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This 'newsletter' is an experiment. It was prepared using Microsoft Word 2000. The layout uses Tables of various row and column configurations. Its purpose is to share comments, many of which have come up during our Friday morning gatherings and which require a little more research. So bear with me as I put this together and please bring your comments about this with you or drop me an email.

One thing I might share with you is how I have been preparing some notes for two classes that I will be teaching at Orange Coast College in the next two months.

I can't imagine how class notes, or any other research, were prepared prior to the Internet.

My two classes are Marine Communications and Marine Systems and are aimed at pleasure boat owners and operators. I have had to look up a lot of rather obscure things having to do with FCC rules and regulations, licensing procedures and fee structures as well as technical discussions of radio propagation and other obscure phenomenon.

Thank heaven for www.google.com, the great search engine. Type in the subject and up comes zillions of references.

If you haven't gotten in the habit of using a search engine, please give Google a try. It's amazing.

Now, for another subject. This 'newsletter' is being sent to you using the Adobe PDF format.

The Portable Document Format was developed as a universal way to send documents.

In other words, this newsletter is prepared using Microsoft Word 2000. If I want to send this to many people and I don't know if they have Word 2000 on their machines, I convert it to PDF and send it.

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See you Friday

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