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THIS MONTHS MEETING !!!

Identity Theft By Don Roberts

Amador County Sheriff's Office, specializing in financial crimes

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. today. Last year there were approximately 700,000 reported victims of identity theft and the numbers are growing. It is estimated that the average victim will spend \$1,374 and 175 hours cleaning up their credit reports. This criminal phenomenon poses one of the most vexing problem for law enforcement agencies. With the advent of high tech electronic hardware including computers, scanners, and printers, identity thieves have greatly enhanced the ability of financial thieves to steal and capitalize on stolen identity. CA Penal Code Section 530.5 is the state law pertaining to Identity Theft. Citizens need to be proactive in protecting personal data and reactive to the misuse of this data.

We will talk about the extent of the problem nation-wide and in Amador County; other identity theft related crimes; the negative impact on businesses; tips on lessening the probability of iden-

tity theft occurring to you; reaction of becoming an identity theft victim; resources; and other related topics.

Remember, this subject doesn't touch only people with computers so be sure and invite all your friends and neighbors. Mr. Roberts will also have some handouts giving you more information.

Our prizes will be MS Publisher, 2 boxes of Sees Candy and a can of Dust Off (to blow off the dust from keyboards etc).

The Advanced Program/Hardware SIG and Digital Photography SIG are taking the summer off for vacations.

QuickBooks SIG and the Webpage SIG are suspended until further notice. We need a new leader for the Webpage SIG do you know anyone willing to head up this SIG? If so, please contact Ted Langlet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
	What	When	Where
July 2004	6	General Meeting	7:00PM Jackson Senior Center
	8	Board Meeting	2:00PM Rollingwood Club House
		Quickbooks SIG (Suspended)	5:30PM Call xxx-xxxx
		Advanced Prog/Hdw SIG	7:00PM Call xxx-xxxx
	20	Newsletter Input Deadline	
		Web Page SIG (Suspended)	7:00PM Jackson Senior Center
	28	New Users/Windows/Internet	2:00PM Jackson Senior Center
		Digital Photography	7:00PM Jackson Senior Center

July 2004						
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Have a safe 4th of July



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS			
QuickBooks SIG Leader: Dave Butow (Suspended)	2nd Thursday	5:30PM	Please Call To RSVP Xxx-xxxx
Advanced Prog/Hdwr SIG Leader: Barbara Kreiss	3rd Friday	7:00PM	Please Call To RSVP Xxx-xxxx
Web Page SIG Leader: Bob Fowler	4th Monday	7:00PM	Senior Center Poker Room Xxx-xxxx
New Users/Windows/Internet SIG Leader: Gene Sproul	4th Wednes-	2:00PM	Senior Center Poker Room Call To RSVP xxx-xxxx
Digital Photography SIG Leaders: Ted & Hilde Langlet et	4th Wednes-	7:00PM	Senior Center Room 3 Call To RSVP xxx-xxxx

President's Message

By Ted Langlet



As I mentioned in the President's Message last month, four club members have been working with two Internet Service Providers, Goldrush and Communications Advantage, to help provide high speed DSL capabilities to the Jackson Senior Center. Both

of these ISPs had offered to provide high speed internet service to the Senior Center, and our club members acted as a review team to assist Laurie Webb of the Senior Center evaluate each proposal so that she could make an informed selection.

I am happy to report that this effort has been successfully completed. The ACUG team review was recently presented to Laurie, and based on that data she made a decision to have Communications Advantage install their wireless high speed internet capability. At no cost to the Senior Center, Communications Advantage will install all hardware and software to provide 1.5Mbps service including the necessary updates to the Senior Center computers. Further, the normal monthly fee for internet service will be totally waived. The bottom line is that Communications Advantage will not bill the Senior Center for any hardware, software, installation or recurring monthly services; the entire service will be free.

It should be noted that the proposal offered by Goldrush was also outstanding. They, in combination with Webcentric Computer Services, offered to provide all hardware and software to provide 1.5Mbps service at no cost, and would only charge a very small monthly fee.

This is another example of why I live in Amador County. Two local businesses offered to provide improved service to a community service center so that all of the community would benefit. The four members of ACUG who formed the Review Team also contributed their time to this effort and deserve credit: Karen Crabtree, Barbara Kreiss, Ted Langlet, and Gene Sproul. As a member of ACUG, I have a special warm feeling today!

