

To All SAMG Members.

Our group's members have been discussing the future of the microprocessor and electronics industries in South Australia. We have watched with concern as the electronics industry has moved offshore by Enterprise driven global outsourcing and the ideal pursuing of lowest manufacturing cost.

It has been argued that microprocessors are a dying field of interest and that our group, founded to learn, experience and enjoy the infinity of uses to which they may be put has become irrelevant and should fold. It is time for a consensus vote. Do the majority of our members want to call it quits, or are we as a group willing to do what it takes to reboot?

Please contribute your point of view	Final Tally			
	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree
It is time to wind up or fold the group?			2	7
The SAMG goals should change or be "tweaked"?	2	7		
I wish to share my knowledge of programming, electronics and microprocessors with other members?	4	3	1	
I attend for the companionship of others with similar interests	7	2		1
I would like to embark or participate in group projects	3	4	2	
I would like to do my own project with support from the group	3	3	3	
The SAMG would have much to gain if members from other similar groups joined	2	4	3	
We should seek to amalgamate with other groups		4	2	2
the fees should be increased to support group purchase of microprocessor kits and presentation tools etc.	2	5	2	1
Guest speakers are becoming more difficult to find.	4	4		
SAMG must enrol members to provide presentations				
I value and am proud to be a member of the SAMG	6	2	1	
I am too busy to attend every month but come in when I can	2	1	3	1
I would like to collaborate with other members to contribute to the running of the SAMG	2	4	2	
I want to research and make presentations to the group	1	4	3	
I require help to make a presentation	1	1	5	1
I just can't make time to do a presentation	1	1	5	
I don't believe I have anything to offer that would be of interest to the group		1	5	3
I wish to learn about Linux on Microprocessors	2	3	2	2
SAMG should purchase HDMI/DVI/VGA Projector	5	3	2	
I would like to contribute in creating a website using Joomla or a similar product		2	2	

	strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree
I would contribute in updating content on the New SAMG website on an ongoing basis		4	3	1
I wish to learn about RISC OS on ARM	1	4	2	1
I would like to learn about programming Arduino's	2	2	2	
I would like to learn about programming Python		3	3	
I would like to learn about programming in "C"	2	3	2	1
I would like to teach other members how to use code::blocks or other Integrated Dev Environments - IDEs		3	4	1
I would like to be part of group purchase of UDOO NEO http://www.udoo.org/category/kickstarter/		4	4	1
I wish to be part of a Global Forum utilizing the SAMG Website	1	2	4	1

Why do you come to the meetings?

To meet others more knowledgeable in microprocessors and computers than me.

Interest in microprocessors and microcontrollers.

I get good information from the others. Hobnobbing with like-minded people who, most of the time, understand what I'm talking about. Evaluating methods to get a particular task done with microprocessors.

Since few years ago information from WEA course guide as I was attending the short courses.

Interesting presentations – usually from outside the group. Irrelevant they are not microprocessor related – they are still interesting.

To learn about the interesting technology

Interest. Catch up with others. Technical conversations.

Managed to have a nice chat with Rick.

Social chat to others with similar interests. Enjoy technical discussion and presentations, like learning about all things technical. It is a hobby I have enjoyed for many years.

To learn about what others with similar interests are doing.

What can you contribute to the continued success of the SAMG?

I am currently learning the basics using Arduino and books, so i don't not know what I can contribute

Would like to contribute and allocate some time to assist in running the SAMG group, Hopefully SAMG will become well know in Adelaide/Australia and into the near future and that will prove that how important micro-controller technology is for the Adelaide industry.

I come to most meetings and can bring my projector.

Ideas, time, web site programming.

Occasional presentations.

I have volunteered to be chairman with support of the members.

My presence.

I don't care about the continued success at all.

No.

Is there something you would like added to the purpose or agenda of the SAMG?

5 x No.

Getting new members.

