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March 1ˢᵗ, 2026, General Session Notes *by Ralph Sutter*

Station Locator for OTA Channels; **TV Fool** ~ https://tvfool.com/
My Results ~ https://www.tvfool.com/?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=29&q=id%3dc08d4bba6e6442

Tech Bargains ~ https://techbargains.com/

SlickDeals ~ www.slickdeals.net

Buy Stamps Online Costco https://www.costco.com/s?keyword=stamps for $77.75/100

Walmart USPS U.S. Flag 2023 Forever Stamps Book of 20 @$23.90

Kevin Stratvert Shutdown vs Restart ~ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxPrLUCPd10

Seed Starting Date Calculator ~
https://www.johnnyseeds.com/growers-library/seed-planting-schedule-calculator.html

Gardenate ~ see what to plant right now
My Zone is 10B   https://www.gardenate.com/zones/USA%2B-%2BZone%2B10b
https://www.gardenate.com/

Vegplotter ~ https://vegplotter.com/

iWatch without an iPhone I lost my iPhone Will my Apple watch still work?

Yes, your Apple Watch will still work if you lose your iPhone

Its functionality will depend on whether you have a **GPS-only** or **GPS + Cellular** model and if it can connect to a known **Wi-Fi** network.

Functionality Based on Connectivity

The features available without your iPhone nearby depend on the watch's connection status.

Features	GPS-only (connected to Wi-Fi) or Cellular (connected to cellular/Wi-Fi)	No connection to Wi-Fi or cellular
Communication	Make/answer calls, send/receive iMessages, use Siri	No calls or texts (except emergency services on cellular models)

Location & Maps	Use Maps for directions, find people, find devices	Use the Compass app and built-in GPS for workout metrics (distance/speed)
Health & Fitness	Track activity and workouts, check heart rate, blood oxygen, etc.	Track activity and workouts, check health metrics (data syncs later)

Astronomy Software

Stellarium https://stellarium.org/

Kstars – Closest city Santa Barbara https://kstars.kde.org/

Farmer's' Almanac https://www.farmersalmanac.com/

Paper Airplane https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QRFYDVziuQ

Copycat Cookbooks Scroll down for samples
https://www.amazon.com/Everything-Restaurant-Copycat-Recipes-Cookbook/dp/1507223234/ref=sr_1_1

Ethernet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5GPceyJKt8

Category	Max. Transmission Speed	Max Bandwidth
Cat 3	10Mbps	16MHz
Cat 5	10/100Mbps	100MHz
Cat 5e	1,000Mbps/1Gbps	100MHz
Cat 6	1,000Mbps/1Gbps	250MHz
Cat 6a	10,000Mbps/10Gbps	500MHz
Cat 7	10,000Mbps/10Gbps	600MHz
Cat 7a	10,000Mbps/10Gbps	1,000MHz

Different Categories of Ethernet Cable

Cable Categories	Maximum Speeds	Bandwidths	Maximum Distances
Cat3	10 Mbps	16 MHz	100 meters
Cat5	100 Mbps	100 MHz	100 meters
Cat5e	1 Gbps	100 MHz	100 meters
Cat6	1 Gbps	250 MHz	55 meters
Cat6a	10 Gbps	500 MHz	100 meters
Cat7	10–40 Gbps	600 MHz	100 meters
Cat8	25–40 Gbps	2000 MHz	30 meters

South County Bridge Repair

Huasna Road over Arroyo Grande Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Arroyo Grande
https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/current-public-works-projects/huasna-road-bridge-replacement-project,-arroyo-gra#

Husana Townsite Bridge
https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/current-public-works-projects/huasna-townsite-bridge-replacement

Cecchetti Bridge https://calcoastnews.com/2025/11/supervisors-divert-funds-for-temporary-bridge-in-rural-arroyo-grande/

Los Osos Bridge Replacement

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/current-public-works-projects/south-bay-bridge-replacement-project,-los-osos

Reservoir Levels in San Luis Obispo County
https://wr.slocountywater.org/

Image formats https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W31xBdI5tNA

USB A Port Colors

USB Port Colors and Their Meanings

Color	USB Version / Function	Speed	Best Use Case
White	USB 1.x	Up to 12 Mbps	Legacy peripherals
Black	USB 2.0 **Hi-Speed**	Up to 480 Mbps	Mice, Keyboards Printers
Blue	USB 3.0 / USB 3.1 (Gen 1) **SuperSpeed**	**Up to 5 Gbps**	**External drives** USB flash drives
Red	USB 3.1 / USB 3.2 **Fast Charging**	**Up to 10 Gbps+**	Smartphones **High-power devices**
Yellow	Sleep & Charge **Always-On Power**	Varies	**Charging** while PC is off

