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May 5th 2013 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Plugin Check currently will not run on Internet Explorer. It must be run on the Firefox or Chrome browser to get the results.

<http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/plugincheck/>

Patch My PC – *my recommended program to replace the Plugin Check from Mozilla*

The free edition is designed for computer technicians on the go that will run it on multiple PC's.

<http://patchmypc.net/>

<http://patchmypc.net/download>

FileHippo.com Update Checker

<http://www.filehippo.com/updatechecker/>

Secunia Personal Software Inspector (PSI) is a free computer security solution that identifies vulnerabilities in non-Microsoft (third-party) programs which can leave your PC open to attacks.

http://secunia.com/vulnerability_scanning/personal/v1/

Google Apps Status Dashboard

<http://www.google.com/appsstatus>

Acronis True Image Home 2013

Purchase from User Group Relations (UGR) – Gene Barlow

<http://www.ugr.com/TrueImage.html>

SpinRite from Steve Gibson

<https://www.grc.com/sr/spinrite.htm>

OCZ SSD (Solid State Drive) Firmware Updates

<http://ocz.com/consumer/download/firmware>

<http://www.ocztechnologyforum.com/forum/showthread.php?105168-NEW!!-OCZ-Bootable-Toolbox-PC-Edition-%28REBUILD%29>

Alan

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June 2nd Programming Schedule arranged by John Waller

The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a Questions and Answers program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

The **Second Session** beginning at 2:30 p. m. brings Jim and Chris Guld aka [Geeks on Tour](#). Jim and Chris will join us via SKYPE with a presentation on the popular Google photo editing program, **Picasa**.

Don't miss **Picasa and Picasa Web Albums**: Make your pictures look their best and share them online - all Free.

Ralph Sutter

President's Message by Earl Kaplan

Another good discussion session with member's questions leading the way into good territory.

A good presentation about the cloud and what it can mean to users. If you still feel puzzled, please bring the question up in Alan's next session, It is a complex subject and what it means depends a great deal on what the user's individual needs are. If there is any doubt, bring it up, the answer will probably interest more people than just you.

Thanks to the presenters at the combined Geek Session and Linux Users Group meeting the other evening. I may have to rev up another machine to start playing with multiple OSES in virtual machines. I had lots of fun doing it for money, it seems like it might be fun doing it just for fun.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments by Ralph Sutter

The Linux SIG, held on May 9, 2013 was devoted to virtual machines. **Alan Raul** demonstrated Microsoft's **HyperV**. **Adam Borin** presented **Linux CentOS KVM** and **Ralph Sutter** showed Oracle's **VirtualBox**. Thereafter, the presenters offered to install the respective VMs on the laptop of interested attendees. Ben Hansen was the sole taker, successfully installing VirtualBox on a MAC system running **Mountain Lion**.

Southwest Computer and Technology Conference

The Southwest Technology and Computer Conference, sponsored by **Region 10** of **APCUG**, will take place on June 21-23 at Cal Poly Pomona. The \$85 Early Bird registration fee, available until June 1, covers all meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast) and includes all workshops, the Expo, a Welcome Bag, and more. Thereafter, the fee is \$100.

I have attended several of these conferences when they were held in San Diego and will be at this one in Pomona. The presentations were generally of high quality as were the meals.

Learn more at <http://www.theswcc.org/registration/registration.htm>.

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.com 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 May 2013 by Bob Mires

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| <i>Income for April 2013</i> | |
| <i>Renewing members</i> | <i>\$100.00</i> |
| <i>Refreshment Income</i> | <i>28.64</i> |
| <i>Expenses</i> | |
| <i>Hall rent</i> | <i>90.00</i> |
| <i>Refreshment Costs</i> | <i>00.00</i> |
| <i>Bank Statement ending 4/30/2013</i> | |
| <i>Checking account</i> | <i>3,308.51</i> |
| <i>Savings account</i> | <i>55.00</i> |
| <i>Interest YTD</i> | <i>1.11</i> |
| <i>Deposits</i> | <i>74.02</i> |
| <i>Withdrawals</i> | <i>90.00</i> |

Renewing members: Lynne Boisen, Robert Mires, Eugene Rheingans, R.L. Sheehy

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** ([johnwaller at sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnwaller@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](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com)).

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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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