Carl Bulger presided.

Visitors:

Presentation: Our featured presenter didn't show up. If our Program Chairman, Dan Lee, hadn't been on vacation visiting Taiwan and China at the time, he would have reminded the speaker several times of his commitment to speak at this meeting.

Impromptu Mini-Presentation:

Fortunately, Bob Blum was prepared with a little presentation on Backing Up. Knowing that the Backup and Restore features in Windows 7 and 8.1 are difficult to access and only backup data, he described an easy method of doing System Image Backups. In the past Bob has recommended Macrium Reflect backup and restore software. But, he has received frequent complaints of things going wrong. Instead, he now recommends free software available from Redo Backup and Recovery (www.redobackup.org). The webpage describes the simple process of downloading the software in the form of an .iso file, burning it to a CD which results in a bootable disk which you can use to allow you to restore the system image that you created using Redo Backup. Download the latest free version from http://redobackup.org. Then checkout the Home, Features, and Download pages.

We spent the remaining hour discussing the relative faults and virtues of Comcast and Verizon TV, internet, and telephone service.

Vic Kiviat demonstrated his latest toy, a miniature speaker (or array of speakers) in a metal box measuring approximately 3" x 6" x .75" which broadcasts a Bluetooth signal. Vic fed it one of his favorite jazz tunes from his iPad which was less than five feet away, well within Bluetooth range. The model name of the speaker is "mini Jambox" made by Jawbone.