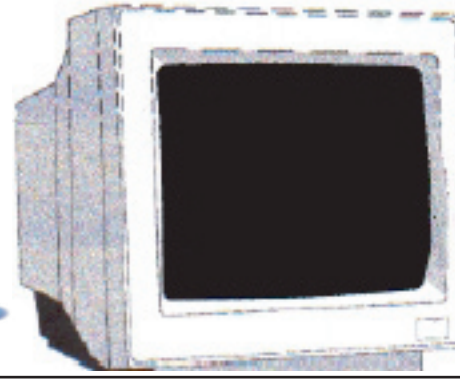


# CVAUG Monitor



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## A Word From the President

by Gregg McFarland

This isn't a word from the president that everyone else will be listening to tonight. The 1<sup>st</sup> debate is going to start shortly and I'm sure it will be more exciting than the debates/arguments going on between Apple Computer and Real Networks. If you haven't read anything about that then you'll find an article later in this month's Monitor.

This president is dealing with his decision to move all his computing duties to one computer – a laptop. It has been interesting, but I never realized how much I used my desktop computer. I'm getting by though, and you'll be able to hear more about that at the October meeting which is going to be in our new trial location of Otterbein United Methodist Church at 108 East Franklin Street in Downtown Hagerstown. There is more information about this in another article in the newsletter as well. So since it seems that all I have to say is covered in another article in the newsletter I'll let you get on to the network.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

## CVAUG Tries a New Meeting Location

By Gregg McFarland

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004 will see the Cumberland Valley Apple User Group trying out a new meeting location. There probably aren't too many members who can tell you how long the group had been meeting at St. John's Church and that is with good reason, they treated us very well and were attentive to our needs. The CVAUG is not looking for a new location because of anything that St. John's did. The group is only leaving because this new location has the ability to give us High Speed Internet access to use during our meetings. The new location that we are trying out is Otterbein United Methodist Church at 108 East Franklin Street in Downtown Hagerstown. There are maps that can link you to directions on our [web site](#) under meeting information. There is another benefit to this location. There is plenty more parking available. I know this was not usually a problem at St. John's, but we had an occasion or two when a group with St. John's had a meeting at the same time we did and the parking lot filled up quite rapidly. I doubt

## Turning Your Laptop Into a Desktop Computer

that we could fill this parking lot up even if it was us and a wedding party.

So, since we are trying out this switch with the purpose to be able to get on line during the meetings be sure to bring your wireless capable computer with you and we'll get you up on line.

## Real v Apple music war: iPod freedom petition backfires

by Jo Best of [Silicon.com](http://Silicon.com) August 18 2004

RealNetworks has stepped up its music 'war' on Apple - with results it clearly didn't expect. Hostilities started in late July, when Real cracked [Apple's FairPlay code](#), meaning songs bought from the RealPlayer Music Store could be played on the iPod - a move that [went down very badly](#) over at Apple. Real then decided to ratchet up the pressure by [slashing the cost of its downloads](#) to less than the 79-cent price barrier favoured by Apple. The next step

- a campaign to get music fans to support the company's open stance - hasn't worked out quite as it might have hoped after users besieged a petition with obscenities and anti-Real postings.

The petition on RealNetworks' [www.freedomofmusicchoice.org](http://www.freedomofmusicchoice.org) site is entitled: "Hey Apple! Don't break my iPod".

"Your company has long stood for innovation and open competition," the petition reads. "We're asking that you... support the right of your own customers to make their own choices about where they buy music for the iPod. We want Freedom of Music Choice! Don't lock us in to purchasing digital music from one source. That's bad for competition. It will stifle innovation.

And it will slow the adoption of digital music devices like the iPod." Readers were encouraged to sign up and leave

comments on the petition, now running at over 900 signatures. However, the comments left by petition signers were less than complimentary and featured a selection of tartly-worded and four-letter-littered epithets, with the target of the bile-spewing hordes being Real itself. CEO Rob Glaser came in for a particular attack from the website's visitors. Visitors - including 'Michael Jackson', 'The Pope' and 'Bill Clinton' - expressed the view that they already have freedom of

choice and would be exercising it by using iTunes. One poster, Rich Mertz, wrote: "You people are wrong, wrong, wrong. If we wanted 'choices' like yours, they wouldn't have to be foisted on us. Most of us given a real choice, would rather see you and your tactics go away. 'Competition' doesn't give you any right to reverse-engineer when you feel like it, but come down on those that hack into your IP rights. It's theft, pure and simple."

Others took issue with the fact Real's Rhapsody song shop doesn't support Macs. A poster by the name of MacUser wrote: "I choose to use a Macintosh. Why won't Real support me? Rhapsody doesn't work on the Mac. So

even if I was interested in buying music from Real, I can't do it." RealNetworks' stock price reacted badly to the price cutting and free music campaign, with

shares dropping 20 cents to close at \$5 each on Tuesday. Some users, however, did support the campaign. Juan Noyles wrote: "Stop being so stingy, Jobs!" Another going by first name only, Jason, added: "I've got to give this particular move a thumbs-up. Proprietary file formats are never good for customers... Anything that opens up competition in the market can't help but be good even if it comes from a P.O.S. developer like Real."

The deluge of anti-Real sentiment

prompted the company to take down the original petition and replace it with one without a comment section but where the names of those who signed up were visible. Most signed up as 'Real sucks' or similar. The ability to see names was then removed.

Users can still post comments on the issue via [freedomofmusicchoice.org](http://freedomofmusicchoice.org) once they register with the site, with similar anti-Real tirades already appearing, complete with intermittent swearing.

Real isn't the first company to criticize Apple over its stance on digital rights management (DRM). Virgin Mega recently took issue with the iPod [saying its proprietary stance was anticompetitive](#).

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## Mac Increases Email & iDisk Storage

from Apple.com - September 29 2004

.Mac, the popular suite of Internet software and services, now offers both new members and its more than half million existing members 250MB of combined online storage for .Mac mailboxes and iDisk folders, perfect for sharing photos, movies and documents with family, friends and coworkers. Sign up now for a free 60-day trial.

## Apple Offers PowerBook Display Repair

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

Apple has a [15" PowerBook G4 Display Repair Extension](#) program for the "white spot" defects afflicting some of these computers: A limited number of 15-inch PowerBook G4 computers exhibit a display issue which may cause faint white spots to appear on the screen over time. The 15-inch PowerBook G4 Repair Extension Program is a worldwide program covering replacement of LCDs

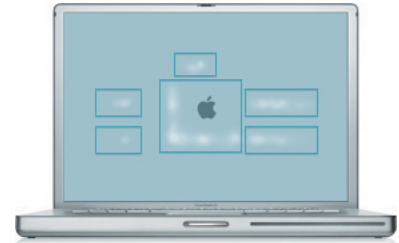
that exhibit these white spots. Your PowerBook G4 serial number must fall between one of two serial number ranges:

- V7334xxxxxx to V7345xxxxxx
- QT331xxxxxx to QT339xxxxxx

These computers were manufactured from July 2003 through November 2003.

PowerBooks with the serial numbers listed above may be referred to as:

- PowerBook G4 15-inch Aluminum (1GHz G4 or 1.25GHz G4)
- PowerBook G4 Titanium (867MHz G4 or 1GHz G4)



“Remember, never ask a geek “why”; just nod your head and back away slowly... “  
Dan Wineman