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**March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 General Windows SIG review** by Alan Raul

## HP Slate7

<http://www8.hp.com/us/en/ad/slate-7/tablet.html>

## Chromebook

<http://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/devices/chromebooks.html>

## Ubuntu Tablet Unveiled By Canonical

<http://www.ubuntu.com/devices/tablet>

<http://www.canonical.com/content/ubuntu-unveils-tablet-experience-multi-tasking>

<http://www.omgubuntu.co.uk/2013/02/ubuntu-for-tablet-unveiled-by-canonical-nexus-7-download-coming-thursday>

## Microsoft Store

<http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msstore/home>

## ASUS TAICHI 21

<http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msstore/pd/ASUS-Taichi-21-UH51-Touchscreen-Ultrabook/productID.257339300/vip.true>

[http://usa.asus.com/Notebooks/Superior\\_Mobility/ASUS\\_TAICHI\\_21/](http://usa.asus.com/Notebooks/Superior_Mobility/ASUS_TAICHI_21/)

Alan

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**April 7<sup>th</sup> Programming Schedule** arranged by John Waller

The speaker for the **General Session** is **Jere Minich** of the Lake Sumter Computer Society in Leesberg Florida. He will speak to us via Skype on Cloud Computing.

John Waller

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**President's Message** by Earl Kaplan

Based on all the reports and comments about the March Meeting's speaker, I missed a really good presentation. Free software is available to satisfy the needs of almost every person and the only thing that is required is to make sure you do not select only on the basis of free but on the basis of quality and, far more importantly, trust.

There are many free software offers out there that are riddled with malware and/or drag-along junk programs that devour your computer's resources. Use programs that come with some meaningful recommendations, such as John Kennedy who has ties to a major User Group organization and has presented for many groups like ours. If his recommendations were bad APCUG would have heard about it and we would know about it.

Just because something is free does not mean it is good. It especially does not mean it cannot be harmful. Think before you click. Thanks, John, for picking this speaker from that list of speakers available to us. It really hit the spot.

Earl Kaplan



**General Session Review** by Ralph Sutter

**John “Free John” Kennedy** was the featured speaker at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 General Session. Making his presentation via **SKYPE** from Newark, Ohio, Kennedy spoke on “Free and Alternatives to Free Software”. He divided software up into ten different groups based on function. These ranged from **operating system** to **productivity software**. In each category, John mentioned the most popular paid program and then offered freeware or open source alternatives.

Despite technical difficulties with intermittent audio, Kennedy delivered a great deal of useful, well organized information in a short period of time.

He often pointed out the strong and weak points of the software, indicating the products that he used most often. A complete listing of the programs that he discussed appears on the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at <http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php/topic,344.msg554.html#msg554>.

**Follow-up on the Virtual Machines Geek Session**

In the first Geek Session on Virtual Machines, I demonstrated how to create a VM with Oracle’s **VirtualBox** running on a **Windows 8** platform. On **May 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled **Linux SIG**, I will help you install VirtualBox and various Linux operating systems on your laptop.

If you prefer to install a virtual copy of **XP**, **Windows 7** or **Windows 8**, be sure to bring the corresponding installation disk and serial number.

For more information, see my VM page at [www.fullbean.com/virtual.html](http://www.fullbean.com/virtual.html) or contact me at **ralph@rsutter.com**.

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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.

**UPDATE regarding access to PUSH articles**

Due to the concerns of some members of the APCUG Board over misuse of the PUSH articles by non-APCUG affiliates, I have password protected the PUSH archives on the SLO Bytes site. If you click on any of the links that follow, a message will appear asking that you enter a user name and a password. The User Name is **slobytes**. The password is **IOOF520dAnA**.

You will need to enter this information when attempting to access the PUSH articles from the following links

- <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html>
- <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/push-condensed.html>

You can view additional APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html> The latter materials are not password-protected.

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 March 2013 by Bob Mires**

Income for March 2013		
Renewing members 3, new member 1		\$100.00
Refreshment Income		31.00
Member Donation – Nancy Watts		75.00
Expenses		
Hall rent		90.00
Refreshment Costs		00.00
Bank Statement ending 2/28/2013:		
Checking account		3434.20
Savings account		55.00
Interest YTD		00.55
Deposits		276.28
Withdrawals		231.00

**Renewing members:** Don Jones, Nancy Watts, Richard Dozier

**New Member:** Christopher Anderson

**Bob Mires**

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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, 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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