

Carl Bulger presided.

Visitors: Clementina Campbell and Diana Voyles



(Photo of Dennis Courtney courtesy of Dennis Edgington)

Presentation: Our presentation was by Dennis Courtney, President of the Capital PC User's Group (CPCUG), an organization that in the 80's and 90's held huge meetings in the NIH amphitheater in Bethesda. Since 9/11, they have had to rent space. Consequently, the organization has morphed into several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that meet in smaller numbers throughout the Washington area. A Senior SIG meets in Olney, MD on Saturdays, 10-12am. Three Microsoft SQL Server SIGs meet in Northern Virginia, Columbia, MD, and in DC. A Digital Video SIG meets in Montgomery County. One of their projects was a TV Show done in Montgomery

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County's TV Studio on 4H Animal Husbandry by the County's 4H students. There is also a Computer SIG that meets in Springfield for Virginians that don't like to travel to Maryland or DC for meetings. There is also a Programmer's SIG.

CPCUG has two LISTSERVs donated LSoft: A list for announcements and a list for discussions. It has a website that has had difficulties for the last four years since their longtime Webmistress quit. Since then, one after another volunteer webmaster soaked up expenses and training to qualify them to be webmasters. They then retired from their daytime jobs and moved away. Finally, Courtney and the Board (composed of the heads of the various SIGs) decided to hire a commercial firm, Fantail of Columbia and Bowie, to run their website that should be up and running by this summer. Also, CPCUG has contracted with a local ISP.

CPCUG's biggest effort is Project Reboot. It collects old computers and peripherals from individuals, but mostly from government agencies and corporations for distributions to needy people: the homeless, poor, veterans, etc. vetted by 523 different agencies. They are a Microsoft-registered refurbisher. They sell used Windows XP computers for \$10 each. Each comes with a keyboard, mouse, and CRT monitor. Each has a minimum of 512B RAM and a 40 GB hard drive. Software includes Libre Office, Microsoft Security Essentials, and Easy Burner (for CD's).

They sell Windows 7 Professional computers for \$25, with dual core Pentiums, 2GB RAM and an 80GB hard drive and a 90 day warranty. They also come with a keyboard, a mouse, and a CRT monitor.

If the recipient would rather have a flat screen LCD monitor, they must pay extra for those. Usually corporations and government agencies don't "trade out" monitors, keyboards, mice, power cords, signal cords, and printers with the computers. By the way, signal cords must have USB connectors.

They are currently located at 4 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20850. Their phone number is (301) 330-0034. Their email address is [reboot@CPCUG.org](mailto:reboot@CPCUG.org) and their website is <http://reboot.cpcug.org>. Here you can find information about their needs for computer and monitor donations and for volunteers.