USBC Types

https://www.benq.com/en-us/knowledge-center/knowledge/benq-portable-projector-usb-c-purchase-guide.html

USB-C (USB Type-C) Versions that Support Data Transfer Only

Type	USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 5GB/s	USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 10GB/s	USB 4 20Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 20GB/s	USB 4 40Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 40GB/s
Pre-2024 Logo	SS←	SS←10	20←	40←
Post-2024 Logo	5Gbps	10Gbps	20Gbps	40Gbps

USB-C (USB Type-C) Versions that Support Power Delivery

Type	USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 5GB/s	USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 10GB/s	USB 4 20Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 20GB/s	USB 4 40Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 40GB/s
Pre-2024 Logo	SS← ⚡	SS←10 ⚡	20← ⚡	40← ⚡
Post-2024 Logo	5Gbps ⚡	10Gbps ⚡	20Gbps ⚡	40Gbps ⚡

USB-C (USB Type-C) Versions that Support DisplayPort

Type	USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 5GB/s	USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 10GB/s	USB 4 20Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 20GB/s	USB 4 40Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 40GB/s
Pre-2024 Logo	SS⟷ⅅ	SS⟷¹⁰ ⅅ	20⟷ⅅ	40⟷ⅅ
Post-2024 Logo	(5Gbps DP	(10Gbps DP	(20Gbps	(40Gbps

USB-C (USB Type-C) Versions that Support all Features

Type	USB 3.2 Gen 1 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 5GB/s	USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 10GB/s	USB 4 20Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 20GB/s	USB 4 40Gbps Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 40GB/s	Thunderbolt 4 USB-C Fastest Data Transfer Speed: 40GB/s
Pre-2024 Logo	⚡ⅅ	⚡ⅅ	⚡ⅅ	⚡ⅅ	⚡
Post-2024 Logo	No Icon	No Icon	(20Gbps ⚡	(40Gbps ⚡	⚡

F1-F12 function keys on a PC
https://cloudplusit.com/f1-to-f12-the-time-saving-function-key-shortcuts-you-need-to-know/

F1-F12 on a MAC https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OucAS7TYjHM

Auto Scroll   Turn it on on/off by pressing down on the mouse scroll wheel and then moving the mouse/trackball
https://www.computerhope.com/jargon/a/auto-scroll.htm

Secret Functions of Many Japanese Cars https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4hpQGxq4iY

Ralph Sutter

April 5th, 2026 Program *by Ralph Sutter*
The **First ZOOM Session** will feature **Ralph Sutter** offering a **Questions and Answers** program from **12:45-2:00 p.m**. Usual topics include security issues, recent changes in Windows operating systems, tablets and smart phones as well as demos of software and hardware. We always encourage questions and observations from the audience.

To be part of the virtual meeting via **Zoom**, please refer to the e-mail that will be sent to you twice shortly before the meeting with the credentials necessary to join the Zoom session.
If you are asked for a **Meeting ID** or a **Password**, copy it from the announcement and paste it into the appropriate box.

There will be a break from 2:00-2:30 pm allowing the audience to sip a beverage, pet the dog or stretch. The **Second Session** will follow the format in which everyone is invited to pose computer issues that they face and/or solutions to them. We will call this segment **Potpourri**. Contact Ralph at ralphesutter@gmail.com.com for more information.

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Photo Group Report *by Ralph Sutter*
Notes from the Photo Group Meeting of 03/08/2026

The group met to discuss photography techniques and share images, with **Ralph** presenting his photos focusing on what makes a good picture versus a bad one, including examples of proper and improper framing, lighting, and focus.

Stanford shared his photos emphasizing interesting compositions and unique perspectives, while **Linda** contributed by discussing her preferences for animal photos and scenes that tell a story.

The group discussed various elements that make photos compelling, including contrast, color, composition, and the unexpected, with Ralph compiling a list of key factors that create interesting photographs.

The conversation ended with the group brainstorming ideas for their next session.
Our next meeting will take place on **April 12th 2026** beginning at 2:00 pm. The topic will be **be Signs of Spring.**
See the Links Page for tutorials and other resources.

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Push Library
Look at the **PUSH archives**, http://www.slobytes.org/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

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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.

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at
http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4

Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a PC Users Group dedicated to educating its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month via **Zoom**. Zoom credentials are sent to members twice shortly before each meeting. If you are a SLO Bytes member and don't receive this e-mail, please contact ralph@rsutter.com.

All meetings are open to the public at no cost. A general interest and Q&A session occurs from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact **Ralph Sutter** (ralph@rsutter.com) or visit slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation. All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

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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.

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
The Linux Group normally meets via Zoom at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month.
View the web site at https://slolug.mailchimpsites.com/ Contact Alan@alanraul.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session.

The Photography Group normally meets via Zoom beginning at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Contact ralphesutter@gmail.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session. Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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