

CCMV Minutes
for
January 27, 2009

President Jim Richardson welcomed everyone at 9:05 a.m. and asked several new members to introduce themselves and to tell us how they heard about CCMV.

Jim began the meeting by talking about our computer classes offered. Volunteer instructors make them available to us. He wanted us to know that after 253 phone calls by the Registrar to those signing up for the Vista introductory class, only three showed up to class. Evidently, a change in procedure needs to be made to prevent this from happening again. The instructors spend their own time preparing the lessons and to be in class. A suggestion is to collect the class fee beforehand.

Jim pointed out that the new Moran Illustrated books are used for our classes. He polled the group for interest in an Introductory Windows Vista class, and a few hands were raised. He encouraged them to sign the sheet at the back table, and said the class will be formed once there are enough sign ups.

Jim shared that he has been approached more than once about attachments to Outlook Express emails. He went through the steps in locating filed attachments. When an emailed picture attachment is received and you want it saved, click save picture and save. Jim cautioned us from leaving too many emails in our Local Folders Inbox because the computer gets confused when storing over 500 emails. He encouraged storage into new folders by creating as many as we like by right clicking Local Folders.

Question: How many emails is it safe to hold in each new folder? Answer: As many as you want. Question: Is there an overload of emails when you send one and get a response back that it's full? Answer: A movie could be responsible for filling up an Inbox because space is based on kilobyte spaces. Jim stressed not to load over 20 pictures and to make them 800 by 600 pixels first. Question: If you receive just an ear, can you downsize the picture on your end? Answer: Yes. Right click and save the picture or graphic first before reducing. Jim demonstrated the steps.

Jim announced that CCMV has an enormous amount of graphics on a CD that's available for \$5 at the back table. Questions were asked about JPG attachments and how to move them. Jim demonstrated moving multiple pictures instead of one at a time. He described how to resize pictures by right clicking and going to Properties. He said 31-32 kilobytes is not big, but 2.54 megabytes is huge and suggested we not email anything huge to dial-ups users.

Jim opened the free Microsoft Power Toy program that he said is easy to download. It has the option to resize and offers size of screen choices. He posted a picture, then resized and posted it again so they were both posted. He told us that 1,000 kilobytes is one megabyte. Jim showed us how to highlight and move the smaller one. Question: How can you get the resizing program? Answer: Go to www.microsoft.com and search for Power Toy or get the CCMV CD and go to the folder on Security. Double-click to install.

Jim fielded questions. Question: Whenever you get a question to compress your folders, should you answer yes? Answer: Yes. Question: If you're asked if you want your password remembered, should you say yes? Answer: No. To help remember your password, Jim encouraged that we to use the same password if you've got a good one. The important points to selecting one are: 1) choose one you could remember, 2) use functional letters and add numbers, 3) and don't use a word from the dictionary even if it's in another language. He shared his own example to show that creating one is not that difficult. If you have to write it down, it's not a good one. He suggested having a Guest Account activated when the grandchildren visit to use your computer. Question: What can you do if your email address is stolen and you start receiving unwanted mail? Answer:

Don't open the emails but just close and delete them. You can block yourself for about three months. See setting in your anti-spy ware.

For our next meeting, Jim said we could cover Outlook Express Spam Mail. A 10-minute break was called, and those interested in Digital Photography (or SIG – special interest group) met in another room.

After the break, Jim Semanek resumed the general meeting with a demonstration on accessing a computer remotely. He began by explaining that this application will allow you to see someone else's screen on your computer so that you're visualizing the same picture simultaneously. It is most helpful when you have someone not familiar with computer verbiage and trying to explain a problem to you. He demonstrated by going to Adobe's "Connect Now" website and entered his email address and password. While it loaded, he explained that the computer is going to establish a connection with his wife's computer at home. The beauty of this program is to have a meeting of computers that are not at the same location. You can assist someone having trouble with theirs by walking through the process with them. Jim said it's not the same as "Go to My Computer."

Jim next called his wife and had her log onto the same system. You both have to have the free Adobe Flash Player and one of you must have an Adobe account. A message will appear asking his wife if she wants to join him. She clicks to share her screen and to confirm. She clicked her desktop and up came her screen onto our overhead class screen. With his wife's permission, he took control of her computer. Jim opened the meeting up for questions. Using this system, you can type messages back and forth. If you have a microphone on your computer, you can also converse. You can also share and discuss pictures. Either side can take control, but one side releases in order for the other side to take over. To end the connection, you release control back to her, and she closes down.

To get the program, go to www.Adobe.com. The product is called Acrobat and it's free. Jim said he will do more research in trying various applications and will put them on the CCMV website (www.CCMV.net). He is sold on its capability because he's been able to use it with a friend in Canada and said it works great.

Jim Richardson suggested a method for us to find out if we have Adobe Flash Player on our computer. Go to www.tropicalglen.com to get free music by selecting a period of time you'd like to hear. You cannot get music if you don't have the program. Once you select your music, you can minimize the site and continue letting it play while you're doing other applications on your computer. The music will cycle through so you can close out when it's done. You can right click in order to send it to your desktop and double click to open it from your desktop.

In order to find Jim Semanek's follow-up information on the CCMV website, Jim R. showed us that you'd go to Links from Meetings and download. He also asked that we go to the website to suggest topics for subsequent meetings.

The next CCMV meeting will be on the second Tuesday (Feb. 10) as usual, but the meeting after that will be on Wednesday (Feb. 25) instead of Tuesday (Feb. 24). The meeting ended at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
February 10, 2009

President Jim Richardson opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. with the overhead screen displaying computer printers. Applications were to be covered today, and he made mention of Kodak's EasyShare printer. He spoke of changing our set up to keep programs from automatically starting and of regular ink cartridges being half price. He suggested if we were in the market for a printer, we could go to the CCMV website at www.CCMV.net and follow Links to From Meetings. He reviewed Kodak printers and pointed out that we could purchase one for \$99 almost anywhere like at Best Buys, Office Depot, etc.

Jim commented on Jim Semanek's presentation last week in being able to see a friend's computer from his own with both being on line. He announced that we can now go to the CCMV website to Links and From Meetings to find Adobe Acrobat's Connect Now which is the topic that was covered at our last meeting. He asked Jim if he would review the set up procedure later in the meeting.

Jim stated that Supervisor Jeff Stone is unable to attend our meeting on Wed., Feb. 25. It is now tentatively postponed to Wed., March 25. Understandably, this is not a good time for the Supervisor due to the current financial crisis facing our State. Thus, the next CCMV meeting is scheduled back to Tues., Feb. 24. Jim will inform us at the first meeting next month if the Wed., March 25 date will hold for the Supervisor.

