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By Francus Varanusum

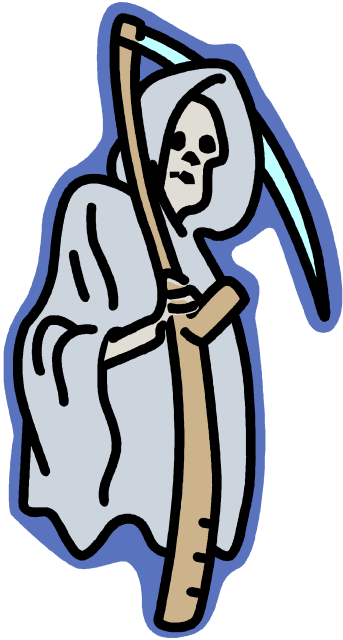
It finally happened. 'They' killed HD DVD. Yes, 'they' killed HD DVD. Who are 'they?' You all read about it by now, how all those big companies waged the marketing battle as to who will dominate the DVD standard. Blu-ray came out victorious. Just as VHS finally killed Beta tape format, or whatever it was. And just like tape wiped out the LP platters. Just like the LP wiped out the 78s. Just like the 78 wiped out the wire recorders, etc.. Of course, in the beginning, there were people who actually

played musical instruments and sang to you in person. I am desperately hanging on to my guitar. All the way to the guillotine.

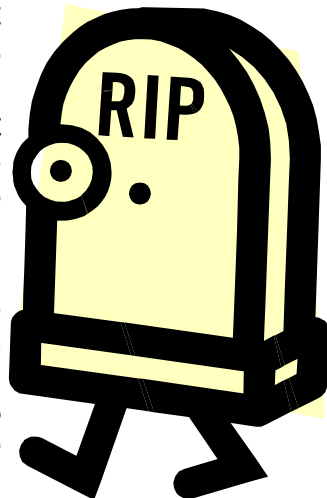
It was Warner Home Video that started the final battle. It was Toshiba that finally pulled the plug. Some now say that HD DVD works better than Blu-ray. Doesn't that smell of the VHS vs Beta war?

Let's watch for the next battle which will be between the vulnerable hard drive and the sold state drive. USB Flash drives already are up to over 8 GB. This is more exciting than sex!

[Editor: Get this straight. The author does not speak for the Newsletter editor and staff..].



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## What is Blu-ray?

By F. Varano

The various types of DVD (DVD-R, DVD+R, etc.) used a red laser to read and write data. The Blu-ray optical disc format uses, (guess what?) a blue laser. Isn't that exciting?

Well, what's HD DVD? We really don't care any more but can we ignore it? I read through a bunch of pages on this stuff and came up with the fact that there are already hybrids: DVD / HD DVD hybrid discs, HD DVD / Blu-ray hybrid discs, 3x DVD, and HD REC. It's still gibberish to me. I'll be interested in backward compatibility. And it looks like it will be to a certain extent. Will there be more than one laser doing the writing and reading?

Millions of HD DVDs were made before the decision to standardize to the Blu-ray was made. "Blu-ray products can easily be made backwards compatible with CDs and DVDs through the use of a BD/DVD/CD compatible optical pickup unit." That is much like transition to HD TV going on now but there will come a day when it will be Blu-ray only.

What is important is the capacity of the DVD, *whatever type it is*. Here is a quote: "The format offers more than five times the storage capacity of traditional DVDs and can hold up to 25GB on a single-layer disc and 50GB on a dual-layer disc. This extra capacity combined with the use of advanced video and audio codecs will offer consumers an unprecedented HD experience."

I said earlier in these pages that the technology of flash drives (solid state) is going to replace the hard drive. Will it also replace all moving parts drives? Even the CD, DVD, etc.? Is the Blu-ray going to be a thing of the past much like vinyl platters, Betamax, VHS, etc.? Yup. Just wait and see.



