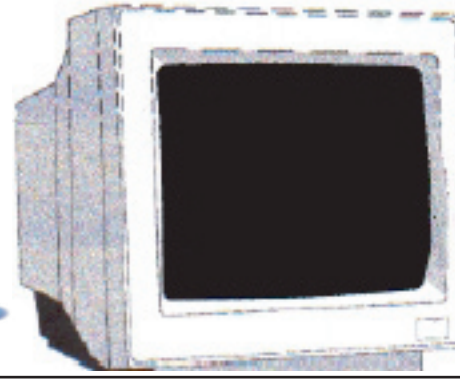


# CVAUG Monitor



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## A Word From The President

By [Gregg McFarland](#)

It should be a fairly exciting meeting this month. We have the 50/50 drawing, and the T-Shirt award to the biggest seller of the 50/50 tickets. I know that with the amount of tickets sold so far that even if the tickets were sold one at a time and the winner decided to donate their prize money to the CVAUG we won't have raised all the money necessary to purchase a video projector. I'm not trying to dash any spirits with this, but the good news is we'll be closer to the goal of a projector for the group. I've also compiled a list of companies and the models of projectors they make that would be suitable for our needs. Along with the list I have a letter to each of these companies looking for possible projector donations to the group. Hopefully before the end of 2005 we'll be able to project presentations once again.

## Another Mass Storage Option

From [MacInTouch.com](#)

1 Fujitsu released the [DynaMO](#)  
1 [1300 Pocket Magneto-Optical](#)  
2 [Drive](#), a compact drive that uses  
2 1.3 GB 3.5-inch MO discs. The  
USB 2.0-equipped drive is bus-  
powered, weighs 15 ounces, and  
provides backward compatibility  
with earlier 640MB, 540MB,  
230MB, and 128MB 3.5-inch MO  
discs. The DynaMO 1300 Pocket  
is priced at \$229 and comes with a  
\$30 mail-in rebate.

## Earth Monitoring Software

From [MacInTouch.com](#)

[EarthBrowser](#) 2.5 is a live Earth simulation program that offers a 3D globe with live weather, clouds, earthquakes, volcanoes, webcams, hurricane and tropical storm tracking, and other features. The new version includes a 400% increase in earth resolution, Antarctic iceberg tracking, live data from over 250 ocean buoys, and daily fire hot spots of North America. EarthBrowser is currently \$29.95 (\$23.95 download) for Mac OS X 10.1 and up and Windows Me/2000/XP.

## 50/50 Drawing

## iMac G5 "Comp. of the Year"

From [MacInTouch.com](#)

Mark Kellner lauds the iMac G5 as "[Computer of the Year](#)" in the Washington Times:

While there are no 64-bit applications for the Mac yet -- at least none that I've found -- that's likely to change next year with the introduction of "Tiger," the next generation of Mac OS X. That operating system will support 64-bit applications, and those will run quite well on the PPC G5 chip. Apple promises that today's 32-bit applications will also run better, in many instances, under Tiger.

But even if Apple fell into the sea tomorrow, and if not another line of code were written for the Mac platform, the iMac G5 would still be a great achievement that should deliver sterling performance for years. Its compactness, and Apple's emphasis on wireless computing are two very positive factors. I believe this is a computer that will deliver several years of good use and thus is a good value for the money.

# CVAUG Minutes from November Meeting

by [Dieter Protsch](#)

## Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 2 October 2004, were discussed by the Gregg, as several members had missed the first meeting at the new location and written minutes were not available due the secretary's absence at that meeting. He briefly covered the first meeting held in the new facility, which all members present considered an improvement over the previous location, because of the improvement of internet communication at that site. "Minutes" as presented by the president were approved, pending written submission.

## Old Business

50/50 Project: CVAUG's 50/50 ticket sale is still going strong, especially after several more tickets were bought during the last meeting.

New Meeting Room: Members in general appeared pleased with the new facility, situated in the basement of the church, except for a lack of heat caused by a flaw in a thermostat, which was corrected.

Another improvement, hopefully, would be the availability of a screen or cover for the basement windows to preclude a bright sun from blinding members sitting at the table. A window shade would also help viewing the computer screens. The secretary made some suggestions and will provide some foam core boards to be placed in the windows for the appropriate cover, if needed and

provide the means to display our CVAUG Banner outside during the meetings.

Entrance to Meeting Place: At the present time the ease of access to the meeting room is somewhat limited by the fact that some member has to stand by the door to admit new arrivals upstairs or respond to a knock at the basement windows to let the person in.

## New Business

50/50 Tickets: Still available with the drawing to be held during the next meeting on 4 December 2004. Several additional colorful tickets were handed out to members desiring more. Money for the additional tickets sold could still be turned in at the December meeting before the official drawing. Largest seller of tickets will receive an Apple T-Shirt. Gregg even went one step further to get funds by selling candy with the profits to go toward our non-profit (501-C-4) group. He apparently enjoyed his endeavors tremendously.

## Visit to Former Meeting Place:

The president briefly stopped by the former meeting place to inform them of our change in meeting locating to preclude them from opening it up as usual. Nobody being around to talk to, Gregg left a note to to advise them of the change. Pending acceptance of the new meeting Place, CVAUG had not formerly cancelled the old meeting place until all members were satisfied with the new facility.

## Access to New Meeting Room:

Following the agreement of our members that the new place is quite satisfactory, Bill Isham only brought out one additional item which needs improvement.

The access to the meeting room for the meeting should be made easier and he suggested a wireless bell to be placed near the door with a prominently visible sign for members or guests to ring for somebody to open the door and let the person in. Members agreed to authorize funding for the door bell device and accessories to mount it on the outside without damaging the structure.

Purchase was unanimously approved.

## SpamX: new spam reporting tool for Macintosh

From [MacNN.com](http://MacNN.com)

Hendrickson Software Components today announced [SpamX](#) for Linux and Macintosh. The company's software for spam reporting automatically traces the source of spam and then reports spam offenders to their ISPs. The company claims that "SpamX users typically see their spam levels drop to near zero within four weeks." SpamX is available in both client and server editions. It supports virtually all email clients that can retrieve full SMTP headers. Users can simply drag & drop or save your spam email to a user-defined folder and then SpamX will parse the messages and automatically report the spam using the SMTP header information from each message. The client edition is priced at \$20, while the server edition is priced at \$400.