

HIGH SPEED NETWORKING ALL IN A DAYS WORK



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ASP RUNS RALLY NETWORK ADELAIDE HILLS TARMAC RALLY

asp have been involved with the Southern Districts Car Club now since 2006, when we were the major sponsor of the Kuitpo Forest Rally, which incorporated 4 Tarmac stages for the first Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally. In 2009 asp cemented their involvement with the club and expanded our sponsorship role into a more "hands on" one. The asp team used their skills to assist the club in the organising and running of the 2009 asp Mount Alma Mile and the 2009 asp / Cut Price Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally.

Utilizing the asphost product, asp hosted the www.asprally.com and www.mountalmamile.com websites. The websites provided valuable information for Competitors, Officials, Residents and Spectators, and each peaked with an average of over 3000 hits on each day the week before, during and the week after each event. The sites contained photographs and video provided by the exten-

sive media network involved, and in a potential world first, asp provided video footage of the Mount Alma Hillclimb track and each of the Rally stages for competitors reconnaissance before each event, minimising the traffic to the regions for the residents.

aspcontact was extensively utilised as email addresses were set up for the members of the organising committee @asprally.com, to allow them to communicate with sponsors, competitors, officials, residents and local authorities with professionalism.

More than any other member of the committee, the Clerk of Course, Michael Clements needed to be in constant email contact. As an almond producer in Langhorne Creek, Michael doesn't spend much time in front of a computer, so asp supplied a BlackBerry Smartphone set up with his asprally.com address.

"It's like being in the next room" Michael said about

NOTES ON IE8

In our last issue, we recommended the new version of Internet Explorer, IE8.

We have since had an instance of the upgrade stopping Internet Explorer from opening at all.

The issue was traced to a number of "add-ons" which accompany the Google Toolbar. For business networks, it is recommended that 3rd Party Toolbars for Internet Explorer are not installed unless they are necessary for online business applications. For those who must use Google Toolbar, asp suggest you uninstall it, then download and install the "Optimised for Google" version of IE8, which includes the toolbar.

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receiving emails keeping him abreast of the latest information. Many of the organisational tasks require the Clerk of Course's approval, and Michael could give it within minutes allowing the tasks to be completed very quickly, and ensuring opportunities were not missed.

Another member of the organising committee had observed the convenience. "Cleaning up after the (asp Mount Alma Mile Hillclimb), Michael's BlackBerry beeped, and he started typing away. I asked who he was typing to, and he told me he'd just received an email from the (Victor Harbor) council, asking him how the event had gone, and he was able to respond immediately with the good news."

There are many documents that are produced in order to run an event like the Tarmac Rally.

Apart from the competitor entry forms and official sign on forms, there are competitor road books, incident reports, safety plans, supplementary regulations, set up notes, databases of officials and competitors, media releases and much more. In order to give all of the organising committee access to the most recent documentation, asp hosted a Microsoft SharePoint portal. All documents were uploaded to the portal, and "checked out" so they could be worked on. Users accessing the portal could see who had a document checked out, and request to be notified when it was checked in again with updates. SharePoint also tracked all the changes, allowing access to older versions of a file if necessary. This centralised all of the documentation, and provided instant access for all of the organising committee.

Over the weekend of the Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally, asp was on hand at Rally Headquarters to set up a temporary network and manage the results which were displayed on screens around Penny Hill Winery, and published to the official website. The competition stages of the rally were spread across the Fleurieu Peninsula from Clarendon to Victor Harbor, and state of the art Tag Heuer equipment was being used at the start and finish to record the competitors times. asp personnel followed the rally cars throughout the event, downloading the data from the timing equipment and emailing it back to Rally Headquarters to be formatted and displayed on the screens, so results were available to drivers, organisers, service crews and spectators all weekend – not just at the trophy presentation. This meant that 2 hours after the last car had returned to Rally Headquarters on Sunday night, the organisers were sitting down to a meal with the competitors, rather than sitting outside working through results, as had been the case in past years.

The Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally is run entirely by volunteers, and with the business grade IT tools asp provided they put on a fantastic event which has been called one of the best Tarmac Rally events in the country.



SIX WORD STORY

I saw, darling, but do lie.

- Orson Scott Card

ASP RECOMMENDS - TAX REBATES

The Tax Break Legislation is now law, and it's better for small business than originally proposed.

Small business entities with a turnover of less than \$2M pa can claim an additional tax deduction of 50 per cent of the cost of new depreciating assets purchased between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2009 to be installed or first used on or before 31 December 2010.

