

June 5th, 2011 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Slipstick Systems - Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Exchange Server Solutions Center http://www.slipstick.com/

DSLReports - Broadband ISP Reviews News Tools and Forums http://www.dslreports.com/

AT&T Southwest Forum http://www.dslreports.com/forum/ilec,swbell

Charter Internet/TV Forum

http://www.dslreports.com/forum/charter

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) - is a specification that defines a software interface between an operating system and platform firmware. UEFI is a replacement for the older BIOS firmware interface present in all IBM PCcompatible personal computers.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unified_Extensible_Firmware_Interface

GUID Partition Table (GPT) - is a standard for the layout of the partition table on a physical hard disk. Although it forms a part of the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) standard (Intel's proposed replacement for the PC BIOS), it is also used on some BIOS systems because of the limitations of MBR partition tables. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GUID_Partition_Table

Intel Looks to New Interface that is Faster than Thunderbolt

http://goo.gl/EQvVe

June 5th, 2011 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At 12:45 PM Alan Raul conducted his Q & A session. At 2:30 PM Main Meeting consisted of Greg Perry's second half of a presentation on the hidden gems of Windows 7. Greg is a member of SLO Bytes and he is also the KCBXnet Manager for KCBX public radio station (90.1 FM).

Here are the links to Greg's presentations: Windows 7 Tips (1 - 24) http://www.kcbx.net/windows7/

Windows 7 Tips (25 - 50) http://www.kcbx.net/windows7/page2.htm

Here are more links that our member, Doug Depue has posted on our Bulletin Board: More Windows 7 Tips and Tweaks from MaximumPC: http://www.maximumpc.com/article/features/20 windows 7 tweaks tips %E2%80%93 every secret uncovered date

175 Windows 7 Tips, Tweaks and How To Articles from How-To Geeks: http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/5391/175windows-7-tweaks-tips-and-how-to-articles/

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July 3rd 2011 Programming Schedule: by Ray Miklas

Our annual SLO Bytes BBQ will take place on 3 July 2011. Alan Raul will host his usual informative Q&A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM. Due to the BBQ, we will not have a raffle/give-away this month.

At 2:00 PM we will break for the SLO Bytes Members, their spouses and their guests for our barbecue picnic. We will have the same great spread we had last year featuring juicy oak grilled hamburgers with all the fixings. If you have not signed up at the 5 June meeting, members are reminded to notify our President if you intend to attend and/or intend to bring a guest/s, so we can have a good head count on attendance. There is no charge for members or their spouses, and a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person, for guests. The \$5.00 fee for each guest will be accepted at the Treasure's table on 3 July, the day of our picnic.

President's Message:

Go to <u>http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/</u> to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from **Dave Gerber**, Director/PUSH Chairman of APCUG. Our Webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

You can view the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) Publications here: <u>http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html</u>.

Take a look at <u>http://www.kcbx.net/training.html</u> 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: <u>http://www.olli.calpoly.edu/</u>.

--Ray Miklas

Treasurer's Report for July 2011

Cash receipts	\$68.75
Refreshment sales	33.75
Two BBQ guests: Allison and Schmitt	10.00
Dues: Ken Stilits	25.00
Expenses	128.09
Refreshment supplies	38.09
IOOF Hall Rental	90.00
Bank Statement for May 31, 2011	
Checking account	3,345.85
Savings account	55.00
Interest for year 2011	2.10

Renewing Members: Ken Stilts, Ben Hansen, Nancy Watts and Ralph Allison New Members: None

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 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. 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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Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet 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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