

# Bowie Seniors Computer Club

## Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2017

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:37. Carl pointed out some free stuff, books and software offered by Mark Laster.

Dave Hackenberg briefed us on his experience with his and his wife's Verizon-to-AOL email switchover. He had to fill in a lot of profile information for AOL involved with his wife's MAC computer switchover. The Verizon contacts transferred automatically.

Jerry Kurspan asked about "cutting the cord". He is paying about \$180/month for a lot of cable channels that he doesn't use or want. Irv Salzberg responded describing how he receives the free government mandated over-the-air broadcasts of the major TV channels. Other members described their experiences and the limitations of such equipment as Roku, Slingbox and Tivo. Terry Babb added that satellite service is available and may involve use of a subscriber card. Dan Searing noted that an Ocean City friend gets a lot of channels using Roku. Dick Henthorn recommended use of Consumer Expert Clark Howard for advice.

Barry Hammond told us about how his MSN email was converted to Outlook and his incoming emails are somehow being strangely sorted unlike before the switchover.

George Vincent and Dan Lee advised about a workaround for Turbotax not working with Windows XP.

Dan Lee told about how "tablet mode" affects the Windows 10 desktop display.

Jerry Kursban described his experience with Chrome browser getting into a looping mode that can only be escaped from, according to Irv Salzberg, by using Control-Alt-Delete to terminate the process.

Carl noted that IBM is merging with a Chinese supercomputer organization.

Bob Blum spoke on several issues of interest:

- (1) Old laptops can be converted to become like a Chromebook using by Neverware's CloudReady app.
- (2) Installation and use of the Ransomfree app by Cybereason will protect from ransomware installation.

Bob says Ransomfree compares well with Malwarebytes..

- (3) Bob noted that he has begun using the Edge browser and recommends it. A utility called "Edge Manage" is an effective adblocker.

Bill Long noted that he has sold old XP computers on Craigslist rather than junk them. There are buyers that need them in order to run software that won't run under newer Windows versions, and there are printers that have cable connections that aren't compatible with USB ports. Dan Lee reminded us that no-longer needed computers can be donated to Project Reboot.

Bob Blum responded to question related to file management and "drag-and-drop vs. cut-and-paste" file moving and copying between folders and windows. Dick Henthorn noted that the 7-Win app is useful for file management.

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