# **SLO Bytes HardCopy**

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### July 7th Pizza Party Notes by Ralph Sutter

Instead of SLO Bytes' typical General Session, some of us met in person at Blaze Pizza in Arroyo Grande for a pizza party. SLO Bytes provided the pizza. Those in attendance provided the camaraderie. It was good to meet face to face after a year of Zoom Sessions.

Alan Raul took pictures of all in attendance. I posted them on the SLO Bytes website at <a href="https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/index.html">https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/index.html</a>. The images are reduced to 15% of their original size. For full resolution photos, click here and then click on the name of each image; i.e. IMG\_2161.JPG, IMG\_2162.JPG and so on.

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**Ralph Sutter** 

August 4<sup>th,</sup> 2024 Program by Ralph Sutter

The **First ZOOM Session** will feature **Alan Raul** 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 <u>ralph@rsutter.com</u> for more information.

View Zoom tutorials at <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM\_I1IId3N\_XI77fKDzSXe</u> If you have any questions, please contact <u>ralph@rsutter.com</u> **Ralph Sutter** 

# **Treasury Report by Kaye Raul**

Month of June 1 to June 30, 2024

	\$ 1,473.64
Income	0.00
Expenses	 0.00
Cash Balance	1,473.64
Business Share Savings	55.22
Total Cash and Savings	\$ 1,528.86

# Kaye Raul

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# Photo Group Report *by Ralph Sutter* Meeting of 07/14/2024

TOPIC: Curves

The meeting began with **Ralph Sutter** sharing the link to photos taken by **Alan Raul** at the July 7<sup>th</sup> SLO Bytes Pizza Party View the thumbnails at <a href="https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/">https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/</a> and the fill resolution images at <a href="https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/">https://www.slobytes.org/digital/2024pizza/thumbnails/</a> and the fill resolution images

Ralph continued with images curving objects: scissors, noodles, chiles, bananas and giant jacks. Sutter used the background removal tool in ACDSee 2024 Ultimate among other tools to edit his images

**Alan Raul** shot a variety of curved images around the Pismo Beach Premium Outlets which included his Toyota pickup, a Tesla car, bicycle, basketball, water and gas pipes and more. He showed curved neon lights found while walking around Pismo Beach. These images were all shot with his Leica Q3 without any modifications. He photographed a vase with embedded Abalone pieces given to him by his sister as a gift. This image was modified in different ways using Photoshop. His last image was a colored drawing with curves made with Photoshop.

Kaye Raul found curves in water pipes, glass vases, electrical insulators, jewelry and antique foot warmers

**Stanford Brown** noted curves in the landscaping that he created at home, from garden paths to coiled cats and planters. He also shared photos of the curves of the San Luis Obispo Airpor

**John Waller** saw curving handrails, garden hoses, walkways, palm fronds, sundials, power lines and the foothills behind his property

After the sharing of images, Sutter showed the processes that he used to create the Pizza Party Slideshow available on the club's web site.

The documentation is viewable at <a href="https://www.slobytes.org/digital/documents/2024-Pizza-Party-Photos.docx">https://www.slobytes.org/digital/documents/2024-Pizza-Party-Photos.docx</a> Ralph also made a slideshow using ACDSee but did not upload it to the website since the web host does not allow videos. The topic for August 11th will be **Landscapes**. The meeting will take place via Zoom beginning at 2:00 pm, The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2024 is as follows.

September 8 October 13 November 10 December 8 See the Links page; <u>https://www.slobytes.org/digital/links.html</u>, for tutorials and other resources

# **Ralph Sutter**

#### **Push Library**

Look at the **PUSH archives**, <u>http://www.slobytes.org/push/</u>. 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

#### SLO Bytes Bulletin Board

Everyone can read the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at <u>http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0</u> 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

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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 <u>ralph@rsutter.com</u>.

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 <u>ralph@rsutter.com</u>.

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** (<u>ralph@rsutter.com</u>) or visit <u>slobytes.org</u> 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.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance comradeship and a voice in the affairs of the club.

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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 <u>https://slolug.mailchimpsites.com/</u> Contact <u>Alan@alanraul.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:ralph@rsutter.com">ralph@rsutter.com</a> for credentials to join the Zoom Session. Visit the website at <a href="www.slobytes.org/digital">www.slobytes.org/digital</a>

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