SLO Bytes HardCopy

April 7th 2013 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

downrightnow monitors the status of your favorite web services, combining user reports and official announcements to tell you when there's service trouble.
http://downrightnow.com/

There and Back Again: A Packet's Tale. **How Does the Internet Work?**
http://worldsciencefestival.com/videos/there_and_back_again_a_packets_tale

diskpart is a command-line hard disk partitioning utility included in versions of the Windows NT operating system line from Windows 2000 onwards, replacing fdisk which was used in MS-DOS based operating systems.
http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc766465(v=ws.10).aspx

Create Bootable USB Thumb Drive (Key) Using Diskpart with Windows 8 Media to Install Windows
http://blog.powerbiz.net.au/fixes/using-diskpart-to-create-a-bootable-usb-of-windows-8/

Windows 7 USB/DVD download tool
http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msus/html/pbPage.Help_Win7_usbdvd_dwnTool/ThemeID.29553000

AutoCollage 2008 selects, arranges, and blends your pictures into a collage suitable for printing or emailing.
http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/cambridge/projects/autocollage/
http://www.microsoftstore.com/store/msus/en_US/pdp/productID.253652300?WT.mc_id=autocollage

NirSoft Wireless Network Watcher
http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/wireless_network_watcher.html

inSSIDer for home gives you visibility into your Wi-Fi environment.
http://www.metageek.net/products/inssider/

WinRAR is a powerful archive manager which can open ISO files.
http://www.rarlabs.com/

RarZilla Free Unrar
http://www.philipp-winterberg.com/software/rarzilla_free_unrar.php

7-Zip is an open source Windows utility for manipulating archives.
http://www.7-zip.org/

Alan

May 5th Programming Schedule *arranged by John Waller*

The speaker for the **Main Session** is **Jere Minich** of the **Lake Sumter Computer Society** in Leesberg Florida. He will speak to us via Skype on **Cloud Computing** beginning at 2:30 pm.

Ralph Sutter

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President's Message *by Earl Kaplan*

As discussed elsewhere in this edition of HardCopy, our meeting in April was notable for the small attendance, hopefully due to Marathon interference, and a presenter who had a family emergency which we were not aware of until after the meeting. It is also notable, although not surprising, that the meeting produced spirited and useful discussion of the problems encountered by individuals on a variety of subjects.

Most teachers, advisors, gurus, and other sources of arcane technical information will tell you that there is no such thing as a dumb question and they are right. What is needed with almost any question are details because the answers are usually buried in one or two of those details. The more details you have about the computing environment in which you are having the problem, the more likely someone can come up with an answer.

I would like to remind all members that the type of discussion we had due the speaker's problem on Sunday is one of the main purposes of SLO Bytes, talking about problems members are having and, hopefully, finding some solutions. Keep coming and keep asking questions.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments *by Ralph Sutter*

Lending Library: SLO Bytes maintains a small lending library of computer-related books. Currently the volumes available are

   Windows 8 Plain and Simple
   WordPress; the Missing Manual

Please e-mail **ralph@rsutter** if you would like to check out any of this material.

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.

NOTE

Due to the concerns over the misuse of the PUSH articles by non-APCUG affiliated computer clubs, I have password protected the PUSH archives on the SLO Bytes site. If you click on any of the links that follow, a message will appear asking that you enter a user name and a password. The User Name is **slobytes**. The password is **IOOF520dAnA**.

You will need to enter this information when attempting to access the PUSH articles from the following links

   http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/index.html
   http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/push-condensed.html

You can view additional APCUG publications here: http://www.slobytes.org/apcug/index.html
The latter materials are not password-protected.

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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Treasurer's Report for April 2013 by *Bob Mires*

Income for April 2013		
	Renewing members	$50.00
	Refreshment Income	23.75
Expenses		
	Hall rent	90.00
	Refreshment Costs	00.00
Bank Statement ending 03/31/2013		
	Checking account	3,324.49
	Savings account	55.00
	Interest YTD	00.84
	Deposits	206.29
	Withdrawals	316.00

Renewing members: Ben Hansen and Jim Buenrostro
Treasurer's Comments: Today we experienced a smaller than usual crowd and a no show speaker. Nevertheless, your treasurer thought that the combined efforts of the club membership produced a great meeting. Thanks as usual to Alan for leading meaningful discussions through both meeting sessions AND to the membership for thoughtful and informative questions and responses.

Bob Mires

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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.

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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 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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