Jim opened the meeting for questions. He said he's been asked a number of times about downloading the free AVG Anti-Virus program. You can go to our CCMV website and download it directly from the AVG website. He explained that downloading applies to getting data or information from the Internet and putting it on your computer's hard drive.

A question was asked: When you download one version, a new version comes up. Should you delete the old version? Yes, it's good to house clean. Jim shared that he doesn't like the updated version of Ad-Aware 2008 (Anniversary Edition) because it continues to run in the background. It's okay for AVG to be doing that, but Ad-Aware only needs to run when you want to check for spyware.

Jim explained the differences between Windows Defender, Ad-Aware, and SpyBot. Ad Aware looks for cookies so he suggests doing a Clean-Up first so Ad-Aware will run faster with the cookies gone. He pointed out that your lower right task bar shows what's running on your computer. When loading a program and you get an offer for products from that vendor, say no if it doesn't look like a regularly used program. All vendors want their customers to be dependent only on their products. Jim added to not check the Tea-Timer to SpyBot or you will get pop-ups. He reminded us that the CCMV CD has current versions of security programs.

A question was raised on the Registry Cleaner program. Jim said we might erase something we shouldn't so it's best for those having attended six months of school. He showed us how to download the free version from Microsoft and mentioned that Registry Cleaner does not have a license with them. (The meeting was interrupted by microphone problems.) Registry Cleaner (Microsoft's free registry check/cleaner) has been put on the CCMV list. It will not work on Vista. Jim runs it only when he has a slow-down problem. He demonstrated how to send the program to his Desk Top and how to select an icon for it by going to Properties.

A question was asked about SpyBot 162. The Tea-Timer should be left unchecked so you're the one that chooses when you want it to run. But before running it, check for updates. In responding to a question about the Weekly and Monthly Icons we see positioned on his Desk Top that's displayed on the overhead screen, Jim said he has it there to run Clean-Up and Ad-Aware weekly

and to run SpyBot, Windows Defender, and a complete AVG scan monthly. If you're on mid-east websites a lot, it's important to install and run more often.

The Google Icon appeared for a member who reloaded Windows after rebuilding his computer. Jim instructed him to right click the tool bar to uncheck it because the Google Desktop is not good software. He briefly polled the members on anti-virus softwares and mentioned that McAfee, Norton, Panda, etc. will not run in Safe Mode. He cautioned us from connecting to the Internet while we're in Safe Mode, even if we have a good router, because it's a miniature version of Windows and does not run installed security software. Jim went through the process of opening an alternate boot menu by tapping the F8 key. He was not on the Internet. To get out of Safe Mode, hit Restart and you will go back to Normal Mode.

Someone asked if Jim was familiar with Windows Live Care. He answered that it was okay but he only likes those that are free. It works on Vista and he explained how it's activated. There was a question about the Administrator. Jim said it's okay to be there to restart and showed us how, but we make changes by going into User Accounts. There was a discussion about creating a new account and the Administrator's role.

A member stated never having gone to Safe Mode. Malicious Software Removal Tool MRT was mentioned. Jim suggested doing so whenever you suspect you still have a problem, even after you've run the other security programs. Defrag is to be done in Safe Mode, but running it once a year is sufficient. Jim went on to explain the differences in Firewalls and Zone Alarm.

Jim showed us how we can speed up our computer. He went to Administrative Tools and to Performance Option and described the various menus. He described a discussion he had with a member who had an unsolvable problem and Verizon taking control of his computer. He was then asked what he knows about Malware Vice and said it's good but can be scary to some because of possible threats.

In running Windows Vista, a member tried running a Disk Check but it gets stuck. Jim suggested letting it run for 15-20 minutes more because it's probably a matter of having it miss the stuck spot.

A break was taken at 10:04 a.m.

After the break, the SIG group on Digital Photography broke away to meet. Installing remote computer access was next on the agenda, but Jim said more questions were asked about Safe Mode during the break. He covered alternative boot option and said not to pull the plug when we have a lock-up problem or we'll burn up the power supply. He instructed us to hold down the power button when you're experiencing a lock-up. You can right click anywhere on the task bar to go to the optional menu. When your computer isn't responding, open the Task Manager, click Applications, and End Task. While in Safe Mode, add and remove software. Press F8 to begin getting into Safe Mode. A discussion on Firewall programs followed.

Jim took us to Systems Configuration Utility. He pointed out that we do not need so many items checked. He said we only need Windows Defender and AVG checked. Jim made reference to www.answersthatwork.com, the ultimate trouble-shooter. The list is in alpha order and you can check the description for each task manager program on your computer and read its recommendations. A problem was asked about Sleep Mode. Jim said to right click Properties to get to your Screen Saver and change the timing to never.

The meeting was turned over to Jim Semanek. He reviewed the set up from Adobe Connect Now which allows you to see another's computer screen as well as your own. No special software is needed but just Adobe Flash Player. Jim made CCMV Links available on our Website. You'll go to From Meetings to find Acrobat.com to get to Adobe Connect Now. It's free and you sign up with your email address and password. It begins by having you enter a meeting room.

Jim explained that in setting up a meeting room, if there is no activity for 15-20 minutes, the address is deleted. Others can add on, and you can have friends join in by providing them the URL address (<http://...>) of the meeting room. If the URL is provided in an email message, they can simply click on that address to join the meeting. He pointed out that a high-speed connection is required so this is not good for dial-up computers. It's great for sharing pictures and having a dialogue. Both sides need to be in operation and participating. Jim fielded questions before the meeting ended.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2009. The meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
February 24, 2009

President Jim Richardson opened the meeting at 9:04 with the overhead screen showing Motion Graphics. He announced the names of new members who joined us at our previous meeting of February 10. He asked how many members have Vista on their home computers; some raised their hands. He asked how many have a digital camera; just a few raised their hands but several nodded. He asked how many would like to take panoramic pictures; the majority responded.

Jim started a video on Windows Media Player that told us how. John Swenson, a writer on the Windows team at Microsoft, talked about creating a panoramic picture with Windows Live Photo. The video was slow going so Jim looked for possible programs running in the background that might be the cause. Live Photo can be installed on Windows Vista or XP.

After the video finished, Jim went through the steps to create a panoramic picture. He went to Live Photo Gallery to locate the pictures he had prepared for his presentation. He said to be sure to overlap one-third on both sides of each picture. Hold your camera steady, and try to capture an entire scene as you take the pictures. After you have your photo shots, plug in your camera to your computer and import them. You'll be selecting the ones that Windows Live will be stitching together. You can crop them and make adjustments.

Jim pointed out some good things about the video and where to find step-by-step instructions to print on creating your panoramic picture. He shared that we can get free Photo Gallery by going to Windows Live.Exe and clicking download. He cautioned that Windows Live is large so to choose the one that you want to run from the down load to install. Photo Gallery is small.

