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**November 5th, 2017 First Session Notes** *by Alan Raul*Steganos LockNote - Store your most valuable notes in a LockNote. Hide your everyday notes in a safe place. Application and document in one: the mechanism to encrypt and decrypt a note is part of it. Secure, simple, independent. No installation required. Last updated in 2010.  
<https://sourceforge.net/projects/locknote/>

Steganos - Makes privacy software <https://www.steganos.com/en/>

Windows 10 Fall Creators Update <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/features>

Windows 10 Fall Creators Update now available <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10>

Windows 10 Fall Creators update (1709) Megathread  
<https://www.reddit.com/r/Windows10/comments/76t8r4/windows_10_fall_creators_update1709_megathread/>

Windows 10 setup and configuration tips: Don't settle for default settings  
<http://www.zdnet.com/article/windows-10-setup-and-configuration-tips-dont-settle-for-default-settings/>

2017 Black Friday Ads <https://www.bfads.net/>

**Alan Raul**

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**Second Session Notes** *by John Waller*

These were the programs demonstrated by me at the SLOBytes meeting November 5th. The URLs preceded by a **D+** are donationware, the ones preceded with a **P+** are paid programs.  
**\*DiskPie**   
This was a program from PC Magazine for displaying your folders in a pie chart for evaluating space on your drive. Unfortunately, it is no longer available

**Makemkv**This program allows you to archive your dvds to your hard drive in an uncompressed mode, MKV. Most players can play this format. **D+** <http://www.makemkv.com/>

**Freemake Video Converter**This program converts any video to any other format. I use it to convert MKVs to MP4s, so save space. You can also convert to tablet or smartphone formats. **D+** <http://www.freemake.com/free_video_converter/>

**MergeMP3**This program allows you to merge multiple MP3 files into one file. My most commonuse is to combine the multiple tracks of a symphony into one MP3 that plays the complete symphony. **D+** <https://www.shchuka.com/software/mergemp3/>

**Tag&Rename**This program allows you to edit the metadata of MP3 files, Track title, Album, Artist, Bitrate, etc. It is very useful as many MP3s either have incomplete metadata, or inaccurate. For example, a lot of companies like to classify Irish music as New Age rather than Irish or Celtic. I can change them with this program. **P+** <http://www.softpointer.com/>

**WinPatrol**This program was very useful before Win10, but I still find it useful, even though the prime function is redundant. Before Win10 (or maybe 7) this program would keep track of programs trying to install themselves on the computer. It would pause the installation so you could determine whether the new program belongs there. Until MS implemented the same function, it was the best way of preventing malware from installing itself on your system. On feature that is still useful, it maintains a database of all libraries, drivers, etc. that have tried to install them selves on a system. If you wonder about a piece of software, you can query the database to see if it is safe.

**P+** <https://www.winpatrol.com/>

**Trainz**This program is for those interested in simulations, specifically Rail Road simulations. You can run locomotives from a mouse control on the screen, or you can use the mouse to control the actual controls in the cabin. Not only is it an accurate simulation of Rail Roads, they are also constantly upgrading the scenery engine to make the scenes as realistic as current technology permits. There many RR situations represented, one I got is the route from Barstow to Bakersfield over Tehachapi, including the famous horseshoe curve. Each route has several sessions, this one includes going from Bakersfield to Barstow, and the reverse direction, while encountering various levels of traffic. If you are a railfan, you will love it, if not try it out, you may or may not like it😊 **P+** <https://www.trainzportal.com/>

**WinsomeFileRenamer**This is an excellent program for renaming your files, you can add text to the end, beginning, for your file names. Files can have sequential numbers added, etc. It is particularly useful for batches of files, like MP3’s or pictures **P+** <http://www.filerenamer.net/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA3dTQBRDnARIsAGKSflkY608pz8mbK9HoJoPUZapy7aqHD-yhimsAbDhcVS65KJ4skbuwqEgaAqXVEALw_wcB>

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**December 3rd Programming Schedule** *by John Waller*

The meeting format for the December SLO Bytes General Meeting will be different from our usual  
meetings. Our host, the SLO Guild holds a pancake breakfast the first Sunday of each month. The cost is **$7** per person.

We invite our members to join in, socializing during the breakfast. You can continue doing so between the end of the pancake breakfast at **11:00 am** and the official start of the SLO Bytes First Session. You can also use the time to ask for help on individual computer issues.

At **12:45 pm**, **Alan Raul** will hold his normal **First Session**. It will be followed by the **Election of Officers**. Though the current officers have agreed to continue, all positions are accepting candidates.

The officers are  
 President  
 Vice President/Program Chair  
 Treasurer  
 Secretary  
 Training Officer  
You will find a detailed list of the responsibilities for each position at <http://www.slobytes.org/officer-duties.html>   
Everyone is welcome to run for office. The current officers will be available to assist anyone interested in assuming any of these roles. The vitality of our group depends on an infusion of new ideas and new faces in positions of leadership. Maybe it's your time.

At **2:00 pm**, following the election, **Nancy Vrooman** will offer a full array of sweets, beverages and assorted holiday treats. Members are encouraged to add their own creations to the event. Given the earlier pancake breakfast, there will be no **Second Session**. The **General Session** will end early at **2:30 pm**.

Contact **John Waller** directly at johnlwaller at sbcglobal.net for more information

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**President’s Message** *by Earl Kaplan*

The years seem to roll by at an increasing velocity. There are so many new fields within the world of technology that it becomes increasingly difficult to keep up with even a small subset of them. The technology involved in autonomous autos seemed like it was new just a year or so ago, now those of us that follow aviation are reading of autonomous aircraft. Since commercial airliners have been flying 98% of each flight without any pilot input for some years that is not a major surprise, but the new discussions are dealing with local commuter flights within a city using autonomous VTOL/STOL vehicles.

