



## THE PREZ SEZ...



Happy 230th Birthday  
America!!!

What a great country we live in. It never ceases to amaze me when I hear people grumbling about what's wrong with our Country, they don't realize just how different their life would be somewhere else. I am thankful for the freedoms that allow me the opportunity to be President of one of the greatest Computer User Groups around, and for all the great friends I've made here.

I have recently been discovering the world of text messaging on my phone. My service is through T-Mobile and their service allows me to connect with instant messaging programs like AIM, Yahoo Messenger, MSN Messenger and ICQ. That way, when I am on the road or in meetings, I can receive messages from clients, family and friends and not have to disturb my meeting. Then when it's convenient for me, I can either choose to reply to the message or call the person back. It has been free to receive messages and ten cents if I reply to them up till now. However, I just received notice that as of 8/15/06 the cost to receive messages will be five cents each. The service and cost may vary depending on your carrier, but is still a cool way to keep in touch with people when you are away from your computer. Right now I'm receiving daily "baby reports" from my daughter in NY. 8)

Just another way technology can keep you connected. Check it out!

Happy Computing!

Joannie

## Saying Goodbye to a Friend



It is with great sadness that I share the news that our good friend Lon Whistler passed away on June 15th. Lon has been a dedicated and giving member of CCMV for as long as I've been here, and for many years before. He spent countless hours donating his time and efforts to

finding shareware and freeware programs. Some important tools, others that were just plain fun, and always took time to write about them for our monthly newsletter. Lon helped to raise funds for our Club by putting these programs on floppy disks & CDs and manning our shareware/freeware table at every meeting. Lon always took the time to share what he learned with anyone that asked, never made people feel uncomfortable for not knowing and made everyone feel welcome at our meetings.

His daughter Michelle wrote...

"I am sorry to have to relay this news to you but Lon passed away last Thursday morning. I know he enjoyed the computer club very much, it was an important part of his life.

My Father did not wish to have any services, If you could just let the other members of the computer club know that would be appreciated."

If you would care to send thoughts or kind words to Lon's family, you can send an email to Lon's email address (lwhis7d@verizon.net), his daughter Michelle will get it and I'm sure pass it along to her mom Pricilla.

Lon was a wonderful and caring member of CCMV, and will be greatly missed.

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*Take a look and take the poll  
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**Meeting Time and Place**

2nd and 4th Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Seventh-day Adventist  
Church  
29885 Bradley Road  
Sun City, CA

**Bounce**

Submitted by Frank Verano

I CAN NOT VOUCH FOR ALL OF THIS BUT SOME OF IT I DO KNOW TO BE TRUE. WON'T HURT TO TRY ANY OF IT.

>Bounce This Along

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>My mail carrier told me that the US Postal service sent out a message to  
>all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to  
>keep yellow-jackets away.

> Use them all the time when playing baseball and soccer. I use it when I  
>am working outside. It really works. The yellow jackets just veer around  
>you.

>1. All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer! It will  
> chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.

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>2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that  
> are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

>3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get  
> opened too often.

>4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when  
> outdoors during mosquito season.

>5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer)  
>screen.

>6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your  
> television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from  
>resettling.

>7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.

>8. To freshen the air in your home - place an individual sheet of  
> Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

>9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.

>10. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet  
> of Bounce before beginning to sew.

>11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside  
> empty luggage before storing.

>12. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce  
> under the front seat.

>13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill  
> with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static  
>agent

> apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.

>14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the  
> bottom of the wastebasket.

>15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will  
> magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

>16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds  
> with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.

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**at**  
**Any Computer Club meeting**  
**or the**  
**Kay Cenicerros Center**

**Computer Club Class**  
**Room Located at**

**Cherry Hills Country Club**  
**At the West End of**  
**Cherry Hills Blvd**

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- >17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
- >18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.
- >19. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.
- >20. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
- >21. Put a Bounce sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. It will keep them smelling fresh.
- >22. Quick, bounce this on within the next 5 minutes! Nothing will happen if you don't, but your friends will be glad to hear these hints.
- >>and I might add they work on removing love bugs from your vehicle, just wet the sheet and wipe the front of the vehicle just like washing it.

