

GPS Navigation, continued...

The GPSIII+'s main menu provides access to many sub-menus. These sub-menus can be used to create or edit waypoints, create routes, list nearby waypoints, review trip information, and timers or make changes to system settings. Also, each page (Map, Compass, etc.) has a set specific set of menus for settings on that page.

We can use our GPS to guide us somewhere by using waypoints. The GPSIII+ has a "GoTo" feature and when used, the unit will draw a straight line to the destination and guide you there, using a pointer arrow or the compass bearing. The problem is that the unit will set up a "as the crow flies" route, which would not be accurate, so entering waypoints creates a more realistic and accurate route. Imagine a "connect the dots" picture, this is what you are doing when entering waypoints. These routes can be created by text entry (the unit has over thousands of cities stored in its memory) or directly from the map display. A GPSIII+ can store up to 20 reversible routes with 30 waypoints in each route. The unit also has a "track back" feature, which allows you to retrace your path using the log that is automatically stored in the receiver's memory.

If you wish to return on the same route you just traveled, the GPS unit has recorded your route. By activating the TracBac feature, the unit will look at the log it kept of your trip and create a reverse route. Hunters find



Position Page showing the details of a trip from KC to Indy. Why, no, Mr. Policeman, I wasn't speeding!

this feature attractive when deep in the woods! One other feature is called the "Man Overboard" (MOB) which captures your present position, saves it as a waypoint and sets a course back to that position for quick response in an emergency.

Have I learned all the features and functions of my unit yet? No, but every time I use it, I learn more. Do I leave home on trips without it? No, because I might not find my way back home! And besides, it's a cool toy that keeps me occupied when I'm on long, straight stretches of road!

Go-Karting Event Being Scheduled for February

Event Master Chris Poglitch is setting up a Go-Karting event for February. It will be a LeMans style event, with teams of three people competing in two races. Each person will have driving time in the cart before switching off to another team member. Total driving time for each person will be 40 minutes. Afterwards, we'll meet for food and drinks at a nearby location.

If you've never tried karting, be sure to sign up for this event. the only thing more fun is driving your Miata! Chris will have more details at the January Winter Dinner and in next month's Open Road.

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