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October 5th 2014 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul
The following software and links were discussed at the meeting:

Microsoft Surface Pro 3
http://www.microsoft.com/surface/en-us/products/surface-pro-3

AirParrot
http://www.airsquirrels.com/airparrot/

Are detachable computers the best of both worlds?
Laptops are workhorses; tablets are lightweight and fun. New detachable computers promise it all.
http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2014/11/are-detachable-computers-the-best-of-both-worlds/index.htm

From 'Monkey Boy' to Developers: 6 classic videos of Microsoft's Steve Ballmer
http://www.geekwire.com/2013/monkey-boy-developers-classic-videos-micrsofts-steve-ballmer/

Geek Uninstaller - Standard removal program leaves tons of leftovers on your PC. GeekUninstaller performs deep and fast scanning afterwards and removes all leftovers. Keep your PC clean! Use Force Removal for stubborn and broken programs.
http://www.geekuninstaller.com/

Program and web site links demonstrated by **Alan Raul**.
http://alanraul.com/bb/links.pdf

Alan Raul

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October 5th 2014 Second Session Review by Ralph Sutter
During the **Second Session**, **Ralph Sutter** spoke on printers. His talk mentioned types of printers, the cost of printing and how to optimize printer performance. His notes are available at
http://www.slobytes.org/presentations/sutter-1014/Printer.doc

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November 2nd 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.

From 2:00-2:30, coffee, sweets and opportunities for conversation will be available in the dining room.

The **Second Session** will begin at 2:30 pm. The topic is **Capture Streaming Media with Applian Software**. We will view a webinar by the Applian Director of Marketing **Leslie Bee** originally presented at the APCUG Summer 2013 Virtual Technology Conference.

Ralph Sutter for John Waller

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

As we approach the end of 2014, a number of issues seem to be aligning themselves into a dire conspiracy working against the continuity of SLO Bytes.

We have heard Alan's tale of the death throes of the Mac Group. We can all remember that there used to be several other Special Interest Groups in SLO bytes which have faded away. The Beginning user group I can understand because beginners today start with a smart phone or a tablet and never need a real computer. This is not a negative statement or attitude. Smart phones and tablets can provide all the computer power that a large part of the population wants or needs. Access to the Internet provides email, browsing, and social sites. For normal people that really covers their needs.

Techie nerds have special needs which may explain why the Linux SIG continues to retain its audience. The discussion subjects at this SIG's meetings generally range over wide areas of technical subjects.

After four years of holding meetings and directing the Digital Photo SIG, Bob Grover is calling it quits. He and Elise have hosted great meetings with great after meeting snacks and talk, but all things have their natural cycles and it gets tiring after a while.

Another issue we face is the replacement of the clubs officers. I am the junior member of this group having only served (at this year's end) only three years. John Waller is also in that same range, I have not done the research required to pinpoint this. John is looking to remove himself from the Program Chairman/Vice President role due to increasing family responsibilities. Bob Mires, who has served a long stretch as Treasurer and Membership Director, has announced his desire to reduce his workload in the near future. We desperately need people to replace these individuals. We need people who can spend a relatively minor number of hours a month to be part of the SLO Bytes Club's future. We do not have meetings outside of 45 minutes before the normal club meeting and there is a common sharing of many of the duties so nobody ever needs to feel stressed.

We will be asking for voluntary nominations during the November meeting for elections to be held in December. Please give some thought to joining the board. All position are open for competition so let your feelings be known.

Earl Kaplan

Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/. This is a repository of articles where you will find tips, product reviews, and personal recommendations contributed by computer clubs across the country.

They are provided courtesy of the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated.

The actual **PUSH** articles are hyperlinked from the index located at

    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 view the various computer-related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

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SLO Bytes Bulletin Board
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**.

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Treasurer's Report for October 2014 by Bob Mires

    Income for September 2014
        Renewing members $25.00
        Refreshment Income   25.00
    Expenses
        Hall rent   90.00

    BANK TRANSACTIONS and BALANCE DATA
    Bank Statement ending 9/30/2014

        Checking account   3,244.46
        Deposits   271.27
        (Deposit 10/07/2014   50.00)
        Withdrawals   382.24

Renewing members: Paul Moyer
No new members
Comments from the Treasurer: A new lady visitor came to my desk, asked significant questions about how we operated and left with a current Hard Copy (thanks Ralph) and membership information and application. She stayed for the full meeting.

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 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. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings are held, 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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