Would you contribute time to building and programming of a "Drone" or a "Weather Balloon" or anything which could be controlled or driven by a microprocessor, microcontroller, raspberry Pi, Beagle or udoe etc.? If so please state which and/or any other suggestions.

3 x No.

A drone / quadcopter

2 x Yes. RPi controlling Arduino's seems an interesting choice. Would need to be a stripped down Arduino [Just the ARM chip]

I'm not interested in any group project unless coincidentally it coincides with something I wish or need to do. I won't force any of my requirements onto others or into a group project.

I hope I can but I do not have an in-depth micro-controller knowledge, however I have good knowledge in electrical power engineering and hope that I am able to combine this with the micro-controller technology.

If I can be useful. Yes

A UDOO would be an ideal for learning and contributing time to building and programming.

I am interested in Retro computing.

I am willing to contribute financially to a shared project. Suggestions welcome.

Within reason

Maybe an a Yes

A drone / quadcopter.

I am willing to pay \$100 or so on a group project.

Not at this time as I am currently a full time student.

A UDOO neo would be an ideal candidate.

Not totally flush with funds at the minute but a small contribution is not out of the question.

Definitely not – I've enough of my own projects, either personal or client driven, that I don't need 'elective' projects.

Do you have a preference of the type of microprocessor/microcontroller you work with?

Arduino

Any type would be interesting.

4 x No.

A 68000 would be interesting in Retro computing and emulators.

32-bit e.g. ARM Cortex-M3.

Arduino, Raspberry Pi and of course Intel's PC processors.

Microchip PICs.

What would SAMG gain by extending membership to other similar groups?

Cross-fertilization of (or even new) ideas perhaps. Maybe a wider skill set for the Group.
More speakers, new ideas and discussion of a wider range of topics. If they are technical I find them interesting.
I can't think of anything.
New Ideas.
More people means more points of view and therefore lots of information. No one should be excluded.
SAMG discussion required in order to survive.
What is meant by 'extending membership' and 'similar groups'
More technical input (perhaps from younger minds.)

I would like to do the following presentation.

3 x None. ☹
I am interested in the history of electronics/computing and may be able to contribute something here.
Introduction to Xilinx FPGA (not immediately, in 6 months time perhaps).
I would like to present a PowerPoint/movie of the database structured Irish Castle research platform written by me MSAcess. This DB uses, scanned paper map images and Google Earth from early GPS data collected between 1999 - 2004
I could do a session on the ETI Applix 1616 68000 machine/emulator with some notice.
File structures Debian Pi.

I would like to organise the following presentation.

3 x Nothing at present.
At the moment I do not have any ideas. I am sure with some time I will have ideas about presentations.

Although I do not wish to do a presentation, I would attend presentations on the following.

I would like to learn about programming the Raspberry Pi
I would attend all presentations if possible.
Anything related to microprocessors and or electronics.
As I can I would attend meetings.
A long list. Any interesting topic, which basically means anything technology related, which stays on topic and goes into some technical depth.
I would like to learn how to program the UDOO Neo, Thus satisfying the above.
Anything.
Anything scientific, particularly related to radio and electronics.

What suggestions do you have to “reboot” the group?

Some coffee/tea/Bonox facilities.

Have to reboot if we want to continue to survive in this challenging world.

Building a camera carrying drone that can be used between meetings by members. A drive to recruit new members.

It would be excellent if we had the passion and enthusiasm for computers that we had in the past.

Come up with a clear definition of the group’s purpose and promoted it.

Need to find someone to drive the group who is interesting to the members and is able to find good talks. They need to have significant time to put into it. This is a tall order, most people are very busy these days.

Would you be willing to present or teach other members something related to microprocessors?

It’s an effort, but always rewarding.

Probably not unfortunately.

Maybe. ☺

Yes if it is a particular area of my expertise.

I do not have the skills for this.

I wish I could. I have a principle level of micro-controllers.

No.

2 x Yes.

Yes – C programming. Ethernet comms, PIC microprocessors, Pascal programming.