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September 7th 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Google Chrome (BETA) for Windows is a new Internet web browser from Google.

<http://www.google.com/chrome/>

Microsoft AutoCollage 2008 Pick a folder, press a button, and in a few minutes AutoCollage presents you with a unique memento to print or email to your family and friends.

<http://research.microsoft.com/autocollage/Default.aspx>

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September 7th, 2008 Main Meeting Review by John Waller

Today's presenter was Ralph Sutter. He gave us a presentation on getting started on using html for web page design. He started off by showing us the SLO Bytes bulletin board as an example of html and what can be done with it.

He pointed out that when designing a web page, there are two considerations. One, who will view it. Normally, you do not include a lot of lace and flowers if you are designing a site dealing with the NFL :) Two, you have to consider how the audience will see it. Just because you design it with a certain look, does not mean it will be seen that way. It is important to view your work with a typical browser. Standard browsers may not display it quite the way you want it to.

For beginners he recommends, "Kompozer", which you can download from this site: <http://www.kompozer.net/>, and which is a free program. For hosting a website, he recommends a free site, (such as <http://www.freehostia.com/>), if you expect light use or are experimenting. If you expect heavy use, use a pay site.

A final recommendation is to design all of your pages on your local system, then upload to the site. Since server updates may take place with quite a bit of time between them, editing the site directly on a server may lead to difficulties.

All, in all, Ralph gave a good presentation and encouragement to try it out for yourself. You do not need to know a lot to have a simple, but pleasant website.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) will be the main topic at the October 5th meeting of SLO Bytes. Voice over Internet Protocol is a technology that allows you to make voice calls using a broadband Internet connection instead of a regular phone line and can save money on your phone bill. **John Waller** will explain the details of this technology and discuss the way to hook up a system with a telephone, with an adapter or using your computer speakers and microphone. He will share his experiences and answer questions.

Ray Miklas will follow with a demonstration of **Skype**, which he has been using with great results. Skype is well regarded for offering stable, free VOIP to other Skype users and affordable calling from a PC to a phone.

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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President's Message

At our 5 October, 2008 meeting:

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

At 2:30 PM, John Waller and **Ray Miklas** will give their presentations

The PUSH articles often provided by **Judy Tylour**, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair of **APCUG**, did not arrive by this month's publication deadline. You can see the reviews of previous PUSH articles at <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/1008/index.html>. 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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October 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	\$75.00
New members	50.00
Refreshment receipts	25.00

Expense

Hall rent	90.00
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Bank accounts @ 08/31/08

CD#116	1,279.34
CD#125	2,787.72
Saving Acct bal	54.49
Checking Acct bal	1,083.25
Interest YTD	121.78

Renewing members: Merle Ackerman, Ralph Sutter, Janet Thatcher

New members: Clifford & Pauline Bishop, Richard Decker

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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