

SINCERE REGRETS AND PRAYERS

"We are sorry to report the passing of Marie Pickett who attended Computer Club for several years -- until her ailments intervened. She died on the afternoon of April 5 following multiple surgeries. Besides being a Computer Club member, she was secretary of the Genealogy Club of Sun City for many years and put out a monthly computer-generated newsletter for that group. A memorial service will be held at Miller-Jones Mortuary at 26770 Murrieta Rd., Sun City, at 12:00 noon on Wednesday April 9. A buffet luncheon will follow." — Lola Barbee

[Celia Douglas passed along the following from the pcdon newsletter (which is slightly edited here)]

Is Google [Search site] Displaying a Map to Your Home?

Two of its members wrote to the pcdon.com newsletter about a new Google feature that allows search on a telephone number. If the number is on their database **and a name and address associated with it**, a MapQuest page is displayed. (Unlisted numbers and cell phone numbers do not show up.) Anyone wishing to discover the physical location of a phone number, — home or business — could receive explicit directions on how to get there from anywhere in the country. A positive use of this feature could be to determine the location of a friend for whom you may only have a phone number.

Google has an option for removing your* number from the MapQuest database. Type in your full number (complete with area code, and using dashes). If your number appears in the mapping database, a telephone icon will appear next to the first or second entry on the results page. Clicking this icon should take you to a page containing a description of the service, along with a link to request your number be removed from the database.

However, two users who tried the procedure found that their addresses were NOT removed. Regarding this feature, Google reportedly says that the only addresses displayed are the same ones that can be seen in any local white pages, and that displaying a map just makes finding them easier.

Check this out for yourself, and drop an email to the CCMV newsletter editor (dagan@pe.net) on what you learn. Your editor's phone number — and, hence the other information — is not listed although she doesn't have an unlisted number. Perhaps we are too far in the boondocks for the info to be put up on the net. Also, however, she never lets Windows "remember" the info she sends to vendors, etc.

* How would Google know whose phone number you typed, when claiming you want it to be removed? Could anyone take yours off?

Lon's Freeware of The Month

by Lon Whistler,



SpyBot Search and Destroy

v1.1 rel 4 April

Search your hard disk for so-called spy- or adbots, the modules that are responsible for showing ads and transmitting information back to vendors. If SpyBot Search and Destroy finds such modules, it will remove them or replace them with empty dummies. In most cases, the host software still runs after removing the bot.

Among the adbots SpyBot targets: Aureate, CLPRS, Comet Cursors, eZula HotText, Gator, GoHip, Radiate, WebHancer, and WildTangent. The program allows you to update by subscribing to the author's

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

As usual, Today, is Q and A and Special Interest Groups — Techies, Digital Imaging, Newbies, Genealogy, Quicken, or whatever. May be a demo.

NEXT MEETING April 22, we'll all try to convince somebody else they can't live without

**FOR SALE: BRAND NEW UNOPENED
CANON S330 INK JET PRINTER \$50. 679-**

Art True, who creates and sells the Cue Cards to benefit the club provided this list of available Cue Cards:



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Take a look and take the poll

Meeting Time and Place

2nd and 4th Tuesday
9: to 11: a.m.
Seventh-day Adventist Church
29885 Bradley Road
Sun City, CA

- A 60 card set for Windows 98.
- A 10 card supplement to Win 98
- A 13 card set Win 98 Control Panel
- A 72 card set for Windows Me
- A 57 card set for Windows XP
- A 30 card set for MS-Word (based on Office 97)
- Two MS-Word cards "Subscript" and "Superscript"
- A 20 card set for basic Excel (based on Office 97)
- A 10 card set for Quicken 5
- A 13 card set for Quicken 2000
- A 13 card set for Quicken 3000
- A 7 card set for Print Artist.
- A 5 card set for "Recover Hard Disk Space"
- A 4 card set for "Keyboard Shortcuts"
- Miscellaneous single cards include: MS-Word Animation; E-mail Cleaner; Web View (Point to highlight Single click to Start); a FAT 32 Boot Disk (Win 98); Record your own voice as a .wav file

At his presentation on March 11, he provided the following summary of the various ports on our computers.

The April issue of *Smart Computing* magazine does a nice job helping us to understand the several ways that can be used to connect devices to your computer: SCSI, USB, Firewire (IEEE 1354), Serial, Parallel, ATA (IDE).

A serial port transfers one bit of data at a time is the one usually used for connecting your mouse. When used to connect a modem, the serial port is referred to as a COM (communication) port.

Parallel ports transfer multiple bits of data at a time and are used for printers, scanners, Zip drives. They can be connected in a daisy chain so that multiple drives can be connected to the single computer parallel port.

SCSI (Small Computer System Interface) is a parallel port interface to communicate with printers, scanners, CD drives, but at a much higher data transfer rate than a parallel port. Up to 15 devices can be daisy-chained on a SCSI port. A SCSI port was usually not included with an IBM-type computer, but Purchased as an added item.

