

# SLO Bytes HardCopy

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**October 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 General Windows SIG review** by Alan Raul

Links to programs and web sites that I have discussed in my monthly presentations:

<http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?PHPSESSID=vmgd3bbts2tg7p66ccn07d9du6&topic=3.0>

These links are listed at the top of the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board:

<http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0>

Alan

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**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

During the **Second Session**, **Ira Wilsker** will join us via SKYPE for a presentation entitled **Cyber Crime, Cyber Terrorism, Cyber War**

John Waller

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**President's Message** by Earl Kaplan

The October meeting of the SLO Bytes PC Users Group has brought several things to my attention.

First of all, the group is growing smaller in membership. I am sure this is a development that is neither surprising nor avoidable. Fewer people are using an actual PC for anything at all and so the need for help and support from a group like this is less needed.

What is more upsetting is that fewer of the paid members seem to come to the meetings. I have, over the almost two years of my reign as President, tried to get suggestions from the membership on what people wanted to hear about, have discussed, have explained. These efforts have been fruitless. The officers, and some of the general membership, have a vast store of knowledge about technical details, history, and current trends. We are willing to share this store of information but we need some hint of what would interest the membership.

I am also concerned that, although people always seem to come forth to buy a product like Acronis, few ever set up a proper backup regimen to protect their machines and data. Since only half the membership attends the meeting it doesn't seem right to base an answer to that concern on a poll of 50% of the membership.

I would certainly appreciate some feedback from the membership as to what direction we should be going or is the lure of the tablet and smart phone making the club into a dinosaur?

Earl Kaplan

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**Webmaster's Comments** by Ralph Sutter

Everyone can read the SLO Bytes 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](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com).

See the **PUSH** reviews at <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> courtesy of 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.

They are available from the following links

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/index.html> (All articles on one long page)

<http://www.slobytes.org/push/push-condensed.html> (Links to PUSH articles by month received)

You can view additional APCUG publications here: <http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html>

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 September 2013** by Bob Mires

Income for September 2013

Renewing members	\$100.00
Refreshment Income	22.50
Acronis Sales & check to Barlow:	185.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Refreshment Costs	17.50

Bank Statement ending 8/31/2013:

Checking account	3,351.01
Savings account	55.00
Interest YTD	2.25
Deposits	0.29
Withdrawals	22.73

**Renewing members:** Juliana Wajda, Bob Grover, Earl Kaplan, Merle Ackerman

**Treasurer's Comments:** I thought the presentation by Barlow was a good fresh approach, and I think I learned a good deal I needed to know.

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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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## ***SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers***

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Nancy Vrooman – Refreshments

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