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April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 General Session Notes by Alan Raul

YouTube brings its more affordable *Premium Lite* subscription to the US - Priced at \$7.99 per month, Premium Lite will rid your YouTube experience of ads when watching most videos.

<https://www.theverge.com/news/624598/youtube-premium-lite-announced-us>

<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=youtube+premium+light&iar=news&ia=news>

New Windows 11 trick lets you bypass Microsoft Account requirement

*start ms-cxh:localonly*

[https://duckduckgo.com/?q=start+ms-cxh%3Alocalonly&t=h\\_&start=1&iar=news](https://duckduckgo.com/?q=start+ms-cxh%3Alocalonly&t=h_&start=1&iar=news)

No, No One Is Forcing You to Buy a New Machine

<https://youtu.be/g1BzpPXCLHU>

Patch My PC Home Updater - Easily Install and Update Apps on Your Home PC

<https://patchmypc.com/product/home-updater>

Revo Uninstaller Free

<https://www.revouninstaller.com/products/revo-uninstaller-free/>

Save 20% on Pacific Surfliner Midweek Travel

<https://www.amtrak.com/pacific-surfliner-spring-midweek-sale>

4K Dash Cam, Built-in GPS Front 4K & Rear 1080P Dash Camera with 64GB Memory Card, UHD 3" IPS 170° Wide Angle Dual Car Dash Cam Front and Rear, Night Vision, Parking Monitor, WDR (Black)

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DKFR1VY4?th=1>

ASUS DriverHub - automatically detects your PC configuration and provides personalized system support and driver updates for your ASUS hardware. Download and install the software to access customized driver and software updates for your ASUS devices.

<https://driverhub.asus.com/en>

Armoury Crate - is a unified interface that lets you configure and control your ASUS and ROG devices and features. Sync Aura Sync-enabled devices, create lighting effects, switch scenarios, access game deals and rewards, and more.

<https://rog.asus.com/us/content/armoury-crate/>

Apple Silicon Explained in 56 Seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/OltS40EjSxk>

Using Ambient Music On Your iPhone

<https://youtu.be/aiZ5dnMDTiE>

Apple Ecosystem Hacks You NEED to Know!

<https://youtu.be/HoA2iidMKBc>

Elevation Lab TagVault AirTag Camera - The Hidden AirTag Tripod Plate | Low-Profile, Security Screw, Arca-Swiss Geometry | for DSLR's & Mirrorless Cameras

<https://www.elevationlab.com/products/tagvault-camera>

<https://www.amazon.com/TagVault-Camera-Arca-Swiss-Mirrorless-Elevation/dp/B0C3SXV1SQ?th=1>

Helium Design Lab He3 Handgrip for Leica Q3

[https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/65fb84f21b311d1b9b857c19/1719774928717-](https://images.squarespace-cdn.com/content/v1/65fb84f21b311d1b9b857c19/1719774928717-NGZQB876MXJBV3KDW2WU/image.jpg)

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Airtag Holder case 2 Pack IPX8 Waterproof Airtag Strap Mount | Compatible with Apple Airtag, Ultra-Secure & Hidden design| for Camera Straps,Bags, Backpacks, etc.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0CM3MVKQ2?th=1>

The San Luis Story - 1938 Travel documentary of the San Luis Obispo County, including Cal Poly campus and aerial shots of the coastline.

[https://archive.org/details/cslu\\_000001](https://archive.org/details/cslu_000001)

Plex Pass is going up in price and now you'll need it for remote playback

<https://www.theverge.com/news/632631/plex-subscription-price-increase-remote-playback>

How to Password Protect an External Hard Drive

<https://drivesaversdatarecovery.com/password-protect-external-hard-drive/>

Your smart TV knows what you're watching

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/your-smart-tv-is-tracking-you-here-are-the-steps-to-disable-it/ar-BB1hSmZN>

Sorry Apple.. I made my OWN iCloud! - Synology DS923+ NAS Review!

<https://youtu.be/9eUQ6vJoOKA>

NAS vs Cloud Backups

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/xjwdfp9vLLA>

Alan Raul

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May 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 Program *by Ralph Sutter*

The First ZOOM Session will feature **Alan Raul** 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.

There will be a break from 2:00-2:30 pm allowing the audience to sip a beverage, pet the dog or stretch.

Contact Ralph at [ralph@rsutter.com](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com) for more information.

View Zoom tutorials at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM\\_I1lId3N\\_XI77fKDzSXe](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM_I1lId3N_XI77fKDzSXe) If you have any questions, please contact [ralph@rsutter.com](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com)

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**Meeting of 04/13/2025**

**Stanford Brown** presented in absentia while on a cruise. Before he set sail, Stanford left images of a stream fording, a kid with his head in the mouth of a camel, a comic sign and a field of wildflowers.

Ralph Sutter followed by showing fruit tree blossoms, wildflowers and freeze dried espresso.

**Alan Raul**, using his Leica and Sony cameras, displayed Spring flowers and Spring sunsets. He used Adobe Photoshop, Camera Raw and ON1 Photo Raw 2025 to manipulate and enhance his images.

Kaye Raul featured poppies, birds of paradise and grape vines before cleverly moving to the garden section of Home Depot for guaranteed flower shots. Kaye used Photoshop to remove distracting elements from her pictures.

**John Waller** opened his Spring portfolio with several closeups of metal tension springs, signs of Avila Hot Springs and Sycamore Mineral Springs. He then illustrated how farmers disk their fields in the Spring prior to planting

Our next meeting will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>, moved back one week by Mothers' Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be

## Learn or Improve a Skill and Demonstrate Its Use for Better Photos.

Here are the meeting dates for the rest of 2025

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

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>

## 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](mailto: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>

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com)) or visit [slobytes.org](http://slobytes.org) for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation. All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.

**HardCopy** is a monthly publication of **SLO Bytes PC Users' Group** located in San Luis Obispo, California.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com) for credentials to join the Zoom Session. Visit the website at [www.slobytes.org/digital](http://www.slobytes.org/digital)

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