I am also happy to report that Communications Advantage gave ACUG a wireless card for our laptop as a "Thank you" for allowing them to present their company services at the June General Meeting. Thus, we are now prepared to fully utilize the new high speed service provided by Communications Advantage to the Senior Center. It is anticipated that the wireless internet service will be installed at the Senior Center by our next general meeting which will be July 6. If so, we will have a short demo so that those of us who are locked into "dial-up" service can see what the rest of the world is experiencing.

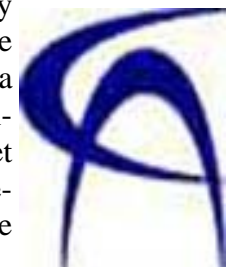
Last Month's Meeting

By Rich Leary



Eric Shippam, President and CEO of Communications Advantage, provided a presentation at the June 1st meeting. Eric has worked 16 years in the communications industry and opened the doors to Communications Advantage, in Sutter Creek, in 1997. His program included the inception and growth of the company, a review of the many voice and data products offered, and a concentration on their wireless internet (WiFi) efforts. Communications Advantage was the first firm to bring wireless to the Motherlode and they have implemented the technology from residential users, to retail firms, to remote radiography applications.

Several members brought their laptops and were hooked up with wireless service. The many services provided by Communications Advantage were discussed and here are a few of them: high speed connections, nationwide Internet Access-Dial Up and Wireless, one source-one bill-one place to call, e-mail with



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**ACUG Board Meeting Minutes
Richard Kennon**



**Amador Computer Users
Group Board Meeting**

Held at Rollingwood in Jackson June 2, 2004 @ 2:00 PM

Present: Ted Langlet, Don Power, Rich Leary, Del Burwell and Karen Crabtree.

Absent: Richard Kennon and Jack Earl Guest: Lloyd Cargo

May minutes were approved with a motion from Rich Leary and seconded by Don Power, passed. There was no financial report since the treasurer was on vacation although Karen reported the raffle at the general meeting netted \$105 and \$6.50 in the cookie jar.

An update for the senior center receiving DSL service indicated both proposals from Goldrush and Communications Advantage had been received and to be reviewed by the committee after the board meeting.

A special discount for our members could be received from the FlipAlbum company as soon as they provide us with a special code and when it is received it will be forwarded to the members.

Our membership survey status was unavailable until the secretary returns from his vacation.

The Board is still working on finding a restaurant to use in our monthly raffle. Last month Richard Kennon brought to the attention of the board that the Imperial Restaurant had not cashed the Nov. and Dec. 2003 checks sent to them. Richard Leary made a motion that a letter should be written to the Imperial explaining that these checks were out of date and when they contact us we will issue new ones and it was seconded by Don Power, passed. Karen had called the Imperial and left a message about these checks but no response had been received.

There is additional storage at the senior center and we will use some of it for storing the items in our library and Ted will clean out the library of old products.

Karen will check with Barbara Kreiss to see if it would be possible for our club to be on the Microsoft User Group Tour. We haven't requested to be on their tour as yet since it requires us to have DSL and as yet we do not have this available to us.

Programs: **July** - ID Theft to be presented by Don Roberts Investigator for the Amador County Sheriff Dept., **August** - Palm/Pocket PC by Jack Earl, **September** - Gene Barlow "Maintaining a Trouble Free PC", **October** - eBay Part 1 (Buyer), **November** - eBay Part 2 (Seller), other options could be searching the web, Sun StarOffice.

Don Power fixed the sound system. Our winner for the scholarship was Christopher Smith from Argonaut High School. We want to thank



Communications Advantage for their generous raffle prizes plus putting a wireless card in our club laptop and then allowing us to keep it. A motion was made by Rich Leary for Ted Langlet to write a letter of appreciation to Communications Advantage and it was seconded by Don Power, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM with a motion from Don and seconded by Rich.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Crabtree stand-in for Secretary Richard Kennon

(I want to thank Karen for filling in for me while I was on vacation. Richard Kennon)

Don't Be a Victim of Health Scare Stories—By Alicia King Padgett

Health scare artists are utilizing the Internet as a medium for terrorizing the public, and unfortunately many adults are taking the stories seriously. These tall tales are often written citing evidence and research that sounds legitimate. Frequently an e-mail is sent to you from a reliable friend who had received it from another acquaintance who had “personal knowledge or personal experience” with the alleged dangerous item. The health scare messages are always the same—whatever it is will make you sick or even cause death.

