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Alan's July 1st, 2007 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Extreme Instability

<http://extremeinstability.com/>

Microsoft Office Outlook Connector - you can use Microsoft Office Outlook 2003 or Microsoft Office Outlook 2007 to access and manage your Microsoft Windows Live Hotmail or Microsoft Office Live Mail accounts, including e-mail messages and contacts for free!

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=7aad7e6a-931e-438a-950c-5e9ea66322d4&displaylang=en>

Manual Uninstall of McAfee VirusScan 5.x, 6.x, and 7.x

<http://ts.mcafeehelp.com/faq.asp?frames=1&docid=68717&CategoryId=245&chat>

Uninstalling Symantec AntiVirus

<http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/2005033108162039>

<http://entkb.symantec.com/security/output/n2002031914291648.html>

Windows Vista Experience Index

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/buyorupgrade/experienceindex.msp?CPU=5.3&MEM=5.5&HDD=5.9&DWM=4.4&D3D=4.9>

Microsoft Windows Home Server

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/windowshomeserver/default.msp>

EXCELLENT Windows Home Server Podcast

http://www.microsoft-watch.com/content/podcasts/whats_what_with_windows_home_server.html

<http://zdpub.vo.llnwd.net/o2/eWeek/mwatch05152007.mp3>

Windows Server Is Almost Home

http://www.microsoft-watch.com/content/server/windows_server_is_almost_home.html

Channel 9 Forums » The Videos » Windows Home Server

<http://channel9.msdn.com/showpost.aspx?postid=270965>

Windows Home Server Blog

<http://blogs.technet.com/homeserver/>

Windows Home Server Cures Digital Amnesia

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

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July 1st, 2007 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At our **July 1st meeting**, we held our annual BBQ and social. Alan Raul hosted his always informative Q&A session and at 2:00 PM we all went outside to get our hamburgers. Ralph Sutter again supplied the fire wood for the BBQ grill so Ken Stilts lit the fire about 12 PM. Jim Buenrostro and C. Ash came later and assisted Ken in cooking and serving the hamburgers.

Even though Ray Miklas served as the BBQ Committee Chair, Nancy Vrooman was the main Dining Room Coordinator for the event. Josette Farnum, Peter Stonehewer, Janet Thatcher and Debi Schmitt assisted Nancy in procuring the condiments and setting the serving tables for them. Robert Mires provided his prepared chili beans and both Hue Brown and Paul Moyer provided the huge onions from their gardens.

Bill Avery set up his CD player in the dining room for us to enjoy some great music while we ate. He also provided the name tags. Guy Kuncir stepped in to run the Treasurer's table for the vacationing Robert Mires. Lou Pera, Bob Mellema, Bill Avery, Nancy's crew, Ray Miklas and others served as the clean-up crew.

We had 70+ attendees at this year's BBQ which caused the overflow in the dining room. Next year we'll set up additional tables (if needed) outside so that everyone will have proper seating to enjoy the meal. Josette said that she will ensure to have enough tomatoes next year because the late comers did not have enough for their hamburgers.

I've received a number of compliments from those who attended that they enjoyed our annual social. Thank you all for a great turn out and a great BBQ feast!

You can see the 2007 BBQ pictures taken by Heulan Brown, Bob Grover, Paul Moyer, Alan Raul and Kaye Raul as well as the Alan Raul's videos at <http://www.slobytes.org/2007bbq.html>.

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SLO Bytes July 2007 BBQ review by Nancy Vrooman

Word has leaked out. We serve the best hamburgers thanks to Ralph's wood and cooks Ken, Jim and Ash!

Heu's home grown onions, Josette's perfectly slice tomatoes and fresh lettuce, salads transported by Pete, buns by Debby, chips and Bob's homemade chili insured no one left hungry. Dick James' wife Signa provided a delightful surprise, home baked cakes to top off this delicious repast.

Between the lines the many others helping included Ray, Alan, Kaye, Nancy, Janet, Paul, Bill and Guy. Without everyone's help the record crowd of 78 would have had a much longer wait. And the hall would not have been left in spic & span shape. Fantastic job.

Our apologies if you had trouble finding a seat. We were 10 over sign-up count. Next year we will put up 2 more tables for seating and move the condiments outside. Who says an old dog can't learn new tricks? If you have suggestions/comments, help us by emailing them to **nvrooman@gmail.com**. Thank you and Thank you all for coming.

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Kaye Raul's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Microsoft Windows Vista Revisited will be the main topic at the August 5th meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group presented by our members **Dave McLaughlin and Alan Raul**.

Dave and Alan have been using Vista since it was released on January 30 and tested beta versions prior to the release. They will share the features of Vista that will enhance your computing experience such as the updated graphical user interface, improved searching features, Windows DVD Maker and completely redesigned networking, audio, print, and display sub-systems. Discussion will also include problems they have encountered using Vista. Bring your questions and learn from their expertise.

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.

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July 16th Digital Photography SIG Review by Nancy Vrooman

A vase of roses was captured by many cameras, on default setting, to see how various cameras treat color. The idea came from dpreview.com.

We then had a sneak preview of the July BBQ pictures. Very impressive.

A quick refresher course on various slide show options (pan & zoom, transitions, etc.) was provided by Don using

PhotoShop Elements. We viewed his in-progress family reunion. Amazing what can be done with still shots. A far cry from slide shows of the 1950's, Lively discussion as always

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President's Message

At our 5 August, 2007 meeting:

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

At 12:45 PM, Bill Avery, Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook will run the Windows SIG for Beginners in the dining room

At 2:00 PM, Our speakers, **Dave McLaughlin** and **Alan Raul** will give their presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0807/description.html> to read descriptions of and links to the great **PUSH Articles and Reviews for July 2007**. 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 a look at http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes_education/class_schedule.php 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/>

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

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Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing Members	\$200.00
New members	25.00
BBQ net receipts	62.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Paid BBQ costs	72.95

Bank accounts @ 6/30/07

CD #116	1,220.83
CD #116.1	3,337.40
Saving Account Balance	53.84
Checking Account Balance	1,921.06
Interest – year to date	118.77

New members: Lyn Brumley

Renewing members: (8) Guy Kuncir, Irving Reynolds, C. Ash, Nate Wallenstein, Janet Thatcher, Bob Grover, Kaye Raul, Josette 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 Kaye Raul (kmraul@sbcglobal.net) 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).

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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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