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September 1st 2013 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul
Blowing out a PC with a leaf blower... This is substantially cheaper than buying cans of compressed air. I got this idea originally from a YouTube video from Carey Holzman many years ago.
http://alanraul.com/videos/leafblower/leafblower.mp4

Weed Eater 7.5 Amp Electric Blower available from Walmart for $26.97.
http://www.walmart.com/ip/Weed-Eater-WEB150-Electric-Blower/4910793

Cannot create a new folder on Windows 7
http://bit.ly/15kqc8l

Windows 8.1 Preview
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/preview

Windows 8.1 Preview Guide (19 MB File)
http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?LinkId=302189

Acronis True Image 2014
http://www.acronis.com/homecomputing/trueimage/

Overview of Acronis True Image 2014
http://www.acronis.com/support/documentation/ATIH2014/index.html#22735.html

Gene Barlow's Announcing Acronis True Image 2014
http://www.ugr.com/nl0813.html

Acronis True Image 2014 is available from **Gene Barlow** at **User Group Relations**.
http://www.ugr.com/TrueImage.html

Alan

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October 3rd Programming Schedule by John Waller
The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a **Questions and Answers** program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

The **Second Session** begins at 2:30 pm. At that time, **Gene Barlow**, long-time presenter from User Group Relations, will join us via **SKYPE** and speak on **Selecting the Best Backup Approach**. His presentation will highlight the just-released **Arcronis True Image 2014** software. Barlow will offer a substantial discount on this and other Acronis products at the meeting.

Contact John Waller (johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for more information about the scheduled program.

John Waller

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

The presentation on September 1 was very interesting to me. I spent many years as a consultant on computer matters for corporations, mostly in healthcare. After I gave up all the travelling involved in that work I tried supporting small businesses and even some individuals. The business model for someone trying to support small businesses and individuals is a very tricky matter.

The nature of the problems encountered in the support of an individual's computer is such that it almost always turns out to be way too expensive for the individual to afford. The same holds true for really small businesses as well. The time involved in diagnosing a problem and correcting it is simply too much for a small business or individual to pay. It is cheaper for them to have a backup plan and to simply buy new hardware when a problem they cannot get around occurs. The hardware cost is too close to the repair cost to do otherwise.

I hope the fellows who presented do well, but I am very concerned about their business plan.

Remember the part about having a backup plan when you listen to Gene Barlow next month. It has been said many times but it is an absolute necessity. If it is left to do later it will not be there when it is needed.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments by Ralph Sutter

Recently, I changed the company that hosts the **SLO Bytes** web site. For the next three years, SLO Bytes will be hosted by **GoDaddy**. The only change that you, the end user, should notice is that with the relocation of the **SLO Bytes Bulletin Board,** all posts made from the previous site were lost. I have resubscribed all of you who were registered with the earlier bulletin board to the new board.

Everyone can access this bulletin board at http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0 but only subscribers can post comments or respond to the posts of others. Despite the usual connotation of **subscribe**, it costs nothing to join the bulletin board. It is free to all current SLO Bytes members. However, to guard against cyber-mischief by spammers and other ne'er-do-wells, I have disabled self-registration. If you want to be added to the bulletin board, please send your request to me at **ralph@rsutter.com**.

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

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

Income for August 2013		
	Renewing members	$150.00
	Refreshment Sales (August and Sept)	$54.67
Expenses		
	Hall rent	90.00
Bank statement ending 6/30/2013 (not in receipt of an August statement)		
	Checking account	3,400.32
	Savings account	55.00
	Interest YTD	1.67
	Deposits	203.88
	Withdrawals	90.00

Renewing members: Doug Depue, Ed Lynn, Roger Lyon, Paul Moyer, Ralph Sutter, Connie Sutter,
No new members

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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).

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.

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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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