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There is a lot of good information on our Web Site.

**Meeting**

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2nd and 4th Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Seventh-day Adventist Church  
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**There are Jewels and There are Joules**

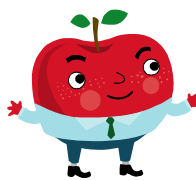
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That's kind of a catchy title for a technical lesson for you. You know what a jewel is but do you know what a joule is? It is a packet of energy. Like a bushel of apples or a basket full of troubles. Not a very good analogy. There is a reason for using these analogies.

When you flip a switch to turn on a light there is a rush of joules going through the wires at a certain rate. (You engineers among us have to forgive me for these technical sins.) Of course, we usually think in terms of amperes (which was cleverly named after the Frenchman, Ampere). We often loosely say that "this motor draws 100 amps." When you send a current down a conductor you are letting the wire conduct so many joules per second. And that is the definition of the ampere.

Well, so what? You need to know this like a hole in your head. Let's look at it from another way. Let's say that we have a thunderstorm with lightning flashing from cloud to ground. And you have sensitive electronic equipment in your house like a computer. There is big pile of joules in the clouds that wants to get to the ground very fast, any way it can and it doesn't care that you have delicate computer stuff in your house. Too many joules jumping to the ground all at once (or in a fraction of a second) will fry the computer (and you too if you are in the path).

That is why you need a surge suppressor and that is why your surge suppressor is rated in the number of joules it can handle to protect your computer. Having defined the joule and ampere for you, let me relate the concept of rates, that is, how many things per second, etc. You are familiar with feet per second, miles per hour, pushups per second (!), heart beats per minute, wives per life-time (?), etc. All of these are rates and many terms we use in life are rates. In particular, the number of joules that can be dumped in a fraction of a second by lightning can be in the millions. You can't eat a bushel of apples all at once but you can keep the doctor away with an apple a day.



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## COMPUTER CLUB OF MENIFEE VALLEY

### BYLAWS

Established October 1, 1998

Amended February 2008

#### ARTICLE 1 – NAME

**Section 1.01** This organization shall be known as the Computer Club of Menifee Valley, hereafter referred to as the CCMV.

#### ARTICLE II – CLUB MOTTO

**Section 2.01** "Friends Helping Friends"

#### ARTICLE III – PRINCIPAL OFFICE & FISCAL YEAR

**Section 3.01.** The principal office of the CCMV functions as a non-profit, community service.

**Section 3.02.** The principal office of the CCMV for transacting its business is located in the County of Riverside, State of California.

**Section 3.03.** The CCMV Board of Directors is empowered to change the principal office of the organization from one location to another in the County of Riverside, State of California. Any such change shall be noted by the Secretary in these Bylaws, but shall not be considered an amendment to them.

**Section 3.04.** The fiscal year shall coincide with the term of officers.

#### ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

**Section 4.01.** The purpose of the CCMV is to promote computer literacy by:

- Encouraging the use of home computers as a means of keeping mentally alert and active.
- Fostering computer activities.
- Providing educational lectures and demonstrations.
- Provide a cost-free source to address tech support related issues.
- Provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas regarding all types of personal computers, the Internet, and their applications.
- Provide Low-cost formal training in a lab setting.

**Section 4.02.** To meet the goals set forth in Section 4.01, A through E, the CCMV shall foster the establishment of special interest groups (SIGS), Maintain a Club sponsored Internet site and provide a Newsletter addressing various computer technologies and user interests.



**Section 4.03.** To meet the goals set forth in Section 4.01, F, the CCMV will provide the community with the opportunity to obtain club sponsored, formal training.

