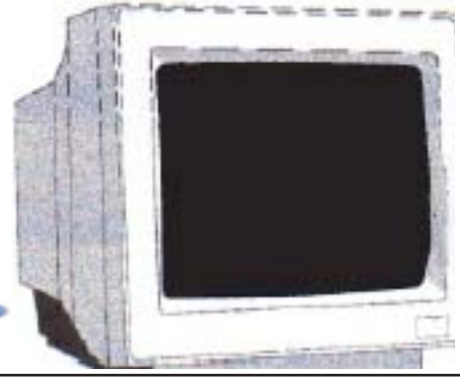


# CVAUG Monitor



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## A Word From The President

I just wanted to use this space to say that I hope that everyone is doing well. Apple seems to be doing well aside from the fact that all kinds of people seem to want to sue them these days.

Rapper Eminem is a part of a lawsuit claiming that Apple illegally used one of his songs in an iPod commercial. Apple should be able to get out of this one by paying a small licensing fee for use of the song.

The Beatles are in a lawsuit with Apple based on a 1991 agreement that essentially says Apple would not get into the recording industry. Apple has done this on a couple of levels both with the iTunes Music Store and possibly with their music creation and recording software Soundtrack and Garage Band. This one may be a bad one for Apple, but I am NOT a lawyer. On the good side the iTunes Music Store has been selling songs like CRAZY. The new iPod minis are also flying off the shelves, so things are not all bad for Apple.

## CVAUG Visits Freedom Electronics Recycling Inc.

On Tuesday Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> several members of CVAUG went out towards the Hagerstown Airport and visited Freedom Electronics Recycling Inc. to check out their facility.

Richard Shulman showed us around Freedom Electronics Recycling Inc. which differs a bit from the facility

at DMC which we toured in November of 2001.

The main difference is the size of the company. Freedom does not have nearly the storage space that DMC did. That is due mostly to the fact that it is not needed at

Next Meeting:  
Garage Band Demo

Freedom. DMC would export shredded materials overseas and to do that they needed to send out those materials in large shipping containers. Freedom does not output nearly that amount of raw materials.

Much of what Freedom does is strip components out of computers and pass on components that could

be considered useful. Other components are sent out to processors to extract precious metals.

The left over shells of computers and monitors get sent out to other

processing plants. Sometimes Richard stays after closing time and crushes these cases with a HUGE steel plate reducing the shells to splinters instantly in a throng of noise and "stress relieving fun"



"Some innovations that would truly benefit consumers never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest." -- *Thomas Penfield Jackson, U.S. District Judge*



FER's President Richard Schulman explains what his company does.



CVAUG members and guests listen to the process.



Right now there is plenty of room for old computers.



There were many boxes like this one full of motherboards.



Computer parts everywhere.



That container is full of solid gold connectors



Crushed computer clean up tool.



This is a recently received batch of HP Servers.



More computer shells.



"There's GOLD in them there boards!"



There were pallets full of old computers and their monitors.



Members get a chance to ask questions about the company.



Old monitor tubes ready to be crushed to make new monitor tubes.



I don't think you'll get too much useful data off that Hard Drive.



Boxes upon boxes of old computer and monitor cases.



I did manage to find a Power Macintosh 7300 case.



This is the crusher that Richard sometimes uses to compact some of the material the company is ready to let go of.