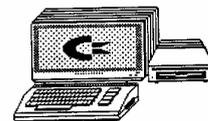


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The Committee

We have a very hard working Committee.

So much so that some have had to take several months holiday.

- Kay and Colin in Queensland.
- Allan and Margaret in Queensland.
- Bob and Anne in Queensland.
- Alan Coe in Victoria.
- Cheryl McDonald in Alaska or North Pole (chasing polar bears I believe)
- Ron has had a spell in hospital. We all wish Ron a speedy recovery.

(Late news: - Ron is now in respite for a couple of weeks).

At our last committee meeting we had Trevor, Jim, Betty and Heather. To help compensate for the absent members we invited three Club Members to our committee meeting. To Lorraine Loader, Anne and Lionel Leddra, we thank you for attending the meeting and your contribution.

On 27th July, Trevor Francis and myself attended the Onkaparinga Council Grant Presentation Ceremony.

Mayor Rosenberg presented the cheque to Trevor and myself.

This grant money will be very much appreciated by the Club in supplying much needed equipment.

Mayor Rosenberg has accepted an invite to attend our AGM meeting.

This will give the club members an opportunity to meet The Mayor of our Local Council.

Photoshop Session at Hallett Cove School

3rd August

Lecturer Richard Keane.

This was well attended by over twenty of our Club members.

Our thanks to Richard for a very informative session and to Kay Francis for supplying the refreshments for the meeting.



It has been suggested that this modified photograph of the President (by using the **Liquify** facility in Photoshop) is a vast improvement.

For help on using Photoshop try this web page
<http://psd.tutsplus.com/tutorials/tools-tips/a-comprehensive-guide-to-photoshops-liquify-tool/>

*Jim Greenfield
President*

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

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(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.

**Please contact Heather
Linehan on 8278 6267 or at
goldney@adam.com.au to enrol
in this course**

Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can.

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Photoshop Session at Hallett Cove School
3rd August
Lecturer Richard Keane.

The course lasted 2 hours with a short break in the middle. The folk attending had a range of expertise in both their knowledge of computers as well as their knowledge in Photoshop – the program under the microscope.

Richard commenced showing what and how a “pixel” looked close up and then slowly “Zoomed out” such that the pixels were no longer visible to the naked eye – or even with eyes that weren’t naked but were wearing glasses.

I for one thought I knew enough of Photoshop to get around in it and manage the tasks that I wanted to do . . . but from the outset I was stunned to see just how much I did not know. For example – the simple act of opening a file for viewing . . . I use File>Open> Select Folder etc whereas Richard simply “double clicked” on the blank page – and up popped the opening screen.

Likewise I found there are many short cuts that make the task simpler and quicker. A simple press on “C” enabled the cropping tool to be activated: <Ctrl> W quickly removed the open image from the screen . . . and so on.

For the folk that tasted Photoshop for the first time there were gasps of amazement when Richard demonstrated the power of its functions. The change in quality of the final image was demonstrated very quickly using the “Levels” option. The differences in selecting :Highlights” vs “Shadows” vs “Midtones” contributes so much to the final composition of the image.

Although using Photoshop Richard stressed that there are many other image manipulating programs that one can use- - but the individual would have to hunt around a bit within those programs to find the tool to do the same job as he was demonstrating in Photoshop.

As a fun thing he also demonstrated the use of a tool called “Liquify” that enables dramatic alterations to the image. One can “expand” shrink” “bulk up” specific portions of the image resulting in bizarre looking things . . . Just ask Trevor Finch!. . . but as I heard someone say – it did not take too much to tart up Mr Finch! In the end he looked magnificent. Full pixie green with largish ears – swollen nose and puckered lips! Some other rude persons thought it was an improvement.

Finally, Richard showed us how he has been able to upgrade his teaching facilities at the school due to “Julia Gillard’s Education Revolution”. He says he has been trying for years to get the State Government to improve things but it was the “Feds” who came up with the goods. This was not said in any sort of political sense but along the lines of “give credit where credit is due” and for him he has gained a room full of powerful computers with associated networking etc.

