Sun City Gardens was an opportunity for Chamber members to visit the Computer Lab. President Joannie showed the CCMV members the certificate that was presented to them for their nomination as best non-profit organization of the year. The citation will be displayed on the lab's wall.

Lon Whistler's Freeware of the month called the Icon Tweaker is described in the June newsletter. Joannie renewed her plea for more articles to be sent to our newsletter editor, Frank Porter. His E-Mail address is [fbporter@yahoo.com](mailto:fbporter@yahoo.com)

President Joannie informed those present that at a meeting of the officers of the club on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> it was agreed to have one meeting the second Tuesdays of June, July, and August, and that the fourth Tuesday's meetings of those months would be through a chat room on the Club's website CCMV.net. Joannie explained the procedure for the chat room.

John Cope, Registrar, is organizing classes for the upcoming months. People were requested to sign up so teachers may be found for classes chosen and schedules can be arranged.

Vice President Gary Skill will make a presentation the first meeting in August on the ninth. The June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on-line. The July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the church. Please mark your calendars. Notices will be sent.

Sigs and Q&A groups met after the break.

G. Dols

## CCMV MEETING

July 12, 2005

The July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Computer Club of Menifee Valley was held in the sanctuary of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The regular meeting room was set up for the church's summer classes and was not usable.

Joannie Lenz, president, conducted the meeting with 48 people present. The president welcomed four people who attended for the first time.

Because space and equipment were limited the meeting was somewhat shortened. President Joannie reminded people of the online meetings during June, July, and August. She reported on the success of the first on-line meeting in June and reminded people of the events schedule, meeting minutes, and newsletters to be found on the club's website [ccmv.net](http://ccmv.net)

Lon Whistler was unable to set up his usual supply of free and shareware, but he reminded the group that the July newsletter describes Visualizer Photo Resize v2.3 which can resize, compress, "or anything else for that matter".

Other items of interest in the newsletter are Bill Oberg's "Course Outline for Advanced Windows XP" and information in THE PREZ SEZ about upcoming classes which will begin the second week in September.

Vice President Gary Skill has arranged for Sheri Paddock, Director of Marketing for Blue Squirrel, to be our speaker at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. More information on her company's offerings is in our website's events section.

President Joannie asked for volunteers to help set up and man different sections of the meeting room. Volunteers are needed especially during summer months when so many regulars are away. Frank Porter needs contributions to the newsletter, and three people are needed to serve as a nominating committee.

After the break the group divided into separate interest groups.

Next meeting is online July 26<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at the Church is August 9<sup>th</sup> with speaker Sheri Paddock of Blue Squirrel.

Georgiana Dols

Minutes Regular meeting CCMV 9/12/05

Jim Richardson opened the meeting to 38 people..... Joannie is in NY

Jim went into a lot of details on Email programs, he showed how to insert the mobile motions included in our CD's. Spent a lot of time on E-Spam & MSN.

Respectfully Submitted

Russell Ellis, Secretary

## CCMV MINUTES

September 13, 2005

Chet Hartley taking minutes in lieu of the secretary.

Jim Richardson conducted the meeting in the absence of the president and vice president.

The meeting opened slightly late because the meeting room was being used for storage and had to be made suitable for the meeting. Joannie advised the treasurer that we would not be expected to pay the church their usual \$100 fee for the room usage because of this inconvenience.

The meeting opened at approximately 9:05 a.m. There were seven new members (I do not have the total attendance count).

It was announced that the Fallbrook PC Users Group is having a presentation regarding Corel Paintshop Pro on September 22 in the evening. Our members are invited. Some members are trying to arrange carpooling.

It was announced that new classes are starting the week of September 12. Beginning and intermediate Windows XP are the ones currently offered.

The shareware table has a new offering "Zipgenius".

The nominating committee announced that the position of secretary has yet to have a candidate. Anybody interested in that or any other position should contact Joannie or the nominating committee. Elections will be held the second Tuesday of October.

Jim gave a short demo of PcPitStop including downloading it from [www.pcpitstop.com](http://www.pcpitstop.com). The program gives tune-up suggestions after a fairly thorough analysis of the PC and its settings. Jim cautioned that some of the paths lead to things and services to buy but they are not necessary for the analysis.

After a break the meeting reassembled in Q&A session and Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings.

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING CCMV OCT. 11, 2005

By Russell Ellis

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by president Joannie Lenz. The first order of business was the election of officers. Joannie introduced Marge Silva the chair-person for the nominating committee, who then announced that the committee had only to fill the Secretary's and the Vice-president's position. The President and Treasurer had agreed to stay over for another term.

President Joannie asked for volunteers to accept the nomination of Secretary. Russ Ellis indicated that he would do so. She then said that Jim Richardson would run for Vice-President. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Nominations would then be Joannie Lenz- President, Jim Richardson-VP, Chet Hartley-Treasurer, and Russ Ellis Secretary. The office of Director-at-large would be selected later. The vote was approved and passed.

