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Alan's February 3rd, 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Hotfixes and Security Updates included in Windows Vista Service Pack 1

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsVista/en/library/20184cb6-7038-4e82-a32c-4bc10ffe56ab1033.msp?mfr=true>

Notable changes in Windows Vista Service Pack 1

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=d69c4e1b-c81a-41be-b1f5-66e615ba5912&DisplayLang=en>

User Group Store

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

Acronis True Image 11 Home info from UGR

<http://www.ugr.com/TrueImage.html>

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February 3rd, 2008 Main Meeting Review by Ginny Monteen

Don Jones, an avid photographer and host of SLO Bytes monthly Photo SIG (despite fighting a cold), presented **Digging Deeper Into Your Photo Editors And Having More Fun**, using PhotoShop Elements 6 at the Feb. 3 meeting.

Version 6 of PhotoShop Elements offers new features, such as three modes of editing:

Quick edit for one click change

Guided edit for a new, convenient window of edit tools with before/after views.

Standard edit

Don gave four demonstrations to illustrate his talk. First he showed how a valuable, one-of-a-kind – but poorly shot – family group photo could be saved. The fuzzy image emerged more crisp and exposure adjusted.

Next, Don showed how to design a holiday greeting card. Various techniques were used: combining photos, using the filter Background Clouds, and smooth or feathered selections.

He used an image of Santa, made it a circle, added a sphere filter to give three-dimension, plus a flare filter for highlight. Santa then became an ornament by 'hanging' him from an ornament top.

A handy tip: To make a brush size smaller or larger, you can use the bracket keys [] on the keyboard.

Third, to demonstrate the panorama feature, Don stitched three photos together, correcting for camera/lens distortion.

Fourth, the slide show feature of PhotoShop Elements offers what is often called the Ken Burns effect, allowing photos to pan and zoom across the screen. Don showed how you can fine tune the panning and zooming.

Then Don topped off his presentation with a slide show of his family's reunion in Oregon, illustrating the various techniques he had covered.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Zazz Daniel of **DigaLIFE Inc.** will be the featured speaker at the March 2nd SLO Bytes meeting.

Does your family & friends have a history that you want to remember...in great detail?

Do you have family members or acquaintances that have a storied, colorful past?

Do you want to preserve the memories of your life and those that came before you?

Zazz Daniel will demonstrate how Oral History Interviews can help capture pieces of the past.

"From this generation forth, our descendants will have previously unforeseen records of their ancestors. Prior to the recent technical developments, oral history and grainy, decaying photographs and movies, have been our source of knowledge about our family and business histories. DigaL!FE offers a functional solution capture, preserve, and share this precious information. We call this information "Golden Threads" (family attributes). They travel like DNA through generations. It is our mission to assist families in embracing and preserving these special qualities." Zazz Daniel, Founder/President DigaL!FE Inc.

Having had the benefit of growing up with three generations of family under one roof, Zazz learned early about the power and wisdom of generations. This, combined with a background in professional family event photography and many years of hands-on sales & marketing in both the consumer products and tech sector have given Zazz a unique skill set to develop & succeed with DigaL!FE™.

Among his notable achievements are the creation and development of AudioFitness™ (2001), an innovative music/fitness series. Deepak Chopra called AudioFitness, "...A beautiful life affirming product...and an excellent mental conditioning tool." From 2005-2007 just before beginning DigaL!FE, Zazz helped develop the sales model of TechXpress Inc, the Central Coasts' leading IT services provider. DigaL!FE has attracted talented and experienced local professionals to help refine the important mission of preserving ones' unique history.

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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Special meeting, March 15, 2008

The SLO Bytes and Computerooters PC Users groups are jointly hosting a special meeting, **Saturday, March 15 at 7:00 PM** at the IOOF Hall, 520 Dana St., SLO, featuring **Tim Grey**, a renowned expert in Digital Photography.

Tim's subject is: "Overview of trends in photographic software and cameras, e.g., where are Microsoft, Adobe, shareware, Canon, Nikon, etc. going?"

Tim Grey is a popular speaker at many of the top events in digital photography and imaging, and is a member of the PhotoShop World Dream Team of instructors. Tim is a key figure in Microsoft's expanding digital photography efforts, has published 13 photography books including subjects like PhotoShop and Lightroom, writes a daily E-mail photo question/answer service and publishes a quarterly photo-related newsletter.

Don't miss this chance to "hear it from the best!".

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February 18th, 2008 Digital Photography SIG Review by Ray Miklas

Various members brought their favorite pictures on their pen drives and Don showed various techniques in making changes to them. Bob Grover showed a two minute PowerPoint presentation he put together of the pictures he took at his home dinner party with his friends and then he showed what and how did it, even adding an audio into the presentation.

We all enjoyed great cookies and coffee, thanks to Bonnie!

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President's Message

At our 2 March, 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 speaker, Zazz Daniel will give his presentation

The **PUSH** articles often provided by Judy Taylour of APCUG, had not been received by the time that the March edition of HardCopy went to press. To see the index of previous articles, point your browser to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/>.

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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March 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	\$225.00
New members	25.00
Refreshment	39.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Drawing purchase	709.43

Bank accounts @12/31/07

CD #116	1,249.67
CD #125	3,417.08
Savings Acct bal	54.12
Checking Acct bal	485.02
Interest year to date	233.22

New members: Richard Russ

Renewing members: David Burns, Jim Chernoff, Fred Cook, Earl Gustafson, Peter Lawn, Dave McLaughlin, Peter Stonehewer, Bob & Linda Styerwalt, & Glenn Zaretska

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 (kmraul at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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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.

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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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