

# SLO Bytes HardCopy

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*July 7<sup>th</sup> General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul*

*Windows 8.1 Preview - A responsive Microsoft...*

*Windows 8.1 isn't just an OS, it's a lesson in course correction.*

*Microsoft has shown that it's willing to compromise a bit on its post-PC push to nudge along the desktop diehards.*

Some of the new features include:

- \* Metro is still here but you have the option to boot directly to your Desktop
- \* Drop-down to reveal all the Apps
- \* Revamped Start button... New right-click options available and an easy way to shut down the computer
- \* Internet Explorer 11 - It now includes side-by-side browsing and syncing of favorites, tabs, and settings across all Windows 8.1 devices.
- \* Windows 8.1 will ship with support for Intel's Connected Standby technology for Haswell, and a revised DPI scaling mechanism that is better suited for driving the high DPI displays that are coming down the pipeline for both Ultrabooks and desktops.

Windows 8.1 should be a welcomed FREE upgrade to be released later this year.

## Windows 8.1 Preview

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/preview>

## 10 Windows 8.1 Tips to get you started

<http://www.ghacks.net/2013/06/27/10-windows-8-1-tips-to-get-you-started/>

Alan

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## August 4<sup>th</sup> Programming Schedule arranged by John Waller

During the **First Session**, **Ralph Sutter**, filling in for **Alan Raul** will moderate his Q&A session from 12:45 to 2:00 p. m.

The **Second Session** begins at 2:30 pm. At that time, **Ralph Sutter** will speak about our parent organization, the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups** and the recent **Southwest Computer and Technology Conference** that he attended from June 21-23 at Cal Poly Pomona.

Ralph Sutter

**President's Message** by Earl Kaplan

I want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who supplied the ingredients for the delightful Annual SLO Bytes BBQ on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The burgers were delicious, the fixings were just right and the desserts were very tasty. What more could we ask and we got to hear Alan as a lead in to it all. We are indeed fortunate that we have such a talented culinary staff imbedded in our membership.

Special thanks to the fine kitchen crew led by Nancy and the substitute firewood provider Bob Styerwalt who filled in for the travelling Ralph Sutter and brought the fine oak logs from Ralph's stock.

If I am retained as President I will make sure that we are more definitive about wanting people to tell us that they are attending the BBQ, apparently a number of people thought they did not have to respond to the call for attendees and we came dangerously close to not being able to feed all that did show up.

Earl Kaplan

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**Webmaster's Comments** by Ralph Sutter

Make sure to take a look at the pictures of the annual BBQ at <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/bbq4/>.

**Lending Library:** SLO Bytes maintains a small lending library of computer-related books. Currently the volumes available are

[Windows 8 Plain and Simple](#)

[WordPress; the Missing Manual](#)

Please e-mail [ralph@rsutter.com](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com) if you would like to check out any of this material.

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. Our webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

**NOTE**

Due to the concerns over the misuse of the PUSH articles by non-APCUG affiliated computer clubs, I have password protected the PUSH archives on the SLO Bytes site. If you click on any of the links that follow, a message will appear asking that you enter a user name and a password. The User Name is **slobytes**. The password is **IOOF520dAnA**. You will need to enter this information when attempting to access the PUSH articles from the following links

<http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html>

<http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/push-condensed.html>

You can view additional APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html> The latter materials are not password-protected.

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**.

Ralph Sutter

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**Treasurer's Report for July 2013 by Bob Mires**

Income for July 2013

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Renewing members                      | \$00.00 |
| Refreshment Income                    | 00.00   |
| Ink Sale                              | 16.00   |
| 3 BBQ Guests                          | 15.00   |
| Check from California State Treasurer | 20.00   |

Expenses

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Hall rent         | 90.00 |
| Refreshment Costs | 00.00 |
| Hamburger buns    | 10.50 |
| Hamburger fixings | 13.20 |
| Prepared foods    | 28.15 |
| BBQ beans         | 9.53  |

Bank Statement ending 06/30/2013:

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Checking account | 3440.32 |
| Savings account  | 55.00   |
| Interest YTD     | 1.67    |
| Deposits         | 203.88  |
| Withdrawals      | 90.00   |

**Treasurer's Comments:** Great July 4<sup>th</sup> type BBQ meeting. Alan lead a spirited meeting with lots of input from the audience, plus a welcome presentation regarding developments by MS on Windows version 8.1. By the time MS gets version 8.2 out, Windows 8 may be an operating system most users will accept.

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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. 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 comradeship.

Article Submission Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be e-mailed to the editor (ralph at rsutter.com).

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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 KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo.

**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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