Bowie Seniors Computer Club Minutes for February 1, 2018

Pres. Carl Bulger presided.

We were encouraged to tell about any "toys" we received over the holidays. Bob Blum said that his grandchildren presented him with a new Fire HD tablet which allows him to stream Amazon content.

Dennis Evans bought a mini-desktop HP computer for his wife for $350 with a dual core AMD processor, a 1TB hard drive, and a 23-inch screen.

Tom McCabe complained about how the last Fall Creator's Update had caused his computer to boot up very slowly. A small part of it may have been the update to prevent malware associated with the defects recently discovered in Intel and AMD computer processors. One suggestion was to run MSCONFIG and disabling unnecessary processes under the Startup tab that boot up every time. When you actually need one of them, you can double click on that app. Bob Blum suggested that CCleaner can be used to do the same thing. Select Tools, then Startup. Someone recommended Code Stuff Starter by Softpedia. The current version is 5.6.2.9 and is said to be very thorough. Certain programs create a heavy load on the system. Among them are AVAST and Skype.

One member with a wireless hard drive wants to be able to automatically or semi-automatically be able to back up to it from her iPad. This brought up a detailed discussion of various forms of cloud storage and the charges for each.

Dick Henthorn, our Webmaster, said that he has repaired the Search Option and moved it to the Meetings Page.

Terry Drown said that his Windows 10 computer automatically defaults to WiFi. He wants it to default to his Ethernet adapter. One suggestion: Disconnect, then reconnect and uncheck the box that says reconnect automatically.

Russ Vaughn is having trouble with his Outlook email client. He likes Outlook because it allows him to edit the subject line to accurately reflect the contents of the message and make the subject lines searchable. Someone mentioned that Google's Gmail also allows the subject line to be edited. The discussion shifted to what we were discussing during the last meeting: IMAP vs. POP3. With the IMAP protocol, messages are not deleted from the website when you delete them from one of your devices. They are still available to be read on your other devices. The POP3 protocol downloads the message to your device and simultaneously deletes it from the website. If you're changing from one protocol to the other in Outlook, rename your .PST and .OST files, delete the Outlook Client, install a new Outlook client and select the protocol you want to use, and then rename those files back to their original names. They contain your messages from before.

Dick Henthorn creates a Google blog for bookmarks. He can then permit access to his bookmarks by others and he can search his bookmarks.