

Carl Bulger (left) presided.

Bob Blum gave a short talk at the last meeting 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.

This meeting Bob discussed "How to Backup Your Browser and E-mail Settings" He suggested ways to personalize them, how to save your settings to Dropbox, a flash drive, or other secure place so that if your spouse or grandchildren mess with your browser, you can easily recover your preferred configuration. Click on Backing Up Your Browser in Dick Henthorn's description of this meeting.

Bob's preferred browser is Mozilla's Firefox and his preferred email program is Mozilla's Thunderbird. He backs up both of them with Mozbackup and moves the backups into Dropbox. He has setup Thunderbird so that it retrieves messages from all of his email accounts and places them on the hard drive where he can read them even when he is offline. With Internet Explorer 9, backups are more difficult and unreliable. Backups of the Google Chrome browser are backed up to Google servers.

Generally, backups of Email contact lists are easy, but backups of messages are not so easy.

Business:

Eric Hein gave us an update on the Computer Lab. Two computers, #3 and #10, were malfunctioning. The Dell warranties expired almost a year ago. When Eric described the symptoms, Dell Support was unhelpful. By swapping software and hardware from the malfunctioning computers to computers that were working correctly, Eric and Bob Blum determined that the hard drives were defective. Although exact replacements are no longer being manufactured, Eric found two on EBay. It seems like they are good, but #10 still has some problems. Irv Salzberg has a hard drive diagnostic program that he is willing to loan to Eric and Bob.

There will be no regular meeting in December. We will have the Holiday Luncheon on the second Thursday (The Bowie Seniors Choir will perform on the first Tuesday.) The

luncheon will be on Thursday, December 13th, 12noon-2pm at the Osaka Grill and Supreme Buffet in Crofton.

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