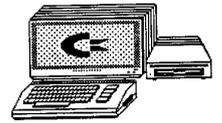


SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



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Editor Jim Greenfield

**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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Novice and experienced
computer users will be
warmly welcomed

Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc.

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| Alan Coe | 4 th October |
| Rod Gasson | 10 th October |
| Bill Fabin | 15 th October |
| Bob Arthur | 17 th October |
| Gaelyne Gasson | 18 th October |

AGM Meeting

Presidents Report

First I take this opportunity to thank the Club for giving me the privilege and pleasure of being the President of the Club for the year 2008 / 2009.

The last twelve months have seen our meetings well attended.

We have had interesting speakers, and on two occasions guest speakers who spoke on topics not directly associated with computers. Just goes to show that there is a life besides computers.

My grateful thanks to a committee that has worked in perfect harmony with each other. An attribute, unfortunately, not always evident in some committees. To the committee members a job very well done.

Our secretary Ron has not enjoyed the best of health over the last twelve months, and has been well supported by Margaret Norton as assistant secretary.

To our Treasurer, Betty Dawson we give our grateful thanks.

Our Club started in 1987. Our minutes and newsletters from 1987 were in a very disorganized file. Thanks to the Efforts by Anne and Robert Zeugofsge the records from 1987 to 1991 are now bound in a file in correct order.

Trevor Francis has transferred these records to a cd.

The cd is available to club members at a very reasonable rate & makes very interesting reading.

To Anne, Robert, and Trevor my thanks for giving the Club this valuable resource.

To Kay out thanks for organizing the raffles each month.

To Colin and Roy who are always ready to help set up the Club rooms, my grateful thanks.

Jim Greenfield

President

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around.
But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

Mark Twain

Have you recently acquired, or do you just want to learn more about operating, your computer?

The Club conducts classes on a wide range of subjects, at a very moderate charge.

The maximum number in class is five.

(Our aim is to conduct the classes in a friendly non-threatening atmosphere)

Some of the classes that are available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One and / or Stage Two)
2. Advanced Word
3. Internet workshops
4. Digital Cameras

For more information contact a committee member.

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BILL GATES AND GM:

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on.

At a computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,

'If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

In response to Bill 's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating:

If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....Twice a day.
- 2.. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
- 3... Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.

I love the next one!!!

7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!

Please share this with your friends who love - but sometimes hate - their computer!



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