

INTERESTED IN MAKING MOVIES ?

If you own a movie or video camera and would like to meet people with similar interests, you are most welcome to attend a meeting of the Newcastle & Hunter Valley Cine Society.

WHO ARE WE ?

The Society was founded in 1964 and is affiliated with the Federation of Australian Movie Makers.

WHAT DO WE DO ?

We are amateur movie makers who are interested in learning the skills of movie making as a hobby and as an art form and cater for both the beginner and the experienced movie maker.

We hold competitions and have technical and movie screening evenings and are in touch with other clubs around Australia with the same interests.

WHEN AND WHERE ?

We enjoy the excellent facilities available at the home of John Winstanley, 8 Ada Street, Hamilton on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 pm.

We meet at **CINEMA 86**
8 Ada Street, Hamilton
Second Monday of each month
Commencing at 7.30 pm
VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

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NHVCs ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2010

May 10 Open Theme Competition,
Gordon Taylor's half hour

June 14 AGM
John Adam's half hour

July 12 Open Competition
Noel Kidd's half hour

August 9 NVM Programme
John Winstanley's half hour

September 13
Non-competition movies
Gary Peterson's half hour

October 11
Movie of the Year
All members, their
guests and visitors
are welcome.



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Portable Start Menu 3.0 ...

Portable Start Menu is a simple and **Free Start Menu Application** that can be installed on **USB sticks** or local **PCs**. Organize your programs in a simple menu system and launch them via a tray icon. If you close Portable Start Menu on an USB-Stick, running applications can be closed automatically (see the diagram on the previous page).

Download and Information at:
<http://www.aignes.com/psmenu.htm>

Upon inserting an **USB Stick** the top **Pop-Up Menu** appears. Click on the Blue line to activate and then Click on the Tray Icon and Run your Portable Application simply by Clicking on it.

For: Windows 2000/Server 2003/2008/XP/ Vista and Windows 7

PStart 2.11 ...

Download and Information at: <http://www.snapfiles.com/get/PStart.html>

PStart is a **Free Portable Start Menu** that can be installed on a **USB Drive** or your local **PC** and provides quick access to programs and documents. You can organize your applications into custom groups and launch them by clicking on the associated icon. The program supports advanced launch parameters, scheduled runs and custom icons, and also offers an option to generate an **Autorun.inf** file for **CDs** and **USB Devices**. See image below.

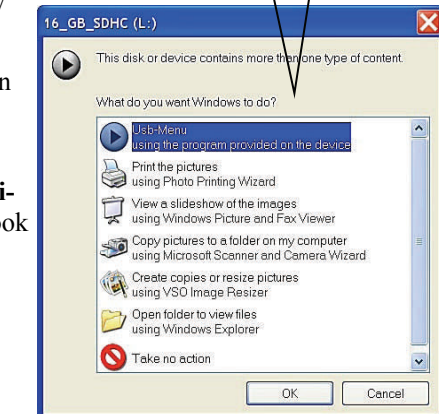
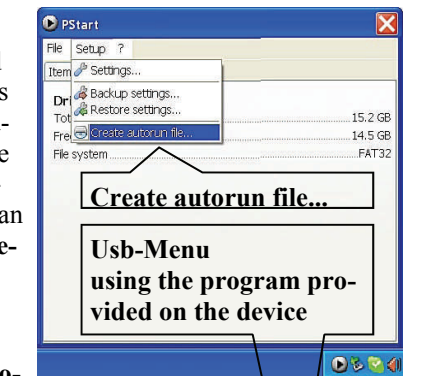
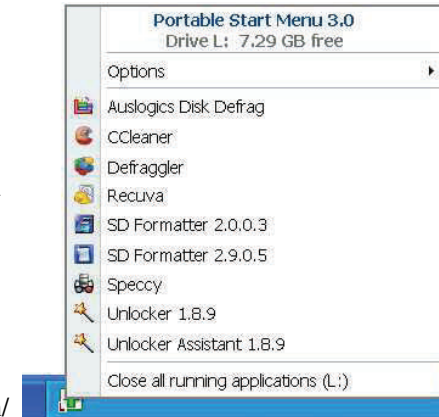
For: Windows 2000/XP/Vista/Windows 7

Unlike **Portable Start Menu 3.0**, **PStart 2.11** will not **Auto-run**. Run "**PStart.exe**" on the **USB Flash Drive**, select "**Setup**" and then "**Create** **autorun** **file....**" Remove your **USB Flash Drive**, re-insert after a few seconds and **Autorun** should be enabled as shown below.

Click on the **Blue line** and the **PStart** icon should appear on the **Task Bar**.

There are many Internet sites available where you can download both **Freeware** and **Commercial Portable Applications**. Some of the sites I found simply by **Googleing**. Look also at last months issue for some other sites.