I hope that you join us for Breakfast at the Guild Hall at 10:30 AM on Sunday so we can have a nice social hour followed by Alan, elections, and technical stuff.

**Earl Kaplan**

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***Treasurer’s Report for October 2017*** *by Bob Styerwalt*

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| Income October 2 thru November 5, 2017 | | |
|  | Renewing Members | $150.00 |
|  | New Members |  |
|  | Refreshments donations | $10.00 |
|  | General donations |  |
| Expenses: | | |
|  | Hall rent | $65.00 |
|  | Refreshments reimbursement |  |
| Filing fee | Calif. Sec. of State form SI-100 | $20.00 |
| Bank Statement ending 10/31/2017 | | |
|  | Checking account balance | $2,489.69 |
|  | Interest paid this period | $0.11 |
|  | Deposits | $145.20 |
|  | Withdrawals | $65.00 |

**Renewing Members**: Six Members renewed during this period; Clint Weirick, Ginger Goodell, Merle Ackerman,  
Ed Faeth, Dick James and Dan McGauley. Thanks to all for your continuing interest and support.  
  
I continue to believe that we have a friendly group that can provide useful information to any computer user.  
Please encourage your friends, neighbors, kids, parents and strangers to check us out.

**Bob Styerwalt**

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**Photo Group Report** *by Ralph Sutter*The Photo Group meeting took place on Sunday, November 18th. The topic was Architecture; manmade spaces.

**Ralph Sutter** opened the meeting sharing several camera accessories that he purchased recently.

The first was a Vivitar 58 mm Vivitar Professional UV CPL FLD Lens Filter and Close-Up Macro Accessory Kit.

Learn more at <https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0081TSZCC/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o02_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1>

The second item was a Canon EF Lens to Micro Four Thirds M4/3 Built-in Aperture Control Ring Adapter that allows one   
to mount a Canon EF lens on a Panasonic Lumix G7 camera body See <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Canon-EF-Lens-to-Micro-Four-Thirds-M4-3-Built-in-Aperture-Control-Ring-Adapter/182596261604>

Adobe CC Cheat Sheet 2016 <https://cdn.makeawebsitehub.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/adobe-cc-cheat-sheet-for-photographers-2016-A4-PRINT.pdf>

[NIK Collection Free for Now](https://www.dpreview.com/news/1675836798/dxo-acquires-nik-collection-from-google-and-will-continue-to-offer-it-for-free-for-now); software suite of plugins for Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom This link was suggested by John Waller

[Aurora HDR](https://aurorahdr.com/); a software image editing program

**Ralph** **Sutter** began the image show and tell with a slide show of structures seen on his recent visit to China. They included images from Beijing, Shanghai, Pudong, Hangzhou, Westlake and Yellow Mountain.

**Bob** **Grover** followed sharing shots of impressive buildings seen locally and in Mexico City, Yucatan, Machu Picchu and several European cities. These were part of a more ambitious project that Bob is working on. That project will chronicle the many sites that he visited throughout his life.

**Alan** **Raul** stayed local. He offered a video tour of the new hotel in Pismo Beach, The Inn at the Pier, showing how he enhanced images via software. Alan added perspective with a quadcopter flyover of the area.

**Monica** **Tarzier** offered images of garden structures seen at her San Luis Obispo back yard.

**John** **Waller** brought varied architectural images as seen in Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Yosemite, Bodie and other California locales

**Don** **Jones** visited historical buildings found at the Price Street Park near Pismo Beach.

**Connie** **Sutter** also offered images from China, specifically Shanghai, Pudong, Westlake and Hangzhou.

Our next meeting will take place on **Sunday, December 10th, 2017** beginning at 2:00 pm.   
**Location**   
 Home of Connie and Ralph Sutter  
 498 Hansen Hill Road   
 Arroyo Grande  
Map available at <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/sutter-map.html>   
For more information call me at 478-0826  
The focus for the December meeting will be **Enclosed** **Spaces**. I invite you to bring images of spaces found within other spaces. We will view the photos that you share and then have a general discussion about techniques used, problems encountered, and serendipitous moments experienced.

Reminder:   
You will find additional information on the Photo SIG web site;  
Opening page: [www.slobytes.org/digital](http://www.slobytes.org/digital)  
Notes from previous sessions: <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/notes.html>  
Links: <http://www.slobytes.org/digital/links.html>  
 **Ralph Sutter**

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**Push Library**  
Look at the **PUSH archives**, <http://www.slobytes.org/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>

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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](mailto:ralph@rsutter.com).

If you are currently registered with the SLO Bytes Bulletin Board and wish to change your password, you will find a video screen capture of how to do so at <http://www.slobytes.org/documents/change-bb-password.mp4>

***Club Information and Meeting Times***

**SLO** **Bytes**, a PC Users Group dedicated to educating its members in the use of personal computers, digital devices and software, meets on the first Sunday of each month at the **San Luis Obispo Guild** **Hall** at 2880 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo. There is a map available at <http://www.slobytes.org/slo-guild-map.html>.

All meetings are open to the public at no cost. A general interest and Q&A session occurs 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](http://www.slobytes.org/index.php) for additional information about SLO Bytes and the scheduled presentation.   
All ideas for speakers or presentation subjects are welcome.  
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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.

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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 KCBX.NET Training Center, 4100 Vachell Lane, San Luis Obispo. View the web site at [www.slolug.com](http://www.slolug.com).  **Photography SIG** normally meets at 2:00 PM on the second Sunday of each month at Ralph Sutter’s home in Arroyo Grande. Call Ralph at 478-0826 for directions. Visit the website at [www.slobytes.org/digital](http://www.slobytes.org/digital)

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Peter Stonehewer – Refreshments  
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