

## Re: Which group is better at GPS knowledge?

**Source:** <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.geo.satellite-nav/2004-11/1912.html>

---

**From:** Peter Duniho (*NpOeStPeAdM\_at\_NnOwSlPiAnMk.com*)

**Date:** 11/28/04

Date: Sun, 28 Nov 2004 15:44:18 -0800

"Omega" <2121(d)@insightbb.com> wrote in message  
news:f2tqd.111739\$5K2.33499@attbi\_s03...

> *Sorry about the cross pointing, but I need the insight of all of you.*

>

> *With respect to Aviation GPS, do the general GPS NGs have any insight or*

> *am*

> *I better off dealing with the Aviation NGs?*

It depends on what your questions are.

Aviation newsgroups will be better for questions specifically about use of GPS in an aviation environment, including (but not limited to) available services (direct routing, for example), approaches (availability, cloud and visibility minima, etc.), use of particular GPS models (entering flight plans, using navigation guidance, slaved autopilots, etc.), and the like.

GPS newsgroups will be better for technical issues applicable to all GPSs, like how they work, satellite almanac, accuracy, future technology, etc.

Of course, individuals in either newsgroup category may have knowledge of topics found in the other, including aviation GPS issues. But this is not justification for cross-posting.

For what it's worth, it's my opinion that you should consider the nature of your question, and post only to the newsgroup where that question is BEST asked and answered. This even includes limiting the aviation newsgroups to which you've posted (for example, r.a.military is relevant only for military usage of GPS, r.a.owning is relevant only for issues like purchase and installation, and r.a.piloting would be most relevant for GPS user topics), but certainly would preclude cross-posting to newsgroups that don't even share top-level hierarchy, nevermind secondary hierarchy (e.g. not even all in the same "rec.\*" tree).

I almost never will answer a post inappropriately cross-posted, except perhaps to point out that it's inappropriately cross-posted, or to discuss other "meta" issues with respect to the post (inasmuch as your post is really a "meta-question", I don't mind offering an opinion in answer). I

sci.geo.satellite-nav: Re: Which group is better at GPS knowledge?

will ALWAYS junk any thread inappropriately cross-posted (immediately after making my initial reply, in those rare cases when I make any reply). Many people share that philosophy, so a really good way to get lots of people to ignore your post altogether is to cross-post it.

Pete