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April 6th, 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Microsoft Windows Vista Service Pack 1 (SP1) Files Removal Tool

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsVista/en/library/0505991e-49c2-494b-8703-257a14c3d4721033.mspx?mfr=true>

How to disable and re-enable hibernation on a computer that is running Windows Vista

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/920730>

NOTE: You can also use the advanced Disk Cleanup selection of the "C" partition.

Placing a !Owner-Info.txt on a USB device

<http://windowssecrets.com/2008/03/27/02-Reader-tips-on-portable-computing-flow-in>

VirtualBox - is an application installed on an existing host operating system; within this application, additional operating systems can be loaded and run, each with its own virtual environment.

<http://www.virtualbox.org/>

Applian Replay AV – is software for capturing and recording streaming video and streamed audio.

<http://www.applian.com/replay-av/>

Alltop - all the top stories

<http://alltop.com/>

POPURLS - popular URLs to the latest web buzz

<http://popurls.com/>

Hardware Secrets - Uncomplicating the Complicated

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

HULU: Watch your favorites, anytime, for FREE

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

MSN Video

<http://video.msn.com/video.aspx?mkt=en-us>

Microsoft Videos - Discover and watch Microsoft's collection of online video

<http://preview.microsoft.com/video/>

The Lab with Leo Laporte

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

Adobe PhotoShop Lightroom 2.0 Beta 1

<http://labs.adobe.com/technologies/lightroom/>

http://blogs.adobe.com/jnack/2008/04/photoshop_lr_64.html

http://blogs.adobe.com/jnack/2008/04/lightroom_2_the.html

MIX 2008 – Keynote 1 and 2

<http://sessions.visitmix.com/>

Microsoft Windows Server 2008

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/en/us/default.aspx>

Hyper-V - is a hypervisor based virtualization system for x64 versions of Windows Server 2008, released in March 2008. The Hyper-V hypervisor will also be available as a stand-alone offering, without the Windows Server functionality, as Microsoft Hyper-V Server.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyper-V>

Microsoft Visual Studio 2008

<http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/vstudio/products/default.aspx>

Microsoft SQL Server 2008

<http://www.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2008/en/us/default.aspx>

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April 6th, 2008 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

Alan Raul gave a quick overview of the new Microsoft products that he saw demonstrated at a recent Microsoft event in Santa Clara. These included the new versions of Windows Server 2008, Visual Studio 2008 and SQL Server 2008.

The most interesting of these new technologies was the Beta of Hyper-V included in Windows Server 2008. The final version of Hyper-V will be released in the next few months. Hyper-V deals with hardware with only one HAL (Hardware Abstraction Layer) vs. current Microsoft Virtual Machine technology which uses 2 HAL's.

A quick demonstration of how one might use Virtual Machine technology was showed using Microsoft Virtual PC 2007 (a FREE Microsoft product) installed on a laptop running Windows Vista. Using VPC 2007, a Windows XP OS was booted up in **SECONDS!** A folder of digital images and the latest Adobe PhotoShop Lightroom 2.0 Beta 1 were moved over to the Virtual Machine running Windows XP. Lightroom was installed in **SECONDS** and we were now viewing the digital images which were transferred in that folder.

A very, very short demo of Adobe Lightroom then followed. Kaye Raul, one of the club's resident Lightroom users, has already given two detailed demonstrations of Lightroom at Don's Photo SIG.

The Virtual Machine was then **turned off, not saving** any of the changes we did like installing PhotoShop Lightroom 2.0 Beta 1. The VM with XP was then booted up again in **SECONDS** only to show that the previous changes were nowhere to be found!

Although Virtual Machine technology has been around for 20+ years, it will play a more important role in current and future computing.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

"The Best Kept Secrets In Technology - Only the Best, Not All the Rest"

David B. Whittle, author of "Cyberspace: The Human Dimension" and named by Working Woman Magazine as "one of America's most original technological thinkers" will be the featured speaker at the May 4th meeting of SLO Bytes PC Users Group. Dave has been a leader in the PC revolution since 1979, and an opinion-leader in the PC industry since his days as "OS/2 Evangelist" at IBM in the early '90s. Most recently, he's been writing for *Smart Computing*. Now, you can have a friend in the technology business as he shares new products and services that open up new horizons of possibility and solve problems you're probably facing.

Dave will introduce you to hidden gems that are not yet household words, but will be because they solve real problems for real people and help make life a little bit or a lot better. These hidden gems include muvee™ autoProducer 6 (www.muvee.com) and the Invisus Family of PC Services (www.myinvisusdirect.com/usergroups). See exciting new possibilities from these companies and learn how the digital revolution can improve your life. You will come away from this meeting entertained and informed. Dave will provide time for questions and will bring valuable door prizes, informative handouts, and actual product for sale at significantly discounted prices arranged exclusively for user groups. Join Us and Enjoy.

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.

April 21st, 2008 Digital Photography SIG Review by Ray Miklas

We had 12 attendees at Don Jones' home for this month's SIG.

Initially we discussed and agreed upon holding our May 19th Photograph SIG at Bob Grover's home where we will view our presentations on Bob's new, large plasma flat panel TV. Ray will bring his *Digital Video Essentials* TV optimizing CD. By the use of that CD, we'll attempt to set various video and audio parameters for optimal viewing presentation.

The second half of the meeting consisted of members showing and discussing portrait pictures [the main subject of today's meeting] which they displayed from their flash drives, showing how they have modified the original picture to the appearance [improvements] they wanted to retain. Janet started with a clear discussion about targeting corrections in PhotoShop Elements to make finished portraits.

With our many discussions of Elements, we could not remember this being covered before. Bob showed some unique subjects that he has photographed in his travels. These clearly show great photographing technique. We looked at several creatively inspiring pictures from Ray.

The PowerPoint slides suggested unique creative ideas. Don shared a snapshot of a Great-Grand-Daughter that he had processed to remove and replace the background to become a treasured family portrait.

Lastly, before the meeting ended, we all enjoyed Bonnie's cookies and coffee. Thank you Bonnie!

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President's Message

At our 4 May, 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, David Whittle will give his presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see PUSH article reviews from **Judy Tylour of APCUG**, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Judy's reviews are hyperlinked to these PUSH articles.

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

May 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	\$100.00
New members	25.00
Refreshment receipts	35.40

Expenses

Hall rent	180.00
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Bank accounts @02/29/08

CD #116	1,263.78
CD #125	2,744.80
Saving Acct bal	54.26
Checking Acct bal	914.91
Interest Jan 08	48.03

New members: Kenneth Andeson

Renewing members: Nat Wallenstein, Charles Dills, Ben Hansen, Zorus Colglazier

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a Computer 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.

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 Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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