

The October 16, 2014 meeting was an informal meeting, i.e., no planned presentation. Carl Bulger presided.

Discussion Item #1. A club member offered a no-longer wanted "Netgear model DS108 ethernet network hub" (See its description in the following advertisement) http://www.zdtronic.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=2004 as a freebie. There was considerable discussion as to what this device is used for. It was explained that it has an ethernet input/output port for connecting to the router and seven ethernet output ports enabling numerous devices to be connected to the home network via the router. Most routers have only four ports. If you have more than four devices on your home network, you either have to connect some wirelessly or unplug one to make room for another. Irv Salzburg had a need for more ports on his home network. He has more than one computer, plus printers, plus VOIP telephones. Remember his excellent presentation on September 6, 2012 on how he implemented Voice Over the Internet Protocol? Our Webmaster, Dick Henthorn, has made it easily available on our website's Training page: (<http://home.comcast.net/~BSCClub/training.htm>) It's the last item on the page under Tutorials and Seminars.

Discussion Item #2. Senior Services Manager Kathy White spoke of plans to get a new Senior Center laptop having an HDMI out port to facilitate presentations. At present BSCC does have a VGA-to-HDMI adapter that permits personal laptops to be used to project their display to the classroom high definition LED monitor.

Discussion Item #3. Sharon Bachelor brought to the meeting an old non-working Compaq computer with a Windows 98 operating system that had files on its hard drive that she would like to save. Dick Henthorn and Dan Lee removed the hard drive and, using an IDE/SATA-to-USB adapter, connected it to another computer to attempt to transfer the member's files. However, the hard drive would not "spin-up".

Discussion Item #4 Tom McCabe presented general questions regarding Android smartphones. Bill Long and Irv Salzburg provided information relating to the unique and different features of Apple and Android/Google smartphones including explanation of the terms "rooting" and "jailbreaking" as applied respectively to Apple and Android smartphones. Tom noted that a lot of bloatware came on the Android phone. After he gets rid of the bloatware, how does he backup the Android phone? And how does he secure the phone from hackers? Someone recommended AVG antivirus but there are plenty of others, paid and free. Irv Salzberg recommended an app called "Google Phone Locator Service". It will allow you to turn on the ringer to help you locate a phone you've misplaced. If your phone is lost or stolen, it allows you to turn it off to prevent a thief or finder from accessing your information. Bill Long recommends DropBox as a useful app for storing your photos and data on a server on the web and making it accessible from your other devices.

Discussion Item #5 It was decided that the BSCC would have a Holiday Luncheon Party at Osaka Grill & Buffet (www.osakaqrillbuffet.com) in Crofton on Dec. 4 between 12noon

and 2 pm. Also, there will be only one meeting in January on the third Thursday since the first Thursday is January 1st

Discussion Item #6 . Members are encouraged to send email appreciation to Staples for Matt Elkins' and Frank Tiwarri's excellent question and answer session at the September 18th meeting. Send your comments to Umar.Raspberry@Staples.com.