If you try to research accurate health information about the topic sent, you may literally become caught in the Web, where health hoaxes and urban medical myths run rampant. Many of these Websites appear to have valid researched data.

Before you decide to believe or, worse forward e-mail with serious health claims, do a little checking. Start on the Web with www.urbanlegends.com or www.snopes.com that catalogue the more persistent rumors. These two sites also detail persistent legends on other topics in addition to health scare stories.

Then go to reliable health sites, like: www.mayohealth.org for general health www.medhelp.org especially good for cardiol-

ogy www.oncolink.org for cancer www.cancer.gov for cancer www.navigator.tufts.edu for nutrition www.fda.gov for latest updates on food/drugs as well as extensive archives

So keep yourself informed and don't become one of the individuals caught in a web of confusion by believing the stories and passing them on to others.

Many of us have been victim of health-related frauds, myths, and fallacies. We have to make many decisions about our health and care and want to make them well informed. This site will keep you up-to-date on the latest findings on health care frauds.

Quack Watch is an informative site that deals with such issues like growth hormone scams, coral calcium, and acupuncture. It has a section on allergies and alternative medicine. You might want to start with *Tips for Navigating our Web Sites*. In the “Quackery” section you will find the following sections: Seven Warning Signs of Bogus Science, Ten Ways to Avoid Being Quacked, Signs of a “Quacky” web site.

Always seek a second opinion, but please peruse www.quackwatch.org Alicia-apcug@xxxxxx APCUG Advisor for Region 9

CLASSIFIED COMPUTER ADS

For Sale @ Half Price

Unopened Epson Color Ink Cartridges # S020191 for Epson Stylus printer models 440, 640, 660, 740, 740i. I purchased the wrong cartridges. Contact Ted Langlet at the general meeting or call xxx-xxxx.

FlipAlbum 5/Suite/Pro/Publisher Discount for Members

Our members are now able to purchase FlipAlbum Software products at a Special User Group Discount.



Remember the great presentation Richard Kennon gave to us at the May general meeting on organizing your pictures in FlipAlbum? We have received the code number for all our members to be able to purchase their products with a discount and the Special User Group Discount Code is **FX6-1023**. You need to go to FlipAlbum's direct order website at www.flipagent.com and key (continued to page 7)

Tech News By Sue Crane, Editor

**Windows XP Service Pack 2, scheduled for release next month, will be available as a “critical” download on the Windows Update site and will ship with new PCs. The update will introduce technologies for network protection, memory protection, secure e-mail handling, secure browsing and PC maintenance. A new Windows Security Center allows firewall monitoring, Automatic Update and third-party anti-virus software and warns customers when they need to apply patches. Microsoft will probably ship free CDs, but consumers will probably pay for shipping and handling.

**Chipmaker, Intel, and PC makers are shifting the PC to multimedia hub for the home. Intel predicts two new categories

**Entertainment PCs will imitate stereo and video components, like a VCR, and will play music and DVDs, record TV programs and even show picture slide shows.

Entertainment PCs will use your TV for display and be operated by remote control. Lifestyle PCs, designed to inhabit bedrooms and kitchens, will look like desktop computers and will be operable via remote control or keyboard, allowing users to write an e-mail and later play a video or music. Lifestyle PCs will also come with multimedia software such as Windows XP Media Center.

The new PCs will be pricey. An entertainment PC might start at \$700 - \$900 and sell for \$1,400. Lifestyle PCs could start at \$600, but with a large flat panel display could sell for as much as \$2,000. PC makers have also announced plans to offer special media adapters called the Windows Media Center Extender, which will let consumers view Media Center files on TVs. SnapStream Media has also figured out a way to get your PC in touch with TV. Firefly is a remote control that lets people manage media and entertainment on their PCs --TV tuning, DVD playback, streaming video, digital music players and photos. Firefly is compatible only with Windows XP and Windows 2000 PCs equipped with a 500MHz processor, 128MB of memory, 100MB of free hard disk space, and a CD or DVD drive. Firefly will cost \$49.99.