In closing, I must point out that the evening was really well run with a number of folk saying they wished to also partake in the next session in late September or early October. There is quite a lot to absorb in one hit and they would like to have a second go. To date I have twelve persons on the waiting list. The people who have registered who have not been before will get first priority – but there is no doubt we will be able to again fill up the full quota of 20 persons for the night.

If you think you would like to be part of the second sitting please ensure your name is on the waiting list!

Cheers
Trevor

WHAT IS AN EASTER EGG?

Easter eggs, in software, are deliberately added and not just “glitches”

Often these Easter eggs are added by programmers for a joke, to get some attention, or to add some flair to the software you’re using.

A classic example of an Easter egg is hidden in word 2003 and 2007

In word type =rand()

Or if you want the fox to jump in word 2007 type =Rand.Old()

In word 2007 Or 2003 Press ctrl+alt+NumPlus

WHAT AN EASTER EGG IS NOT

There are some common misconceptions with the term “Easter Egg.” An Easter egg is not:

- A bug in a program.
- An imposed restriction.
- A hack in a program made by the end user.
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For example, it has been claimed that not being able to create a folder, in Windows, with one of the following names is an Easter egg:

PRN, AUX, CLOCK\$, NUL, COM1, COM2, COM3, COM4, COM5, COM6, COM7, COM8, COM9, LPT1, LPT2, LPT3, LPT4, LPT5, LPT6, LPT7, LPT8, and LPT9

This is not an example of an Easter egg. This is a restriction that dates back to DOS, to protect certain file names being used that are reserved by the operating system

(try to make a folder with one of the above names and see what happens)

PUBLISHER 2003 TIPS

To display the Office Assistant:

- From the main menu, choose **Help > Show the Office Assistant.**

To insert a page:

- From the main menu, select **Insert > Page.**

To view a two-page spread:

- From the main menu, select **View > Two-Page Spread.**

To move between pages:

- Click the page numbers in the **Page Navigation** area on the **Status** bar.

To delete a page:

- Go to the page you want to delete. • From the main menu, select **Edit > Delete Page**

Evil Thoughts About My Computer

I really hate this damned machine . It never does quite what I want but only what I tell it.

- A Programmer's Lament

by W Bruce Cameron

I want to hurt my computer. I want to buy a software program that, when run, causes my computer to suffer grievously, though not permanently. When my screen freezes or turns blue, I want a special button I can push to make the CPU start squealing like a motherboard.

This should not affect my ability to hear what's going on at the other end of the phone line, of course. A special function would allow the volts to double every time a tape-recorded message urges me to continue holding. "Your call is important to us," the featureless voice always claims. I want my phone to be outfitted with a translation program which will reconstitute this irritating reminder into the truth: "Actually, we already have your money, so we couldn't care less about you. Our technical support department consists of two college kids, both of whom are busy playing Doom. Eventually, one of them will come on the line, but it will be the one who doesn't speak English."

- I want my modem to sense when my PC has committed an "illegal function" and issue a warrant to arrest Bill Gates. When my system crashes and I lose a file that has taken me more than an hour to create, I want someone from the computer company to come out and retype it for me.
- I don't understand why new, "upgraded" software creates files that cannot be read by old, reliable software with the same name. Is there no one in the computer industry who has noticed that word processor files all look alike once they are open? Why can't 6.0 recognise a 7.0 file? It's all just words, isn't it?
- How come when my computer catches a virus, I'm the one who misses work?
- I want to know why my printer always jams on the last piece of paper or the last sheet of cheques. When this happens, it makes me want to put sandpaper into the manual feed and print the Emancipation Proclamation.
- I want to know what good is a Web search engine that returns 324,909,188 "matches" to my keyword. That's like saying, "Good news, we've located the product you're looking for. It's on Earth."
- I want to know why, when I had a tiny hard drive, my operating system was virtually crash-proof and took up so little space. My new operating system is 5 times the size of my original hard drive. With every "upgrade," it seems to grow 75%. That's as if every time your mother-in-law came to visit she weighed another 500 pounds.
- Now I've found out that my PC no longer "recognises" my floppy drive. How could they not recognise each other? They live together!