<http://www.webxpace.com/software/freeware.shtml>
<http://www.nirsoft.net/>
<http://portableapps.com>
<http://www.big-daddy-design.com/windowsinbox.htm>



How Much is that Doggie in the Window? - Neville Coulton - 2003 - 4 min
Take four golden retrievers, some adorable little girls from a local Brownie troupe, an inventive movie maker and a wonderful song by Pattie Page that's a "bonafido" classic (oh gosh). Mix carefully with consummate skill and cook. A recipe that's a guaranteed hit!

Supper followed with members communicating many reminiscences of the movies shown and the work that was put into creating them. A great night was had by all.

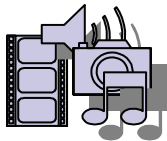
Raffle winners were Robert Farquharson x2, John Adam x2, Brian Spurr, Joe Laughton, Noel Kidd x4, Gordon Taylor x3, Russell Davies x2, Gary Peterson, Harold Barnes, Frank Embleton and Bill Powell.

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting on 10 May, was to be a theme competition night, but instead, will become an open competition. The committee would also like the membership to consider a proposal to improve the prizes for winning films in competitions throughout the year. One suggestion was that the first three place getters in a competition be rewarded with a small trophy and prize money of \$30, \$20 and \$10. The members may wish to make suggestions about the prizes provided in the Movie of the Year competition. Have a think about it and have your say.

DEADLINE For Our Next Edition

FRIDAY: 21 May, 2010



TECH TOPICS - August 2009

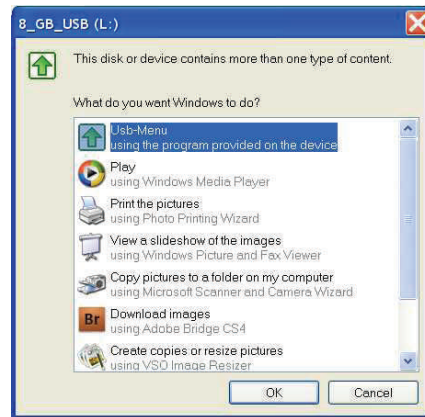
With Joe Leon ©



Portable Start Menus for USB Devices ...

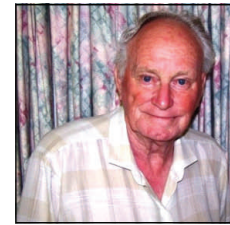
Most of us have **USB Memory Devices** like **USB Flash Drives** on which we normally store various types of data for backup or portability like **Programs, Video** and **Data** files, etc. Since the advent of **USB Flash Drives** there has become available hundreds of **Portable Applications** which can be **Run** without having to **Install** them first, although some can be **Installed** to a **PC** or **USB Flash Drives** as well. There are many **Commercial, Shareware** and **Freeware Applications** available.

An easy **Start Menu Program** for **Portable Applications** on an **USB Flash Drive** can be very useful and the two **USB Menus** featured in this article require only two **Mouse Clicks** to **Run** any **Portable Application** placed on an **USB Flash Drive**.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Frank Embleton



At our last meeting I expressed my thanks to those members who helped during our screenings at the Newcastle Show.

For the benefit of the archives, I repeat it here:

To our roving cameramen - Neville Coulton and Robert Farquharson, thanks. (President Frank helped out as a third cameraman. Thanks Frank. - Editor).

To the "Presenter", Gordon Taylor, thanks.

To David Waters and Harold Barnes, thanks for your assistance and to Noel Green, our "front of house man", thanks.

I'm sure all will agree that the three days were a great success.

Then followed our screening of our "Golden Oldies" for 2010. Seeing the films again reminded me of the time when the club had three groups working on productions for our "Movie of the Year".

Frank.

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Our President, Frank, took the opportunity to thank those members who helped out at the Newcastle Show this year. Our club's screenings of historic films of Newcastle proved very popular again, with the usual enquiries on how to obtain copies of the films.

Members also used their cameras to record many of the show events in order to produce a video record of the show for the show society archives, as has been the case for a number of years now. Thanks to Neville Coulton for coordinating and producing the video.

Next was the screening of our 2010 "Golden Oldies" programme. This year the programme included:

Yarns Around the Campfire - NHVCS Group Film - 1968 - 9 min

Some campers tell two famous Australian yarns i.e. "The Loaded Dog" by Henry Lawson and "A Bush Christening" by A. B. (Banjo) Paterson. Both yarns are brought to life in the highly entertaining film.

Birds of a Feather - Brian Spurr - 2000 - 6 min

As we all know, a major attraction of the Surfers Paradise/Gold Coast area are the, aahhh, "birds" that inhabit the area. The beautiful rainbow lorikeets at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary are humorously juxtaposed against the beautiful featherless bird varieties in the area. Eye candy and a chuckle for all!

Wind Warriors of Lake Macquarie - Neville Coulton - 2002 - 7 min

A fascinating look at a sailing regatta for model sailing ships held on Lake Macquarie. The sailors demonstrated remarkable skills in manoeuvring their craft around the course by remote control and the competitive drive to win was always evident. Most enjoyable.

