

# COMPUTER CLUB of Meniffee Valley



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## The Man and an Era Pass

Obituaries are strangely abstract and inadequate pieces of text. *The Press-Enterprise* printed a longer-than-usual one regarding the passing of our president Glenn Roark. It's facts were probably all correct but the result didn't come close to reflecting the life that has passed. Glenn Roark worked with, participated in, helped plan, and — in most cases led — community-wide as well as hobby groups in Sun City at a level that would be very difficult to match. He personally helped uncounted individuals who were learning or having difficulty with their new nemesis — the personal computer. His own interest and use of it inspired so many others in this senior community that part of his effort was devoted to finding ever larger quarters in which to hold the club's meetings. Starting as a small group of mostly unorganized, hardware oriented individuals (some of whom continue to attend after 15 years), the club grew under his leadership to an average of 70-100 attendees per meeting. He encouraged the establishment of members' support features such as the Cue Cards, the newsletter, shareware exchange, a web site, special interest groups, and the classes offered on club equipment by club volunteers, at the Kay Cenicerros Senior Center.

He will be sorely missed »

## The Baton Passes

In her report on the September meetings, Sandy Kandl provides the list of new officers, elected by proclamation and taking office as of October 1. Ed Freeman, whom we call the Dean of our "computer school," has agreed to take on the president's job on top of all his equipment and class planning duties. Art True, who handles the Cue Card production and has been vice president previously will be responsible for arranging the programs for the meetings on the fourth Tuesday. Please let him know of any ideas for speakers or demonstrations. Georgiana Dols is taking over the secretarial duties so we can have a brief summary of the Board's meetings. Chet Hartley will

handle our financial matters. Director-at-large is now Sandy Kandl. In our usual less-than-formal way, members are invited to attend meetings although the chairman can limit input from non-Board attendees. This club is still small enough to be responsive to all reasonable ideas.

**Aside, from the newsletter guru: There's no question that Ed is qualified but those of you who have any inkling about the level of the problems and labor involved in managing the class stuff should think about volunteering to help him. We need to work in teams so we don't "burn-out" those**

## A New Look

Verdell Roark has moved to Colorado and would probably appreciate an occasional note from us at [verdellwr@yahoo.com](mailto:verdellwr@yahoo.com). She had been rejuvenating the monthly newsletter with pictures and graphics. In her shoes, I hope to continue that direction, including a feature she used: "Site of the Month." If you run across a really interesting site on any subject, drop me an e-mail at [dagan@pe.net](mailto:dagan@pe.net). I will check out suggestions but want to exhibit the marvelous range of interests of our members. The newsletter team also needs a couple of picture takers (one for each of the two monthly meetings) so we maintain a record not only of our presenters but also of all the many who are volunteering in various ways. *Louise Schultz* »

You've seen those wacky screen savers that make your computer monitor look like an aquarium. Well, the most realistic one by far, though it won't save your screen, can be found at [www.charismac.com/images/hubzilla.jpg](http://www.charismac.com/images/hubzilla.jpg). Maqaquarium, who's motto is, "The Final Upgrade," will sell you a kit for converting that useless old Mac into a real aquarium!

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*Take a look and take the poll*

*Meeting Time and Place*

2nd and 4th Tuesday

9: to 11: a.m.

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## Let's Talk Technology by Ed Freeman

I'm thinking about a new computer. When I bought my last one three years ago, USB was the big thing. Most computers have USB connections. Some both front and back. Now there's USB 2.0 and Firewire. Do I need it? Not right now. Do I want it? Absolutely!

I am running up against the march of technology. The first version of USB (universal serial bus) was hot three years ago. I find myself using it more and more. I have added a USB Optical Mouse, a USB Printer, a USB Scanner and a digital Camera.. But it is being supplanted by much faster technologies.

The first generation USB is 1.1. It moves data at 12 megabits per second. That was speedy in its day. But Apple overwhelmed it with Firewire. (Firewire's technical name is IEEE 1394 Serial Bus. Is it any wonder Apple re-named it?) Firewire transfers data at 400 megabits per second. It is available for both Apple machines and PCs.

