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May 4th, 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

FREE Microsoft Windows Vista Service Pack 1 Help and Support

<https://support.microsoft.com/oas/default.aspx?ln=en-us&prid=11274&gprid=500921>

Windows Vista Service Pack 1 Service Configurations

<http://www.blackviper.com/WinVista/servicecfg.htm>

Windows XP Service Pack 3 Service Configurations

<http://www.blackviper.com/WinXP/servicecfg.htm>

Slipstreaming Windows XP with Service Pack 3

http://www.winsupersite.com/showcase/xpsp3_slipstream.asp

Past Bulletin Board Slipstreaming links

<http://slobytes.org/bboard/index.php?topic=421.0>

Google Suggest

<http://www.google.com/webhp?complete=1&hl=en>

All My Faves

<http://www.allmyfaves.com/>

Auslogics Disk Defrag

<http://www.auslogics.com/en/software/disk-defrag>

Auslogics System Information

<http://www.auslogics.com/en/software/system-information>

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May 4th, 2008 Main Meeting Review by John Waller

Our presenter for this meeting was **Dave Whittle**. He represented two companies: Invisus and Muvee

Are you tired of calling support services and getting someone who goes by a script, and who speaks English, only by the strictest definition? Then Invisus may be for you. He talked about how Invisus can clean up your system using remote access, and how, depending on the level of support you subscribe to, you can get the answers to questions about software conflicts.

A very important issue he dealt with was identity theft and how Invisus can protect you. He lead off with the story of Karen Lodrick and how she fought back when her identity was stolen. The horrible part of her story was how the thief received only 60 days of jail time for turning her life inside-out. Invisus, he said, goes beyond the credit checks that many services offer. After all, your credit cards are just one variable in the identity theft equation. There is your checking account, as well as other financial transactions that they can access or create in your name.

The other product he discussed was Muvee AutoProducer. This is a simple slide show/video production package. It has a simple process for turning your slides into a professional appearing slide show. The one thing that seems to be unique about this software is how the rhythm of the slide show is determined by the music you choose for it. During quick passages the slide/video transitions are quick. In slower passages, the transitions will be slower. You can have control over the process without leaving it completely in the hands of the program.

For more information about Invisus, go to: Invisusinfo.com

To hear Karen Lodrick's story and to learn more about identity theft, go to: Fightingbacknow.com

For more information about Muvee AutoProducer, go to: muvee.com

Geek Squad Agents and Installers are ready to take the hassle out of your technology woes.

Members of the San Luis Obispo Geek Squad will be the featured speakers at the **June 1st meeting** of SLO Bytes PC Users Group. Topics to be covered are setting up and using your home entertainment system, installing and securing wireless networks along with what to expect from the Geek Squad service in store and in your home. They will share some common computer problems and the solutions.

Prior to the main presentation:

Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**

A Windows operating systems SIG for beginners will also be conducted at the same time slot in the dining room.

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May 19th, 2008 Digital Photography SIG Review by Bob Grover

With the increasing interest in better ways to display our photographs, **Bob Grover hosted the May meeting** to demonstrate how he had set up his home 46" plasma TV as a computer monitor. This displayed his Windows XP Desktop as a crisp 24" x 30" image, and digital photographs looked great too.

To put this in perspective, Bob used a Power Point presentation to take us down memory lane beginning with the 2 ¼ x 3 ¼ B&W snapshots we enjoyed from our KODAK Brownie box cameras back in the 1940's. Then came the 35mm cameras giving us color prints as large as 3 ½ x 5 and even 5 x 7! Enter the famous KODAK Carousel projector and our home viewing horizons were widened with images projected on screens ranging from 28 x 40 to a huge 50 x 70!

Now comes the digital age and the average amateur photographer now takes his camera to the supermarket to select prints either 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 – a giant step forward? Those with computers could use their 19" LCD monitors to view their masterpieces as large as 12 x 15. But wait. We also have computer projectors (for \$500 and up) so once again we can view our pictures on a screen. This is great for SLOBYTES meetings but how many photographers have one in their homes?

Now there is an alternative. Virtually every home has a TV for viewing pictures. Why not combine the technologies of digital photography with those of the increasingly popular Plasma or LCD TVs? Just look at any ad for TVs and it will list the choice of inputs from DVI to XVGA to HDMI. Manufacturers *expect* people to connect their computers to these new TVs, otherwise why would they offer such input choices?

Ray Miklas then showed us part of a DVD describing the possibilities for calibrating the color displayed on monitor screens, useful information for future reference.

We had a good turn-out for the meeting, lots of interest, concluded by coffee and goodies prepared by Bob's wife Elise.

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President's Message

At our 1 June, 2008 meeting:

At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session

At 12:45 PM, Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook will run the Windows SIG for Beginners in the dining room

At 2:30 PM, Our speakers, Members of the San Luis Obispo Geek Squad will give their presentation

Please read the PUSH articles for June 2008 provided by Judy Taylour, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair of APCUG,. You may peruse the index of previous articles with a short review of each on our web site at

<http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push>. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from these reviews.

Go to <http://www.theswcc.org/> to view the information on the **Southwest Computer Conference**, scheduled in May 30, 31 and June 1 in San Diego, CA

Go to <http://slobytes.org/nooz/index.html> to view and read the American **PC User's Group [APCUG] NOOZ Newsletter**

Take a look at http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes_education/class_schedule.php to see if you would like to avail yourself of the various **computer related classes** available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

Cal Poly Continuing Education's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a comprehensive learning and service program for those 50 and over. This is a highly rated College level education program available at Cal Poly. This is their website: <http://www.osher.calpoly.edu/>

Take advantage of the four **learning CD's** "Learn Windows XP, Excel, Word & Power Point" available for our members to check out (at the Treasurer's table).

Continue to bring any **used ink-jet printer or toner cartridges** to our meeting. We collect them (at the Treasurer's table) and turn them over to "Make A-Wish Foundation" who generate much needed funds for their organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

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June 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income	
Renewing member	200.00
Refreshment Receipts	38.41
Expenses	
Hall Rent	90.00
Bank accounts @04/30/08	
CD#116	1,268.46
CD#125	2,755.29
Savings Acct bal	54.30
Checking Acct bal	785.94
Interest Jan08	63.87

New members: None

Renewing members: Eugene Rheingans, Kaye Raul, Lawrence Green (for three years), Shirley Hanrion, Russ Foster, Ben Middleton

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Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a PC Users Group dedicated to educate its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall at 520 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo. All meetings are open to the public at no cost. Special interest groups meet from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact Kaye Raul (**kmraul at sbcglobal.net**) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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. Full membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, raffle gift drawing at the end of the meetings, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeships.

Article Submission Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be E-mailed to the editor (**rmiklas at pacbell.net**).

Computer-related businesses wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is \$15.00 per month or \$120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Monday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 489-8678 for directions.

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

Photography SIG normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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