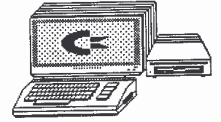


SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



September

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

How pleasant it is to be sitting at my computer composing our little chit chat in the comforting knowledge that outside the Sun is shining bright and a very appealing 24 degree temperature prevails. I know we can't avoid winter, but I really enjoy the warmth of spring and summer.

I am aware that I spoken many times before of the absolute need to keep virus protection programmes up to date, but I feel obligated to mention this subject yet again. The recent flood of spam and virus spreading messages seems to be of an ever widening range in an ever increasing spiral.

From time to time we come across many different uses for computers and one such episode fell into our hands recently. We received a call for advice and/or help from a gentleman who desired to include 2 sound cards in his computer. He had tried unsuccessfully to install the cards but, through our web page, contacted myself to enquire if any of our members had had a similar experience. On talking this over with Jim Greenfield (our Mr. Fixit) who had not previously encountered this situation, we thought it would be an interesting project to pursue.

To our surprise the enquirer is a devoted Ham Radio Operator who was trying to further enhance his computer in his radio setup. Well as it turned out our Mr Fixit, rose to the occasion installed both cards so they would work in a compatible manner and we had a very happy Radio Operator back on track.

Our web page generated another enquiry seeking help with regard to similar clubs or associations in the Western Districts. These enquiries are proof that our web page is read and enjoyed by many and our thanks go to Rod and Gaylene Gasson who provide this service for us.

To any of our members who may be off colour or feeling a little bit down we express a wish that you will soon be firing on all cylinders and back with us looking a picture of health.

As you are all aware, October is our AGM. For this meeting we ask members to bring a small plate of Crayfish Sandwiches or something similar to share for supper and the format of this meeting is:

1. Tabling of Reports
2. Declaring all positions vacant
3. Read out list of nominations received
4. Election of office bearers
5. Any Motions for discussion
6. Close Meeting
7. Enjoy a social supper.

Ron Stephens

President

THE THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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This article submitted by Dennis Avard 14/9/2006 Port Noarlunga

(The President, Ron Stephens received a call from Denis seeking advice and/or help to include 2 sound cards in his computer

In response to this we thank Denis for this article)

My use of a home computer started about 20 years ago when a friend loaned me a Tandy Electronics "Co-Co" to use with my Amateur Radio station. For 34 years prior to that I had used a telegraph key for morse code, and a microphone for voice communications.

The computer introduced me to digital communications with a keyboard for sending and a monitor and printer for displaying what was received. This particular mode of comms, generated by a computer program, is known as "packet radio". A notable use of it was between Great Britain and its forces during the Falklands war. Packet radio in the Amateur Radio service is most successful in the VHF radio band. Digital comms in the Short Wave bands have been enhanced by an alternative method of putting the digital data onto the radio wave using a computer sound card, called Phase Shift Keying (PSK).

Optimally a dedicated sound card. It was my inability to get 2 sound cards to co-exist in my Pentium II computer that led me into contact with this club who successfully sorted out that problem.

The computer also allowed accurate calculations of the orbits of satellites. A Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellite will only be in range of any point in earth for no more than 15 minutes then there's a wait of 90 minutes for the next pass, OR, half a day! This applies to the International Space station too, where mostly all crew members are licensed Amateur radio operators. Currently there are 10 usable satellites built by and operating in the Amateur service. There have been 58 in total.

Other applications that I use a computer for include :-

- A) sending and receiving coloured pictures via the sound card over radio,
- B) calculating the chances of S.W. radio comms between two places on earth allowing for the varying effects on the ionosphere of the sun, which has an 11 year cycle and currently is at its lowest influence.
- C) and many engineering calculations such as the performance of radio antennas.

In the last few years radio transmitters and receivers have incorporated computer CPUs in their design and so have become push button digitally operated. And now the actual characteristics of the equipment can be altered from the computer.

My second sound card now allows;-

- A) the computer speakers to voice what the radio is set up to do
- B) provide PSK operation
- C) and tune the radio from the computer.

Ultimately, depending on the regulations, my station could be operated remotely via the internet (VOIP) while I am away from home. All due to my computer.

