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Alan's January 6th, 2007 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Western Digital Interface Guide - Not sure which drive is right for your computer? This guide helps you determine the right type of drive and interface using three questions.

<http://www.westerndigital.com/en/products/resources/DriveCompatibilityguide.asp>

GeekStuff4U.com 2.5" and 3.5" SATA HDD Stage Rack

http://www.geekstuff4u.com/product_info.php?manufacturers_id=&products_id=630

GeekStuff4U.com 2.5" and 3.5" HDD Cradle eSata

http://www.geekstuff4u.com/product_info.php?manufacturers_id=&products_id=640

PCSTATS - Get The 'Stats and Stay Informed! Hardware Comparison HQ

<http://www.pcstats.com/>

Slipstreamed Windows XP CD Using Service Pack 3 – When Windows XP SP3 is released later this quarter, it's recommended you slipstream (integrate) your original Windows XP CD and Service Pack 3.

http://www.theeldergeek.com/slipstreamed_xpsp3_cd.htm

Slipstream Microsoft Office 2007 Using Service Pack 1 – This SP was released late 2007 so it's time to slipstream (integrate) your original Microsoft Office 2007 CD and Service Pack 1.

<http://www.chotocheeta.com/2007/12/31/integrate-slipstream-microsoft-office-2007-service-pack-1-sp1/>

Microsoft TechNet: Windows Sysinternals – is a collection of utilities and technical information related to Windows internals that you won't find anywhere else. These tools are leveraged by IT-Pros and Developers for detailed troubleshooting and analysis of Windows software.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/default.mspx>

Demonstrated: **ZoomIt**

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb897434.aspx>

The PC Decrapifier – is designed to remove a specific list unwanted software in an unattended fashion.

<http://www.yorkspace.com/pc-de-crapifier>

CCleaner v1.33.382 – Slim - is a FREE system optimization and privacy tool.

<http://www.ccleaner.com/download/builds.aspx>

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January 6th, 2007 Main Meeting Review by Kaye Raul

Russ Foster, a SLO Bytes member, gave a timely presentation on file organization and management at the January 6th SLO Bytes meeting.

Russ covered topics such as the file system and the file tree, showing us how to figure out where we are and how to navigate to where we want to go. The detail that you are able to view by changing basic settings in Windows Explorer was also demonstrated. He showed us the differences between moving and copying along with renaming, creating new folders and deleting tips.

Thank you, Russ, for an informative presentation to start off the New Year on an organized note.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul

Don Jones will host "**Digging Deeper into your Photo Editors and Have More Fun!**" at our **February 3rd meeting**.

He will demonstrate how he saved a fuzzy one-of-a-kind picture by making it a painting along with some fun ideas for Holiday cards. Don will cover how to take multiple images and combine them in dramatic Panorama Prints. This is a great solution for those wide angle scenes that your camera will not capture in one shot. Some special features used to make slide shows with movement and pan and zoom-titles will be shown.

The presentation will use Adobe PhotoShop Elements 6. There will be time for questions and answers. Don is an avid photographer and the host of SLO Bytes monthly Photo SIG. Be sure to attend for some inspiring ideas.

Prior to the main presentation:

Alan Raul will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**

A Windows operating systems SIG for beginners will also be conducted at the same time slot in the dining room.

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President's Message

At our 3 February, 2008 meeting:

At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session

At 12:45 PM, Ben Hansen, Eugene Rheingans and Fred Cook will run the Windows SIG for Beginners in the dining room

At 2:00 PM, Our speaker, Don Jones will give his presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/0208/index.html> to see the **17 great PUSH reviews for February 2008**.

They came to me from **Judy Tylour of APCUG**, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploaded these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from these reviews.

Take a look at http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes_education/class_schedule.php 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.osher.calpoly.edu/>

Take advantage of the four **learning CD's** "Learn Windows XP, Excel, Word & Power Point" available for our members to check out (at the Treasurer's table).

Continue to bring any **used ink-jet printer or toner cartridges** to our meeting. We collect them (at the Treasurer's table) and turn them over to "Make A-Wish Foundation" who generate much needed funds for their organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

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Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires

Income	
Renewing members	\$225.00
New members	25.00
Refreshment receipts	39.00
Expenses	
Hall rent	90.00
Drawing purchase	709.43
Bank accounts @12/31/07	
CD #116	1,249.67
CD #125	3,417.08
Saving Acct bal	54.12
Checking Acct bal	485.02
Interest - year to date	233.22

New members: Richard Russ

Renewing members: David Burns, Jim Chernoff, Fred Cook, Earl Gustafson, Peter Lawn, Dave McLaughlin, Peter Stonehewer, Bob & Linda Styerwalt, & Glenn Zaretska,

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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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 Kaye Raul (kmraul at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org 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).

Computer-related businesses wishing to advertise in **HardCopy** may now do so. The rate is \$15.00 per month or \$120.00 per year for a business card size announcement. Content in ad copy is subject to approval by the SLO Bytes Board of Directors.

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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 [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

Photography SIG normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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