Jim next went to his My Pictures folder for samples. He selected one to work with in Photo Editor by demonstrating on the overhead screen. He divided the picture into thirds, saved each one separately as if he took each picture, and showed us how to create one panoramic picture. (A helpful hint would be to make note of where you save your pictures on your computer, especially if he you have a multitude of them to work with.)

Next, we saw a video on Windows Movie Makers, a free download on XP and Windows Media Player. Charlene Shepherd, a writer on the Windows team at Microsoft, showed us how to create a slide show with music. She selected pictures already on her computer for the slides. When you add music, be sure to go back to the beginning of the slides so your music doesn't start elsewhere. She added transitions in between each slide by pointing and dragging them. She added a title, making sure she was at the beginning again. She stressed working on the timeline so the music matches the length of her slide show. You can end with a fade out. Save your slide show or post it where you'd like.

Jim added that you could email these slide shows if you have Service Pack 2 and Windows Movie Maker. If you have too many files, organize them by clicking and sorting by name to put them in alphabetical order. You can also select and put an Icon on your Desk Top for the file. If you're not certain if you have Service Pack 2, go to System, Properties to check. Jim said he will give Jim Semanek the steps so it can be on the CCMV website.

Video Reproduction on Windows Media Player was the next video viewed. John Shaw was the writer on the Windows team at Microsoft who spoke. You would need Windows Vista and Broadband to load the movies to watch. Jim installed Netflix and opened "Watch Instantly" a feature to which he subscribes. If you want it for free, there will be ads to watch. He shared an experience with the free Joost Player and having to sit through commercials.

Jim said Hulu is also free. Hulu.com gets you to NBC, CBS, etc. and allows you to watch the shows on your computer. Jim asked how many have gone to the Hulu site but got no response.

He said he likes it because you do not need extra software. If you're interested in full-length movies, click on the Movies link and the Browse option. Those listed with a movie reel pictured beside the titles are full length ones. Click on the movie title that you want to see to begin the process. Jim commented that the class computers are 4½ years old so they are considered old and slow. While in Hulu, if you want to watch TV, click TV and Browse. You will see the list of available programs.

A suggestion was made to press the F-11 key to get a full picture, eliminating several of the bars at the top portion of your screen. This was done by a member to copy TV shows onto DVD's. A question was asked about copyright laws. If there is one, it won't let you copy. A question was asked about prevention from going to many different places when attaching a digital camera. This has to do with downloading software and your choosing to go where you want. Jim visited the download issue in Windows Live and checked out what it contains. He said they have gadgets for free. He feels the video demonstrations are valuable and announced that they will be posted on the CCMV website.

Microsoft Research Auto Collage 2008 was opened next. Jim had pictures of his classes on the screen, and he clicked the Create feature that made them move around until a collage was formed into one picture. This would be a good idea for a collage of grandchildren for some. It's free to download. Members asked Jim to demonstrate again. He complied and also showed us how to edit the caption at the bottom of the collage. He went to Photo Editor to accomplish this. He explained about picture copying moves on Clipboard. When you paste from Clipboard, your picture also remains on it for reusing. Jim was asked to demonstrate the procedure and he did. He also demonstrated how to put a frame around the picture.

A break was taken from 10:05 to 10:23.

After the break, Jim introduced two new members. He was showing us a picture of a hippo on the screen that had no animation movement. He right clicked Photo Editor to find the reason and eventually got the hippo moving. A question was asked about graphics not moving and not opening with the wrong program. Jim went into Properties in order to check on the GIF changes.

A question was asked about deleting about six emails five months ago and finding that they've returned among Verizon MSN emails. Jim suggested going into Help and Settings and also going to MSN and eliminating Cookies and Browsers.

When we go into Windows Live, Jim reminded us to uncheck if our Home Page is checked. He opened Live Photo Gallery in Windows Live. He went back to the picture he had earlier cut into three parts. The computer was having difficulty and not allowing him to have his pictures at a location to work with.

A question as asked on what does a Router do? It's a splitter like a telephone line. The Modem goes to the Router, and the Router goes to the Computer. Jim went into explaining it further. Another question was asked about having it for security reasons. In general, it's just a little more security since you already have a hardware firewall. More questions were fielded regarding security. If your computer is not turned on and is not in "sleeper mode," hackers cannot break into your computer.

Jim went back to his three pictures. He clicked on one, held down Control, then clicked on the second and third so each was checked. He created a panoramic picture. He went to Live Photo Gallery through Live Photos.com and saved the picture. The computer would not allow him to use the pictures he had prepared for this presentation today. A final question was asked on what if the pictures won't line up? Jim went into Stitch mode. He cropped, dragged the handles, applied, and showed us one more collage making. A collage needs seven pictures. This too will be on the CCMV website.

The meeting ended at 11:04.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
March 10, 2009

Jim Richardson opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. with the overhead screen showing The Mojavi Experiment—Windows Internet Explorer. He welcomed everyone then announced that the CCMV Newsletter is not being printed for a while because the printer is not working. Another printer is being sought for a reasonable cost. Jim asked our Editor Frank Varano what he considers as a reasonable cost to which he replied six cents per page.

Jim introduced new members. He announced the next meeting is Wednesday, March 25 with Supervisor Jeff Stone scheduled to attend.

A question was asked on how many newsletters is printed with how many pages? Frank replied anywhere from 60-70 and four double-sided pages or two sheets folded rather than stapled.

Jim asked and a few responded that they had heard of The Mojavi Experiment. A video on Windows Vista was shown. Jim explained how Microsoft got tired of the negative publicity on Vista so they produced a video. He doesn't know why Microsoft changed some things that are really the same but just given a different name on Vista. He encouraged us to not be afraid of Vista if we're buying a new computer. He doesn't recommend paying extra to have Windows XP if it isn't included. Windows 7 will probably have the touch screen function that may call for purchasing a new monitor.

Jim wanted to revisit making a panoramic picture. He found another free source on the Internet—Microsoft Photo Gallery in Windows Live. He showed a video on Windows Live that gave brief steps of a panoramic view to a Photo Gallery. It was rather quick so Jim replayed the video while narrating. The photos are stitched and cropped.

Another new member was introduced.

Jim asked for questions on Windows Vista or if what we have is compatible. If your Windows XP is less than three or four years old and if you're happy with it, then don't change. Wait until Microsoft stops supporting XP.

Jim took us to the CCMV.net website to tutorials. He went to Links, From Meetings, and Topics from Previous Meetings. He scrolled down and mentioned that included are Windows demonstrations as well as good resources on Windows Vista. He asked for questions on Windows Vista versus Windows XP. Windows Live Photo Gallery is free to download from Microsoft that you can get from LivePhoto.com. Jim opened the program and demonstrated Auto Collage, covered at our last meeting. He re-explained what to do.

