

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

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Dan Lee presided over the meeting.

Bob Rapczynski had some questions about Acronis and Macrium Reflect backups. The boot disks often have to be composed on the computer that they will be used on to restore files. Bob Blum recommends trying different operating systems for the recovery disks if one doesn't work in tests. PE10 is the most common. When using Acronis be sure to validate backups. Use an external drive which you detach immediately after making the backup.

How to make programs portable from one computer to another: Irv Saltzberg suggested using CAMEYO <https://cameyo.com>. It's very user friendly. Also, MajorGeeks.com has an app, Start Everywhere, that allows portability of apps.

Jim Kozura came across some advice from Chris Titus Tech on YouTube.com on how to make Windows 10 run faster. It is 14 minutes long. Jim says he hasn't tried the recommendations yet. Bob Blum cautioned that we should make an image backup before trying any of these suggestions.

<https://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=nVy4GAtkh7Q>

Irv Saltzberg suggested using Everything at <https://voidtools.com> for external indexing if you want to speed up your computer but still want a file index.

Someone asked if it was worth buying a more expensive computer to get a Solid State Drive (SSD) instead of a rotating magnetic hard drive. Bob Blum definitely thinks it is worthwhile. He has converted all of his computers to SSDs and many of his friend's computers as well. You usually don't need to replace a large hard drive with an SSD of the same capacity. An SSD speeds up your computer because data access is all-electronic vs. electromagnetic head search of the rotating magnetic discs.

Eric Hein's wife now has Office 2019 on her computer versus Office 365 which is probably analogous to buying instead of renting the software. For a discussion of the relative merits of each go to <https://www.windowscentral.com/office-2019-or-office-365-which-one-you-should-get>.

Microsoft Edge is now powered by Google's chrome engine.

There will be no meeting on July 4th. Next meeting will be July 18th.

Minutes recorded by Barry Hammond substituting for Secretary William Long