

BOWIE SENIORS COMPUTER CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:40 PM.

John Massey announced that he had received an invitation to participate in a "GFK Google Research Panel" and asked if any others had received a similar invitation. None of the others present had. John then described the program. Those who volunteer for the program will have a special Google router installed in their home which will monitor the household's computer use and provide Google with information that will be used to improve Google products. The homeowners will be paid \$100 for accepting the router and allowing it to collect information relating to the household's computer usage.

Carl Bulger questioned Dan Lee on the status of the Project reboot certificates. Dan stated that there has been no action on this since the last meeting.

Dan Lee provided an update of the status of the public computers.

Dennis Evans noted that there have been problems running very old software (XP & earlier) under Windows 10. The solution to get around the problem was to install a Windows 7 virtual machine on the computer running Windows 10.

Tom McCabe reported his experience with running Windows 10 on his wife's computer. He put Win 10 on a rebuilt Acer. Plus installed Macrium Reflect and burned a recovery CD. Win 10 worked fine for awhile, however after awhile he could not get the start menu to work showing the tiles plus it was real slow. He tried to run a system restore and it failed due to a missing file. He then used Macrium Reflect to boot CD to reset it and then Win 10 worked fine.

Bill Long said the he installed Windows 10 on one of his Windows 7 desktop computers and subsequently restored it back to Windows 7 due to several reasons: (1) Windows 10 required that he create a Microsoft Account and log-in to it every time he rebooted or restarted the computer, (2) The File Explorer presented a new and different user interface that that he had difficulty adjusting to, (3) The "Edge" browser offered no significant advantage over the Internet Explorer, (4) The Cortana feature didn't provide anything useful, (5) AOL Desktop software was not stable under Windows 10. This led to a discussion of the pro's and con's of these features with Bob Blum offering his thoughts. It was noted that Classic Shell works with Windows 10. Dan Lee noted that the Windows 10 lock screen is included only in the Pro version of Windows 10. Bob Blum informed the group about the "netplwiz" dialog box functions.

Dick Henthorn noted that he initially had a problem running his Roots Magic genealogy software application under Windows 10, but that the problem had been corrected.

Barbara Parthasarathy and Dave Hackenberg advised of plans to announce the offering of Android and Apple training courses. Dave noted that a Five Year Plan had been presented to the Advisory Board. Barbara noted that Eldy software doesn't run on the classroom computers but does run on other computers on the Center's network. Thus she is unable to teach Eldy in the classroom.

Dick Henthorn updated the attendees on the status of the Club's web server noting that the service will be terminated Oct 8th.

Bill Long and Dick Henthorn recommended that the BSCC create a Yahoo Group or reactivate the old one (See: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BowieSeniorsCompClub/info>) for the purpose of enabling members to shared information between meetings. Bill and Dick will pursue.

Carl Bulger initiated a detailed discussion of the aluminum wiring problem in certain Bowie homes. It was noted that thought needs be given regarding BSCC officers and duties for 2016.

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