

Re: OT but still techy: Stupid Cell Phone Features

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On Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:28:02 GMT, the renowned D from BC
<myrealaddress@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Sat, 30 Jun 2007 13:36:57 GMT, Jan Panteltje
<pNaonStpealmtje@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On a sunny day (Sat, 30 Jun 2007 02:48:27 GMT) it happened D from BC
<myrealaddress@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
<b3fb83974bh366hc885e578dhqfd8jfi0h@xxxxxxxx>:

I went to buy a new cell phone.

I asked the ~phone guy~, "I would gladly pay \$100.00 extra
for a phone
where I can enter my monthly minute allowance (350
daytime Mon to
Fri.) and see a minutes used countdown on the display.."

There was about 15 phones on display..
"I'm sorry sir...there are no phones with that feature.."

Fkn!! ..fkn!! @\$@#@....10 zillion nearly useless features on
these
phones but a "save you money" feature.. Unbelievable..
Fk the camera
Fk the bluetooth
fk the mp3 player
piss on the phone cell browser
piss on the fancy ringtones

I WANT MY "SAVE YOU MONEY" MINUTE
TRACKING FEATURE.

Get a pre-paid, any pre-paid shows cost last call, and money left.
If you go past that, then it is 'no connect'.

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Safest thing.

Get a Nokia 1600 prepaid :-)

No camera, no bluetooth, no mp3, no internet, no downloadable ringtones.

I automatically get charged extra on my monthly bill for anything over 350 daytime minutes per month. (Mon to Fri)

I still want the hassle free automatic option of using extra minutes and getting charged for it..

However, I want to see my minute burn rate displayed so I can control my call lengths..

I almost suspect a pile of cell phone features are a pacifier to detract people into not thinking about minute tracking features that could help save money..

I think cell phone providers are acting like gangsters with this set up.

"We won't help you save money, but here's a free toaster."

D from BC

The main customers of the handset makers are really not you and me, but the service providers, so anything that helps rack up the online minutes is a good thing. Like the stupid button that conveniently turns on the useless web browser (with additional charges) on my old phone.

Best regards,
Spehro Pefhany

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"it's the network..." "The Journey is the reward"

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