Then, along came USB 2.0 It is actually faster than Firewire, running at 480 megabits per second. Most new PCs now have a mix of USB 1.1 and 2.0 connections. Some things, like mice and keyboards, have no use for 2.0's high speed, so 1.1 is sufficient. USB 2.0 ports can handle 1.1 devices, but they run at 1.1 speed. But if you're downloading video from a camcorder, you'll need all the speed you can get. Those are big, big files!

Of course, the Firewire folks aren't resting. They're working on a version that will move up to 3.2 gigabits of data per second, eventually. Presumably, we'll get a faster USB someday, too.

So, what should you buy? This situation is typical of computers. No matter how long you wait, you never stay ahead of the technology curve. So get the most current technology and when things move ahead ask yourself " Is it time to update?".

If you are happy with your current set-up, adding both USB 2.0 and Firewire is worth considering. Belkin has a card with both USB 2.0 and Firewire connections.

If you're buying a PC, try to get some USB 2.0 ports. Also, try to get at least one Firewire port. That will give you maximum flexibility. One thing you can count on, there will be many new items available in the near future. (*Portions of the Kim Kommando newsletter of Sept 21 are incorporated in this article.*) »

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### **Bad, Bad Spam** from *www.mikeslist.com*

Spammers in Japan have come up with a way to make victims pay for spam. They use special computers to call literally millions of users. The phone rings once and hangs up. Victims, thinking they missed a call, use their "call history" feature to call back. At that point, automated systems offer services, mostly sex hotlines, etc. But because callers, rather than the party who answers the phone, pay for cell calls, the victims pay for the spam. Worse, the calls usually come in the middle of the night when people are least likely to answer within one ring. It's a triple whammy: Victims get woken up, spammed and then charged. The spammers are called "wan-giri" in Japan, which means "ring once, then cut off." »

## MEETING SUMMARES by Sandy Kandl, [kandysland@hotmail.com](mailto:kandysland@hotmail.com)

### September 10, 2002

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

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

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

We were reminded about the shareware, cue cards and newsletters that were available. Joannie Lenz will give a talk on Power Point at our next meeting, September 24th, so be sure to come and bring a friend. We welcome all to visit our web site at [www.ccmv.net](http://www.ccmv.net) for all the latest news and information.

### September 24, 2002

Vice-President Ron Spath welcomed 70 attendees, including seven new members.

He announced that our beloved President, Glenn Roark, had passed away. He also stressed that now, more than ever, we must all work together to make the club successful.

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

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

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

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

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

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

After the break, Joannie Lenz presented a program on rainbows using PowerPoint. Many of us have the program in the Office Suite or Corel but few know how to use it. Joannie made it seem so easy and so many were interested that there's a possibility it will be on the curriculum in the future. In addition, congratulations to Joannie on becoming the new president of The Menifee Women's Club. »



### Lon's Freeware of The Month by Lon Whistler, [lwhis@hotmail.com](mailto:lwhis@hotmail.com)

#### ISOBuster v1.0 [1.7M] W9x/2k/XP FREE

{Recover data from CD} Sometimes CDs just don't read properly. It may be an error in the creation of the CD, or a defect in the CD itself; however, neither possibility is relevant. You want that data off that CD and your going to get it, so you load up ISOBuster! This application is smart enough to know that you just want the data off the CD, so it tries to work around those defects. Whether it is a buffer underrun or a scratch, there is a good chance you can recover that CD data with ISOBuster. For all the people who work in Information Technology (IT), ISOBuster can also interpret files in DAO, TAO, ISO, BIN, IMG, CIF, FCD, NRG, GCD, P01, C2D, CUE, CIF, CD, and GI format, making it easier to copy that data to your machine and recreate a CD that is compatible for your users. You definitely get more than your money's worth with this

***Here's your chance to join the web generation. We need a volunteer to update the info on the web site — with Joannie Lenz's help. Send her an e-mail at [joannie@RainbowFlair](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair).***

