

## Minutes of the NJCC Meeting June 13, 2007

Vice President John Beck opened the Random Access portion of the meeting at 6:45 PM. He began by fielding questions about wireless connections for laptops, and using Vista. He reiterated that the NJCC does not support Vista at this time. Through discussions, several websites were recommended including <http://www.komando.com/>, <http://windowssecrets.com/>, and <http://www.techsupportalert.com/>. In response to some questions, it was stated that the product called Raid Configuration for Dual Backup is designed for Servers and should be avoided for home PCs. It was strongly recommended that one should use Acronis True Image to back-up a home hard drive.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM. President Fred Sabin greeted 2 visitors who were attracted to the meeting by announcements in the Courier-News. In all, 31 were present. The members were advised that at the end of last month's meeting the required cleanup of chairs and tables was not done properly and the Church was upset. We are obliged to put away all the furniture we use and cleanup at the end of our meeting.

It was announced with regret that two of our associates, Bob Rubin and Tony Perovich died during the past month. They will be missed. A moment of silence was observed in their behalf.

Having attended a meeting of the Princeton Computer Club, Fred reported on a presentation they had on the U3 Thumbdrives. These have built-in software which allow you to copy your important software to it so that you may plug it into any computer's USB port and use it as you would your own machine. The host computer will not retain any data or files that you create while connected. All such material is "seen" only by your Thumbdrive and not by the host's storage. Fred sees this as an important development for future computer use. When one is traveling, for example, a laptop needn't be carried along as long as access to a host computer is possible as in a hotel or public library. There is still a question of security. Fred plans a presentation on this thumb drive concept for the Fall. He also noted that the Princeton Club is having membership problems similar to ours at NJCC.

John Beck reviewed some of the proposed programs to be presented in the Fall. Jeff Jarvis has been invited to talk on Blogging in September; Fred's Thumbdrive talk would be in October. Possibly a program might be given on Skype, the internet telephone deal that is free all over the world if you speak to another Skype user or Skype-out (with a fee) to call landline or wireless users with a handset instead of the computer microphone.

Rich Byrne began his presentation on Home Wireless set-up and use at 7:40 PM. He displayed the various pieces of hardware that he used to share peripherals, like printers, with other computers wirelessly, anywhere in the house. With suggested encryption of files these files could be shared with remote computers. The encryption serves to prevent poaching of your wireless signal and content by someone nearby who may be using your wi-fi connection for his own purposes. Rich also showed how music that is resident on your hard drive may be "file shared" with a stereo system in another room or anywhere in the house. Much greater sound fidelity is thus possible than what can be heard on the computer's speakers.

After a question and answer period the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be in September.

Respectfully submitted,  
Len Kopf, Recording Secretary.