There was a brief discussion on installing Service Pack 2. To check if it's on your computer, go to Start, Control Panel, and Add/Remove Programs. A list will appear of programs installed on your computer. What is Service Pack for was asked, and it accumulates updates was the answer. Jim will send information on the installation of Service Pack 3 to the CCMV website.

Are we going to have the Newsletter on the CCMV website? Jim answered yes and showed us how to find it there. He encouraged browsing through our website at www.CCMV.net because it's loaded with information. He pointed out where questions can be submitted.

Jim was asked about removing a desktop display scene. He demonstrated where they are located and went through the options then removed and retrieved one. He went further by showing us how to locate a particular desktop scene that wasn't listed and performed the search

function to find Zapotec. By browsing in My Pictures, you can add your pictures to the display properties for your desktop. Any you've added to the list will be gone when deleted.

Microsoft's Perpetual website shows contest winners from 2008. Jim showed us how we can go through the awarding winning collection of photos to select one for a background scene by right clicking our choice. You can go further back to three years. We saw some amazing photos. Jim will also have this added to the CCMV website.

Safe storage of passwords was brought up. Jim gave examples of what's not safe and shared several examples of developing safe ones. The best is one that you will remember. When creating one, ideally it has seven characters with letters and numbers. There is no truly safe place for its storage on your computer because too many unknown employees can have access. Writing it down isn't smart either. A discussion ensued about passwords.

Jim addressed a question on a Google mail problem. He said we usually have a reply problem because we don't have Internet Explorer 7. He said the security on Explorer 7 is so much better than Explorer 6. When asked if he would download Explorer 7 from the Internet, Jim answered to never install from the Internet. Download into a folder on your computer and save it there first. This is a safer way to download. Ignore Explorer 8 because it's still in experimental mode.

Any recommendation on a good genealogy program was asked. Go to CCMV's CD of Microsoft Programs. Programs that end in dot-gov are free. Members not having the CD asked where they could be acquired. Since the back table ran out, more will be available at the next meeting. Donations are accepted for them.

Jim next went to Smiley Motion Graphics on the CCMV website. He showed us other graphics too and mentioned that new ones are being added all the time. He also went to Security and Utilities Freeware. He described some free ones that he uses that won't hurt your computer.

A break was taken at 10:04 a.m.

The SIG group on Digital Photography went to meet in a separate room. Jim announced that they would not be meeting on Mar. 25. He continued with the Security and Utilities Freeware information that's on the CD.

Jim fielded questions for the second half of the meeting. In answer to installing from the CD, Jim showed us how this can be done. He said to create a folder first if you don't already have one and then copy the disk information. It may take a half-hour to copy because it has loads of graphics. Jim showed us how to select an Icon for the folder if you want to place it on your Desktop. He also demonstrated how to change the Icon.

By going to Security Videos on the CCMV website, Jim ran one of the newer videos. This one was on "How to Report Child Sexual Exploitation." Next he let us view some CCMV Favorites like the San Diego Zoo. He wanted us to see that there is a whole range of information like credit bureaus to report stolen credit cards, recipes from what you have in your cupboards, etc.

Jim asked how many use used inkwell cartridges, and one person answered. He was asked if he encountered any problems yet and he had not. Staples and Walgreen's have the refilling service. Jim said to do it on the day you run out of ink or the pad dries out and you'll encounter a mess. He mentioned that maybe this member could do a presentation on used inkwell cartridges for us.

Jim reviewed more CCMV Favorites. If we have any recommendations to be added to our website, please let the club know so it can be added to the next group to be included on the CD.

A comment was made about HealthBlueBook.com, a new website on health, dental, and pets that estimates costs for services. A contract can be printed that shows cost so you can be take it to

your provider when you run across something that MediCare won't cover. It's an impressive binding price estimate agreement.

If you have a weird Pop-Up that won't close when you cancel, close it by clicking the X at the top. If there is no X, right click the task bar and get the task manager. Highlight the one you don't want running anymore and click end task.

If the Windows Defender Icon shows up in the task bar, double click it and down arrow to check for updates. It runs in the background. Jim showed us how to locate Windows Defender to download. Go through the downloading process by saving it first in a folder.

Active X is a program that allows you permission to interact with that website that you don't want to install. Government websites should not have Active X.

Jim showed us how to go about changing our Home Page. He also covered opening attachments that are on the CCMV CD, Padlock Icon appearing on secure sites, and explained CODEC and customizing your results. A general guideline is "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The last question was if you install Internet Explorer 7, do you have to remove Internet Explorer 6? No, it will install right over it.

The meeting ended at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
March 25, 2009

Jim Richardson opened the meeting speaking briefly about the computer training lab.

Jim spoke about a couple of interesting web sites – searching under “dictionary” on Yahoo you can bring up American Heritage Dictionary. Another interesting web site is healthcarebook.com, which can help you know prices of medical charges.

It was brought up that Kay Cisneros is having a Fantasy of Baskets auction on April 4th.

AVG is now on 8.5 and Jim will have in on the CCMV website – you can also go back in the meetings link to the download 8.0 and that site will enable you to download 8.5.

Jim turned the meeting over to Jeff Stone.

Jeff brought up a web site “Skype” where he can communicate with his children overseas for “free”.

Some of the topics that Jeff spoke on were: Sexual predators and our children, Property Re-assessments, legal aspects of “sexing”, surplus computers from the county that may be available to club members for no charge.

Jeff turned to a Question and Answer session.

Jim presented Jeff with an Award.

Jim Semanek spoke about going to Google and search “speed test” and there will be a site where you can test the speed of your internet connections.

Jim concluded the meeting with a Question and Answer session.

Acting Secretary
Darlene Gales

CCMV Minutes
for
April 14, 2009

President Jim Richardson opened the meeting at 9:05 am. He reminded us that at the last meeting Supervisor Jeff Stone was present and filing a form to apply for reducing the property taxes on our home was introduced. The Decline-in-Value Reassessment Application (Prop. 8) ACR 755P-AS3RSO form is available on the CCMV.net website. You will find it listed by going to Links and then From Meetings; however, you will need Adobe Reader, a free download, in order to print a copy. Jim explained that this does not apply to repos or short sales, and we have until Sept. 1 to get this done. You can check with Supervisor Stone's office at the Kay Ceniceros Senior Center for assistance.

Jim said he had previously asked if members could provide some good websites to share with the club. He pointed out several by bringing them up on the screen. AARP has a site on Games that are good and simple and showed us one of a Jigsaw Puzzle as an example. Another website shared was on Five Useful Windows XP Tricks from which Jim demonstrated the Smiley Face in selecting your own icons. He went through the steps to shrink, edit, and save. All icons are 32 by 32 pixels. He also showed us how to create a new folder in order to save motion graphics.