**HP’s Media Center PC of the future has a remote control with a built-in LCD screen for programming recordings. The PC, known as the Windows Home Concept, also supports Internet telephony, dual high-definition TV tuners, biometric security, and a built-in cable modem. For a web-based slideshow and more information about these new concept PCs, see: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1586428,00.asp>

**Internet2, the high-speed network designed to facilitate scholarly collaboration among university researchers, has spawned a new

turbo-charged file-trading network dubbed i2hub. University network administrators are concerned that copyright violations are occurring and a computer support specialist at Florida State University says: “The fact is, (the network) cost a lot of money and downloading games and music should be the last priority on any campus network.”

**Yury Gitman, a self-described “wireless and emerging-media artist” in New York, has outfitted his bicycle with an iBook laptop and Wi-Fi antennas so that everywhere he goes, a cloud of free, high-speed wireless Internet access follows. Demand for wireless Internet access in automobiles has been picking up, and plans are to offer it in airplanes soon.

**Memory designer Rambus, has begun to license designs for interfaces for DDR DRAM, or double data rate DRAM, the most common type of memory found in PCs and a technology that’s often used in consumer electronics devices. The interfaces let another component retrieve data out of DDR DRAM chips. A new version, called DDR 2, will be released soon that runs at 533MHz. It will soon speed up to 800MHz.

**Last year, Congress increased the amount small businesses can write off on new equipment purchases from \$25,000 to \$100,000. Known as the Section 179 deduction or the SUV tax, for sport utility vehicle purchases, *(continued on page 7)*

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but also is an incentive to purchase technology-related equipment. It's available only through 2005, so businesses should decide quickly whether or not to spend while the spending's good.

**IBM plans Web-based desktop software. Lotus Workplace strategy, is a bundle that includes e-mail, word-processing, spreadsheet and database applications aimed at business users. The new software is designed to be distributed and accessed through a Web server, and accessible from systems running Windows, MAC, Linux, Unix and handheld devices. IBM hopes to sway customers to Lotus Workplace with ease of management, mobility and price. The new software is designed to be used offline, so mobile users on laptops or handheld devices can connect, quickly access applications and disconnect to work offline. IBM plans to charge \$2 per user per month for access to the software, plus the cost of server software to make the system work.

**The History Channel's 13-episode series on "Decisive Battles" that debuts July 17 makes use of a not-yet-released PC game to re-create the epic battles that mark ancient Rome's colorful history. "Rome: Total War" will be published by Activision this fall.

Sue Crane, Editor

Bearly Bytes, Newsletter of the Big Bear Computer Club, California

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For more product related information, you can visit **www.flipalbum.com**. If you have any questions or need more information, contact our User Group Coordinator at **ronald@ebooksys.com**. You may also place orders with the Special User Group Discount Code by phoning them directly at 1-866-532-8080. Be sure to quote to the customer service representative the Special User Group Discount Code when placing your order.

I have gone to their site and they have given us generous discounts from 25% to 3.3%. The product FlipAlbum5 Standard is only \$16.95 plus shipping. They accept credit cards, debit cards, paypal and money orders. After you have ordered the product you can download it and you will receive your "box product" in three to four business days. Their products are also written for MACs.

Karen Crabtree, Editor

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Local addresses i.e. yourname@SutterCreek.com), web site design and web site hosting, one plus long distant calls (3.9¢), business telecommunications tools, conference calling center, consulting-Network Management. The numerous Wireless Hot Spots include Amador Lake, Buena Vista, Camanche Lake and Village, Jackson, Ione, Martell, Mokelumne Hill, Plymouth, Shenandoah Valley, Sutter Creek, Sutter Hill and Western Pine Grove.

We want to thank Communications Advantage for their generosity towards the club and our members.

If you missed this meeting you also lost out on a great opportunity to win one of the great prizes presented by Communications Advantage and the winners were: Bill McKenna—one year dial up with accelerator, Nancy Horst—one year dial up with accelerator and the grand prize of one year wireless (an \$800 dollar value and if you couldn't use the wireless you would receive services of the same value) and the club's contributions of a 10Pak of cd's won by Bill McKenna and Microsoft donated MS Digital Suite.

