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February 3rd 2013 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

System76 14.1" Lemur Ultra Laptop

<http://alanraul.com/76/>

My laptop hard drive "*partitioning scheme*"

<http://alanraul.com/76/images/partition.jpg>

With Windows 8, "off" isn't really off

<http://windowssecrets.com/langalist-plus/with-windows-8-off-isnt-really-off/>

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/b8/archive/2011/09/08/delivering-fast-boot-times-in-windows-8.aspx>

Miro is an open source music and video player.

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

XBMC is an open source software media player and entertainment hub for digital media.

<http://xbmc.org/>

Wireless Ethernet Bridge

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wireless_Ethernet_Bridge

Cisco

http://homestore.cisco.com/en-us.htm/products/linksys-entertainment_bridges_stcVVcatId554254VVviewcat.htm?icid=global-header-bridges-link

Netgear

<http://www.netgear.com/home/products/powerline-and-coax/>

Booting Linux using UEFI can brick Samsung laptops

<http://www.h-online.com/open/news/item/Booting-Linux-using-UEFI-can-brick-Samsung-laptops-1793958.html>

Alan

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March 3rd Programming Schedule arranged by John Waller

During the **First Session**, **Alan Raul** will moderate his Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 p. m.

The speaker for the **General Session** is **John "Free-John" Kennedy** of the [Licking County Computer Society](#) in Newark, Ohio. John will present a webinar via Skype on **Free and Alternatives to Free Software**.

Ralph Sutter

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

Another very informative presentation from Gene Barlow relating information to us which we all know is important to us. Statistics, unfortunately, show that while many have the means to do back-ups few actually do regular back-ups.

In my working life I had occasion to go into at least one large business which had a back-up plan, which executed the back-up plan, and, guess what, they never tested the back-ups. One day they needed to use them and the tapes (at that time) were unreadable. Not just the latest back-up but all of them. Several days of very diligent work provided a solution to this disaster but it cost a lot of money, both in expensive consulting fees and business losses. Nuisance though it may seem, a working back-up is really cheap insurance against something which is inevitable.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments by Ralph Sutter

On February 21st, I hosted a Geek Session on virtual machines at the KCBX Training Center. Those attending included both experienced VM users and others who were interested in setting them up. My presentation notes and links to VM resources are available on my personal website at www.fullbean.com/virtual.html.

I hope that the enthusiasm that I saw that evening is sustained and that other VM Geek Sessions will follow.

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. Our webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

You can view the APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html> .

Take a look at <http://www.kcbx.net/training.html> to see if you would like to avail yourself of the various computer related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

Ralph Sutter

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Treasurer's Report for February 2013 by Bob Mires

Income for February 2013	
Renewing members	\$175.00
Refreshment Income	25.00
Unaccounted for cash	25.00
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Refreshment Costs	51.00
Bank Statement ending 10/31/2012:	
Checking account	3,388.92
Savings account	55.00
Interest YTD	3.62
Deposits	152.28
Withdrawals	-0-

Renewing members: Robert Mellema, Peter Stonehewer, Dave McLaughlin, David Shaw, John Waller, Fred Campbell, David Burns, Robert Harrison, Jim Middlemist

Treasurer's Comments: The unaccounted for cash may represent a member payment that came in during the big rush at the end of the meeting when Ralph and I were also swamped with orders for Acronis products. If any member, not listed, made a cash dues payment at the February meeting, kindly provide the Treasurer with that information.

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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 <http://www.slobytes.org/index.shtml> 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, raffle gift drawing at the end of the meetings when raffles 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).

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)

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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