

Carl Bulger (left) presided.

Our speaker was to be Steve Deming from Microsoft. He cancelled at the last minute because he was ill. He'll reschedule for a meeting in the coming months. Perhaps he'll have a Microsoft Surface Tablet to demonstrate and pass around. Microsoft introduced it shortly after Steve was to speak.

Bob Blum came to our rescue with a short talk on Dropbox, a service that allows a user to store data, pictures, music, programs, etc., in the cloud (i.e., on Dropbox's server) where it is available for you to download to any computer, cell phone, tablet, or appropriately connected digital TV. Up to 2GB can be stored free or up to 100GB with a paid subscription.

You can have a Public Folder which is accessible by anybody. Here you can share pictures, blogs, music, documents, or whatever. For your private files and folders, a username and password is required for access.

Bob uses Dropbox to transfer files and folders from one computer to another; to temporarily store hard disk contents while he is working on hardware, or while he is reorganizing software, files, and folders or is loading a new operating system; or, to back up his email.

Go to <https://www.dropbox.com/features> to see suggested uses for Dropbox or to <https://www.dropbox.com/> for a video describing its features and uses. You can also download the software required to use the service. It will work with almost any operating system. If you should wish to uninstall Dropbox: Start >> Dropbox >> Uninstall.

At our next meeting, Bob will discuss email programs, how to backup your email, etc.

At that meeting, Vic Kiviat will list the restaurants that we suggested as possible sites for our Holiday Party on Thursday, December 13th along with menus and costs and we can vote which one we want.