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September 7th 2014 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

The following software and links were discussed at the meeting:

Friends don't let friends use spinning hard drives; *3% price increase for a 59% performance increase…*

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbhgOisYRJk&feature=player_detailpage#t=593

SyncBackFree - the best Windows backup and synchronization program on the planet with great features and benefits at no cost.

http://www.2brightsparks.com/download-syncbackfree.html

2BrightSparks SyncBack

http://www.2brightsparks.com/syncback/

SyncBack Versions Comparison

http://www.2brightsparks.com/syncback/compare.html

Running SyncBack as a portable application:

Download the "No Install" version of **SyncBackFree**

http://www.2brightsparks.com/assets/software/SyncBack_Setup_NI.zip

Download the "No Install" version of **SyncBackSE**

http://www.2brightsparks.com/assets/software/SyncBackSE_Setup_NI.zip

Download the "No Install" version of **SyncBackPro**

http://www.2brightsparks.com/assets/software/SyncBackPro_Setup_NI.zip

Microsoft August Windows Update Issues... All my personal Windows systems and Windows systems that I manage support for had no issues. I was contacted for support on an HP and Dell computer which would not boot due to the August Windows updates.

The solution is simple...

1) Have your system and programs on one HDD partition and your data on a second HDD partition.

2) Always have a current backup of both these partitions.

3) Make sure and backup your system partition (including all partitions needed to boot the OS) a few days before the "second Tuesday of the month" Windows updates or any "out-of-cycle" Windows update.

Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack (MDOP) is a portfolio of technologies available as a subscription for Software Assurance customers.

http://technet.microsoft.com/library/hh563900.aspx

DaRT (Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset) 8.1

http://technet.microsoft.com/library/jj713326.aspx

Staples 9/7-13 $150 off with coupon all computers reg price $499.99+!! Online and store

Microsoft Surface Pro 3, Intel Core i3, 64GB, 12" Laptop

http://www.staples.com/Microsoft-Surface-Pro-3-Intel-Core-i3-64GB-12-inch-Laptop/product_1076023

Alan

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October 5^{*th*} *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.

From 2:00-2:30, coffee, sweets and opportunities for conversation will be available in the dining room.

Speaking from 2:30-3:45, I will be the presenter for the **Second Session**. I will speak on printers. My talk will consider types of printers, the advantages and disadvantages of each and third party solutions to the high cost of ink.

Ralph Sutter

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan
Several good presentations were given in the September meetings of SLO Bytes and the associated Special Interest Groups. **Geeks on Tour** was responsible for two of these and did a great job of clarifying "The Cloud" for anyone who had questions at the main group meeting. The next week, they presented a second session on the use of Google's **Picasa** program and brought forth a lot of interest in a program that has been around for a long time and seems to be getter better all the time.

Not to be outdone by Floridians the Linux meeting had its share of good stuff as well. The hype about Microsoft's latest generation of Surface Pro, number 3 by name, made some of us think the Boys from Redmond may not be done quite yet.

Speaking of done, Ray Miklas announced his retirement from his duties as facilities director for SLO Bytes. Several of us will take over the duties which Ray has performed flawlessly and we will try to do them as well as he did. Our thanks go out to Ray for his years of service to SLO Bytes. He will still be attending the meetings, never fear.

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 September 2014 by Bob Mires

Income for September 2014		
	Renewing members	$250.00
	Refreshment Income	21.00
Expenses		
	Hall rent	90.00
	Vrooman - BBQ	71.91
	Refreshment Expenses	34.32
	Sutter – Wireless microphone	129.95
	Sutter – 7 flash drives	34.93
	Kaplan – Soda/soft drinks	21.03
BANK TRANSACTIONS and BALANCE DATA Bank Statement ending 8/31/14		
	Checking account	3,355.43
	Deposits	174.11
	Withdrawals	113.53
	Deposit on 9/8/2014	271.00

Renewing members: Doug Depue, G.T.Shepard, Merle Ackerman, Stanford Brown, Joseph Baranek, Alan Raul, Earl Kaplan, Roger Lyons and Ed Faeth.

New member: Florence Wineman

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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 slobytes.org 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, 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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