Other business entities can claim only 30 per cent for assets purchased by 30 June 2009 for install/use on or before 30 June 2010, or 10 per cent for assets installed or first used between 1 July 2010 and 31 December 2010, or purchased between 1 July 2009 and 31 December 2009 for installation or first use on or before 31 December 2010.

"Purchasing" the asset includes the company or business entering into a contract which commits it to the purchase of the asset. Existing assets can be improved or modified under the scheme as well.

Small business entities can claim the 50% deduction for investments in eligible assets of \$1,000 or more.

For other businesses, a minimum expenditure threshold of \$10,000 applies to be eligible to claim the 30% or 10% deduction.

New PC's or laptops purchased from 26/06/09 with Windows Vista will qualify for Microsoft's free upgrade to Windows 7.

The ATO has a Business Tax Break Infoline to answer any specific queries you might have. The number is 1300 337 921

June in Tech History

On June 10th, 1902, Americus F. Callahan patented the window-faced envelope. The windows were originally covered with very thin rice paper, and Callahan touted that "even black paper may be employed for the envelop(e)s" and it would make the address stand out.

The first known live musical performance on the Internet was made by Severe Tire Damage on June 24, 1993, and was transmitted via the Multicast Backbone, MBONE. Rolling Stones broadcast a live performance over MBONE in 1994, which Severe Tire Damage "crashed" by broadcasting their own performance before and after the Stones as an unauthorised "warm up" act.

June 16th 1903 was the incorporation date of the Ford Motor Company - Henry Ford's second car company; the first failed.

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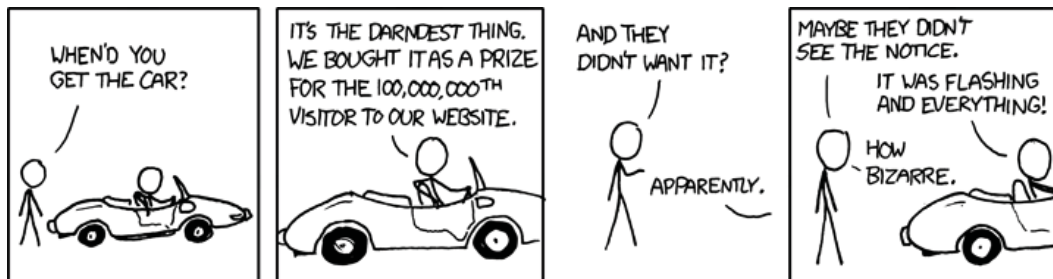
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VAGUELY INTERESTING WEBSITE VISITORS



Taken from XKCD.com. New comics are uploaded three times a week, and form a collection of offbeat humour and logic.

The sites disclaimer is as follows:

Warning: this comic occasionally contains strong language (which may be unsuitable for children),

unusual humor (which may be unsuitable for adults), and advanced mathematics (which may be unsuitable for liberal-arts majors).

ASP BYTES: GOOD OLD FASHIONED CWA TOMATO SAUCE

6 kg Ripe Tomatoes – cored & roughly chopped
 1.5kg Granny Smith Apples - cored & roughly chopped
 1kg Brown Onions – peeled & roughly chopped
 1.4kg Sugar
 1.3lt White Wine Vinegar – good quality
 85gr Salt
 ¼ - ½ teaspoon Cayenne Pepper
 ½ teaspoon Mace
 ½ teaspoon Ground Ginger
 ½ teaspoon Ground Black Pepper
 ½ teaspoon Ground Cloves

Bloody Big Pot
 Mouli Food Mill (or a strainer, a wooden spoon and lots of effort)
 Lots of boiled glass bottles with preferably plastic lids.

This is a gutsy, coarse, whole-some, sweet sauce that keeps well and goes brilliantly with anything that needs sauce. Easy to prep and simple to cook.

Take ALL the ingredients and place in the pot. Bring gently and slowly to the boil then simmer for 3 – 4 hours – occasionally skimming the “scum” off the top to prevent it permeating back though and discolouring the sauce.

Once done, process the pulp and liquid though the Mouli Food Mill and fill the bottles, making sure that the lids are secured while the sauce is still very hot.

Keep in a cool dark area for up to 3 months, though once opened it must be refrigerated and used reasonably quickly. Then pour away.

Yield: Lots
 Prep Time: 30 minutes
 Cook Time: 3 – 4 hours
 Difficulty: Really Easy

