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November 4th, 2012 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-verizon-mobile/id416023011?mt=8>

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Central coast web cams... Cayucos, Avila Beach, Shell Beach and Pismo Beach.

<http://koastalcams.com/>

CCEnhancer

CCEnhancer is a small tool which adds support for over 900 new programs into the popular program CCleaner.

<http://singularlabs.com/software/ccenhancer/>

<http://content.thewebatom.net/files/winapp2.ini>

Gizmo's Freeware

Find the best freeware fast.

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/>

Windows To Go

Windows To Go is a feature in Windows 8 Enterprise that allows Windows 8 Enterprise to boot and run from mass storage devices such as USB flash drives and external hard disk drives. Hopefully Microsoft will open up Windows To Go for a broader audience in the future.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_To_Go

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh831833.aspx>

http://www.supertalent.com/products/stt_usb_detail.php?type=USB%203.0%20Express%20RC8#

Alan

December 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.

The **Second Session** begins at 2:30 p. m. Its format will change for the December meeting. In lieu of a speaker, we will hold elections for the **Board of Directors**. This will be followed by the raffle drawing for a **Windows Surface RT Tablet**. Tickets will be on sale at the meeting. The cost is \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10.

After the raffle, holiday snacks will be served. Members are encouraged to add to the selection.

President's Message by Earl Kaplan

The discussion on Sunday was not exactly what I had imagined it would be but since it was audience directed that is perfectly OK. The presence of the Microsoft hardware announcement somewhat skewed the direction of the discussion but that is fine as well. The aim of the Board is to have programs that the members want to hear about and talk about. When we run into people that have something of interest to tell all of us we try to get them, but there are far fewer of those available than there used to be.

Remember that we still listen to what you say you want so if you have a suggestion, Ralph still has a way for you to easily tell us about it on the Web Site and we will not force you to do anything beyond communicating the idea. Submit your suggestions at <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFdqYXcyWkR2dXV0dEVWZzc3OVIQQ2c6MQ>. (This feature uses Google Docs.) You will find this link on the SLO Bytes web site on the [Feedback](#) tab.

Earl Kaplan

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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.

You can view the 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**.

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Treasurer's Report for November 2012 by Bob Mires

Income for November 2012	
Renewing members	\$125.00
Refreshment Income	32.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	280.00
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Refreshment Costs	38.80
Bank Statement ending 10/31/2012:	
Checking account	3,189.39
Savings account	55.00
Interest YTD	3.07
Deposits	278.27
Withdrawals	227.88

Renewing members: Nancy Vrooman, Ginger Goodell, Debbi Schmitt, Rudy Spieler, and Richard James

Treasurer's Comments: I expect our raffle receipts to just about balance the purchase cost of the MS Surface Tablet. We are already at approximately the 1/2 way mark. Any way you look at it, it's a worthwhile endeavor since it builds excitement and interest, and even if one does not win, the ticket purchase and participation in the Raffle is still good for the club.

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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.

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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