

Minutes of the NJCC Membership Meeting  
February 13, 2008

The Random Access portion of the meeting held at the North Branch Reformed Church was started by Vice President John Beck at 6:55 PM. He told about Microsoft automatically downloading Internet Explorer 7.0 along with their regular updates even if not requested. This applies even to those not using the M/S Browser. A few other problems and possible solutions were discussed.

He announced that The March Meeting Presentation will be on Buying and Selling on eBay, by Doug Beck, the NJCC Webmaster.

At 7:05 PM President Fred Sabin took over the meeting and got the Minutes and Treasurer's Report as posted on our website voted on and approved by the members present. There were 23 members in attendance. Paul Natanson chronicled his recent computer problems apparently caused by a corrupted operating system disc. He tried calling Microsoft and Symantec for assistance and after a lengthy run around did finally get to a Real Person, albeit in India, who willingly assisted him. Paul said that the operating system disc was ultimately replaced by Microsoft without charge.

Fred reported that Dazzle Video Creator Platinum (for USB 1.1 and 2.0) can be used to convert VHS tapes to digital format on your computer. He also went on to describe the problems he is having with the transfer of e-mails from the NJCC website to his home. Seems that AT&T (and other ISP providers) are blocking servers associated with large amounts of spam. His church group had similar problems with official notices not being delivered. While a noble idea, to prevent bulk spam mailers from jamming things up, it can and does cause problems.

Microsoft is scheduling a series of Product Launches in the near future. Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/heroeshappenhere/default.msp> to register for an event, or <http://www.microsoft.com/express> for a free download of Visual Studio Express.

At 7:40 Tom Kirk began his presentation for Creative Labs. He introduced a new product, a PC I Sound Card with crystal for use in laptops. He showed two sets of noise reduction headphones which, he claimed, will offer much better elimination of outside noise for MP3 music playing, than another well advertised brand. Creative offers several "docking" products for the Ipod that will "upmix" the sound to a higher quality level of sound than previously available with compact speakers. Creative Labs also has a series of web cameras for USB 1 and USB 2 that uses less image compression for better resolution of the subject, and built in mikes. All their web cameras come with a password feature to prevent unauthorized use by children in the family.

Tom fielded questions from the audience and finished at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Len Kopf, Recording Secretary