

# Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc

Supporting inexperienced users with local expertise

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**MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, in the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Rd and Main South Rd)

**Visitors most welcome.**

After three visits, visitors will be requested to become members.

Cost \$3 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/tea and biscuits.

Subscriptions for twelve months  
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Family membership  
\$30.

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed

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## THIS MONTH IS THE AGM OF YOUR CLUB

We look back over a very successful year  
Your committee has worked well together over the last twelve months

Our special thanks must go to our

**President**

Lionel Leddra

**Secretary**

Trevor Francis

**Treasurer**

Cheryl McDonald

Their commitment to their respective duties and details to their responsibility require our gratefully thanks



Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc.  
Committee 2017-18

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# GUMTREE



## **GUMTREE.COM,**

Known as **Gumtree**, is a British online classified advertisement and community website. Classified ads are either free or paid for depending on the product category and the geographical market. As of November 2010, it was the UK's largest website for local community classifieds and was one of the top 30 websites in the UK, receiving 14.8 million monthly unique visitors according to a traffic audit in 2010.<sup>[1]</sup> Gumtree is the #1 classifieds site in the UK, Australia, South Africa, and Singapore

## **HISTORY**

Gumtree was founded in March 2000 by Michael Pennington and Simon Crookall as a local London classified ads and community site, designed to connect Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans who were either planning to move, or had just arrived in the city, and needed help getting started with accommodation, employment and meeting new people. The term 'gum tree', the local Australian phrase for the Eucalyptus tree, was chosen as a word that linked the three communities (even though the gum tree in South Africa is a completely different type to the variety in Australia and New Zealand). The founders also felt it reflected the roots and branches of a real community.

In May 2005, Gumtree was acquired by eBay's classifieds group for an undisclosed sum, however eBay disclosed that it paid a collective \$81.6 million for three classified sites - Gumtree, LoQUo, and opusforum (with Gumtree being the largest). At the time of the acquisition, Gumtree was already available in multiple cities in a number of countries including the United Kingdom, Poland, France, Canada, Australia (Gumtree Australia), New Zealand, South Africa and Hong Kong

On 7 January 2016, Gumtree's rebranding was published on their website and respective apps.

# GUMTREE

## MARKET EXPANSION

International expansion beyond the UK include:

September 2004: Gumtree launches a site in Warsaw, Poland

May 2005: Gumtree launches a site in Berlin,

Germany June 2005: Gumtree expands into Italy, with sites in Rome and Milan, increasing its coverage across 31 cities

August 2007: Gumtree expands to the United States, targeting expat communities in New York, Boston and Chicago. The company intends to pitch its service at the two million British, Australian and Polish expatriates in the United States.<sup>[6]</sup>



## FEATURES

While the largest category of advertisements on Gumtree is "goods for sale," the site is also home to around 200,000 motors listings across the UK at any one time

Gumtree has an extensive social media presence on Twitter and Facebook, with 35,000 and 471,000 followers, respectively. Gumtree uses social media to communicate news and information about the brand as well as launch competitions and promotions. Although predominantly a free listings website, Gumtree provides users with paid promotional options for increased advert visibility. Users can also pay to "bump up" their adverts in the listings.

In more recent years Gumtree has extended its service to business customers. The site began selling classified advertising packages to companies looking to post multiple job vacancies and properties.

In 2013, Gumtree extended bulk classifieds listings accounts to car dealers. In 2010, Gumtree launched its Gumtree Media website to publicise its services to potential business clients. The site showcases paid classified listings options as well as display advertising on the Gumtree site.

**Disclaimer:** The information contained herein is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before proceeding on information you don't understand.

## [Bug in Windows 10's Latest Update Might Be Deleting Files, Back Up Your Data Now](#)

JUSTIN POT @JHPOT  
OCTOBER 4TH, 2018

Multiple Windows users are reporting the latest update is deleting documents. Consider backing up your data right now.

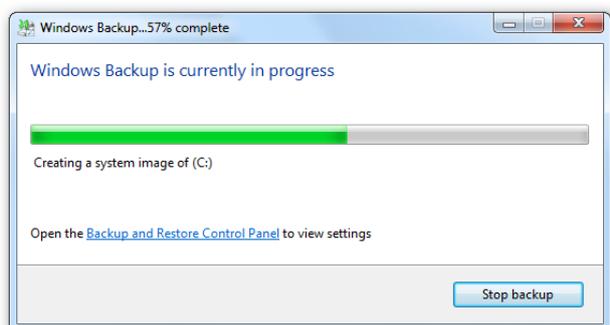
The Windows 10 October 2018 update is rolling out right now, but some users are reporting serious problems. Kevin Quitero reported losing documents on Twitter (via MS Power user). There's also a Reddit thread full of users complaining about the issue. Here's redditor sophormoon:

Prior to the 1809 update I had over fifteen-thousand photos in a particular folder. After the 1809 update the same folder exists with exactly ONE photo left. I have backups of the individual photos, but that folder contained a specially curated set that will take months to recreate if it's even possible.

