

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Record for Meeting of April 18, 2019

Attendees: Bob Blum, Carl Bulger, Samuel Duff, Dennis Edgington, Dennis Evans, Dale Grant, Barry Hammond, Berry Hill, Joseph Holmes, Vic Kiviat, Joseph Holmes, James Kozura, Steve Krulik, Dan Lee, Bill Long, JoAnn Murray, Katherine Puhak, Bob Rapczynski, Irv Salzberg, Flo Strawser, Gwendolyn, Yarborough-Hall, Visitors: John Mason, Karen Duff Dorendo.

President Carl Bulger opened the meeting at 12:35pm. The guest speaker was Mr. Christopher Barber, “Chief Nerd” at <https://www.cheaperthanageek.com> of Crofton, MD. His presentation followed the Safety & Security checklist shown in the attachment. This was followed by a Q&A session which provided many useful tips, and recommendations regarding security. Notable were his opinions on: (1) use of Junkware Removal Tool vs. Malwarebytes and (2) use of Windows Defender vs. AVAST.

Bill Long
Secretary
Bowie Seniors Computer Club





COMPUTER SAFETY & SECURITY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Patch those security holes! But do it CAREFULLY.
- ☐ Install a good offense- not all are created equal.
- ☐ Strong and DIFFERENT passwords are a must!
- ☐ Backup your files.
- ☐ Backup your system.
- ☐ TEST your backups.
- ☐ Control physical access to your system. Set a password no matter what.
- ☐ Be careful with email. NEVER open attachments or click links unless you are sure they are safe. Even if you know the sender.
- ☐ Use safe, trusted network connections. WiFi can be dangerous.
- ☐ Protect sensitive data when decommissioning equipment.
- ☐ Use network security whenever possible.
- ☐ Stay up to date on the latest threats and vulnerabilities. Or have a great IT company do that for you.

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