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The idea for a computer club at Super Sun actually began in 1995 when Al Bentley volunteered to begin a computer club with Shirley Ekblad's encouragement. In 1995 computers were a fairly "new thing" and people knew little about them. However, the first official meeting of SuperCom Computer Club was held March 30, 2001—six years later. With blessing from the Park Activities Director, a group of people met on a regular weekly basis and discussed different basic computer related issues-- as basic as "How to turn it on". There were no officers and there were no by-laws for this group. Since there was no secretary, there was no written report for the activities of this group. It was this group that initiated "Red Friday" to honor our troops. They had presentations similar to what we have today at each meeting.

Donated "hand-me-down" and broken computers and printers were used since there was no money for this activity. With the promise of reimbursement from the Activities Director, Al Bentley bought two computers for \$200 each. Al also bought a digital projector on eBay at a very low price that was used for dissertations until the bulb burned out. Service on the projector revealed that it was "hot" and a new bulb would cost \$400. There was still no money available for the club to spend, so a bulb was not purchased. Shortly thereafter, Al Russell's son provided a projector.

Several of the ladies who attended this group participated in bake sales, clam chowder soup sales, and various other sales to earn money for necessary purchases.

When it was discovered by the Activities Office the great service such a group/club could render to the park, it was suggested that the group form a club with by-laws.

Al Bentley and several others had attended computer club programs at SilverCom at Silveridge RV Park. Using this name as an example, our club is officially named SuperCom Superstition Sunrise Computer Club. Our new by-laws were written using the by-laws of SilverCom as a format.

At the March 30, 2001 meeting the first officers were nominated and installed: Al Bentley Chairman; Vera Parsons, Secretary / Treasurer; Clair Johnson, Member at Large; Tom Cutler, Member at Large. Dues began to be collected and the Activity Director secured a space for the Club to do whatever they needed to make a good lab. The club logo was formed from a picture Al Bentley had taken of Superstition Mountain. The logo was designed by Don Berg, Ed Collins' son-in-law, a chainsaw artist. He had come to visit a group program and put his artistic talent to work sketching a letterhead icon for the club.

Our first "Geeks", Jim Oliver and Dick Strong, designed and equipped our current Lab 1.

This club was based on the concept that we could learn from each other---What one person knew, he could relay to the person who did not know how to do a certain action.

This was not a club just for Geeks and computer nerds. Nobody knows everything, but what we know we are willing to share.

Meetings began informally in the La Paz room, moved to the Apache Room and now are held in the Ballroom --- the largest room in the park. In the first year the membership was meager and in each consecutive year it increased so that the membership at the end of 2013-2014 was 386 with an average attendance at each Friday meeting of about 100 people. This is the largest club in the park. These meetings feature speakers who inform us of a wide range of subjects and always give us tips on keeping our computers safe and running efficiently.

As the club grew, we opened our first computer lab in 2005 with 7 computers networked together and began offering basic computer lessons.

The more we learned about our computer and its capabilities, the more training we needed and desired; such as how can I make an address book; how can I merge my address book with my Christmas lists; how can I make my own Christmas cards; how can I find out about who my ancestors were. Inquiring minds wanted to know so those who knew the answers to these questions offered their talents in this area and developed a class to cover each subject that the club wanted addressed.

With each new class comes the need for volunteers to provide this class, not only to teach it but to monitor the class. The teacher is dependent upon this helper who works in the background to keep the class moving smoothly.

Internet usage became a must and this club was extremely instrumental in the progression and quality of the internet service offered by the park.

The demand for classroom time increased so much that the second computer lab was opened in the fall of 2007.

Technology continued to invade our lives and in our efforts to not be left behind we found ourselves finding SIGS (Special Interest Groups) were a necessity: Smart Phones; I-Pads, cameras that were smarter than we were, programs that we use but do not know how to use them to their fullest benefit

One of our greatest achievements is this website. It so fully relays the clubs objectives and offerings as well as introduces you to the driving forces behind the club.

Won't you join our club and become part of its future.