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Alan's web links from the July 3, 2005 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul

Audacity - is free, open source software for recording and editing sounds. It is available for Mac OS X, Microsoft Windows, GNU/Linux, and other operating systems. The main advantage over the sound recorder which comes with Windows is you can record over 60 seconds.
http://audacity.sourceforge.net/

QUALCOMM PureVoice - is a FREE Player-Recorder for voice messages that you can use with your e-mail software. The audio files are ultra-compressed, but it sounds crystal clear.
http://www.cdmatech.com/solutions/products/purevoice.jsp

Skype is a little program for making free calls over the Internet. The technology is named VOIP (Voice over IP).
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voip
http://www.skype.com/

Picasa is FREE software that helps you instantly find, edit and share all the pictures on your PC.
http://picasa.google.com/

PhotoFiltre is a complete image retouching program. It allows you to do simple or advanced adjustments to an image and apply a vast range of filters on it. It is simple and intuitive to use, and has an easy learning curve. The toolbar, giving you access to the standard filters with just a few clicks, gives PhotoFiltre a robust look.
http://www.photofiltre.com/

July 3, 2005 BBQ Picnic Review by Bill Avery

Our Coffee/Tea and Cookie Break, with great treats, is the usual special event between the Q&A session and a featured speaker. This time we decided to try something new so we went directly from Alan's General SIG, to our first SLO Bytes BBQ. Since the IOOF Hall has a full-size outdoor grill, and the weather was just fine, every member got to enjoy the efforts of Ray Miklas, Pete Stonehewer, Nancy Vrooman, Bill Avery (organizing committee), Cliff Buttschardt, Pete Lawn, Bob Mires, and Ralph Sutter, who supplied the oak wood for the fire pit (cooks). All the food/drinks/supplies were purchased, delivered and laid out by Peter Stonehewer, Nancy Vrooman, Josette Farnum and Debi Schmitt. The clean up crew consisted of Bob Mellema and pretty much all of the other volunteers who worked on this BBQ.

Our 1/3 pound burgers and Ballpark franks were gobbled up by a really patient and enthusiastic crowd. Our members and their guests enjoyed potato salad, coleslaw and several other dishes. The cookies, iced tea, and cold drinks made a hit, with many folks going back for seconds. As soon as the fun was over, our clean up crew swung into action, and the cooks got to have their meal out by the pit. Our turnout was better than expected, and we hope a good time was had by all! WA

Don Jones' Featured Speaker Programming Schedule by Don Jones

On August 7th our featured speaker is **Dennis Johansen**, Owner and Operator of *Jim's Campus Camera* who will give us an update on the fast-changing digital photography field. Most of the manufacturers introduce more equipment for the Holiday shopping season than any other time, and Dennis will give us his latest info on the coming season.

On September 4th our featured speaker is Steve Melancon of Premiere Printer Repair, www.premiereprinterrepair.com, speaking on Printer Repair and Maintenance. Members will remember that he gave us an excellent talk in 2002, and we are pleased to have him back.

Webmaster's Notes by Ralph Sutter

I have placed Nancy Vrooman's pictures of the July 3 BBQ on the SLO Bytes web site at http://www.slobytes.org/gallery/.   Thanks, Nancy. A new Digital Photography special interest group has a link [Photo SIG] on the SLO Bytes home page. Point your browser here to learn more about this new group.

Ralph Sutter
SLO Bytes Webmaster

Digital Photography SIG by Lou Pera

The Digital Photography SIG met as scheduled, on Tuesday 7/12/05, fifteen members attending. The beginning topic introduced by Don Jones, our leader, was a continuation of the discussion, started at our last month's meeting regarding photo storage. The principal emphasis was on the avoidance of the deterioration of image quality that takes place under certain circumstances. The second portion of the meeting was devoted to the use of PhotoShop Elements 3. Don had set up his computer and the SLO Bytes' projector as he had for his SLO Bytes presentation at the IOOF Hall several months ago. He demonstrated some of the methods he had used to produce great photos using the Elements 3 editing software. 16th August meeting will also be on the use of PhotoShop Elements 3 program.

President's Message

July Meeting Schedule
At our August 7, 2005 meeting
At 1 PM, Alan will be attending the Southwest User Group Conference in San Diego and LinuxWorld in San Francisco so Ray Miklas will be moderating the question and Answer session.
At 2:30 PM, Our speaker will be **Dennis Johansen**, Owner and Operator of *Jim's Campus Camera*

This came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG** Region 10 Chair:

August 5-7 Southwest User Group Conference, San Diego. www.swuugconf.org Fun in the Sun & Computers, Too! This is the 12th annual conference offering fun-filled days packed with vendor presentations, great food, workshops, a chance to talk with user groupies from other UGs, and much more. The conference begins on Friday evening and ends with lunch on Sunday.

APCUG - July PUSH Articles came to me from **Judy Taylour of APCUG** Region 10 Chair and Editorial PUSH Committee Chair.
Webmaster's note: Those articles are:

    Scrapbooking - 12k .rtf file
    Search Engine Tips and Tricks Part 2 - 16k .rtf file
    Tech News - 11k .rtf file
    Windows - Better Safe (Mode) Than Sorry - 10.5k .rtf file
    Don't Fall for Human Engineering - 11k .rtf file
    Dual-Core Processors Are Coming - 10.7k .rtf file
    First Phishing, Now Pharming - 7.7k .rtf file

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

June 24, 2005 – July 24, 2005

Income

New members	50.00
Renewing members	150.00
Bar B Q guests (19)	95.00

Expenses

Hall rent	75.00
Bar B Q (Schmitt)	25.85
Bar B Q (Farnum)	10.74
Bar B Q (Stonehewer)	150.74

Bank accounts @ 6/30/05

Saving Acct Balance	3,179.97
Checking Acct Balance	2,177.12
Interest- year to date	24.59

New members: two

    Ronnie McCarthy

Kaye Raul (yes, Alan's sister)
Renewing members: six

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 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.

Photography SIG normally meets at 7 PM on a second Tuesday, following our Sunday General Meeting at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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