

# SLO Bytes HardCopy

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## *November 2nd 2008 General Windows SIG by Alan Raul*

**FormatFactory** - is a multi functional media converter.

<http://www.formatoz.com/>

**Newegg.com** - Computer Parts, PC Components, Laptop Computers, Digital Cameras and more!

<http://www.newegg.com/>

**FileZilla Portable 3.1.5** - is a FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client packaged as a portable app, so you can take your FTP client, server list and settings with you. This program allows you to easily upload your web site to a web server.

[http://portableapps.com/apps/internet/filezilla\\_portable](http://portableapps.com/apps/internet/filezilla_portable)

**Porta** - turns an image directory into a neatly formatted web photo album.

<http://stegmann.dk/mikkel/porta/>

Here's an example of a wedding picture album using Porta.

<http://www.kcbx.net/~araul/john/>

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## *November 2nd, 2008 Main Meeting by Alan Raul*

### **Gene Barlow - User Group Relations**

[www.ugr.com](http://www.ugr.com)

For special pricing on Acronis products use special order code of **UGTIH2009**

Mention you saw the presentation at SLO Bytes PC Users Group in San Luis Obispo, CA.

### **Data Recovery by DriveSavers**

<http://www.drivesavers.com/> or <http://snipurl.com/4wqzw>

800-440-1904

If you use code **#DS16518** and mention my name, **Alan J. Raul**, you will receive the following benefits:

- 10% discount on their services
- No up-front charges to you
- No charge for return shipping, if data is not recoverable
- No "attempt fee" if data is not recoverable (regularly \$200.00)

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## *Kaye Raul's Programming Schedule by Kaye Raul*

Festivities will be the theme at the **December 7th** SLO Bytes Meeting. There will be goodies and a drawing with prizes for all members.

Prior to the party, **Alan Raul** will moderate his Q & A session from **12:45 PM to 2:00 PM**

**Additionally, a second SIG for beginners** will run concurrently in dining room, offering advice and answering questions on Windows operating systems. This is a small group environment specially suited for the novice user.

### *President's Message*

**At our 7 December, 2008 meeting:**

**At 12:45 PM, Alan** will be moderating the Question and Answer session.

**At 2:00 PM** we will have an opportunity to cast our vote for all the nominated officers of SLO Bytes. All of the current Officers agreed to serve in the coming year. Our Secretary, Ralph Sutter will conduct the election.

**At 2:30 PM,** Our annual Christmas party and prize drawing will take place. Every member present will receives a prize.

We will also be holding a "Swap Meet" at the December 7th meeting. Members should bring older and new (computer related items) to be sold or exchanged or just for a give-a-way. All items should be displayed on one of the tables in the dining area for everyone to examine.

## Please take your items back if they are not sold/picked-up by others.

The **PUSH** reviews often provided by Judy Taylour, Editorial PUSH Committee Chair of APCUG, did not arrive by the HardCopy publication deadline. Our Webmaster, Ralph Sutter uploads these articles to our website. The PUSH archives of previous reviews resides at <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push> The actual PUSH articles are hyperlinked from these reviews.

Take a look at [http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes\\_education/class\\_schedule.php](http://oldsite.kcbx.net/classes_education/class_schedule.php) 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/>

Take advantage of the four **learning CD's** "Learn Windows XP, Excel, Word & Power Point" available for our members to check out (at the Treasurer's table).

Continue to bring any **used ink-jet printer or toner cartridges** to our meeting. We collect them (at the Treasurer's table) and turn them over to "Make A-Wish Foundation" who generate much needed funds for their organization by refurbishing and selling them.

--Ray Miklas

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### **November 2008 Treasurer's Report** by Robert Mires

#### **Income**

Renewing members	\$350.00
New members	100.00
Refreshments receipts	48.00

#### **Expenses**

Hall rent	90.00
Xmas gifts	809.51
Refreshment supplies	65.73
New receipt book	9.15

#### **Bank accounts @ 11-03-08**

New CD	1,284.80
CD #125	2,820.52
Saving Acct bal	54.58
Checking Acct bal	1,890.81
Interest YTD	not reported

**Renewing members:** John Romanelli, Evert Christenson, Heulen Brown, Ginger Goodell,, David Grant, Bob Harrison, Mark Hornickel, Ted Ivarie, Tom Eckle, Richard James, Guy Kuncir, Irving Reynolds, Ed Lynn, Lynne Boisen

**New members:** Ted Lester, Bill Hooker, Fe Iron-Eyes, Cipella Caldwell

**Note:** The checking account balance reflects the deposit of \$498 receipts from 11-2-08 meeting, but not the indicated expense checks. The mature CD was rolled into a new 15 month CD that pay 4.00% APY. Our other CD matures on 11-18-08. I will also roll it in at the same rate and term – if still available.

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 Kaye Raul (kmraul at sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.slobytes.org](http://www.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. 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).

**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.

### **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 [a.k.a. SLONET] Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, SLO.

**Photography SIG** normally meets at 7 PM on a third Monday of each month at Don Jones's home in Pismo Beach. Call Don at 773-5526 for directions.

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### **SLO Bytes Officers/Volunteers**

- Ray Miklas - President (HardCopy Editor) rmiklas at pacbell.net
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- Alan Raul (General SIG/Linux SIG)
- Ben Hansen (Beginners SIG)
- Eugene Rheingans (Beginners SIG)
- Fred Cook (Beginners SIG)
- Don Jones (Photography SIG)
- John Waller (Contributing Columnist/Main Meeting Review)
- Nancy Vrooman (Refreshments/Contributing Columnist Photography SIG)
- Peter Stonehewer (Refreshments)
- Ken Stilts (Set-up/Clean-up)
- John Enos (Set-up/Clean-up)
- Bill Palmerston (Set-up/Clean-up)

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