Jim next went to the Inside MSN website to download videos. He opened one on Hula Hoops and mentioned that Grape Nuts has good ones. Loading the videos was a jerky process so when asked if putting it on pause would allow continuation of loading, the answer was no. Jim suggested that although dial-up users may find downloading the video to be jerky, viewing should be fine.

Google's Translate.com allows you to translate English or Spanish-typed messages into different languages from a list that's provided on its website. Jim asked if anyone was familiar with Leo La Porte, and how many have gone to the website. He suggested that we visit Leo La Porte's website and that Tech Guy Labs.com is informative. He mentioned that Jeff Levey's website is still available.

Jim went to Twitter's site and an outline of topics covered on the show was listed. He reminded us to keep up with Windows Updates so as not to worry about viruses, etc., like what took place on April Fool's Day. Jim inserted the CCMV CD and demonstrated various movements for placement like putting a graphic icon on the Desktop.

He introduced a new member and asked if she would bring us a website to share. He pointed out that she could send it via email by going to the CCMV website's Q&A section.

A break was taken at 10 am, and the Digital Camera Group went to meet separately.

The meeting resumed at 10:16 am, and Jim spent the second half of the meeting covering the changeover from AVG 8.0 to AVG 8.5. He demonstrated how to get to the free AVG 8.5 version, by going through our club's website and scrolling down to AVG 8.0 and click to open. He explained how Norton and McAfee anti-viruses slow down your computer because they check all your messages coming in but unnecessarily check all those going out too. He likes Microsoft's Security Center and its Firewall ever since Service Pack 2 was installed.

Some pointers made by Jim were: Remove the older version first. Download AVG 8.5 to a folder and not to your Desktop. Save it first in My Documents. The process takes about 12 minutes. Uncheck AVG Security Tool Bar since you don't need additional tool bars to slow down your computer. Don't do a system scan yet because you should control and select when it's to be done. If you get an AVG virus message, heal is your first choice and vault is your second. Locked in the vault cannot infect your computer. Finish the rebooting process. A member posed an unheal question to which Jim responded.

Jim continued by stating we should run a complete system scan once a month unless we have a problem. He asked how many do not have AVG on their computer now and told us not to register when asked as he feels we do not need to share personal information. AVG updates their definition file daily that lists possible infections. He announced that if anyone has a problem installing AVG, send him an email through CCMV's website and he will contact you to work with you over the phone. After its installation is when you do a complete scan. He said to set our own scan schedule and save.

The meeting ended at 11:02 am. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
April 28, 2009

President Jim Richardson started the meeting at 9:06 am and held up a wire-bounded notebook that someone left behind from our previous meeting on April 14. He said he's been getting questions about Windows 7 and turned on a "Welcome to Windows 7 – Windows Internet Explorer" video by Windows gurus on the overhead screen, but it had sound problems. Windows 7 is an improved version without all the bells and whistles automatically running so it's much faster and runs more efficiently. He will have Jim Semanek put it on the CCMV website.

Q: How do you open a .SIG file was asked? Jim wasn't familiar with it so he suggested bringing it to our next meeting. He took us to ASK.com and entered a search for "What is a SIG file?" He said he usually goes there first because you usually get an answer. It's either a print master or print shop file. The site also lists other related searches. Jim expanded on this by telling us about File Info.com for additional information.

How to "Clean Your Computer" was the next topic Jim covered, and he shared some pointers: Unplug your power cable first; and keep your computer off the floor because it collects dust by the intake fan sucking in air to keep the Mother Board cool so get a 2 by 4 piece of lumber or whatever to lift your computer off the floor. Jim went into detail on cleaning your computer. He stressed going to your manufacturer to ask what to use to clean your monitor and not to use any product without first checking. Jim will also send this to Jim Semanek for the CCMV website. A comment by a member stated that most of the noise coming from the computer is generally a dirty fan. Jim said he cleans it through the grate with a wooden handle brush.

Jim then told us about the "MSN Tech & Gadgets How to Article Index" where a lot of how-to articles are indexed. He took us to "Save Time with Quick Computer Shortcuts" and went through some keyboard shortcuts that were listed among the indexed items. He showed us where there's an indexed history of places we visit. These are deleted when the cleanup function is performed.

Q: Jim asked about adding to our Favorites List. He demonstrated by adding Ask.com to the list. He described home pages and showed us how we would make our own selection. He commented that Microsoft At Home.com is a good website and then went on to explain about "Put Your PC Maintenance Routine on Auto-Pilot." You can go to the website to send updates automatically. Jim cautioned us to not perform a monthly Defrag because twice a year is sufficient.

Jim covered "Printer Manufacturers' Ink vs. Cheap Third-Party Ink" as well as "Where and How to Buy Cheap Ink." If you're going to use a refill, be aware of your source. He went to PC World's website. The general rule is: If you're going to print pictures, use manufactured ink. You can see the difference in colored pictures; the poorer ink shows a grainy quality. If you're just printing text, you don't need to be as particular with black ink. When you have an empty cartridge, go get it refilled the same day or it will dry out. If you have any signs of leakage after getting a refill, take it back. On a head-to-head comparison, Jim said he does not use remanufactured inks. He will have Jim Semanek put both articles on the CCMV website and suggests that we read them. If he were to recommend a refilling store, he mentioned Walgreen's and Staples.

Jim next covered "Build the Ultimate Digital Music Jukebox." He asked how many of us are into music on the computer. He went to the website to give us an idea on what is available.

Jim asked for questions from the floor. Q: One was asked about Facebook. He went to the site to show us what's there. He stressed that common sense be used for security purposes. Q: Another question was asked about Windows 7 and its touch screen function. Will more computers come with it in the future or will it be something we'll have to buy? Jim feels they will be coming down in price as time goes by.

Q: Someone asked about Print Screen and the easiest way to print from the Internet. Jim re-reviewed the steps. If you find the right side of your screen to miss getting printed after using Shrink to Fit in Print Preview, change from Portrait to Landscape or using Photo Editor will work as well as Paint.

Jim pointed out a List of Key Resources on Microsoft's Home Page. We took a break at 10:05 am. The Special Interest Group (SIG) went to meet separately.

Q: At 10:20 am, Jim shared that during break, he was questioned about downloading AVG 8.5. He said it should be 60.1 MB so if it's less, you will need to reload. When you download and save, make note of where you're saving so you can find it later. On the CCMV website, you'll see AVG listed as 8.0 but it's 8.5. He quickly went through the downloading steps and to remove the older version.