(Since Rich Leary was unable to attend the meeting the above article was written by yours truly, Karen Crabtree, Editor)

Advanced Program/Hardware SIG by Barbara Kreiss



The Advanced/Programming/Hardware SIG of the Amador Computer Users Group meets on the third Friday of the month at 7PM and usually runs until 9PM. I ask

that you call, or email at least two days ahead to let me know that you are coming. If no contacts are received, the meeting will be cancelled. The June meeting was on SPAM and the July and August meetings will not be held due to vacations.

Deleting Information from Hard Drives By Gene Barlow

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The early hard drives on mainframe computers were not considered very reliable. Information stored on these early devices would often not record properly or may become contaminated easily. Programmers using these drives would write the data in two separate locations on the drive. Then, when the data was needed later, it would be read from both locations and compared in memory to make sure it was still the

same. If differences were detected, then the program could not continue until the data was corrected and rewritten to the hard drive. As technology advanced, special mathematical checking codes were stored with the data that could detect if the information retrieved from a hard drive was still valid. These codes eliminated the need to record the data twice, but did nothing to clean up any errors found. It wasn't long before more sophisticated checking codes were introduced that could not only detect errors, but would also actually correct most single and double character errors. Still, the recording of information on hard drives was not considered real reliable and frequent backup copies of the drives were necessary.

When the IBM PC was introduced with hard drives, the designers of these drives were still very concerned about losing data on these devices. So, everything was done to make sure the data written to the drive remained on the hard drive and could not be accidentally deleted or lost. Today, it is almost impossible to permanently delete information, once it is written to a hard drive. Who would have thought that this retention of information would become a problem for computer users?

In today's world, privacy and security of information are major concerns. Identity theft is a major problem that we all face. With just a few pieces of information about us,

dishonest individuals can steal large sums of money from us and ruin our credit ratings. At the same time, computers and the internet have made information much more widely available not only to us, but to these dishonest individuals. Unless we are careful, our private information can get into the hands of these dishonest individuals and they will certainly take advantage of the situation.

Recent studies have shown that hard drives on PCs contain a wealth of private information that most users thought they had removed from the drive months or years earlier. What these users do not understand is that simply deleting a file from the hard drive does not permanently remove it from the drive. In fact, all that deleting a file does is to flag that file space for future reuse. It may be years before that space is reused with another file or it may never be reused. So, the deleted information remains on the hard drive, hidden from the user, but still there. Dishonest individuals using commonly available software can find and access all of these deleted files.

Users that are knowledgeable enough to know that deleted files remain on the hard drive are often surprised to learn that formatting the hard drive does not get rid of these deleted files either. All the formatting function does is to create a few tables at the beginning of the partition. The deleted information on the hard drive is not removed or changed during a format.

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Operations such as defragging a hard drive only cause your private information to be copied and spread across the entire hard drive. So, how can you permanently remove private information once it is written to a hard drive?

The only effective way to permanently remove information from a hard drive is to write blanks or zeros over the top of the deleted information. This obliterates the information that was written there earlier. To do this, special hard drive wiping utilities must be used. Two of the best hard drive wiping utilities were developed by White Canyon Software. I have come to know and rely on these excellent products. One or both of them could make your job of keeping your hard drive clean of hidden private or personal information easy to do.

The first of these two products is called WipeDrive. This is the bulldozer of the two products. When you use it to wipe your hard drive, it starts at the beginning of the drive and writes blanks on top of everything on the drive. It continues to wipe the drive until it reaches the end of the hard drive. When it is done, the entire drive is totally clean and empty. Nothing remains on the hard drive that a dishonest person could see or use against you. Everyone should use this utility before they sell or give their old computer or hard drive away. Otherwise, you are giving away all of your private information with your old computer. WipeDrive boots from

a diskette or CD and can wipe all PC type hard drives. WipeDrive sells for up to \$45 in computer stores, but user group members can obtain a copy from our User Group Store for just \$24.

