

NEW JERSEY COMPUTER CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2006

President Fred Sabin called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M with twenty-one attendees. Fred told the club that malware is running rampant. A number of items were noted, including the following:

- Microsoft is giving a free beta version of the new Vista operating system, but that it is 3.5 Gigabytes in size. A DVD version costs \$6.
- Professionals and organized crime are using different tools to infect PCs, especially Trojan horses. In addition, 90% of malware is now written for profit. To help protect yourself you should be using anti-virus and anti-spyware programs, a firewall, and software updates.
- Microsoft, McAfee and Norton have come out with “all in one” firewall/antivirus/anti-spyware packages. These are better than the native functions in Windows XP.
- As of July 11, 2006, Microsoft will no longer be supporting Windows 95/98. It was noted that the free Microsoft beta version of MS Antispyware works with Win XP SP1, and MS Defender works with Win XP SP2. Zone Labs ZoneAlarm firewall is also available free for download.
- As of October 11, 2006, Microsoft will no longer be supporting Win XP SP1.
- VMWare is a virtual system that puts your operating system and applications into a separate secure partition.

At 7:58 P.M. Rich Byrne gave a presentation on Home Designer Suite 6.04. This home design software costs about \$50 and can do a virtual build of a home.

The home design software is versatile and can give you rotating camera views of a home, as you build it step by step. It is very helpful if you have multiple changes and need to get an idea of what your building plans will look like.

The presentation was concluded at 8:55 P.M. At that point, Rich Byrne led the membership in remembrances of the NJCC, as this is our 25th Anniversary. The club started as the NJ Osborne Group, when everyone had Osbourne computers running CPM OS. A number of members gave input as to the “good old days”.

Fred adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Schrettner
NJCC Secretary