

BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2, 2015

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:40. Visitors were announced and welcomed. There was no guest speaker, thus the meeting was opened to attendees items of interest. Following is a list of the items of discussion:

Item #1:

Visitor #1 (sorry I didn't get her name) solicited help and advice regarding a problem with update failures. An update was downloaded but repeatedly failed to install.

Item #2:

Visitor 'Linda' stated that she believes her laptop has a virus. She noted that she pays a monthly fee for McAfee Antivirus protection. Bob Blum offered advice recommending use of Windows Defender. Bob Blum deactivated McAfee and activated Windows Defender on her laptop. It was noted that the Revo Uninstaller could be used to get rid of preinstalled antivirus applications.

Item #3:

Bill Long described a recent experience with his Verizon Optical Network Terminal battery warning replacement.

Item #4:

Carl Bulger described his 57th anniversary travel events and ceremonies. He also spoke of how his son-in-law is digitizing the three different types of 35mm slides i.e., Ektachrome, Kodachrome, Kodacolor.

Item #5:

Dan Lee related how what was originally thought to be a laptop's serious display failure problem turned out to be a simple failure which was fixed by a brightness adjustment. He also described a Dell laptop mouse problem that was caused by a keyboard key problem. Dan also updated us on future meeting programs.

Item #6:

Dan Lee and Dale Grant gave us a status report on the Senior Center's computer training courses.

Item #7:

Bob Blum put another visitor's laptop on the display screen enabling us to watch him diagnose an update failure problem. Since the missing update was not causing any problem he hid the update failure message so that it no longer showed up.

Item #8:

Bill Long noted that his smartphone often detects the presence of an "xfinitywifi" network and asked if anyone present could explain just what an xfinitywifi hotspot is. Discussion followed.

Item #9:

Carl Bulger spoke of his interest in, and recommended, National Geographic's Famous People television series.

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