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Alan's November 5th, 2006 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Microsoft Windows Vista
http://www.microsoft.com/windowsvista/default.aspx

Microsoft Office 2007
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/default.aspx

Microsoft Office Accounting Express 2007
http://www.ideawins.com/

Microsoft Windows Media Player 11
http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/default.mspx

Microsoft Internet Explorer 7
http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/default.mspx

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November 5th, 2006 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

Our November presenter was Gene Barlow from User Group Relations. His topic was "Getting Ready for Windows Vista". Gene showed us the best way to start to use Windows Vista while still safe guarding our Windows XP operating system. Gene showed us computer hard drive approaches that will make going to Windows Vista so much safer and easier. Gene is an expert on operating systems and hard drive organization approaches. Programs from Acronis showed to accomplish this feat were True Image 10 and Disk Director Suite 10.

We had a "Geek Session" the following Saturday headed by Alan Raul which expanded on both principals and use of Acronis True Image 10. We had 13 people show up and lasted about four-and-a-half hours.

One of the more interesting scenarios showed at the "Geek Session" was making a backup From Alan's laptop to Ray's laptop via the network within the KCBX.net Training Center.

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Peter Stonehewer's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule

The December 3rd meeting will feature a return of Peter Gannon, Pete told us he ran out of time at his last presentation, so he has been invited back to continue presenting his opinions on hardware suitable for Vista. This is also our annual Christmas gift give away, so the meeting will start with Pete presenting

at 12:45 p.m. At 2 p.m. we will have our goodies augmented by Christmas yummies! From there we will proceed with the Grand Drawing. Remember all members present will go home with a gift, so don't miss this last meeting of 2006. Bill Avery, and Alan Raul will not be conducting their usual presentations. I would like to thank Alan and Bill, and our other Group members who have presented this year for their wonderful support, what we see and hear are the tip of the iceberg of the time they have put in before and after the meeting.

Our guest speaker at the **January 7 meeting will be Dennis Johansen of Jim's Campus Camera** who will be speaking about the Technology Transition in Digital Photography. In his talk, Mr. Johansen will provide us a "snapshot" of the technology that is the current basis of this rapidly changing industry.

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Digital Photography SIG Review by Lou Pera

Our meeting began at 7:00pm Monday, 11/20/06 with a demonstration by Gary Docherty of a multi-layer technique for removing wrinkles utilizing PhotoShop Elements. The tools he used were the Healing Brush, Spot Healing Brush, and the Clone Stamp. It's amazing what a difference it makes to remove the wrinkles, however, in my opinion, you still look like an old guy, but with no wrinkles!

Next Bob Grover treated us to a Power Point production of his trip to Colorado and a visit to his Gunnison Valley cabin, which he and his wife built with their own loving hands over several years, long ago. Great pictures and a great slide show!   Doctor Bob was honored by the Society of Pulmonary Research group with special recognition. Please excuse me if I didn't get the association's name right. Suffice it to say it was a well deserved award from a very prestigious group.

Don Jones finished the evening with a study of monitor calibration aimed at synchronizing print and monitor color. This is accomplished with special software which includes a calibration device that takes a reading directly off of the monitor screen. Don got into some of the physics involved in color, the small part of the electronic spectrum that is visible to human perception, etc. which everyone understood, except me.

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President's Message

At our 3 December, 2006 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Our speaker, **Peter Gannon** will give his presentation. (This month, **Alan** will not be holding the Question and Answer session.)
At 2:30 PM, Our annual Christmas prize drawing will take place.

At our December 3rd meeting, we will have an opportunity to nominate and cast our votes for all the officers of SLO Bytes. Our Secretary, Ralph Sutter will conduct the voting process. At 2:30 PM, once again, I'll be the "Santa Claus", passing out the various gifts at our gala give-away raffle. Each member present at the meeting will receive a gift. I believe that we will be happy with the gifts we receive from "Santa" this year.

Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook volunteered to give Bill Avery a break in conducting the

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Windows operating systems SIG for beginners. They will rotate among themselves each month, that way each will run the SIG once every 4th meeting. Thank you guys for volunteering in providing this valuable assistance to our members who wish to learn more about the basics of Windows Operating System and various programs which run in Windows.

We will be holding our annual "Swap Meet" at this December 3rd meeting. Members should bring older and new (computer related items) to be sold or exchanged or just for a give-a-way. All items should be displayed on one of the tables in the dining area for everyone to examine.

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No PUSH articles were made available for the December 2006 issue of HardCopy. The PUSH Archive articles can be found at http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html

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).

We also have **Adobe PhotoShop 7, learning CDs** to check out (at the Treasurer's table). These 5 CDs cover, in depth, the various program features in lesson format.

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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Treasurer's Report
October 24, 2006 - November 24, 2006

Income
Renewing members	$150.00
New members	100.00
Refreshment sale	37.50

Expenses
Hall rent	75.00

Bank accounts @ 10/31/06
CD #116	1,182.08
CD #116.1	3,230.92
Saving acct balance	53.48
Checking acct balance	1,874.44
Interest year to date	130.71

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New members: Ginger Goodell, Lynne Boisen, Tom Osborn and Loren Schwiderski, rejoining. Welcome aboard.
Renewing members: Six: David Grant, James Conklin, Theodore Ivarie, Guy Kuncir, Ed Glembotski and James Johnson.

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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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 (173-9139, kmraul@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@pacbell.net).

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the 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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