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FEBRUARY MINUTES

Head count revealed 31 members present.

After a brief discussion session period, Ernie presented a box of apple parts which he found on his car hood, they had mistakenly been placed there by club member Guy Plymale, who thought that he was placing them on Sandra's car who in turn was going to take them to the Apple club meeting to see if they could use them. Said parts had belonged to his deceased brother-in-law and guy was offering them for use by Apple owners.

If anyone has an Apple computer and might use some of it I understand that Guy is going to bring them to the March meeting and try again to get them to Sandra ! I am sure that if a club member has a use for some of them, they would be able to get them because Guy was trying to get them to people who could use them.

Azella reported that the treasury was in good shape and that the annual audit had been completed. She also said that the audit was satisfactory.

Ernie, et Al, conducted an informative Q&A session and said that there would be information posted on the web-site expanding on the session.

Darrell Boles, Secretary
(Editor's Note: Since the March meeting was cancelled because of weather, here are the February minutes that were unavailable at press time for the March newsletter. Probably those Apple parts will appear in April, too.)

Home Networking Program April 2

Member Henry "Hank" Wagner, who you might have met at the February meeting, will do the March program on setting up a home network for under \$100.

Hank has been in Information Technology for 12 years,. He has a degree from ECPI and is certified in CCNA,A+, Net+, MCP.

His goal for this year is to finish his MCSA, MCSE, CEH, (Certified Ethical Hacker) certs.

Hank works for a computer company out of Raleigh. N.C., and provides computer management and installation services to more than 50 Medical Offices and a couple of hospitals.

The Wagners' home computer room contains at least four PC's, a Fugitsu Tablet PC, A laptop, and other devices at various stages of repair. Hank and wife also have a home Wireless and Wired network, and have implemented Wireless router with WEP, a regular hub, and a switch.

Currently, they run every operating system (OS) from 98 to 2003 Server.

Hank is interested in seeing what everyone else is doing in the field and perhaps learn and train as well.

He's especially like to find the programmers in the club, and he's interested in PhotoShop classes.

PREZ' NOTES by Earl Abbott
president@rvpcc.org

I recently saw a humorous episode on CNN. A man and his dog were beside a lake. The man was holding a bag. A policeman approached the man. The man threw his bag into the lake. The dog swam out and got the bag. The dog was a Labradore retriever.

Respectfully submitted, Earl





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GIS, GPS track Elephants at sanctuary

An elephant sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn., needed a way to track the elephants on its property.
Bill Cowan of Nashville and Karen Brown of British Columbia came up with a solution to use Geographic Information System software and a global positioning system to keep up with herd members. Their efforts were reported in Trunklines, the newsletter of The Elephant Sanctuary, www.elephants.com. The sanctuary is for endangered elephants and operates on 2,700 acres about 85 miles from Nashville.
—Submitted by
Margaret Ann Hoag

**(Meets 2nd Saturday
of Month Normally)
Next Meeting, however,
Sat., April 2**
Place: Arnold R. Burton
Technology Center, Room
105, 1760 Roanoke
Boulevard, Salem, Va.
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Time: 9:15 a.m. - noon
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