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June 5th General Windows SIG review *by Alan Raul*

Fast.com – Internet speed test

<https://fast.com/>

Google Account - Control your Google experience, all in one place

<https://myaccount.google.com/>

What's My IP Address

<https://www.privateinternetaccess.com/pages/whats-my-ip/>

Hidden Netflix Categories

<http://ogres-crypt.com/public/NetFlix-Streaming-Genres.html>

<http://ogres-crypt.com/public/NetFlix-Streaming-Genres2.html>

Amazon Alexa Skill Testing Tool

<https://echosim.io/>

Amazon E-mail Subscriptions

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/gss/browse/1032520>

Samsung Producing World's Smallest 512GB NVMe SSD

<http://www.thessdreview.com/daily-news/latest-buzz/samsung-begins-mass-production-pm971-nvme-ssd-industrys-first-512gb-nvme-ssd-single-bga-package/>

Alan Raul

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June 5th Second Session review – Outline *by Ralph Sutter*

Cloud storage and backup providers

[Amazon Cloud Drive](#)

[Apple iCloud Drive](#)

[Google Drive](#)

[Microsoft OneDrive](#) (was SkyDrive) as of 5/11/16 plan offers 5GB storage for free, 50Gb for \$1.99/mo and 1TB as part of Office 365 at \$6.99/mo

[Dropbox](#)

For Smart Phones the app [Cloud Indeed Pro](#) (\$3.99) aggregates several Cloud services;

Box.com, Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive

Review at <http://www.backupreview.com/cloud-indeed-review/>

Cloud storage and Cloud backup are different services for different purposes

Best On-line Cloud Storage Services Reviews based on 1 TB storage (paid) - reviews of 04/19/16;
<http://online-storage-service-review.toptenreviews.com/>

2016 Best On-line Cloud Backup Services Reviews;
<http://online-backup-services-review.toptenreviews.com/>

The Best Cloud Storage and File-Syncing Services for 2016 -review of 02/24/16
<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2413556,00.asp>

File syncing in the Cloud
<http://www.datto.com/blog/google-drive-vs-dropbox>

Backup Reviews

<http://www.backupreview.com/online-backup-comparison/> (comprehensive)

Ralph Sutter

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July 3rd Programming Schedule by Ralph Sutter

The **First Session** will feature Alan Raul moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

In lieu of the customary break and the **Second Session topic**, SLO Bytes will hold its annual BBQ. Please join us for oak-grilled hamburgers with all the fixings. The event is free for all SLO Bytes members as a benefit of your club membership. You may also bring one guest at no charge. For additional guests, we ask for a **\$5** per guest donation. Voluntary donations are also welcome!

Contact **Ralph Sutter** at ralph@rsutter.com for additional information about SLO Bytes and to RSVP for the BBQ.

Ralph Sutter

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

Another interesting discussion session was held this month. I hope other people thought well of it. Analyzing the comments made it is clear to me that everyone has their own rationale for the use of cloud services and that is precisely what the developers of those services were banking on. They are trying to provide a tool which each individual can adapt to their personal needs or desires.

We will try to continue to seek out subjects of interest to the membership. It would be ever so much easier to do this if there was some feedback from the membership on what subjects they are interested in. I know everyone will be interested in the second session subject this next month and I will miss sharing the BBQ with you all.

Earl Kaplan

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Treasurer's Report for May 2016 by Bob Styerwalt

<u>Income</u> May 2 thru June 5, 2016	
Renewing Members	\$169.00
New Members	\$
Refreshments Donations	\$20.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Hall rent	\$100.00
Refreshments reimbursement	\$56.14
<u>Bank Statement ending 5/31/2016</u>	
Checking account balance	\$2,870.02
Interest paid this period	\$0.24
Deposits	\$120.00
Withdrawals	\$100.00

Renewing Members: Five members renewed during this period, Alice Rew, Clint Weirick ('til January, 2018), Ken Stilts, Lawrence Green (two years) and Ian Hughes. Thanks to all for your continued interest and support. Everybody please continue to encourage your friends, neighbors, kids, parents, heck, even strangers, to join us!

Bob Styerwalt

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Photo Group Report by Ralph Sutter

Notes from the meeting of 06/12/16 **TOPIC: Tools**

The focus of the **June 12th** meeting of the Photography Group was **Tools**. The meeting opened with Ralph Sutter displaying a series of flowers that resembled miniature dancers, animals and mythical figures. View them at <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/images/Flowers.mp4>

Next, members took turns showing images of common tools. Some of us chose kitchen utensils. Others opted for specialized hand tools or hand-cranked grinders and slicers from an earlier era.

One member interpreted the topic, **Tools**, as an invitation to demonstrate some of the retouching tools found in **Photoshop** and shared how she used them to modify her images. Her choice prompted the decision to dedicate the next session to **The Tools of Photoshop**. That meeting will take place on **July 10th, 2016**.

For that event, you are invited to share with the group photographs modified using one or more of the tools found in **Photoshop**. The focus will be more on how you changed the original image than the original image itself. As always **Bonus karma** will be awarded to those who show before and after images.

Notes from previous meetings of the Photo SIG are available at <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/notes.html> or by clicking on **Notes** tab at the top of all pages of the [Photo SIG web site](#).

Ralph Sutter

Push Library

Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, <http://www.slobytes.org/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.php> to view the various computer-related classes available at the

KCBX.NET Training Facility.

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.

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at <http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4>

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. A general interest and Q&A session occurs from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact **John Waller** ([johnwaller at sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnwaller@sbcglobal.net)) or visit slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

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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.

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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 KCBX.NET Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo. View the web site at www.slolug.com.

Photography SIG normally meets at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 478-0826 for directions. Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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Ken Stilts – Set-up/Clean-up

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