

February 6, 2005 Windows SIG Review by Alan J. Raul

Super Bowl 2005 Ads

<http://dyn.ifilm.com/superbowlads/>

The best definitions and explanations for over 1 million topics

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

Google Suggest (auto complete)

<http://www.google.com/webhp?complete=1>

Adobe Photoshop Elements 3.0.1 update

<http://www.adobe.com/support/downloads/detail.jsp?ftpID=2706>

Apple Mac Mini

<http://www.apple.com/macmini/>

Apple iPod Shuffle

<http://www.apple.com/ipodshuffle/>

U3 launches USB drive-hosted app 'standard'

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2005/01/07/u3_flash_drive_platform/

<http://www.theinquirer.net/?article=20588>

<http://www.m-systems.com/content/Corporate/Press/prInfo.asp?id=724>

Using the HOSTS file to cripple spyware

http://www.komando.com/tips_show.asp?showID=8083

Blocking Unwanted Parasites with a HOSTS File

<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>

Malicious Software Removal Tool

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/malwareremove/default.msp>

Malicious Software Removal Tool download

<http://snipurl.com/bxw7>

February 6, 2005 Main Meeting Review by Ray Miklas

Windows XP SIG was given by Alan Raul to a receptive audience. 64 members and guests were present in the Hall. Alan has suggested that a possible future follow-up might be in the works because of the good response/turnout.

Don Jones' Featured Speaker Programming Schedule

SLO Bytes speakers at the March meeting will be Pete Gannon and Darren Dexter.

This month's topic will be "Learn how to Manipulate and Edit Video" or, "Want good Movies, Learn How".

Pete Gannon and Darren Dexter from Computer Stuff will be giving a talk and demonstration on Manipulating Video at the SLO Bytes March meeting. They will demonstrate primarily digital video handling from the filming through the editing, production, and storage of your films. The equipment needed to do a decent job of prosumer level video will be covered. It will be directed primarily at intermediate users. However, some beginning and advanced information will be presented as well. Analog video handling will not be covered. A Canon GL2 Digital Video

Camera will be used in conjunction with a video editing PC to conduct the demonstrations. The software covered will mostly be Windows Movie Maker and Vegas Video.

Prosumer means a high end consumer product with most of the capability of professional products used in business. In cameras, for example, it means a high level camera, usually without interchangeable lens, that can do most of what a SLR camera can.

For the month of April we plan to break into two or three SIG groups for a more intimate discussion of the SIG subject areas. Our members are encouraged to send questions or suggestions to Don Jones or to one of our three SIG leaders, Alan Raul, Ralph Sutter, and Bill Avery on specific topics for which they wish more detailed discussion or information.

Webmaster's Notes by Ralph Sutter

I continue to post photos submitted by SLO Bytes members on our Web Photo Gallery, <http://www.slobytes.org/gallery/>. I invite everyone to submit their own photos for inclusion too. Bring them in digital form to any SLO Bytes meeting. I'll transfer them to my lap top and upload them to our photo gallery shortly thereafter.

Ralph Sutter
SLO Bytes Webmaster

President's Message

March Meeting Schedule

At our March 6, 2004 meeting
At 1 PM, Alan will moderate a computer question/answer session
At 2:30 PM, Pete Gannon and Darren Dexter will give their presentation.

I received the (below) email from Judy Taylour of APCUG who is the Editor of the monthly NOOZ release. I have included some of the items which might be of interest to you.

In this edition of NOOZ:

- 1 Membership Renewal Contest Winners
- 2 Getting to Know APCUG WebBoard
- 3 Eudora Security Flaw

1 - The following groups were the winners in the APCUG Annual Membership Renewal Contest random drawing.

Idaho Personal Computer User Group - Boise , Idaho
Western New York Computer Society - Williamsville, New York
Computers Helping People - Cleveland, Ohio
Tucson Computer Society - Tucson, Arizona

Each group will receive a copy of Microsoft Office 2003 Professional.

