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November 3rd 2013 General Windows SIG review by Alan Raul

Shuttle DS47 Fanless Slim-PC

<http://alanraul.com/47/>

<http://www.techpowerup.com/reviews/Shuttle/DS47/1.html>

Tablets - - There are a lot of choices in hardware and operating systems when it comes to tablets.

Asus Transformer Book T100 Laptop

http://www.asus.com/us/Notebooks_Ultrabooks/ASUS_Transformer_Book_T100/

<http://www.anandtech.com/show/7428/asus-transformer-book-t100-review>

<http://bit.ly/1cz6B9K>

Asus Transformer Book T100 Laptop YouTube Videos

<http://goo.gl/uDDPsc>

Apple iPad Air

<http://www.apple.com/ipad-air/>

Apple iPad Air Benchmarks

<http://www.primatelabs.com/blog/2013/10/ipad-air-benchmarks/>

AnandTech iPad Air Review

<http://anandtech.com/show/7460/apple-ipad-air-review>

Lenovo 8-Inch and 10-Inch Android-Powered Yoga Tablets

<http://shop.lenovo.com/us/en/tablets/>

<http://www.cyberfreewishes.com/2/post/2013/10/lenovo-tablet-8-tablet-10-the-yoga-masters-review-full-tablet-spec-comparison.html>

<http://www.pcper.com/news/General-Tech/Lenovo-Launches-8-Inch-and-10-Inch-Android-Powered-Yoga-Tablets>

Dell Venue 8 Pro Tablet

<http://www.dell.com/us/p/dell-venue-8-pro/pd>

Dell Venue 7 and 8 Android Tablet

<http://www.dell.com/us/p/tablets-touch?~ck=bt#!tablets-android>

Microsoft Surface 2

<http://www.microsoft.com/surface/en-us/products/surface-2>

Microsoft Surface Pro 2

<http://www.microsoft.com/surface/en-us/products/surface-pro-2>

Alan

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December 1st Programming Schedule by John Waller

The next **General Session** meeting takes place on **December 1st, 2013** from 12:45-3:30 p.m.

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

During the break, everyone is invited to enjoy an expanded selection of holiday snacks.

The **Second Session** will begin at 2:30 p. m. At that time, several SLO Bytes members will demonstrate their favorite software.

Contact **John Waller** (johnwaller at sbcglobal.net) or visit www.slobytes.org for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.

John Waller

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President's Message by Earl Kaplan

The November meeting was unremarkable in that we had, what has become usual, sparse attendance for Alan's discourse on the technical news of the month. As the coffee time ended and the Skype presentation began, a steady stream of early departures seem to reduce the on-site population even more.

Although the subject of the presentation was inherently interesting, the presenter obviously never had any training on how a proper presentation should be constructed. The material was all years old, the presenter read the material right off the screen (always a bad idea) and not always accurately, and the level of redundancy was very high.

For those people who did not like the presentation, John Waller is ready to relinquish his position as Program Chairman if someone wants to nominate themselves for the office. He has served for years. It would be nice for someone to relieve him. There are many sources of live presentations and also of recorded presentations on YouTube and other sites. The Program Chair needs to review some of the many sources and then make decisions as to what the membership might like to watch. How that can be determined (I have only one response to my request last month asking for comments and direction on what you, the membership, want from SLO Bytes) is highly questionable.

The next year will probably see the continuation of the slow demise of the organization and that is unfortunate. There is value, both social and technical, to our organization if we can generate some membership involvement. The leadership cannot know what is on your mind unless we hear from you.

Earl Kaplan

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Webmaster's Comments by Ralph Sutter

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.

See the **PUSH** reviews at <http://www.slobytes.org/newsletter/push/> courtesy of 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.

They are available from the following links

<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 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 November 2013 by Bob Mires

Income for October 2013		
	Membership renewals x 5:	125.00
	Refreshment Sales (Nov)	30.50
Expenses		
	Hall rent	90.00
	Food, refreshment costs (BBQ \$46.90, old meeting costs \$38.60, current meeting costs \$28.60)	113.50
Bank statement ending 9/30/2013		
	Checking account	3,735.97
	Savings account	55.00
	Interest YTD	2.53
	Deposits	204.95
	Withdrawals	180.00

Renewing members: Janet Thatcher, Ginger Goodell, Merle Ackerman, Rudy Spieler, and Joseph Baranch
New members: None

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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. 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).

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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