**A Weird XP Experience**

By Frank Varano

I had been merrily rolling along with XP, having only a few instances when I had to resort to the restore function. They were obvious situations that called for a Restore. However, recently I had a different experience. For no *apparent* reason my E Machine would freeze after 10 to 20 minutes of operation. The time varied. Each time I had to force a shutdown. One of the reasons I didn't use the Restore is that it would not stay unfrozen long enough to do a Restore.

I had no idea what the problem was. The built-in error reporting (to Microsoft) kept telling me two things. One, upgrade the bios. Two, go to Realtec and get new drivers. (Sound system.) Reluctant to follow the advice, I continued working, thinking that I had some spyware or virus. With that in mind, I ran Adaware, then Spybot. But it still froze. I went to Trend Micro to do a thorough scan there (for spies and viruses) also but it froze before the scan could complete. I did it again and successfully completed it before it froze. Fortunately Trend Micro's Housecall does fix things as it scans.

I didn't do any testing but I did a anti virus scan with AVG also. The problem cleared up after this but I truthfully don't know if it was the Trend Micro scan or my own scan with AVG. I wanted to leave you with an "Aha! So that's it" but I can't. I suspect it was House Call.

In the Club I help a lot of people (somewhere between 20 and 40) with their computers, bailing them out of trouble. But when I have trouble, where can I go? I don't think that my computer pays any attention but I hang my rosary on the tower. *I need all the help I can get with it but with it but eventually by working very fast I restarted the computer after one of those forced shutdowns, headed for the website and downloaded (to My Downloads folder) an 18 mdb file from Realtek before another forced shutdown. .*

## SOUTHWEST USER GROUP CONFERENCE

This year the Southwest User Group Conference will again be held at the Town and Country Resort Hotel & Convention Center 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego 92108. The hotel conference rate is \$99/night. The conference begins on Friday evening, August 11, and ends with lunch Sunday August 13. The phone number for hotel reservations is 800.772.8527

The conference cost is \$50 if your reservation is postmarked by July 19. The fee includes six meals, vendor presentations, workshops, conference T-shirt and Welcome bag. You can register on line at this web site: <http://www.swugconf.org>. click on Registration and click on form on back.

### A Computer Turned Snail By Frank Varano

I had occasion recently to help a computer user whose machine came to a virtual halt. It kept getting slower and slower. It was almost useless, freezing constantly. It was my assessment that the problem was in the malware that had accumulated. Before we did anything, I had him go through the disk to scan for errors.

I entered the picture not knowing what was wrong. I used Spybot, Adaware, TrenMicro HouseCall, Defender and a couple of other specialized programs that I gathered over time. Defender was a disaster. We couldn't even install it. I brought my copy to avoid the Internet problem.

The first thing I noted is that we could not stay on line long enough to do the HouseCall. The computer could not stay unfrozen even to get through get through Adaware or Spybot. We ran Adaware frequently trying to do it as fast as possible after boot up hoping that we could get through to the end before freezing. All of the efforts displayed a list of malware found but we couldn't delete them. We just could not get to the end to do the clean up.

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This went on at least 2 weeks. Our first breakthrough came when Adaware after many tries successfully went to completion and we deleted 400 or more malware. Spybot sputtered but eventually did finish and showed more malware that we removed. The computer was improving and that enabled us to finish HouseCall with more malware found. Eventually Defender installed and ran.

Did we solve the problem? Yes and No. His computer is usable but he is not happy with its response. Frankly I don't think that we cleaned it up completely. I've concluded that there is malware that is not deleted by any of the malware programs. And the suggestion given to us to reformat and start over was a valid option. I don't like it.

## NEW MEMBERS

New members at the June 13th meeting:

Cliff Bergon

Ward and Barbara Speaker

Rose Thierry

Welcome!! Hope you enjoyed the meeting and will continue coming.

### Treasurer's Report for June 2006

By Chet Hartley

Monthly Income and Expenses

6/1/2006 through 6/30/2006

#### INCOME:

Contributions	\$91.00
Bank Interest	\$1.63
Textbook Sales	\$303.00
Tuition	<u>\$670.00</u>
Total Income	1,065.63

#### EXPENSES:

Church Usage	\$100.00
Newsletter Expenses	\$16.01
Fees	\$284.00
Textbook	<u>\$312.61</u>
Total Expenses	\$712.62

Income less Expenses \$353.01