Stories like this are adding up, and they're a cautionary tale. We can't independently confirm that this bug is real at this time—none of our machines have been affected—but we're seeing enough chatter to take this seriously.

Our main advice: **back up your documents** before **updating** any operating system, ideally locally. *Windows File History* is a good local option on the PC, and there are other backup options out there. There is always a chance of losing data during an OS update—that's true for PCs, Macs, and all phones.

That doesn't make this bug acceptable. It isn't. Microsoft needs to fix this ASAP, especially if they're going to push updates so aggressively. But **backing up** is a great way to protect yourself from losing data, so make sure you're doing that regardless.



# PRESIDENTS REPORT 2017-2018

*By the Yarbroom*

It gives me pleasure to once again present the Presidents Report for the year gone by. I know it gets a bit boring, but, for the fifth time let me repeat something I have said in previous Presidents Reports. What a great committee we have. A wonderful group of clever and enthusiastic people that make things happen. It would be even better if the various duties were shared a bit more. New committee members would be VERY welcome.

Here is a reminder of some of the subjects covered at meetings during the year:

All things about Google – some interesting, some not  
Making a movie – Video Pad and Movie Maker  
Chromecast and Smart phone Apps  
Hardware devices to take overseas  
Photo Transfer and Sharing using Google  
Travelling overseas – or anywhere – using Me Maps  
Q & A night – everyone learned something  
Facebook  
Google Earth  
Team Viewer



That is quite a diverse and interesting assortment of topics. Thank you to all the presenters.

As a new initiative this year we trialled running a workshop on the topic of the last presentation. This was successful once and then the idea ran out of puff. It is something that could be arranged again upon request.

The club continues to offer advice and assistance to members in the hour before each regular club meeting. This is popular and the practice will continue.

Our club registered with a government initiative called Be Connected. As a registered partner we are expected to participate in monthly surveys regarding the assistance we have provided to our members. As part of this scheme we, as a club, qualify for a number of grants. We recently used one of the grants to purchase an iPad.

The club continues to be in a very sound financial position. All the details are in the Treasurer's Report. We recently sold 2 surplus laptop computers and are presently considering the purchase of better data projectors and public address system.

It has been a good low key year for the club. I look forward to next year with keen anticipation.

Thank you

## THE XEROX 914 WAS THE FIRST COMMERCIALY SUCCESSFUL PLAIN PAPER COPY MACHINE.



It not only revolutionized the industry when it was introduced in 1959, but it helped set the stage for our perception of what even constitutes the proper fittings of a large office. The 914 was a hulking copy machine (weighing approximately 650 pounds and measuring 42" high × 46" wide × 45" deep) dominating a corner of the office and ready, at the touch of a button, to duplicate any documents thrown at it (at seven copies per minute).

Although Xerox had previous models (the first commercial copier, the Xerox Model A, was introduced by the company when it was known as Haloid way back in 1949). The 914 was the model that put the company (and the process itself) on the map, so to speak. It was fast, easy to use, cheap to operate, and the widespread and rapid adoption of the copier in offices across America ensured that Xerox rapidly became synonymous with copying a document. An office getting a Model 914 was such a big deal that the modern TV series *Mad Men*, set in the 1960s, paid homage to this with a high profile delivery of a Model 914 to the advertising agency's office in the premiere episode of Season 2.

***There was really only one downside to the Model 914. If the paper jammed, it tended to jam near the fuser, and if the machine wasn't turned off or the jam wasn't cleared quickly enough, the paper could catch fire. A machine full of paper is about the last thing in an office you want catching fire, and in order to minimize the risk of a machine malfunction causing a serious fire, Xerox included a small fire extinguisher with each model, which they, euphemistically, referred to as a "scorch eliminator".***

Despite the design shortcoming, the copier was truly a marvel of its day and companies couldn't get enough of it. It was a runaway success and accounted for over half of the company's revenue in the mid-1960s.

## CAN I LEAVE MY CELL PHONE IN A HOT CAR?

We've all done it, left our cell phone in a hot car during the blazing summer heat. When you park your car outside in the summer, the temperature inside your car can reach 150 degrees or more. Leaving a battery-powered device in your extremely hot car for more than about 2 hours can not only permanently shorten the battery's life but also damage other parts of the device, including the LCD screen, the plastic case, and the glue holding it together.

Heat is one of the worst enemies of all gadgets, including laptops and smartphones. Batteries age more quickly when they're hot for a long period of time. Overheating of your phone can destroy other hardware parts, causing system freezing and worse problems. Before leaving your cell phone in a hot car, always turn it off. Also follow these tips to protect your smartphone from hot weather and overheating:

### **Keep your smartphone out of direct sunlight and hot cars.**

In direct sunlight or in a hot car, your cell phone will quickly start baking. Any area that gets hot very quickly—too hot for people or animals to be in—is dangerous for tech devices. Make sure your cell phone is turned off in those burning hot areas and try to only use your devices in the cooler shade. When moving from a hot area to a more temperate one, wait until your smartphone has cooled off a bit (returned to normal room temperature) before turning it back on.

