

October 2nd, 2011 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Gene Barlow - User Group Relations – SPECIAL PRICING available on Acronis products using code SLO BYTES or UGTI2012

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October 2nd, 2011 Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At 12:45 PM Alan Raul conducted his Q & A session.

At 2:30 PM We starter a Webinar where **Alan Raul** (using **Skype** on his laptop computer), connected with **Gene Barlow** who talked on **Acronis True Image Home 2012** and **Disk Director 11 Home.**

The first topic Gene addressed was how computer hard drives are setup and organized. He described several alternative ways you could organize your hard drive to better meet your individual needs. He then covered the topic of how to protect your hard drive's contents from hard drive failures. He gave all of the latest information on the best way to backup your data using the new organizations he recommends.

As in the past, John Waller and Robert Mires handled the sale transactions of the Acronis products prior, during and after the meeting.

November 6th, 2011 Programming Schedule: by Ray Miklas

At 12:45 PM Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session

At 2:30 PM After the break, our scheduled presenter will be **Lauri Sowa** of Wise Owl Opportunities http://www.wiseowlops.com/. Do check out Lauri's Website to see how resourceful she is. Lauri will be giving a presentation on **MS Word 2007/2010**. We expect this to be as informative as her presentation on **MS Excel 2010** was at the February 2011 meeting.

Lauri recently completed a video on **MS Excel 2007/2010**. She will donate some copies of the CDs to SLO Bytes. We will have them available for our drawing give-away.

President's Message:

At our **December 4th meeting**, we will have an opportunity to cast our vote for all the officers of SLO Bytes. With the exception of Ray Miklas (President/HardCopy Editor) all current Officers agreed to serve in the coming year. At our **November 6th meeting**, you are all invited to volunteer or to nominate any member for any position to be voted upon at our December meeting. Please submit your nominations to our Secretary, Ralph Sutter.

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 Association of Personal Computer User Groups (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.

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.olli.calpoly.edu/.

--Ray Miklas

Treasurer's Report for October 2011

Income for September:

Renewing members \$100.00
New members -0Refreshment Income 29.90

Expenses paid for September:

Hall rent 90.00
Web Hosting 47.88
Xmas Gifts (Sutter online purchases) 629.15

Bank Statement ending 9/30/11:

 Savings
 55.00

 Checking
 3,411.22

 Interest YTD
 3.80

 Deposits
 182.00

 Withdrawals at
 90.00

Renewing members: Sandford Brown, Guy Kuncir, Earl Kaplan, and Robert Graham.

New member: There were no new members.

Treasurer's Comments: The sales of True Image Home 2012 numbered 13, and sales for Disk Director numbered 4, an overall total of 17 sales at \$25.00 per sale. All proceeds and unsold disks were submitted to User Group Relations (Gene Barlow) as part of the overall agreement relating to his Webinar presentation.

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 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.

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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)

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet 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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