Printed References

Computers are great, but for some things, there's nothing like paper... Here's a list of references that I have printed at my station:

- Page 1–3 of my Radio Frequency List found on the Radio Programming page under the "Refs" section. On that page, I've got the repeaters that I used the most circled with some hand written notes.
- The radio "Reference Guides" for the three kinds of radios I have at my stations from Radio Programming page. These are single page print outs that show me how to setup a frequency, repeater offset, and tone in the VFO in case I need to work a repeater I don't have programmed. This is the kind of stuff that's important to know but really easy to forget
- Page 2–3 of the Nets page using the PDF output command. I also hand wrote the channel numbers for quick cross reference.
- A paper copy of the Sunshine Coast Emergency Communications page filed in my emergency binder.
- I also have my Grid Square taped to my desk. A Grid square is a series of two letters, followed by two numbers, followed by two letters, followed by ... The more characters are added to the grid square, the more zoomed in on your location. I've got my grid square noted to 10 digits, which pretty much singles out my house. However, contests usually asks for the first 4 characters (like CN89), which shows an area of about 5000 km^2. It's a good way of giving your location to any desired level of resolution. You can get as precise as you want, or be a little vague to keep some privacy.