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November 7th, 2010 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

GOOGLE URL Shortner http://goo.gl/

How Secure Is My Password?

http://howsecureismypassword.net/

Steganos LockNote - A good place to keep passwords http://www.steganos.com/us/products/for-free/locknote/overview/

Caltrans Live Traffic Cameras

http://video.dot.ca.gov/

TVDeck http://san-luis-obispo.tvdeck.com/

Gizmo's Freeware - The best freeware reviewed and rated http://www.techsupportalert.com/

Central Coast Weather http://www.ksby.com/pages/weather-wundermap-big-map/

Synergy - lets you share a mouse and keyboard between several computers over a network. <u>http://synergy-foss.org/</u>

SpinRite - data recovery and drive maintenance http://www.grc.com/sr/spinrite.htm

CrystalDiskInfo a tool for hard disk drive health and endurance monitoring <u>http://crystalmark.info/software/CrystalDiskInfo/index-e.html</u>

SSD Life - a tool for solid state drives (SSD's) health and endurance monitoring <u>http://ssd-life.com/</u>

November 7th, 2010 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

At 2:30 PM **Alan Raul** used Skype on his laptop computer to connect with Gene Barlow and conduct our Webinar for more than an hour. Gene Barlow gave us a great presentation on Acronis True Image 2011, followed with the Acronis Disk Director 11 Home programs. It was a very successful presentation to 44 of our members, substantiated by the fact that all of the two products, provided to us were purchased, with additional orders to be filled by the Barlows.

Many thanks go to **John Waller** and **Roberts Mires** for handling all the sale transactions, prior, during and after the meeting!

A Well Done to all for a great meeting!

--Ray Miklas

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President's Message

At our 5 December, 2010 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 have agreed to serve in the coming year. However, we all encourage other SLO Bytes members to volunteer or to nominate other members for these position. 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 receive a prize.

The \$690.23 Dell Laptop Computer raffle ticket drawing will take place following the prize drawing. The tickets, at \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00 will be available all through the December Meeting, right up to the drawing time. You can buy the ticket/s at the Treasurer's table by check or cash.

We will also be holding a "Swap Meet" at this 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 <u>http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/</u> to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from **Dave Gerber**, Director/PUSH Chairman of APCUG. 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: <u>http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html</u>

Take a look at <u>http://www.kcbx.net/training.html</u> 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: <u>http://www.osher.calpoly.edu/</u>

--Ray Miklas

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Treasurer's Report for December 2010

Renewing members	\$225.00
Returning members	25.00
Refreshments receipts	36.50
Raffle ticket sales	250.00

Expenses - October

Hall rent	90.00
Petty cash replenish	40.00
APCUG annual dues	50.00
Drawing prizes – Alan Raul	214.17
Check to Barlow Program sales	800.00

Bank Statement 10/31/2010

CD #41626	2,960.19
Saving acct bal	55.00
Checking acct bal	412.34
Interest year 2010	28.31
Barlow webinar event Sales cash receipts Sales check receipts Sale of 6 programs to SLO Bytes	476.00 200.00 150.00

New members: None

Renewing Members: Heulan Brown, Tom Eckle, Ginger Goodell, Robert Graham, Richard James, Guy Kuncir, Ed Lynn, Debbi Schmitt, Rudy Spieler, and a welcome back to Jaleah Brynn who has been absent.

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.

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 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.

SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers

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