The CCMV will endeavor to provide classes utilizing equipment purchased, maintained and insured by the Computer Club of Menifee Valley.  
Formal training will be designed to provide separate classes at the beginner and intermediate levels.  
Competent CCMV members will provide class instruction on a volunteer, non-paid basis. Computer equipment, Video projector, Computer tables and chairs will be purchased and maintained by the CCMV as the need arises.  
Student costs will be limited to book purchase and a small lab maintenance fee.  
The board will review volunteers and select a competent member to serve as Registrar to coordinate class schedules and student registration.  
Class schedules and size will be dependent upon available lab space and will not exceed 12 students per class.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 5.01.** Meetings of CCMV are open to any persons residing Riverside County, California. There are no dues. A person may become a member upon attending his/her second meeting within a six month period. Persons completing training courses offered by CCMV may become members upon attending their first meeting of CCMV. CCMV admits members and students of any age, gender, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities. It does not discriminate in any way based on the age, gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin of the participants.

**Section 5.02.** A membership shall be terminated if:

A member resigns.

The member remains totally inactive for a period of 12 Months.

The Board acts to terminate a membership for cause. Specifically: illegal conduct or harmful behavior during club activities that inhibits the club's ability to accomplish its purpose and objectives. In these cases:

The member must be notified in writing fifteen days in advance of the pending termination and the reason (s) for it.

The member has the right to appeal the termination to the Board. The appeal must be in writing and must be received by the Board within 15 days of the effective date of the membership's termination.

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## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

**Section 6.01.** The Board of Directors shall determine the Membership and Board meetings sites.



**Section 6.02.** At the first regular meeting in October officers for the next fiscal year will be elected. Notice of the meeting will be sent to all members in good standing via electronic means (email). In the course of this meeting, no proxy voting will be allowed. A quorum for conducting business is 25% of the total number of Members in good standing.

**Section 6.03.** At this meeting, a financial report for the fiscal year ending shall be provided by an outgoing officer.

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

**Section 7.01.** The officers of the CCMV shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, Treasurer and a Member At Large. These officers, together with the immediate Past President, shall constitute the Executive Committee. Their duties, in general, are as follows:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all regular and special meetings of the CCMV.

The Vice President shall be the Administrative Assistant to the President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

The Secretary shall administer and be responsible for the maintenance of all CCMV records other than financial records and shall keep full minutes of Board meetings. Upon request of the President, the Secretary shall make reports to the Board of Directors and to the membership.

The Treasurer shall administer and be responsible for all funds and assets of the CCMV, shall keep proper records of all funds received and disbursed, and shall disburse only those funds in the Treasury as directed and authorized by the Board of Directors. All CCMV checks shall carry the signature of either the Treasurer or the President. Another person may be designated by the Board of Directors to sign checks for approved expenditures. The Board may audit the Treasurer's books at any time. The Treasurer shall not be a member of the Audit Committee.

The Member At Large shall represent the general membership and provide the rest of the Board with input regarding any and all issues of interest to the general membership and the community.

**Section 7.02.** Officers must be Members in good standing. The term of office for all officers shall be for one year.

**Section 7.03.** Officers shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.02 and Article IX – Nominations and Elections.

**Section 7.04.** In the absence of the President, whether temporary or permanent, the order of succession to officiate as Acting President shall be:

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Member at large

If no officer listed can perform, the Board of Directors can elect a Chairman pro-tem.



## ARTICLE VIII—BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Section 8.01.** The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers and a fifth director. An immediate outgoing past president shall ordinarily fill this director position. In the event that (for whatever reason) there is no immediate outgoing past president, the Board shall appoint a fifth director from among Members in good standing. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Board's business.

**Section 8.02.** In the event that an officer resigns or leaves office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement from the Members in good standing to serve the remainder of the term for the office left unoccupied by the order of succession. If the Board fails to do so within 60 days of the vacancy, any Member in good standing may call a special meeting to fill the vacancy.

**Section 8.03.** The duties of the Board of Directors are subject to the limitations of these Bylaws and California law. The Board of Directors shall conduct, manage and control affairs and business of the CCMV.