John Cope addressed the matter of computer class registration.

The President said that we had been given some sample software by various distributors and that we needed someone to give them a test run.

Joannie introduced a program of new software from Microsoft. "Windows Genuine Advantage", this is Microsoft software for Windows, that is designed to test the authenticity of our software, and to test that it contains no virus. The WGA logo will appear on the Cd's. More information can be obtained at :

<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/howtotell/ww/default.msp>

<https://s.microsoft.com/mindshare/default.aspx>

Joannie then proceeded to raffle off some products that the club had been given, after which we had a brake, and our various sig groups.

## **Minutes of the regular meeting CCMV October 25, 2005**

President Joannie called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, and proceeded with her welcome of new members and guests. Among which were three members of the Computer Connection Club of San Jacinto, they were welcomed enthusiastically by the members.

The new Registrar of students for our computer classes, Dixie Warwick was introduced. Joannie gave a pitch for the classes and said that to date Mediacom had not finished the wiring update at the lab.

Vice president Jim Richardson emphasized that for the up-coming months of November and December we will be having only one, not the customary two meetings a month. For November we will have sigs and December he will lead a program on building your own computer. January we are scheduled to have a talk by Gene Barlow on Internet Security and organization on Jan 10. Lee Otsubo, "The Digital Photo Guy", will entertain us again on January 24.

Joannie read an invitation from the Temecula Valley Users Group for us to attend their November 5th meeting to hear Dave Whittle and "Whittles picks for the Digital home".

Frank Porter made a pitch again for more articles for the newsletter.....

Joannie said that we always need volunteers for Teachers and Presenters.

Jim Richardson gave a short introduction to a new software program called "Clean-up", it may be downloaded from:  
<http://www.stevengould.org/software/cleanup/> . Jim went on to announce that we all should go to <http://www.sco.ca.gov/> to search for info on property tax postponement.

Gary Skills took the podium then for a presentation of Linspire, a new and alternate OS for our computers.

Russell Ellis / secretary

MINUTES CCMV Regular meeting Nov 8th 2005

President Joannie called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00, 54 members present.

We suffered through the presidents recital of some puns she downloaded from the Pun-ster's website (LOL)...Pres Joannie repeated an appeal for folks to attend our classes , she reports that media com has yet to complete the wiring for Internet access at the classroom.

Vice president Jim Richardson announced that at the next meeting he will start a two part program on "How to Build a computer". This could be cut short if there is not sufficient interest, or even adjourn into a Sig type setting and continue.....He also announced the coming attractions of Lee Otsubo the digital camera guy on Jan. 24th, and Gene Barlow an Internet Security specialist on the 10th. Jim went on to tell us about a new Hotmail program....Kahuna @ <http://www1.imagine-msn.com/minisites/hotmail/default.aspx?locale=en-us> Jim also reminded us of the website to defray property tax payments for seniors that qualify. He touched on a website about museums on-line @ <http://www.coudal.com/moom.php>.

Joannie gave us the urls for several on-line e-cards. With the holidays approaching she thought that this would be appropriate.

The president then adjourned this portion of the meeting for us to break and go to our special interest groups.

Respectively submitted Russell Ellis (sec)

## Minutes of the regular monthly meeting the CCMV December 13, 2005

President Joannie opened the meeting 9:00 AM. There were several guests present.

Joannie brought up the computer classes, by mentioning that the signups were at the back of the room.....Bill's classes on XP going well, If there is any interest in Power-Point and Microsoft Word tell Joannie.

No newsletter this month.....nothing to write about .Frank, has the faith, of the most forgiving..... Joannie announced that she will hold a board meeting soon. She then promoted Jim Richardson's topic for today, that being "Building your own computer". Joannie went on to tell us about the awesome line-up for the next two meetings. Specifically Jan 10<sup>th</sup> will be Gene Barlow, speaking about Computer Security, then followed on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Lee Otsubo the "Digital Photo 'Guy'".....don't miss these.

She replied after the question was raised about the donations, that \$44.00 was collected last meeting and on average we are collecting \$35.00 each meeting. Joannie then entertained us with some really cute Digital Xmas Cards.....what a hoot. Then she gave us some sites where we can get cards, saying that they would be noted in the newsletter. We had a very spirited door prize give away.....there were two wonderful folks who gave up their own gifts to others that really wanted them badly.....the Christmas Spirit is in the Air.

After reconvening following the break Jim launched into the first of a two part slide presentation on Building Computers.....there was a surprising number of folks that seemed interested.....KUDOS Jim. Dixie helped with a little extra info, she is really into this.

The poor scribe ( this dummy here) was lost between DVD vs DVD+R, and DVD-R, G force, ATI, Intel, Boards, fans, heat sinks..... well you get the point.

Not exactly Greek just close though.....I just discovered where the oft use term GEEK comes from. Some poor soul tried to spell GREEK LOL!

Respectfully Submitted

Russell Ellis





