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January 4th 2014 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul
Program and Web Site Links Demonstrated by Alan Raul

<http://alanraul.com/bb/links.pdf>

<http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?topic=4.0>

Advantages of a Personal Domain Name

<http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?topic=184.0>

List of defunct hard disk manufacturers

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_defunct_hard_disk_manufacturers

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Diagram_of_Hard_Disk_Drive_Manufacturer_Consolidation.svg

Microsoft Plans to Talk More about Windows 10 at January 21 Event

<http://goo.gl/388oHR>

Outlook.com tips

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/outlook/basics>

Platform War - iOS vs Android - Apple vs Google – Comparison

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3e2Gcs-FYA>

FREE Backup for Dummies Book - Acronis Special Edition

www.acronis.com/dummies

The above link will take you here.

http://promo.acronis.com/Dummies-Redmond-TechWatch-Newsletter.html?sfcd_campaignID=7015000000wtqJ

Dave McLaughlin gave a very informative and funny presentation of the **Amazon Echo**.

<http://www.amazon.com/oc/echo/>

We had a lengthy discussion of building a barebones computer vs. purchasing a prebuilt computer system.

Windows Experience Index (WEI)

<http://alanraul.com/wei/>

Shuttle Configured Systems

<http://us.shuttle.com/Models.aspx>

Shuttle Barebones Systems

<http://us.shuttle.com/barebone/products.html>

Shuttle SH67H3 v2.0 Multi-OS Build

<http://alanraul.com/8/>

Shuttle DS437T Fanless Slim-PC

<http://alanraul.com/437t/>

Shuttle SH67H3 Windows Home Server 2011 Build

<http://www.alanraul.com/whs/>

System76

<https://system76.com/>

Puget Systems

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

Revo Uninstaller

http://www.revouninstaller.com/revo_uninstaller_free_download.html

GeekUninstaller

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

Due to technical difficulties this presentation will be shown at a later date.

A presentation on Easy Desktop from the APCUG Video series

<http://microseconds.com/easydesktop-9-0/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30HndWKddps>

Alan Raul

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February 1st Programming Schedule by John Waller

We have rescheduled from the January meeting the APCUG video, [Easy Desktop](#);

“**Easy Desktop** replaces the Windows desktop with a menu system as opposed to the thumbnail picture Icon system.

With Easy Desktop you can eliminate desktop icon clutter, organize your programs and reduce your computer frustrations, especially with Win8.”

John Waller

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President’s Message by Earl Kaplan

A light turnout for our initial meeting of the year engaged in an active discussion of matters technical. A hasty reschedule of the second session occurred when technical things went somewhat awry, as they often do, and prevented us from seeing a presentation from one of the quarterly APCUG webinars. It is good to remember that the technology we use, while marvelous, is not infallible and any of us can be bitten by one of the many pitfalls that are always lying in wait for us.

The demo, by Dave McLaughlin, of the newest Amazon device, the Echo, created a lot of discourse. Days after the meeting I heard varying opinions being expressed by people about the usefulness and need for this device. Like anything else in the technical realm, there is no universal answer, it ALWAYS depends on the individual’s needs and desires.

Earl Kaplan

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Treasurer's Report for January 2015 by Bob Styerwalt

Income for January 2015		
	Renewing members	\$150.00
	Refreshment Income	20.00
Expenses		
	Hall rent	90.00
	Refreshments – accumulated costs	43.93
Bank Statement ending 12/31/2014		
	Checking account balance	\$3204.82
	Interest paid this period	00.28
	Deposits	67.00
	Withdrawals	140.00

Renewing members: Peter Stonehewer, Donn Ragle, Glenn Zaretska, Fred Cook, Dave McLaughlin, Bob and Linda Styerwalt.

Treasurers' Comments: Thanks for your support, renewing members and others.

Bob Styerwalt

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Photo SIG Report by Ralph Sutter

The theme for the Photo SIG meeting of **01/18/2014** was **Wildlife**. Members shared images of animals large and small.

The meeting started with a discussion of the lessening need for full -frame image sensors in digital SLR cameras.

Read the article at http://www.luminous-landscape.com/essays/full_frame_myth.shtml

Later, Ralph Sutter demonstrated the **Panorama** feature of **Irfanview**. The group concluded that numerous other options did a better job of creating panoramic images.

At the meeting, several members suggested helpful resources for image editing. They include

[One Minute Tip - Photoshop Wednesdays](#)

[Photoshop Elements User](#) and

[Tim Grey tutorials on digital photography](#)

The next meeting of the Photo SIG will take place on **02/08/2014**. The topic is **Transformations; Color to Black and White**. Members are invited to bring one or more images in black and white. If the image was originally in color, bring the color image too.

Many photo editing programs can transform color images to black and white. One such program is [Irfanview](#). It's freeware

Looking ahead, the March 8th meeting will demonstrate freeware video editors. Members are encouraged to record short videos and edit them at this meeting. One freeware video editor, **Windows Movie Maker**, can be downloaded at windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-live/movie-maker. There is a version available for **Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 8.1** as well as those for earlier Windows operating systems.

The Photo SIG group meets on the next Sunday after the SLO Bytes General Meeting.

Meetings take place at the home of Ralph and Connie Sutter. Directions and contact information are available [here](#).

More information about the SLO Bytes Photo SIG is available at www.slobytes.org/digital. Take a look at the Notes of previous Photo SIG sessions at www.slobytes.org/digital/notes.html.

Ralph Sutter

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Take a look at the **PUSH archives**, <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/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>

Take a look at <http://www.kcbx.net/training.html> to view the various computer-related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

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SLO Bytes Bulletin Board

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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 **John Waller** (johnlwaller@sbcglobal.net) or visit 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. Membership entitles you to our monthly newsletter via e-mail, technical assistance, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings are held, a voice in the affairs of the club, and comradeship.

Article Submission Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be e-mailed to the editor (ralph@rsutter.com).



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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on the Thursday following our Sunday's General Meeting at the KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo.

Photography SIG normally meets at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 478-0826 for directions.

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