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December 3rd, 2023 General Session Notes by Alan Raul

Google Drive users angry over losing months of stored data

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/google/google-drive-users-angry-over-losing-months-of-stored-data/>

Ask Leo - I will help you use technology more effectively, giving you the confidence to do more, be more, and explore more of the world that today's technology makes available to us all. - Leo Notenboom

<https://askleo.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@askleonotenboom>

Glary Utilities - The No. 1 Free, Powerful and All-in-one utility for cleaning your PC. Boosts PC speed and fixes frustrating errors, crashes and freezes. Features one-click functionality and easy, automated options. Over 20 tools to maximize your computer's performance.

<https://www.glarysoft.com/>

Glary Utilities Portable - is an innovative and reliable application that offers numerous powerful and easy-to-use system tools and utilities to help fix, speed up, maintain and protect your PC.

https://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/glary_utilities_portable.html

What is Copilot (formerly Bing Chat)? Here's everything you need to know

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/what-is-copilot-formerly-bing-chat-heres-everything-you-need-to-know/>

How to Disable Copilot on Windows 11

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/disable-copilot-windows-11/>

THE BEST INVENTIONS OF 2023

<https://time.com/collection/best-inventions-2023/>

Sony Alpha 7R V

<https://time.com/collection/best-inventions-2023/6324008/sony-alpha-7r-v/>

Microsoft finally makes Windows 11 23H2 available via the Media Creation Tool

<https://betanews.com/2023/11/18/microsoft-finally-makes-windows-11-23h2-available-via-the-media-creation-tool/>

Download Windows 11 (Current release: Windows 11 2023 Update | Version 23H2)

<https://www.microsoft.com/software-download/windows11>

New PC Manager App in Windows 11 23H2

<https://youtu.be/gAx9u7vr32s>

<https://itstechbased.com/new-pc-manager-app-in-windows-11-23h2/>

Microsoft PC Manager - Safeguard your PC in a quiet and reliable way

<https://pcmanager.microsoft.com/en-us>

How to group apps together in MacOS Launchpad (and why you should)

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-to-group-apps-together-in-macos-launchpad-and-why-you-should/>

VeraCrypt is free open-source disk encryption software for Windows, Mac OS X and Linux.

<https://www.veracrypt.fr/en/Home.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VeraCrypt>

HOW TO DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL WINDOWS 11 23H2

<https://twit.tv/shows/hands-on-windows/episodes/68>

Learn the Mac: Mac Quick Start Guide for New Users

<https://youtu.be/eLBJ5ndNN4>

Alan Raul

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January 7th 2024 Program by *Ralph Sutter*

The **First ZOOM Session** will feature **Alan Raul** offering a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p.m. Usual topics include security issues, recent changes in Windows operating systems, tablets and smart phones. as well as demos of software and hardware. We always encourage questions and observations from the audience.

To be part of the virtual meeting via **Zoom**, please refer to the e-mail that will be sent to you twice shortly before the meeting with the credentials necessary to join the Zoom session. If you are asked for a **Meeting ID** or a **Password**, copy it from the announcement and paste it into the appropriate box.

There will be a break from 2:00-2:30 pm allowing the audience to sip a beverage, pet the dog or stretch.

The **Second Session** will follow the format in which everyone is invited to pose computer issues that they face and/or solutions to them. We will call this segment **Potpourri**.

Contact Ralph at ralph@rsutter.com for more information.

View Zoom tutorials at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM_I1ld3N_XI77fKDzSXe If you have any questions, please contact ralph@rsutter.com

Ralph Sutter

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Treasury Report by Kaye Raul

Month of November 1 to November 30, 2023

Checking Balance Forward	\$	1,933.54
Income		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Cash Balance		1,933.54
Business Share Savings		55.15
Total Cash and Savings	\$	1,988.69

Kaye Raul

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Photo Group Report by Ralph Sutter
Notes from the Meeting of 12/10/2023

TOPIC: Things for which I am grateful

Ralph Sutter opened the meeting by playing two video clips that he recently uploaded to the group's Links website. View them at [Where are the paid extensions in Skylum Luminar Neo?](#) and [That's Why Your Photos Aren't Sharp](#) Ralph then shared images of things for which he is grateful. These include family, the great area in which he lives and the time to pursue activities of interest to him; among them are cooking, woodworking and coffee roasting.

Alan Raul shot a variety of images along Pismo Beach. He's thankful that he lives in this area and can still walk and enjoy the beauty. He used **ON1 HDR 2023** to creatively adjust the color on some images. He showed the last few persimmons with some green leaves still on the tree. He's thankful fall has finally arrived.

Kaye Raul mentioned the lure of bougainvilleas, stunning seascapes, ducks on the water and visual treasures found along the roads.

Stanford Brown cited family and friends, coffee shop cronies and daily walks in a beautiful setting.

John Waller was glad for family and the dogs in his life. Computer glitches kept him from expanding into other areas.

The next meeting will take place on January 14th via Zoom beginning at 2:00 pm. The topic is **Textures**

The meeting schedule for 2024 is as follows

- February 11
- March 10
- April 14
- May 19 (May 12th is Mothers' Day)
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8

See the Links page; <https://www.slobytes.org/digital/links.html> for tutorials and other resources

Ralph Sutter

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Push Library

Look at the **PUSH archives**, <http://www.slobytes.org/push/>. This is a repository of articles where you will find tips, product reviews, and personal recommendations contributed by computer clubs across the country.

They are provided courtesy of the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated.

The actual **PUSH** articles are hyperlinked from the index located at

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/index.html> (All articles on one long page)

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/push-condensed.html> (Links to **PUSH** articles by month received)

You can view additional APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html>

SLO Bytes Bulletin Board

Everyone can read the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at <http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0> but only subscribers can

post comments or respond to the posts of others. Despite the usual connotation of **subscribe**, it costs nothing to join the bulletin board. It is free to all current SLO Bytes members. However, to guard against cyber-mischief by spammers and other ne'er-do-wells, I have disabled self-registration. If you want to be added to the bulletin board, please send your request to me at ralph@rsutter.com.

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at <http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4>

Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a PC Users Group dedicated to educating its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month via **Zoom**. Zoom credentials are sent to members twice shortly before each meeting. If you are a SLO Bytes member and don't receive this e-mail, please contact ralph@rsutter.com.

All meetings are open to the public at no cost. A general interest and Q&A session occurs from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact **Ralph Sutter** (ralph@rsutter.com) or visit slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation. All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

HardCopy is a monthly publication of **SLO Bytes PC Users' Group** located in San Luis Obispo, California. Information in this newsletter is derived from both our own membership and other PC user group newsletters.

The purpose of this publication is to inform our members of meetings and provide information related to the use of PCs and various operating systems.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance comradeship and a voice in the affairs of the club.

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The Linux Group normally meets via Zoom at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month.

View the web site at www.slolug.com. Contact Alan@alanraul.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session.

The Photography Group normally meets via Zoom beginning at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Contact ralph@rsutter.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session.

Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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