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*August 3rd 2014 General Windows SIG review* by Alan Raul
The following software and links were discussed at the meeting:

**5 Ways to Boot into Safe Mode in Windows 8 & Windows 8.1**
http://www.7tutorials.com/5-ways-boot-safe-mode-windows-8-windows-81

**Windows Startup Settings (including safe mode)**
http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-8/windows-startup-settings-including-safe-mode

**AT&T Nokia Lumia 635 - No Contract GoPhone**
The Nokia Lumia 635 is a replacement for the Nokia Lumia 520. The Nokia Lumia 635 has an updated processor, a bigger screen, Sensor Core technology and Windows Phone 8.1.
http://www.att.com/shop/wireless/devices/lumia-635-black.html
http://www.amazon.com/AT-Nokia-Lumia-635-Contract/dp/B00LBFFSNM/

**AT&T GoPhone Phone Prepaid Refill Cards**
http://www.att.com/shop/wireless/accessories/prepaid.html
My suggestion is to purchase the $100 prepaid card which is good for one year (365 days).
10 cents/per minute for talk
20 cents/per text message
1 cent/per 5kb of data

**Windows Phone**
http://www.windowsphone.com/

**What's new in Windows Phone 8.1**
http://www.windowsphone.com/en-US/how-to/wp8/basics/whats-new-in-windows-phone

**Windows Phone 8.1 Field Guide**
http://www.windowsphonebook.com/

**Tapping into your phone's sensors: Nokia SensorCore**
http://conversations.nokia.com/2014/04/04/tapping-into-your-phones-sensors-nokia-sensorcore/

**PC Optimizer Pro**
http://malwaretips.com/blogs/pc-optimizer-pro-virus/

**Western Digital RED NAS Drives – Now up to 6TB for 1 to 8 bay NAS.**
http://www.wdc.com/en/products/internal/nas/

**An example of a Western Digital Red 6 TB NAS Hard Drive from Amazon:**
http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00LO3KR96

Alan Raul

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 Second Session** *by Ralph Sutter*; PortableApps Presentation

**PortableApps** website:  www.portableapps.com

**Download** Tab:  http://portableapps.com/download

**Features** Tab:  http://portableapps.com/platform/features

**Apps** Tab:  http://portableapps.com/apps

**Forums**:  http://portableapps.com/forums

This open source freeware is truly portable.  When you copy it to another location, it still works even though the files are in a different location than before.

What is a portable app?  http://portableapps.com/about/what_is_a_portable_app

**The PortableApps.com Platform**™ is a full-featured portable software system that ties all your portable apps together and lets you build your own custom portable app suite for use on your USB drive, cloud drive, or local PC.  Use it instead of your own collection of portable apps because
1.  It's more convenient
2.  The applications automatically update

Give the example of my slideshow presentation at the **Photo SIG**.
I needed **VLC** to show **Indian Arm Final.avi**  Rather than search for it on the host computer, I used the portable version of **VLC** from my flash drive.
Use **Portable Irfanview** for another member's slide show because my version is configured to display all images full-screen.

Demo some apps
 **Chrome** browser to preserve bookmarks
 **Thunderbird Mail**:  Read my mail on this app
 **Virtual Magnifying Glass**
 Play music with **VLC**
 **PicPick Portable** for screen capture, scrolling screen capture on
  **Fullbean NOAA** Monthly Page; Two day archive; http://fullbean.com/davis/noaa/2day.php
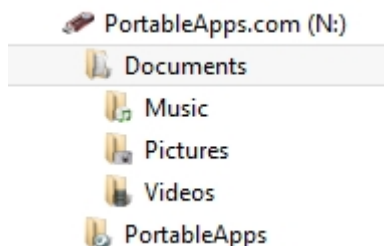  **Color picker**, **White Board**

Demo installation of a new app
(in right **PortableApps** pane, choose **Apps/Get more apps/by category**)

