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## **April 4, 2010 General Windows SIG** by Alan Raul

Applications we have demonstrated in the past are listed at:

<http://kcbx.net/~araul/links.pdf>

Retailers to offer Windows Anytime Upgrade Deal starting next week!

<http://windowsteamblog.com/blogs/windows7/archive/2010/04/01/retailers-to-offer-windows-anytime-upgrade-deal-starting-next-week.aspx>

The Hat - can sort a list of items in a haphazard way, which can be used for picking players of games or situations that require a random partner. The resorted list can be printed and exported to a plain text file.

<http://the-hat.software.informer.com/2.3/>

Youtube Downloader HD - is a free tool to download videos from YouTube and save it to your local computer.

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

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## **April 4, 2010 Main Meeting Review** by John Waller

Our meeting on April 4, 2010 featured Ted Lester. He gave a talk on Google and its features. For example, he said that what made Google great was that it was: Free, Safe, Useful, and Everywhere. You not only find it on your computer, but on mobile devices as well.

There are two aspects to Google, Non-personalized, and Personalized. The personalize parts are provided by iGoogle. Essentially, iGoogle is what in the old days was called a portal. Its intent is to be your first stop on the Web. Your personal web content can be set up there so everything is in one place.

The features of Google that he talked about were: GMail, Google Alerts, Google Talk, Language tools, and of course Google Maps/Google Earth which are probably some of the hottest aspects of Google. Google Calendar, and Google Docs are web based programs that foreshadow the cloud computing that everyone is talking about.

Google Sites is a Google provided service for creating your own websites. Overall, his presentation was excellent and interesting. This presentation is actually the second part to one he gave us about a year ago.

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## **Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule** by Kaye Raul

SLO Bytes member Ralph Sutter will be the featured speaker at the May 2nd meeting of SLO Bytes. Sutter will demonstrate the setup and use of the Roku box. The Roku box is a small, inexpensive electronic device that allows you to stream Netflix movies and other similar content from the Internet directly to your television screen without feeding it through a computer.

Ralph will show the steps necessary to connect the Roku box to the Internet and then use it to access movies from his Netflix account. He will also use the Roku box to stream Internet radio through Pandora.

Finally, Sutter will invite questions and commentary from the audience about Roku setup and application.

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.

**President's Message**

**At our 2 May, 2010 meeting:**

**At 12:45 PM**, Alan Raul will be moderating the Question and Answer session

**At 2:00 PM**, We will break for refreshment

**At 2:30 PM**, Speaker: Ralph Sutter will speak on the Roku box

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

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**May 2010 Treasurer's Report** by Robert Mires

**Income April**

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Renewing members | \$25.00 |
| New members      | none    |
| Refreshments     | 21.51   |

**Expenses February**

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Hall rent | 90.00 |
|-----------|-------|

**Bank Statement of 01/31/10**

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|--------------------|----------|
| CD #41626          | 2,938.76 |
| Savings acct bal   | 55.00    |
| Checking acct bal  | 840.34   |
| Interest year 2010 | 9.41     |

**New members:** None  
**Renewing Members:** Ed Faeth

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).

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

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