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November 1st, 2009 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Microsoft Autoruns 9.56 - See what programs are configured to startup automatically when your system boots and you login. Autoruns also shows you the full list of Registry and file locations where applications can configure auto-start settings. <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb963902.aspx>

Windows startup programs. What are they? Are they required? How can I disable them? - A massive list of programs that can run on a Windows system at startup, including those created by viruses, worms, spyware, and trojans. Also how to identify/disable them. http://www.pacs-portal.co.uk/startup_content.php

CDBurnerXP 4.27 - is a free application to burn CDs and DVDs, including Blu-Ray and HD-DVDs. It also includes the feature to burn and create ISOs, as well as a multilanguage interface. Everyone, even companies, can use it for free. It does not include adware or similar malicious components. <http://cdburnerxp.se/>

IOBIT Advanced SystemCare Free 3 - has a one-click approach to help protect, repair, clean, and optimize your PC. With over 35 MILLION downloads since 2006, this fantastic, award-winning free registry cleaner and system optimizer is a "must-have" tool to speed up your slow computer. 100% safe with no adware, spyware, or viruses; a PC maintenance program that that's incredibly easy to use. <http://www.iobit.com/advancedwindowscareper.html>

FOXIT Reader - A FREE NO BLOAT PDF Reader. <http://www.foxitsoftware.com/pdf/reader/>

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November 1st, 2009 Main Meeting Review by Alan Raul

Purchasing a New Computer. The Ultimate PC Buying Guide: 2009 and <http://computershopper.com/feature/the-ultimate-pc-buying-guide-2009>

COSTCO \$599.99 ZT Affinity 7337Ma AMD Phenom II X4 Quad-Core Processor 945 3.0 GHz Microsoft Windows 7 Home Premium <http://www.costco.com/Browse/Product.aspx?Prodid=11497536> and <http://www.ztsystems.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1239&ProductID=27605>

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Festivities will be the theme at the **December 6th SLO Bytes Meeting**. There will be Christmas treats and refreshments along with a drawing to win some great prizes for ALL members.

Prior to the main presentation:

Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM. Alan will devote some time to discuss any unanswered questions from the prior meeting regarding purchasing a new computer. At 2:00 we will break for the party! **Additionally**, a second SIG for beginners will run concurrently in another room, offering advice and answering questions on Windows operating systems. This is a small group environment specially suited for the novice user.

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President's Message

At our 6 December, 2009 meeting:

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

At 2:00 PM, We will have an opportunity to cast our vote for all the nominated officers of SLO Bytes. All of the current Officers agreed to serve in the coming year. Our Secretary, Ralph Sutter will conduct the election. Following the election, we will break for refreshments.

At 2:30 PM, Our annual Christmas prize drawing will take place. Every member present will receives a prize.

We will also be holding a "Swap Meet" at the December 6th meeting. Members should bring older and new (computer

related items) to be sold or exchanged or just for a give-a-way. All items should be displayed on one of the tables in the dining area for everyone to examine.

Please take your items back if they are not sold/picked-up by others

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from Judy Taylour of APCUG, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from Judy's reviews.

You can view the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) Fourth Quarter 2009 Report** here: <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/apcug/2009q4.pdf>

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**.

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).

--Ray Miklas

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November 2009 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income

Renewing members	\$275.00
New members	0.00
Refreshments	36.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Drawing Prizes	54.32
Cable for Projector	21.36

Bank Statement 10/31/09

CD #44686	1,335.92
CD #41626	2,920.74
Saving acct bal	54.90
Checking acct bal	833.79
Interest YTD	127.96

New members: None

Renewing Members: Paul Brandt, Cyrella Caldwell, Ted Ivarie, Guy Kuncir, Janelle Richardson, Joan Riebow, Debbi Schmitt, Rudy Spieler, Nancy Vrooman, Charles Keane and Sharon McLain

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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 <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. 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).

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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 Bob Grover 's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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