Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2017

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.   Carl noted that he had just completed his Turbotax return. This led to a short discussion on internet tax filing safety. Bill Long noted that Turbotax filers are being targeted by identity thieves.   Barry Hammond said that he had filed in January as an identity theft precaution.

Jim Golden told us about his son-in-law's experience with an April Fool's Day occurrence of the Conficker Worm. Jim's son-in-law blames Jim for the infection believing it occurred as a result of one of Jim's emails.

Dan Lee advised that the Creators Edition update to Windows 10 is coming April 11. Members were advise to update their computers before installing it.

Bill Long is seeking a better understanding of Caller ID displays. He stated that when he calls others they see a Caller ID showing his daughter's name instead of his name. So he questioned how Caller ID information is recorded and stored in the telephone and internet systems. Irv Salzberg then told us that there is a CNAM (Caller ID Name) system that is used for Caller ID.

Bill Long told of his recent discovery of the Windows "Photocrypt" app which is useful, free and easy for making photos password protected.

We had a discussion wherein members discussed the Verizon-to-AOL email transition and their experiences. Bob Rapzynski told of his alarming experience in which he lost a lot of email in his transition. George Vincent raised a question about whether his email subaccount addresses would transfer automatically along with the transfer of his primary user account..

Bob Rapcznyski says he has an unresolved problem that his tax preparer winmails him encrypted PDF documents that cannot be opened.

We had a very involved discussion on the various pros and cons of Comcast vs. Verizon.

Bill Long told about how a representative of consumeraffairs.com (https://consumeraffairs.com/computers/antivirus-software) has requested that the Bowie Seniors Computer Club add a link to the club's website page that lists freeware. After some discussion it was agreed that such action would be of no benefit to the club.

Irv Salzberg presented information on the Microsoft Wireless Display Adapter Windows app which enables a smartphone or tablet to wirelessly connect to a smart TV for large screen display. Irv also gave an informative presentation and display on the capabilities of the "Google Home" device which provides computer generated voice responses to "Hey Google" questions.