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Jack Erbes wrote:

>I have not owned a stand alone unit. I have researched them in depth
>and still read up on the new ones from time to time but I have not
>bought one because I prefer using a laptop for the reasons outlined
below.

Perhaps you need to read up on the stand alones again Jack? E.g. check
out page 63 in the following manual:

http://www.garmin.com/manuals/GPSMAP276C_OwnersManual.pdf

In addition to vias – as you describe – there is also a nice feature
for automatic reshuffling of vias for fastest/shortest route. Other
features you may want to read up on include "Custom Avoids" and "Custom
Road Prefs". Personally I find the "Custom Avoids" feature useful. This
allows for a more structured approach to entering route prefs and it
also helps extend the life of my e–maps (the alternative being tweaking
every single route prior to use and possibly changing all from time to
time when common geometry changes). Also it is far easier to do an
unscheduled detour on–the–fly without jeopardizing your prefs.

Although a laptop (and PDA as well) is far more versatile than a stand
alone navigation unit it is not so obvious which serves as the better
purpose navigation unit. There are many challenges to overcome for
those who "build" their own navigation system around a laptop and a
budget. This would include choice of software and hardware from
multiple vendors for starters and appropriate cables to wire it all
together. Throw in a DC to AC converter, an external antenna and an LCD
hood for better sunlight visibility and you have an impressive spaghetti
that would scare the living daylight out of anyone except the most
enthusiastic geek – not to mention the police officer who just returned
from a 3–day advanced terror course.

The use of a laptop for in–car navigation can be downright dangerous if
you allow it to draw your attention away from where it should be and
you better secure it well should there be a need for breaking real
hard. For some the idea of purchasing a standalone nav unit takes "the
fun" out of it. Let this be so, but don't get this confused with
"saving money" or getting a more feature rich nav system as you're

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likely to spend more for less.

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