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September 5th, 2010 General Windows SIG Review by *Ralph Sutter* and *Ray Miklas*.

Ralph Sutter presented **Opera Unite**

Download Opera 10.61: <http://www.opera.com/download/>

View video of **Opera Unite:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5hr-6cw4M8?autoplay=1&?width=800&height=480>

Show all **Opera Unite** applications: <http://unite.opera.com/applications/>

Featured **Opera Unite** applications:

Media Player Overview: <http://unite.opera.com/application/162/>

Photo Sharing Overview: <http://unite.opera.com/application/172/>

File Sharing Overview: <http://unite.opera.com/application/132/>

Web Server Overview: <http://unite.opera.com/application/192/>

Please note that I have not provided the links to these applications running on my home computer. They were for demonstration purposes only and are not currently running on that machine.

Document Display

Elmo Digital Presenter: <http://tinyurl.com/36y7t35> \$1791

Ipevo Point 2 View Camera: <http://tinyurl.com/ykulqf6> \$69.00

Ray Miklas reviewed his successful process of installing a 2, 1gig RAM memory sticks in a Dell desktop computer and then discovered that one RAM chip in one of the sticks was faulty by downloading a free MemTest <http://hcidesign.com/memtest/> application and then installing/running on the Dell computer. The MemTest program discovered the fault. The 2, 1gig RAM sticks were replaced with good ones and the problem was fixed.

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September 5th, 2010 Main Meeting Review by *Don Jones*

In the September session, we started with a sample video made from two video clips and eight still pictures from a small hand held camera. It demonstrated how a video editor could make short, fun videos from such a modest beginning.

We then discussed the recent advances in small point and shoot cameras including substantial optical zoom—the sample was 12X from a camera that fits a pocket! We then looked at an easy way to use Photoshop Elements, PSE, Editor to shrink the still photos to a more manageable size for video editing (also great for web posting, Emailing, etc.), watermark them, quick fix for photo weaknesses, and rename them to new folder, all in one quick batch process.

Resizing is helpful because computer hardware can quickly “bog down” editing videos made from today’s high resolution photos. Large screen HD TV only uses 1080 vertical pixels while cameras may record several thousand pixels high. We then looked at quickly selecting pictures while “fixing” exposure problems using the Organizer in PSE.

We selected a few sample pictures and looked at the possible creative resources in PSE. Following a quick review of PSE slide show preparation, we transferred control to Premiere Elements where we made an “Instant Movie” that required no video editing from us. Finally, we looked at two short videos from this method using a few BBQ photos.

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3 October 2010 Programming Schedule: by Ray Miklas

Ray Miklas and Ralph Sutter will moderate their Q & A session from 12:45 PM to 2:00 PM.

Main Program Presentation on Video Editing with Premiere Elements: by Don Jones

Last month we looked at video generation using Premiere Elements, PRE, while letting the program do all the work. This month we will look at PRE using our choices of the effects and creating our own style of video showing that we can have full control over all aspects of the process.

We plan to talk about the output choices you can make for sharing your finished work; e.g., DVD videos, computer videos, videos for social websites, etc. Reviewers have touted its output flexibility as one of the greatest strengths of PRE. In this two-part series we have used PRE and PSE which can be purchased together for around \$100, sometimes less, which together give amazing “bang-for-the-buck”.

There are several other good software programs which could also be used, including the Movie-Maker included with Windows 7, Pinnacle, Corel, and others. I recently saw a review of a new version of Movie-Maker that was extremely complimentary for a “free” program. Perhaps one of you reading this or seeing our presentation could present one of these!!

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President's Message

At our 3 October, 2010 meeting:

At 12:45 PM, **Ray Miklas** and **Ralph Sutter** will be moderating the Question and Answer session

At 2:30 PM, **Don Jones** will give his presentation

Go to <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> to see the PUSH reviews. They come to us from **Dave Gerber**, Director/PUSH Chairman of APCUG. Our Webmaster, **Ralph Sutter**, uploads these articles to our website. The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from the index.

You can view the **Association of Personal Computer User Groups (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**.

Cal Poly Continuing Education's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is a comprehensive learning and service program for those 50 and over. This is a highly rated College level education program available at Cal Poly. This is their website: <http://www.osher.calpoly.edu/>

--Ray Miklas



Treasurer's Report for October 2010

Income - September		
	Renewing members	\$250.00
	New members	none
	Refreshments for Sept	21.00
	Refreshments for Aug	40.12
Expenses - September		
	Hall rent	90.00
	Bar B.Q. (Nancy)	122.57
	Refreshment Purchases (3 Mos) Nancy	68.10
	Drawing Prizes (Ray)	109.71
Bank Statement - 7/31/10 - (August statement not yet received)		
	CD #41626	2,950.96
	Savings acct bal	55.00
	Checking acct bal	1,118.42
	Interest year 2010	21.98

New members: None

Renewing Members: Alan Raul, Roger Lyon, Reckes/Tarzi, Merle Ackerman, Robert Farnum, Robert Grassle, Don Riebow, Walter & Julie Wajda, Ralph Sutter, Chris Panky

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.

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. Full 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 comradeships.

Article Submission Deadline for submission of articles is the 20th of each month. Articles should be E-mailed to the editor (rmiklas at pacbell.net).

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Outside Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

HTML/Internet SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Monday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at Ralph Sutter's home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 489-8678 for directions.

Linux SIG normally meets at 6:30 PM on Thursday (following our Sunday's General Meeting) at KCBXnet Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

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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