The USB (Universal Serial Bus) interface is ideally suited for mid-speed devices such as keyboards, mice, modems, printers, digital cameras, joysticks, Zip drives, etc. In addition, using multiple USB hubs, allows daisy-chaining as many as 127 devices. USB devices are hot swappable and Plug and Play compatible.

Firewire (IEEE 1354 or Sony's i.LINK) was introduced as a replacement for serial ports, parallel ports, and SCSI ports. Firewire devices are hot swappable and Plug and Play compatible.

The reason for all these developments was to improve data transfer rate.

What is your speed:	Interface	Data transfer Rate
	ATA/ IDE/ EIDE	33 MBps
	Firewire	430 Mbps
	Parallel	115 Kbps
	Serial	115 Kbps
	USB1.1	12 Mbps
	USB 2.0	480 Mbps

Note: MBpbs is megabytes per second. Mbpbs is megabits per second. Kbps is kilobits per second.



ANOTHER VOLUNTEER by Evelyn Rahn, erahn@inland.net

GEORGIANA DOLS (Giana)

Born in Minnesota of Dutch descent. (Grandparents were from the Netherlands). Came to California (Long Beach) from Minnesota in her 20s to marry her returning veteran sweetheart who, after five years in the European theater of operations (including some time under Patton) returned to

Minnesota but wanted to live in California.

They were blessed with Setphanie, who was the only child before she and her husband parted. (Giana has planted a tree in her daughter's memory in Sun City.

Georgian was very close to all three brothers, all engineers (one was vice president of Motorola) who have been into computers since computers were nearly as big as buildings. As adults, computing has been a part of all their lives

Teaching has been a lifetime thing for Georgiana. She was educated in a two-room country school house in Minnesota and the University of Minnesota where she got her masters. She spent over 37 years teaching, the last 16 in Catalina where she was an elementary teacher and tutor to adults as well. She also worked for the Library on Catalina Island.

During the years before she went to Catalina, she taught in Minnesota and in California, including Stanford. She has been a

student herself all her life, adding to her education with classes all along the way. She has such a variety of qualifications that she could teach adults also. It was her choice not to write the thesis for a PhD as she wanted to teach, not be an administrator. (At one time, the son of Shirley Temple Black was a student at the elementary level at Stanford.)

She has also traveled extensively all continents except the Antarctic with much knowledge to carry home to future classes

She came to Sun City when good friends from Catalina sold her on the idea. When the residents of the Sun City Mobile Homes Park voted to be removed from the core, she was forced to give up many of the things she was doing. However; she simply found other things to fill her life. She is able to help the Players Club as a hired director. She also sings in a choral club, belongs to Women's Club and works as a helper in the library wherever needed.

And she is a volunteer-at-large helping out the CCMV where needed. She is Secretary for CCMV and substitutes for Sandy Kandl when needed and at the back table when absences occur

She has literally given her life to others, thus gaining so much along the way to enrich her own life.

MEETING SUMMARES by Sandy Kandl, kandysland@hotmail.com

March 11, 2003 — We had another door prize raffle with Adobe Photoshop Elements, a 1279-page manual for MS Office 2000 Professional, a copy of Serene Screen Aquarium, and a set of 5 jewel cases given to the lucky winners.

After the break, the newbies stayed in the meeting room, while the Techies moved to another room. Chet Hartley, moderator of the Techies Group, reported that there were about 10 attendees this morning. Several subjects were brought up. A new HP all-in-one printer/scanner/copier that prints and copies won't scan into the computer. Several suggestions were given including removing and re-installing the driver. A member has a computer that sometimes won't shut down properly. We discussed what might be causing it; also using Go-Back, Restore and other such programs; and, software "activation" and what information the vendors collect about the computer during the process.

March 25, 2003 — President Ed Freeman returned from Hawaii, to welcome 95 members including two new attendees. A poll was taken and our web goddess, Joannie Lenz, will post the results on our web site, <<http://www.ccmv.net>>. The new classes have begun but there are still some openings available. Contact Ed if you are interested.

Ed demonstrated how to free up system resources

if you get a message that you have low or no system resources available. **[Please see details in the meeting Minutes on our web site.]**

We had an early break to leave plenty of time for a most interesting speaker, Detective Jeff Reichmann from the Perris Station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department dealing with identity theft and property crime. He stressed that we should not be paranoid, just careful. We should guard our credit card, bank account, and social security numbers. We should not give out any personal information over the phone to anyone we do not know or to give any information over a wireless or portable phone since criminals scan them for information.

Det. Reichmann suggested checking statements, carrying few credit cards, never carrying social security cards, and checking credit reports on a yearly basis to minimize risks. Keep all personal



Picture (and available video tape) by Orien Pfeiffer

information in a safe place and shred all papers with your name before putting them in the trash. Do not put sensitive mail out in an unlocked mailbox and pick up your mail as soon as possible. If you are a victim, have a fraud alert put on your credit files, report to the police, call the various credit agencies but then follow it up with letters.