### **Consider these tips for keeping your cell phone cooler in the vehicle:**

Turn the cell phone off and place it in the shade and keep windows open a crack. If possible, park the vehicle in the shade or use light or reflective-colored windshield shades. This will help to reduce the heat that stays in the car.

Usually the trunk (or a well-insulated bag) will lag the passenger compartment many tens of degrees and warm up several hours slower than something in the main cabin.



# THE FIRST USE OF A COMPUTER IN A CAR

## VW's first automotive computer (1968)



The first use of a computer in a car was for the purpose of engine control. Automotive manufacturers began introducing early versions of computer controlled systems to perform one specific function; In 1968, Volkswagen introduced the first computer controlled **electronic fuel injection (EFI)** system manufactured by Bosch.

Controlling the engine is the most processor-intensive job on your car, and the engine control unit is the most powerful computer on most cars. ECU's have become a standard device on most cars since the late 1970's when they became necessary due to increasingly stringent emission standards.

The ECU uses closed-loop control, a control scheme that monitors outputs of a system to control the inputs to a system, managing the emissions and fuel economy of the engine (as well as a host of other parameters).

Gathering data from dozens of different sensors, the ECU knows everything from the coolant temperature to the amount of oxygen in the exhaust.

With this data, the ECU performs millions of calculations each second, including looking up values in tables, calculating the results of long equations to decide on the best spark timing and determining how long the fuel injector is open. The ECU does all of this to ensure the lowest emissions and best mileage.



## André Marie Ampère

Lived 1775 – 1836.

André-Marie Ampère made the revolutionary discovery that a wire carrying electric current can attract

or repel another wire next to it that's also carrying electric current. The attraction is magnetic, but no magnets are necessary for the effect to be seen. He went on to formulate Ampere's Law of electromagnetism and produced the best definition of electric current of his time.

Ampère also proposed the existence of a particle we now recognize as the electron, discovered the chemical element fluorine, and grouped elements by their properties over half a century before Dmitri Mendeleev produced his periodic table.

The unit of electric current, the ampere, is named in his honor.

### Beginnings

André-Marie Ampère was born into a well-to-do family in the city of Lyon, France, on January 20, 1775. When André-Marie was five years old, his family moved to a country estate near the village of Poleymieux about six miles (10 km) from Lyon. His father had grown so wealthy that he no longer needed to spend much time in the city. A second daughter Josephine was born when André-Marie was eight.

### Mathematics

Aged 13, André-Marie began a serious study of mathematics using books in his father's library. He submitted a paper about conic sections to the Academy of Lyon, but it was rejected.

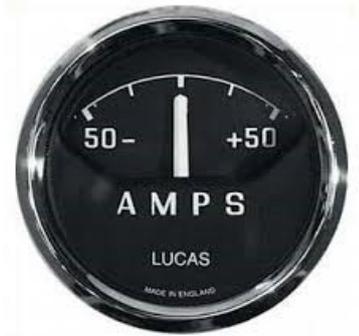
The rejection spurred him into working harder than ever. His father bought him specialist books to help him improve. He also took his son into Lyon, where Abbot Daburon gave him lessons in calculus – the first formal lessons André-Marie ever had.

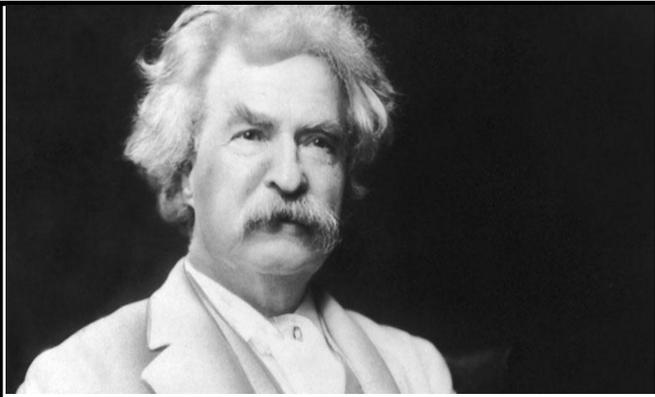
In 1789, when André-Marie was 14, the French Revolution began.

In 1791, while André-Marie continued his home-studies on their country estate, the revolutionaries gave his father the legal role of Justice of the Peace.

In 1792, André-Marie's older sister Antoinette died.

In 1793, the Jacobin faction of the revolution guillotined his father.





Mark Twain was the first author to use the typewriter. He supposedly typed a manuscript for his publisher who wrote back that he had left out the punctuation.

Twain sent back a sheet filled with periods, commas, semicolons, etc. "Insert where necessary", he said.

**Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society.**

The optimist invents the aeroplane.

The pessimist the parachute.

George Bernard Shaw

**Sans Serif and Times New Roman walk into a pub.**

**The barman says "We don't serve your type in here"**



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**Why is it called uppercase and lowercase?**

The terms "uppercase" and "lowercase" come from the way in which print shops were organized hundreds of years ago. Individual pieces of metal type were kept in boxes called cases. The smaller letters, which were used most often, were kept in a lower case that was easier to reach.

**Shift**





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