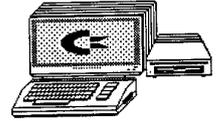


SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



June 2006



Club Web Site <http://videocam.net.au/sdcuci/index.html>

MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of the Month, at Christ Church O'Halloran Hill 1708 Main South Road O'Halloran Hill at 7.30pm

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The President's Page

Have you ever noticed how awkward it is to type with thick woolen gloves on your hands, a beanie over your ears and a large woolen scarf around your face? Still the show must go on.

This month we look forward to interesting insight into "Broadband". If you catch all the advertising in the paper and on TV it all looks so easy and so consumer friendly, not to mention how "cheap" we are told it can be. But is that truly the case?

Unfortunately I'm in a locality where "Dialup" is so slow (32.Kbps) that you would think "Broadband" HAS to be the answer. Don't be so sure. Several neighbors have fallen for the advertising blurb and only to find, to their dismay, very little difference in performance. So what can be the answer? Is it software, the provider, telecom or not what it's made out to be? I'm hoping to hear the answer to some of my confusion tonight.

It is pleasing to see that even inclement weather has not deterred our members from attending our meetings. Sure we have seen a drop in attendances at our meetings, but in the main attendances have been reasonable and I'm sure that the reason for this is has been our good fortune to have available interesting speakers discussing interesting topics in a simple understandable way.

To those members experiencing ill health at this time, we send our warm thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery.

It has been put to me that we may like to try a slightly different approach by inviting a speaker to address us on topics unrelated to computers. Please let us have your thoughts on this.

Now for several reminders.

- October is our AGM and I ask you all to seriously consider being part of the team that organizes the administration of the club.....nominate for the Committee.
- I am unable to further fulfill the duties of President for health reasons.....consider who we could have as President...talk about it....nominate a likely candidate...it's not a real heavy load.
- Put your hand up to help our teaching staff...this is where most if not all of our finances originate from....it's fun and you will learn a lot.

Finally, if you have any bright ideas about what would be good for our club, talk them over with your friends and let the committee know. This way we can all do something constructive and keep **OUR** Computer Club viable and healthy.

Ron Stephens

President

THE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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A few tricks using the CTRL key that I find useful for quickly navigating through Word documents:

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Use CTRL+LEFT ARROW key to move from any point in a word to the beginning of that word. Use CTRL+UP ARROW key to move to the beginning of a paragraph.

Use CTRL+DOWN ARROW key to move to the beginning of the following paragraph.

If you need to know how many words are in your document, there's a very easy way to do it in Word 2002. Instead of clicking Word Count on the Tools menu each time you want a recount, use the new the Word Count toolbar. On the View menu, point to Toolbars and click Word Count. Then click Recount to update the count any time you want. You can also choose to see the current number of characters, lines, pages, and paragraphs.

To use these shortcuts, the ruler must be displayed.

Double-click the ruler margin to open the Page Setup dialog box.

Double-click an indent marker to open the Paragraph dialog box.

Double-click a tab stop to open the Tabs dialog box. When working with a document in multiple-column format, double-click the gray region that separates one column from another to open the Columns dialog box.

From The Editor

From the last issue of the Newsletter I was pleased to get some feed back about the article
“A warning for giving information on line.”

Most where positive some where negative.
Some of the Negative comments where.
It is Not True
A lot of Rubbish
It is a Fake article

I make no apologies for the article.
The article may be a fabricated story, I do not however regard it as Fake or False or A lot of Rubbish.
The Story was written in good faith to address a real issue. There are unfortunately sexual predators using Chat Rooms and the internet to exploit children.

The following article is From The Adelaide Advertiser dated 15 June 2006 Predators cast net

Journalist **BARBARA BIGGS'** fourth book, *Chat Room*, written with the help of police, shows the sinister dangers lurking in teen chat rooms.

FROM Monday, radio listeners and television viewers will see Australia's first multi-million dollar community awareness advertising campaign about sexual predators, posing as teenagers in chat rooms.

The need for the campaign comes from a 12,000-strong online safety survey conducted last year by ninemsn and the Federal Government's internet advisory body, NetAlert, which revealed disturbing naivety about chatroom dangers.

Nearly one in two teenagers potentially would meet a person they "met" online. Only one in 10 would tell their parents.

Australian police last year identified the fastest growing crimes as internet-related sexual crimes against children and young people.

Laws were passed to allow police to pose as young people in chat rooms, to try to trap pedophiles luring children.

Federal Communications Minister Helen Coonan yesterday said the Government would look at ways to improve the filtering of internet content to try to ensure children do not access offensive sites or become

**A Message from the Editor.
I appreciate and welcome editorial comments positive or negative**

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Happy Holiday

We wish Colin and Kay Martin a safe and enjoyable
trip on their extended holiday to Western Australia

MEETING RULES

NO SMOKING

NO DRINKING

NO SWEARING

We are allowed to use the facilities at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill in return of a small fee plus respect for their property. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above. While we can not control what our members do away from our club meetings, Piracy of copyright material can not be condoned at our meetings

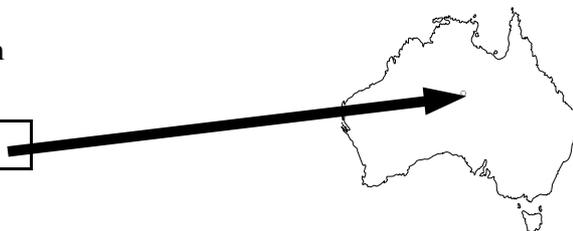
An Email Message from two of our absent Members.

