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***** 1.0 The Newsgroup Alt.Talkers 1.1 What Is The
Newsgroup Alt.Talkers Meant For? ===== Alt.talkers was
created to give people who USE talkers a place to exchange information. This might be announcements of new talkers,
the reason(s) for any downtime of a particular talker, or any of a whole range of other valid reasons. There _is_ a
seperate group 'alt.talkers.programming' for discussion of the programming of Talkers. If you do not have access to
this group on your news server complain to your news administrator. If there is demand for a more complex
hierarchy of groups I'm sure we can sort that out. For the time being alt.talkers is a fairly quiet group, so there is no
need to fragment discussion into seperate groups. 1.2 What Is Alt.Talkers *NOT* Meant For?

===== Alt.talkers is *not* meant to be a place for people to just talk. That is
what the actual talkers are for after all. If you feel the need to talk on usenet check out the talk.* hierarchy of
newsgroups. If you just want to chat then check out some of the talkers that this newsgroup is supposed to be about.

Alt.talkers is ALSO not meant for *ANY* advertising of any form other than that _directly_ related to talkers, i.e. a new
talker, talker moving site, new talker basecode, new talker client, talker site hosting, etc. NB: It is a given that the
rules for Alt.talkers ALSO apply to all other groups within the hierarchy, until such time as it is explicitly stated
otherwise. ***** 2.0 Information About Talkers 2.1

Ok, I'm Not Supposed To Chat Here, How DO I Use One Of These Talkers?
===== Basically you need a
'telnet' program. Any users of 'unix' like machines can just do something like: telnet somemachine.somewhere
1234 Although you'd be better off trying to use a better client program than telnet for this. I have been informed
that under Windows 95 you should be able to: Go to 'Start'. Go to 'Run'. Type in the talker address (as
above for unix telnet). If you use windows or a mac, or other 'graphical' system then you should hopefully have an
icon labelled 'telnet' or similar in with the other icons for internet applications (mail, news, and the like). The one thing
to be careful of with these is that not all of them will allow you to specify a port number other than the default '23'. Most
talkers run on a port above 1023, due to the design of unix-like operating systems that most talkers run on. 2.2
Right, I've Located A Telnet Program I Can Use. Where Do I Telnet To?

===== The style of talkers this
newsgroup was first set up to discuss is those based on the 'EW-Too' code by Simon Marsh (aka Burble on
Foothills). There are a few derivatives of this code now, such as sumsink, SensiSummink and Playground 96, and now
PlayGround Plus. There are also other types of talker, notably 'NUTS' based, as well as a few 'custom' built ones
that are unique. The remainder of this FAQ will concentrate on the EW-Too type talkers, because that is what the
author is used to (anyone used to the others feel free to contribute a section to this FAQ). All of these talkers will
have an address consisting of TWO parts. The first is the name of the machine it runs on, the second is the port
number it runs on, to distinguish it from other services on that same machine. An example is: surfers.org 4242
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