

# Bowie Seniors Computer Club Minutes for Oct. 1, 2009

Carl Bulger presided.

Annual Election results:

President: Carl Bulger

Vice-Pres. & Program Chmn:  
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Secretary: Barry Hammond

Treasurer: Ken Godstrey

Membership Chairman: Dennis  
Edgington

Publicity Chairman: Vic Kiviat

Charlotte Melichar showed the hard disk enclosure, made by AcommData, that she bought to temporarily house the hard disk from her laptop while she copied important files to her desktop prior to sending it in for repairs. The enclosure cost \$50. Bob Blum's IDE/SATA Drive Adapter USB cable didn't work on her IDE hard drive. Thinking it was totally defective, he bought a new one for \$35. That one also didn't work when he tried to demonstrate how it could be used to download files from Charlotte's IDE drive. Bob says he has had good results with SATA drives.

Eric Hein updated us on his project to use Windows Media Center and his computer to record TV programs for later viewing on his TV. He bought a small computer without a monitor. He installed a Hauppauge TV Tuner with a USB plug-in to the computer with a \$17 dedicated video adapter on a short PCI enhanced-16 card designed to fit his small computer. The video card does not have a fan, which will cut down on noise when he watches TV.

Nancy Lewis visited with her laptop computer. She was having file management issues using the Vista operating system.

Vic Kiviat raffled off three subscriptions to Smart Computing Magazine. Dennis Edgington, Eric Hein, and Bill Meenahan won the drawing.

Someone's computer was hanging up shortly after start up. After restarting it worked fine. One suggestion was to use Wincfg or Msconfig to systematically isolate the process that is causing the problem. Start > Run> type "msconfig" (without the quote marks) > click on the Startup tab > Uncheck all of the processes. Restart the computer. Absolutely necessary processes will start even though you unchecked them. Other processes can be added one by one until the computer once again hangs up after restart.

Someone mentioned Quick Startup, a utility to facilitate the procedure.

I mistakenly mentioned What Process? I thought that it automatically determined what process caused a hangup. Instead, it is a website that lists the functions of many processes.

[Http://www.what-process.com/](http://www.what-process.com/)

Carl Bulger and I are nagged by dialog boxes in Internet Explorer that tell about script errors and ask whether we want to continue to use scripts on this page. One possible solution is to go to Tools

in Internet Explorer > Internet Options > Security > Select a zone, e.g., Internet > Custom level > Scroll almost to the bottom > Scripting > Active Scripting > Enable. Source: <http://www.maxipedia.com/script+s+are+usually+safe+do+you+want+to+allow+scripts+to+run>

It didn't work for my problem, I'll keep working on it and report back.