

# SLO Bytes HardCopy

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## *July 5th, 2009 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul*

**BING** - is a Microsoft web search engine.

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

Microsoft Windows 7 Pre-Order Offer - Windows 7 is coming on October 22, 2009. Here's an easy way to get it fast and save a bunch: Pre-order a Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade for \$49 or a Windows 7 Professional Upgrade for \$99.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/buy/offers/pre-order.aspx>

The History of Microsoft - is a video series that gives you a rare glimpse into the story behind the software giant. Using rare footage and never-before-seen photos we break down Microsoft's history by year.

<http://channel9.msdn.com/shows/History/>

robots.txt - Web site owners use the /robots.txt file to give instructions about their site to web robots; this is called The Robots Exclusion Protocol.

<http://www.robots.txt.org/robotstxt.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robots.txt>

Porta - turns an image directory into a neatly formatted web photo album.

<http://stegmann.dk/mikkel/porta/>

Here are some photo album examples created by Porta

<http://kcbx.net/~araul/4/>

[http://kcbx.net/~araul/4/index\\_html.html](http://kcbx.net/~araul/4/index_html.html)

<http://kcbx.net/~araul/kayak02/>

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## *July 5th, 2009 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas*

Our BBQ this year was outstanding. I would like to thank all the volunteers for stepping forward and all your work. I received many compliments and each time I said that the compliments should primarily go to Nancy and her team. Thank you Nancy.

Paul Moyer took a group picture which you can view at <http://www.slobytes.org/>. Many pictures, which were shot by photographers: Don Jones, Kaye Raul, Alan Raul, Fred Cook, John Waller, Bob Grover and Bob Styerwalt were posted by Alan at <http://kcbx.net/~araul/bbq/> for all to see.

I need to extend a special thanks to Segna James for her outstanding cakes, to Hue and Paul for providing the special onions from their gardens and to Josette Farnum for the tomatoes and lettuce. Lastly, thank you Bob Mires for your usual, outstanding chili beans!

--Ray Miklas

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## *Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul*

“**Netbooks**” will be the featured topic at the August 2nd meeting of SLO Bytes.

Netbooks are the latest device for web browsing and e-mailing. They have become so popular that many users are choosing a smaller, lightweight netbook instead of a laptop.

Alan Raul will demonstrate a netbook with both Windows 7 and Ubuntu Linux operating systems. Alan will show options and features that are important to consider when choosing a netbook and talk about available applications.

### **Prior to the main presentation:**

**Alan Raul** will also 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.

Kaye

**President's Message**

**At our 2 August, 2009 meeting:**

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

**At 2:30 PM, Alan** will give his presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.

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**. You might also want to check out the various **computer related classes** available in the south county at the **Exploration Station Training Facility in Grover Beach** [http://www.explorationstation.org/classes\\_computer\\_classes.html](http://www.explorationstation.org/classes_computer_classes.html)

**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).

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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**July 2009 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires**

**Income - June**

Renewing members \$175.00

**Expenses - June**

Hall rent 90.00

Bar BQ 97.81

Drawing prizes 102.09

**Bank accounts @ 6-30-09**

CD#44686 1,318.37

CD #41626 2,887.12

Saving acct bal 54.82

Checking acct bal 854.59

Interest YTD 76.16

**Renewing members:** Elise Grover, Bob Grover, Kaye Raul, James Buenrosto, Fred Cutter, Kenneth Stilts, Donald Riebow

**New Members:** none

*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 at sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.slobytes.org](http://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 at pacbell.net).

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## **Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

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