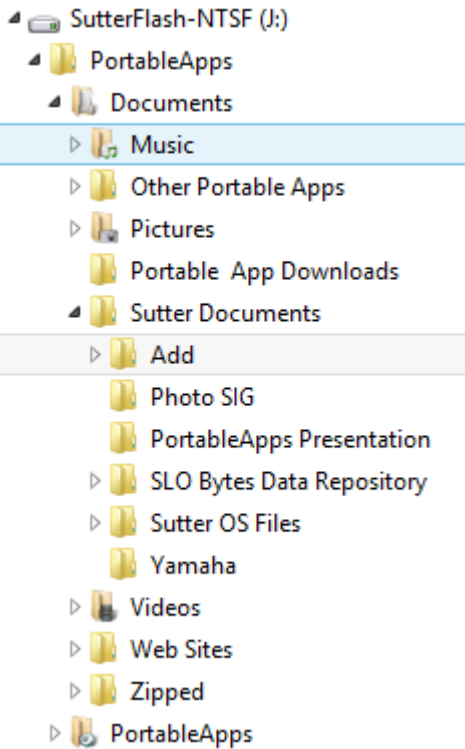Choose **4st Attack Portable** in **Games**

Uninstall **4st Attack Portable**

Show how programs automatically updated:

When you install **PortableApps**, it creates the following files on your removable device



Explain how I created additional files in the documents section

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▲ 📁 SutterFlash-NTSF (J:)
   ▲ 📁 PortableApps
      ▲ 📁 Documents
         ▷ 📁 Music
         ▷ 📁 Other Portable Apps
         ▷ 📁 Pictures
           📁 Portable  App Downloads
         ▲ 📁 Sutter Documents
            ▷ 📁 Add
              📁 Photo SIG
              📁 PortableApps Presentation
            ▷ 📁 SLO Bytes Data Repository
            ▷ 📁 Sutter OS Files
              📁 Yamaha
         ▷ 📁 Videos
         ▷ 📁 Web Sites
         ▷ 📁 Zipped
      ▷ 📁 PortableApps
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Move **PortableApps** to another computer and confirm that all of the apps still work as before.

**Ralph Sutter**

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*September 7th Programming Schedule* *by Ralph Sutter*
The **First Session** will feature **Alan Raul** moderating a **Questions and Answers** program from 12:45-2:00 p. m.

**Jim Guld** of <u>Geeks on Tour</u> will be the speaker during the **Second Session**. Jim will speak answer the question **What is Cloud Computing?**  Jim and Chris Guld gave a webinar to SLO Bytes in April 2014 on Technology for Travelers. This time, they join us in person.  Don't miss this talk.

Ralph Sutter

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*President's Message* *by Earl Kaplan*
Well, we are all glad our mystery speaker turned out to be a largely healthy **Alan Raul**. It was good to have our source of all news technical back among us. The PC Club in the organizations name has gradually lost the earlier connection with Windows PC and now can apply to a Personal Computing Device of any size, brand color, function, or shape. Fortunately Alan is not a slave to any particular platform and so reports on all of them. I laud him for this, I cannot do it.

Well we can now proceed with our technical lives as before. One change I would like to request, if any of you encounter a **YouTube** video or any other presentation you find interesting it would be appreciated if you could bring it to the attention of **Ralph Sutter** or me. **John Waller**'s mother has a broken arm and requires more of his time than normal for a while so it would be great if you could keep your eyes open.

Earl Kaplan

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Take a look at 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 view the various computer-related classes available at the **KCBXnet Training Facility**.

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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 August 2014 by* Bob Mires

| Income for August 2014 | | |
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| | Renewing members (6) | $150.00 |
| | Refreshment Income | 22.00 |
| | Raffle Ticket Sales | 00.00 |
| Expenses for August 2014 | | |
| | Hall rent | 90.00 |
| | to Thatcher for BBQ expense | 23.52 |
| Bank Statement ending 10/31/2012: | | |
| | Balance after deposit of income receipts on | 3347.67 |
| | Outstanding Checks | 113.52 |

**Renewing members**: John Romanelli, Ken Stilts, James Buenrostro, Walter Wadja, Janet Thatcher, Richard Rall.

**Treasurer's Comments**:

Good to have Alan back. I thought the first session was sterling, and the presentation on Portable Apps was over the top.
I don't think many members knew about this item. I had no clue. It should prove to be very useful.

Respectfully submitted,

**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.

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**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, eligibility for raffle gifts when drawings are held, 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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