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November 3rd, 2024, General Session Notes by Alan Raul

Death planning: How should you prepare your online accounts
https://ktla.com/news/death-planning-how-should-you-prepare-your-online-accounts/

How to add a Legacy Contact for your Apple ID
https://support.apple.com/en-gb/102631

Google About Inactive Account Manager
https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/3036546?hl=en

Windows, computers and Technology - We talk about Windows, Microsoft, Edge and much more?
https://www.youtube.com/@WCT/videos

Ask Leo - I help you use technology more effectively, giving you the confidence to do more, be more, and explore more of the world that today?s technology makes available to us all.
https://askleo.com/

Apple Mac mini (M4) Pro - Alan?s configuration
https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/uojnxatnipxdyxxm4xen4/Mac-mini-Pro.pdf?rlkey=aa7mrx800ix5w6b48n7tfm0uu&st=js594czk&dl=0

Thunderbolt 5 vs Thunderbolt 4: Everything you need to know
https://www.tomsguide.com/computing/thunderbolt-5-vs-thunderbolt-4

Sabrent's Thunderbolt 5 external SSD hits over 6 GB/s ? Rocket XTRM 5 brings NVMe-class speeds to portable storage
https://www.tomshardware.com/pc-components/external-ssds/sabrent-thunderbolt-5-external-ssd-hits-over-6-gbs

Thunderbolt 5 devices are starting to show up with OWC portable SSD and Kensington docking station
https://www.cnx-software.com/2024/10/02/thunderbolt-5-devices-are-starting-to-show-up-with-owc-portable-ssd-and-kensington-docking-station/

OWC Envoy Ultra - The First and Fastest Thunderbolt 5 Portable SSD
https://www.owc.com/solutions/envoy-ultra

OBS Studio - Free and open-source software for video recording and live streaming.
https://obsproject.com/

OBS Studio Portable
https://cdn-fastly.obsproject.com/downloads/OBS-Studio-30.2.3-Windows.zip

OBS Studio Quick Start Guide
https://obsproject.com/kb/quick-start-guide

Alan Raul

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December 1st 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 Sec**ond Session** open with the annual **Election of Officers**. The positions are as follows
President
Vice President/Program Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Training Officer
All positions are open. The current officers have agreed to mentor anyone interested in assuming their position.
To learn more about the duties of each officer, point your browser to https://www.slobytes.org/officer-duties.html

The normal **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 ralph@rsutter.com for more information.
View Zoom tutorials at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM_I1IId3N_Xl77fKDzSXe If you have any questions, please contact ralph@rsutter.com

Ralph Sutter

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Treasury Report by Kaye Raul

Month of October 1 to October 31, 2024

Checking Balance Forward	$	1,295.68
Income		0.00
Expenses		0.00
Cash Balance		1,295.68
Business Share Savings		55.26
Total Cash and Savings	$	1,350.94

Kaye Raul

Photo Group Report *by Ralph Sutter*
Meeting of 11/10/2024
TOPIC: Transformations
Ralph Sutter opened the meeting, calling attention to the [Links Page] of the Photography Group website
Sutter summarized the new content; [Comparison of Image Viewers] [4K Slideshow Maker] and [Pixabay]

Then, using the Slideshow feature of ACDSee, Ralph showed transitions of ice, radish seeds, ramen, coffee beans and burning matches

Alan Raul followed with an illustrated history of Pismo Beach, its City Hall and Fire Station. Next, he changed focus to the town of Pismo Beach. Alan showed the group how he used the raw filter on jpg images to reveal details that were otherwise unavailable. While the filter can't draw on the details present in true raw images, it offers opportunities for development beyond the scope of jpgs not using the raw filter.

John Waller followed the transformation of his fire-damaged house from bare walls to finished spaces. He then brought his camera outside and documented how his yard changed. He used progressive images of his fields to illustrate modern growing techniques of Ikeda Farms. Finally he went to the end of Grand Avenue and cataloged the changes to the beach from storm surge to recovery.

Kaye Raul used Adobe Lightroom for creating different views of the piers of Avila. She also captured changes in leaves, pumpkins, flowers and trees.

Stanford Brown presented Symbols of Transition featuring falling leaves, decomposing trees, blooming roses, acorns and Paso Robles skies. He then narrated the evolution of his back yard from move-in many years ago to present day.

After everyone made their presentation, Stanford asked what photo editors each of us used and our recommendations for someone looking for a basic editor.

The editors commonly mentioned were [Adobe Photoshop], [Adobe Lightroom], [ACDSee] and [Luminar Neo] A consensus choice for light editing on PCs was [Irfanview]. Alan pointed out that both Microsoft's Windows and Apple's MAC operating systems have quite capable built-in photo editors.

The last meeting of the SLO Bytes Photo Group in 2024 will take place on December 8th beginning at 2:00 pm.
The assignment is to take your camera to the Embarcadero in Morro Bay and photograph whatever interests you.

See the [Links page] for tutorials and other resources

Ralph Sutter

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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

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.

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 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 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 ralph@rsutter.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session. Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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