**Section 8.04.** The Board of Directors has the authority to establish Committees and appoint their Chairpersons.

## ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

**Section 9.01.** At a Board meeting prior to the annual October Membership meeting, a Nominating Committee, composed of three CCMV Members in good standing, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

**Section 9.02.** The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit a list of nominees for the slate of Officers at the October Membership meeting. In the course of the October Membership meeting, other nominations may also be accepted from the floor. No member shall be nominated without his or her prior private consent to the nominator.

**Section 9.03.** Officers elected at the annual October Membership meeting shall take office immediately.

## ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

**Section 10.01.** Any Member in good standing or the Board of Directors may propose amendments to these Bylaws. Proposed amendment (s) shall be submitted in writing to the Board. Proposed amendment (s) shall be published in the Newsletter. The amendment (s) shall then be considered at the succeeding annual Membership meeting.

**Section 10.02.** Two-thirds vote, in the affirmative, of a quorum of Members in good standing, in attendance at the annual meeting where announced, is required to amend, repeal or replace these Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI –STANDING RULES

**Section 11.01.** Standing Rules, an itemized list of required conduct with which each member shall comply while participating in the activities of the CCMV, may be established and later amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or by a majority vote of a quorum of the Members in good standing attending the meeting at which the rules are discussed, provided that previous notice of the proposed changes has been given.



## Are You Guilty?

By F. Varano

I get a lot of emails from people who take great pains to line up their multiple addressees in neat columns for easy plucking by spammers. Yes spammers! If you are doing this then you are contributing to the spam we get.

Also I've sent many emails to those who write such emails. Only one person emailed me a reply to ask how to do it. It appears that ignorance is the problem. Or maybe ego?

In addressing an email to more than one person you should use the Bcc: box for the addressees. Just in case you did not know, when you use the Bcc; box for addressing, each addressee in the Bcc: box receives the email with *only* his address showing. You can readily see why this is so important. You'll also see 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the header.

I'll say categorically, that every email handler has provision for inserting multiple addressees in the Bcc: box. Outlook Express and MS Outlook are pretty obvious. Using webmail is not always obvious. It is usually indicated in the address book. Elsewhere it can be an alternate option to the Cc:

Users of MS Outlook and Outlook express often do not enter data properly in the Address Books. Make use of all the fields (places where you can type information). You can make the address book in MSOutlook or Outlook Express as your main address book. It is exportable as a (CSV) comma separated value file that you can enter in an Excel file. It is a powerful tool.

Users of these two email handlers also have an option to create a group address. Instead of a list of addressees in the Bcc: box, a single name for the group of addresses is entered. I want to cover these topics in detail in future issues of this newsletter. I'll also tell you about a possible trap in using the Bcc: box.

If any of you need an instruction on how to do this email me. I have such instructions in my file for all the people I have helped. Send your request to the Editor.



## And While I'm Spouting Forth

By F. Varano

It is amazing to me how many computer users, even 'experienced' ones have sloppy file management methods. I hear this often: "My file just disappeared!" Don't laugh. I am sure it happened to many of you. How would you like some simple straightforward techniques for file management?

1. When opening (creating) a new file, *before you do any writing in the file*, name it and save it.
  2. Give the file a name that means something. Give the file a three part name. The first part is a generic name. For example, if you are saving the file as a letter, use 'ltr' which identifies the type of file. Then add the name of the addressee, like 'Mick,' and thirdly add a date so that the file name would look like this 'ltrMick0308.' All such files will be bunched together.
  3. However, if you have a lot of that type of file, then create a folder for it and use the first part of the file name, the generic 'Letters' for the folder. The file name then can omit the generic part because all the files in the folder will be letters.
  4. If you have many different kinds of letters or many letters for each person, use the same naming technique for the folder as you did above for the files. Sticking to the Letter example, you could have folders such as:  
Ltrs\_Mick,      Ltrs\_Pete      Ltrs\_Mike  
Ltrs\_Pete,      Ltrs\_Joe      Ltrs\_Jack  
Ltrs\_Mistresses  
Mistresses? Well, you get the idea. Now you can leave out the first two of the three part file name and use dates only.
1. Saving the file as in step 1 involves knowing where to put the file. Here is an area where many problems occur. Carelessness will name files as Document 1 or 2 or 3, etc. Pay attention to where you put the file. If the folders exist already then put them in the appropriate folder. If they don't yet exist then the 'Save as' window will have a 'Save in' box in which the folder must appear. Look for a separate article that describes the 'Save as' window.