## OUR NEWCOMERS by Evelyn Rahn, *erahn@inland.net*

*We hope you will want to get acquainted with newcomers to the club. We want them to feel welcome and eager to participate*

Phyllis Hughs with Norman, her husband for 60 years, have a family of three daughters and a son all of whom live nearby. There are numerous grandchildren. She was a news reporter for the *Press Enterprise* and when their children entered college, she entered into the field of public relations where she worked until her retirement. She is also a licensed pilot, learning this years ago when there were very few women pilots. As husband Norman has no interest in computers, their son installed the computer and accessories for her. Not wanting to call upon him for help too often, she decided to learn for herself. Thus, she learned of CCMV, came to us for help, and we are sure she will be a quick study

Judy C White came to California 13 years ago from New Orleans. She and Robyn, her husband of 30 years live in Temecula and have three daughters and four grandchildren. Judy is a homemaker and calls herself a perpetual student; at the moment is enrolled in a gerontology class at Mt San Jacinto college and is in CCMV's WORD class. Judy is an identical twin, has a delightful southern accent, and among her many hobbies, quilting is foremost (should we add "until the computer virus bites her?")

Tom and Pauline Hall are not new to computers, having begun "computing" in 1985 with a Commodore, moved on to an Apple, then Windows 95 and 98. They came to Sun City from Fullerton, California, have been married 34 years and have three grown daughters who have given them four grandchildren. Tom is retired from the aerospace industry where he was engaged in the building parts for the space vehicles.

Joan Thacker retired from McDonald Douglas (now Boeing Aircraft) where she was an Executive Secretary for thirty years with a computer at each elbow, starting off with the WANG word processor. The family moved to French Valley 22 years ago. Joan, now widowed, has family living in the

area, including a son who is the head of the Boy Scouts in this area. She has a new Dell computer with Windows XP. As a member of the Southwest Women's Choir under the direction of Bill Paisner, she is very interested in computerized music. She read of the CCMV in the paper and wanted to check the possibility of others in the club sharing this interest.

Eldonna Yates is a retired teacher from the Vista school system Her husband Rob also taught in the Vista system; and they came to Sun City two years ago from Lake San Marcos. They have four grown children and eight grandchildren. Eldonna also had a concurrent career as a family therapist. Both of her careers required specialized computer skills but now that she is retired and time permits, she wants to delve deeper into the capabilities of computers. To



**What have you  
discovered  
today?**

### Class Reunion

It was my class reunion and all through the house,  
I checked in each mirror and begged my poor spouse  
To say I looked great, that my chin wasn't double,  
And he lied through his teeth, just to stay out of trouble.  
Said that 'neath my thick glasses, my eyes hadn't changed  
And I had the same figure, it was just a mite rearranged.  
Not so much like smooth satin, but more like silk crepe.  
I swallowed his words hook, sinker and line  
And entered the banquet feeling just fine.  
Somehow I'd expected my classmates to stay  
As young as they were on that long-ago day  
We'd hugged farewell hugs, but like me, through the years,  
They'd added gray to their hair, or pounds to their rears  
But as we shared a few memories and retold class jokes,  
We were eighteen in spirit, though we looked like our folks.  
We turned up hearing aid volumes and dimmed the light.  
Rolled back the years and were young for the right.

*Elizabeth Lucas*

**Q:** At a recent meeting, someone asked:  
"what is Shareware?"

**A:** Someone who authors a program but does not work for a program production organization would find it difficult (impossible) to distribute the product commercially. So the product is made available without initial cost over the cost of

the medium on which it is delivered. with the proviso that if it is installed and used (successfully and/or profitably) the user sends a registration fee to the provider. Some of these programs are extremely useful and some are not. But you don't pay until you are satisfied. Some such programs are "free" for only limited periods. Others may have restrictions on the use of some functions.

*If you have a question, the newsletter is a good place to have it answered because if you need the answer, it's probable that somebody else also*