

# Bowie Seniors Computer Club

Meeting Minutes for Meeting of March 7, 2019

Attendees: Bob Blum, Sam Duff, Dennis Edgington, Dennis Evans, Barry Hammond, Eric Hein, Dick Henthorn, Vic Kiviat, Jim Kozura, Dan Lee, Bill Long, Bill Macri, Tom McCabe, Bob Rapczynski, Irv Salzberg, Dan Searing, Russ Vaughn, George Vincent, Steve Krulik.  
Visitor Karen Darondo.

Dan Lee opened the meeting at 12:30 noting that there are freebie items that Bob Blum had brought in for the taking. The items included some laptop hard drives, Some printer ink cartridges, a keyboard, and a Lightscribe package. Dan noted that there is an Airman's Attic at Andrews AFB that accepts and sells computer parts and other items.

Bob Blum played a Youtube official release video of the April 1904 Windows 10 update. See Link at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wH\\_lKkzHHR0&t=192s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wH_lKkzHHR0&t=192s)

Barry Hammond started a discussion topic when he said he is unable to access the Windows Control Panel "Settings" menu.

Dan Lee played, for laughs, a TED video about email spam. It's at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_QdPW8JrYzQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QdPW8JrYzQ) This led to a discussion on dealing with phishing phone calls.

Bob Blum told us about his purchase of a new 14" Microsoft refurbished laptop from Arrow Direct.

Someone remarked about his difficulty in safely removing a USB flash drive because not receiving a notice of safe to remove. Several attendees advised of work-arounds.

Tom McCabe told about his efforts to update Windows on an old machine indicating that he is seeking for a way to set a machine to just quit doing updates. Someone indicated that the System Policy Editor can be changed to block updates.

Someone also spoke of Windows update downloads that Windows repeatedly fails to install. Eric Hein experienced a similar problem, which he resolved by clearing out the C:\Windows\SoftwareDistribution\Download folder. See the details of how to do this in this Windows Central article (<https://www.windowscentral.com/how-clear-software-distribution-folder-windows-10>). Windows Update then worked. That directory, along with C:\Windows\WinSxS can grow to be very large (into the Gigabytes)!

Bill Long  
Secretary.