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Message from the editor

With Christmas nearly upon us thoughts inevitably turn from work to a well-earned break, followed by the agony of coming up with a New Year's Resolution. What's yours? Are you likely to achieve it? Mine is not to lose any squash matches this season. I didn't quite achieve it last year, but I did get close. As for this coming year, it won't be for want of trying. Whatever your hopes, dreams and aspirations for 2009, the team at Savoy would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Autodesk University 2008, Las Vegas

Early on the 30 November we were on our way to Las Vegas to attend AU 2008. As many of you know, this annual event, hosted by Autodesk, showcases AutoCAD software in a learning environment and allows users to learn from the experts...and vice versa. This year it was estimated that 8700 delegates from over 60 countries visited the event with over 130 exhibitors.

We went primarily to show off AutoTrack to the US market and the response was better than we could have dreamt for. Many visitors to our stand had not heard of AutoTrack before but were immediately impressed at how well it compared to the alternatives available. Indeed, some were so impressed that they bought AutoTrack from the stand...there and then! It was also great to meet (albeit a long way from home) some of our UK users who had made the trip.

And Autodesk showed their support for AutoTrack by using it in their presentation of the new version of Civil 3D, out early next year, called 'Show me the Money! Civil BIM and Sustainable Design' by Daniel Philbrick.



New US Partner

We're delighted to announce the appointment of Ourston Traffic Solutions as our new US Distributor.



Ourston Traffic Solutions is a subsidiary of Ourston Roundabout Engineering, a long established and widely respected roundabout design consultancy. Based in Madison, Wisconsin, they have been using computer software for over 20 years in their design work as well as teaching others how to design roundabouts.

Now they will be demonstrating the benefits of AutoTrack in their design seminars and showing how it can help engineers to design better roundabouts and junctions.

But Ourston won't only be selling AutoTrack, they will also be providing support and training to our US clients. We hope that this, in turn, will allow us to provide an even better service to our US customers.

Mark Lenters said of the collaboration "We're very pleased to be working with Savoy, they have an incredible product and we're excited by the opportunities it presents."

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Online Accelerated Training Offer

The Online Accelerated Training course is a fantastic opportunity to get detailed and, in some cases, one-to-one training without the hassle of travel and additional time out of the office. It's easily the most cost effective way to get to grips with AutoTrack in the comfort of your own office. It's also a great way to train all your AutoTrack users at once, even if they are based in different locations. And, as it's delivered via a web-link, it's still interactive, allowing trainees to ask questions and interact with our trainer.

For a limited period we are offering the Online Accelerated Training course at 25% discount as long as bookings are made before January 31st and the training is completed before February 28th. The training will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis so book now to avoid disappointment.

To book, email sales@savoy.co.uk or call us on 01580 720 011.

Looking ahead

Traffex is fast approaching. The UK's biggest traffic-related exhibition will be showcasing at the NEC in April 2009. Of course Savoy will have its usual strong presence there, with the latest software version on show and staff on hand to fill you in on all the new features. Stand G90 is the place to be, and we're conveniently located just by the Café so there's no excuse for not stopping and having a chat.



If you'd like to pick our brains first hand or have any queries we'd be more than happy to help, we'll even take wish list requests for the chance to win an iPod.

Don't forget, 21-23 April 2009, Stand G90 at the NEC.

Fancy winning an iPod Nano?

Although we can't yet divulge the contents of our next version, due out early next year, we can say that amongst the many new features are several items requested by you, our users. The provider of the one that we've judged to be the best will be receiving an iPod Nano next month. So who knows...if you've submitted a request it might be you!

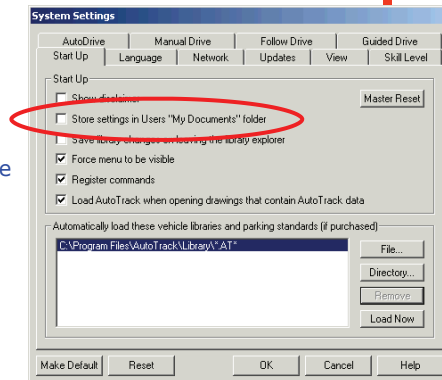
The main thing is, if you've got a suggestion for a new feature don't wait for someone else to log it and win the prize - go to our website and log it now www.savoy.co.uk/wishlist.htm or email it to support@savoy.co.uk. Remember, if two people log the same winning feature request, the prize will go to the one who logged it first! We'll announce the winner and their suggestion in the next newsletter.

Tips & Tricks

AutoTrack for Highway Design: User specific settings

You can't change the vehicle turning behaviour for a given vehicle and model settings but you can control how you display the results. The problem is that the settings preferred by one user (or department) are not always the same as another's. You can overcome this problem by storing your settings in your 'My Documents' folder:-

1. Run AutoTrack and open the System Settings dialog.
2. Click on the **Startup** settings tab.
3. Tick **Store settings in Users "My Documents" folder**.
4. Now any changes you make to your model or report defaults will be saved to your 'My Documents\My AutoTrack Data\Settings' folder instead of a common area in the AutoTrack installation directory.
5. Note however that because this works on login ID's, users who share the same login ID will (normally) also share their settings.
6. Note also that this protects your settings from deletion by others since only you can get to them.



And finally...

Some think map reading is a challenge. Do you fancy working out which way to go from here?



Maybe there is a reason for Sat Nav after all!

Until next time...enjoy the holidays

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