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A FEW OF OUR NEWCOMERS by Evelyn Rahn, *erahn@inland.net*

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

DOUGLAS FREW and his wife Winnie lived for 30 years in Moreno Valley and in 1993 made the long move to Sun City. He keeps quite busy with his computer as his pre-retirement business was computer programming and systems consultant. He modestly circled "experienced" on his entry form, but I suspect "expert" would have been more accurate. Currently he is building web sites for his two sons' professional sports handicapping business in Las Vegas. He is very modest, but when I suggested he had lots he could share with us, he did not reply negatively. He and Winnie also have a daughter; and Winnie is employed outside the home so is unable to join with us.

ELDORA SPALDING: Ellie and her husband Vern live in Sun City but have lived in the area much longer as he was with the Pasadena City College. Ellie calls herself a stay-at-home mom and, I suspect, a busy one as their combined families number eight children. They are quite new at computers but have, working together, taught themselves to use email and to browse the internet. They will be cruising in April but later in the year will be back with us.

JOSEPH LABONVILLE came to SC about a year ago from Leisure World with a very sick wife who now is in the hospital and whose care supersedes all else. But he hopes to be able to take classes to improve his skills especially in Word. Joseph is a retired professor from Mesa community college, San Diego. as a teacher of French. (He has also taught English) He spent 39 years teaching, was in the Military with a most colorful back-ground because of his ability to speak French. He became a Lieutenant in the AirForce. He was called to most unusual assignments in that service. Wherever his skills were needed, there he was sent, serving wherever his knowledge of the French language took him, including Indo-China and the Philippines. Amazing the stories the person sitting along side you in computer class can relate when questioned!!

ELFRIEDE SCHAUERS and her husband came to Sun City 1980 and she has been widowed for 9 years. She was a stay at home wife so did not use computing on the job. She joined the CCMV Feb 25 and has enrolled for WORD this session. Her comment was that she wants to learn everything. She is not yet on internet but hopes to be soon. She says she uses the computer mainly as a typewriter, as so many of us do, finding how much easier the computer is.

ROBERT and MARILYN TALLY, reside in Menifee Valley; came to California in the 60s from their birth state of Arkansas. Bob is a 30-year American Airlines retiree and Marilyn is retired from

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For your information, the following are the Credit Bureaus to contact. Their addresses are on their Web Sites.

Equifax - <<http://www.equifax.com>>

Experian - <<http://www.experian.com>>

Transunion - <<http://www.transunion.com>>

You should also report the information to the FTC at 1-877-ID-Theft (1-877-438-4338).

Before the meeting ended, we had our door prize drawing and we had several lucky winners.

to become proficient with it. Now that they are back from a vacation to Arkansas, their next hope is to acquire a new computer, get onto the internet, and be able to communicate with their many family members all over the country. This will involve learning to use photography as well. Their oldest grandson gave them a digital camera for Christmas. This grandson graduated from the Air Force Academy and, at the moment, they do not know where he is. But when he safely returns he will be a great help to them and they want to be equipped. They would appreciate your including their grandson in your prayers. This is a trying time for them.

KEN FOSHAY - Ken has been retired three years from Boeing Aircraft and lives in Sun City. He joined us in March, is a relatively new user but has accomplished the internet so can email his one child, a daughter. He aspires to digging into photography and is excited to learn we have the Photo Sig and so many experienced users who are willing to help him. He is eager to become more proficient with MS WORD

DONNA DOBSON with her husband Ronald live in Sun City part time, dividing the year between Maine and Sun City. She is a native Missourian but has been and still is mobile. Even their children are living all over the country. She was an architectural draftsman in her working days but now has an at-home business drawing houseplans on the computer. She is extremely busy with her business and with their renovation of their rental properties in Sun City, but she could probably give a very interesting demo for the club on architectural drawing on the computer.

RALPH RIEGE - Ralph joined our group Feb 25th. He and wife Bea are settling in to their new home in Sun City. Ralph had enjoyed his computer club in North Hollywood and, upon moving here, was delighted to find CCMV. I suspect Ralph is unique, probably our only member who was born in China!! His goal is to update himself (so he can keep up with his grandson!) especially as relates to photography. He is also searching for a good server, but I doubt that he will find a server for the Internet here as inexpensively as his LA Freenet which was a mere \$50 yearly!!

ROBERT and MARY ANN MERICLE—Mary Ann was reared in California and Bob, an Iowan, was brought to California at an early age. They were married and reared their family mainly in the Hacienda Heights area before moving to Canyon Lake. Robert retired after 37 years with the LA Times in Advertising, Marketing and Management. He likes to shop on the internet and "do" email. His goal is to become proficient in using his digital camera and the processing of the pictures on the computer. Mary Ann is quite proficient especially as pertains to Genealogy, her special interest, a hobby she has pursued for 25 years. She indicated she would be willing to help other genealogists in the club and proceeded to join and rejuvenate our Genealogy Sig which pleased us very much. Mary Ann is busy with genealogy classes, her work with the Lake Elsinore and Temecula Genealogy groups, choir at her Temecula church, and more.