The CMA Circuit

Curator's Column
By David Weil

Welcome to the first online edition of the CMA Circuit newsletter! All our news will now become a regular part of the web site as we move into the 21st century methodology of communicating with our supporters and members via the Internet rather than printing and mailing. The pronouncement of the paperless office and society appears to be much more a reality today than it was when originally proposed thirty years ago. There are benefits to this new method: Color!!! ! Special Effects!

And images in full color. Information about Museum programs and events will reach our audience faster and more effectively than the previous method. We hope you enjoy this first issue online and as always, we are interested in your ideas and feedback: info@computer-museum.org

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CMA GRAND OPENING AT COLEMAN COLLEGE

More than two hundred members, supporters and friends joined the Coleman College staff and Museum staff for the Grand Opening ceremonies on Saturday, May 22, 2004. Mayor Art Madrid began the ceremonies and spoke of the benefits that computers have brought since their infusion into our everyday lives. He was joined by special speakers Coleman College Founders Lois and Dr. Coleman Furr; past CMA President and North County Times online editor Jim Trageser, Sergeant Warren Brader, US Army, recently returned bomb disposal expert from the war in Iraq and Museum supporter; Don House, "Mr. Teletype" and founder of the North American Data Communications Museum. After the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, guests were treated to a chance to win one of three great raffle prizes, including a Dell Computer. KUSI TV covered the event for their evening news and the day was a great success.

Many thanks to all the Coleman College staff, Museum staff and all the attendees who made the day a memorable one. And our eternal gratitude to the Coleman Foundation for making it all possible.

Speakers for the Grand Opening: (l-r: Warren Brader, Don House, Dr. Coleman Furr, Mayor Art Madrid,, Jim Trageser)

Mrs. Lois Furr cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the Museum

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WAREHOUSE OR STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

The CMA collections have blossomed over the past eight years, at one time filling over 4,000 square feet of warehouse space. Now we are faced with the problem of the ever-increasing cost to safely warehouse and store all the thousands of machines, artifacts and published materials that make up the Museum archives. Our lease is ending this fall for our Mission Valley warehouse and we would like appeal ot anyone that might be able to provide us with any temporary storage. The only requirements are that it be dry and secure. Donations of this kind are tax-deductible since the Museum is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization. If you can help us, call or email David Weil at the Museum office: 619-464-8220 or dweil@computer-museum.org . Help us continue to preserve our computing past!

Warehouse cleanup event in 2002.

WE NEED YOU !!!

Support the Computer Museum of America – become a member. Receive free admission to the Museum, invitations to special events, free use of the Coleman College Center computers and free classes. Please complete the following information, then clip and return with your payment. Make checks payable to the Computer Museum of America. Or, to pay with a credit card by phone, call: (619) 464-8220.

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