Gustav Weindorfer, Cradle Dreamer - John Adam - 2001 - 4 min

A picturesque tour of the Cradle Mountain area of Tasmania, including the breathtaking scenery and wildlife. The movie also explored the pioneering efforts of Gustav Weindorfer, an Austrian immigrant, who hiked into Cradle Mountain in 1909 and again in 1912 where he commenced building his chalet called the Waldheim Chalet. This opened up the area to adventurous tourists and led to the eventual establishment of a national park in the area. A visually pleasing and educational movie.

Saturday Matinee - Neville Coulton - 2005 - 5 min

An entertaining documentary about children learning to sail on Lake Macquarie. The film features Neville's son who went on to become the world champion at the Hong Kong International flying 15s championships. The movie shows that from the simplest beginnings, young sailors can eventually progress to become world champions.

Yesterday and Today - John Winstanley - 1998 - 18 min

This film takes an historical look at Newcastle's past and compares it with more modern times. There is a particular emphasis on modes of transport but the all seeing camera lens also captured a snapshot of the cultural and architectural changes that also occurred over time. If you're a student of history or hankering for a touch of nostalgia, then this is the film for you!

Cat of Nine, Just Spent Ten - Bill Powell, Neville Coulton, John Winstanley - 2002 - 9 min

This movie was a project conceived by Bill Powell and brought to fruition by Bill, Neville Coulton and John Winstanley. This fantasy film, based on a poem, tells the story of a cat's nine lives, and dramatises the cat's near escapes from death. How ironic that in the end, after many miraculous escapes, our hapless cat loses his life due to a dose of the flu!

The Sculptor - NHVCS Group Film - 1967 - 8 min

A struggling artist, a lazy layabout with the belief that the world owes him a living, a brutal murder, a seemingly watertight alibi and a clever sleuth who gets his man. Sounds exciting, hey? You bet! A thoroughly entertaining film from the archives.

The Showground Organ - Neville Coulton - 2004 - 6 min

This documentary featured a technically excellent and entertaining look at the showground pipe organ featured at the 2004 Newcastle show. The movie included an interview with the owner and an informative look at the inner workings of the organ. Neville's excellent framing and superior sound made for an enjoyable, toe tapping experience and I'm sure that we'll all agree that there's something quite unique about the sound of a genuine pipe organ!

The Hunter Mall, Newcastle - Joe Laughton - 1980 - 9 min

A light-hearted look at the Hunter Street Mall in Newcastle around Christmas 1979. Watching the movie, we are all reminded of the vibrant shopping hub that "The Mall" once was, and the effort that went into making Christmas shopping an enjoyable and entertaining experience. This contrasts dramatically with the sorry state of "The Mall" now. A movie for those looking back with fond memories of how "The Mall" once was and probably should still be!

Hall of Fame - Brian Spurr - 2002 - 11 min

This movie tells the story of the arson attack on Georgetown's St. Matthews Anglican Church hall, resulting in the complete destruction of the building. The final demolition and reconstruction of the building was carefully documented. The movie also examined some of the social events that had occurred in the original hall, including a selection of stills from a concert held in 1954 and featuring Rev Eric Barker and Norm Traise. The movie also included the last movie footage ever taken in the hall, featuring a concert performed by a ballet group during a Parish Spring Fair. Over the years, some well known names have descended the steps at the front of the old hall and included in the movie were some shots of a teenaged John McNaughton, Rev. Greg Holms and Rev. Robert Winder. A valuable historical document for parishioners and the public to enjoy!

North East Victoria - John Adam - 1996 - 9 min

This movie documents a trip around the north eastern region of Victoria, commencing at the town of Tallangatta, east of Albury, and extending to the Hume Reservoir and the snow fields around Falls Creek and Mt. Buffalo. During this trip, the reservoir was almost dry due to a protracted drought and some of the historic township of Tallangatta, that was flooded when the reservoir was constructed, was visible. The newly constructed village of Tallangatta displays many artefacts from the old town. A late ski season meant that there was still plenty of snow around in late September, making the scenery around Falls Creek and Mt. Buffalo even more beautiful. The feeding of native birds at Mt. Buffalo was also featured. This movie aptly showcases Victoria's pristine alpine region.

Jondaryan Woolshed - John Adam - 1996 - 8 min

This documentary by our intrepid travel documentary makers, Rae and John Adam, provides a delightful peek at the Jondaryan Woolshed, a tourist attraction at Oakey, a small town about 30 km west of Toowoomba in South East Queensland. Jondaryan Woolshed is the centrepiece of Jondaryan Woolshed Historical Museum and Park that was established in 1975 to present the history of Jondaryan Station and its role in the development of pastoralism on the Darling Downs. The Woolshed has extensive displays of historic farm machinery and implements, and every two years, a festival is held, with locals and actors mingling with tourists in period costume, culminating in a grand parade, all nicely captured in this movie. Very entertaining!