

# Bowie Seniors Computer Club

## Meeting Minutes for Meeting of April 19, 2018

The following members signed the attendees list: Bob Blum, Carl Bulger, Noel Campbell, Dennis Edgington, Dennis Evans, Jim Golden, Dale Grant, Dick Henthorn, Vic Kiviat, Mark Lasteer, Dan Lee, Bill Long, Bob Rapczynski, Irv Salzberg, Dan Searing, Russ Vaughn, and Penny Wagener. Former member Bill Macri joined us as a guest. He has a website at <http://jamacco.com/>

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:30. No guest speaker this meeting. Members raised and discussed topics of interest and personal experience.

Topics of discussion:

1. Bill Long said that he is looking for a way to transfer to his home computer various hard drive TV segments that he has recorded on his home Verizon FIOS DVR. This would enable him to edit the recorded videos and permanently store them. (Bill now believes this can be done using the HDMI output port on his set-top box connected to his Windows laptop's HDMI input port)
- 2.. Dan Lee asked for topics of discussion should he invite Toyota Master Service Technician Tom Bronk back as guest speaker for another meeting.
3. Jim Golden described his experience with a ransomware event. With Bill Macri's assistance Jim was able to restore the computer with a back-up that he had saved.
4. Bill Long noted that he had seen an advance notice of Windows 10 "S Mode". Windows 10's S-Mode is to be free and will offer new features. Bill Macri provided some information. And Bob Blum provided some guidance on dealing with Windows update problems. See: <https://www.pcworld.com/article/3261445/windows/microsoft-expects-the-majority-of-customers-to-use-windows-10s-s-mode.html>
5. Jim Golden spoke of the difference between "refresh" and "restore"
6. There was an extensive discussion of income tax issues and use of software. Bill Long noted that there is an IRS website application available for use in calculating tax withholding adjustments for the remainder of 2018. The calculator app is at: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/withholdingcalculator/>
7. During the meeting a malware event occurred on the club's laptop computer which was online. The screen displayed a message that the computer had been hacked and

was locked until payment made to reference phone number 888-761-9387. Club members have experienced this before and knew to simply close the browser connection. Bob Blum explained how malware perpetrators use Javascript for this sort of malware. Bob further explained the distinction between Java and javascript. Bob also spoke of the “Microsoft Visual C Redistributable” programs that appear in Window’s lists of installed programs.

8. Bob Blum noted that an app called “Autoruns” is useful in eliminating hard drive files left behind by the uninstallation of apps. Ref:  
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/autoruns>