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### Message from the editor

We've got an apology to make this month. Let me explain. At Traffex 2007, a few weeks back, we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with a number of AutoTrack users. Many of you stopped in front of our stand and stared, open-mouthed, at the 3D animation video.... it was good wasn't it? Anyway, time and again we heard people say "yes we've got the latest version but not with 3D animation". As we kept having to point out, the latest version has 3D animation as well as vertical clearance mode and several other features that many of you seem to be unaware of. Now, we could excuse ourselves and say that we list the new features when the product is installed or updated but we are aware that this is often done by IT staff. So... we apologise; for one reason or another we are not getting our message over to you, the end user. We plan to try harder, starting with version 8 which will include a New Features dialog.

### We've moved!

Please make a note, our address has changed. Our new address is Savoy Computing Services Ltd, Clermont House, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3DN. Everything else is the same.

### It's nearly here!... AutoTrack 8 on 64-bit

A few weeks back, at Traffex, we showed you a pre-release version of AutoTrack 8 running on 64-bit AutoCAD 2008 on 64-bit Windows Vista. We had originally planned to be shipping the new version by now but we have decided to delay the release by a few weeks to allow us to build in some of the features that were requested at Traffex.

**AutoTrack**<sup>2</sup>  
64-bit version

with 3D animation in AutoCAD 2008 on Windows Vista

The product is now undergoing testing and you will be advised by email as soon as it is available for download. We're confident that you'll think it was worth the wait.

### Neil Gauld gets his hands on his iPod Nano

We reported last issue that the first winner of our on-going Best New Feature competition was Neil Gauld of Orkney Islands Council.

Well, here he is enjoying his prize, an iPod Nano.

If you want the chance to win the next one then get your thinking cap on and come up with a useful new feature for an AutoTrack product.



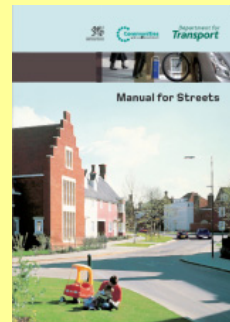
For more information visit [www.savoy.co.uk/wishlist.htm](http://www.savoy.co.uk/wishlist.htm).

### Manual for Streets

**Manual for Streets**, the long awaited replacement for **Design Bulletin 32** and **Places, Streets and Movement** was published in March.

One of the most significant additions is the strong recommendation for the use of swept path analyses to check and verify vehicle access routes. It also highlights the benefits of using 3D walk-through in visualising schemes.

A copy of the manual can be downloaded from [www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/)



## Savoy goes green: Sustrans

Like most people, we at Savoy are keen to do whatever we can to preserve and enhance the environment for all of us to enjoy. Part of that involves encouraging the design of roads and streets with people as the primary focus rather than cars and trucks. Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity and have just celebrated their 30th anniversary. Their DIY Streets project helps residents to re-design their own streets affordably, putting people at their heart and making them safer and more attractive places to live. We like what they are trying to do and have decided to sponsor the project. Project Officer Daniel Black was delighted to receive his copy of AutoTrack and said he found the training course "very interesting and well run".



For more information visit [www.sustrans.org.uk/diystreets](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/diystreets).

## Training News

Since the last newsletter we've trained users at Malta Airport and Idaho DoT, amongst others. Feedback from both locations has been excellent. We're currently running courses at half price for new users and 3 for 2 for existing users so why not give us a call and book some training this Summer.

## Traffex 2007

Thank you to those of you who came to see us on our stand at Traffex 2007. The show was a runaway success and we not only gathered some good leads but managed to speak to many of our existing customers. Many of these were fairly frequent users of AutoTrack who were asking quite tricky questions but there were many less frequent users who tended to only use the features they were familiar with. It is for these less frequent users that we have added the New Features dialog mentioned in the lead article. We hope very much that it will encourage everyone to make full use of new features in future.



## Tips and Tricks

### AutoTrack for Highway Design: Turn on the spot

This is a feature that we're often asked about. By default AutoTrack restricts the rate at which steering can be applied so the vehicle travels a finite distance as the steering changes. In reality, however, drivers often turn the steering while they are stationary.

1. Select **Drawing Settings** from the AutoTrack drop down menu.
2. Click on the **Speed** tab.
3. To allow turning on the spot going forwards untick **Limit forward turn rate**.
4. To allow turning on the spot in reverse untick **Limit reverse turn rate**.
5. We don't recommend it, but if you want to always use these settings click **Make Default**.
6. Now when you start driving a vehicle you should see the steering pointer and wheels turning with no delay as you move the cursor left and right.

This change will enable vehicles to turn much quicker and as a result they can often negotiate more restricted spaces. We do not generally recommend disabling the turn transitions in this way because the equivalent manoeuvres with real vehicles can result in severe tyre scrub.

### And finally...

We always like to try to make you smile before we go, so here's a picture of a guy having a bad day at the office.

It's strange there's no-one around... do you think it could be anything to do with the funny shaped object being carried on the fork-lift ?



"Oops!"

Enjoy the Summer!



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