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July 2nd 2017 First Session Notes *by Alan Raul*

SnapPower - The Best Nightlight in History – Add pathway lighting in seconds

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uCL79X24kA>

<https://www.amazon.com/SnapPower-Guidelight-Outlet-Coverplate-Lights/dp/B0727Z2VV2/>

Cloud Backup and Storage - Know How 322

<https://twit.tv/shows/know-how/episodes/322>

AT&T GoPhone - Apple iPhone SE 4G LTE with 32GB Memory Prepaid Cell Phone - Space Gray

<http://www.bestbuy.com/site/at-t-gophone-apple-iphone-se-4g-lte-with-32gb-memory-prepaid-cell-phone-space-gray/5792701.p?skuld=5792701>

How Apple's iPhone changed the world: 10 years in 10 charts

<https://www.recode.net/2017/6/26/15821652/iphone-apple-10-year-anniversary-launch-mobile-stats-smart-phone-steve-jobs>

The iPhone's smartphone revolution in 4 graphs

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/news/2017/06/28/iphones-smartphone-revolution-4-graphs/103216746/>

2017 Statewide Fire Map

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1TOEFA857tOVxtewW1DH6neG1Sm0>

California Statewide Fire Map

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/general/firemaps>

Charter Spectrum TV App

<https://www.spectrum.com/cable-tv/spectrum-tv-app.html>

15 Windows Settings You Should Change Now!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9kFXnomRWQ>

YouTube Live Stream's:

Cayucos Pier

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKO3rRfeogM>

Cayucos Beach House

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1YWAzls5wY>

Morro Bay Yacht Club

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZvCP0njf_0

Alan Raul

July 2nd 2017 BBQ Notes by Ralph Sutter

Our first BBQ at the San Luis Obispo Guild made good use of the facility. We used a fraction of the Santa Maria style BBQ grill. With pleasant weather, many members ate hamburgers and salads in the outdoor picnic area. Others chose to dine inside. All enjoyed the cake and cupcakes donated by Signe James and Shirley Hanrion.

Other members brought tomatoes, onions and assorted additional condiments to help fill the table. The BBQ crew grilled 48 burgers, serving them to 47 SLO Bytes members. Some might credit this to our effective RSVP responses. While that may have been a factor, I think that dumb luck also favored us greatly.

Look for photos of the event on the SLO Bytes web site at www.slobytes.org/photos/2017bbq.

Ralph Sutter

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August 6th Programming Schedule by John Waller

The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

During the break, from 2:00-2:30 pm, coffee and cookies will be offered as well as a chance for you to chat with other club members.

In the **Second Session**, SLO Bytes Program Chair **John Waller** will introduce **Kodi**, www.kodi.tv, “an entertainment hub that brings all your digital media together into a beautiful and user-friendly package. It is 100% free and open source, very customizable and runs on a wide variety of devices. It is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and a huge community.”

Contact **John Waller** at johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net for additional information about SLO Bytes

John Waller

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

The first half of 2017 has been done away with and we are all still finding new questions and new puzzles in the world of computing. Fortunately, Alan keeps finding solutions to most of these problems so the process continues.

The first BBQ in our new location was a success although a cool wind made the outdoor seating somewhat less comfortable than one would hope for in July. I believe we can make adjustments to accommodate that problem in future years.

The problem of maintaining the SLO Bytes organization without raising dues to an uncomfortable level for any member continues to nag at the Board of Directors. Recent adjustments have eased the situation while not making the organization self-sustaining. I have made a proposal to the Board that we set minimum dues at \$25 per year and allow each member to pay what they feel their continued membership is worth to them. Payment of dues will continue to be reported as they always have been without any reference to the amount paid, just that the dues are either paid or due. I believe this system would generate more income without putting any financial stress on anyone. As usual the board, as

well as each of the members individually, would be pleased to hear any comment, positive or negative, that you have regarding this issue.

Earl Kaplan

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Treasurer's Report for June 2017 by Bob Styerwalt

<u>Income</u>		June 5 thru July 2, 2017
	Renewing Members	\$50.00
	New Members	
	Refreshments donations	\$20.00
<u>Expenses:</u>		
	Hall rent	\$65.00
	Refreshments reimbursement	\$13.36
<u>Bank Statement ending 6/30/2017</u>		
	Checking account balance	\$2,270.83
	Interest paid this period	\$0.0
	Deposits	\$70.00
	Withdrawals	\$112.75

Renewing Members: Two members renewed during this period, Kaye Raul and Jim Buenrostro. Thanks to all for your continuing interest and support. Everyone please continue to encourage your friends, neighbors, kids, parents and strangers to join us. It would be particularly nice to add some younger members – perhaps some of those very bright and up-to-date Cal Poly students. Good Hunting!

Bob Styerwalt

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Webmaster Notes by Ralph Sutter

On 06/03/2017, the **SLO Bytes Bulletin Board**; <http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0> suffered an unrecoverable crash. I recreated it but previous posts and registered user information was lost. Members who wish to have me re-subscribe them to the BB should send an e-mail to me at ralph@rsutter.com. I will register on your behalf.

I re-posted the [SLO Bytes Bulletin Board Information Page](#), expanding how registered users can reset their password and recover a forgotten one.

Watch the video at <http://www.slobytes.org/reset.mp4>

Ralph Sutter

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Photo Group Report by *Ralph Sutter*

NEXT MEETING Sunday, August 13th 2017 @ 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Home of Monica Tarzier **Please note that this is a one month change from our typical meeting spot.**

NEXT MEETING Sunday, August 13th 2017 @ 2:00 pm

1657 Southwood Drive

San Luis Obispo

The topic for the Sunday, August 13th meeting will be Books

This vague guideline will probably lend itself to a wide variety of interpretations

Notes from the July 9th Session

TOPIC Deliberate Distortion

Ralph Sutter opened the meeting by calling attention to the two new listings on the Links page. The first is for the **Polaroid Snap Touch** digital camera with a self-contained printer

The second, **Affinity**, is photo editing software that claims to rival **Adobe Photoshop** in capabilities at a vastly lower one-time purchase price

Sutter demonstrated the **Focus Merge** feature of Affinity. The photographer takes multiple shots of the same image, changing only the point of focus. Focus merge then takes the sharpest part of each photo and creates a composite image that is in focus everywhere.

Alan Raul showed how altering the colors of an image can dramatically alter its visual impact. He then used the editing program, ACDSee, to both purposely and playfully manipulate subjects

Don Jones shared mug shots of illusive marauding rabbits that are routinely playing havoc with his landscaping

John Waller mixed the whimsical with the artistic, using masking layers to stylize his dog and transforming a local country road into what looked like a meandering stream. He also took a step back in photographic history showing a landscape taken with a pinhole lens

Monica Tarzier enhanced images of flowers and pine cones in ways not seen in nature.

At the close of the meeting, Alan, Bob and John gave Ralph photos that they took at the SLO Bytes BBQ on 07/02/17. Raul will create a video slide show combining those images. Sutter uploaded the package of images to the SLO Bytes web site at www.slobytes.org/photos/2017bbq. Alan's slide show is also linked from that page.

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>

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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>

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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 at the **San Luis Obispo Guild Hall** at 2880 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo. There is a map available at <http://www.slobytes.org/slo-guild-map.html>. 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 **John Waller** (johnlwaller@sbcglobal.net) or visit slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

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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.

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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 KCBX.NET Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo. View the web site at www.slolug.com.

Photography SIG normally meets at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 478-0826 for directions. Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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