Jim reminded us about Windows Internet Explorer 8. He said don't download it on your own but to wait for the Windows update. He ran a video on Windows 8. If you've already downloaded and are experiencing problems, he suggests downloading a fresh copy. He showed us how to find what version we have installed. The video was having problems with sound again so Jim waited until it was fully loaded before running it again. He stated that restarting a program is different from restarting your computer.

Q: How to get AARP Games was asked. Jim said we can always go to the CCMV.net website and showed us how to get to Free Games. There are games you can join to compete against other people.

Q: When you're on your Home Page and want to revisit a website, couldn't you use the drop down arrow and select rather than retyping each time? Jim said it was preferable to add the website to your Favorites List and go from there.

Jim reviewed what he had covered in the meeting today against a list of eight websites he had up on the screen. He will include them on the CCMV website for us.

Q: What is Twitter was asked so Jim suggested we go to ASK.com and said that it's like a chat service to communicate. He tried turning on the video on Twitter but found that we needed to first sign on. Q: Someone asked how do you post pictures on Facebook, and Jim replied to go to "Getting Face to Face with Facebook," a site listed on CCMV's website. A member whose family members are all techies explained Facebook to us. Jim said if we don't know how to paste pictures, go to the Help button on the website. He cautioned us against predators if we have young children with their own Facebook page.

Q: Are there any set dates that CCMV will be on vacation and classes not held? Jim announced the last Tuesday meeting in June would not take place because the meeting room will not be available. We may not have the first meeting in July, but it will need to be brought up at the next meeting on May 12.

Jim asked that we bring and share anything interesting we find when we go to the websites that were covered today. Q: Would anyone like to know how to make a free birthday gift on the Internet? Does anyone know what a Profile Book is? Jim explained that it's a compilation of a birth date and showed us how to make up a profile.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Nakayama, Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
May 12, 2009

The meeting commenced at 9:05 am with President Jim Richardson presiding. He acknowledged Mother's Day. He wanted to talk about our summer schedule and informed us that there will be no second meeting in June because the church building will not be available. He suggested we take our summer break at that time and also not meet the first Tuesday in July. The group seemed to be in consensus so our last meeting before the break is June 9. Our summer break will be June 23 and July 14. We will resume our bimonthly meetings on July 28.

Jim introduced two new members. He announced that Darlene Gales is replacing Sonnie Banisch as Registrar.

Jim announced that Microsoft has put out Explorer 8 as a regular update so the update Icon should be appearing in your task bar. Q: Do we erase Explorer 7? No, it will automatically update. There are reminders out there to make the change coming to us in other ways, but Jim suggested we wait for the automatic Windows update. We need to have all our updates in place for Explorer 8 to come in. For those with Windows 98, he recommended they stay with Explorer 7.

Jim went to Microsoft Updates to check and found Explorer 8 Listed for download and installation on computer being used for the meeting. He went to the Explorer 8 video website to download a video. Because of Internet speed problems, he let the downloading continue while reverting back and forth to other topics. Other videos followed that were shown from this Internet Explorer 8 website.

He took us to the Famous People Painting with Wiki Links website that shows famous and historical figures in a painting. You point to a depicted individual and the name comes up. Click on the figure and you are linked to the Wikipedia web page.

Jim took us back to Internet Explorer 8, and we watched the video "Overview." Q: What is buffering? Buffering is putting audio and video in sync. He spoke on Ad-Aware's upgrade and said the anniversary version is now good to install. Before, there were too many "bells and whistles" in its default form. Jim went through the Control Panel to get to Add & Remove Programs to show us how to uninstall the old version.

In returning to Internet Express 8, we saw a video on Accelerators, a coding system that you extract and it gets expanded. He demonstrated the possibilities and said it's going to be the thing of the future—video and audio combined. There was discussion on quality and improvements.

Jim played a video on Web Slices that has to do with add-on pages in Explorer 8. He cautioned dial-up users to not load this one because of its size. He recommended leaving dial-up and going with regular DSL that costs \$14.95 a month. He said it's worth it, and you can use your phone and still be on line.

Jim went to the Security and Privacy video that has to do with making it safer for you to web browse. He shared that he uses Lavasoft's Ad-Aware, Spybot Search & Destroy, and Windows Defender for security purposes, but they're purely our choice. He elaborated on each and pointed out that each one finds things the other misses. If you suspect a spy ware problem, he suggested that we run Clean-Up first and then run the others back to back.

The next Windows IE8 video was on Easier Browsing, putting web service at your fingertips. Jim will put these videos web address on the CCMV website. While performing Restart, he commented on browser tests and warned us to be leery of what we read in computer magazines because of a lot of bias information in support of advertisers.

Q: What's the exact definition of Broadband? It's a generic term for high-speed connection. You have a Broadband connection if you don't have dialing. Q: How do you check for speed? There are many websites to go to like PC Pitstop. Our CCMV website lists one that was covered in a previous meeting.

Break taken at 10:06 am.

The camera SIG (Special Interest Group) went to meet separately after the Raffle drawing. Jim returned to loading Ad-Aware. He went to the bottom right hand set of Icons in the system tray to check on what's running by double-clicking the Ad-Watch Live Icon. He suggests turning off anything that's running in the background that would slow down your system. He went through turning off a series of choices before hitting the start up tab to load Ad-Aware Anniversary Edition and eventually restarting the computer.

Q: Will the steps for loading Ad-Aware be on the CCMV website? Jim will put together some instructions for us. He showed us how to put the Icon in a to-do weekly folder and said to first perform a web update prior to a scan. Jim went through the steps of obtaining the free version of Ad-Aware AE from Lavasoft.com if you weren't loading it from the CCMV CD. After loading is complete, he suggested we do a Smart Scan that takes 10-15 minutes. A Full Scan once a year is sufficient.

A question was asked about Tea Timer. It's Spybot and Jim doesn't recommend that the two run simultaneously. Those that install Explorer 8 and want to do a Restore, have your speakers on to listen for the beeps. Those beeps want you to make a decision and will shut the process if you wait too long to respond. If you want to find out what programs are running, right click a clear area of your bottom Task Bar and select the "Task Manager" option.

After performing a Smart Scan, you'll get the results. Jim clicks Perform Action Now on its findings in order to be rid of problems. Q: On Spybot, other than Tea Timer, are there others we don't want checked? Jim went to the Control Panel's Add & Remove Programs. He uninstalled Spybot then went to the CCMV website to load. He went one step further by going to Program Files and deleted the empty folder. He also went through checking/unchecking unwanted items before loading.

Q: What is Tea Timer? Jim explained that it's good for networking users of several computers. Meanwhile he continued loading Spybot 1.6.2 that takes about 25 minutes, performed the update, and told us about Immunize. After loading, if you have any unprotected programs showing, click Immunize for passive protection. It's a "backdoor" process for unprotected programs. Once you do this, you don't need to do so again.

