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April 6th 2014 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Alan spoke on the following topics

Garmin Dash Cam 20 – HD GPS standalone driving recorder

Sample videos:
http://alanraul.com/videos/garmin/
The .mp4 files are converted via **Format Factory** of the original .avi files.

https://buy.garmin.com/en-US/US/on-the-road/533/garmin-dash-cam-20/prod146282.html

Format Factory is a free audio, video and photo converter.
http://format-factory-download.com/index.html

VLC is a free and open source cross-platform multimedia player and framework that plays most multimedia files as well as DVD, Audio CD, VCD, and various streaming protocols.
http://www.videolan.org/

Welcome to the new Microsoft Office
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/

Microsoft Office Home and Student 2013 *(1PC/1User)*
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/buy-microsoft-office-home-student-2013-FX102918374.aspx
http://www.amazon.com/Microsoft-Office-Student-1User-Download/dp/B00B1TGUMG

Amazon Fire TV
http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00CX5P8FC/

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April 6th Second Session Summary by Ralph Sutter

Jim and **Chris Guld**, aka **Geeks on Tour**, spoke on **Technology for Travelers**. Presenting to the group via Google Hangouts, they described how they lived full-time in an RV and travelled the country using electronic devices and software to aid and chronicle their adventures.

Visit their web site at http://geeksontour.tv/

Download the handout of their presentation from
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s86j1zum4xhbj9a/IWXc4FADhJ/GeeksOnTour-Technology4Travelers.pdf

See the videos they presented at
https://onedrive.live.com/?cid=fb8ad8a71d9ef476&id=FB8AD8A71D9EF476%211526&ithint=folder,.mp4&authkey=!ACyg-5jjZEIx1ok

View their entire presentation on YouTube at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=tXlKx3fefkU

Ralph Sutter

May 4th Programming Schedule by John Waller

The Second Session will feature **Alan Raul** demonstrating the **Toshiba Chromebook** using the **Chrome OS**. The Google Chrome OS is a **Linux** kernel-based operating system designed by Google to work primarily with web applications.

John Waller

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

Alan again provided an interesting look at new technology. We are very lucky to have someone who tries out each and every device that is produced and gives us a bit of real insight into what they are all good for. That Garmin camera may find its way onto my wish list soon.

The Geeks on Tour again provided an interesting look at what technology can do for your travel comfort and entertainment. Apparently not many of our members are RV fans so we may not find use for many of the ideas but it was interesting and they are good presenters.

We were asked by the Regional representative for APCUG about what our members use from the list of benefits provided by the national association. The PUSH articles are mentioned in every copy of Hard Copy, I would like to hear from any members that read these. They cover a wide range of subjects and there should be something there for everyone to find something of interest. Drop me an email.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments by Ralph Sutter

I have added a new page to the SLO Bytes web site; www.slobytes.org/presentations/table.html. It lists the Second Session presentations for the last several years. You will notice that some of the information is incomplete. You can help improve the page by taking a look at it and providing the missing information or correcting any errors.

Southwest Technology and Computer Conference will take place from June 27-29. It will be held on the Cal Poly Pomona campus at the Kellogg-West Conference Center. The cost is $85 before June 2 or $100 thereafter. This includes meals. Accommodations are available on site at $89-$109 depending on room size. Learn more at www.theswcc.org.

I attended this event last year and did so several times previously when it was held in San Diego. I have consistently found the program first-rate, the food delicious and the overall experience very worthwhile. I've already made my reservations for this year. Please e-mail me if you would like to car pool.

Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/. This is a repository of articles where you will find tips, product reviews, and personal recommendations contributed by computer clubs across the country.

They are provided courtesy of the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index located at
      http://www.slobytes.org/push/index.html (All articles on one long page)
      http://www.slobytes.org/push/push-condensed.html (Links to **PUSH** articles by month received)

You can view additional 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

SLO Bytes Bulletin Board
Everyone can read the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0 but only subscribers can post comments or respond to the posts of others. Despite the usual connotation of **subscribe**, it costs nothing to join the bulletin board. It is free to all current SLO Bytes members. However, to guard against cyber-mischief by spammers and other ne'er-do-wells, I have disabled self-registration. If you want to be added to the bulletin board, please send your request to me at **ralph@rsutter.com**.

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.

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Treasurer's Report for April 2014 by Bob Mire

Income for April 2014	
Renewing members	$50.00
Refreshment Income	30.00
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Refreshment Costs	61.28
Bank Statement ending 3/31/2014	
Checking account	3,436.00
Savings account	00.00
Interest YTD	00. 88
Deposits	100.30
Withdrawals	$366.00

Renewing members: Richard Dozier, Benjamin Hansen

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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 www.slobytes.org/index.php 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, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings 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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