AUSTRALIAN FIRSTS

First place in the world to have a secret ballot in elections (1856)

First Place in the world to give women the vote. (1894)

1928: First Crossing of the Pacific. Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and his crew performed the world's first air crossing of the Pacific Ocean.

SPORTING FIRSTS

First country in the world to beat America in it America's cup.

Only country to have attended every modern Olympic games.

The first country to employ skiing as a sport. (1863)

BIGGEST

The largest Island in the world.

The flagpole at Parliament house in Canberra is the largest aluminium object in the world.

Kalgoorlie in WA is the worlds largest electorate 2,255,278 sq km

The Australian Labor Party is the oldest surviving labor party in the world. (1891)

INVENTIONS

1930: Letter Sorting Machine

Sydney GPO was the site for the first mechanised letter sorter which was developed by an engineer with the Postmaster-General's Department.

1945: Hills Hoist This rotary clothesline with a winding mechanism allowing the frame to be raised and lowered was invented by Lance Hill of Adelaide in 1945

Lance Hill of Adelaide in 1945.

1933: Utility Vehicle

The ute, with a front like a car and rear like a truck was designed by Lewis Bandt at the Ford Motor Company in Geelong, Victoria.

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly".

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know. The one that's red and has thorns".

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled,

"Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

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MINIMISE ALL WINDOWS

By pressing WIN—M (WIN being the Windows Key) simultaneously you can minimise all open windows to show the desktop

To reverse this and maximise all windows, use Shift—WIN—M

CAPS LOCK BEEP

How to make Caps Lock beep when it is pressed for both on and off.

This switch is in Accessibility Options

Go to Start → Settings → Control Panel → Accessibility Options

Tick Use Toggle Keys



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Computer Users Groups

Contact, Secretary at demew33@internode.on.net

Web site www.rootsweb.com/~safpflhg

Or speak to Jim Greenfield or Keith Jones at The Southern Districts Computer Users Club Meeting

Tired of IE6's Auto Complete mode where it tries to finish typing in web addresses and passwords for you?

Normally, IE6 attempts to automatically type in web addresses after you begin typing in a few characters. Depending on your setup, IE6 may also try to automatically complete forms and passwords for you as well. While this may seem useful at times, in other instances this automatic completion can be downright annoying.

To turn this feature off, click the "Tools" menu and select "Internet Options". From the multi-tabbed dialog box that follows, select the "Content" tab. Click the "AutoComplete" button. An "AutoComplete Settings" dialog box appears. Now, check or uncheck the options you would like. For example, to stop IE6 from automatically entering in web addresses, uncheck the "Web addresses" checkbox.

Press "OK" to close this dialog box, then "OK" to close the "Internet Options" dialog box.

MEETING TOPICS

18th October 2006

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ADVANCED TIP

If your hard drive has failed (Windows wont boot up anymore, hard drive clicking and so on), remove your hard drive and stick it in the freezer for 30 minutes to one hour.

Once the hard drive is cold plug it back in your computer and you may be able to run the hard drive to recover the most important contents before throwing it away. Make sure you take precautions: the drive must be dry before plugging it in

EDITORS NOTE

I have tried this and it works....sometimes!!

If any members have a failed hard drive on their shelf bring it along to the meeting and we will try this tip out.

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

WINDOWS ERROR MESSAGES

Every time I'm on the Internet the same warnings pop up constantly: "Critical System Error - Windows Registry Appears to be infected. Go to regfixes.com and download Registry Cleaner" or "Stop! Windows requires immediate attention. Windows has found critical system errors. Run Registry Repair from fixwin32.com." I'm confused. What should I do?

It sounds like you are being bombarded by an old exploit of the "messenger" service that is built into Windows and turned on by default (look for the words "Messenger Service" in the blue bar above the actual error message).

This messenger service was originally intended as a communication tool for network administrators to use to broadcast a single message to all users (i.e. Please logoff of the network in 15 minutes for maintenance purposes).

This saves the IT staff from physically having to go to every user of the network to alert them or hope that they saw an e-mail and remembered to logoff.

This pop-up message is a great way to get the user's attention and some deviously clever folks on the Internet figured out how to exploit this tool to send you an advertisement disguised as a Windows error message.

