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Message from the editor

Doesn't time fly? It only seems like yesterday that we were watching England get knocked out of the World Cup and now the night's are drawing in and Christmas decorations are in the shops!

On the work front we're working hard on some projects for later in the year - no hints yet but we think most of our customers will appreciate them. In fact, this inaugural newsletter is the first of these and we hope that it will allow us to keep you all better informed of new releases and all the other interesting gossip from the world of traffic engineering! We're currently planning quarterly issues but this may change.

As many of you probably know, towards the end of last year we moved into our new offices in Cranbrook and welcomed Jane Hemsley (she's the one who chases you for money) and Paul Jackson (he's the one who answers all your AutoTrack queries) to the fold. I expect that most of you have already had dealings with one or the other ! Welcome to them both.

FTA use AutoTrack to update Designing for Deliveries

The Freight Transport Association (FTA) have used AutoTrack for the recent revision to their booklet, 'Designing for Deliveries'. As many of you will know WinTrack was used on the 1998 edition and now a revised edition has recently been completed. For more information contact Freight Transport Association, Hermes House, St.John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9UZ. Telephone 01892 552319 or email consultancy@fta.co.uk.



Denby Eco-Link trailer

Denby Transportation have developed a new design of trailer, dubbed the Eco-Link, which they hope will revolutionise long haul road transport and reduce road congestion by around 30%. Even though the vehicle is over 25m long and has two articulation points it has very nearly the same turning performance as a current 16.5m articulated vehicle. The first and third units are standard tractor and trailer respectively; it's the second unit that is the clever one. The twin rear axles of the middle unit are linked to the angle of articulation with the tractor, enabling these wheels to very nearly follow the path of the tractor rear wheels and resulting in far less cut-in than normal.



The vehicle is currently being trialled and if all goes well we could be seeing the vehicle on our roads in the not too distant future. (Editors note: AutoTrack is currently the only swept path program capable of modelling this vehicle.)

For more information contact us or visit the Denby site at www.denbytransport.co.uk/ecolink.asp.

Training courses are back

AutoTrack training resumed in September last year and has been on-going ever since. We now offer training either at our premises in Cranbrook, Kent or at the customers offices.

There are basic and advanced courses so why not book yourself in and let us teach you a thing or two. If you can't spare the time to travel to us we can come to you and teach you at your own premises. We bring all our own equipment and all we need from you is the loan of a small meeting room and a power supply!

Call us for more information.



Support for AutoCAD 2007 & MicroStation XM

Are you still using AutoCAD 14 or are you one of those pushing ahead with AutoCAD 2007? It makes no difference to us, we have a policy of supporting all our users on the CAD systems they feel most comfortable with. Whilst many companies force you to update your CAD system, our products don't just run on early CAD systems, we'll even provide technical support for you on them.

On the flip side, if you are an early adopter, did you know that we have supported AutoCAD 2007 and MicroStation V8 XM since May 2006 ? That's right, while others take months to release a compatible version our close links with Autodesk and Bentley allow us to stay one step ahead.

Traffex 2007

Many of you will remember that we exhibited at Traffex 2005 for the first time in many years. Well, we'll be back for an encore at Traffex 2007. It's not that we have ever needed to advertise to sell AutoTrack we just enjoy seeing the happy, smiling faces of our customers!



Last year we wowed everyone with our integrated Parking Layout Tools; this time we'll have a bigger stand and lots more to show so why not make a date to come and see us on stand **F41**. More information will follow closer to the event.

Single user network licences

We can now offer single user network licences as well as the multi-user licence that has been available for many years. These allow users to plug the hardware lock into the server and run AutoTrack on any computer on the local area network. Call to find out more.

Tips and Tricks

AutoTrack for Highway Design: How to set or clear a default vehicle

Many users don't realise that they can still set a default vehicle even if they have disabled the default vehicle prompt....

1. Open the Library Explorer.
2. Click on the + sign to expand the relevant library and group and select the required vehicle.
3. Click the right mouse button and select **Set as Default Vehicle**.

If instead you wanted to remove the default vehicle...

1. Open the Library Explorer.
2. Click the right mouse button and select **Clear Default Vehicle**.

Easy when you know how!



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