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June 1st, 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Desktop Restore - This tiny application operates as a **Shell extension**. It records the layout and positions of icons and programs on the Windows Desktop, and permits restoration of the layout.
http://www.midiox.com/desktoprestore.htm

Splashtop - is a commercial Linux distribution targeting PC motherboard vendors and other device manufacturers. It is developed by DeviceVM.
http://www.splashtop.com/index.php
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Splashtop

Thwart malware attacks by locking out bad sites - Bolster your antivirus, firewall and antispyware protection by customizing the IP address manager built into Windows.
http://www.windowssecrets.com/2008/05/01/03-Thwart-malware-attacks-by-locking-out-bad-sites

Download get-started training for the 2007 Microsoft Office system - New to the 2007 Office system programs? Training is close at hand**.**
http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/help/HA102146851033.aspx

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June 1st, 2008 Main Meeting Review by John Waller

Our presentation today was by two gentlemen from BestBuy.

Roc Reader is a member of BestBuy's Geek squad. He gave a presentation on networking, particularly, wireless networking. For a wireless router he recommended a D-Link 615, at $49, you can find more information here:
http://www.dlink.com/products/?pid=565

Sam Parrish did a presentation on Home Theater. He pointed out the choice of projection TV or flat panel TV. If you have space and a tight budget, go for Projection. If you have little space and have the budget go for the Flat panel display. If you are going to use video games or computers, LCD is better than Plasma. Technology has improved such that LCD and Plasma are equally good for off axis viewing, that is, when you sit away from the center of the display.

All in all, both presentations were informative, and welcome.

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Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Ray Miklas

At our **July 6tg meeting**, we will hold our annual BBQ. Alan Raul will host his usual informative Q&A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM. Due to the BBQ, we will not have a novice SIG or a guest speaker this month.

At 2:00 PM we will break for a SLO Bytes Members and their guests barbecue picnic. We will have the same great spread we had last year featuring juicy oak grilled hamburgers with all the fixings. Members are reminded to notify our President, as requested earlier, if they intend to attend and/or intend to bring a guest/s, so we can have a good head count on attendance. There is no charge for members, and a nominal fee of $5.00 per person for guests. The $5.00 fee for each guest will be accepted at the Treasure's table.

President's Message

At our 6 July, 2008 meeting:
At 12:45 PM, Alan will be moderating the Question and Answer session
At 2 PM, We will commence our Annual SLO Bytes BBQ

The PUSH articles provided by Judy Taylour, **PUSH** Committee Chair of **APCUG**, did not arrive this month by the publication deadline. To read previous **PUSH** articles, go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html
The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from this index.

Go to http://slobytes.org/nooz/index.html to view and read the American **PC User's Group [APCUG] NOOZ Newsletter**

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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July 2008 Treasurer's Report by Robert Mires
The July 2008 Treasurer's Report has been delayed because the Treasurer is on vacation. The report will be added upon receipt.

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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.

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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