Microsoft does not have anything built into the operating system that would direct you to a website to download a repair tool, especially tools that are not written by Microsoft.

The reason that these devious pitchmen are able to reach across the Internet and repeatedly send you ads is that your computer is wide open to the entire Internet and was basically waiting to be contacted by outsiders because of the way you are setup to connect to the Internet.

There are a number of things that you can do to eliminate this problem from ever occurring again.

The first is to disable the built-in Messenger Service in Windows that is turned on by default.

For Windows 2000 users, go to Start | Control Panel | Admin tools | and Select "Services"

Once in services locate the "Messenger" service. Right click it and Select STOP.

For Windows XP users, go to Start | Control Panel | (For those in Category View) select Performance and Maintenance | Admin tools | Services | Locate "Messenger" then right click and Select STOP. (For those in the "classic" view Use Win2K instructions above.)

Another reason that you are getting these messages is that you are not protecting yourself behind a firewall. If you have a high-speed (or broadband) Internet connection, you should strongly consider purchasing a "broadband router" that essentially makes your computer invisible on the Internet. By cloaking your system, these intruders don't have a way of knowing that you are connected.

While most of these ads are just a ploy to get you to spend your hard earned money, some will also try to direct you to rouge websites that will attempt to get you to give up your personal information.

Identity theft is a big target of international organized crime syndicates, so always be wary of "repair" or "quick fix" utilities. Before you download anything into your computer, make sure you get it from a trusted source or don't download it.

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Amzanig huh?

AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF SLANG

amber fluid - beer
as ugly as a bag full of arses - very ugly
as thick as two short planks - very stupid
from arsehole to breakfast time - all over the place
arvo - afternoon
to put on the backburner - delay a project
beaut - wonderful
bent - corrupt
big smoke - city
buckleys - no chance
buggalugs - a person "Buggalugs here, gave me a lift"
burl - try "Give it a burl"
cackle berry - hens egg
cert - a certainty "A dead cert"
cooking with gas - getting things moving
dinkum - true, honest
drama queen - Overly excitable effeminate male
drum - good information (wrong drummed, told bad information)
dunny - toilet, frequently an outhouse
esky - insulated container for holding food and drinks
fossick - search around
fair dinkum - Honestly?, telling the truth
five finger discount - shop lifting
fungus face - man with beard
galah - fool
goner - that for which all reasonable hope is lost
gurgler - drain
grouse - wonderful
heart starter - first drink in the morning after a big night out
hurl - vomit
head down arse up - work hard
maccas - McDonalds fast food
mate - friend
mozzie - mosquito
moxie - curse "Put the moxie on"
prang - car accident
pommy or pommie - English migrant
razoo - "I havent got a brass razoo" I have no money
rack off - go away!
spread it on thick - tell an unbelievable lie
stropopy - irritable
tin lid - kid
trannie - small radio
true blue - genuine
troppo - madness from being in the tropics too long
turps - alcohol "on the turps" getting drunk
tucker - food
warpaint - makeup

To Change the Time Display

1. In the Customize Regional Options dialog box, click the Time tab to specify any changes you want to make.

NOTE: To configure the settings so that the leading zeros in single-digit hours, minutes, or seconds are not displayed, type a single uppercase H, or lowercase letters, such as h, m, or s.

2. If you do not see the format you want in the Time format box, use the following guidelines:

- To display time in a 24-hour format, type an uppercase H or HH for the hour.

- To display time in a 12-hour format, type lowercase h or hh for the hour.
- To display leading zeros in single-digit hours, type HH or hh.
- To display a single letter to indicate AM or PM, type lowercase t.
- To display two letters to indicate AM or PM, type lowercase tt.
- To display text, type single quotation marks (') around text.

EXPERT TIP

HIDDEN FREE SPACE

The System Restore feature in Windows XP is quite useful for restoring your system to a previous state. That is, you can set up a restore point just before you install a new piece of software and if something goes wrong, you can simply restore your system to just before the new software was installed. However, all the restore points actually take up space and once in a while, if your system is running smoothly, you can clear up some of this space. To do this, go to the Control Panel System and under the System Restore tab, click on 'Turn off System Restore' and click OK. Then go back in and turn it on again.