

BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB
Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2016

The June 16, 2016 meeting was held at the Kenhill Center. Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:45.

Dan Lee advised the group that plans are underway for repair of the Senior Center air conditioning. Vic Kiviat noted that the *Bowie Blade-News* has an article updating the status of the repair effort. Dave Hackenberg stated that the City Hall Conference Room has been made available for the Help Lab.

Dan Lee offered in a lot of nice freebies that had been made available courtesy of a relative that is a member of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Bob Blum gave a detailed presentation on email applications and how to preserve old email when changing email host service (such as switching from Comcast to Verizon). Bob demonstrated how the free application “Mailstore Home” could be used. Bob also advised that there is a Malwarebytes Anti-Ransomware beta app available for ransomware protection.

The group was reminded that Microsoft Windows 10 upgrades will no longer be free after July 29. Carl Bulger commented that his computer had upgraded from Windows 8.1 to Windows 10 with no action on his part and no problems.

Tom McCabe spoke on digital signatures.

Bob Blum noted that one problem he’s found with Windows 10 upgrade is that his computer no longer automatically turn-off its external speakers with a headset is plugged in. Dick Henthorn noted that since his Win 10 upgrade he has experienced pop-up annoyances when using the “Find-a-Grave” genealogy website,

the extent of the problem being dependant on which browser is used.

Dale Grant stated that following an electric storm his computer will no long connect to his router's Ethernet connection but that a WiFi connection works. The router was found to be working, the connecting cable was good and plugged in, and the computer indicated that the Ethernet was working but still "not connected". A number of suggestions were offered on possible solutions.

Bill Long noted that his basement desktop's WiFi reception from a upstairs router had been very weak. He replaced its cheap (\$6) eBay USB adapter with a \$30 two-antenna USB adapter (a Powerlink "Speedy" Model PL-U15010N) and is now seeing strong signals from numerous neighborhood router SSIDs!

Carl Bulger stated that a Bowie maintenance worker is looking to buy a Windows 10 laptop.

Bill Long, Secretary
Bowie Seniors Computer Club.