2 - WebBoard Benefits APCUG Member User Groups

What is WebBoard?

WebBoard is an on-line community, hosted and maintained by APCUG, for the benefit of member groups. You'll find helpful discussion threads, live chats, and even Director and Advisor monthly meetings.

What can I do with it?

Join a discussion thread, or even a live chat, and exchange ideas or get and give help and advice from User Group members all over the world. Whether you're an officer, board member, or just a volunteer, you'll find lots of topics of interest. As an APCUG member group, you can even host your own board!

Does your group have a technical guru? Set up a conference area for him/her to answer questions via the WebBoard its FREE.

Would your SIG members like to communicate with each other between meetings?
Set up a conference area for them via the WebBoard its FREE.

The APCUG-sponsored WebBoard has many uses for your user group. Check it out at www.apcug.net / click on WebBoard. You will find information to set up a WebBoard for your user group, the agreement you need to sign for the WebBoard to be created, and help is just an e-mail away to the APCUG WebBoard administrator.

You will also find conferences for Editors, Webmasters, as well as a conference for each region.
Try it! Its a great benefit for your members.

3 - Eudora open to multiple high risk flaws. Windows version of popular email client at risk

Security consultancy firm Next Generation Security Software (NGSS) has discovered "multiple high risk vulnerabilities" in the Windows version of the popular Eudora email client.

According to NGSS representative John Heasman, versions affected include Eudora 6.2.0 and below.

Heasman warned that the flaws permit hackers to execute arbitrary code on victims' PCs via previewing or opening a specially crafted email. Hackers can also run malicious programs by opening specially crafted stationary or mailbox files.

Testing by NGSS suggested that these issues have been resolved in Eudora 6.2.1 as detailed at <http://www.eudora.com/security.html> Version 6.2.1 can be downloaded at <http://www.vnunet.com/downloads/1135434>

NGSS said that it was going to withhold details of the flaws for three months in a bid to prevent hackers exploiting them. The company promised to publish full details on 2 May.

"This three-month window will allow users of Eudora to apply the patch before the details are released to the general public. This reflects our approach to responsible disclosure," said Heasman.

Thanks to Dave Gerber, Dave Bytes Gerber, president of the Sarasota PC Users Group, www.davebytes.com

Judy Taylour
APCUG Advisor - Region 10

Judy Taylour has also sent me this:

We have a new Benefit of Membership Ken Bundy just posted links to APCUG-member group on-line newsletters. Please visit http://apcug.net/Reports/Editorial/online_news.htm if you wish to peruse the newsletters.

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)

We also have Adobe Photoshop 7, learning CD's to check out (at the Treasurer's table). These 5 CD's cover, in depth, the various program features in lesson format.

Finally, we have a copy of Windows XP Service Pack 2 info. CD to check out which has a 20 min. video you can run giving you the overview of what SP 2 has to offer.

If you still are in need of Windows XP Service Pack 2 CD for upgrading you O/S, contact me and I will give you one.

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

Treasurer's Report
Jan 24, 2004 - Feb 24, 2005

Income		
Membership dues-new		100.00
Renewal members		100.00
Returning member		25.00
Refreshments		30.45
donation		100.00
Expenses		
Hall rent		\$75.00
Bank accounts @12/31/04		
Checking Acct Balance	\$1,459.61	
Saving Acct Balance	3,166.93	
Bank Interest 2004		
Savings	19.55	
Checkings	22.77	

New members: Cleone Van Westen, Judith Andresen, Harvey Hodkins, Doris Simpson
Returning member: Marvon Fenton (Welcome back).

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 1 to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact Don Jones (773-5526, donej@sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

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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@bigfoot.com).

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the Monday following our Sunday General Meeting at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at (805) 489-8678 for directions.

Linux SIG normally meets on Thursday at 6:30 PM (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBX.net [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

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