

Vero Beach Computer Group

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Speaker

Ray Ramirez of Connecting Point Computer Centers

Special points of interest:

- **Would you like to donate an afternoon each week to help the public with computers at the main Library? There are now two sections which need help badly.**

The presentation this month by Ray Ramirez from Connecting Point Computer Centers will be a new concept to many computer enthusiasts. Ray graduated from Full Sail Center for the Recording Arts with an education in audio recording and music production. He has worked for over 10 years as an audio engineer in many fields; including video production, theatrical production, and music "record" production.

Ray has worked for Connecting Point Computer Centers for 4 years as an Audio/Video systems engineer and consultant. His clientele are local and national audio/video production companies, houses of worship, broadcast companies, and related business.

Currently he serves as the training consultant for their Melbourne location, providing training on the Apple operating system, as well as the iLife applications and other Apple branded software titles.

Connecting Point Computer Centers has been selling Apple Computers since 1978, making it one of the oldest operating Apple dealers in the nation. Started by Ray's father as an electronic parts and repair center, Connecting Point became one of the first Apple dealers in the State of Florida in 1978. Family owned and operated, they continue to sell and support Apple products with knowledgeable staffs and experienced service centers, in Melbourne and Orlando

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Did You Know That ?

By Jean B. Grider, Staff Writer

Once again let me stress the importance of making sure your virus protection is up to date and you are using it correctly. I don't know how many people I have asked if their virus protection is up to date, and the answer is almost always "Yes".

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Then I will check and, yes, they ran the virus scan just last week, but the virus definitions were updated last in July of 1995!

Please, go check your virus definitions now, and see when they were updated last. You do have to buy the protection each year. When you get a new computer, usually you have to update or buy in about 90 days, sometimes less. You can get Norton's at Sams for \$32.88, or you can download free virus protection software. The VBCG laptop with Windows xp is running AVG free software, and it's great.. There are several others out there, also. Just go to Google and type "Free Antivirus Software", and if you click on "I'm feeling lucky", it will take you Grisoft's Homepage where you can download AVG Free AntiVirus Software, or you can do a search and see all the other places where you can do a free virus scan and download free software. Please take time to check your computer out now. There is no excuse not to have anti virus , when you can get it free.

Along the same lines, I read in PC World Daily Computer News, Weekend Edition (1/17/04) that there is a Trojan Horse Program masquerading as a Windows xp software update from Microsoft. The e-mail says it is from windowsupdate@microsoft.com and installs itself on the victim's computers when users open the attachment. Remember that Microsoft does not send e-mails to remind you to do the updates. You can get all updates from Microsoft Windows Update web site. You do need to keep the critical updates current on your computer.

Several people have asked how you can find what the acronyms in the computer lingo mean. Go to Google and type Computer Acronyms and then click on "I'm feeling lucky." There are several web sites where you can obtain acronym information. This one is great: <http://www.acronyms.ch/servlet/welcome>. You can just type the characters in, and click on Go. You will find a nice description as BIOS, Basic Input/Output System. This is the program a personal computer's microprocessor uses to get the computer system started after you turn it on. Or HTML Hypertext Markup Language, a file format, based on SGML, for hypertext documents on the Internet. It is simple and enables the embedding of images, sounds, video streams, form fields, and basic text formatting. As you can see, it not only gives you the name of what the acronym stands for, but also a definition. If you do a search in Google, and don't click on "I'm Feeling Lucky", you will get pages and pages of sites. Check them out and find your favorite.

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The VBCG wants to thank Bud Greenlees for scheduling all the wonderful volunteers who serve each month at the Library in the Computer Section. To each volunteer we offer a special, "Thank You".

The computer section has grown and there is now a reference center which needs experienced computer volunteers.

Meetings and SIGs

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Internet 6:00 - 7:30 PM - History Room	3 General Meet. 7:00 PM - Multimedia Room	4 Microsoft Office 2:00 - 4:00 PM Multimedia Room	5	6	7
8	9 Computer Basics 1:00 - 3:00 PM MultimediaRm.	10 New to Computers 2:00 - 4:00 PM History Rm.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Quicken 6:00 - 7:30 PM History Room	18	19	20	21 Mac 10:00 AM - noon History Room
22	23 Web Design - 6:00 - 7:30PM History Rm.	24	25 Digital Imaging 6:00 - 7:30 PM Multimedia	26	27	28
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The annual dues are only \$20.00 per family. They are payable in January of each year. Newsletters and communications are delivered via web site and e-mail. However, if it is necessary, these things can be mailed. That is, sent to you by snail mail, so, if you require it, be sure that we have your snail mail address.

Library Volunteers for February 2004

As of January 31, 2004

Please Volunteer - Call Jean Grider at 569-4289

Barbara Campbell

Thurs Feb.5 1:00 to 3:00

Thurs Feb 12 1:00 to 3:00

Thurs Feb 19 1:00 to 3:00

Thurs Feb 26 1:00 to 3:00

Jim Crawford

Fri Feb 6 1:30 to 3:30

Eleanor

Fri Feb 20 2:00 to 4:00

Your Name

Lucia Robinson

Wed Feb 11 2:00 to 4:00

Wed Feb 18 2:00 to 4:00

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