

**Bowie Seniors Computer Club**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2017**

The meeting was opened at 12:37 by President Carl Bulger. Carl offered a free bag (a laptop case) which was accepted by Tom McCabe.

Tom McCabe noted that he receives a Ziff-Davis Newsletter which states (1) that there are problems with recent Windows 7 patches and (2) Windows 10 anti-malware has increased, a “zero-day exploit” being a noted example.

Viv Kiviat noted that a new Windows 10 update is coming in April.

Tom brought up some additional discussions including: the internet of things and Alexa, ransomware. And his excellence experience in buying a new Samsung Galaxy smartphone at BJ’s. This was followed with a discussion about the usefulness of anti-malware apps on smartphones.

Terry Drown noted that running Malwarebytes causes his computer to process so slowly that he doesn’t use it.

Bill Alli said that he had a problem attempting to upgrade to Windows 10 due to a compressed partition.

Bob Blum presented his recommendations on how to do a complete wipe/system reload and show on how prepare for and execute system recovery.

Dale Grant said that it appears that he is sending emails to himself with all kinds of advertising junk being sent from Dale Grant to Dale Grant.

Bob Blum told the club about a free anti-virus tool called “Stinger” and presented some recommendations for Firefox users including how to eliminate some irritating pop-ups using [www.userstyles.org](http://www.userstyles.org).

Bob Blum further presented a recommendation on how to search for files ,using a [www.voidtools.com](http://www.voidtools.com) app called “Everthing Search Engine”.

Dave Hackenburg provided some information on Excel “merge and center”. Dave noted that he is recruiting for a new Excel class that will begin in March.

Bob Rapczynski initiated a discussion on upgrading from Windows 7 to Windows 10.

Tom McCabe described a Virtual Reality demonstration he got at Microsoft at Tysons Corner.