

Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2023

Location: Bowie Senior Center

Attendees: (16) Bill Alli, Frieda Alli, Terry Babb, Bob Blum, Dale Grant, Dave Hackenberg, Barry Hammond, James Kozura, Steve Krulik, Dan Lee, Bob Rapczynski, Clara Smith, Doris Smith, Flo Strawser, Berlyn Wheeler, Dave Wheeler.

Guests: None

New Members: None

Announcements: Dave Hackenberg announced that there would be no computer classes in March.

Open Discussion: Dale Grant was browsing with DuckDuckGo on Google Chrome when it appeared that his computer had been attacked by malware. He described what he had done and this prompted many suggestions of what to do if you happen to notice when malware strikes.

Presentation:

Dan Lee brought in an IBM ThinkPad laptop that he had partially disassembled. He then showed two You Tube videos of someone demonstrating how to disassemble a Lenovo T400 Laptop. The first video was a narrated two-minute demonstration of how to remove the memory, keyboard, and hard drive. The second video was 16 minutes long showing the complete disassembly of the computer.

Bob Blum recounted the experience of the computer troubleshooters during the February 1 session of the computer help lab. A lady brought in a laptop that was running very slow. There were multiple causes: There were too many startup programs. He disabled those that were not needed on startup. The computer had not been updated since 2020. She had installed Wise's Startup Booster which was completely ineffective and further degraded the computer's resources. He installed Revo Uninstaller to get rid of Startup Booster. She had installed two antimalware programs, AVG and Norton, which interfered with one another and used up resources: These were removed and Windows Defender reactivated. <https://AV-Comparatives.org> is a reputable source of evaluations of antimalware programs.

Bob then showed Five Mind-Blowing AI Tools by Kevin Stratvert on You Tube that leverage Artificial Intelligence. Google the title and author, then play the 9.43 minute presentation.

Expanding upon the video, Bob referred to several websites that permit easy approaches to useful video editing requirements. The sites are as follows:

www.fotor.com :Permits removal from photos of backgrounds or specific objects.

www.cleanpng.com/ :Permits removal of backgrounds.

www.adobe.com/express/feature/image/unblur :Sharpens photos.

<https://palette.fm/> :Allows coloring of black & white photos as mentioned in video for use of artificial intelligence.

Future Meetings: The next meeting will be at the Center on Thursday, February 16.