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March 2nd 2014 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

The following software and links were discussed at the meeting:

Windows 8.1 Book – is a full-length e-book about Windows 8.1.
http://windows81book.com/

This Week in **"Windows 8.1 Field Guide"**: March 2, 2014
http://winsupersite.com/windows-8/week-windows-81-field-guide-march-2-2014

O'Reilly - Windows 8.1 Plain & Simple
http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0790145390356.do

O'Reilly - Windows 8.1 Bible
http://shop.oreilly.com/product/9781118835319.do

Windows System Control Center (WSCC) - provides a central interface for installing, administering and updating all of the Sysinternals and Nirsoft utilities. It also lets you run a number of the standard native Windows utilities from one convenient place.
http://www.kls-soft.com/wscc/

Other FREE and Paid programs from **KLS-Soft**
http://www.kls-soft.com/main/products.php

Enable Windows 7 and 8's Hidden "God Mode"
http://www.techspot.com/guides/236-windows-god-mode/

Microsoft Safety Scanner - Free Virus Scan with the Microsoft Safety Scanner
http://www.microsoft.com/security/scanner/en-us/default.aspx

What is Windows Defender Offline?
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/what-is-windows-defender-offline

Malicious Software Removal Tool
http://www.microsoft.com/security/pc-security/malware-removal.aspx
You can periodically run the *Malicious Software Removal Tool* from the run command by entering "**mrt**" and enter.

WiFi Profile Manager 8: View Preferred Wireless Network Profiles in Windows 8
http://www.thewindowsclub.com/wifi-profile-manager-windows-8

FoolishIT Network Profiles Utility
http://www.foolishit.com/vb6-projects/network-profiles-utility/

April 6th Programming Schedule *by John Waller*

Jim Guld of <u>Geeks on Tour</u> will be the speaker during the Second Session. He will speak via SKYPE on **Technology for Travelers**.

John Waller

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President's Message *by Earl Kaplan*

As we approach the dreaded date for cessation of support for Windows XP hope fully we have all heard and understood the words of some of the talking heads on the Internet who are now pointing out, with some data to back it up, that going on using Windows XP might not be as major a disaster as we were being told.

First of all, data derived from analysis of Windows updates for the last several years for Windows XP indicates that by taking one simple action you could have avoided almost all the problems fixed by these updates. That simple action, do not run as an Administrator. When you run as an administrator any malware takeover of your session means the malware is an administrator. If you run as a General User the malware is not empowered to install software and thus is less dangerous.

Is it a wise move to continue to run Windows XP? Absolutely not, it is more than ten years old, it is not as good as the releases that followed it (let us forget about Vista).Windows 7 was much improved in many ways and Windows 8 is reaching a point where the choices that were made by Microsoft are being softened to the point where they no longer make the release as ugly and clumsy. Under the covers there are improvements.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments *by Ralph Sutter*

I recently uploaded new content to 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 see if you would like to avail yourself of the various computer related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

Ralph Sutter

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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**.

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Treasurer's Report for March 2014 by Bob Mires

Income for March 2014		
	Renewing members	$100.00
	Refreshment Sales	0
Expenses		
	Refreshment costs (2 months)	0
	Hall rent	90.00
Bank statement ending 01/31/2014		
	Savings account	5.00
	Checking account	3,361.52
	Interest Year 2013	3.37
	Deposits	248.30
	Withdrawals	90.00

Renewing members: Richard Headly, Don Jones, Robert Mires
New members: Claudia E. Collier
Treasurer's Comments: The programs our two members provided during our two sessions were, to me, very informative, with an element of humor and art in Alan's presentation. Good Jobs.

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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 Hall** (IOOF) 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 www.slobytes.org/index.php 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.

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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 7:00 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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