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August 3rd 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Microsoft PressPass – Information for Journalists – Watch videos that look back to the story of Bill Gates from his early years, to founding Microsoft and what lies ahead for him and the company he started.
http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/exec/billg/videos/

AVG 8.0 FREE FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) – contains a wealth of useful information on installation, updates, viruses, etc. regarding AVG 8.0.
http://free.avg.com/ww.faq.num-1236#faq_1236

AVG 8.0 FREE LinkScanner – is recommended that you install without or disable this feature to reduce the slowdown of the computer.
http://free.avg.com/ww.faq.num-1241#faq_1241

Wilders Security Forums > Official Acronis Support Forum > Acronis True Image Product Line – is the location to search or post questions regarding Acronis backup software.
http://www.wilderssecurity.com/forumdisplay.php?f=65

Acronis True Image 11 Home - provides the maximum flexibility to ensure you are adequately protected and can recover from unforeseen events such as viruses, unstable software downloads, and hard drive failures. Create an exact copy of your PC for a full backup or backup only your important data your choice.
http://www.acronis.com/homecomputing/products/trueimage/

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August 3rd, 2008 Main Meeting Review by John Waller

The featured speaker for our meeting of Aug 3 was Pete Gannon of 'Computer Stuff'. He has one store in San Luis Obispo, and one in Paso Robles. He related how he got his start in the middle 90's by buying used computer hardware which he then sold at the 'Nipomo Swap Meet'. Business grew so much that he opened his own store in San Luis Obispo, 'Computer Stuff'. There he went from just selling hardware to building custom computer systems, and providing maintenance for existing systems. Recently he has changed the focus of his business. Today most people buy their hardware on-line, so he has basically shut down that side of his business that sells hardware. He will still build custom systems, but he is now more focused in providing various computer services, from standard maintenance to security issues.

Pete has developed a business of selling items on eBay for those who do not want to go through all of the hassle of doing so themselves.

Pete spoke on computers in general and some security issues as well.

All in all, this was an interesting presentation.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

The featured speaker at the August 3rd SLO Bytes meeting will be SLO Bytes webmaster, Ralph Sutter, will give some pointers on how to create a web site. He will then use **Microsoft Word** to make a simple web page with images and hyperlinks.
Next, using only free, open-source software and free web hosting, he will build a basic web site. The free software and services that Sutter will demonstrate include:
> **Komposer**, a freeware WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) HTML editor
> **Filezilla**, freeware FTP (file transfer protocol) program and
> **Freehostia**, a free, no ad web hosting service.
Feel free to come with your questions about web page creation.

Prior to the main presentation:
Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**
A Windows operating systems SIG for beginners will also be conducted at the same time slot in the dining room.

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August 18th, 2008 Digital Photography SIG Review by Nancy Vrooman

A few of us forwent watching Olympic coverage and dove into restoration problems associated with old scanned photos.

Roger demonstrated what Fast Stone (Freeware) could accomplish and John shared his work flow with tools used in PhotoShop CS2 to restore baby's missing eye. Don used Elements 6 to define white and black values on a badly faded monochrome photo of his wife's grandparents.

Using the histogram of each color channel (RBG) Don gave us a start on this month's "homework" ~~ 2 precious and badly faded Kodachrome snapshots which were scanned at the meeting.

Thank you Don for another great meeting and sharing your delicious birthday cake. Happy Birthday!

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President's Message

At our 7 September, 2008 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2:30 PM, Ralph Sutter, SLO Bytes webmaster will give his presentation on basic web page creation.

Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0908/index.html to see the **PUSH reviews for September 2008.** They came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG,** Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploaded these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from these reviews.

Go to http://slobytes.org/nooz/index.html to view and read the American **PC User's Group [APCUG] NOOZ Newsletter**

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).

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 2008 Barbecue

September 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	$75.00
New members	50.00
Refreshments receipts	41.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Bar B Q supplies (Nancy)	141.41
Bar B Q supplies (S James)	6.40

Bank accounts @ 07/31/08

CD #116	1,276.66
CD #125	2,787.71
Savings Acct bal	54.44
Checking Acct bal	1,202.38
Interest – Jan 08	107.06

Renewing members: Alan Raul, Wajda Walter, Fred Campbell

New members: Marish Braxton, Scott Reckefus & Monica Tarzier

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 at 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 at 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 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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John Enos (Set-up/Clean-up)
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