

# **BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB**

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2015**

Carl Bulger called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Carl offered some donated freebies to club members. These items included a racecar mouse, photo paper, a hard drive, some keyboards, a video card and an optical drive.

Bob Blum gave a 45-minute presentation on the ChaletOS distribution of Linux. Of particular interest is that ChaletOS can be readily configured to emulate the Windows user interface. Bob's slides have been uploaded to the BSCC website. To view the 12 slides use the link below.

[ChaletOS Linux Slides](#)

Following Bob's presentation there were several audience topics of discussion:

(1) Dave Hackenberg described a disk drive problem wherein he attempted to read a very old disk. He inserted the disk in an optical drive. Dave accepted his computer's offer to treat the disk as a USB thumbdrive. This led to an apparent reformatting of the disk and a series of actions which led him to believe the files on the disk were destroyed. Dave eventually restored the files with the help of a Sandisk application called "Rescue Pro."

(2) Attendees were advised of the Rombertik virus. Rombertik malware can make your hard drive useless. It apparently knows how to protect itself from anti-malware applications.

(3) Bill Long advised of an application called Winzip Drive Updater which can be used to identify and find drivers for any device depicted in Window's Device Manager as being unknown (i.e., marked with yellow question mark).

(4) Doris Campbell indicated that it might be useful to invite a Bowie Council speaker speak to the club on the subject of how digital technology will affect society.

(5) Carl initiated a group discussion on robocalls. (There doesn't seem to be a good solution to the problem other than to terminate their landlines and switch to unlimited cellular service.)

(6) Club members participated in a discussion of what to do with old hard drives. Bill Long recommended that hard drives be wiped with "Darik's Boot and Nuke" rather than destroyed.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bill Long, Secretary