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March 7, 2010 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Applications we have demonstrated in the past are listed at:
http://kcbx.net/~araul/links.pdf

Get Office for Today or Tomorrow - Consumers who purchase and activate Office 2007 will be able to download Office 2010 at no additional cost when it becomes available in June 2010.
http://office2010.microsoft.com/en-us/tech-guarantee/

The Complete Windows 7 Shortcuts eBook - This eBook comprises of more than 200 keyboard shortcuts containing almost all the keyboard shortcuts that are available in Windows 7 and its default programs like Paint, WordPad, MS Office, Calculator, Help, Media Player, Media Center, Windows Journal, Internet Explorer, etc.
http://www.thewindowsclub.com/the-complete-windows-7-shortcuts-ebook-released

Entertainment Diagram This is my current setup.
http://kcbx.net/~araul/temp2/setup.htm

Roku Digital Player
http://www.roku.com/

WD TV Live Media Player
http://www.wdc.com/en/products/index.asp?cat=30

Topic: 1) Netflix, 2) the Roku Box, and 3) Leo Laporte; Past Bulletin Board posting
http://slobytes.org/bboard/index.php?topic=951.0

Computer Parts Here's the list of parts we had discussed with prices. Please note that the price beside each item is a ballpark figure from www.newegg.com. You might be able to find the items cheaper with no shipping and no tax.
http://kcbx.net/~araul/temp2/specs.pdf

Cool Master ATCS840 - Full Tower computer case
http://www.coolermaster-usa.com/product.php?product_id=2870

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March 7, 2010 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

Microsoft on Cloud Computing - Video Gallery
http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/presskits/cloud/videogallery.aspx

Steve Ballmer: Cloud Computing; Complete text of talk
http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/exec/steve/2010/03-04Cloud.mspx

Definitions of **cloud computing** on the Web
http://snipurl.com/up8tf
http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&source=hp&q=define%3Acloud+computing&btnG=Google+Search&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=

The second part of the main meeting was a great demonstration of the FREE version of **Advanced SystemCare by IOBIT**. This program can be considered CCleaner on steroids as it does a lot, lot more. The program has a one-click approach to help protect, repair, clean and optimize your PC. Ray demonstrated cleaning the registry and then optimizing the Windows 7 operating system.
http://www.iobit.com/advancedwindowscareper.html

The third part of the main meeting was a continued Q & A session with Alan assisted by John Waller. One of comments was disabling your SSID (**S**ervice **S**et **ID**entifier) when setting up a wireless access point to provide more security. SSID, a 32-character unique identifier attached to the header of packets sent over a WLAN that acts as a password when a mobile device tries to connect to the BSS.

The SSID differentiates one WLAN from another, so all access points and all devices attempting to connect to a specific WLAN must use the same SSID. A device will not be permitted to join the BSS unless it can provide the unique SSID.

Because an SSID can be sniffed in **plain text from a packet** it does not supply any security to the network.
http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/S/SSID.html

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Go Gaga Over Google will be the subject of the presentation at the April 4th meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group.

Ted Lester will be the guest speaker. Ted is an entertaining speaker and trainer in the area of personal technology. He is a noted lecturer on cruise ships, presenting his popular technology seminar series on cruise lines such as NCL and Celebrity Cruises.

Ted will demonstrate what makes Google so great. You will learn about igoogle's personalized just for you. You can replace MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint with Google Docs. Google can do everything without buying anything.

Ted is a speaker in demand because of his practical, easy-to-understand, light-hearted manner and style. Please join us for a powerful, fun-filled, information-rich presentation.

Prior to the main presentation:
Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM.
Additionally, a second SIG for beginners will run concurrently in another room, offering advice and answering questions on Windows operating systems. This is a small group environment specially suited for the novice user.

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President's Message

At our 4 April, 2009 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan Raul will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2:00 PM, We will break for refreshments.
At 2:30 PM, Ted Lester will give his presentation

Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/ to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.

You can view the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups** (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.**

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/

--Ray Miklas

April 2010 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income in March
Renewing members	$175.00
New members	None
Refreshments	36.50

Expenses in February
Hall Rent	90.00

Bank Statement 01/31/2010
CD #41626	2,935.67
Savings Acct bal	54.98
Checking Acct bal	1,126.52
Interest year 2010	6.18

New members: None
Renewing Members: Constance Thomas, Michael Dobrzensky, Oscar Grassle, W. W. McKinney, Kenneth Anderson, Don Jones, and Jim Middlemist
Treasurer's Comments: Membership has been declining the last few months. We are now down to about 100 from a high of about 120. We all need to bring a computer friend to a meeting. Next month would be a good time to start.

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 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. 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.

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 Bob Grover's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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