Jim reminded us where we could find a list of topics covered at meetings by going to the CCMV.net website, click Links and then From Meetings. He pointed out that although AVG is listed as 8.0, it's really 8.5.

Testing the speed of your Internet connection was covered in a past meeting. He went to the website and clicked "begin test." The download speed will always be faster than the upload speed. He showed the comparison figures of test center results between SpeedTest.net and PCPitstop.com, the one he prefers. He quickly went through the steps to put this site on the Desktop.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV Minutes
for
May 26, 2009

President Jim Richardson opened the meeting and spoke about the lack of names registering for the Vista Beginners and Vista Intermediate classes. He asked for a show of hands interested in signing up and asked that they do so today. We are trying to get enough signed up to get the classes going with a starting date right after the 4th of July. He asked Darlene Gales our Registrar about calling those already signed up to tell them about the rescheduling.

Jim announced that he would be calling a Board meeting in June to discuss what types of newsletter items club membership is interested in. He encouraged club members to submit their input via our CCMV.net website's Q&A section through "click here for help or questions" to submit their ideas. This may determine the number of pages printed.

A new member was introduced, then Jim shared that he received a complaint via the Internet that he had gone too fast in covering "msconfig" and that it seemed like something too important to not know. In order to alleviate the problem, Jim said he searched and located a website that gives step-by-step instructions on how to use msconfig: www.netsquirrel.com/msconfig. He showed us what's on that website and will have it added to our CCMV website's list.

Jim talked about new computers and how they come loaded with so much unwanted information already checked. He commented on the fees charged by vendors to remove them. He took us through the steps for msconfig by using the overhead display. He went through the start-up list and cautioned us about ignoring ads selling products. He feels it's worthwhile going to websites but not to purchase anything until you've checked into the product. A good guideline is: If you don't know, leave it checked. He then fielded questions.

Jim also covered msconfig's system config, utility start-up list of things running in the background. He stressed that MotiveSB is a Verizon-installed program that will allow unauthorized access to your computer...so we should have it unchecked and uninstalled; otherwise, you're allowing them into your computer without your knowledge.

With Windows XP, you need an anti-spyware and an anti-virus. You may also want to keep CT Min because it impacts your updates. Once you've cleaned out your computer by unchecking the unwanted information, run your anti-spyware and other security programs. You will find your computer will run faster. He suggested that we stay away from playing with the other tabs in the menu unless we've had training to use them.

Jim said he keeps his anti-spyware and anti-virus checked. He unchecks all others. He even leaves his printer unchecked. He goes through others means to print and feels leaving the printer checked takes up a lot of resources. You can't hurt anything if you uncheck it. Jim Semanek concurred about leaving just the two, anti-spyware and anti-virus, checked.

Next, Jim went to Windows Task Manager, Processes. The computer on the overhead display has 26 processes. We may have 74. Less means the computer will run more efficiently.

He went to the PC Pitstop website, Process Library and showed us a list of processes. He displayed the Task Manager tabs and spoke about each one. This was about helping to speed up your computer to run better. He mentioned running Clean-Up once a week.

Jim showed us where to find the topics covered in our meetings that are listed on our CCMV.net website. Go to Links, From Meetings, and you'll find them listed by meeting dates. For an example, Jim showed us the Famous People Painting listing that he covered at our last meeting. Everything is listed under Topic and Link, so just click it and it will take you there.

Jim visited the Facts About Wine, Wine IQ website. He wanted to check on outdoor summer cooking and commented that wines no longer need corking as part of today's technology changes. He said that MSN sponsors a cool site called Delish.com that has 636 grilling recipes. He then visited CountryLiving.com and looked into basic chicken burgers. He downloaded the recipe video for us to watch. Jim doesn't recommend downloading web videos for those on dial-up.

Q: A question was asked about continuously being peppered with a sale of a program. A: Since it's not being stopped by your anti-spam program, you'll need to block the sender.

A 10-minute break was taken at 10 am. The Special Interest Group (SIG) on digital photography went to meet separately.

At 10:20 am, the Question and Answer segment began. Q: How do you get the Icons to the lower left hand part of your screen (Quick Launch)? A: Single click to activate the Task Bar function. Jim went through the steps to launch and lock the Task Bar. He demonstrated moving an Icon from the Desktop to the Task Bar. To save time, programs you are going to use on a regular basis can be added to Quick Launch.

Jim maneuvered the Task Bar to various sides of the Desk Top. He said to left click, hold, and move in a circular motion. He went to Properties to show us the Auto Hide feature. He then displayed how we can use the Icon in the Task Bar while we're on another web page.

Q: Can you go over again how to install a motion screen saver from a CD? A: In response, Jim went through the steps on the overhead display. He then searched for a particular file to demonstrate the process. If you install from a free CD, run your anti-virus and anti-spyware right after you perform the installation.

Q: How did you change from one click to two clicks? A: Your Control Panel has all the set ups for your operating system. One should be for your Mouse. Since it couldn't be located, Jim went to Ask.com and posed the question: "How do I set my Mouse to single click activation?" We learned that this particular driver didn't have that option.

Q: Is there an easy way to copy a home video tape to a DVD? A: The DVD needs to have a writing capability in the computer. Jim went to CCMV's website to locate a presentation Chet Hartley made some time ago on this topic. He cautioned not to copy commercial videos as it is illegal. He mentioned a Pinnacle systems device that costs \$65 to tape a video to convert to digital. He elaborated on purchasing -R or +R DVD's. -R is not a minus but rather a dash. Buy +R because -R is old technology. You need +R DVD's to use for recovery CD's.

Q: How can we obtain a list of definitions of specific computer terms? A: A list is given out in the classes. Jim went to a computer terms definition website and glossary: www.sharpened.net/glossary. He is having it added to our CCMV.net list.

Jim reminded us that the next meeting is June 9. There will be no meeting on June 23 or on July 14. We will return to meet again on July 28.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Nakayama
Secretary

CCMV MINUTES
for
AUGUST 11, 2009

The club meeting was called to order by President Jim Richards at 9:00.

Jim took a question from the audience on insert pictures into a work document. Jim explained the procedures.

Jim did a discussion on Digital cameras. He discussed several web sites that are available (i.e. How to buy a digital camera, MSN Tech & gadgets etc.) He then discussed how to connect your camera to your PC. The discussion continued with web sites showing the top 5 digital cameras and the top 10 point and shoot cameras

There was a brief discussion on camera phones.

Jim did some demonstrations on resizing pictures. We also discussed some MSN web sites including some videos and music as well as some photo editing web sites.

The meeting was concluded with a Q&A session.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Respectively submitted
Darlene Gales
Secretary

CCMV MINUTES
for
AUGUST 25, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Jim Richardson.

