



Computer Club of Menifee Valley  
(CCMV)

"Friends Helping Friends"



Member of  
The Association of  
Personal Computer User Groups



#### The Prez Sez:

Well! **THIS** is different! How'd I get here??? It will probably take a few months for me to get into the swing of things, so I know y'all will "help the new guy" along with all my mistakes and MANY questions. I figure I can't mess things up TOO badly before October, so let's give it a try.

As most of you know, our President, Ed Freeman is moseying along to Arizona, and that is leaving a HUGE hole at CCMV. We'll never be able to replace Ed, but a lot of members have stepped up to the plate and will be filling in some of the gaps. Ed, we all will miss your leadership and most of all your friendship. We hope you'll keep in touch and keep us up-to-date on what's happening with you. **BEST OF LUCK in your new home!!**

A big thank you to the CCMV Board, for their confidence in me to try to fill in for Ed as Interim President (or Interim Exalted Ruler as I would prefer to be called... (hehe).

I will also be acting Dean of the Computer Lab, helping to organize the class schedules and such. Art True will be backing me up, with my Prez duties to be sure everything gets done, and the rest of your Board has also offered their help and support. Jim Richardson has agreed to be our Lab Technician, keeping the lab in tip top running order. (Thanks Jim!) I am counting on the rest of our membership (that's **YOU**) to also pitch in to get the many things necessary to run this club done. I know it LOOKS easy, but that's only because of all of the dedicated members who help every meeting day to make things run smoothly. **THANK YOU!!**

#### CCMV news...

Lab to get a face lift. Beginning (we think) in July, the Kay Cenicerros Community Center, location of our Computer Lab, will be undergoing some extensive remodeling. A new paint job looks to be in store for our lab. This means we will have to move all of the equipment out of the lab and it will be closed down for at least a week. They are hoping all the dust will settle by the end of September, but this may affect the start of our Fall Class Schedule. We'll keep you updated as information becomes available.

### **In Computer news...**

Microsoft Corp. plans to make its much-anticipated foray into the high-stakes battle for computer users searching for information online, posing a new challenge to Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc., the two dominant search engine companies.

Court Limits Privacy of E-Mail - A company that provides e-mail service has the right to copy and read any message bound for its customers, a federal appeals court panel has ruled in a decision that could expand e-mail monitoring by businesses and the government.

Have a wonderful month!



### **A note from the editor:**

Unfortunately I have been absent the last four meetings. I had a family emergency (worked out well) and went on two trips for family outings. One was my granddaughter's appearance at the stage of The Flamingo in Las Vegas with her modern dance studio in the National Competition. They finished second in her age group (7). I will try to be at more meetings but please email your contributions to: [dutch@intergate.com](mailto:dutch@intergate.com)

### **Art True Writes:**

Spam detection software, running on the system "mail.trip.net", has identified this incoming email as possible spam. The original message has been attached to this so you can view it (if it isn't spam) or block similar future email. If you have any questions, see the administrator of that system for details.

### **Lon's freeware of The month**

**[lwhis@hotmail.com](mailto:lwhis@hotmail.com)**

**a2 free [3.01M] Win9x/2k/XP FREE**

If you haven't had spyware bite you yet, be prepared: it will happen. There are so many variations of spyware, trojans, worms, etc., floating around on the Internet, and they're all multiplying like rabbits. This stuff can cause problems that are obvious to you, but in many cases, the effects are unseen at first. You've probably used programs such as Spybot - Search & Destroy and Ad-Aware to clean out this junk in the past. A new program called a2 (a-squared) will also help you get rid of the baddies. The software is useful in identifying and removing the previously mentioned problems. You can have it search in specific folders, or the entire drive. When the scan starts, it runs a process memory scan to see if there is any garbage in all of your running programs and services. An integrated update component helps you to stay ahead of the game. The program seemed to do very well at finding and eradicating known problems. While this free version does not include the background guard and analysis tools of its big brother, it's still a worthy tool. If spyware seems to bite you on a regular basis, bite back with a2.

## Volunteers

CCMV is always looking for volunteers! If you are sitting there with an hour a month to spare, WE NEED YOU!

- If you like to read the newspaper, perhaps you would consider writing some **publicity** articles for us, and keeping our current bulletin information current.
- If you do a lot of researching on the internet, maybe you would like to share what you find and have a column in our **newsletter**.
- If you have experience in **teaching**, or would like to learn how, think about sharing your knowledge and skills in our Computer Lab by being a trainer or class assistant.
- If you have an expertise, consider sharing that with the rest of our group by doing a presentation.
- Looking for a **Special Interest Group** we don't currently have? Starting one is EASY! Let us know your interest and we'll put you together with other members with the same interests.

Contact Joannie at [Joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:Joannie@RainbowFlair.com) or 301-6226 if you are interested.

**Sharing what you know helps everyone to grow. Be a CCMV Volunteer!**

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### **Nominating Committee Needed**

We need to begin putting together a Nominating Committee for upcoming elections. If you are interested in serving on this committee, OR, interested in filling a position on the Board, contact Joannie at [Joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:Joannie@RainbowFlair.com) or 301-6226.

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### **In Search Of:**

The Club is in need of a four-drawer filing cabinet with lock for our computer lab. If anyone has one they no longer need, please contact Joannie ASAP. [Joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:Joannie@RainbowFlair.com) or 301-6226.

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### **Area Code Changes in Western Riverside County**

As you are probably aware, just days from now on July 17, 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission is changing our area code from 909 to 951. This will affect western Riverside County.

For more information, a map of the areas included and the codes affected, go to:  
<http://www.rainbowflair.com/areacode.pdf>

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

