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January 4ᵗʰ, 2026, General Session Notes *by Ralph Sutter*

Caltopo*; Freeware Mapping Software:* www.caltopo.com
Caltopo Tutorials*:* https://training.caltopo.com/all_users/getting-started

Using Irfanview, Place your GPS enabled images on a Google Earth Pro Map
*Download **Irfanview** from* https://www.irfanview.com/64bit.htm
Download Google Earth Pro *from* https://www.google.com/earth/about/versions/
You take pictures with your smartphone and you have not turned off location, Press the letter e in Irfanview. You can then choose to upload that picture to Google Earth Pro

Adam Savage *compares Apple Thunderbolt cable to cheap USB C cables*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD5aAd8Oy84 *Worthwhile for Interesting details on Thunderbolt cable but it?s a flawed comparison akin to matching a bicycle against a car*

Kevin Stratvert Free Movies on YouTube*:* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhxtAfpi4Ow
Kevin Stratvert Top 20 Google Maps Tips & Tricks*: All the best features you should know!*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beeNMoXuxPg

Every SSD Type Explained In 8 Minutes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or-RheltPrc

Ways to Add Storage to Your Computer
Leave an SD card in your computer's card reader slot. A 128 GB SD card stays in my Lenovo laptop

Attach external drives via ***USB C/Thunderbolt***

Sutter Storage on Coolermaster Computer https://www.fullbean.com/computer/sutter-drives.pdf

Add Docking Stations
CalDigit TS4 Thunderbolt 4 Dock *- 18 Ports, 98W Charging, 40Gb/s Thunderbolt 4, USB-A/C, 2.5GbE, 8K/6K Displays, Mac/PC/Chrome Compatible $379.99*
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09GK8LBWS/

OWC Thunderbolt Hub https://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1603440-REG/owc_owctb4hub5p_thunderbolt_hub_adds_3_thunderbolt.html *$128.99*

ZikeDrive *Z666 USB4 40Gbps NVMe M.2 SSD Enclosure $119.99*
https://ziketech.com/products/zikedrive-usb4-40gbps-nvme-m-2-ssd-enclosure-z666

StarTech USB 3.1 Dual-Bay Dock for 2.5"/3.5" SATA SSDs/HDDs *$90.00*
https://www.amazon.com/StarTech-com-10Gbps-Dual-ay-Dock-SATA/dp/B00XLAZ9KC

Powered USB Hubs
Arcodot 9 in 1 USB C Adapter
https://www.amazon.com/USB-Hub-Acodot-Multiport-Adapter/dp/B0BKPYY8BC?th=1 *$16.99*

External Device for mounting NVME m.2 Drives
Riitop NVME to USB Enclosure Adapter (Out of stock)
https://www.newegg.com/riitop-nvm2c-sl-enclosure/p/0VN-006F-00033

USB Adapters
https://www.amazon.com/Best-Sellers-USB-to-USB-Adapters/zgbs/pc/3015402011

Plugable 3-Port USB 3.0 Hub with Gigabit Ethernet Port *(not powered) $34.95*
https://plugable.com/products/usb3-hub3me

Not Computer Related
Alpenflow Fuel Transfer Valve for Propane Canisters *$11.95*
https://www.garagegrowngear.com/products/alpenflow-fuel-transfer-device-by-alpenglow-gear

Project Farm: *https://www.youtube.com/@ProjectFarm*
Garden Hoses *https://youtu.be/-W-kHV_t-So?t=1113*
Oil Absorbent Products *https://youtu.be/JyAuzc7993M?t=1096*
Double A Batteries *https://youtu.be/7eloV0mp6CE?t=1080*
Plastic Tarps *https://youtu.be/L6ush2x6tB4?t=1142*

CA Glues Tested *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vR15u0vmms*
Elmers Gorilla Krazy Loctite Scotch Original Super Glue
Best at Twist (torque wrench) Elmers *https://youtu.be/_vR15u0vmms?t=416*
Best at tensile strength (pulling up) Loctite *https://youtu.be/_vR15u0vmms?t=526*
Best at inches supported (sliding along pipe) Loctite *https://youtu.be/_vR15u0vmms?t=667*
Best at price per gram Loctite   *https://youtu.be/_vR15u0vmms?t=671*

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January 4ᵗʰ, 2026, Program *by Ralph Sutter*
The **First ZOOM Session** will feature **Ralph Sutter** offering a **Questions and Answers** program from **12:45-2:00 p.m**. Usual topics include security issues, recent changes in Windows operating systems, tablets and smart phones as well as demos of software and hardware. We always encourage questions and observations from the audience.

To be part of the virtual meeting via **Zoom**, please refer to the e-mail that will be sent to you twice shortly before the meeting with the credentials necessary to join the Zoom session.
If you are asked for a **Meeting ID** or a **Password**, copy it from the announcement and paste it into the appropriate box.

There will be a break from 2:00-2:30 pm allowing the audience to sip a beverage, pet the dog or stretch. The **Second Session** will follow the format in which everyone is invited to pose computer issues that they face and/or solutions to them. We will call this segment **Potpourri**. Contact Ralph at ralph@rsutter.com for more information.

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Photo Group Report *by Ralph Sutter*

No Photo Group meeting was held in January 2026

See the Links page for tutorials and other resources.
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Push Library
Look at the **PUSH archives**, http://www.slobytes.org/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

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SLO Bytes Bulletin Board
Everyone can read the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board at http://slobytes.org/smf/index.php?board=1.0 but only subscribers can post comments or respond to the posts of others. Despite the usual connotation of **subscribe**, it costs nothing to join the bulletin board. It is free to all current SLO Bytes members. However, to guard against cyber-mischief by spammers and other ne'er-do-wells, I have disabled self-registration. If you want to be added to the bulletin board, please send your request to me at ralph@rsutter.com.

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at
http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4

Club Information and Meeting Times

SLO Bytes, a PC Users Group dedicated to educating its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month via **Zoom**. Zoom credentials are sent to members twice shortly before each meeting. If you are a SLO Bytes member and don't receive this e-mail, please contact ralph@rsutter.com.

All meetings are open to the public at no cost. A general interest and Q&A session occurs from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM and guest speaker presentations begin at 2:30 PM. Contact **Ralph Sutter** (ralph@rsutter.com) or visit slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation. All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

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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.

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
The Linux Group normally meets via Zoom at 6:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month.
View the web site at https://slolug.mailchimpsites.com/ Contact Alan@alanraul.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session.

The Photography Group normally meets via Zoom beginning at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month. Contact ralph@rsutter.com for credentials to join the Zoom Session. Visit the website at www.slobytes.org/digital

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