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Alan's August 5th, 2007 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Dell Vostro Desktop Computers

<http://www.dell.com/content/products/category.aspx/vostrodt?c=us&cs=04&l=en&s=bsd>

Dell Vostro Notebook Computers

<http://www.dell.com/content/products/category.aspx/vostronb?c=us&cs=04&l=en&s=bsd>

Velocity Micro Computers

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

August 5th, 2007 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

Microsoft Windows Revisited was presented by Alan J. Raul & Dave J. McLaughlin. After six months of being released to the general public, the consensus is that if you have an older computer and it's time to buy a new computer, then it's OK to buy it with Windows Vista now and not wait for Service Pack 1.

A quick overview was given of some of the Windows Vista features, hardware requirements and which Vista edition to purchase.

Dave showed Windows Photo Gallery and Windows Movie Maker.

Dave's recommended Vista books are:

Tweak Guide Tweaking Companion for Windows Vista by Koroush Ghazi (FREE)

<http://www.tweakguides.com/TGTC.html>

Windows Vista Secrets by Brian Livingston and Paul Thurrott

<http://www.amazon.com/Windows-Vista-Secrets-Brian-Livingston/dp/0764577042>

Windows Vista Inside Out by Ed Bott, Carl Siechert and Craig Stinson

<http://www.amazon.com/Windows-Vista-Inside-Out-Bott/dp/0735622701>

Alan demonstrated how easy it is to bring up a program via the Vista search feature. Dave had previously tagged a photo with the name Dave. Vista's search found that photo in seconds in addition to other documents which had the name Dave included in them.

Also demonstrated was running Internet Explorer 7 without add-ons, such as ActiveX controls or toolbars located in the Accessories/System Tools folder. Other Vista features of were demonstrated. Over the next few years we might begin to cover everything Vista will accomplish!

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Kaye Raul's Featured Speaker Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

September's Main Topic speaker is **Ralph Sutter**, the leader of the **SLO Bytes HTML Special Interest Group**. Sutter will use **Microsoft Word** and readily available freeware to create a web site and upload it to a free web host.

He will begin his talk by outlining some basic concepts of web page design; site organization, file-naming conventions, optimal file size and code validation. Then, using Word, Ralph will build several linked web pages using text, graphics and links suggested by the audience.

Sutter will next use the freeware HTML editor, **NVu**, <http://www.nvu.com/download.php>, to create another web page, pointing out the advantages and disadvantages of both programs.

Finally, the SLO Bytes HTML SIG leader will upload the pages that he created to the free web hosting site, **Free Hostia**, www.freehostia.com/free_hosting.html, with the freeware FTP program, **Core FTP Lite**, www.coreftp.com/download.html.

SLO Bytes members who would like to learn more about web page authoring are welcome to attend the monthly HTML SIG. It now meets on Tuesday evening, two days after the SLO Bytes general meeting. Read more at <http://htmlsig.slobytes.org/index.html>.

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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August 20th Digital Photography SIG Review by Nancy Vrooman

We viewed the results of last month's informal color comparison of various cameras. The digital SLR's captured color accuracy best! Specifically a Nikon D-40 and Canon XT. IMHO.

Don then demonstrated in Elements Premier 2 the procedures to make fonts 'dance' in a slide show that almost felt like a movie with clever pans, zooms, fade-ins and fade-outs. I think he could have a 2nd career.

Bob showed us his Power Point homework show. Very eye catching font work preceded a picnic at Oso Flaco (Skinny Bear). I'd give it an A. His accompanying music was that of running water and bird song. You will have to consult with him as to how he arranged to capture only the desired portions. He also discovered an inexpensive source of ink: 45 cartridges for \$170. No tax, no shipping. WWW.x-print.co.uk. The shipping is via Florida. On photo paper, the color photos were outstanding.

Coffee and cookies, with good chat, ended our meeting.

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President's Message

At our 2 September, 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, **Ralph Sutter** will give his presentation

Cheryl Wester, APCUG Region 10 Advisor has submitted the July 2007 NOOZ report. You can read it on the SLO Bytes web site by pointing your browser to www.slobytes.org/newsletter/nooz/nooz0707.doc.

Bill James, Chair, APCUG Contests and Chair, APCUG Nominating Committee has sent the APCUG Announcement of the 2007 APCUG Contests, Jerry Awards and Call for Nominations to BoD and BoA. These documents may be downloaded from the SLO Bytes web site by clicking on the appropriate link below.

[The Jerry Award](#)

[The Big Three User Group Contests](#)

[APCUG Call for Nominations - Board of Directors and Board of Advisors](#)

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

Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income	
Renewing members	\$150.00
New members	75.00
Refreshment receipts	40.00
Guest from BBQ	5.00
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Paid BBQ costs	101.90
Projector purchase	1,340.61
Bank accounts @ 7/31/08	
CD #116	1,225.70
CD #116.1	3,350.72
Saving Acct bal	53.89
Checking Acct bal	2,046.84
Interest – year to date	138.74

New members: Dorothy Shahinian, Giselle Naylor, SueThole

Renewing members: (6) Paul Moyer, Alan Raul, Kenneth Stilts, Rudolph Spieler, Ralph Sutter, Gloria Davis

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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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 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).

Computer-related businesses wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is \$15.00 per month or \$120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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