Please understand: I don't hate my computer. I just want to hurt it every once in a while.

W Bruce Cameron writes columns for the Denver Rocky Mountain News. His web site is www.wbrucecameron.com.



***From The editor** I contacted Bruce Cameron for permission to use his article I was very pleased to receive this response from him within 24 hours*

Thanks, yes, you have my permission.

Please credit me as the author of A Dog's Purpose and the August 30th novel Emory's Gift, okay?

You may reprint my column at no charge.

Thanks. Bruce

Please check out his web site www.wbrucecameron.com

FOR OUR MEMBERS AND OTHERS THAT USE A 2 WAY UHF RADIO.

UHF Channel Guide UHF CHANNEL GUIDE

Channels:

Channels 1 to 8 (and 31 to 38) are for repeaters. (these are sometimes called DUPLEX use)
Each repeater needs a pair of channels to work.

When on channel 1 repeater, channel 31 is also used up, 2 uses 32 – and 3 uses 33 – etc.
Avoid channels 31 to 38 for general use. If you are within range of a repeater, your voice could exceed 10,000sq km coverage and that repeater, could be made unusable – without your knowledge.
For general traveling use, we suggest the Repeater (REP) or Duplex (DUP) function be programmed permanently 'ON' at all times on channels 1 to 8.

Please avoid transmitting on all the above channels – unless you choose to access a repeater.

Calling channel 11 (allocated in law)

This channel is used to call another user who may be listening on the call channel (such as a friend). After contact you must move to another channel.

Most country operators sit on other general use channels. Scanning all channels is more useful to find these other operators.

Channels 22 & 23 are signalling and telemetry channels only. No voice is allowed. (allocated in law)

Channel 40 is used by highway vehicles and trucks. (firmly established by tradition)

Channel 18 is used by caravans and campers. (by courteous agreement)

Channel 10 is for 4WDDrivers which is becoming more popular and is recommended officially in national parks. (by courteous agreement)

Channel 5 is for emergency repeaters (allocated in law)

(For locations please ask for a repeater list)

For other regions, scanning all channels is a far more effective way of locating other UHF users in an emergency.

General use channels are therefore 9 12 17 19 to 21 24 to 30 and 39.

Please note that major cities often have one channel that attracts rude and inconsiderate people but please do not judge your new UHF radio by these people.

This information has been kindly supplied by ELECTRIC BUG. If you have any further queries about this information please contact ELECTRIC BUG www.electricbug.com.au.



After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour...Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. (If you discount QF2 Sydney-LHR which skidded off into the golf course at the end of the runway in Bangkok a couple of years ago.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

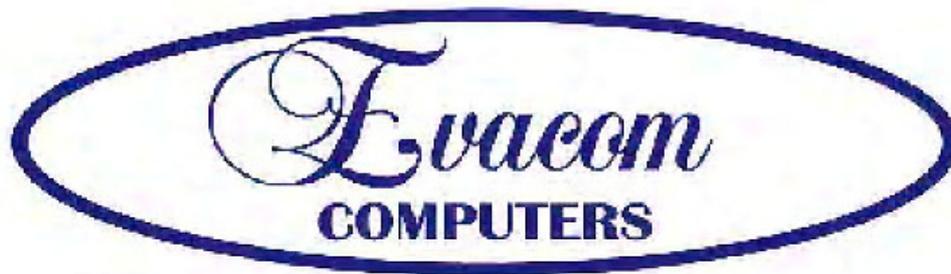
P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last...

P. Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget



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