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Alan's July 2nd, 2006 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Hard To Find 800 Numbers
http://www.hardtofind800numbers.com/

Checking your E-Mail via a Web Browser

ATT Yahoo: http://yahoo.sbc.com/dsl
Charter: http://mail.charter.net/
Google Mail: http://gmail.google.com/
HotMail: http://www.hotmail.com/
JUNO: http://webmail.juno.com/
KCBX: http://webmail.uslogin.net/index.pl
My Charter Account: https://update.charter.com/
Send A Message to a Cell Phone: http://www.smseverywhere.com/send.htm
Verizon: http://netmail.verizon.net/
Yahoo: http://mail.yahoo.com/

Just some of the popular updates in the last month:
- Acronis True Image 9.0.3677 Home Edition
- Adobe Flash Player 9.0.16.0
- Ahead Nero Burning Rom 7.2.3.2b
- OpenOffice.org for Windows 2.0.3
- Opera 9.0
- µTorrent 1.6
- ZoneAlarm 6.5.722.000

July 2nd, 2006 Main Meeting (BBQ) Review by Ray Miklas and Nancy Vrooman

This year's BBQ was another great success and fun was had by all! Thanks go to Ralph Sutter who was the BBQ Committee Chair for this year. Ralph had great volunteers who helped him organize, buy food and provide the service as well as set-up and clean-up. Here are the rest of the volunteers: Nancy Vrooman, Pete Stonehewer, Merle Ackerman, Josette Farnum, Heulan Brown, Paul Moyer, Ann Getoor, Debby Schmitt, Jim Buenrostro and Lou Pera.

You can view the pictures of this and last year's BBQ at http://www.slobytes.org/gallery/index.html to get the feel of what fun we had.

Nancy Vrooman sent me her summation and feelings she had at the BBQ so I'm including them here:

Wow! That sums up my feelings about this year's BBQ.

Robert made a pot of chili. What?! Chili in July? The pot was emptied so fast I didn't get a taste. Ralph and Merle were flippin' burgers onto the best buns in town so perfectly that there was hardly any line! What a team.

A big surprise at the gorgeous lettuce and tomato, compliments of Josette, condiment table. The "onion guys" provided home grown onions! Thanks Heulan and Paul. A last minute jar of pickle relish was cleaned out too.

Speaking of clean, Janet and Ann were so efficient I didn't have to swipe a single table. Thank you Ladies!

Big thanks to everyone. Alan, Debby, Don and another tripod tripper, Kaye, table movers, Pete and who am I missing? Oh, our feasters. Thank You! Well done.

Peter Stonehewer's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule

Our guest speaker for the August 6th meeting will be **Pete Gannon**, owner/operator of **Computer Stuff**, a multi-faceted computer business with stores in San Luis Obispo. Paso Robles, and Arroyo Grande. Among the services offered are expert repairs, building custom systems right in the store, having a wide selection of parts and accessories available and performing network design and installation. Pete Gannon is a SLO Bytes member and has supported our group for many years. Pete will address what's new in motherboards, CPUs, and various systems. He will also discuss the issues involved in computer replacement or upgrading. The computer related technical world is advancing and changing so rapidly a person most suited to keep up is someone making a living in the business, as such Pete Gannon will bring us the most up to date information available.

Prior to the main presentation:
Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**
Bill Avery will be on vacation during this meeting, so we will not offer a Windows systems' SIG this month.

Dennis Johansen, a San Luis Obispo businessman, will be speaking about the **Technology Transition in Digital Photography** at the September 3rd SLO Bytes meeting.

There are almost daily changes in digital photography technology. We try stay up with the changes as best we can and several industry magazines help by providing information about innovations months in advance. Knowledge of this field is something that must be constantly refreshed. In his talk, Mr. Johansen will provide us a "snapshot" of the technology that is the current basis of this rapidly changing industry.

Dennis Johansen is the owner of **Jim's Campus Camera** in downtown San Luis Obispo. Jim's is the largest and best equipped camera store on the Central Coast of California. Jim's has been selling digital cameras for seven years. The store has a large selection of brands and models on hand for customers to choose from.

