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Bill's Brilliant Buys for Christmas

Otterbox Defender

Most of us have our phones with us all the time now, and it seems the smarter your phone the less it tolerates abuse in the field. Otterbox makes a family of brilliant, tough cases designed for a variety of mobile devices, and their Defender for the iPhone (\$49.95) that I use slides easily into any of my riding jackets yet offers generous protection and full functionality. www.otterbox.com



AeroLightweight Portable Bag

Leave it to the wizards at Aerostich to come up with a brilliant reusable shopping bag tailored for motorcycle use. The LP Bag can be worn as a backpack as well as put in a saddlebag, and stows easily in a very small space. \$25, www.aerostich.com



Keyport

This cool little box both spares your thighs from key stabbing when you're walking while also sparing your bike from dangling key scratches. You can have up to 6 key sliders installed (or 5 and a cool LED light, like me). Prices start at \$79.

www.mykeyport.com



Shira's Smashing Surprises for Christmas

Stop N Go Pilot Kit

Here's a little tale of woe. While super-slabbing it back home from our last jaunt to North Carolina, I suddenly felt that all was not right with the force. In plain terms, I had a flat tire. Sitting on the side of I-81 with tractor-trailers whizzing past is not the best or safest place to fix a tire. But when you have the Stop N Go Pilot Kit, it makes it that much better. It only took 20 minutes from the point of pulling out the kit to getting back on the road. Included is the award winning Pocket Tire Plugger with its (15) mushroom shaped rubber plugs and the very compact Mini-Air Compressor. This all fits into a durable zippered canvas case that measure only 7" x 4" x 3" and weighs only 1.7 lbs. The mushroom plugs measure 5/16" diameter shaft x 3/4" in length. They work on all tubeless tires while the Mini-Air Compressors are intended for use on motorcycles, scooters, mowers, small tractors, golf cars, and ATV's. Some other features include: 12 Volt Compressor unit with built in Gauge & LED Light, 66" Power Cord that fits Battery Tender connectors, 12" alligator extension clips & 36" extension lighter adapter, 4" tire valve hose with sports



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