The second of these two products is called SecureClean. This is more like a vacuum cleaner, than a bulldozer. It vacuums the dirt out of the carpet, but does not knock over the furniture or the walls. In other words, it can clean the deleted information off your hard drive, but does not disturb the actively used files on the drive. The selective ability of SecureClean to wipe your hard drive, but not disturbing your current files, makes it the ideal tool to use on your current hard drives to keep them clean of deleted information. I recommend that you run SecureClean about once a month on your computer to permanently wipe over all deleted information on the drive.

Packaged with SecureClean is a bonus utility called SecureScan. This product will scan your hard drive and show you all of the deleted information that is hidden on the drive. You will be surprised at what you'll find still on your hard drive. You may find personal files that you deleted months or years ago that are still on the drive. You may even find some files that were accidentally deleted and you thought they were forever lost. If a deleted file is still complete, SecureScan can even bring this file back to life and make it available again on your hard drive. This un-delete function of SecureScan is not the main purpose of this program, but a nice additional feature that you may want to use. SecureClean and SecureScan install

on any Windows operating system. SecureClean sells for \$40, but user group members can obtain a copy from our User Group Store for just \$24. Buy both WipeDrive and SecureClean/Scan for just \$39, a \$60 value.

To order either or both of these excellent hard drive wiping utilities, go to the User Group Store at <http://www.usergroupstore.com>. (or > <http://www.ugr.com/store>) You can read more about these two products in the security department of the store. Click on any of the Buy Now buttons to get to our secure web order form. Complete the form including the special code of UGWCM04. You will be given the chance to verify and correct your order before it is submitted. Once you submit it, we will receive it shortly and normally we ship all orders the following morning. You should have your products in just a few days. While you are at the User Group Store, check out the many other products we offer, all at great user group discounts.

Preventing personal and private information from building up on your hard drive is important for all of us to do. Get the tools you need to keep your drive clean today. If you have any questions about these products or this technical *newslet-* (continued on page 10)

New Users/Windows/Internet SIG

By Gene Sproul



**NEW USERS/WINDOWS/
INTERNET SIG**
By Gene Sproul

This month we opened the meeting with a continuing discussion about how to deal with e-mail and pictures.

When you start down the path of sending pictures with your e-mail it becomes very obvious that there some computer basics that you should understand or bad things can happen. Unlike a lot of applications like word processors, spreadsheets, photo editors, etc, where you can use the programs and the user doesn't have to worry about the filing system, file size, and all the bookkeeping the computer does for you, when sending pictures, you have to understand what's going or you can unknowingly send very large files that will take a long time to send and receive, and in some cases be so large that you Internet provider may not allow you to send the e-mail. Back to basics, we went through how to determine a picture's file size via the tools available using My Computer Or Windows Explorer, talked about what was an acceptable file size for sending as an e-mail attachment or for pasting the picture into the body of the e-mail, and lastly how to reduce the file size to an acceptable level. We covered a lot of subject matter and, I think, there will be some questions on how we performed some of the operations. So

write your questions down, and we will try to answer them at the next meeting.

During the internet portion of the meeting we examined some search techniques and how to capture internet data and send it to you printer. The object of the capture internet data portion, was to demonstrate a way to strip out the graphics, which wastes colored ink, or black ink if you turn off the color, and only send the wanted text to the printer.

A note about the SIG, as you can tell by the title, it opens the door to talk about almost any thing related to computers and that's what makes it so much fun. What makes the meetings so interesting is that we have members who ask very interesting questions and members, who can, in most cases, answer the questions. So join us if you think this meeting is for you. We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Senior Center, 2PM to 4PM.

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Gene Barlow

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Save Your Old Used Ink Cartridges

The Amador Kiwanis club is collecting used ink-jet cartridges for recycling to raise money for their scholarship fund. They have asked us to display a collection box at our General Meetings to assist in their collection. Please bring your used cartridges to the General Meeting as a donation to the Amador Kiwanis.

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FEE STRUCTURE FOR ADS

AD SIZE	1 ISSUE	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
Business Cards For Members	N/A	N/A	\$20.00	\$30.00
Business Card For Non Members	N/A	N/A	\$25.00	\$40.00
1/6 Page	\$12.50	\$30.00	\$55.00	\$105.00
1/3 Page	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$110.00	\$210.00
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Full Page	\$55.00	\$125.00	\$245.00	\$460.00
Web Banner / Link 468 x 60	N/A	\$105.00	\$205.00	\$400.00

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