

# BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES FOR OCT 1, 2015

Carl Bulger presided. There were about 26 members and guests attending. Several members of the Apple users group were welcomed to the meeting. They meet at the Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 10-12.

The 2014 slate of officers was re-elected by acclamation to serve in 2015-16.

Barbara Parthasarathy mentioned there were over 40 responses of interest in holding a Mobile Devices class (smart phones and tablets). She asked for volunteers to help. The classes will be held in January. There will be two, three-hour sessions, one for Android Os and one for Apple iOS. (The October newsletter outlines some details. More information will be published in the November newsletter.)

Dick Henthorn reminded members of the website will change from Comcast to another company. The Senior Center has purchased its own website and we will be a subset of it. The new address is: [www.bowieseniorcenter.org/BowieSeniorsComputerClub/](http://www.bowieseniorcenter.org/BowieSeniorsComputerClub/). To simplify things, Dick created a tiny URL shortcut to it. It is [tinyurl.com/bscchome](http://tinyurl.com/bscchome)

Carl Bulger recommended the magazine *Maximum PC*. A recent edition had very interesting articles about Windows 10 update headaches and concern about Microsoft giving itself permission to share personal information by default.

Our speaker, Mr. Andrew Barger was introduced. He is the store manager of the Simply-Mac store that opened in the Bowie Town Center less than two weeks ago. Simply-Mac is a chain of about 73 stores specializing in the sales and service of Apple products. He started out and told us about his new store at the Bowie Town Center and the services they provide. During the presentation he said they charge \$19 for a one-on-one problem review. He helped a visiting club member fix her problem with her I-pad. Turned out the problem was a Verizon outgoing e-mail setting so she just saved \$19 by coming to the meeting!



He also said they were conducting one hour training sessions one-on-one for \$40 any Apple subject. Now as an introduction you can get 3 one-hour sessions for \$40. They also provide apple warranty support and Apple Care services but they only support Apple products.

Lots of talk about the new iPhone 6, like the features of 3-D touch, the improved front facing 12 megapixel camera with zoom video (in 4K!) the use of the fingerprint scanner to log on and other nifty features. They can sell it but you have to be with AT&T to get the installment plan purchase. He recommends a glass cover and a Kevlar back for the new phone to protect it. They have a combo deal of these two products for \$70. They both come with an extended

warranty and they install.

He discussed the new operating systems for Apple Macs and Apple mobile devices.

Apple stores and stores such as Simply-Mac do not open up and replace iPhones and iPads needing a new battery. They will provide a new device for the price of a battery instead.

He talked about how Apple products automatically sync with each other. Apple products can also sync with a PC using iCloud. You download the app (from [icloudwindows.com](http://icloudwindows.com)) onto your PC then log on with your apple account ID and password. This allows syncing of data (like pictures) between the iphone and a Windows PC. Neat! Good discussion about why Apple products experience fewer problems with viruses. He also talked about standard software that come with Apple PC's to do MS office tasks.

Overall it was a great presentation for the club members not familiar with Apple products. Mr. Barger used all of the available time. Good interaction with many club members.