Announcement from SLO Bytes Webmaster regarding future delivery of HardCopy

At the July meeting of SLO Bytes, I announced that I had set up a listserv that would be used to distribute HardCopy, our monthly newsletter and to post announcements to all SLO Bytes members. This listserv will allow our organization to maintain a single file of up-to-date e-mail addresses for all members.

The members' e-mail addresses will not be viewable by anyone except the SLO Bytes Officers who update them. Members will be able to update their own e-mail address and I certainly I encourage everyone to do so. To update your own e-mail address, point your browser to http://slobytes.org/mailman/options/listserv_slobytes.org   and enter the e-mail address at which you got your last SLO Bytes listserv announcement. You must also enter your password in the appropriate window.

If you have forgotten your password or you never had one, click on the **Remind** button. This will e-mail your password to your e-mail address of record. If you never chose a password, it will generate one for you. You can then access the setup page and modify your e-mail address, your password and numerous other options. You will find much more detailed instructions at www.slobytes.org/listserv.pdf.

If you would rather have your information updated by someone else, please contact Ralph Sutter, rsutter@cuesta.edu.

Remember that the SLO Bytes listserv is set up to serve as an announcements-only listserv. If you, yourself, wish to send comments or post announcements to the whole SLO Bytes group, please do so through the **SLO Bytes Bulletin Board** at http://users.boardnation.com/~slobytes. If you reply to the listserv, your message will only go to contacts@slobytes.org and will only be seen by Ray Miklas and me.

Don't forget that you can access the **SLO Bytes Listserv** archives at
http://slobytes.org/pipermail/listserv_slobytes.org/

Ralph Sutter
SLO Bytes Webmaster and Keeper of the SLO Bytes listserv

Digital Photography SIG Review by Lou Pera

The first thing I should mention is that there will be no August meeting of our SIG. That will give us an opportunity to use all of the things we have been discussing, right?

At this meeting Bob Grover made a PowerPoint presentation describing his successes in restoring some old slides which have faded and changed color. As you may know, some of the slide processing done by other companies was not up to the standards of Kodak. Bob pointed out that if the same color problem applies to a number of slides, they can be treated in a batch. In any case, batch or individually, almost any problem can be treated by scanning the slides into PhotoShop and letting "Autofix" do its job.

Don Jones led the group through some of the Titling gymnastics and other magical features of "Premiere Elements". In addition we reviewed "PhotoShop Elements 4" Organizer Tags. Emphasizing the ease with which it is possible to categorize one's photos for future grouping without having to create additional files.

At the next SLOBYTES meeting you may see some of the highlights of our BBQ.
The last thing I should mention is that there will be no August meeting of our group just in case you missed it the first time.

 President's Message

At our 6 August, 2006 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session.
At 2:30 PM, Our speaker, **Pete Gannon** will give his presentation.

Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0806/index.html to see the 8 great **PUSH Articles for August 2006.** They came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG,** Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploaded these articles to our website. The PUSH Archive articles can be found at http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html

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)

We also have **Adobe PhotoShop 7, learning CD's** to check out (at the Treasurer's table). These 5 CD's cover, in depth, the various program features in lesson format.

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

Treasurer's Report
June 24, 2006 - July 24, 2006

Income

Renewing members	$150.00
Bar B Q guests	55.00

Expenses

Hall rent	75.00
Bar B Q expense paid	78.53

Bank accounts @ 6/30/06

CD #116	1,164.68
CD #1161	3,117.69
Saving acct. balance	53.29
Checking acct. balance	1,644.79
Interest - year to date	53.92

New members: none

Renewing members: Six: C. Ash, Jim Buenrostro, Bob Grover, Ian Hughes, Michael Moore, John Romanelli

Bar B Q guests: Sandy Miklas, Jeane Mires, Joan Riebow, Signe James, Rosella Powers, Fay Buenrostro, Connie Sutter, Alice Allison, Elisa Grover, and Bob Farnum.

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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 **Peter Stonehewer** (929-1012, **stonepet@kcbx.ne**t) 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@pacbell.net**).

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the 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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