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July 6th 2014 General Windows SIG review by Earl Kaplan

Several subjects were discussed which were based on news items of the last week. One of these was the news that **Facebook** was running sociological experiments on its clientele by salting their news item with negative or positive bias and then watching their posts to see if the bias affected the nature of the posts. The other experiment was Facebook sending emails to random members saying that their Facebook IDs had been found to be not a real person and could they prove they were the person they stated. Although we have been told they have this covered in the signing away of all your rights when you use Facebook we have not yet been made aware of the results of the experiments.

Several technical questions were broached and at least one of them was answered. A Google search located instructions on how to enter **Safe Mode** in **Windows 8** and **8.1** which has been made more difficult for reasons which escape me.

I do not take notes in the manner of **Mr. Raul** so you will find no references to anything that I did or said anywhere other than in this copy of **HardCopy**.

Earl Kaplan

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July 6th Second Session Summary by Earl Kaplan

In lieu of the usual **Second Session**, SLO Bytes held its annual BBQ. The second session was dominated by the smell of oak logs grilling delicious burgers followed by a table laden with fixings fit for a King.

Earl Kaplan

August 3rd Programming Schedule by Ralph Sutter

The **First Session** begins at 12:45 pm. It will consist of a mystery speaker filling in for **Alan Raul** and leading a **Questions and Answers** presentation.

From 2:00-2:30 pm refreshments will be served in the Dining Room.

Ralph Sutter will deliver the **Second Session** program beginning at 2:00 pm. Ralph will demonstrate **PortableApps**. This open-source project allows the user to download a portable version of many popular software applications from the PortableApps library, install them on a Flash drive, and run those applications from the Flash drive without actually installing them on the computer.

Users have access to these applications from other PCs by simply plugging the Flash drive into the USB port of the host PC. The applications run from the Flash drive without making any permanent changes to the host PC.

Learn more at http://portableapps.com/about/what_is_a_portable_app.

Ralph Sutter

BBQ News 2014 *by Refreshments Volunteer Nancy Vrooman*

This is ridiculous. When are these chefs going to burn the meat? Or themselves?! How do they manage to do a perfect job every year? They are Ken, Jim, and Ralph. I managed to snag some of Ralph's leftover oak but now I need a cook. Yoohoo.

As the fire was being built Ray nabbed Earl and Ed to set up the tables while Paul was mastering the big coffeepot after delivering Heu's homegrown onions. Presliced. Bob was snapping candids of unwary victims. Janet and Nancy were busy in the kitchen when Julie arrived with a wonderful surprise. Homemade macaroni salad full of ham and vegies. Yes, I did have a little pre-taste. Maybe two. Ok, three. Debby brought the ice for the sodas which El Presidente himself had pre-chilled! That is service. And everybody was putting their empties in the unmarked black bag. Wow. Good recyclers.

We are getting the drill down. And to go with the perfectly brewed coffee were Signe's cakes. Chocolate, sigh. So good. Or vanilla. I hope you all had as happy a tummy as I did. We do the best BBQ ever.
Alan, we missed you. Quick recovery wishes.

Nancy Vrooman

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan
Another SLO Bytes BBQ has been achieved without loss of life or any damage to the environment. Many thanks go to our chief cook and bottle washer Nancy Vrooman, Lynne Boisen, Jim Buenrosto, Ray Miklas, Paul Moyer (love those onions), Debi Schmitt, Signe and Dick James, Ken Stilts, Ralph Sutter and Janet Thatcher. Thanks also to Bob Styerwalt who was busily taking pictures and to anyone else who took pictures without me noticing. Take a look at Bob's photos at www.slobytes.org/photos/2014bbq.

A thanks to Ed Lynn who helped the clean-up in which I also participated.

The attendance count was so close that I am going to start asking for commitments in January next year. We ended up with **ONE** extra burger; that is way too close.

Earl Kaplan

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Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/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

Take a look at http://www.kcbx.net/training.html to view the various computer-related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

Ralph Sutter

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**.

Ralph Sutter

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Treasurer's Report for July 2014 by Bob Mires

Income for June 2014		
Expenses		
	Hall rent (Paid by Ralph Sutter and reimbursed as shown in **Withdrawals** below)	90.00
Bank statement		
	Checking account balance	$2,294.57
	Savings account	5.00
	Withdrawals (reimbursement to Ralph Sutter for July 2014 IOOF Hall rent)	90.00

Bob Mires

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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 **John Waller** (johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org/index.php 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. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings are held, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeship.

Article Submission Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be e-mailed to the editor (ralph at rsutter.com).

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the Thursday following our Sunday's General Meeting at the KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo.

Photography SIG normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Bob Grover's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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