Jim noted that our training classes will be delayed until Jan. 2010 because Kay Cenieros Center will be remodeling.

Jim noted that the elections will be coming up and anyone interested can sign up at the desk or you may make nominations.

Ellen Long had raised the question of RSS (Really Simple Syndication). Jim Explained what it was and showed us some videos to help us understand what it was. He explained that you have to sign-up for news reader and make the connection. These are the URL's that Jim suggested:

What is RSS? RSS Explained

RSS: Really Simple Syndication

RSS in Plain English (Video)

How to Subscribe to an RSS Feed (Video)

Cylinder Preservation and Digitization Project

A question arose about how to find out how much memory that was on our computers and Jim explained several ways of checking it out .

He also brought to attention that the News letter is now posted on the CCMV website and explained how to locate it.

He showed us how to fine the Ancestry/Geneology website on CCMV.

Jim discussed Ad-Aware what it does and how to get it on your computer. He also brought up the other security features that we should have on our computers – how and when to use them.

The meeting ended with a Q & A from members.

CCMV MINUTES
for
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Jim Richardson.

Jim announced that unfortunately we will not have an Internet Connection for the meeting!

Jim gave us some training web sites that may be of interest. He told us about other web sites of interest - where to go to the Federal Information Center and where to get Free Owner's Manuals. The web sites will be posted on our web site <http://www.ccmv.net>.

Jim gave us information on what do to when you are unable to connect to the internet.

During the 2nd meeting in September will be discussing nominations for the up-coming year. Anyone interested may sign-up at the desk.

Jim gave us several tips on organizing our e-mails including making sure that we keep them deleted or saved to folders.

We had a discussion on enlarging and saving pictures (i.e. getting pictures from the camera to the computer). We also had a demonstration on getting pictures into our e-mails from the CCMV CD. He also discussed picture setting and pixels.

Jim discussed some basic security that we need to have on our computers.

Meeting was closed with a Q & A session.

Submitted by
Darlene Gales
Secretary

CCMV MINUTES
for
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Jim Richardson

Jim announced that we would be having elections at our next meeting, October 13. He reviewed the current officers and openings that need to be filled.

Jim went over the links from our last meeting and showed where they are on our web site. He discussed a site and showed a video on the importance of "color".

Jim did a demonstration on the importance of e-mail cleaning. He showed how to create folders thus preventing over-loading our e-mails.

Jim went over other web sites such as where to find Repair Manuals and the Federal Information Center. He reviewed the Consumer Knowledge Web site which showed Ways to Save Money – we did a quiz and the group did "excellent"! We also did a quiz on astronomy which ask us several questions on Mars.

Chet showed a video on Animator vs Animation.

Jim responded to a question regarding Automatic Start-up. He discussed the importance of not setting our computers up to a "default" setting thus slowing the start-up of computers. He went through the steps of deleting unnecessary programs during start-up

Jim brought up a web site – "PC Tuning and Troubleshooting" – Answers that will Work.

Jim explained that "RIGHT CLICKING" always gives you "options".

Jim did a review on maintaining your desktop and making it work for you. He explained that the icons with errors are "short cuts" and can be added or deleted as you desire.

He also did a brief discussion on the tropicalglen.com web site.

Jim requested that members submit information of interest for both the Newsletter and meeting discussions.

Submitted
Darlene Gales, Secretary

CCMV MINUTES
for
OCTOBER 27, 2009

Jim opened the meeting by announcing that Windows 7 has now been released. He made mention that there are updates for XP and Vista available. If individuals should want to purchase an update to Windows 7 make sure that it is the Home Premium version.

Jim discussed the need for all of us using AVG update to 9.0 He explained in detail how to remove the old version and install the version. The new version web site can be found on the CCMV Website. He also reminded everyone to save it into a file (probably My Downloads) and then run it from there.

We saw a video on Cat Bowling and the website will be posted on CCMV.

After the break he showed how to update Ad-Aware. Again, remove the old version then install the new version, downloaded from www.lavasoft.com. The same basic guidelines apply to Ad-Aware that pertained to AVG. He reminded us to turn off Ad Watch

Jim then asked for any Questions that members may have.

Jim will also post some Halloween Screen saver sites on the CCMV Web site.

Darlene Gales

CCMV MINUTES
for
NOVEMBER 10, 2009

Meeting was called to order by president Jim Richardson. Jim announced that we would be having a raffle of donated items to the club. The items to be donated are: A Computer Monitor, a Computer Lap Top, a Canon Printer, Several Flash Drives, copies of Microsoft Office and some CCMV CD's.

Jim addressed questions from last time re the Microsoft Security Essentials and he will demonstrate the installation at the next meeting.

Jim announced that computer classes at Kay Ceneros will probably begin the middle of January (depending upon the readiness of the room). He also announced that with luck we will have the internet available for the classes.

Jim told us that when we install AVG 9.0 we need to run Windows Defender once and that will restart it.

Jim introduced us to a few Web Sites. The 1st being 1(800)goog-411. The other Web Site is newseum.com where we can bring up newspapers from throughout the US. Another interesting Web Site is corsinet.com/trivia.find. This Web Site will give information to locating a variety of Web Sites. He stated that he always runs anti-spyware before and after visiting new Web Sites to insure safety before presenting them to the club. All of these Web Sites will be posted on CCMV Web Site. He did a brief review of the Web Site.

We had a brief discussion on Web Sites where we can download books. Elibrary.net and, Goggle's free book site were discussed. We also discussed Voice Recognition.

Jim did a demonstration on how to print small sections of a PDF file.

We then proceeded with the raffle.

Darlene Gales

CCMV MINUTES
for
DECEMBER 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order by our President, Jim Richardson. Jim opened by giving information on Microsoft Security Essentials. Jim explained why it is a better program than his previous recommendations of AVG and Adaware. Microsoft Security Essentials uses less processes and therefore computers will be able to run more efficiently. He explained that we should expect the first scan to take longer.

Jim explained that XP users should remove Windows Defender before installing Microsoft Security Essential and Vista does it automatically.

Jim recommends that we keep Spybot Search & Destroy.

Jim showed videos on the installation of Microsoft Security Essentials including scanning and fixing problems.

Jim reviewed some websites: ZDNET, The Tech Herald and International Business Times. These websites will review the pros and cons of Microsoft Security Essentials.

We then saw another video on You Tube on Microsoft Security Essentials which included how they tested the software.

Jim reminded everyone to remove Adaware and AVG.

Jim then did a demonstration on uninstalling and reinstalling SpyBot to make sure that it was properly installed for the new program. Jim showed how it worked including what Immunizing does. Jim asked for a Q & A session which included information on Stinger.

The meeting was concluded by showing us some Worldly Landscapes that we can view on MSN and also use as Wallpaper for our computers.

Darlene Gales