### Monthly Income and Expenses

2/1/08 thru- 1/29/08  
Chet Hartley, Treasurer

#### Income (\$)

Contributions	56.00
Interest	2.06
Shareware/Freeware Sales	55.00
Textbook Sales	40.00
Grants	10,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,153.06</b>

#### Expenses (\$)

Church Usage	250.00
Insurance	640.00
Newsletter expenses	10.25
Online/Internet Service	0.00
Association Dues	0.00
Legal Expenses	45.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>995.25</b>

**Income less expenses** **\$ 9157.81**

### Autoruns

By Frank Varano

When you boot up your computer, (I hate the 'boot up' analogy for starting the computer) a bunch of programs get going, all of which are looking for a 'piece of the action.' (Pardon me for borrowing from the Chicago mobster lexicon.) If you complain of how long it takes to get to the usable desktop, let me tell you why.

A bunch of stuff is loaded on your computer by the vendor who sold you the computer in the first place. Then you, yourself, loaded up the computer with more stuff, like photo editing software, bloated Word Processing, IM (Instant Messaging), stupid Incredimail, hog Weatherbug, etc. and that is not all. When you download necessary software (drivers, for example) other stuff is often piggy backed on the download or a wonderful software is downloaded but it is accompanied by other auxiliary programs that you either don't need or want. But it is part of the 'package.'

Get it? Some of these programs ..... perhaps many of them, are configured to run during your system boot up or login. If I remember before I finish this article I'll tell you how to "Hide Signed Microsoft Entries" so that you can zoom in on this third-party stuff.

You'd be surprised at how many executables are launched automatically .... I should say 'merrily' at your discomfort. Keep in mind that, although they are supposed to load sequentially, do they really? How does a programmer in HP know what a programmer in Norton is doing about anything that starts with running on your computer? Sometimes they fight each other (not the programmers, the programs they write). A software fight; can you imagine that? And that affects the actual startup time and the startup behavior that you have to wrestle with. So you get a third party program like Autorun to solve the problem

Oh, yes, Autoruns. I have such an Autorun utility which I am now exploring. It is supposed to show you all the third-party stuff that is clogging up your computer arteries. It even shows you the sequence, that is, how they take turns doing it. I just downloaded it a few minutes ago. (It is January 13 at 9:24 AM, to be precise.) I hope to remember enough about it so that I can tell you about it in the April issue.

### File Management problem: Saving Files

By F. Varano

When you click on **File** and **Save as**, you are given a generous opportunity to name and put the file someplace where you can find it in the future. Pay attention to the **Save in:** box. What folder is in that box is where your file will end up. Usually it defaults to **My Documents** but a trap arises when you have previously saved a file and now you are saving another one, a different kind of file. The **Save in:** box may have a different folder in it. And your file may end up in the wrong place.

There are a lot of things you can do in the **Save as:** window. (In MSWord.)

1. You have quick access to My Documents, My Computer, and Desktop to put in the **Save in:** box.
2. You can use the arrow at the end of the **Save in:** box to display the hierarchy of files and folders so that you can pick what you want.
3. Click on the up one level icon to display the folder the superior folder.
4. Click on the folder icon to create a folder right then and there.
5. Click on the View icon to show more stuff on the files in the folder displayed in the **Save in:** box.
6. Oops! I ran out of space to tell you more.