Colin and Vicki

Hello All, greetings from chilly Alice Springs, several of the past mornings have been below zero and staying in bed until after sunrise is the most sensible way to start the day. Next week we cross the Tropic of Capricorn so it should start to get warmer. There are many caravanners heading north for the same reason, leave winter behind! We have been here for just over a week and have done some exploration of the East and West McDonald Ranges. There are spectacular gorges and dry river valleys to visit; craggy cliffs to climb and fantastic scenery. It is difficult to say where is the best but the drive out to Glen Ellen and Ormiston Gorge had great scenery and spectacular lookouts. The drive into Palm Valley along the bed of the famous Finke River is quite rough but the venue is worth it. The Palm trees in this valley are said to be left over from when the continent was much more tropical than now, circa 60 millions of years ago. Seeing Palm trees growing miles away from the beaches of Northern Queensland, and in a dry river bed, is really something different. Standley's Chasm and Simpson's Gap, both in the West McDonald Ranges lived up to the hype about their tourist attractiveness. At Hermannsburg, (a historical Lutheran Mission) we found a eight-mirror array of a solar power generation plant. A remarkable sight that didn't appear in any tourist guide that we had. Each mirror array had 28 individual mirrors that focused on a receiver that tracked the sun and according to the notice-board behind the fence, puts out enough power for 8-10 houses each year. More of these plants would seem to be a logical investment in the middle of Australia, plenty of sunshine even in winter. Hermannsburg is now an Aboriginal Community and perhaps this is why they don't advertise the attraction too well. The Finke River itself is quite unique as rivers go. It is quite large, starts in the middle of a desert and eventually disappears into the sands of another desert several hundred Kilometres away. Mostly it is dry but summer tropical rains bring the floods from the north and the river flows, carrying water to millions of hectares of arid lands and topping up the many semi-permanent water holes along its way and revitalising the myriad of gorges that the river has carved out of the rugged landscape. Alice Springs is a unique town too, claiming to be the "Centre of Australia", it is busy, industrious and very aware of it's attraction for tourism. There is a plethora of historical attractions, as well as the famous Ghan Railway is the Alice Springs School of the Air, (the "worlds biggest classroom"). They now use satellite computer broadband transmissions for "real time" contact for the teacher and remote students in over 1.3 million square kilometres of Australian Outback. Until a couple of years ago, it was all done by HF radio transmissions without pictures. We were very interested to consider the job of tutor on a remote station, they get paid too. The historical Telegraph Station Precinct was also very educational and interesting to see and hear about the origins of Alice Springs. Alice is bisected by the Todd River, again normally dry. Alice Springs has an annual regatta on the river that once in a while has to be cancelled because the river is flowing. The "boats" are mock-ups manned by a crew that runs along the river bed carrying their craft towards the finish line. It is called "The Henley-on-Todd Regatta", probably as a pun about the original English version. There is a large indigenous population in Alice Springs and whereas this is the source of many social problems for the town, they don't bother tourists. The most obvious affect is that we have to pay 50 cents to use the few public toilets in the town. There is a famous book in Australian literature, by Neville Shute, "A Town Like Alice". (1950). Each Queens Birthday Long Weekend in June, Alice hosts a round of off-road racing. Simply called "the Finke", the race is across the desert tracks from Alice Springs to a point about 200 km away on the Finke River, South West of here. There are all kinds of motor cycles and dune buggy type off-road racers. There is big money involved and the contestants come from all over Australia. The best way to watch the race is to camp along the route and see them come by. The leader is the only one not driving into great clouds of red dust. The "cars" leave first and drive one way to the Finke, the first day winner did it in just under 2 hours. and amazing time in my mind. The bikes leave a bit later and a local lad won the day. Two hours of bone jarring bumps, corrugations and sand dunes make for a very physical race, you have to be fit. Monday sees them doing the same in reverse, the local lad, aged 19 won the bike section and the same driver won the return "car" class in spectacular fashion. These "buggies" are quite an investment, the winner having a 5 litre engine and specialised suspension, they are heavily sponsored and race in many places around Australia. The Finke event is open so there is both professional and amateur entrants. Just finishing is an achievement. Some of the entrants came into the caravan park before the race and they bring with them an enormous amount of equipment. Spectators were conspicuous in town with their utes and 4X4's loaded with fuel, camping gear and most important to them, loads of beer! Can't watch the race without something to wash down the dust. Vicki managed to get photos of a camel wandering along a track into Ross River, we saw a few horses that might have been wild or just station horses wandering the range. Not many Kangaroos or Emus that we could see but plenty of evidence that they are around the ranges. Once driving home after sunset we had to contend with cattle and the odd roo on the dusty roads. Plenty of room for all though if one is a little bit careful.

Colin and Vicki, somewhere on the road again

Alice Springs in this area



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