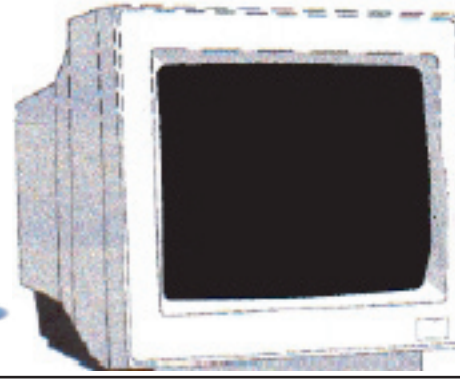


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A Word From The President

Last month we had our first meeting to try out the new location at Otterbein Church in Hagerstown. I'd say things went pretty well. The Internet connection was strong through most of the meeting and a couple of people were able to take advantage of it. We seemed to have plenty of room and the accommodations were comfortable. The only hang up we had was the temperature in the room, and even that is something we have control over. Overall I would say the new location is working out for us.

Apple Unveils a New iPod

By Gregg McFarland

In the end of October Apple put an end to the speculation of what was going to be the next big feature of their top selling iPod digital music player. At a much hyped event, Steve Jobs (back on stage for the first time after Cancer surgery several weeks ago) unveiled the [iPod Photo](#). This new iPod still syncs up with your iTunes music library and now iTunes will sync your digital photos over to your iPod for viewing wherever you

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go. The iPod Photo is available in two sizes, 40GB and 60GB. Each have a full color 2 inch display, 15 hours of battery life, video out for displaying your pictures on a television or any other video display, and the ability to display a slideshow with a musical background. The new iPod Photo is available now and costs \$499 for the 40GB model and \$599 for the 60GB model.

There's no worm in your Apple - honest

Dan Ilett of ZDNet UK

After a week of contemplation, Apple has announced that the 'Opener' malware program blighting OS X is not a virus - although the security community disagrees

Apple has denied that the malicious code dubbed 'Opener' is a worm, a Trojan or a virus of any kind.

Discovered a week ago, the Opener program - originally called Renepo - has the ability to disable the firewall in Mac OS X and steal user information. [Security experts declared last week](#) that it is almost unheard of for malware to target Apple computers, but said that this could be the start of a spate of

attacks to come.

In an emailed statement from a PR company that represents Apple, a spokeswoman said:

"Apple has just released the following statement and will not comment beyond this: 'Opener is not a virus, Trojan horse, or worm. It does not propagate itself across a network, through email, or over the Web. Opener can only be installed by someone who

already has access to your system and provides proper administrator authentication. Apple advises users to only install software from vendors and Web sites that they know and trust.”

But antivirus experts beg to differ, saying that while the program is not an immediate threat, it is a worm because it attempts to copy itself, is therefore a virus as well. Antivirus company Sophos said: “Renepo is a worm, and since a worm is just a special type of virus - one which neither requires nor uses an existing host file as a carrier - it is a virus.”

“I know there has been a lot of debate about this,” said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos. “We class it as a worm. It’s not going to spread very fast, but it does try to copy itself from Apple Mac drive to Apple Mac drive, and that still makes it a worm. If you saw something similar in the PC world, you would call it a worm.”

Symantec declared that Mac owners were protected if they had kept their antivirus software up to date.

Additional reporting by Munir Kotadia

NOTICE!

I cleaned out my computer room this past month and I have a lot of items I just couldn’t throw away. I’m giving CVAUG first crack at them before I take them to the Washington Apple Pi sale. Bring money to the November meeting, I’m sure to have something you’re interested in.

-Gregg McFarland

Google Plans Desktop Search Tool for Apple PCs

[C/O Yahoo News](#)

LOS ANGELES (Reuters)

- Google Inc. (Nasdaq:GOOG - news) plans to release a version of its desktop search tool for computers running on the Mac operating system from Apple Computer Inc. (Nasdaq:AAPL - news), Google chief executive Eric Schmidt said on Friday.

Schmidt did not set a timetable for a Mac version of Google Desktop, saying it had to be rebuilt from the ground up because of the fundamental differences between the Mac OS and Windows.

“We intend to do it,” Schmidt said at a University of California-Los Angeles conference

commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Internet.

Google released the desktop tool earlier this month, staking out early ground in a battle for personal information retrieval that is expected to eventually include players like Microsoft Corp. (Nasdaq:MSFT - news) and even Apple.

But some people raised concerns about the threat to privacy from software that could scour e-mails, instant messenger chats and other personal threads.

“We will be very sensitive about this personal information for obvious reasons,” Schmidt said.

Google parlayed its dominance in the Web search business into a blockbuster initial public offering in August. Since then, its shares have nearly doubled, and they just missed touching \$200 on Friday.

50/50 Drawing Update

by Gregg McFarland

The CVAUG has been selling 50/50 drawing tickets for almost two months now and I have been very impressed by the number of requests for additional tickets to sell. There should be a very interesting race for the top seller developing here over the next month. Remember that the top ticket seller will be awarded an Apple branded special edition

User Group T-Shirt. So get out there and keep selling. There will be a little more than 500 more tickets to distribute at the November meeting, and if more are needed they can be picked up at my house once they’re printed and we arrange a meeting time. The drawing will take place at our December meeting and the winner will be notified shortly after that.

Computers are useless. They can only give you answers.

-- Picasso, Pablo (1881-1973)