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March 4th*, 2012 General Windows SIG review* by Alan Raul
Links to items mentioned in my presentation **Windows 8 Consumer Preview**
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/consumer-preview

Windows 8 Consumer Preview Product Guide 6.43 MB as a PDF
http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?LinkId=238697

Windows 8 Consumer Preview ISO images
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/iso

New Windows 8 Shortcut Keys
http://www.howtogeek.com/107182/get-to-know-the-new-shortcut-keys-in-windows-8/

Using the Free "Windows 8 Consumer Preview" to Look Into the Future of "Windows…"

From the Tucson Computer Society by Francis Chao
http://www.aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/win8/win8consumerprev.pdf

Logging into your SmartMeter
http://www.pge.com/myenergy/

DuckDuckGo - is a search engine that is based in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and uses information from crowd-sourced sites (like Wikipedia) with the aim of augmenting traditional results and improving relevance. The search engine philosophy emphasizes privacy and does not record user information.
http://duckduckgo.com/ and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DuckDuckGo

Alan

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March 4th General Meeting Review by Ralph Sutter
Due to an unforeseen cancellation by the previously scheduled speaker, Alan Raul filled in admirably with a demonstration in which he installed **Windows 8** into a spare hard drive partition on his laptop. He has included the links in the preceding section.

Ralph

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April 1st *Programming Schedule* by John Waller
The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

The **Main Presentation** begins at 2:30 p. m. with **Michael Boyer** speaking on Social Media. Michael is in an expert in online marketing including social media, email and conversion management. He is the Chief Operating Officer of ElementsLocal Inc, a software company focused on solutions for franchise companies.

Michael has 17 years of online marketing experience, leading large projects with many fortune 2000 clients, Previously, Michael held the position of Vice President of Operations at **Web Associates** now **Level Studios** in San Luis Obispo. Michael studied business and communications at the **University of Oregon**.

Michael is active in many industry, community service and non-profit organizations. He serves on the board of the Rotary Club of Pismo Beach the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Exploration Station. Both The San Luis Obispo Tribune and the Pacific Coast Business Times recognized Michael with their Under 40 award for his professional excellence and profound commitment to the community.

President's Message by Earl Kaplan

I was sorry to have to miss a meeting so early in my new role, but I had already paid for the trip. It is a tribute to the resource we have in Alan that he can perform upon demand, but we need to be careful, that is a wonderful way to burn out a guy's resolve.

After attending another web-based meeting with the APCUG group I realized a few things; firstly, we have people in our group capable of making presentations far better than some people who actually make presentations to groups like APCUG; and secondly, we need to start using the resources we have at hand. One of the major problems with that is that the people who have experience at making presentations also have a lot of experience in a lot of highly technical areas.

We need to hear from the membership about what subject areas you want to know more about. Ralph has provided a form on the web site that can be easily used by you to give us some ideas. Unless you would like a treatise on how to program in RPG please let us know what YOU are interested in. You will not be held liable in any way.

Earl Kaplan

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Go to http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/ to see the **PUSH** reviews. They come to us from the Association of Computer User Groups, **APCUG**, the national organization with which SLO Bytes is affiliated. Our webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

You can view the APCUG publications here: http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html .

Take a look at http://www.kcbx.net/training.html to see if you would like to avail yourself of the various computer related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

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Treasurer's Report for March 2012 by Bob Mires

Income for March 2012

Renewing members	$75.00
Refreshment Income	33.00

Expenses

Hall rent	90.00
Business Cards	33.50
Refreshment Costs	33.00

Bank Statement ending 2/29/12:

Checking account	3,228.88
Savings account	55.00
Interest YTD	.77
Deposits	280.44
Withdrawals	151.72

Renewing members: Don Jones, Ed Faeth, and Kenneth Anderson.

Treasurer's Comments: Good program fill in by Alan when our speaker did not show. I have learned since that he had an injury on Saturday and was under treatment on Sunday, and that he is anxious to pick up and make the presentation when the Program Chair has a spot.

Robert Mires, Treasurer

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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 at sbcglobal.net) or visit http://www.slobytes.org/index.shtml 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, raffle gift drawing at the end of the meetings, 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 at rsutter.com).

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)

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 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Bob Grover's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Bob at 489-6230 for directions.

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